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EDITORIAL

SHORTLY AFTER last year's Journal went to print, the Regiment, together with the rest of the country, mourned the death of His Majesty King George VI. We were grateful to have an opportunity of conveying an outward expression of our sorrow by lining a portion of the route of His Late Majesty's funeral procession, which solemn and moving ceremony will surely never be forgotten by those who were privileged to participate in it. The Regimental contingent was led by the Commanding Officer and consisted of four officers and a hundred men.

The Regiment is now once more overseas, and the United Kingdom of Libya is added to the long list of countries in which it has served. The publication of THE HAWK is now all the more important if Old Comrades and extra-regimentally employed members of the Regiment are to keep in touch with us. We are always eager to hear from friends in England, and any piece of news or article for next year's HAWK would be more than welcome. In addition, we would like to point out to our readers the advantages of subscribing to THE HAWK on a long-term policy. A postal order for £1 would automatically ensure the subscriber's receipt of the Journal for the next four years, thus saving both him and the Editor much trouble.

It will be noticed in this edition that individual sports such as rugby, cricket and hockey have not received their customary publicity. This is not because the Regiment has ceased to play these games, but rather because the dispersal of the Regiment last summer to run vehicle pools, combined with the move overseas, has of necessity curtailed sporting activities. However, now we have settled down in Sabratha, sport is once more taking its rightful place among the activities of the Regiment.

We send our readers sincere, if somewhat belated, good wishes for 1953, and hope that those in England may experience some of the sunshine we are enjoying in Sabratha.

FOREWORD

BY LIEUTENANT-COLONEL B. B. N. WOODD

EARLY IN 1952 it was confirmed that the Regiment was to relieve the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards in the autumn, which meant we would move to Sabratha in Libya and join the 1st Infantry Division. Before sailing, about 80 per cent. of the rank and file were due to join the Reserve or Territorial Army, and therefore we would be sailing with an almost untried team. In addition, we were again during the summer faced with the task of running vehicle pools for the Territorial Army.

"B" Squadron, reinforced by H.Q. and "A" Squadrons, ran the Thetford pool, dealing with about a thousand "B" vehicles and six hundred "A" vehicles, as well as providing the Camp Staff. "C" Squadron did the same job at Lulworth, where there were rather fewer numbers involved. Most of our customers expressed themselves well satisfied with the arrangements made, and we are most grateful for the help given and forbearance shown by the staffs of Southern and Eastern Commands, and of East Anglian District, and by the Commandant and Staff of the Gunnery School at Lulworth.

The Regiment did well at Bisley and Aldershot District Rifle Meetings, but were unfortunately disqualified in the Duke of Connaught's Cup. Our Pentathlon team deserves great credit for winning H.M. the King of the Hellenes' Shield for the first Army team, and achieving third place behind the Royal Marines and the Royal Air Force in the open competition. The Regimental Rugby XV did remarkably well to reach the United Kingdom semi-final of the Army Cup, losing in the last minute to the R.A.M.C., eventual finalists.

We held a Regimental Week-end at Crookham at the end of August, when we were very pleased to see many Old Comrades and extra-regimentally employed members of the Regiment, who all appeared to enjoy the various social and military functions organized for their entertainment.

I should like to record how extraordinarily grateful we are to Major-General W. J. Eldridge, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., and all the staff of H.Q., Aldershot District, and to Major-General R. W. Goodbody, C.B., D.S.O., and the staff of 56 (London) Armoured Division, T.A., for all their kindness and assistance during our stay at Crookham. Nothing was too much trouble for them, and they could not have been more helpful. In addition, Colonel R. Woods, O.B.E., and all ranks of the R.A.M.C. Depot and Training Establishment, went out of their way to be helpful and hospitable.

Our advance party emplaned in September for Sabratha, and the main body followed in H.M.T. *Lancashire* in October, embarking at Liverpool. We were most appreciative of the excellent and hospitable arrangements made by Lieut.-Colonel J. A. d'Avigdor Goldsmid, M.C., 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, on our arrival at Sabratha, and we wish him and his Regiment all the very best of luck for their stay at Crookham. The band of the 16th/5th Lancers played us into Tripoli Harbour, and the arrangements made by H.Q., Tripoli District, went without a hitch.

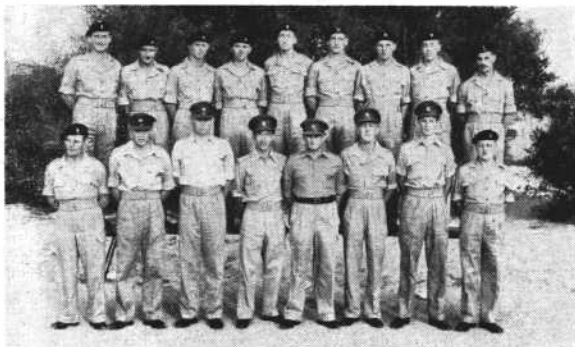
The rest of the year was spent in settling in, drawing up vehicles and equipment, and in individual training.

We left many friends and, we hope, a reasonable reputation behind us in the 3rd Infantry Division. In 1953 we aim to be fit to take our place in the 1st Infantry Division.

DIARY OF EVENTS, 1952

- 14th January.—Regiment lost 8—13 to R.A.M.C. Depot in quarter finals, Army Rugby Football Competition.
- 2nd February.—Officers' Cocktail Party.
- 6th February.—Death of His Majesty King George VI.
- 9th February.—2/Lieut. Stopford-Sackville joined the Regiment from Mons O.C.S.
- 11th February.—Capt. McClure took over the Adjutancy from Capt. Reid who left to take up a NATO Staff appointment in Oslo.
- 15th February.—The Regiment sent a contingent to line part of the route of the Funeral procession of His Late Majesty.
- 28th February.—2/Lieut. Ling left the Regiment on release.
- 12th March.—The Regiment beat The Royal Horse Guards 2—1 in the first round of the Cavalry Cup.
- 14th March.—2/Lieut. Boddington joined the Regiment from Mons O.C.S.
- 17th March.—The Regiment lost 2—3 to the 4th Queen's Own Hussars in the second round of the Cavalry Cup.
Major Tyers left the Regiment.
- 20th March.—Major Sullivan rejoined the Regiment.
- 26th March.—The Regimental Rifle Meeting.
- 16th April.—"B" Squadron moved to Thetford.
- 18th April.—Major Chancellor rejoined the Regiment.
- 19th April.—Capt. Groves won the Army Light-weight Race at Tweseldown.
- 24th April.—2/Lieut. Fuller joined the Regiment from R.M.A. Sandhurst.
- 28th April.—"C" Squadron moved to Lulworth.
- 3rd May.—Old Comrades' Reunion in London.
- 13th-17th May.—The Regiment won the King of the Hellenes Shield in the British Modern Pentathlon.
- 16th May.—2/Lieut. Kenward joined the Regiment from Mons O.C.S.
- 22nd-25th May.—Aldershot District Rifle Meeting.
- 19th June.—The Regimental Dinner held in London.
- 30th June-5th July.—Bisley.
- 15th July.—Capt. Paul left the Regiment on resigning his commission.
- 19th July.—2/Lieuts. Patterson and Hicks joined the Regiment from Mons O.C.S.
- 29th July.—Capt. Paul invested with the Military Cross.
- 11th August.—Lieut. Goodfellow (R.A.M.C.) was attached to the Regiment.
"C" Squadron returned to Crookham.
- 20th August.—"B" Squadron returned to Crookham.
- 28th August.—Major D. P. R. Scarr rejoined the Regiment.
- 30th-31st August.—Regimental Week-end.
- 4th September.—Lieut. Ramsay was posted to the 65th Training Regiment prior to resigning his commission.
- 21st September.—2/Lieut. Hume joined the Regiment from Mons O.C.S.
- 27th September.—The Regimental Advance party left Crookham for M.E.L.F.
- 3rd October.—2/Lieut. Masser (R.E.M.E.) was attached to the Regiment.
- 17th October.—The Regiment left Crookham and embarked on H.M.T. Lancashire at Liverpool.
Capt. Groves left to become Adjutant of the D.L.O.Y.
- 26th October.—The Regiment disembarked at Tripoli and motored to Sabratha.
- 4th November.—2/Lieut. Bain joined the Regiment from R.M.A. Sandhurst.
- 22nd November.—The Battle of Ramnuggar was celebrated.
- 25th December.—The Officers beat the Sergeants in a Donkey Polo Match.
Christmas Dinner.

REGIMENTAL ADVANCE PARTY TO THE MIDDLE EAST



THE OFFICERS AND N.C.Os., ADVANCE PARTY, SABRATHA

ON 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1952, the Regimental advance party left Crookham under the command of Major J. L. M. Chancellor. The first leg of our journey took us to Waterloo station, where the party divided into three—Lieut. Goodhart taking the main party by Underground, Lieut. Bridges the baggage party by 3-tonner, and Major Chancellor as escort to the typewriter by taxi.

We all arrived at our immediate destination, Goodge Street Deep Shelter, where our baggage was weighed and re-weighed until it was no more than 66 lb. per man. We then settled down for our last evening in London, some of us attempting to sleep amidst the noise of the fans and the hot atmosphere. Others decided sleep would be impossible and went to the surface to find their various ways of spending the evening.

We rose early on the morning of the 28th, and travelled by coach to Bovington Airport, where the Commanding Officer was waiting to say *au revoir*, and after some argument as to whether the typewriter was part of Major Chancellor's personal baggage or not, were soon on our way to Nice, where we stayed for about an hour. It was during this halt that Sergt. Cundy drank some Vin Ordinaire, later to discover that it was not the drink of which to partake before becoming airborne. Cpl. Coles, on the other hand, smelt a bottle of French Bière and it is doubtful whether he will ever choose France for a holiday.

Arriving at Malta at approximately 5.30 p.m., we stayed at the Air Trooping Centre for two days. We all enjoyed seeing the George Cross Island, and bathing, some of us for the first time, in water that was twice the temperature of that to be found round the coasts of England. On leaving Malta our party again split up, leaving Lieut. Goodhart and a party of fourteen behind, the remainder going on to Idris Awal Airport, Tripoli. Here we found awaiting us Capt. Mossé, who, having motored out via France and Tunisia, had arrived about a week before. And so to Sabratha where we settled in.

Lieut. Goodhart and his party arrived the following morning with the news that the Recce Troop, whose original destination was the Canal Zone, were also in Malta and would join us



"THE ADVANCE PARTY WORKED HARD, PREPARING THE CAMP FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE REGIMENT"

within the next few days. By 4th October, Lieuts. Maitland and Palmer had arrived with the complete Recce Troop, and we slowly but surely felt our way about preparing for the arrival of the Regiment three weeks later. During these three weeks we were the guests of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, whose hospitality everyone appreciated.

THE VOYAGE OF H.M.T. "LANCASHIRE"— LIVERPOOL—MALTA—TRIPOLI

IT WAS a fine autumn day when the Regiment formed up on the square at Crookham for the last time. Our numbers were depleted by the absence of a large advance party, and the families had been taken to Liverpool the day before under the expert guidance of Major Sullivan and Sergt. Winstanley. However, this must surely be the nearest that Headquarters Squadron have ever got towards a one hundred per cent. parade. There was only one absentee, Bdsn. Kinsman having developed spots at the last moment.

We arrived at Fleet Station to find several friends of the Regiment there to see us off, including Major-General W. J. Eldridge, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., G.O.C., Aldershot District; Major-General R. W. Goodbody, C.B., D.S.O., G.O.C., 56th (London) Armoured Division, T.A.; and Colonel T. Woods, O.B.E., Commandant of the R.A.M.C. Depot.

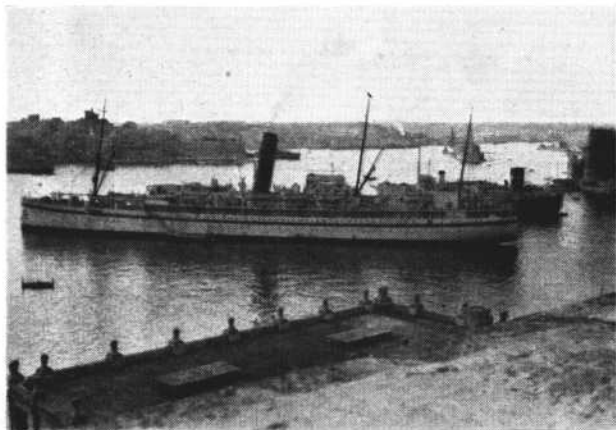
Entraining was enlivened by volleys of thunderflashes hurled by the rear party, and it was interesting to see several senior officers and those waiting for the 9.15 to the city dodging the explosions as best they could. The journey to Liverpool was uneventful and the train pulled in at Riverside Station twenty minutes late. This left us all too little time to say our farewells to all those who had come to see us off.

We were delighted to see General Sir Richard McCreery, Colonel Miller, Colonel and Mrs. Fooks, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Allen, Major Crotty and a strong contingent from the 65th Training Regiment, Major Scarr and the permanent staff of the D.L.O.Y., and Majors Sturt and Drew from Bovington.

We sailed at dusk and were soon busily engaged in learning our way around the ship, finding our emergency stations and generally getting organized. Next morning found us steaming down the Irish Sea, in weather which could have been kinder, and there were many whose complexion took on a greenish hue, including

even "Chief Petty Officer" Roberts and "Leading Seaman" Sly of "C" Squadron. Among those who looked disgustingly rubicund and cheerful on the other hand were the Assistant Adjutant and O.R.Q.M.S. Burton.

Surprisingly, the Bay of Biscay was comparatively calm, and Day 3 found us settling down to enjoy ourselves. Capt. James as Ship's Adjutant, Major Scarr as Train,



H.M.T. "LANCASHIRE" IN THE GRAND HARBOUR,
MALTA

ing Officer, and Major Walsh as Entertainments Officer kept us busy from dawn until dusk. Even the quiet period was enlivened by the gentle voices of little children as they ran and fell on "A" Deck. First prize must surely go to the youthful brave who placed a lollipop in Major Browne's bed.

We were fortunate in having with us the Royal Marine Band and a detachment of their Commandos, so that competition was keen in the various sports and games. Many tons of ammunition must have been fired from the poop deck, and our newly qualified P.T. Instructors had their first chance to work off some of their energy for the benefit of all and sundry. An excellent display of Judo and Unarmed Combat was given by the Marines. The tug-of-war was keenly contested and "C" Squadron emerged victors, beating the Marines in the final. A Regimental team who pulled against the Marines later were not so successful. The boxing provided some good fights, one of the best being a veritable blood bath between Tprs. Hughes and McGinley, the latter just winning.

In the evening there were tombola, cinema shows and sing-songs, while both our own Band and that of the Marines did sterling work and gave excellent concerts which were enjoyed by all ranks. In the first and second class lounges, dances and horse racing were organized, and we had an excellent pre-view of Tripoli and Sabratha from films taken and shown by the Master himself. The officers gave a very successful Cocktail Party for the other passengers and the ships' officers, while a further cause for celebration was our arrival off Cape Trafalgar on the evening of Trafalgar Day. A very good account of the battle was given over the loudspeaker system by our only naval passenger, and greetings were exchanged with a well-known naval personality already in Sabratha.

We reached Malta on the morning of 25th October and entered the Grand Harbour at Valetta with the Regiment lining the ship and the Band playing. We were allowed ashore for several hours and in the end had considerable trouble convincing the local policemen that we had left no one in any of the bars—or anywhere else. We said good-bye to quite a few of the friends we had made on board, including the Commandos, whom we hope to see again in training in the New Year. We also said good-bye to the rear party, who had caught us up by air but who, for some very good reason, no doubt, were not allowed to sail with us to Tripoli.

Next morning at 1000 hrs. we crept slowly into Tripoli harbour, where we were played in by the Band of the 16th/5th Lancers and were met by Lieut.-Colonel J. A. d'Avigdor Goldsmid, M.C., of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, and by officers of the 16th/5th Lancers. So ended a very happy trip. We were very grateful to Lieut.-Colonel Aubrey Gibson, O.B.E., O.C. Troops, and his staff who looked after us so well, and to the Master, Capt. N. F. Fitch, M.B.E., and the ship's company, who eventually brought us to our destination safe and sound, despite our shameful efforts to sabotage their efficiency.



GOING ASHORE, MALTA

"A" SQUADRON NOTES

FROM 1ST APRIL we took over the role of training Squadron, entailing the reception, the sorting out, and the training of part-trained recruits from Catterick. For this training we were issued with Comets, and our Cromwells and Valentines were handed in. The most successful recruits were posted to "B" and "C" Squadrons, who by this time were at Thetford and Lulworth respectively. In addition to this continuation training, the Squadron had many other commitments. We ran two courses for Supplementary Reservists, including Capt. Moffat and Lieuts. Hyde, Groves, Willy and Hughes.

Demonstrations were given to R.M.A. Sandhurst, when a recently joined officer set Long Valley on fire; to the W.R.A.C. Staff College, one of whose members proved herself more than a potential driver; and fortnightly to the R.A.M.C. Reserve Officers. The Squadron gunners visited "C" Squadron at Lulworth to fire their Annual Range course, where also they managed to get some bathing, drinking and excellent food. In the meanwhile Sergt. Pemberton, L./Cpls. Allsopp and Harris, and Tpr. Reid spent most of the summer on the R.A.C. User Trials, which kept them hard at work and short of week-end leave. Tpr. Layton spent several weeks at a R.E. bridge-laying camp in Lancashire, and Cfn. Grant did a short tour of duty as a film star in Wales.

Throughout August and September, we were very busy handing in vehicles, packing up kit, getting as much leave as we could, and generally preparing for the move overseas. In spite of all this activity, the S.S.M. found time to fill in his football pools. His success may be judged by the fact that he took to arriving at work every morning by car, although he found driving with one hand and answering salutes with the other a difficult operation!

The advance party, consisting largely of "A" Squadron, and commanded by the Squadron leader, eventually left by air at the end of September and put in a lot of hard work preparing for the arrival of the Regiment.

Since the Regiment arrived in Sabratha most of "A" Squadron have been put through the Annual Range course, Physical efficiency tests and Education, besides providing two or three guards in Tripoli District H.Q. The M.T. Troop, including the "old faithfuls" L./Cpls. Bonfield and Foster and Tprs. Frith,

Lewthwaite, Peachey and Reid, have now returned to "A" Squadron after spending a month in H.Q. Squadron. Their hard work in Crookham has been followed by even harder work in Tripolitania and they are still ready for more. Four Comets arrived by 1st December, and men are already being trained so that early in the New Year the Squadron will be fit for Squadron and Regimental training when the rest of the tanks arrive. S./Sergt. Thompson's gang of fitters and electricians, now nearly all Regulars, have worked



"A" SQUADRON FITTERS AFTER DOING FLOUR FATIGUES ON H.M.T. "LANCASHIRE"

hard in Crookham and Sabratha; in fact without them the disposal of tanks and "B" vehicles in the one place and the reception of tanks in the latter would have been most difficult.

Before we left Crookham our S.H.Q. team won the D'Arcy Hall Cup, and the Squadron football team won the Ramnugar Football Cup and has beaten Sabratha village, an Arab team said to have been unbeaten previously by a military team. The Squadron also came second in the Regimental Cross-Country Meeting.

During the year there have been many changes amongst the personnel of the Squadron.

Major Tyers left early in the year to join the 7th Gurkha Rifles, and Capt. Mossé took over the Squadron until the return of Major Chancellor from the Scottish Horse. 2/Lieuts. Fradgley, Oakshott and Batty left the Squadron for "B" Squadron before going on release and 2/Lieut. Fuller joined from R.M.A. Sandhurst. Capt. Groves left us to become Adjutant of the D.L.O.Y. and has taken with him Cpl. Manley, L./Cpl. Smallwood, Trprs. Howard and Bell. 2/Lieut. Patterson joined us from Mons O.C.S. just before we left England. Lieut. Giuseppi, 2/Lieut. Fuller, Cpl. Dickinson and L./Cpl. Malin are still in foggy England on courses at Bovington and we shall be glad to see them back, besides being ready to pick their brains. Capt. Mossé's long and efficient connection with the Squadron has been severed temporarily and he has been transferred to H.Q. Squadron as Signals Officer and P.M.C. of the Officers' Mess. Lieut. Maitland has taken over second-in-command of the Squadron in his place. We congratulate S.Q.M.S. Norris on his promotion to R.Q.M.S. and have struck him off the Squadron ration strength, his place being filled by S.Q.M.S. Collins, who joined from the M.T. School at Bordon. Sergt. Lyons has left to serve the rest of his time at R.A.C. Ranges, Castlemartin, before bolstering up the Birmingham Police. Sergt. Collerton left for the 1st Royal Dragoons and Cpl. Golding was left behind in Crookham with the W.E.T.C. for his remaining two or three months. Cpls. Goodwin and Wragg from the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards did good work with the Squadron while awaiting for the return of their Regiment from Sabratha.

We congratulate Cpls. Hosking (R.E.M.E.) Tasker and Carter on their promotion to Sergeant and L./Cpls. Dickinson, Belcher, Finney and D. Carter, to Corporal.

We congratulate Sergt. Hosking (R.E.M.E.), Cpl. Carter D., and L./Cpl. Harris, who married before leaving England, and S.Q.M.S. Collins and Sergt. Cooper on the births of a daughter and son respectively.

"A" Squadron is now looking forward to the New Year and is already settling down as an active Squadron in the Regiment. Our National Service men have done us very well and we shall miss them. Now we are mainly a Regular Squadron and we hope to acquit ourselves well during our stay in Sabratha.



THE SQUADRON LEADER IN A
DICTATORIAL MOOD!

"B" SQUADRON NOTES

THE YEAR 1952, for "B" Squadron, divides itself conveniently into three parts. The early part of the year we spent with the rest of the Regiment at Crookham; we then went to East Wretham in Norfolk—an old haunt—where we ran an "A" and "B" Vehicle Pool for the Territorial Army and also provided the Camp Staff for a camp of two regiments; thirdly, the return to Crookham, the re-forming of the Squadron, and the journey out to Sabratha.

We were at Crookham until mid-April, undergoing cadres, wrestling with education, firing small arms and, latterly, preparing for our move to Norfolk. At the Regimental Rifle Meeting we did not do as well as a Squadron as we hoped we might—in fact, after a ding-dong battle, we were only just able to avoid the wooden spoon. We had some quite good individual performances, however: L./Cpl. Gladwin was second in the Rifle competition, and we had one or two more places in the first fifteen. Practising for the Meeting was fun even though the weather was not too good, though L./Cpl. Warman might disagree. Doing loader and marker to a Bren gun was not easy on the morning after being host to the R.A.M.C. Corporals in the Corporals' Mess. We did not do too badly in the football world even if we did not retain the Troop Football Cup. We came very close to establishing a record in that at one time it looked as if we might have two Troop teams in the final. Administrative Troop were beaten in one semi-final by "A" Squadron H.Q. after extra time. It must be said, though, that their best player was away. The Fitters' Troop beat the L.A.D. in the other semi-final after a replay. In the final, "A" Squadron H.Q., at full strength, beat the Fitters 6—0, and there is no doubt that the Cup went to the best team in the competition. And so we came to the preparations for the move to East Wretham, including the handing-in of all our "A" vehicles and unwanted "B" vehicles. The Adjutant and Technical Adjutant had done great work. They had made out a Vehicle Pool Establishment, indents had been submitted on our behalf quite apart from the hundred-and-one things that they helped us over or advised us about. "A" and H.Q. Squadrons did us well, too, by sending

THE PRETTIEST GIRL
IN TRIPOLI!



THE UGLIEST GIRL
IN TRIPOLI!



us men to bolster us up; for instance, the complete Recce Troop came with us from H.Q. For the Squadron it meant a virtually complete reorganization. Squadron H.Q., 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Troops ceased to exist. In their place were formed such Troops as the Tank Drivers' Troop, the "A" Vehicle Kitting Troop, the "B" Vehicle Driving and Kitting Troops and so on. In a matter of a week we changed from a Squadron of a Divisional Regiment to a small Ordnance Vehicle Depot. Sergt. Sheen from 4th Troop, with Cpl. Lucas from 1st Troop ran the "A" Vehicle Kitting Store; Tpr. Tyrrell, a wireless operator in Squadron H.Q., became an expert on Tank kits; L./Cpl. Britten went from Gunner to Ration Storeman, and there were many other changes. We settled down and soon were engaged in the excitement of handing out vehicles of all sorts—from Flame Throwing Tanks to Scammels—to Yeomanry Regiments, Infantry Brigades, R.A.S.C. Columns and the like. We were fortunate in having first-class regiments and units to deal with, who were prepared to fall in with our methods of doing things and who were always as helpful as they could be. Whilst everyone worked hard, it was not all work and no play. Sergt. Cosgrove, from the Recce. Troop, built us a sports arena of two football grounds, a cricket pitch and five basket-ball pitches. Cpl. Coney, from "A" Squadron, our Canadian baseball player, soon got some equipment from the Americans. The fitters built "Pinnocchio"—a raft made from aircraft jettison fuel tanks. L./Cpl. Webb with Craftsmen Culleton and Imlay launched this on Fowlmere with great pomp, having sent out official invitations to the officers, and it was used as a raft by swimmers or those who merely wanted some punting on the lake. Then, we somehow managed to get around the country to places like King's Lynn, Cromer, Sheringham and so on. Sergt. Docking took a cricket team over to his home where, quite rightly of course, we were beaten by two runs in a desperate finish. We had a Sports Meeting, including a dog race, in the rain, which went well. The Colonel and officers of the Yorkshire Hussars sent up their Band (there was an old 14th/20th King's Hussar amongst them) for the occasion, and they also played at the sing-song in the evening. We are very much indebted to them for helping to make the day a success. There was another Sports Meeting in Newmarket to which we sent a team. 2/Lieut. Hicks, switching from long-distance running, won the 220 and 440 yards, and our tug-of-war team beat Newmarket Town, who were NOT, be it said at once, represented by a team of jockeys.

A book could be written about our stay in East Wretham—in fact one was—but suffice to say here that the time went very quickly, perhaps all too quickly, and we had a lot of fun.

In July and August the "B" Squadron of the last two years began to take on a different shape, with the release of most of our National Service men and the arrival of reinforcements. The latter settled down remarkably quickly and admirably filled what might have been gaps caused by the departure of the older hands. And so came the time when we handed over to the Royal Inniskilling

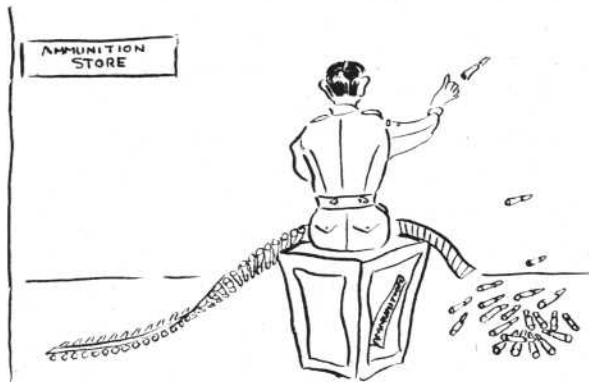


FOR GOD'S SAKE TRY TO LOOK AS IF WE'RE
BRINGING THEM IN!

Fusiliers and returned to Crookham. One final word about East Wretham. We must thank all those who were attached to the Squadron from other Corps and those Yeomanry Regiments who sent their permanent staffs to help us out. One thinks particularly of Capt. Hodge, W.Os.II Williams and Body (R.E.M.E.) and their Advanced Workshop Detachment from Colchester; Mr. Smart and his R.A.O.C. Storemen; and the Detachment from the Royal Corps of Signals.

Returning to Crookham in August, we re-formed again as a Squadron of a Divisional Regiment, absorbing, at various times, further reinforcements. With all due deference to those who have left us, we proved once again that there are always as good fish in the sea as ever come out of it. The theme to this part of the year was, of course, preparing to go abroad, which included the fitting of everyone into an elaborate leave programme. What we did from now on was no different from the remainder of the Regiment, and the trip to Tripoli is very adequately described elsewhere. We were unwell, of course, the first day or so at sea, but the Bay of Biscay was calm. Sergt. Jones (Squadron H.Q.) and Tpr. Harding (1st Troop) boxed for us on the way out. We got ashore at Malta and swam in the harbour or did other things to our taste. It was hot on arrival at Sabratha and, until our equipment began to come in, we confined ourselves to rifle shooting, education and—dare we say it?—the smaller things in life, with a quota of swimming! We began to get under way again in November with the arrival of some tanks—we now have Comets for Valentines and Cromwells. Over Christmas a large party from the Squadron went down to the Fezzan, but, again, this story is told in another part of the Journal.

And so to those who have left us during the year we wish all good luck, and we always want to see and hear something of them. There are a great many, but we should mention: S.S.M. Cox and Sergt. West to the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry; Sergt. Wright to Leeds University (NOT in a professorial capacity); and Sergt. Terrey to civilian life.



... SHE LOVES ME—SHE LOVES ME NOT—
SHE ...!

"C" SQUADRON NOTES

THE YEAR 1952 started at Crookham with great plans for training, and the Squadron did go out for twenty-four hours in January in a frost which turned into a snowstorm. A combination of C.I.V. Inspections and cadres kept us in barracks for the next two months.

March saw us entering for the Regimental Rifle Meeting with more enthusiasm than accuracy. Whilst some way behind the winners in the final results, we managed to win the Inter-Squadron "Falling Plates" match.

The Squadron had originally been under orders to proceed to Thetford once more, but this was changed, and at the end of April we left Crookham for Lulworth to run the "A" and "B" Vehicle Pools at Park Camp. The Gunnery School housed and fed us very well indeed, the top floor of "H" Block qualifying for the landladies' charter of "a room facing south and a view of the sea."

Lulworth Park was a much smaller affair than Thetford, as we had only one visiting Yeomanry Regiment at a time, amongst whom we were glad to welcome the D.L.O.Y. No one managed to drown himself in Arishmell Gap, and even the steepness of the hill down into the Cove did not deter our dancing team from joining the weekly revels at the village hall. The only casualty was Tpr. Marquer, who broke his ankle mistaking the gutter for the hard high road. Others went farther afield for entertainment, and Swanage and Weymouth got to know the "Hawk" fairly intimately!

In June, time was nearly up for those National Service men who had joined the Regiment just before we left Catterick, and between July and September we lost 55 per cent. of the Squadron. They had done a grand job of work whilst with us and we were very sorry to see them go.

By 11th August we had got rid of the Pool Valentines and all the "B" vehicles (except one P.U. which continued to "glug" its way round Crookham for some weeks), and we returned to Crookham to start embarkation leave. With the remaining members of the Squadron on leave, and the National Service men turning their hand to the plough, very little could be done beyond the reception of new drafts from Catterick, who settled in quickly, some so quickly that they went straight off on embarkation leave. At the Regimental Reunion at the end of August the Squadron was represented in a demonstration guard mounting by Sergt. Sharrock, Cpl. Coupe, Tprs. Sherrington, Walker, Smith (85), Franklin and Shrimpton.

By the beginning of September we were in a whirl of stencils, paint pots, crates, nails and kit checks, and our final morning at Crookham came as something of a relief. The journey to Liverpool was uneventful, though Fleet High Street is probably still echoing with Cpl. Baggaley's farewell serenade from the back of a 3-tonner.

The sea was not kind to us for the first two days of the voyage, and whilst the ship's rations were let off lightly, the fishes did well. However, the Squadron recovered to such good effect that our tug-of-war team (Sergt. Kennedy, Tprs. Bates, Bradbury, Grimes, Pitt, Salmon and Cfn. Sandall, coached by S.S.M. Le Maitre), won the Inter-Squadron Tug-of-War, beating a Royal Marines team which in turn beat the Regimental team. In the boxing, very plucky fights were put up by Tprs. Grimes, McGinley and Hughes (58).

Comments on Sabratha are varied and are probably better left to the next edition. We are not yet up to strength in tanks so training has by no means been regular so far. One fairly short Desert Air Rescue scheme before Christmas was very successful, and we hope to hear the cry of "How goes the battle, Monty?" again before long.

There have been many comings and goings during 1952. Capt. McClure left us in February to become Adjutant, Capt. Gowlett went to "B" Squadron and

we welcomed Capt. James as second-in-command. Lieut. Harris was attached to the Squadron during the summer to run the Pool office at Lulworth Park. 2/Lieut. Eardley-Wilmot put on his bowler hat in September. New arrivals were 2/Lieuts. Stopford-Sackville, Kenward and Hume from Mons O.C.S. and 2/Lieut. Bain from Sandhurst. We were very sorry to say good-bye to S.S.M. Senior, who had been S.S.M. of the Squadron in 1941-2 and from 1947 to 1952, and had served the Squadron very well indeed. In his place we welcomed the broad shoulders of S.S.M. Le Matire (and his dog). S.Q.M.S. Eccleston left us in the spring and his place was taken by S.Q.M.S. Witney. Sergts. Lister and Robinson left to earn their living, and we also lost the services of Sergt. "Danny" Staniford, though whilst at Crookham we continued to see a lot of him and his "214" from Chobham. In his place we welcome S./Sergt. Vickers. Sergt. Bentley had to leave for domestic reasons and is back with the D.L.O.Y.

What with Pools (vehicles, not football) and moving station, there has not been much in the way of sport. The Squadron team walked away with the Open Team Relay at the R.A.C. Centre sports at Bovington, the team being L./Cpl. Stevens, Tprs. Kelly, Cooper and Edison. We did not shine in the D'Arcy Hall football (amongst others our fitters' team losing by 0—19), but we have the makings of a good team now (ably supported by our fitters) and are battling our way through the Tripoli League with fair fortune. Last June the Squadron had three representatives in the Regimental Rifle team at Bisley: Cpl. Shakespeare, Tpr. Garrett and the Squadron Leader.

So 1953 sees us with new tanks, old 3-tonners, a hell of a lot to learn, and most of the dust of North Africa in which to learn it.



H.Q. SQUADRON NOTES

HAVING RETURNED from seasonal leave full of energy and Christmas pudding, the Squadron settled down to a period of crew training, which produced satisfactory results. The efficiency of the Squadron was tested during an exercise held in January, the high spot of which was an attack by Sergt. Cosgrove and his team of marauders, who bore down on the Squadron flourishing thunderflashes. This took the Squadron by surprise, but it soon recovered and eventually gained the upper hand and captured the raiders, although Sergt. Cosgrove refused to be convinced by the umpire's verdict, and subsequently put in some heroic work in a spot of fierce hand-to-hand fighting.



H.Q. SQUADRON FOOTBALL TEAM, SABRATHA

Standing—Cpl. Day, Bdsn. Jones, Tpr. Peet, Bdsn. Dickinson, Cpl. Smith, Cfn. Russell, Cfn. Burton, Tpr. Weaver.
Kneeling—Cfn. Harrison, Tpr. Beck, Cfn. Groves, Cfn. Fellowes, Tpr. Atherstone.

force "B" Squadron on the Vehicle Pool at East Wretham, and were shortly followed by Recce Troop and other members of the Squadron. They worked hard and well while at the Vehicle Pool, and no doubt earned a portion of the praise bestowed on the Regiment by the G.O.C. Eastern Command

The first of many changes in the Squadron occurred when Capt. Melitus left us in January to take a course in Tank Technology. Shortly afterwards Major Loraine-Smith handed over the Squadron to Major Browne before leaving us to take over Commandant at Kirkcudbright Ranges, taking with him Sergt. Harris as his S.Q.M.S. and L./Cpl. Boynton to look after his horses. S.Q.M.S. Harris and Cpl. Learoyd left us to go to the Army Apprentices Schools at Harrogate and Chepstow respectively. Sergt. Moore came from "A" Squadron as S.Q.M.S. and later as S.S.M. in place of S.S.M. Le Maitre, who went to "C" Squadron. At the same time Major D. P. R. Scarr took over command of the Squadron from Major Browne, and Sergt. Reynolds was made S.Q.M.S. Owing to the impending move of the Regiment overseas, we were forced to post many old and faithful members of the Squadron who were ineligible for service in the Middle East. These were soon replaced by drafts who came to us after passing through the capable hands of S.S.M. Hardwidge and his team of "A" Squadron instructors.

After our prodigal sons had returned to us from Thetford, Recce Troop was re-formed, and embarked on a period of intensive training to prepare them for an expected tour of service in the Canal Zone.

We were now beginning to prepare for the move to the Middle East, which brought with it the delights of embarkation leave, and also induced the less pleasant sensations of inoculations, physical efficiency tests

During February, R.H.Q. and Recce Troop took part in a tank demonstration, staged by Major Browne for the benefit of Eton College Cadets. The demonstration, held at Pirbright, took the form of a mock attack and was extremely realistic, so much so that one of the cadets was heard to remark that Errol Flynn could not have done better.

Towards the middle of March, R.H.Q. Troop left Crookham to rein-



"DEMOB" HAPPY

and the Annual Range Course. Then started the almost impossible job of packing. It was sometimes hard to differentiate between the equipment which could be packed immediately and that which would have to be left until the last moment, with the result that, in the case of the Squadron Office, no one was willing to undertake the responsibility. At last it was unanimously decided that L./Cpl. Beckett was the very man for the job. Perhaps this decision was wrong, because even now the cry "Beckett" resounds through H.Q. Squadron block when the S.S.M. discovers that some document is missing.

At last 17th October dawned, and, after a noisy departure from Fleet Station, we finally arrived at Liverpool Docks and boarded H.M.T. *Lancashire*. The scenes that followed are best forgotten, although they now seem rather amusing. The valiant attempts of the N.C.O. i/c H.Q. Troop deck-cleaning party to keep his men below decks, when they were constantly dashing to the rails of the ship, roused sympathy from those who were in a condition to notice what was going on around them. The ship echoed with the cries of the suffering members of the Squadron requesting the better sailors to bring them scraps of bread from the galley, which was in the forward end of the ship and thus was not a safe place for the casualties to enter. The days of torture soon ended and we settled down to what proved to be a very enjoyable voyage, which finished far too soon when we entered the harbour at Tripoli. Here we were welcomed ashore by members of the advance party, who had flown on ahead of us, and had made a very good job of preparing for our arrival. The Squadron advance party consisted mainly of Recce Troop, who have since been disbanded. Although Lieut. Palmer stayed with us as Second-in-Command of the Squadron, Lieut. Maitland left us to go to "A" Squadron. We also lost many members of the Troop, but managed to retain Sergt. Cosgrove as Squadron Orderly Sergeant. A further change in the Squadron came when Lieut. Harris became M.T.O. in succession to 2/Lieut. Ross, who remained in England on a course.

The Squadron has met with a certain amount of success in sport during the year, particularly in shooting. The Regimental Rifle Meeting was held at Ash Ranges in March, and H.Q. Squadron won the Inter-Squadron Cup. The Squadron Team Rifle Match was also won by our team (Lieuts. Maitland, Palmer, and Ramsay, Cpl. Smith, Tprs. Richardson, Turner and Poole). Individually Lieut. Maitland won for us the Open Rifle and L.M.G. Championship, a most commendable performance. Cpl. Smith (R.E.M.E.) was the highest qualifier in the former. Also, the T.Q.M.S. won the Revolver Championship.

In the Tripoli Football League, H.Q. Squadron has so far played consistently well and stands high in the table.

Report on a Traffic Accident at Crookham as handed in to his Squadron Leader by the driver:

"I saw in my driving mirror the driver of the vehicle behind to show it was slowing down, give a signal. We had been stationary about 4 seconds when there was a thud at the rear of the vehicle. I immediately got out to find 3 cars in collision, pulling out around, the other two in collision with the first car, the rear one having been pushed into the other two and so into the rear of my vehicle while I was stationary, this being done by an American Army lorry which was unable to stop."

BAND NOTES

"Music when soft voices die, vibrates in the memory"

THE POET did not specify any particular type of music, and so we, in the Military Band world, are entitled to assume that the couplet includes the kind of music we "dish out."

At any rate our music has vibrated round many parts of the globe, for since the last edition of THE HAWK the Band has been heard on the Home and Overseas programmes of the B.B.C.; on bandstands in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Hull, Huddersfield and Eastbourne; on the high seas, including Malta Harbour; and finally to date over the air from the Forces Broadcasting Station at Tripoli.

The climax to our activities was undoubtedly our week's programme at Eastbourne, not entirely because of the fact that we were proud and somewhat keyed up at the idea of breaking into the jealously guarded stronghold of "the finest bands only," but also because within four days of our week at Eastbourne



THE BAND PLAYING ON H.M.T. "LANCASHIRE" AS SHE ENTERED THE GRAND HARBOUR

we were due to sail in H.M.T. *Lancashire* from Liverpool to Tripoli. It required a considerable feat of imagination, as we performed before Eastbourne holiday-makers, to realize that in a little more than ten days we should be entering the world of the Arab. A considerably greater amount of imagination was required when one confronted the toothless visage of L./Cpl. Fitzjohn, white as a sheet, as it mirrored the heavings of H.M.T. *Lancashire* (and others), to realize that it was merely a matter of days since enthusiastic applause had greeted his last xylophone solo at Eastbourne.

And so we settle down to our tour of the Middle East, regretfully leaving the field of past triumphs, but confidently hoping for new ones to conquer. It was inevitable that a change of station from England to abroad would bring changes to the Band strength and so we have bidden good-bye to a number of members. S./Sergt. Fury, who will be remembered for the hard work he put in when the Band was re-formed, has left us and is now with the Band of the R.T.R. at Bovington. Cpl. Duffy has joined the Recruiting Staff at Salisbury, and our last link with the pre-war Band has been broken with the departure of Bdsn. McGowan to civilian life. Bdsn. Parnaby has left us to join his father with the 13th/18th Hussars, and Bdsn. Denny, who rendered such valuable service on the

euphonium and as our vocalist, has taken up a post as Assistant Bandmaster to the Winton Salvation Army Band. To all these we offer our sincere wishes for the best of luck and health in the future. This drain on our resources has been added to temporarily by the departure of the following to Kneller Hall: Cpl. Palmer, Bdsn. Moores, Burnett and Boy Osborne; but we look forward to their return in November, 1953, when the Band will benefit from their increased knowledge and ability.

On the credit side we have an increase of strength in the arrival of Bdsn. McComb and Stewart, the latter being a brother of one of our leading cornetists, and Boy Furner. With the impending arrival of a further two or three recruits from England, it is hoped that our performances can be kept up to standard for some time to come.

Those who have taken the plunge in recent months are L./Cpls. Watkins, Wilkinson and Aitchison and Bdsn. Trego, Phillips, Kinsman and Salmon. We wish them all the joys of married life and none of the worries. The hatched, matched, and dispatched section of the Band is completed by the announcement of new arrivals to the families of Bdsn. Wainwright and Trego, to the former a daughter and to the latter a son. To them we offer our congratulations.

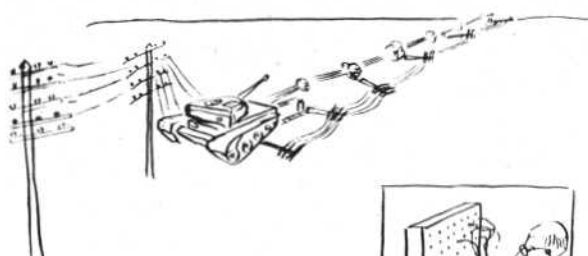
Finally in the realms of sport we make good headway. Two members of the Band, Bdsn. Jones and Dickenson, are regular representatives of the Squadron at soccer, and L./Cpl. Wilkinson in cross-country running. Our team hopes to give a very good account of itself in the forthcoming Inter-Troop Tournament.

“X” TROOP ROYAL SIGNALS

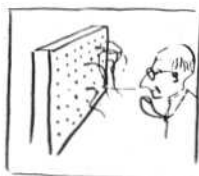
THE PAST year has given “X” Troop a wide variety of both experience and work. Whilst at Crookham the Troop was responsible for maintaining the wireless sets and telephone lines in the camp, in addition to which we embarked upon a few schemes of varying success, but all most enjoyable. The troop was very much under strength until about a month before leaving Crookham, when we were brought up to establishment preparatory to going abroad. In the meanwhile, Sergt. Harris arrived from Germany to take over as Troop Sergeant from Sergt. Boyle, Cpl. Carney replaced Cpl. Elias, who was unfit to go abroad owing to an old war wound, and Sgmn. Watts was promoted Lance-Corporal.

We sent a small party of three men under Sergt. Harris as Troop advance party to Sabratha, where Capt. Mossé became Troop officer, and they found more than enough to keep them occupied. Perhaps the biggest headache of all was the telephone system in the camp. The exchange was in a state of collapse, and, on the few occasions when it was persuaded to work, it performed in the most disconcertingly independent and unorthodox manner. However, an operator on an inefficient exchange, and with the right outlook on life, can derive much amusement from the callers' misfortunes. Frustrated officers, hitherto the epitome of courtesy on the telephone, became almost apoplectic in their efforts to establish communications with District Headquarters. However, the camp telephone system has now been completely revised: “One moment please, Sir” means one moment and not half an hour; even calls from Zavia come through loud and clear, and the Adjutant can use the gadget on his desk once more. A call to Tripoli, however, is still a major operation, and so we have opened a C.W. link with Tripoli and Zavia, thus providing a speedy and direct method of communication.

In the sporting world the Troop has taken its full share of honours. We have two players in the Regimental cricket and rugby teams, and our own Troop football and basket-ball teams have met with a certain amount of success. On



SORRY SIR: THE LINE TO
ZAVIA IS OUT OF
ORDER



Christmas Eve the Troop held a very successful party which was almost the cause of many of us missing the excellent Christmas dinner on the next day! However, it was most enjoyable and helped to make this the type of Christmas we thought we had left behind in England.

L.A.D. NOTES

THE FIRST day of 1952 started the much talked about Phase II R.E.M.E., when the "A" tradesmen from the Regiment changed their cap-badges and joined the Corps. The Quartermaster's department was well up to schedule, and everyone turned out on the first morning with the new "Titles, arm, embroidered, pairs two, and badges, cap, R.E.M.E., one."

It took a little while for people to become accustomed to calling the M.Q.M.S. "A.Q.M.S.," and for the Mechanist Sergeants to become Staff-Sergeant Armament Artificers, but the change-over was accomplished quickly in the common desire to keep the transport moving, and the "A" vehicles in some sort of reasonable order for the impending C.I.V. inspection.

Many new names appeared on the L.A.D. nominal roll, and A.Q.M.S. Mayl and A.Q.M.S. Rolph were kept busy working out just where everyone did belong for work and play. S./Sergt. Walker remained in H.Q., L.A.D., having previously been the Mechanist Sergeant, and soon we had one Staff/Sergeant per Squadron, with S./Sergts. Thompson, Bailey and Vickers.

The Regiment sent a Squadron off to the sunny wastes of Thetford again to run the T.A. Vehicle Pools, and the Squadron element of R.E.M.E. personnel was boosted to assist in the collection of non-runner Pool vehicles from the railway station to Brandon, and to help with the Regimental maintenance team to produce serviceable trucks for the T.A.

Back in Crookham, A.Q.M.S. Rolph, S./Sergt. Walker and Sergt. Smith, our Armourer, trained hard for the Aldershot District Rifle Meeting. Sergt. Smith won the Individual Rifle and Sten, and A.Q.M.S. Rolph and S./Sergt. Walker were selected to fire with two members of the Regiment in the winning Revolver team.

The move of the Regiment to Sabratha was now getting near, and the L.A.D. personnel gradually changed over as the non-eligibles were sent away to finish their soldiering in good old U.K. Our beautiful stocks of tools and FAMTO were handed back to R.A.O.C., and the vehicles trundled away to Castle Donington. The Scammell 6x6, having served us faithfully for a year, was so

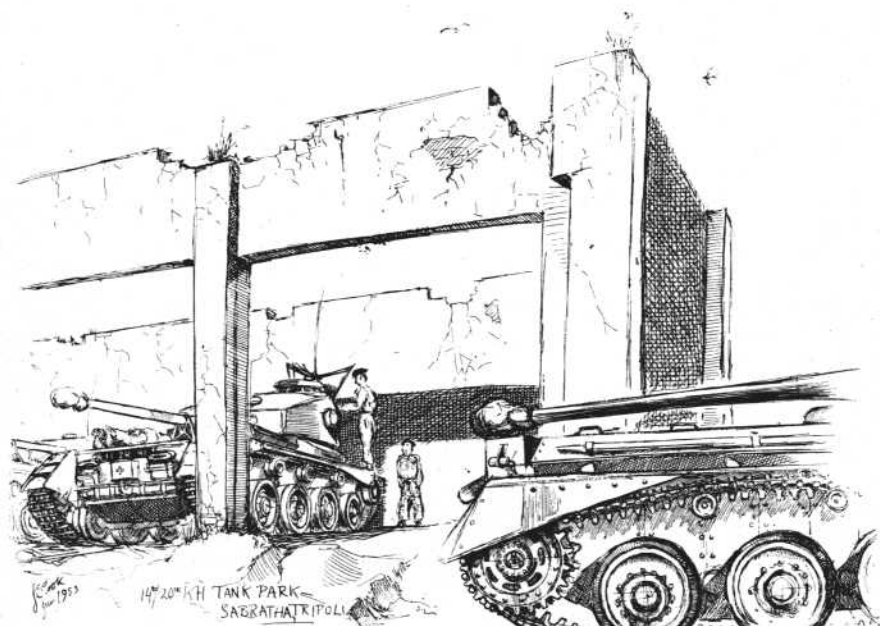
grieved at the parting that it fell to pieces, with the normal 6×6 defect, on the way to the V.R.D.

The journey to Liverpool was uneventful, and after a few days at sea, the seafaring types in the L.A.D. like Sergt. Roberts, L./Cpls. Traynor and Bloomer were able to get the rest of the boys out of the scuppers and down to some troopship training. During the voyage Cfn. Robinson and Tropman entered the boxing competition, and both won their fights against opponents from a Royal Marine Commando.

Sabratha loomed up on the horizon and we all wondered why Billy Butlin had chosen the Bahamas. After a couple of weeks the wheels started to turn and we were soon so impressed with Libya that we decided to stay in Sabratha for a few years, and enjoy the sun and the ruins.

The festive season was soon upon us and arrangements were made for the Children's Parties and our own Christmas dinner, which followed the Officers versus Sergeants Donkey Polo Match, in which the E.M.E. didn't seem to know that the driver's compartment on a 4×4 donkey faces forward!

So we start off 1953 with the encouraging prospect of some training in the field, or rather desert. Soon we hope to have an opportunity to see how Phase II will operate under active conditions, and how good our services to the Regiment can be.



THE DUKE OF LANCASTER'S OWN YEOMANRY



FROM LIEUTENANT-COLONEL D. B. STEWART, T.D.

THIS YEAR sees the Regiment "under entirely new management," but not, I hasten to add, for the reasons one usually associates with this phrase. In March we said good-bye to Lieut.-Colonel E. B. Studd, 14th/20th King's Hussars, who had been with us for over four years, the last three as Commanding Officer. Our thanks and good wishes go with him.

In October Capt. J. R. Thomas left us on completion of his tour of duty as Adjutant, and we welcome his successor, Capt. P. L. J. Groves, and also Major D. E. R. Scarr, who recently took up the appointment of Training Major.

Our Permanent staff, all from 14th/20th King's Hussars, with the exception of those shown, is now as follows:

W.O.I.R. Easto; W.Os.II F. Moore (13th/18th Hussars), E. Prescott (R.T.R.) and S. Cox; Serjts. E. Grant, B. High, B. West, and W. Bentley; Cpls. E. Jones, G. Turnbull, K. White, J. Jowett, B. Marshall, and D. Manley; L./Cpls. P. Holland, D. Perry, and W. Smallwood; Tprs. S. Marrs, G. Owen, F. Rodgers, A. Webb, N. Arksey, F. Hall, C. Dodd, T. Pollitt, A. Bell, C. Medhurst, T. Shaw, W. Jackson, G. Blackler, and A. Howard.

The Regimental strength is now 21 Officers and 595 O.Rs., of whom 15 Officers and 267 O.Rs. are T.A. Volunteers and 6 Officers and 330 O.Rs. are National Service men. We are now in the happy position of being considerably over establishment, and we are informed that the Regiment is the strongest T.A. Regiment in the R.A.C.

It was with considerable trepidation that we faced the prospect of annual camp in June, owing to the fact that we were to be augmented by Class "Z" reservists. Our camp strength of about 800 was equally divided between T.A. National Service men and Class "Z" reservists, and training was considerably complicated by the fact that many of the Class "Z" men required mechanical training and, for a variety of reasons, were not suitable to take their places as tank crewmen. However, the weather was perfect and Lulworth Park Camp was extremely well fitted out. It helped considerably having "C" Squadron, 14th/20th King's Hussars in charge of the Pool vehicles. In common with most regiments, we found Class "Z" men to be very keen, and within a few days they were "pulling their weight" in a most satisfactory manner. Major D. P. R. Scarr joined us for a short attachment during the period of annual camp. His *magnum opus*, in the shape of a 26-page training programme, is still regarded with awe and respect, even though we must confess that only the author could fully understand it. We were very pleased to have the opportunity of entertaining Lieut.-Colonels B. B. N. Woodd and R. P. D. F. Allen, who came to see us in the second week of camp. Another very enjoyable event during camp was the annual dinner given by the Sergeants' Mess, to which they invited senior officers and a number of the warrant officers of the Lulworth and Bovington Camp staffs. This was followed by a most entertaining social evening.

For the first time since the war, the Regimental Small Arms Meeting was held

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FIELD FIRING, LULWORTH

at Altcar this year, when Squadron and Troop teams competed for a number of trophies. We hope that the success of this venture will result in it becoming an annual event.

The annual Regimental Church Parade was held at Lancaster House, to which Old Comrades, wives and families were invited. The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment (Colonel D. H. Bates, M.C., T.D.) took the salute at the conclusion of the service, which was well supported by a large gathering of serving and past members. The Officers' Dinner was again held at the Union Club, Manchester, in September, but numbers attending were disappointingly small, and it is hoped that next year there will be a larger attendance. The annual Reunion Dinner was held at the Grand Hotel in November, and here numbers were well up to expectations.

The social side is not being neglected. We have held dances in the Drill Hall, and the New Year's Eve Ball was again well patronized. The Children's Christmas Party was, as usual, held in Lancaster House, at which 200 children were entertained. The experiment of holding two ladies' evenings per month has met with great success and these are being continued.

The Regimental Rifle team won the Inter-Unit Team Trophy at the Divisional Rifle Meeting held at Altcar and, for the second year, we had four representatives in the Divisional China Cup team at Bisley.

We hope in the coming year that we may have the pleasure of welcoming any member of the 14th/20th King's Hussars who may happen to be in the vicinity of our scattered drill halls.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES

SINCE OUR last publication of Mess Notes there has been a considerable change both in members and station.

Last year the Regiment was once again on Territorial Army duties at Thetford and Lulworth, thereby denuding the Mess of most of its members and preventing *Medicina* from being properly celebrated. The Old Comrades' Reunion was, however, very well attended, which meant, in some cases, quite a lot of travelling.

The beginning of May, 1952, saw the departure of R.S.M. R. Saville to take up the duties of R.S.M. at the Gunnery School, Lulworth, his place being taken by R.S.M. L. R. Charlton. The first major Mess function was the Regimental Week-end at the end of August—this served a triple purpose: pre-Ramnuggar, Old Comrades and a farewell. It proved a week-end to remember. The highlights were the Sergeants' Mess Ball on the Saturday and the Church Parade on the following day, held at the Garrison Church, Aldershot, at which it was good to see such a large representation of Old Comrades. A demonstration Guard Mounting Parade was very well performed, especially as the guard consisted of men who had very little experience in rifle drill. On the Sunday afternoon the ladies of the Regiment challenged the Mess to a cricket match, the Mess team playing left-handed. It was a game that had to be seen to be believed. The ladies are still "gunning" for a certain Warrant Officer who didn't let on he was left-handed.

Time rolled on and embarkation leave was upon us. This over, the Regiment entrained at Fleet with the usual custom of trying to set the whole train alight with thunderflashes before it left the station. However, it did get away safely without casualty, apart from a few sore eardrums. Quite a large number of Old Comrades gathered on the quayside at Liverpool to see us off on the second leg of our journey to M.E.L.F.I. The first two days of the voyage saw everyone leaning over the side, and they were NOT looking at the sea! However, the weather improved greatly and a very enjoyable voyage was had by all.

Ramnuggar was on us immediately after our arrival and it meant a lot of hard work on the part of our Entertainments Committee to get everything ready in time. Our thanks are due to them for an admirable performance. All Mess members and their wives had previously been the guests of the 16th/5th Lancers at a first-class social evening held at their Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess at Zavia, some fifteen miles away. Quite naturally, and because of their close association with our Ramnuggar, the Warrant Officers and sergeants of the 16th/5th were our guests on the 22nd November, 1952. The great pity was that our past members were unable to be present this year, but we feel sure that they will be happy to know that we held our celebrations in true style and gave many a thought to those who were unable to be with us. The whole show was a resounding success and everyone enjoyed themselves.

As is usual after Ramnuggar, we have just enough time to turn round twice and take a deep breath and Christmas is upon us, and being back amongst the "Mutti Huts" again, it was just like old times. Everyone put their heart and soul into the job of making this a Very Merry Christmas. The main enjoyment started on Christmas morning, when a Donkey Polo Match was organized between the Officers and ourselves. It was a sight for sore eyes; even the "horsey" members of both Messes forgot their Cavalry training, and if you can imagine yourself playing polo with a hockey-stick and a football, riding a donkey which is stubborn as a mule, you will understand what I mean. A large attendance of spectators had a good laugh to work up an appetite for their Christmas dinner. What's that? You want to know the result of the polo match? Ask the referee—if you can catch him and his donkey! All members then assembled at the O.Rs.' dining-hall to serve dinner and, this time it was a real pleasure to see the Regiment together again at Christmas dinner.

Boxing Day brought us the high-light of the Christmas festivities, to wit, The Regimental Concert Party. The Mess organized a pantomime, "Cinderella," and it raised the biggest laugh we have had yet. The spectacle of the six Dancing Daughters of the Nile, and the three Beautiful Sisters (S./Sergt. Walker, Sergts. Kennedy and Bruce), and Prince Charming (Sergt. Cosgrove) making passes at Cinders Boulter was side splitting, yet it was a mere *hors d'oeuvre* to what was to follow. The aerial ballet entrance of Fairy Godmother Winstanley hurtling through space ten feet up and supported by block and tackle (very strong) brought the house down. Happily enough, the main casualties were merely sufferers from aching stomach muscles, though Sergt. Winstanley made some uncomfortable three-point landings during rehearsals.

Things are getting a little quieter now, although it will be a long time before that night is forgotten; and talking about things being forgotten, we would like all past members and those on E.R.E. to know that they have not been forgotten this Christmas. We have talked quite a lot about them and have raised our glasses to wish each and everyone "All the best," and we know without asking that they have done the same for us.

PROMOTIONS

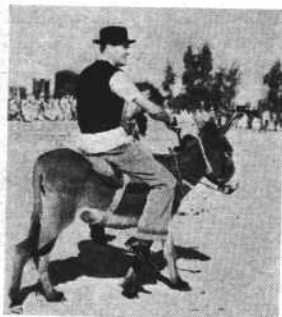
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We welcome the following newcomers to the Mess: Sergts. Tasker, Bruce, Dawson, Fryer, Carter, Lucas, Smith (R.E.M.E.), Coles and Jackson.

MARRIAGES

We congratulate and offer our warmest wishes for long life and a happy future to S./Sergt. and Mrs. Lonton, S./Sergt. and Mrs. Vickers and to Sergt. and Mrs. Jackson.

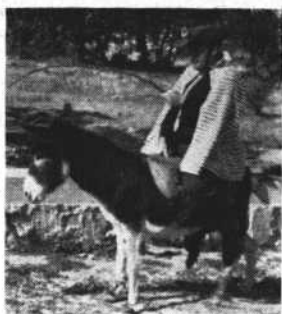
DONKEY POLO, OFFICERS v. SERGEANTS



The Yeomanry !



"Me and my shadow . . . "



Sancho Panza, R.E.M.E.



"What on earth is this on my back ?"

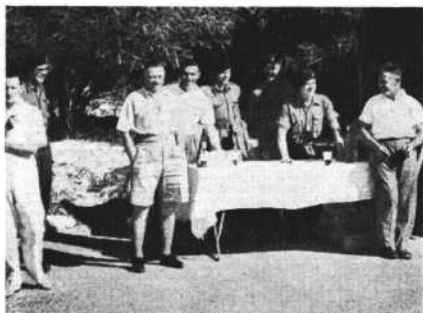


S.S.M. LE MAITRE PUTTING ON WEIGHT



OFFICERS' TEAM LINING UP FOR THE START

CRICKET MATCH—OFFICERS v. SERGEANTS



Sergt. Dalby, Sergt. Crawford,
Sergt. Pemberton, S./Sergt. Walker and
S.S.M. Le Maitre



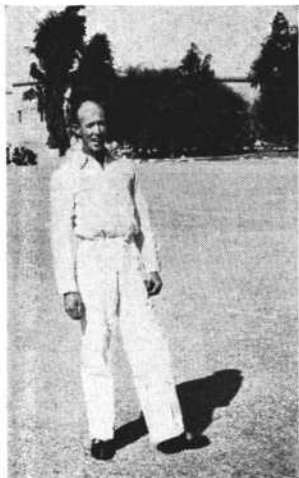
S.Q.M.S. Preece, R.Q.M.S. Norris
O.R.Q.M.S. Burton and 2/Lieut. Hume



Sergt. Winstanley, S.S.M. Moore and
A.Q.M.S. Rolph



Captain Mossé



Captain (Q.M.) Roberts



S.Q.M.S. Collins and Sergt. Dawson

BIRTHS

Congratulations to S.S.M. and Mrs. Hardwidge, S.S.M. and Mrs. Vale, S.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Collins, S.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Preece, Sergt. and Mrs. Walters, Sergt. and Mrs. Sharrock, Sergt. and Mrs. Sheen, and Sergt. and Mrs. Cooper.

AWARDS

The following have been awarded their Long Service and Good Conduct Medals: S.S.M. Le Maitre, S.S.M. Moore, and S./Sergt. Fury.

The following were awarded the Regimental Medal: S.S.M. Senior and Sergt. Coles.

DEPARTURES

During the year the following Mess members were posted or discharged. We were sorry to see them go and wish them well in their new jobs: R.S.M. Saville, to the Gunnery School, Lulworth; R.Q.M.S. Thomas to Embarkation Staff Pool, Southampton; S.Q.M.S. Harris, to Army Apprentices School, Harrogate; S./Sergt. Cave, to Army M.T. School, Bordon; S.S.M. Cox, to the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry, Manchester; Sergt. West, to the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry, Manchester; Sergt. Bentley, to the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry, Manchester; Sergt. Wright, to Leeds University T.C. (T.A.); Sergt. Edwards, to H.Q. Training Brigade, R.A.C., Catterick Camp; Sergt. Harris, to R.A.C. Ranges, Kirkcudbright; Sergt. Volley, to the D. & M. School, R.A.C. Centre, Bovington; Sergt. Collerton, to the R.A.C. Depot, Bovington; Sergt. Gooderham, to the R.A.C. Depot, Bovington; Sergt. Lyons, to the R.A.C. Depot, Bovington; Sergt. Honeywood, to the R.A.C. Depot, Bovington; S./Sergt. Fury, to the R.A.C. Depot, Bovington; Sergt. Terrey, to the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, pending transfer to the reserve; Sergt. Chamberlain, to the R.A.C. Ranges, Warcop; S.S.M. Senior, on discharge to pension; S.Q.M.S. Eccleston, on discharge to pension; Sergt. Lister, on transfer to the reserve; Sergt. Robinson, on transfer to the reserve.

OLD COMRADES' NEWS-LETTER

THE REUNION of 1952, held at Bush House Restaurant, Aldwych, went with the usual success and again attracted a very large gathering. Each year we see a few more who have found their way back into the ranks of the Association.

For instance, this year we had Bob Kibble, who was one of the stars of Regimental boxing, and George Penfold, the clown of the Regimental trick riding team of the very early 1920's, both there for the first time. There also were "Dickie" Blackwell, another eminent pugilist, and "Darkie" Haley, i/c Motorcycles (our only piece of mechanization), in Egypt and India during the 1930's. Old friends Bingham, Randall, Morton, Simmonds, Boreham and Berryman were also there for the first time, and by the way they seemed to be enjoying themselves I feel sure that it will not be their last visit.

General Sir Richard L. McCreery, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., honoured us with his usual visit, and Lieut.-Colonel B. B. N. Woodd, with several serving officers and men from Crookham, was also present. The Regimental Band was again on parade for the Combined Cavalry Memorial Service in Hyde Park on the Sunday morning, when about 150 Old Comrades, with serving officers and men, paraded for the service and for the march past, the salute being taken by General Sir George des Barrow, who at one time was the Colonel of the Regiment. Before the service, a wreath from the Old Comrades was placed on the Cavalry Memorial.

Now that the Regiment is overseas, I think we must all do our best to encourage more Old Comrades to attend the Reunion, so that they can see again a touch of the old spirit and comradeship we so badly miss in civilian life.

In August I had the pleasure to attend the Regimental farewell week-end at Crookham. It was an excellent show and it is to be regretted that so few of the Old Comrades took advantage of the invitation. Everyone was well looked after, and a quick glance at the buffet tent made one wonder if all food had suddenly come off the ration. The Church Service on the Sunday was very impressive, and the Old Comrades were given the honour of marching in front of the Regiment for the march past afterwards. The salute was taken by the Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Richard L. McCreery. I feel sure that all those who attended the week-end would like me to take this opportunity of thanking the Commanding Officer and all those concerned for the excellent arrangements and entertainment accorded to their guests during those two days. No doubt the Regiment will publish more fully the details of the week-end, but just in case of omission, let me mention that in the cricket match between the Regiment and the Old Comrades, the latter were fairly comfortable winners in a very good and exciting game.

In October, Lieut.-Colonel E. B. Studd and myself attended the very enjoyable Reunion of the 43rd Gurkha Lorried Brigade under Brigadier A. R. Barker, D.S.O. Brigadier Tom Howard, the Brigade Gunner, was also present and made a speech on behalf of the other unit representatives of the Brigade.

I am pleased to report that wreaths and badges of the Regiment, the 20th Hussars, and 26th Hussars were planted in the Field of Remembrance at St. Margaret's, Westminster, in November, and looked most impressive surrounded by the smaller Remembrance crosses and poppies. A cross from the Regiment was also planted in the plot of the 43rd Gurkha Lorried Brigade.



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THE OLD COMRADES MARCHING PAST



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S.S.M. MOORE BEING PRESENTED WITH THE LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL BY MAJOR-GENERAL W. J. ELDRIDGE, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.



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LIEUT.-COLONEL E. B. STUDD being presented with the Regimental Medal by General Sir Richard L. McCreery, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.



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S.S.M. SENIOR BEING PRESENTED WITH THE REGIMENTAL MEDAL

NOTES

For those wishing to attend future Reunions in London and who will require accommodation, the Deep Shelter at Clapham is now available during weekends at 4s. per head per night, with separate apartments for men and women. It is very clean and comfortable and a snack bar is available. Applications should be made to Mr. A. H. Cairns, 4-6 Balham Hill, London, S.W.12. Early bookings are advised.

Congratulations to ex-S.Q.M.S. "Paddy" Hallard and ex-Band Sergt. "Titch" Sherwood on their award of the Meritorious Service Medal.

1981 G. Jupps, who joined the 20th Hussars in July, 1882, and is now living at 13 Sudeley Street, Brighton, would like to know if he is the oldest surviving 20th Hussar. Cavalry Records cannot help.

The following joined the O.C.A. during 1952: R. Aston, Chiswick; L. Bingham, Nottingham; J. Emslie, Scotland; W. T. Jenkins, Newport; W. D. Lister, West Hartlepool; D. Probet, Watford; L. E. Walker, Leicester; R. Blessed, Rotherham; A. Bartrum, London; J. P. Hall, London; G. Keane, Hackney; P. McGowan, London; W. Perry, Chippenham; J. Wattrus, Warwick.

OBITUARY

Francis "Bob" Lyons, 14th Hussars. Died at his home in Hampstead, on 31st October, 1952, from Coronary Thrombosis.

Trumpet Major "Yorkie" Thewlis, 5th D.G. and 14th/20th King's Hussar. Died at his home town, York, 1952.

ORDINATION

Colonel H. A. R. Tilney, O.B.E., who commanded the Regiment from 1945 to 1948, was made Deacon by the Lord Bishop of Norwich at St. Nicholas Church, North Walsham, on Sunday, 21st December, 1952, and is serving in the parish of North Walsham.

The following attended the O.C.A. Reunion of 1952: General Sir Richard L. McCreery, Brigadier J. G. Browne, Brigadier J. B. Norton, Colonel J. B. Walker, Colonel H. A. R. Tilney, Lieut.-Colonel L. H. S. Groves, Lieut.-Colonel E. B. Studd, Lieut.-Colonel R. J. Stephen, Lieut.-Colonel J. A. T. Miller, Lieut.-Colonel B. B. N. Woodd with serving officers and men of the Regiment; Majors J. B. S. Pearson, B. C. L. Tayleur, D. P. R. Scarr, P. T. Drew and A. R. Sturt; Capts. J. W. Fraser, J. Pickford, H. Hewitt (R.A.M.C.) and P. H. Moffatt; Messrs. A. S. Shipton, R. Sherwood, C. White, A. E. Williams, T. J. Braithwaite, D. P. Wright, R. Woodward, S. Scott, R. Sturgeon, C. Hawkes, H. G. Haley, J. Grogan, R. Jardine (20th Hussars), C. J. Pilbrough, E. E. Clark, D. Hoare, P. Harmer, R. Reeves, W. J. Adams, D. Hales, G. V. Britton, H. J. Randall, F. C. Walters, F. Blackwell, H. E. Freeman, A. D. Davies (20th Hussars), M. Kellcher, G. Hukin, J. Bailey, A. Bartram, S. Osborn, R. S. Tripp, L. J. Adams, C. F. Smith, C. F. Bishop (20th Hussars), G. H. Nichols, R. E. Luck, H. J. Davies, R. Singer, H. M. Broadie, T. Weston, R. W. Jones, E. Kirby, S. Follows, J. H. Taylor, G. E. Drabwell, W. P. Mooney, J. Blake, G. J. Birchnell, P. W. Jones, F. Deacon, F. G. Coath, A. H. Smith, J. W. Spooner, W. H. Berryman, J. E. Jones, R. Seth, A. E. Smith, A. Raynor, A. Hukin, A. Stancer, J. M. Pentland, L. Dodds, L. E. Moore, H. C. Harris, L. E. Russell, G. Randall, P. Jackson, H. Price, T. Aston, L. Bingham, R. Brant, E. Wootton, P. W. Challis, G. Etheridge, R. Eston, B. H. Kibble, C. Harris, B. Monaghan, T. Palmer, E. T. Morton, G. N. Griffiths, W. J. Boreham, A. R. Wheeler, A. Bailey, G. R. Burnett, W. H. Boucher, R. Hickmott, S. A. Wheeler, L. Shepherd, B. G. Young, C. G. Smith, F. Sheekey, P. Longhurst, G. Penfold, F. Stacey, I. S. Brown, A. C. Wilson, J. H. Tissington, H. Simmonds, and H. Hallard



THE SIMMONDS, THE COATHS, THE EASTOS AND "TIFFY" ADAMS



SERGT. OLIVER, EX-TPR. SPRING, S.Q.M.S. VALE, EX-SERGT. BERRYMAN,
EX-CPL. WILLIAMS

14th/20th KING'S HUSSARS OLD SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION

THE COMMITTEE of the 14th/20th King's Hussars Old Soldiers' Association presents its report for the year ending 31st December, 1952.

Finance.—Despite the fact that the sum of £1,110 was invested during the year in 2½ per cent. Savings Bonds, 1964/67, the Accounts show a healthy state, there being an excess of income over expenditure amounting to £122 9s. 7d. Income from subscriptions increased by £5 6s. from £103 in 1951 to £108 6s. in 1952. It was again possible to recover tax from the Inland Revenue authorities on covenanted subscriptions. The amount received was £54 1s. 2d. This recovery makes a welcome addition to our annual income, and the Committee again ask subscribers who have not already signed a covenant to give this their earnest consideration.

Cases.—Thirty-eight applications for assistance were received during the year, of which one was refused. This figure shows a slight decrease on last year (40), but the amount expended in grants was considerably higher, £318 16s. 6d. being given this year as against £276 in 1941. Due to the increase in the cost of living, it has been found necessary to increase the amount of the individual grants made and this has been done in many cases. It continues to be apparent that there are many gaps in the Social Services which can never be completely filled by the State, and that there will always be a need for the kind of help which the Association supplies.

Employment.—The National Association for the Employment of ex-Regulars continues to act as the employment agency for the 14th/20th King's Hussars Association, and during the year under review, ten ex-members of the Regiment were found suitable employment.

The thanks of the Committee are due to Lieut.-Colonel O. J. Fooks, upon whom the duties of Officer Visitor fall, and we are indeed grateful for the time and thought he has given to each application received.

No report would be complete without mention of the excellent work done by the representatives of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association, the British Legion and the Forces Help Society. To these organizations the Committee extend their warmest thanks.



A VISIT TO THE FEZZAN

ON THE morning of 20th December, 1952, a party led by Major G. L. Sullivan, M.B.E., M.C., travelling in a jeep and four 3-ton trucks, and equipped with POL and rations for ten days, set out on a 1,300-mile Desert Air Rescue scheme into the Fezzan. The party, later to be joined by Major P. F. W. Browne, D.S.O., M.C., in a Humber staff car, was made up of 3 officers, the S.Q.M.S., 2 sergeants and 20 men from "B" Squadron, and 1 sergeant and 6 men from "A" Squadron.

The convoy motored along the coast road to Misurata, 180 miles east of Sabratha, and then proceeded 450 miles south to Sebha, capital of the Fezzan, via Hun and Sucna. The journey took five days, passing through a variety of country—flat stony desert, undulating sand dunes, barren hills and mountains, all of which provided interesting scenery, but bare of vegetation or animal life everywhere except at the small oasis towns. Here and there we passed native desert camel caravans which proved a source of great interest.

The desert track was firm and well marked with large stones, but it was, in many places, blocked by drifting sand dunes. Tpr. Lloyd was among the first to find that speed was the only successful way of crossing loose sand; sharp turning and loss of momentum very quickly made the use of sand channels a necessity. We passed two forts, the one at Um el Abid being of particular note as it was still occupied. In the area around it we found a number of disabled Italian tanks. Other war-time reminders we came across were unexploded minefields at the side of the track, marked with barbed wire, and also an abundance of distinct wheel marks and tank tracks, obviously made some years ago, in quite out-of-the-way places. At intervals, mostly upon commanding features, we came upon small fortifications made of piled stones. These were the remains of old Italian police posts and are known as "Fortinos."

Undoubtedly the most memorable feature of the whole journey was the overwhelming hospitality and generosity which we received over Christmas from the French Foreign Legion. We encamped at the foot of the mound upon which stands their magnificent Fort Le Clerc, dominating the little town of Sebha. On Christmas Eve the officers and most of our party attended an extremely good concert given by the Legionnaires. The turns were so amusing and so well produced that even those who could not understand French had a most enjoyable evening. Everybody was invited out to most meals, but Christmas dinner was celebrated in our own camp with the usual traditions observed. The highlights of the meal were the turkey brought by Capt. Gowlett, coupled with the excellent cooking of L./Cpl. Durkin. The free beer and cigarettes were considerably boosted by the addition of wine generously supplied by the Legionnaire sergeants.

On Boxing Day a scratch team from the party played a soccer match against a team of Legionnaires. Sergt. Lucas, L./Cpl. Bird, Cfn. Richardson and Tpr. Formby, all played hard, as did Tprs. Loder and Southey, but in spite of this and some spectacular play in goal by Sergt. Jones, the Legionnaires gained a decisive victory.

During our stay a great many items of head-dress and badges changed hands, while Tpr. Burkey was seriously considering the possibility of becoming a Legionnaire. The majority of our party was to be seen proudly wearing the badge of the Third Company, who occupy Fort Le Clerc, as the outcome of a champagne party organized by the French Commandant after the soccer match. On the morning of our departure (27th December) we were honoured, as we drove away, with a salute from an extremely smart guard specially turned out in magnificent ceremonial uniform and flowing cloaks.

It was intended to return via Brach, across a sea of soft sand. The Governor

of the Fezzan himself and the Commandant of Fort Le Clerc both insisted upon guiding us, but we were forced to turn back as our vehicles proved unequal to the task. The jeep and one truck broke down beyond immediate repair and had to be abandoned, and on the following day our loads were redistributed among the three remaining trucks, and the Foreign Legion came to our assistance, towing the two abandoned vehicles back to Sebha, where they were left in the care of the Legionnaires. Our return journey, which took four days, was eventually made through Muida and Garian, after doubling back on the previous route and striking across the desert on a compass bearing. It led us through very hilly country, and the track continuously ran against the grain of wadis and dried-up water-courses, making the going very difficult. At one point the track led through a deep ravine actually down the course of a dried-up river-bed. We passed a number of wells and a fresh-water spring at one place, and north of Muida the improved roads led through increasingly thickly vegetated country until we reached the fertile area south of Garian, where animals and crops abounded. Finally, after the descent of the escarpment north of Garian, the vehicles limped back to Sabratha on New Year's Eve.

Apart from it being an interesting experience, enjoyed by everyone, the exercise taught us many lessons. Great praise is due to L./Cpl. Durkin (A.C.C.), who was at work all hours of the day and night preparing (and obtaining) extra rations, and cooking good and plentiful meals; to L./Cpl. Freeman (R.E.M.E.), ably assisted by Cfsn. Brown and Richardson, who underwent many hardships to keep the wheels turning; and to Sergt. Jones, who each day attempted to make wireless contact with Sabratha but in vain. All our drivers did their job extremely well over difficult country, and, in spite of the laborious pushing to which we had to resort somewhat frequently, everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves and spirits were high throughout the trip.

The abandoned vehicles provided a further excuse to enjoy the hospitality of the Legion—Major Sullivan, Capt. Jackson (R.E.M.E.) and A.Q.M.S. Rolph (R.E.M.E.) flew down with two new engines, and 2/Lieut. Bain drove overland to meet them.

REGIMENTAL SHOOTING

THE YEAR 1952 was an extremely successful one for the Regimental Shooting team; we exceeded our hopes in the matches for which we entered, and a study of the results will show the measure of our success. The success which meant most to the Regiment was that of the Corporals and Troopers in their respective matches, for whereas in previous years the Officers have been the main contestants, this year a well-balanced and truly representative team entered the lists.

The shooting year started with a Regimental Rifle Meeting in March which lasted two days, and during which no fewer than 316 people shot in the various matches. When one remembers that just over 100 men were employed in the butts and on other duties in connection with the meeting, and so were unable to shoot, it will be appreciated that very few members of the Regiment did not participate in one match or another. All the more praise, therefore, is due to those who won, and here Lieut. Maitland stands out, being the winner of the Open Rifle Championship and of the Open Bren Championship. In the other championships, R.S.M. Charlton won the Revolver, and Capt. Mossé won the Sten.

The Inter-Squadron Challenge Cup was closely fought out between "A" and H.Q. Squadrons, and the last event eventually decided the match in favour of the latter. Soldiers who were merely "having a go" in the meeting suddenly found

themselves carrying the burden of victory or defeat for their Squadrons, for upon their score depended those vital points, and the champion of Bisley could not have worn a more worried frown or determined air than our hero, as he prepared for his shot.

But, for high drama, this was as nothing compared to the Falling Plates Match between the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes. Major Loraine-Smith got away with a good start as the flag fell, and at the half-way mark was several lengths clear, but here he stumbled and by the time he had collected himself (and his rifle) the field had swept past him. The plates were being shot down with grim determination but not always with deadly accuracy, till finally, with the encouragement of the crowd amounting to frenzy, there was but one left on either side, and here Major Loraine-Smith, who had by now recovered from his fall, came up to seal the victory for the Officers and shot away the last plate.

After the Regimental Rifle Meeting, which enabled us to select those who would be required to form the Regimental team, we settled down to intensive practice for the Aldershot and Bisley meetings. At Aldershot in 1951 we had a pretty formidable record, and of course it is always more difficult to maintain the standard for year after year than to create just one magnificent show and then fade into oblivion. The wiseacres nodded their heads and said: "Of course you will do reasonably well, but after last year . . . well." The results here tell the story. The Regiment won ten events, was second in seven, and third in four. Cpl. Smith won both the Corporals' Individual Sten Championship and the Corporals' Individual Rifle Championship. This latter was last won by a 14th Hussar in 1901, the year after the match was inaugurated. He also came fourth in the Open Rifle Championship. In the Revolver team matches we swept the board, and Lieut. Bromley won both the Officers' Championship and the Open Championship, while R.S.M. Charlton won the Other Ranks' Championship, Sergt. Reynolds being second, S.Q.M.S. Rolph third and Sergt. Walker fifth. This team, of course, won by a very large margin. The Corporals won their match, the Troopers reached the final of theirs, and the Officers' team not only won the Officers' match but also the Grand Final against the other respective winners.

At the prize-giving, representatives of the Regiment formed up in front of the C.I.G.S., Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, no fewer than twelve times, seven of which were in succession. In the end he gave up shaking hands and said, "What, you again!" We took away from Aldershot ten cups, thirty-nine medals, and about £40 in prize money.

And so we came to the Army Rifle Meeting at Bisley. The premier Army shooting event is always a little frightening to the first-timer, and our team consisted of a great many first-timers. The standard is immeasurably higher, the judging more severe, but the rewards of victory correspondingly sweeter. Previously in the Aldershot meeting we had been allowed to use the R.E.M.E. members of the Regiment, who number one-fifth of our strength, as part of our teams, but now this was denied us and only Regimental badge-wearers could represent us, thus greatly cutting down our potential. But we were not to be beaten and our team and individuals excelled themselves, winning the premier award for Cavalry and R.A.C. Regiments, the Royal Cambridge Shield, and also winning the Eastern Command Cup and the Lindley Cup. Both these latter are for Bren shooting, the former being the Bren team match and the other the Bren pairs match. In the Eastern Command Cup our team won very easily, while in the Lindley Cup we not only won, the winning combination being Lieuts. Maitland and Bromley, but we also won each class—i.e., Officers and Sergeants, Corporals and Troopers. In the Lindley Cup our pairs were 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th, the 11th Hussars taking 2nd place.

Lieut. Bromley entered for, and won, the Bisley Cup and N.R.A. Silver Medal,

an event open to any Regular Officer or Soldier, either serving or retired. This was a really remarkable effort and was, perhaps, the high-light of our Bisley venture. He scored 144 out of a possible 150, and if one understands shooting and in particular this match, one realizes just how good an achievement this was. He was subsequently chosen to represent the Army in a match at the National Rifle Meeting.

Finally we came to the National Rifle Meeting, which is to shooting what the Derby is to racing. Emboldened by our past successes, we entered a team for the Light Machine Gun Match, a match open to Bren gun teams of three from any of the three Services. In this match our team, composed of Capt. Mossé, Lieuts. Maitland and Bromley, came second against all comers, scoring 145 out of a possible 168, and in fact were only beaten by a R.A.F. team after a re-shoot. It is with some satisfaction that we defeated the other Army teams, including the Small Arms Instructors' team. Also in this meeting Lieut. Bromley entered for the Wimbledon Cup, a rifle match at 600 yards, and came 26th out of 800.

For the first time since the war the Regiment failed this year to win the Connaught Cup for revolver shooting. However, it was not our shooting that let us down; the standard was as high as ever. It was most unfortunate that we were disqualified on a technical and relatively minor infringement of the rules. However, we will enter the overseas section of the competition next year, determined to make up for this misfortune.

Not everyone who represented the Regiment has been mentioned in these notes, but every member of the team by his efforts made our successes possible, and though some did better than others, it is the combined effort which counts and decides the issue.



REGIMENTAL SHOOTING TEAMS, 1952

Standing—Tpr. Squires, L./Cpl. Shakespeare, Cpls. Williams, Tasker, Tpr. Richardson, R.S.M. Charlton, Tprs. Webb, Little, Cpl. Hodgetts, S.Q.M.S. Reynolds, S./Sergt. Walker.
Seated—Lieut. Bromley, Capts. Groves, Mossé, Lieut.-Colonel B. B. N. Woodd, Major Walsh, Lieuts. Maitland, Ramsey.

REGIMENTAL RIFLE MEETING

Rifle XXX	1, Lieut. J. R. B. Maitland; 2, L./Cpl. Gladwin; 3, Tpr. Maggs; 4, Cpl. Smith (R.E.M.E.).
Open Bren Match	1, Lieut. J. R. B. Maitland; 2, Sergt. Cundy, and Cpl. Wallace; 4, Cpl. Tasker, and L./Cpl. Webb.
Open Sten Match	1, Capt. P. S. Mossé; 2, Lieut. L. P. J. S. Bromley; 3, Tpr. Hodgetts, and Sergt. Taylor.
Open Pistol Match	1, T.Q.M.S. Charlton; 2, Lieut. L. P. J. S. Bromley; 3, A.Q.M.S. Rolph; 4, Capt. P. L. J. Groves.
Team Rifle Match	H.Q. Squadron.
Team Sten Match	"A" Squadron.
Squadron Falling Plates	"C" Squadron.

ALDERSHOT DISTRICT RIFLE MEETING

Officers' Team Pistol Match	Won by Capts. P. Mossé and P. L. J. Groves, Lieuts. J. R. B. Maitland and L. P. J. S. Bromley.
Other Ranks' Team Pistol Match	Won by R.S.M. Charlton, A.Q.M.S. Rolph, Sergts. Reynolds and Walker.
Officers' Individual Pistol Match	Won by Lieut. L. P. J. S. Bromley.
All Ranks' Individual Pistol Match	Won by Lieut. L. P. J. S. Bromley.
Other Ranks' Individual Pistol Match	Won by R.S.M. Charlton; 2nd, Sergt. Reynolds; 3rd, A.Q.M.S. Rolph; 5th, Sergt. Walker.
Officers' Falling Plates Match	Won by Capt. Mosse, Lieuts. Maitland, Bromley and Ramsay.
Open Falling Plates Match	Won by Capt. Mossé, Lieuts. Maitland, Bromley and Ramsay.
Corporals' Falling Plates Match	Won by Cpls. Smith, Tasker, Wallace and Hodgetts
Corporals' Individual Rifle Match	Won by Cpl. Smith.
Corporals' Individual Sten Match	Won by Cpl. Smith.
All Ranks' Rifle Championship	Cpl. Smith attained 4th place.
Troopers' Falling Plates Match	L./Cpl. Gladwin, L./Cpl. Webb, Tprs. Maggs and Thompson were finalists in this match.
Officers' Sten Gun Match	Capt. Mossé, Lieuts. Maitland, Bromley and Ramsay attained 2nd place.
Corporals' Sten Gun Match	Cpls. Smith, Tasker, Wallace and Wragg attained 2nd place.
Troopers' Sten Gun Match	Tprs. Poole, Hodgetts, Sherwood and Maggs attained 2nd place.
Officers' and Sergeants' Bren Pairs Match	Lieut. Bromley and Sergt. Cundy attained 2nd place, and Capt. Mossé and Lieut. Maitland 3rd place.
Troopers' Bren Pairs Match	Tprs. Richardson and Squires attained 2nd place.
Officers' Individual Sten Match	Lieut. Bromley attained 3rd place.
Troopers' Individual Sten Match	Tpr. Turner attained 3rd place.
Officers' Rifle Match	Lieut. Bromley attained 5th place.
Corporals' Bren Pairs Match	Cpls. Tasker and Wragg attained 6th place.

BISLEY ARMY RIFLE ASSOCIATION WEEK

The Royal Cambridge Shield	Won by Major E. G. W. T. Walsh, Lieuts. Bromley and Ramsay, Cpl. Tasker, L./Cpl. Shakespeare, Tprs. Garrett and Thompson.
The Lindley Cup:	
Class "A"	Won by Lieuts. Bromley and Maitland, 3rd place being taken by Capt. Mossé and Sergt. Cundy.
Class "B"	Won by Cpl. Tasker and L./Cpl. Shakespeare.
Class "C"	Won by L./Cpl. Spark and Tpr. Garrett.
Finals	Won by Lieut. Maitland and Bromley; 2nd, 11th Hussars; 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th, 14th/20th King's Hussars.
Eastern Command Cup	Won by Lieuts. Maitland and Bromley, Cpl. Tasker, L./Cpls. Shakespeare and Spark, and Tpr. Garrett.
Bisley Cup and A.R.A. Medal	Open to any Regular Army Officer or soldier serving or retired: Won by Lieut. Bromley.
Regimental Bren Team	Open to teams from any of the three Services: Capt. Mossé, Lieuts. Maitland and Bromley attained 2nd place.

EQUITATION

THIS YEAR we have seen the change from a stable of hunters at Crookham to one of polo ponies at Sabratha.

In the New Year the Commanding Officer, Major Loraine-Smith, and several others had some excellent days with the Whaddon Chase, where we had sent four horses before Christmas. The remainder hunted nearer home with the H.H. At the end of January we stopped hunting our point-to-point horses and concentrated on getting them fit.

In the meantime, Major Loraine-Smith had been over to Ireland and acquired two useful additions to our stables: "The Man in Blue," a good-looking five-year-old who had won a race in Ireland, was bought by Capt. Groves, and "Paddy Punch," a useful type of hunter, bought by 2/Lieut. Ross. We began the point-to-point season, then, with four starters: the Commanding Officer's "Shafto," Major Loraine-Smith's "Twinkle Jack," Capt. Groves' "The Man in Blue" and Lieut. Palmer's "Sonny." Unfortunately "Sonny" met with an accident in training, and then, having run third in the open race at the Garth, broke down and had to be fired. "Shafto" met with the same ill-luck, and so it was left to the other two to keep the flag flying. This they did with a certain amount of success. "Twinkle Jack" ran second in the Army Maiden Race, second in the Old Berks Adjacent Hunts Maiden Race, second in the same race at the Staff College and R.M.A. and third at the United Services. Unfortunately he was just not good enough to gain a win.

"The Man in Blue" ran second in the Adjacent Hunts Race at the H.H., second in the Southern Command Race at the Vine, and won the Army Light Weight Race, after which he was sold. In addition, we took "Sonny" and



"THE MAN IN BLUE" (CAPT. P. L. J. GROVES)
Winner, The Army Light-Weight Race

"Twinkle Jack" to Sandown, where they both ran well though unplaced. Mention must also be made of gallant little "Crimea," whom the Commanding Officer bought at the start of the season with Sandown in view. After running unplaced in a hurdle race at Windsor, he was taken to Hurst Park to run in a steeplechase. The entries cut up so badly that "Crimea" was left in the contest as the only challenger to "Blue Raleigh," Miss Dorothy Paget's brilliant young chaser. This challenge "Crimea" and his apprentice jockey took up with such effect that he jumped neck and neck with his opponent for three parts of the race, and then fell when still going strong and had to be destroyed. It was a most tragic accident as he was obviously a horse of considerable promise over the sticks.

Before we left England we disposed of all our horses, apart from "Twinkle Jack" and "Wildcat," which Major Loraine-Smith took with him to Scotland. On arrival at Sabratha we unanimously voted to concentrate on polo, and with this object in view have now collected a dozen ponies, most of them unschooled, but willing and useful. Only the Commanding Officer's "Fleur" is French, the rest being half-bred Arab. The seven we took over from the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards have, of course, all played polo before, and the others are taking to the game reasonably well. This also applies to their owners, thanks to the able coaching of the Commanding Officer and Majors Chancellor and Walsh, in addition to whom the following play regularly twice a week: Major Talbot, Capts. Garbutt and Gowlett, Lieuts. Harris, Palmer, Goodhart, Beart and Giuseppe. Our ground is a salt flat, which the 4th/7th D.Gs. warned us would be flooded during the winter. However, this year we have been lucky and so far the ground has remained dry. With more experience we have ambitions to take a team to Malta.

The management of the stables is now in the capable hands of Major Chancellor, who has to help him L./Cpl. McKinnon and Tprs. Hargreaves, Oliver and Barker. These notes would not be complete without recording a vote of thanks to the grooms for their hard work, and above all to Major Loraine-Smith. He has looked after our horses since soon after the end of the war until he left before we came abroad. He spent a great part of his time on matters connected with the running of the stables, and his keenness, experience and hard work have been quite invaluable. Any success which our horses may have had in point-to-point meetings, and the immense amount of enjoyment derived from four seasons of hunting in England, are entirely due to him, and our only regret is that ill-health prevented him from riding races himself. We wish him the best of luck and good hunting in Scotland and elsewhere.

BRITISH MODERN PENTATHLON, 1952

THIS YEAR the Championships were held in May, instead of September, as in past years, in order to fit them in before the Olympic Games. The Regiment entered the same team as last year (Capt. Groves and Lieuts. Palmer and Bromley), with an added incentive in the form of a magnificent shield presented by H.M. The King of the Hellenes, to be awarded to the first Army team in the Pentathlon.

We began training in March, regretting as usual that we had ever let ourselves get so out of training. Cigarettes were cut from twenty to nineteen a day as a gesture; nocturnal sorties up to Town were, if not entirely eliminated from the curriculum, at least reduced in number. We thought we were in training. However, any illusions we might have had on this score were soon rudely shattered by a summons to attend training at the Army School of P.T. in Alder-

shot, with the Helsinki "possibles." We were chased around by zealous P.T.Is., and suffered excruciating agonies in the riding school under the stern eye of the School Commandant. Hopes of escape were raised when a medical check-up was announced, but even our most blatant physical disabilities seemed to escape the notice of the M.O.!

Everyone was most kind and helpful, however, and when the day of the competition arrived, we were fit if nothing else. On the first day, as in last year's competition, our pride suffered a blow in finding we could only achieve 9th place out of 15 in the riding event. We had our quota of bad luck, especially Lieut. Bromley who broke a leather, but the fact remained we were a lowly 9th. The fencing was more satisfactory, particularly Lieuts. Bromley and Palmer's placings of 4th and 8th respectively. The team rose to 6th position. In the pistol shooting Lieut. Bromley had the misfortune to misplace one of his shots, a misfortune which occurs frequently to most of us, but rarely to him. Despite surreptitious prods at the target with a pencil, only nineteen holes could be found. However, steady shooting by Capt. Groves managed to pull us up to 5th place. The team all swam adequately, after which we lay 4th, twenty points behind the Royal Signals, who were the only Army team in front of us. These twenty points had to be made up in the running, and tension ran high, the issue being in some doubt owing to a certain amount of mathematical difficulty experienced by the hitherto excellent statistician team. However, our running performances proved sufficient to beat the Signals with a comfortable thirty points margin, and so the shield was ours. In the final placings the team was only beaten by the Royal Marines and the Royal Air Force.

Lieut. Palmer managed to survive among the last seven of the Helsinki "probables," but failed to gain a place in the final team.

The Regiment is, at the moment, considering sending a team home for the championships next year, but this is as yet undecided. We have, however, entered one for the local Pentathlon in the Canal Zone in May.

Team placings: 1, Royal Marines; 2, Royal Air Force; 3, 14th/20th King's Hussars; 4, Royal Signals.

FOOTBALL NOTES

IN OUR last report we had come to the Army Cup and had defeated the M.T.U., Arborfield. In the next round we were drawn against the strong R.A.M.C. Depot team and lost by 4 goals to 2 after a most exciting game. Then came our own Cavalry Cup, and, as the team were playing particularly well, our expectations were high. In the first round we were drawn against the Life Guards at Windsor and, on a very heavy ground, ran out winners by 3 goals to 1. This game was not outstanding for its good football—conditions were all against this—but it was unbeatable for spirit and endeavour. In the next round we played our old friends the 4th Hussars at Tidworth and lost to them by 3 goals to 2. This was a really magnificent game, the football on both sides being of the highest order, and the large crowd present voted it the best game of the season.

Meantime, we had been continuing our Aldershot League games and managing to retain our second place until the Territorial Army camps came along, when most of the two teams were either at Thetford or Lulworth and we had to field whoever we could. Although these boys played with all the spirit in the world and did not in the least tarnish our reputation for good football, we ran into a series of defeats, mostly by the odd goal, and we eventually finished in the middle section of each league, a most creditable performance in the circumstances. Then, as so often happens these days, "demob" came along and we were very sorry to see such players as Parr, Powell, Hughes, Adams, Walsh

and Chesterton depart. They had served us with their very best, and we sincerely hope that they are now giving as much pleasure to their various clubs as they gave to us. Ewan Fenton was still with us and he set about finding a new team from the drafts which arrived for our departure to the Middle East, but he also left us for Catterick and "demob" in October. He had captained the Army team for a season and a half, always giving of his best, a credit to the team, to the Regiment and to himself. Writing, as I am now, from Sabratha, we are seeing the fruits of his tuition. So far there have only been Squadron games in the Tripoli League. Regimental games and leagues cannot be played as we and the 16th/5th Lancers are the only two full-sized units in the District. However, all the Squadrons are doing very nicely, and if a Regimental team is ever required I am sure we have the makings of a fine sporting side.

ATHLETICS



SERGT. WALTERS WITH HIS WEAPONS

DURING THE past year, athletic activities have suffered once again from the Squadrons being so widely dispersed, and we were not able to enter a team for the Aldershot District Inter-Unit Meeting for this reason. However, a few stalwarts entered for the Individual Championships with varied success.

Among our most consistent performers is Sergt. Walters. He himself will admit, I am sure, that he is past his peak, but his appearances in competitive athletics become annually more remarkable. This year at Aldershot he was second in the Hammer throw and third in the Discus, and also took fourth place in the Discus at the Army Championships.

On our arrival at Sabratha we started training a team for the M.E.L.F. Sports in the Canal Zone, which are to be held early in the New Year. 2/Lieut. Hicks is one of the most promising

middle-distance runners we have had for some years, and we have hopes of some successes.

A.F. L.F.S./1

THERE IS, I believe, a military axiom covering the three essentials for the maintenance of a soldier's morale. Not least in this triad is the regular receipt of mail; indeed this necessity was surely in the mind of the Serpent of Old Nile when she cried: "Who's born that day when I forget to send to Anthony shall die a beggar." Thousands of pounds are spent yearly to ensure that every soldier in every part of the world shall receive his mail promptly. Expensive propaganda cajoles friends and relatives into an orgy of letter writing and the banished hero finds himself the grateful, if slightly embarrassed, recipient of a large correspondence. To the writers and conveyors of these letters the highest praise is due, and it is in no spirit of ingratitude that I point out the difficulty of answering them. Indeed, that mental anguish consequent upon the continued production of exactly similar letters to those at home has, in some cases, so militated against the beneficial effect of the receipt of mail as to make it definitely hazardous. So serious a state of affairs could not but attract attention in official circles, and it is the purpose of this article to bring to the notice of a wider public the results of the official inquiry.

I refer, of course, to the Army pamphlet entitled "An Interim Report by the War Office Committee of Investigation into the Formulation of a Memorandum covering the Inter-relation of Morale and Correspondence Overseas," the main burden of which volume is to explain the use of the form A.F. L.F.S./1 (Letters from Sabratha/1), and I cannot do better than quote from para. 1 of this work which explains in general terms the uses of the form.

"A.F. L.F.S./1 should be initiated by all personnel who are in receipt of a written communication from a previous theatre of operations (hereinafter referred to as a 'letter from home'). The distribution is to friends and relatives resident in the U.K. and it should on no account be used as a form of reply to communications of a sordidly financial or frankly amorous nature, the former being best ignored and the latter more satisfactorily dealt with 'under private arrangements'."

It might be feared that by changing from the older methods of correspondence to the use of these forms one would lose that "personal touch" so dear to the sentimentalist, but, with the humanism characteristic of these publications, the pamphlet goes on to introduce the three sub-sections of the form. Mankind, for the purposes of correspondence, is divided into three groups, the Aesthetic (A), the Sporting (S), and the Unashamedly Plebeian (UP), and in order that each class shall retain its essential identity, in order to give the letters just that "personal touch" of which we spoke, the correspondent is at liberty to choose his phrases from any of these sections. The "A" Section is printed on fine cartridge paper in lily-white, the "S" is in beige with a suggestion of tweed about it, while the "UP" is nearly transparent and has ruled lines.

Lack of space precludes the presentation in full of this form, but a few excerpts should supply sufficient commendation. The layout in each section is similar. The letters commence, sensibly enough with:

"Dear....."

(Note: in the "A" Group they commence "My Dear.....")

and proceed immediately to an explanation of the tardiness of the missive. The three choices here are surely sufficient for the most discerning and accomplished explainer.

"A" "Do forgive me. You cannot IMAGINE what a HECTIC time we have had, but HECTIC."

"S" "Sorry I haven't written before, old man. Bit of a fall last week. Cracked up the old arm, you know."

"UP" "Couldn't write before as I had lost your address."

Place a cross in the box next your choice (thus) and proceed to the next paragraph which tells of the arrival in Sabratha:

"A" "So are we come to Afric's barbarous shores."

"S" "We made our landfall last week."

"UP" "Well. We're here."

and so on.

It is impossible to give more than a taste of the varied excellences available, but some of the later sections do deserve a special mention, and who knows but they may find their way into the immortal body of English literature?

No letter is complete without some mention of the climate. In Section 9 the following phrases are placed in happy juxtaposition, their proximity lending to the whole a pleasant effect of verbal chiaroscuro.

"A" "Oh! wild west wind, thou breath of Autumn's being."

"UP" "There's a thing called a Ghibli blowing."

What traveller has not met in some outlandish place an old acquaintance, and tried to remark on the smallness of the world! Turning to Section 15, we find the *mot juste*:

"S" "Met old Grubber in the Gut."
(Bodger,
Pincher,
.....er,
.....er.)

"A" "And my dear, who should be sitting in the Phoenicia Bar but
that ^{divine}looking quite ^{ravishing!}
^{bestly}looking quite ^{ghastly}
(delete whichever is inapplicable)

A mention of the present environment is, of course, *de rigueur*. What could be more poignant than "A"'s description of the coast as "DRIPPING with old Byzantium," or more succinct than "UP"'s "There's some old ruins down the road. Very dusty they look."

But I must dip no more in these exciting coffers. The examples here given will, I am sure, persuade all but the most conservative that the old order is changed. We can look forward to a new era of better and less time-consuming correspondence, for this is but a tentative beginning. L.F.S. 2, 3 and 4 are in preparation and an entirely new field is being opened up, but, until I can bring to your notice further advances, I cannot do better than end this communication with the words of the last section of A.F. L.F.S./1:

"A" "Yours MOST sincerely.....

"S" "Good hunting

"UP" "Lots of love. J. W. G."

"SAINFOIN"

IN THE year 1890 a colt called "Sainfoin" won the Derby, carrying the colours of Capt. Sir James Miller, Bart., Adjutant of the 14th King's Hussars, at that time stationed at Brighton. This created a record, for it is the only time in the history of the race that a horse owned by a serving officer has won outright. In 1884, "Harvester," owned by Sir John Willoughby of the Royal Horse Guards, dead-heated with "St. Gatien."

"Sainfoin" once belonged to Queen Victoria, being bred at the Royal Stud at Hampton Court. He was by "Springfield," a fine racehorse noted for his speed, from the Queen's mare "Sanda" by "Wenlock." At the Hampton Court Yearling Sales of 1888, "Sainfoin" was sold for 550 guineas to Mr. John Porter, the Newbury trainer, a fine judge of a horse who trained no fewer than seven Derby winners.

"Sainfoin's" first success on a racecourse was at Sandown in 1890, when he won the Esher Stakes for three-year-olds. After the race he was sold to Sir James Miller with all his engagements for 5,000 guineas. This was a high price for a racehorse in those days, but it proved a sound investment.

One of his engagements included the City and Suburban Handicap, in which, greatly fancied by his trainer, owner, and all the military inhabitants of Brighton, he was badly beaten. In the Derby, however, he was well ridden by J. Watts and won handsomely from a field of eight. To commemorate this feat Sir James Miller presented a magnificent statuette of his racehorse to the officers of the Regiment. The inscription on the statuette reads:

SAINFOIN

BY SPRINGFIELD OUT OF SANDA BY WENLOCK
THE PROPERTY OF CAPT. SIR JAMES MILLER, BT.
ADJUTANT, 14TH KING'S HUSSARS.
PRESENTED TO HIS FORMER BROTHER OFFICERS
BY THE OWNER.

"Sainfoin" was then sent to stud, but, although he sired the Derby winner "Rock Sand," he was not a great success. Also owned by Sir James Miller, "Rock Sand" was a great racehorse and a great sire of winners. In 1903 he won the 2,000 guineas, the Derby and the St. Leger. By then his owner had left the Regiment and become a leading figure in British bloodstock breeding.

"Sainfoin's" particular influence on modern breeding is remarkable. He is responsible for transmitting strong lines of both "Hermit" and "St. Simon" down to the present day through triple-crown winner "Rock Sand." Both "Hermit" and "St. Simon" were "stayers"—distance runners rather than sprinters—and both imparted their stamina and courage to their offspring. From their progeny, those great sires of steeplechasers, "Werewolf" (who produced "Bogscar," winner of the Grand National in 1940) and "Cottage," stand out. "Cottage's" produce have won three Grand Nationals through "Workman" (1939), "Lovely Cottage" (1946) and "Sheila's Cottage" (1948), while another son, "Cottage Rake," has won three Cheltenham Gold Cups. It is not surprising that buyers of steeplechasers are always looking for horses with "Hermit" and "St. Simon" strains, strains which trace directly to "Sainfoin," our only Derby winner. When will we have another?

MEMORIES

NOW GATHER round, you doubtful ones, and lend young Cos your ears,
And let your minds drift back awhile, about two thousand years,
To a city bathed in sunshine that nestled on the coast,
Where once the Roman nobles made a feast of slaves on toast.

Where once the legionnaires of Rome, paraded through the streets,
And happy throngs of people threw sweaty socks and sweets,
Where once the Roman gentry came to escape the stench of Rome,
And lived the life of Riley sending dirty postcards home.

A city made of marble, pillars towering high,
And boozers ever open selling gut rot, gin and rye.
Of Cleopatra's night club and Nero's Windsor dive,
Where they drew the Old Age pension at the age of ninety-five.

A lovely amphitheatre, a chariot's ride from town,
Where lions scoffed the Christians, price only half a crown.
A theatre for dramatics near the water's edge,
And a place for Vino drinkers to go and sign the pledge.

Barracks for the legion, quarters for their wives,
Cess pits for the Nig Nogs, alive with bugs and flies.
An Education Centre where one could sit one's first,
And a swing it, sling it, music hall run by Marcus Hurst.

A Temple to the Gods of Rome, reaching for the sky,
Built by him of untold wealth who runs the P.R.I.
A Cop shop for the wicked who may become defaulters,
Entirely owned and managed by Flavius "Taffy" Walters.

A workshop for the chariots, a links attached for golf,
Run by Bacchus Walker and Petronius Bulbous Rolph.
A building made of shimmering gold stretching out to sea,
The home of "Lolly" Linctus Blake and his Fourteen eighty-three.

And the house of Cæsar Tara standing near the shore,
With drill canes growing in the ground, and a notice on the door,
"Beware all ye who pass me by and make my ruling harder,
I'll whip you in before you know, and bang you on a Cadre."

A city bathed in sunshine, shimmering in the heat,
Where wireless waves are plentiful and reception quite a treat,
Stations not required, as they would only help embarrass,
And *Radio Times* are on display by permission of Lotus Harris.

A high and towering monument overlooks the shore,
With a notice in the garden, "Quartermaster's Stores,"
Golden studded wall bricks, bags of kit within,
Run by Julius Norris with a notice, "Walk right in."

And now it stands as we see today, a ruined naked city,
Gone are all those Roman hordes, and I think a bloomin' pity.
No legionnaires, it's Troopers now, it's Sten and not the spear,
It's tanks and not the chariot, those ancient buildings hear.

So mark my words, you doubtful ones, you may all laugh and grin,
When Cosgrove's finished digging there, I'll uncover Pontius Swim,
And when I do I'll tell you this, a sepulchre I'll make,
Borrowing the ackers from "Lolly" Linctus Blake.

BIRTHS AND MARRIAGES

MARRIAGES

WE CONGRATULATE and offer our warmest wishes for a long life and a happy future to the following on their marriages: S./Sergt. and Mrs. Lonton, S./Sergt. and Mrs. Vickers, Sergt. and Mrs. Jackson, Cpl. and Mrs. Allsopp, Cpl. and Mrs. Campbell, Cpl. and Mrs. Carter, Cpl. and Mrs. Farrand, Cpl. and Mrs. Salter, L./Cpl. and Mrs. Aithchison, L./Cpl. and Mrs. Banham, L./Cpl. and Mrs. Elliott, L./Cpl. and Mrs. Mallinson, L./Cpl. and Mrs. Wilkinson, L./Cpl. and Mrs. Watkins, Tpr. and Mrs. Coley, Tpr. and Mrs. Fulford, Tpr. and Mrs. Hunter, Tpr. and Mrs. Haven, Tpr. and Mrs. Roberts, Tpr. and Mrs. Springthorpe, Bdsn. and Mrs. Salmon, Tpr. and Mrs. Sykes, Bdsn. and Mrs. Trego, Cfn. and Mrs. Brown, Cfn. and Mrs. Bellamy, Cfn. and Mrs. Bryant, Cfn. and Mrs. Cadwell, Cfn. and Mrs. White.

BIRTHS

CONGRATULATIONS to Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Woodd (a son), Capt. and Mrs. Mossé (a daughter), T.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Boulter (a son), S.S.M. and Mrs. Hardwidge (a daughter) S.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Preece (a daughter), Sergt. and Mrs. Cooper (a son), Sergt. and Mrs. Sheen (a daughter), Sergt. and Mrs. Walters (a daughter), Cpl. and Mrs. Fogarty (a daughter), Bdsn. and Mrs. Wainwright (a daughter), Bdsn. and Mrs. Trego (a son), Tpr. and Mrs. Harris (a son).

OFFICERS PRESENT WITH THE REGIMENT ON 31st DECEMBER, 1952

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

Lieut.-Colonel B. B. N. Woodd: Com-
manding Officer.
Major P. F. W. Browne, D.S.O., M.C.:
Second-in-Command and P.R.I.
Capt. R. A. McClure: Adjutant.
2/Lieut. R. S. Boddington: Assistant
Adjutant.

H.Q. SQUADRON

Major D. P. R. Scarr: Squadron Leader.
Capt. D. E. Wreford: Second-in-Com-
mand.
Capt. W. D. Garbutt: Technical Adjutant.
Capt. P. S. Mossé: Signals Officer.
Capt. R. M. Roberts: Quartermaster.
Lieut. J. M. Palmer: Imprest Holder and
Editor THE HAWK.
Lieut. R. E. D. Harris: M.T.O.
Lieut. J. W. Goodfellow (R.A.M.C.):
Medical Officer.

"A" SQUADRON

Major J. L. M. Chancellor: Squadron
Leader.
Lieut. J. R. B. Maitland: Second-in-Com-
mand.
Lieut. M. H. Goodhart: Troop Leader.
Lieut. L. P. J. S. Bromley: Troop Leader.
2/Lieut. W. M. Patterson: Troop Leader.

"B" SQUADRON

Major G. L. Sullivan, M.B.E., M.C.:
Squadron Leader.
Major G. A. L. C. Talbot:
Capt. J. D. Gowlett: Second-in-Com-
mand.
2/Lieut. A. H. I. Bridges: Troop Leader.
2/Lieut. W. R. Whitwell: Troop Leader.
2/Lieut. T. P. Hicks: Troop Leader.

"C" SQUADRON

Major E. G. W. T. Walsh: Squadron Leader.
 Capt. M. A. James, M.C.: Second-in-Command.
 2/Lieut. N. E. Bain: Troop Leader.
 2/Lieut. L. G. Stopford-Sackville: Troop Leader.

2/Lieut. J. T. Kenward: Troop Leader.
 2/Lieut. D. H. Hume: Troop Leader.

PERMANENTLY ATTACHED

Capt. P. D. Jackson: E.M.E., L.A.D., R.E.M.E.
 2/Lieut. K. A. Masser: L.A.D., R.E.M.E.

SERVING OFFICERS DETACHED ON COURSES IN U.K.

Lieut. G. R. D. Beart ("C" Squadron).
 2/Lieut. C. C. G. Ross ("B" Squadron).

Lieut. G. St. A. Giuseppi ("A" Squadron).
 2/Lieut. P. F. Fuller ("C" Squadron).

OFFICERS OF THE 14th/20th KING'S HUSSARS SERVING ON E.R.E., STAFF OR OTHER APPOINTMENTS AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1952

Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Pemberton: A.A.G. Welfare, H.Q. B.A.O.R.
 Lieut.-Colonel R. P. D. F. Allen, M.B.E.: Commanding 65th Training Regiment, R.A.C., Catterick Camp.
 Major W. F. Crotty, M.B.E.: Chief Instructor, 65th Training Regiment.
 Major G. N. Loraine-Smith: Commanding R.A.C. Ranges, Kirkcudbright.
 Major A. R. Sturt: Assistant C.I., D. & M. Wing, R.A.C. Centre, Bovington.
 Major R. J. W. Fletcher: Attached School of Infantry.
 Major P. T. Drew: Q.M., R.A.C. Depot, Bovington Camp.
 Major B. C. L. Tayleur: G.S.O.2, H.Q. Lowland District, Glasgow.
 Major D. E. R. Scarr: Training Major, Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry, Manchester.
 Major D. J. Brunton: British Military Mission, Turkey.
 Capt. P. H. Marnham: Staff Captain, H.Q. 11th Armoured Division, B.A.O.R.

Capt. G. L. Scott-Dickens: R.A.C. Depot.
 Capt. J. F. Beaumont, M.C.: Education and Welfare Officer, 65th Training Regiment, R.A.C.
 Capt. J. R. Thomas: G.H.Q., M.E.L.F.
 Capt. D. A. Heath, M.C.: R.A.C. Depot (Staff College Course, Camberley).
 Capt. P. Melitus: School of Tank Technology.
 Capt. M. A. Urban-Smith, M.C.: Instructor, Wireless Wing, R.A.C. Centre, Bovington.
 Capt. M. D. Mylchreest: Instructor, 68th Training Regiment, R.A.C., Catterick Camp.
 Capt. W. A. L. Reid, M.C.: G.S.O.3, NATO (N), Oslo, Norway.
 Capt. P. L. J. Groves: Adjutant, Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry, Manchester.
 Lieut. J. A. Henderson: Attached 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards.
 2/Lieut. J. Arnold: Instructor, 65th Training Regiment, R.A.C., Catterick Camp.

NOMINAL ROLL OF PERSONNEL SERVING WITH REGIMENT AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1952

H.Q. SQUADRON

R.S.M. L. R. Charlton
 R.Q.M.S. L. Norris
 O.R.Q.M.S. L. Burton
 T.Q.M.S. R. Boulter
 S.S.M. R. Moore
 S.Q.M.S. J. Reynolds
 Sergt. T. Cosgrove
 Sergt. V. Coles
 Sergt. N. Dalby
 Sergt. E. Fryer
 Sergt. A. Jackson
 Sergt. S. Jude
 Sergt. A. Plunkett
 Sergt. W. Ramsay
 Sergt. R. Wallace
 Sergt. J. Walters

Sergt. F. Winstanley
 Cpl. P. Barker
 Cpl. S. Fogarty
 Cpl. J. Finney
 Cpl. E. Holdaway
 Cpl. C. Miller
 Cpl. W. Rhind
 Cpl. R. Smith
 Cpl. J. Thompson
 L./Cpl. J. Bayley
 L./Cpl. G. Banham
 L./Cpl. W. Beckett
 L./Cpl. V. Colbourne
 L./Cpl. R. Day
 L./Cpl. D. Davis
 L./Cpl. H. Hunt
 L./Cpl. G. Knowles

L./Cpl. E. Louis
 L./Cpl. E. Mannion
 L./Cpl. J. Mallinson
 L./Cpl. J. McKinnon
 L./Cpl. R. Port
 L./Cpl. H. Phillips
 L./Cpl. S. Rosier
 L./Cpl. R. Smith
 L./Cpl. M. Truckle
 L./Cpl. T. Walsh
 Tpr. J. Arnold
 Tpr. G. Atherton
 Tpr. C. Andrews
 Tpr. R. Bampton
 Tpr. R. Barker
 Tpr. A. Barrett
 Tpr. D. Bealby-Wright

Tpr. J. Beasley
 Tpr. A. Beck
 Tpr. W. Brown
 Tpr. S. Carter
 Tpr. H. Cawthorne
 Tpr. D. Couling
 Tpr. P. Coley
 Tpr. W. Day
 Tpr. K. Dix
 Tpr. J. Duffield
 Tpr. E. Edgar
 Tpr. K. Ellis
 Tpr. W. Evans
 Tpr. R. Edwards
 Tpr. W. Grimes
 Tpr. F. Hargreaves
 Tpr. A. Hart
 Tpr. T. Hunter
 Tpr. W. Hill
 Tpr. J. Haven
 Tpr. J. Johnstone
 Tpr. G. Jones
 Tpr. J. Kennedy
 Tpr. A. Lamb
 Tpr. S. Law
 Tpr. S. Lee
 Tpr. T. Limbert
 Tpr. J. Mannion
 Tpr. G. McGahey
 Tpr. D. Morris
 Tpr. D. Newbery
 Tpr. D. Norton
 Tpr. G. Newbon
 Tpr. K. Owen
 Tpr. A. Peet
 Tpr. P. Phillips
 Tpr. K. Preston
 Tpr. D. Price
 Tpr. R. Proctor
 Tpr. E. Preston
 Tpr. A. Poplar
 Tpr. J. Read
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 Tpr. C. Rogers
 Tpr. D. Rutland
 Tpr. D. Stafford
 Tpr. N. Sell
 Tpr. E. Shepherd
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 Tpr. J. Smith
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 Tpr. J. Smith
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 Tpr. D. Tye
 Tpr. L. Vale
 Tpr. C. Walmsley
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 Tpr. A. Winstone

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 L./Cpl. D. Hubble
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 L./Cpl. R. James
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 L./Cpl. T. Price
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 Cpl. McCann
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 L./Cpl. E. Fitzjohn
 L./Cpl. V. Kinsman
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 Bdsn. B. Cooke
 Bdsn. J. Daniels
 Bdsn. J. Dickinson
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 Bdsn. P. Harding
 Bdsn. K. Harris
 Bdsn. L. Head
 Bdsn. K. Jones
 Bdsn. A. Lenton
 Bdsn. R. Lunt
 Bdsn. A. McComb
 Bdsn. E. Milward
 Bdsn. G. Moore
 Bdsn. G. Moores
 Bdsn. W. O'Driscoll
 Boy E. Osborne
 Bdsn. G. Phillips
 Bdsn. K. Salmon
 Bdsn. F. Scriven
 Bdsn. B. Seward
 Bdsn. V. Smith
 Bdsn. T. Stewart
 Bdsn. A. Trego
 Bdsn. B. Willsher

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 Sgmn. W. Hart
 Dvr. W. Jerrim
 Dvr. R. Lewis
 Sgmn. D. M. Long
 Dvr. N. Lovell
 Sgmn. G. Masters
 Sgmn. W. Myers
 Sgmn. C. Redman
 Sgmn. I. Smith
 Sgmn. F. Soderberg
 Sgmn. J. Whitehead
 Dvr. H. Worrall

R.A.E.C.	Cpl. A. Southwell	Cfn. J. Groves
W.O.I (R.S.M.) L. Ablitt	L./Cpl. C. Anderson	Cfn. W. Harrison
Sergt. M. Bragg	L./Cpl. P. Baikie	Cfn. R. Hodder
Sergt. J. Golightly	L./Cpl. R. Bloomer	Cfn. M. Holloth
Sergt. E. Williams	L./Cpl. D. Bond	Cfn. R. Holmes
	L./Cpl. A. Clarke	Cfn. H. Hughes
R.A.P.C.	L./Cpl. J. Conroy	Cfn. J. Hughes
Sergt. W. R. Blake	L./Cpl. W. Freeman	Cfn. R. Hunter
	L./Cpl. R. Hancock	Cfn. F. Horsted
A.P.T.C.	L./Cpl. J. Hobley	Cfn. J. Imlay
S.I. R. Challand	L./Cpl. F. Sly	Cfn. A. Jones
	L./Cpl. P. Traynor	Cfn. G. Jones
A.C.C.	L./Cpl. B. Webb	Cfn. F. Jones
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Pte. R. Hardy	Cfn. R. Burton	Cfn. A. Russell
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Cpl. G. Marshall	Cfn. E. Goodwin	Cfn. W. Wilbourne
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