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EDITORIAL

ONE of the most difficult parts of producing this number of THE HAWK has been the writing of the Editorial Notes. Like my predecessor, Capt. Beaumont, I am certain that this is the last part of the Journal to be read and, therefore, I feel that it should be good, as it is the last impression you will get—and possibly judge THE HAWK by it—as you close the cover and put it on the shelf with past copies. The second most difficult part has been trying to persuade a number of people that 31st December really was the closing date for material, and not some time in February! Maybe, after fifteen months in Sabratha, we are beginning to become "Libyanized": why do something today when it can be done tomorrow?

There is little need for me to mention any of the events that have taken place in the past year, these you will find under various headings within the Journal. Again this year you will find a diary of events which will give our readers at home some idea of our activities during the year.

Within these pages you will find the citation taken from General Orders, Middle East Land Forces, telling of the outstanding way in which Tpr. Marquer dealt with cases after a serious road accident. It was my intention also to include a citation on L./Cpl. Bampton, who very bravely saved a member of the Regiment from drowning. This, unfortunately, I have been unable to include, but I am sure the rest of the Regiment will join me in congratulating him on his very fine display of coolness and courage. He has received official recognition from the Royal Life Saving Society.

I must thank many members of the Regiment who have kindly lent me photographs which have been included in this number. I wish I could have printed

many more, but space and cost would not allow. Also I must thank the members of the Orderly Room (in particular L./Cpl. White) who have done the typing, in spite of the difficulty in trying to read some of the handwriting! My thanks are also due to Mrs. Moore, who has kindly come to the rescue and has been a great help by typing notes. Major Swallow has again sent us most interesting Old Comrades' notes and photographs, for which I am most grateful.

In retrospect, 1953 has been a most enjoyable year for us at Sabratha. Much has happened and most of our difficulties have been overcome. As this number of *THE HAWK* goes to press we are already starting on the new cycle of training, and may I end by wishing all our readers, wherever they may be, a most successful and happy 1954.

FOREWORD

BY LIEUTENANT-COLONEL B. B. N. WOODD

THE YEAR has been an interesting one, and there have been a number of changes in personnel and equipment. We have learned a great deal and have made the most of the vast spaces available to us for training. We have learned to look after ourselves in many different types of desert and have proved that the burning desert can be very cold at night, and that the map usually is right! In spite of all this we have had time to get used to the routine of life in Sabratha, and have made many friends in Tripolitania.

In the early part of the year we were delighted to welcome our Colonel, General Sir Richard L. McCreery, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., who very kindly broke his journey to visit us while on his way to the Far East.

During Squadron Camps we were fortunate in being visited by the Bishop of Croydon, who covered some two hundred miles and delivered no less than five addresses in a very exhausting day; a great feat.

We were very sorry to say farewell to the 16th/5th Lancers at the beginning of the year, who had been most helpful and hospitable ever since the Regiment arrived, and we wish them the best of luck in B.A.O.R. One of their Comets which we took over was the best handed-over tank we have ever had.

The party selected to represent the Regiment for the Coronation in London soon learned the road to the Sabratha ruins, and I, who had carefully avoided walking all my service, was astonished to find myself no worse for the odd fourteen miles from Earl's Court and back again on 2nd June.

Skeleton Regimental and Squadron Headquarters attended two exercises with our Division in the Canal Zone. In the first, transport and radio were provided by the Royal Scots Greys under Lieut. Haldane, and in the second the vehicles were lent by the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. We were most grateful to both these Regiments for their help.

Thanks chiefly to the drive of Major B. C. L. Tayleur, we won the 1st Infantry Division Modern Pentathlon held in the Canal Zone. We are deeply indebted to the Divisional Column, R.A.S.C., for looking after the team so well while they were in Egypt, and for all the help they gave, in particular for the loan of such serviceable motor-cycles, without which we would have been unable to compete. Great credit is due to Capt. P. S. Mosse for the sweeping success we achieved in the Tripoli District Small-arms Meeting. Our equestrian activities have been crowned with success on the race-course and in the Handy Horse Competition, and, now that we have made a new polo ground, the standard in this game has greatly improved.

I feel that it is not generally realized that the 1st Infantry Division, of which we are the Divisional Regiment, R.A.C., is in the Canal Zone, which is far less accessible to us than England. We have not, therefore, been able to enter into



SABRATHA, NORTH CAMP

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VIEW SHOWING THE SOUTH CAMP AND MARRIED QUARTERS IN THE BACKGROUND

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the various sporting contests that we would normally like to have done, and being the only major field unit in Tripoli District our games and competitions have to be on a squadron rather than a regimental basis.

This is the last foreword which I shall write, as I shall be handing over command of the Regiment this summer, and I therefore close by saying how much I have appreciated all the cheerful help and co-operation of all members of the Regiment, past and present, who have made my really rather formidable task so easy and pleasant.

DIARY OF EVENTS, 1953

- 1st January.—Regimental holiday.
- 3rd January.—Capt. G. R. D. Beart rejoined the Regiment from wireless course at R.A.C. Centre.
- 9th January.—Lieut. G. St. A. Guiseppi rejoined the Regiment from attending gunnery course at Lulworth.
- 13th January.—Major-General T. Brodie, C.B.E., D.S.O., Commander 1st Infantry Division, visited the Regiment.
- 17th January.—The Regiment played 45 Marine Commando.
 Regiment, 17 45 Commando, 0 Rugger
 Regiment, 2 45 Commando, 3 Soccer
- 18th January.—Hockey: Regiment, 1; 45 Commando, 1.
- 19th January.—“B” Squadron left for two weeks’ Squadron Camp.
- 21st January.—Visit by Brigadier P. W. D. Sturdee, B.R.A.C., M.E.L.F.
- 22nd January.—Officers’ Mess entertained Brigadier Sturdee and officers of H.M.S. *Cleopatra* to dinner.
- 24th January.—Regiment played H.M.S. *Cleopatra* at rugby football.
 Regiment, 6 H.M.S. *Cleopatra*, 0.
- 26th January.—Lieut. L. P. J. S. Bromley left the Regiment and retired to civilian life.
- 1st February.—“A” Squadron left for two weeks’ training camp.
- 3rd February.—“C” Squadron left for two weeks’ training camp.
- 4th February.—Capt. D. E. Wreford left to take up appointment as I.O. to H.Q. 1st Infantry Division.
- 5th February.—2/Lieut. R. Jameson arrived in the Regiment and was posted to “B” Squadron.
- 6th February.—The Commanding Officer won the Regimental Race on “Fileur,” Capt. J. M. Palmer won the Open Race on “Joul Joul,” at a race meeting held in Tripoli run by the 16th/5th Lancers.
- 10th February.—The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Croydon visited the Regiment.
- 11th February.—The Regiment was visited by Colonel R. T. P. Tweedie, Assistant Director of Army Health.
- 18th February.—Detachments from “A,” “B” and “C” Squadrons provided demonstrations in camouflage for Vampires and Sea Furies from H.M.S. *Ocean*.
- 19th February.—The Regiment was visited by Major-General R. A. Hull, C.B., D.S.O., Chief-of-Staff, M.E.L.F.
- 25th February.—The Regiment was visited by Major-General H. Bainbridge, C.B., C.B.E., and Major-General W. A. Ward.

- 28th February.—2/Lieut. P. Hicks won the Tripoli Cross-Country Race.
- 4th March.—Exercise "Cream Line" began. Major G. L. Sullivan, M.B.E., M.C., left the Regiment to take command of R.A.C. Ranges, Castlemartin.
- 6th March.—Exercise "Cream Line" ended.
- 9th March.—Regimental main armament firing camp at Zuaga Ranges.
- 14th March.—The Colonel took over temporary command of the District during the absence of Colonel W. P. E. Walton on leave for a fortnight.
- 2nd April.—Major B. C. L. Tayleur rejoined the Regiment from Scottish Command and assumed command of "A" Squadron.
- 3rd April.—The Regiment was visited by the Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Richard L. McCreery, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.
- 6th April.—H.Q. Squadron beat "B" Squadron in the final of the Inter-Squadron Football Competition. The Sergeants' Mess beat the Officers' Mess at cricket.
- 7th April.—2/Lieut. P. F. Fuller rejoined the Regiment from a course at Bovington.
- 16th April.—Medicina Day, observed as a holiday.
- 24th April.—Capt. Mylchreest rejoined the Regiment from 68th Training Regiment, R.A.C., at Catterick.
- 25th April.—Officers' Mess Cocktail Party.
- 26th April.—The Colonel flew to England for Coronation duties.
- 28th April.—Tripoli District Athletic Meeting.
- 9th May.—Regiment beat 42nd Commando at football, 3-1.
- 10th May.—Civilian Race Meeting at Busetta, Tripoli. Capt. J. M. Palmer won the Open Race on "Joul Joul." Capt. W. D. Garbutt won the Regimental Race on "Irak."
- 12th May.—Exercise "Sand Grouse" started.
- 18th May.—Capt. J. R. B. Maitland left the Regiment to return to civil life.
- 20th May.—2/Lieut. M. J. Simmons joined the Regiment from Bovington.
- 2nd June.—Coronation Day, observed as a holiday.
- 8th June.—The Colonel and S.S.M. Le Maitre returned from Coronation duties in London.
- 14th June.—The officers gave a lunch time party to local Arab notables to celebrate the end of Ramadan. The Band played in Sabratha village.
- 15th June.—The Regiment was visited by General Sir Cameron Nicholson, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., C.-in-C. M.E.L.F.
- 19th June.—2/Lieuts. Balfour, Hinton and Stoddart arrived from Mons O.C.S., and were posted to "B," "C" and "A" Squadrons respectively.
- 24th June.—2/Lieut. R. S. Boddington left the Army for civil life.
- 26th June.—Annual Administration Inspection. The Regiment was inspected by the District Commander, Colonel W. P. E. Walton. Coronation Medals were presented.
- 27th June.—L./Cpl. Bampton saved Cpl. Turpie from drowning at great risk to himself.
- 1st July.—2/Lieut. R. Jameson left for 65th Training Regiment. The following officers left for Egypt to take part in the 1st Infantry Division Modern Pentathlon: Major Tayleur, Capt. Mylchreest, 2/Lieuts. Hicks and Hume.
- 11th July.—Regimental team won the 1st Infantry Division Modern Pentathlon.

- 15th July.—Lieut. R. E. D. Harris left the Regiment for 65th Training Regiment, R.A.C.
Brigadier Finlayson (Director of Training, M.E.L.F.) visited the Regiment.
- 25th July.—Visit of the new Chaplain-General, M.E.L.F., the Rev. W. D. C. Williams.
- 30th July.—Major-General Brodie, C.B.E., D.S.O., visited the Regiment.
2/Lieuts. Bowering and Batty joined the Regiment from Mons O.C.S.
- 4th August.—Capt. W. D. Garbutt was married to Miss Anne Bennett at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Tripoli.
- 7th August.—Major G. A. L. C. Talbot left for England.
- 15th August.—Major P. H. Marnham rejoined the Regiment from Germany and assumed command of H.Q. Squadron.
- 12th September.—Tripoli Hunter Trials. Major Tayleur won the main event.
- 29th September.—The Countess Mountbatten of Burma, C.I., G.B.E., C.V.O., visited the Regiment.
- 1st October.—R.E.M.E. Birthday Parade in Tripoli.
- 6th-7th October.—Regimental Rifle Meeting.
- 17th October.—District Motor-Cycle Trials won by members of Regimental R.E.M.E., L.A.D.
- 19th October.—The Bishop of Egypt, the Rt. Rev. Francis F. Johnston, C.B.E., visited the Regiment.
- 3rd November.—2/Lieut. R. D. Baxter arrived from Sandhurst.
- 21st November.—Battle of Ramnuggar was celebrated as a holiday.
Officers versus Sergeants football match. Sergeants' Mess Dance.
- 22nd November.—Ramnuggar Day.
- 27th November.—Capt. J. M. Palmer married Miss Jillian Sherston at Richmond, Yorks.
- 17th December.—Officers' Cocktail Party. His Excellency the Wali of Tripolitania was present.
- 18th December.—Officers' Mess Dance.
- 24th December.—Libyan Independence Day. Regimental holiday.
- 25th December.—Christmas Day.



Tprs. Bell and Goodchild in full dress

"A" SQUADRON NOTES

WE HAVE in the last year dispelled the popular theme that "it's cushy overseas." So much has happened, so many changes have taken place, that we wanted to call this "Disconnected Jotting," which this is going to be. To gain space, may we say welcome to all new members of the Squadron, congratulations to all promotions, and good luck to those who have left us.

We started the New Year off with a Squadron Camp at Bir Maamer, where we quickly learnt that Bren carriers are not tanks and that wells are awfully hard to find with a compass. We were extremely sorry to say farewell to Major Chancellor shortly after camp, which he missed, Major Browne taking temporary command of the Squadron. The weather was warming up before we welcomed our new Squadron Leader, Major B. C. L. Tayleur. The impromptu swimming picnics at the week-end seemed an ideal welcome. We wonder if Cpl. Clark and the Customs at Zuara and their barrier think so; we still notice the bend in it. Incidentally, we have all heard of hanging one's head out of the window; that is to be expected after drinking Christine's and Anna's dry! But L./Cpl. Atkins lifting the floorboards and hanging his head over the "diff" of a Matador is certainly a new one.

The Recce for our next scheme qualified the Squadron Leader to fly the "Red Duster." The Recovery crew really did their stuff, not only rescuing the Morris from a watery grave but, on a preliminary dip before operations, finding the beer which was lost whilst cooling. What was said when they claimed it as Treasure Trove is a story in itself.

The Pisida scheme gave rise to lots of good training, but there are things that happened which will be remembered long after training is forgotten. For instance, the Troop Leader who reported "Enemy approaching" over the air, and duly reporting when he had put it out of action. We do not recollect his operator reporting that it was one of his *own* tanks. Second Troop Leader who, determined not to lose his tank on night exercise, posted look-outs on each valance. It was Tpr. Stokes who first saw the seaweed from periscope depth and stopped, having decided that a life on the ocean wave might be fine



THE LAND ROVER WILL NEVER LOOK THE SAME AGAIN



THE SQUADRON LEADER QUALIFYING FOR THE "RED DUSTER"

but not in a tank. W.O.II Harwidge really lived up to his name ably assisting with his Camels a road block demonstration. It was there that Mr. Guiseppi discovered that a walk in the desert with a shovel can be a tedious task when chased by Very flares. The open country gave opportunity for shooting, which went down very well except for the Brens. First Troop won the Inter-Troop falling plates after quite a tussle. How anyone could shoot after doubling up a 40 ft. sand dune has to be seen to be believed.

Why was it that Tpr. Peachey, having scrambled the eggs so beautifully and paid for them, didn't stay to enjoy them?

On the return trip, whilst one-half of the echelon was busy getting lost, the other half was really "motoring" across the salt flats, without lights much to the consternation of the Squadron Leader, who almost joined the convoy. Truly a camp with a difference, but thoroughly enjoyable.

We congratulate L./Cpl. White on gaining the Bronze Cross and Medallion, Award of Merit and Instructor's Certificate; Cpl. Belcher, Bronze Cross, Medallion and Award of Merit; Tpr. Bessant, Bronze Cross, Medallion and Award of Merit for life saving.

Our heartiest congratulations to Capt. and Mrs. Garbutt on their marriage, which proved the social event of the year, and also the most unexpected. The reception went with a swing, and a lot of us found that emptying a champagne glass was an impossibility.

Anglo-American relations were extremely good, as we trounced them at cricket and they retaliated on the soft-ball pitch.

A mounted gymkhana jointly organized by Tripolitania Police and the 14th/20th King's Hussars in September showed us some extremely good riding. The major event, Handy Hunter, was won by our Squadron Leader.

In the Regimental shoot, "A" Squadron did extremely well, losing only the Pistol Shoot. Sergt. Tasker made quite a track up to the prize table. We also represented the Regiment against Tripolitania Area, once again taking Best Unit Cup, Individual Rifle by L./Cpl. Bogg, Individual Bren by Sergt. MacGregor, Sten Team Cup, Pistol Cup, Falling Plates and Rifle Team Cup.

We were actually at annual Classification Camp whilst a lot of this was taking place, camping at a pleasant spot near Zavia Ranges. Shooting went very well, with one notable exception. Tpr. Brown now knows just what a "cook up" is on the B.E.S.A. We were treated to air attacks by the Aussies at extremely low level, frequently having us worried about our aerals. They accepted an invitation to a Squadron smoker at camp and descended even lower to our level, directed in by an ingenious flare-path. Mr. Goodhart opened the evening with a mighty bang in the form of numerous pounds of gun-cotton, followed immediately by a shower of Very flares from all angles of the camp; at a touch the bonfire was aflame, to the tune of "Waltzing Matilda" from the Regimental Band. Beer followed to the extent of 1,208 bottles. The party was livened with the news of winning the Tripolitania shooting. Fortunately there was a cup, which was filled and drunk on the spot, and then the party was away. The visitors had a little difficulty finding their way out, but thunder-flashes both inside and out of their bus at least kept them moving. Their going left Mr. Bridges wondering how much a bus cost. Not many of the Squadron knew of the patrols that went out that early morning—nor, may we add, cared!

The last night in camp we just had to be raided, so we up and left our opponents an empty camp. Empty except for their flag sorrowfully fluttering at half-mast. Later (from the camp) we did hear someone's plaintive bleat in the night, so we took him into the fold (for "fold" read "well").

Our new S.S.M. arrived only just in time to come with us on an exploratory expedition, pathfinding our way up the Gebel to a field-firing area for the tanks. The first Recce provided the Squadron officers and Capt. McClure with a cold and hungry night stuck out in the wilds.

Transporters took the tanks and 'dozer to the foot of the Gebel, and then climb them we did, every single tank and carrier; even the bulldozer struggled up with the great weight of Bonfield on board. "B" Echelon came into its own and were often running 200 to 400 miles a day keeping supplies going. Even Mrs. Collins was turned out at three o'clock in the morning to supply "early breakfast for six hungry drivers." Troop Leaders now know that it is best to take any rations the "Q" offers, no matter how hard they may be to



"A" SQUADRON SHOOTING TEAM

stow. This time we had Fleet Air Arm co-operation. The Naval Radio Officer attached for four days had ambitions to see and maybe drive a tank. He was no more surprised than the Squadron Leader when he didn't see or hear a tank—or when his planes couldn't find them. No wonder; it was only the fact that tanks have a limited range, or we would have found one troop linked up with the Mau Mau and yet another still going strong across the Sahara. Map reading is an art on its own. Three days rounding up brought us together again—in theory! A general move back started with a cargo of tortoises (Tpr. Constable was reported to have fifteen), and so to the “big descent,” when once again the impossible was accomplished. Even Frith drove his Land Rover down—admittedly the Rover will never be quite the same again. The Squadron joined in a Regimental exercise before reaching Sabratha.

We had not even settled in before Tayleur's Light Infantry were called forward for another two-day exercise. The general opinion of being infantry is unprintable, and very few would change their tanks for a place with P.B.I. We would suggest that one Troop Leader could have saved a seven-mile cross desert march had he learnt the difference between first and reverse gears of a Land Rover!

That brings our news up to date, and it is going to be left until the next HAWK to tell you of Christmas in Libya.



MOUNTED LIBYAN POLICE

"B" SQUADRON NOTES

IT WAS just a year ago that saw the return of the Squadron from its very successful trip to the Fezzan. The Squadron spent a most enjoyable Christmas there with the French Foreign Legion. Since then there have been many changes. Consequently, in writing these notes it has been very difficult to achieve complete continuity. Major Talbot was succeeded by Major D. P. R. Scarr when he left for England prior to his most political appointment in the Canal Zone. There have been two new intakes into the Squadron, and all the officers have changed during this last year.

The early part of the year was mainly spent in receiving and digesting equipment and going to camps. The first of these was at Bir Maamer on the Zavia-Bir Ghnem road in January. We sallied forth to camp with twelve Comets, one of which succeeded in temporarily severing the Regiment's communications with the outside world. There were four troops in those days, each troop having three Comets and Squadron H.Q. pivoting around a jeep and carrier whenever the latter could be persuaded, coaxed or belaboured to be present. The camp proved most successful and wound up with a two-day scheme set by the C.O. The weather was kind, except for one night, when, of course, we were out on a night march. However, S.Q.M.S. Preece's meteorological knowledge was correct, and we all had a strong brew of hot rum on our return.

In March we went to the somewhat cramped gunnery ranges at Zuaga and had four days' shooting. The variety was great; in the shooting we saw an unusual example of ricochet fire at close range, and an ideal coastal strip allowed for all sporting activities from surfing to cricket.

A Regimental exercise in March wound up the general training, and April saw us plunged into a month of intensive individual training. Cadres were run for all trades, and the resources of the Regiment were put at our disposal for this purpose. The results most certainly justified the efforts that both instructors and students had put in.

After having been educated over a period of three weeks, the Squadron went out again to camp on the coast near Zuaga. Here we probably achieved the right mixture of business and pleasure, never really having a dull moment. One lunch time we had a fifteen minutes' warning of an American naval party of an officer and thirty ratings from the U.S.S. *Noxubee*. "Please entertain them for an hour or so," the Adjutant said. "They want to have a picnic in the ruins." From their dazzling white gear they were soon to be seen clambering over the tanks in bathing trunks. Tpr. Chadwick considerably livened proceedings by taking a wadi in a most unorthodox fashion and providing S./Sergt. Bailey and S./Sergt. Docking with an opportunity to perform some unrehearsed recovery. Later we sustained a well-conceived raid by "A" Squadron; however, the glittering prize of the Squadron Leader was not achieved in spite of a certain kidnapping episode. He was spared to see the repair of the ravages of war the next morning.

Shortly after camp a party consisting of 2/Lieut. Balfour, Sergt. Bruce, Cpl. Harding, Sergt. Freeman, L./Cpl. Harrison, Tprs. Richardson, Evans, Throup, Robinson, Gladden, Lloyd, and Cfn. Prattley were off on a Mediterranean cruise. From Malta, next they cruised to Greece and Turkey in H.M.S. *Barfleur*. All thoroughly enjoyed the month at sea, even after putting in some hard work on the L.C.Ts.

We were not undistinguished in the world of sport. During a more than warm spell in early April we played "A" Squadron in the Squadron Football Cup. In a desperate first game we drew 3—3 after extra time. The next day

**ZR71 IN TROUBLE**

we won 2—1. Two days later we lost 1—2 to H.Q. Squadron in the final after leading 1—0 ten minutes from the close. Both spectators and players were exhausted.

We lost the Troop Football Cup, having held it for the past two years, when we played the Band in the semi-final round. We beat them 4—2, but unfortunately were disqualified owing to an error in submitting the team. Though very aggravated, we were delighted to see our very good friends the Band go on to beat a "C" Squadron team in the final.

Our fortunes were mixed at cricket. There was an unofficial Squadron competition at the beginning of the season. Rather surprisingly, we beat H.Q. Squadron first, and then had a reasonably comfortable win over "A" Squadron. We played in the Tripoli District Minor Cricket League and enjoyed matches against all the units in Tripoli. Cpl. Danby did more than his share of work in not only helping to organize the teams but in scoring the runs. L./Cpl. Reid, L./Cpl. Porter, Cfn. Richardson and Cfn. Hunter all played very well.

On 9th April 2/Lieut. Hicks laid on our Squadron Athletics Meeting on a track which he constructed near Sorman. Although little training was done before the meeting, great deeds were done on the day, the air occasionally being rent with the groans of strong men in distress. The final medley race proved a great success and culminated in Sergt. Bruce having a bucket of water poured over him; he seemed to enjoy it as much as the rest of us.

Cpl. Harding and Tpr. Varey both distinguished themselves by winning their weights in the District Boxing Competition.

In late September the Squadron moved out to their previous camp near Zuaga under their new Squadron Leader, Major D. P. R. Scarr. We spent a week of intensive training combined with a variety of sport. Cfn. Richardson and Hunter succeeded in winning the Squadron Golf Tournament for S.R.O. Troop. Diving was beginning to be taken quite seriously, until Tpr. Clay and some others noticed that they were not only losing their tan but a great deal of skin. Yet once again were we attacked by "A" Squadron. The raid was

successfully met, and Cpl. Harding certainly came into his own with a fire bucket full of water; even when empty he did not find it useless.

A small contingent from the Squadron consisting mostly of drivers, operators and a few fitters took part in a Regimental wireless scheme in November. The exercise had no bounds when map references, difficult as they are in the desert, had to be put into Slidex. The scheme proved quite a test in night driving, and it must not go without comment that the Matador in the hands of the S.R.O. Troop found no obstacle too great.

Later the R.A.A.F. came to Idris, and several from the Squadron made up a party from the Regiment that visited them. Sergt. Osborne nearly qualified for his wings, but was found not to be his usual colour on landing. 2/Lieut. Sewell was taken up at a later date and was flown over Sabratha, which was regarded by the pilots as a favourable place on which to carry out ground attacks.

The last exercise of the year took place a little further down the road towards Bir Ghnem at a well called Bir Ben Sciaeb. Much tank training was carried out, and the S.S.M. came into his own when he took the Squadron "star gazing." One very cold evening the Band came out and entertained us. Their magnificent performance certainly dispelled the ill comforts of camping in the cold that evening.

A word must go to the S.R.O. Troop, who under S./Sergt. Bailey and Sergt. Freeman kept the tanks and trucks on the road in spite of the many schemes and exercises the Squadron took part in. Last year we had the misfortune to say farewell to many who had been with the Squadron, but we wish them success in their new ventures.



AN OLD FRIEND
(THE BISHOP OF SABRATHA)

"C" SQUADRON NOTES

WE ENDED 1952 with old 3-tonners, a lot to learn and most of the dust of North Africa to learn it in. We end 1953 with a deal more knowledge of the dust and the same 3-tonners.

1953 has proved a year of change. We started with our full complement of soldiers and were speedily equipped with Comets. We finish the year greatly under strength in both departments. The past twelve months have, however, been of interest and on occasion excitement; in the latter category may be placed Cfn. Robotham's astonishing performance of hitting the S.S.M. in the teeth with part of a Sten bullet whilst he (S.S.M.) was standing behind.

Squadron Camp was held during February and lasted some two weeks, ending up with a Regimentally set exercise. High-lights must include two nameless individuals who managed to lose themselves at night. The first beamed guides on to him by continual loud and plaintive repetition of the phrase "Hey, fellers, it's me! . . . I'm lost." The second lost the way between two tanks some twenty yards apart, and kept walking in ever-decreasing circles from 2300 hours until first light. The final exercise included an eleven mile night march in three legs over some of the worst imaginable country. It was made possible only by the grim determination displayed by 2/Lieut. Bain, S.S.M., S.Q.M.S. and echelon drivers in getting the supplies through despite an active and aggressive Recce Troop.

Other exercises included a seven-day run to Pisida, during which the First Troop Carrier managed to end up vertical in a large ditch due to a combination of indifferent navigation and excessive enthusiasm. A short camp and two Regimental exercises followed later in the year, in which we were fortunate not to find ourselves acting as infantry: this ubiquitous use of cavalry was reserved for others.

No mention of tactical exercises can be complete without mentioning the Troop Leader, who brought an air of reality to a practice battle run by setting fire to an Arab palm frond habitation.

Other and less professional field activities were carried out by the Desert



A BIT OF "C" SQUADRON AS IT WAS



L./Cpl. Clover and Sergt. Cripps

Air Rescue (D.A.R.) Column. Fortunately, there has only been one actual crash, and that without any fatal results. Two false alarms have sent us into turmoil, one of which emanated from an individual suffering from hallucinations on Tripoli Golf Course. One practice turn-out took us to Beni Ulid, starting at 0900 hours one day and returning at 0500 hours the next.

An interesting journey resulted from a trip with several archaeologists and geologists some two hundred miles into the interior to a Roman outpost fort. Tpr. Julian Cook produced some good sketches of the fort, and all the drivers profited by some unusual conditions. A remarkable feature was the improved performance of all vehicles on the return journey. An interesting characteristic common to these vehicles and horses.

In the sporting field we have had our successes. An athletics meeting was held on Ramadi Day, which we won. Particular credit is due to Cpl. Baker, who won the long jump, and Tprs. Goodwin

and Bown for winning the 100 yards and shot respectively.

A Squadron cricket knockout competition was organized at the beginning of the season and one at the end. In the first we were soundly thrashed by "A" Squadron; in the second we had a most exciting final against H.Q. Squadron. It was a two-innings match, and we were set 154 to get in two hours. We failed by the narrow margin of 13 runs, when time and light as much as the opposition defeated us. Capt. James, Cpl. Walsh, Tprs. Springthorpe, Goodwin and Cfn. Allen all contributed with runs and wickets. An exciting game.

A number of Squadron members distinguished themselves in the Regimental Rifle Meeting. Sergt. Shakespeare tied for first place in the Open Rifle Competition, was sixth with the L.M.G. and second in the Open Sten Competition. The Squadron Leader very properly gained honours with the L.M.G. (2nd). The following gained places in the Rifle 16: 2/Lieut. Hume (1st), Major Walsh (5th), Sergt. Shakespeare (9th), L./Cpl. Haven (10th) and Cpl. Hedges (14th).

We are more than sorry to say good-bye to 2/Lieuts. Hume, Kenward and Stopford-Sackville, whom we lose to the rough and tumble of civilian life. Capt. Beart and 2/Lieut. Bain have passed to other tasks in the military world. Sergts. Kenedy, Dawson, Cpl. Baggalley and numerous others have followed the first-mentioned group to civilian life, where we hope Lady Luck will be kind to them. On the other side of the coin we welcome 2/Lieuts. Simmons, Hinton and Baxter. Separately must be mentioned Capt. McClure, who returns after his tour as Adjutant.



"C" Squadron testing the sea

At the time of writing the Squadron is much reduced and consists of a training and trials element. Several intakes have been cadred and passed through to other squadrons. We end the year with the hope of reactivation and winning the D'Arcy Hall Cup, in which competition we are at present co-leaders with H.Q. Squadron.

H.Q. SQUADRON NOTES

DURING THE first three months or so in Sabratha various troops and departments of the Squadron were busier than ever getting the Regiment equipped and operational again. The Q.M.'s and T.Q.M.S. staff were typing out indents in sextuplicate by the hundred, only pausing at frequent intervals for cups of tea, and to telephone the Squadron Leader to plead for extra staff without which, it was pointed out, the Regiment would cease to function. Anyone who could read and who could type with at least one finger was in great demand as a clerk. It was felt that although the Q.M.'s Arab Legion could well provide the carpenters and the general labourers, typing would be a little beyond them, so eventually the Squadron Leader was prevailed upon to lend the Q.M.'s department Tpr. Morris for a week to clear the back log of indents. Needless to say, Tpr. Morris has not yet caught up with the indenting, so rather than risk the smooth running of the Regiment he has long since been transferred to the Q.Ms. Army, where he has been rewarded with a Lance stripe (P.U.L.C.).

As all the Regiment's needs have to come by road from Tripoli, the M.T. Troop have covered thousands of miles on their daily runs along the rather dull straight forty-three miles to Tripoli. Good use could well be made of an automatic pilot, if only the drivers could be relied upon to take over on the occasional bends, and also whenever anyone is so rash as to attempt to overtake them. Much credit is due to the drivers, particularly in the heat of the summer, for the way in which they carry out this ninety-odd miles drive, many of them daily.

On 24th February most of the Squadron abandoned their offices and went out



LIFE HAS ITS HAPPY MOMENTS

on their first exercise since arriving in Sabratha. The whole of "A" and "B" Echelons, including the Sabre Squadron Echelons and the L.A.D., took part in the exercise which was designed to practise movement by road, and where possible across country, and also harbouring and camouflage. The first two days were made most realistic and interesting by virtue of the fact that two squadrons of the Fleet Air Arm provided a very active and hostile enemy air force, which constantly shadowed and attacked the echelons both on the move and on occasions in harbour. So low did some of the attacking Seafires come that operators were quick to attribute the loss of their

aerials to enemy aircraft. Bags of flour were dropped with telling accuracy. The flour was eagerly collected by the troops and bartered for eggs, which the Arabs seemed able to produce even in the remotest parts of the desert.

Enemy ground forces were represented by a small but determined force commanded by Sergt. Cosgrove, who claims to have wrought havoc by ambushing the column on several occasions. All the vehicles successfully negotiated the steep and twisting Garian Pass, much to the relief of the passengers in the backs of the lorries. On the following day the water cart, driven with considerable dash by Tpr. Staff, surprised the experts by crossing a steep banked wadi without the slightest difficulty.

The echelons returned to the comparative civilization of Sabratha on 27th February, having learned, amongst other things, the inconvenience of air inferiority, the bartering value of flour, and the ease with which even a rotund figure like Capt. Jackson's can, with the help of a blanket, be disguised to look like an Arab.

The Squadron next went out from 4th-6th March on a Regimental exercise in the El Uotia-Zuara area. Although on this occasion the echelons were not harassed by enemy aircraft, the threat of ambushes kept people alert. Capt. Jackson, no doubt finding life at R.H.Q. rather quiet, did in fact call out the scammell, with Cpl. Madden, L./Cpl. Weaver and Cfn. Westwood aloft, to recover a fictitious casualty, only to reward them for their quick response by suddenly adopting the role of enemy and ambushing and destroying the whole party with smoke bombs. So disgusted was Mr. Masser at being attacked by his own Sunray, and so suspicious was he of further betrayal, that he firmly resisted all Capt. Jackson's attempts to entice him out to the rescue of his crew, who were in the meantime enjoying a quick brew.

A squadron camp at Leptis Magna was planned from 14th-19th May, but no sooner had all the tents been pitched, some admittedly with the roof inside out, than a message was received from the Regiment ordering the Squadron back to Sabratha on the following morning. Permission was, however, subsequently given to camp nearer Sabratha and a suitable site was found on the coast just north of Zavia, where a small harbour used by tunney boats offered good bathing and diving.

The past year has seen a considerable number of changes in the Squadron. Capt. Wreford handed over Second-in-Command to Capt. Maitland on 30th



L./CPL. REDMAN, L./CPL. TOWELL, TPR.
NORTON AND S.I. CHANNON



H.Q. SQUADRON FOOTBALL TEAM

January, before going to the Canal Zone as G.III Intelligence. On leaving the Army early in May Capt. Maitland handed over to Lieut. Harris, who in turn handed over to Capt. Mylchreest on 8th June, prior to going to the 65th Training Regiment, R.A.C. Major D. P. R. Scarr took over "B" Squadron from Major Talbot early in August and handed over H.Q. Squadron to Major Marnham, who had just returned to the Regiment from a Staff Appointment in Germany. The Squadron lost two old and popular faces in Sergrts. Cosgrove and Wallace, who left the Regiment in April and May respectively *en route* for their release from the Army.

In the realm of sport the Squadron has had a very successful year. We won the Inter-Squadron Football Cup on 6th April by beating "B" Squadron, and we were fourth out of nineteen teams in the Tripoli District Minor League, having won 11 games, lost 4, drawn 2 and had two walk overs. Ten days later the Band won the Inter-Troop Football Cup by beating 2nd Troop of "C" Squadron. In the athletics the Squadron relay team—L./Cpl. Towell, Tpr. Norton, Sigm. Redman—ran well to come second to "B" Squadron. Finally, we won the Inter-Squadron Cricket Cup by beating "C" Squadron.

The Squadron football team was represented by the following: C./Cpl. Noble, Cpl. Banham, Sigm. Harton, Cfn. Groves, L./Cpl. Beck, Cfn. Burton, Bdsmn. Jones, L./Cpl. Dickinson, L./Cpl. Russell, Sergt. Shadbolt, and Cfn. Underwood.

SQUADRON RIFLE MEETING NOTES

The Regimental Rifle Meeting took place in October and the Squadron, after very little training, did well to come in second place, this being mainly due to the efforts of our star performers like R.S.M. Charlton and S.Q.M.S. Reynolds, who came first and second respectively in the Revolver Championship.

Again S.Q.M.S. Reynolds came second, Sergt. Smith third and Capt. Mosse sixth in the Open Rifle Championship, while these three with help from S.S.M. Moore reached the final of the Falling Plates and only lost after a very close match with "A" Squadron.

In the L.M.G. Championship our performers were all quite well placed, with none in the top bracket excepting Capt. Mossé, who came third. The Sten gun

team consisting of Capt. Mossé, R.S.M. Charlton, S.Q.M.S. Reynolds and Sergt. Smith was second.

All these results go to prove that a team cannot be held together by a few stars and perhaps next year some of our younger members will come forward and enable the Squadron to produce a really balanced team.

BAND NOTES

"I travelled among unknown men
In lands beyond the sea;
Nor, England! did I know till then
What love I bore to thee."

THESE AND similar sentiments, though couched in language somewhat less poetical, have expressed the thoughts of many a weary musician (and others, perhaps) dwelling in Sabratha, or trundling along the uneven roads and tracks of the district.

Despite such attacks of home-sickness, however, much has been accomplished, and maybe because of our isolation a grand spirit of comradeship has developed in the Band which has undoubtedly helped us to get over many difficulties peculiar to this part of the world.

Very soon after our arrival the Band was regularly occupied with rehearsing and recording a series of broadcast programmes for the Forces Broadcasting Service. At first these programmes were broadcast "live" from Tripoli on Sunday mornings with a Saturday morning rehearsal, causing remarks like "Hello! The Band's off to Tripoli for another week-end" to issue forth from sundry soldiers who considered the evidence before their eyes unquestionable. However, much has been learned by the Band itself through playing so frequently before the microphone, though to avoid any misunderstanding it should be recorded that no payment is made to any artists broadcasting from F.B.S.

It was very pleasant during our first five months or so in Sabratha to have the Band of the 16th/5th Lancers so near us at Zavia. We met on many occasions, and most notably for a game of hockey. To our own surprise and



CPL. DICKINSON AND BDSN. JONES WORKING HARD

the consternation of Bandmaster Noble we succeeded in making this, our first attempt at hockey, a drawn game!

In April we played the 16th/5th Lancers off as they embarked in H.M.T. *Empire Windrush* for England, and we were more than sorry to see them depart, for, sentiment apart, it meant that we were the only band left in the district, and indeed in North Africa east of Suez. It was therefore not without a great deal of sense of responsibility that we made our preparation for the forthcoming Coronation ceremonies and festivities.

First came the parade itself, a representative one comprising detachments from all units, the salute being taken by Her Majesty's British Minister to Libya, Sir Alec Kirkbride. All went well on the day, and it was not without pride that the Band observed that the detachment from "A" Squadron who represented the Regiment completely outshone the remainder of the parade in their turn-out and marching.

Soon after this parade was over the Band proceeded to play at the residence of H.M. British Minister, where amidst an atmosphere akin to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party music suitable to such a glittering assembly and the occasion was dispensed.

So to evening time, when the Dance Band performed at the Del Mahair Hotel until 2 a.m. next morning. To those members of the Regiment who may have felt that they were neglected by the Band at Sabratha on Coronation Day we therefore record the above programme of movements and regret most sincerely our inability to be in two places at the same time.

And to those readers who would like to know what was done within the Regiment during the year, let our activities be summarized thus:

Sunday Morning Concerts (Sergeants' Mess Courtyard).—These programmes were given during the months of February-April, when the weather was just right and when our broadcasting visits to Tripoli permitted.

Each Tuesday during the Summer.—Guard-mounting ceremony with the Band in attendance, followed by a concert to all ranks in the N.A.A.F.I. Courtyard.

Ramnugger Night.—A session of old-tyme dancing which proved a great success, being also designed to show that our forefathers knew a thing or two about entertainment in habitually employing the military band to play for dancing.

Visits to Squadrons in Camp.—The Band had the pleasure of visiting "A" Squadron in camp on 24th October, when the desert air at night was repeatedly rent with the lusty singing proceeding from dozens of throats well lubricated with alcohol and charged with the enthusiasm of youth. They were quite equally matched by "B" Squadron on 9th December, whom we visited in their cosy hideout at Bir something or other. Reflection on this visit makes it somewhat obscure as to whether the Band was entertaining the Squadron, or vice versa, but certainly a particularly good time was had by all, and especially by the members of the Band who were taken for a joy-ride by Sergt. Osborne in a Centurian.

The climax of our year's activities with the Regiment undoubtedly came with a variety concert organized by the Sergeants' Mess which took place on the evening of Boxing Day. For this event it was found quite impracticable to use the Military Band, so an "orchestra" was "sorted out," and it is fortunate that this was attempted well in advance, for the final demands made upon it were almost as big as those encountered by the Palladium Orchestra itself.

An unusually large number of members have left the Band this year. Those having completed five years' service are as follows: L./Cpls. Fitzjohn and Wilkinson, Bdsn. Scriven, Head, Cooke and Seward.

Our good wishes go out to these ex-members of the Band for their future careers, and also to Bdsn. Wilsher, Salmon and Cpl. Aitchison, who were

advised by the R.A.M.C. to return to a more salubrious climate. A further depletion to our forces is suffered by the departure of our Trumpet-Major Hughes, with whom we sympathize in the unfortunate ill-health of his wife, hoping she may be restored to full health and strength in the near future.

Three members of the Band have also departed for a year's course of instruction at Kneller Hall—Bdsn. Moore, Smith and Furner—and we wish them success in their studies. At the same time we welcome back from Kneller Hall, Bdsn. Burnett, Moores and Osborne, and Cpl. Palmer.

Without some reinforcement the Band would by this time have been in poor shape, so we welcome newcomers to the fold in Bdsn. Sinclair from the R.M.A. Band, Camberley, and from civilian life Boy Millward, Tprs. Buckle, Woodcraft, Ripley and Green, not to mention Tpr. Hector, who called in as it were on his way to conquer other fields.

Our football activities seem to need a section to themselves, and are therefore appended below.

After a very successful football season last year, in which the Band won the D'Arcy Hall Cup for the first time, great things were expected this year. The start of the 1953-4 season was none too happy, however, and the Band sustained repeated defeats from teams who, taken on paper form, they should have defeated easily.

Now that the season is well under way again things are looking much brighter. L./Cpl. Dickinson and Bdsn. Jones play for the Squadron, the former player also for the Regimental team. With the return of Cpl. Palmer and Bdsn. Burnett from Kneller Hall, and a newcomer to the Band, Tpr. Green—a very good player with a kick in either foot—the Band are once again getting a strong side together. Green takes the place of Bdsn. Moore, who has gone to Kneller Hall on a course.

The Band has been playing some very good games, notably the one against Zavia Secondary School, who just won by the odd goal of seven after a very hard fight. Another was the 10—1 thrashing of the Books, Q.M. Staff and the Arabs combined. There is great rivalry between the M.T. and the Band, but of the very many encounters that they have had the Band have come out best on all but one occasion.



THE BAND FOOTBALL TEAM
Winners of the D'Arcy Hall Cup

Despite the fact that the Squadron seems to have difficulty in finding a suitable goalkeeper, the Band does not suffer in this way, having four of them. One of them, Bdsn. Trego, reserve goalkeeper for the Band, has played for the Squadron but plays at inside-left for the Band matches.

The Band's main goal scorers are L./Cpl. Dickinson at centre-forward and Bdsn. Jones (inside-right), but Bdsn. Ripley, also a newcomer, scores some very good goals from the outside-left position. The defence is quite strong, and Bdsn. Daniels in goal brings off some really fine saves.

Now that the D'Arcy Hall Cup draws near again the Band are confident of giving the teams a big run for their money.

R.E.M.E. L.A.D. NOTES

THE L.A.D., having overcome the many problems connected with "phase II," has now settled down quickly, and we find ourselves very much a part of our parent Regiment. The job was tackled with enthusiasm, mainly due to the stalwarts of long standing with the Regiment.

The state of the transport when we arrived was at a very low ebb, but after a concerted effort on the part of everyone, squadrons soon became more or less mobile, and SOS calls on the recovery section became fewer. The L.A.D. was split into sections and sent to squadrons, the largest of these remaining in H.Q. Squadron. Once the tanks arrived the Sabre Squadrons quickly got into their stride, and we all gained valuable experience as operational squadron exercises became the order of the day.

The first major recovery was carried out over slightly greater distances than was the normal practice in England. The round trip was, in fact, just over 1,000 miles. It was instituted by Major Sullivan and executed by Capt. Jackson, to the detriment of S./Sergt. Walker. Two engines were flown into the wilds of the Fezzan by the U.S.A.F. and changed at a French Foreign Legion outpost, with the aid of legionnaires and a more than adequate supply of vino. There was some doubt as to the army in which A.Q.M.S. Rolph was serving after their return to camp.

The L.A.D., having settled down to normal working routine, decided to take advantage of the surrounding countryside and carry out an exercise of its own under the leadership of 2/Lieut. Masser. This took the form of a desert trek covering about 300 miles over the Gebel. It included the Garian Pass, well known to many members of this Regiment. The Scammell, an ancient 6x4, confounded the critics by treating the slopes and bends with disdain, much to the delight of Cpl. Maddon. Hidden talent was discovered by the catering abilities of Cpl. Traynor and his able assistants, to whom the L.A.D. were extremely grateful.



THE R.E.M.E. BIRTHDAY PARADE

The next occasion in which the L.A.D. participated in a role other than a local garage was a full Regimental exercise which took us back into the Gebel. To start with everything ran smoothly, although it must be pointed out that 4x2 vehicles in soft sand can sink more rapidly than submarines. The closing stages of the exercise proved more eventful, when the area had to be cleared of the sick, lame and lazy. A shaggy sheep-dog in the form of our E.M.E. tending a stray, *i.e.*, a 1-tonner sinking forlornly up to its axles in good old Sugar Able Nan Dog, was eventually brought back to the fold by S./Sergt. Walker and his merry men. This was followed up by a most disastrous catastrophe. Sergt. Paffey succeeded in reducing to the horizontal the "Char Waggon" resulting in his finest attempt at an Irish stew.

Another exercise with the Regiment, "Bare Bones," proved the ability of both drivers and vehicles. Here again the closing stages proved the most interesting. Sergt. Dickinson managed to lay his 3-tonner down in a most graceful manner, although not so graceful as the parabola described by Capt. Garbutt through the cupola. Big Head No. 1, having floundered in the mud, had to call for assistance, much to his disgust, from Big Head No. 2. It will take many pints to live this down. The casualties of the battle area were cleared in time for all to return to camp and attend the Ethel Revnell Follies.

It is with much regret that during the past year we have seen the departure of many of the founder members of the L.A.D. First and foremost, our O.C., Capt. Jackson, who has passed into "Civvy Street," where the going is even rougher than the Gebel. Secondly, his able assistant, 2/Lieut. Bill Masser, who has gone up, not to 1,000 feet, but to Cambridge. Another absentee is A.Q.M.S. Rolph, who has also joined the Bowler Hat Brigade—it is rumoured abroad that there is a glut in the mushroom market. Congratulations are extended to A.Q.M.S. Thompson, who has ably filled the post of his predecessor and now has a "baby" to play with; also to S./Sergt. Docking, Sergts. Southwell, Freeman and Marshall on promotion.

We are very pleased to welcome as our new O.C. Capt. Giblett and 2/Lieut. Morris as his second-in-command.

The L.A.D. as a whole took every advantage of the warm Mediterranean Sea on free afternoons and spent most of their spare time swimming or sleeping on the beach. Sabratha, being on the coast, gave every opportunity for aquatic pursuits, with the aid of Shufti Scopes and misappropriated gas masks. The only successful fisherman was Cfn. Duggan, whose catch was not even appreciated by the L.A.D. dog "Ginger."

The following swimmers represented the L.A.D.: S./Sergt. Walker, Cfn. Philbrick, Underwood and Paterson, who came second to the Regiment in the District Championships. Cfn. Duggan was awarded the Order of Merit and Bronze Medallion, and L./Cpl. Weaver the Bronze Medallion for life saving.

Congratulations are extended to S./Sergt. Walker, Sergt. Smith and L./Cpl. Bogg on their efforts in the shooting field, also to Sergt. Southwell, L./Cpl. Hughes and Cfn. Prattley for their success in the Motor-Cycle Trials. Football has been a sport that has been enjoyed by all, but has not met with any outstanding successes or overwhelming defeats.

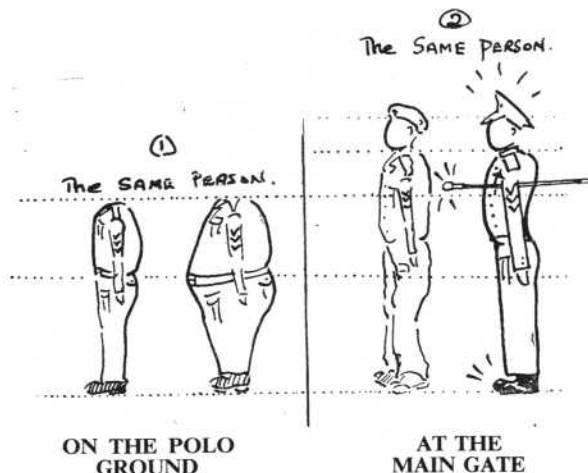
“X” TROOP, ROYAL SIGNALS

SINCE THE last issue of THE HAWK the members of the Troop have practically changed over. We've said good-bye to Sergt. Harris, who has gone to the Canal Zone, and in his place welcomed Sergt. Brill. We've also bid farewell to Cpls. Redman, Watts and Barton and L./Cpls. Smith and Whitehead. But in the realm of sport our greatest loss has been Signmn. Harton, who did so very much to help get us to the semi-finals of the Inter-Troop Soccer Competition, when we were beaten by the Band, who went on to win the Cup.

When the Troop is not engaged in establishing telephonic communications on the rifle range (to enable the Troop Officer to know exactly how he's shooting!) or repairing the electric irons, gramophones and other impedimenta that a Cavalry Regiment carries about with it, we play our wireless sets, and one day we did speak strength five to Ghirza, 190 miles as the crow flies (if any crows are stupid enough to fly that way).

The telephonic communications within the camp are now much improved. For instance, if a caller wants the M.T.O., it's a pretty safe bet he'll get either the M.T.O. or the schoolhouse, and not the Quartermaster as always used to happen.

We must offer congratulations to Sergt. Carney on his promotion, and to L./Cpl. Kemp in his passing his trade test in erecting flag poles. Our new flag is now displayed, but as your scribe writes a strong gale is blowing, and he wonders whether even the flag pole will be there tomorrow. Our commiserations to L./Cpl. Slater upon his nearly winning the high jump in the Regimental athletics, a very good performance. Perhaps jumping on and off “A” Squadron tanks attending to their wireless wants had some hand in his training.



THE DUKE OF LANCASTER'S OWN YEOMANRY

THE YEAR 1953 has been a very busy one for us, but by far the most important event was the publication in the *London Gazette* of 1st September, 1953, that Her Majesty The Queen had graciously consented to assume the appointment of Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment. It was with the greatest satisfaction that we received this news, which continues into another reign a distinction which we have enjoyed since King William IV first assumed the appointment in 1834. It is an additional source of pride that we are now the only regiment in the Territorial Army who can claim this honour.

There have been a number of changes in the Permanent Staff since last year. In January, Major Desmond Scarr arrived to take over the duties of Training Major at the end of his tour of duty with the Staff of H.Q. 6th Armoured Division. Some O.Rs. have left to return to Regimental duty, and our Permanent Staff is now as follows: Training Major, Major D. E. R. Scarr; Quartermaster, Major A. J. Jones, M.B.E., T.D.; Adjutant, Capt. P. L. J. Groves; W.O.I R. W. Easto (R.S.M.); W.Os.II E. Prescott, W. T. Hardwidge, S. A. Cox, F. L. Moore; Sergts. W. H. Bentley, G. Elliott; A./Sergt. E. V. Carter; Cpls. E. Jones, B. N. Marshall, D. W. M. Manley, R. W. Hart, J. J. Jowett; L./Cpls. N. V. Arksey, C. R. Dodd, J. Haven, T. K. Hunter; Tprs. A. R. Bell, W. Jackson, A. W. Howard, A. E. W. Wallis, W. E. Burney.

Much of our time during the first half of the year was spent in preparation for Coronation Parades both in London and locally. For the London parade we supplied a marching party of 1 and 4 and a street-lining party of 1 and 17, and we also turned out contingents in support of local events in districts near our various drill halls. All went extremely well, although I must regretfully report the occurrence of a slight scene between my Adjutant and Training Major as to who should command a mounted escort to the beauty queen of Chorlton-cum-Hardy!

A few weeks later we sent a party of twenty-five Old Comrades to attend the Queen's Review of Ex-Servicemen in Hyde Park, and in the meanwhile were becoming very occupied with preparations for Annual Camp.

This was held this year on Salisbury Plain from 9th to 23rd August, and was of particular importance because we were for the first time since the war taking part in Divisional training. We received a welcome addition to our officer strength in the person of Capt. Michael Palmer, who spent the whole period with us as Signals Officer.

After two days' preliminary training we carried out a Regimental exercise, followed by two-day Brigade exercises for each squadron. The Divisional exercise "Scamperdown" occupied Monday to Thursday of the second week. It can be imagined, therefore, that we had very little time for relaxation, but we did manage to fit in a most successful Sergeants' Mess Dinner on Wednesday of the first week and an Officers' Guest Night on the Friday, at which we had the pleasure of entertaining no less than four ex-C.Os., including Colonel Eddy Studd. The general verdict was, I think, that the whole camp was a great success, coupled with a certain amount of relief that such a strenuous one will not occur again next year.

We have recently started our New Year's training after a few weeks' pause, and are expecting to go to Kirkcudbright for a gunnery camp next August.

14th/20th KING'S HUSSARS WIVES' CLUB

THE 14th/20th King's Hussars Wives' Club or, as it is more familiarly known, "The Families Club" really came into being in January, 1952, when the Regiment moved from Catterick to Crookham.

In Catterick the families of the 14th/20th King's Hussars more or less amalgamated with the families of the 65th Training Regiment, and on arrival in Crookham it was very quickly felt that a club of our own was not only desirable but a definite necessity; primarily for all wives to get to know each other, and secondly to enable all of us to enjoy outings and a party for the children of the Regiment at Christmas and any other enjoyment that cropped up. It started off with a small loan as float from the P.R.I. and an active committee of six. The six members were voted for, and each rank had a representative. A rule was also passed making the wife of the Colonel automatically the President and the wife of the R.S.M. Treasurer. When the club started the committee was as follows: Mrs. Woodd, President; Mrs. James, Secretary; Mrs. Charlton, Treasurer; Mrs. Volley, Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Duffy.

Like all new ventures, we had our share of teething troubles—finding suitable premises, arranging our quota of tea and other rationed goods at that time, and, of course, the big and ever-present difficulty of trying to please everyone. But by and large it was a very happy affair, and its attendance grew weekly. The committee worked very hard, meeting twice a month to discuss any problems that arose, to arrange a variety of entertainment, and to watch over the nice steadily rising little bank balance.

The club charges an entrance fee, which includes tea and a game of beetle, which is one of the most popular games, carrying also an excellent prize. At least once a month other amusements were introduced, notably a quiz team. Members were chosen from various branches of the Regiment, who answered questions in their own inimitable way, consisting of Capt. McClure, Capt. Roberts, Mr. Guiseppi, Sergt. Winstanley and Sergt. Cosgrove. We were also able to invite the ladies of the R.A.M.C. Elizabethan Club to our meetings, which were enjoyed by everyone and helped to enlarge our circle of friends in Crookham. And so the club flourished and prospered.

Some of our activities during that summer consisted of an outing by char-a-banc to Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight, a huge party for all the children at Christmas, 1952, and a jumble sale.

During March Mrs. Volley, a staunch and energetic member of the committee, went to Bovington, and everyone missed her very much. Her place was ably filled by Mrs. Thompson, who still continues the good work.

Our last summer in Crookham we took the opportunity presented by the Regimental week-end to stage a cricket match between the ladies of the club and the Sergeants' Mess.

To level our enthusiasm with their ability the Sergeants' team bowled and batted left-handed. A rousing and exciting game ensued. We very quickly established our superiority, only to be baulked from ultimate victory by S.S.M. Le Maitre, a natural left-hander whose crime remained undetected until too late.

This ended our stay in Crookham on a high note.

On arrival in Sabratha the club had to slightly readjust itself. A new committee had to be formed, as owing to other commitments Mrs. James could no longer continue as secretary, and her place was taken over by Mrs. Roberts. It was also decided that two more members would be voted for to fill the vacancies left by Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Duffy, who remained in England. Mrs. Le Maitre and Mrs. Walker were added.

As Christmas was almost upon us, hurried arrangements had to be made for the Christmas Party which was held in the Sergeants' Mess.

The children's presents were exceptionally well chosen by Mrs. Charlton and Mrs. Thompson, and were greatly enjoyed by all.

The club soon adjusted itself to life abroad and, having found temporary headquarters in the school house, continued to meet each week.

Owing to cooking facilities being difficult, it was regretfully decided to forgo our weekly "Home Cooking," at which three members in turn used to provide home-made cakes and sandwiches, a weekly treat much looked forward to by all members. However it was decided to have only tea and biscuits.

June, 1953, brought many festivities, amongst the foremost being the Club's Coronation Party, which was organized by Mrs. Roberts helped by the committee—a notable success. During the magnificent tea each child was presented with a souvenir Coronation mug and ended a perfect day with fireworks on the beach. Then Christmas, 1953, rounded off a successful year with another children's party.

We are now well established and thoroughly familiar with local conditions and look forward to 1954 without the apprehensions felt for 1953.



THE DOCTOR'S WEEKLY DOG PARADE—MOM

Date: Wednesday, 19th August. Second day of Exercise "Scamperdown." Last day of Fifth Test Match.

Scene: R.H.Q. Capt. Palmer on Command Set.

Message (from C.O.'s rover): "Hello 17, CRICKET—objective captured, over."

Capt. Palmer: "17 Roger out." Then to his operator, "What the hell is cricket? I can't find it on the list of code words."

SERGEANTS' MESS NOIES

THE PAST year has again been a successful one in all Mess activities; Medicina was once again a resounding success and very well attended. At last we managed to get the remaining "I was there" chaps together, and a photo was taken for posterity and anyone else who cared to buy it. A bit of a teaser for old members—the photo shows ten officers and sergeants. Can you guess who they are?

The builders and decorators moved in during the summer, and the final result was very pleasing indeed. Visitors never tire of telling us that it is the best Mess in Tripolitania; it most certainly equals, if not better, anything we had in Germany or Italy.

Quite a large crowd turned out to see the Officers v. Sergeants Cricket Match during the summer, and after the usual struggle we managed to pull it off, winning by five wickets and 34 runs.

Ramadi was celebrated in the usual fine style, but the title of "Entertainment of the Year" easily goes to Ramnuggar: we were back to pre-war style with all the trimmings, the attendance was enormous, and everyone set out to enjoy themselves. The toast and passing round the Ramnuggar Cup was a very impressive ceremony. The job of drinking the remains of the Cup went this year to Sergt. Holdaway, who found that the steady drinking of about two bottles of champagne was too much for him; he has since assured me that it doesn't make a good hair tonic. But his blues smelt very nice, thank you. This was also by way of being a farewell to R.S.M. Charlton, and I must say that he and the committee gave us all something to remember. As I said before, we had a wonderful attendance: most of our guests made a round trip of a hundred miles and upwards to be present, and considered it well worth the trouble.

Members attended full strength a smoker to bid farewell to R.S.M. Charlton; it turned out to be a real stag party and a most enjoyable evening.



MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENT STILL SERVING WHO FOUGHT AT MEDICINA,
16th APRIL, 1944



SERGEANTS' MESS DANCE

It never rains but it pours. Hot on the heels of Ramnuggar came a visit from members of H.M.S. *Forth*, who seemed determined to have Ramnuggar again (less dancing). Most members, still reeling from the shock of the year's finest show, caught another one on the rebound from the members of Her Majesty's Navy; nevertheless it was good fun, especially when our guests turned hosts to us at District Mess a few days later.

Sergt. Coles had just about cleared away the empties and washed the glasses, and Christmas was here with a bang. The children's annual party was the opener, with Uncle Santa Winstanley Claus giving away the presents. The 23rd saw the Sergeants' Mess Glee Club on their carol-singing tour. It seems that they arrived at the house of one sergeant who was having a bath and promptly proceeded to stoke up until steam was coming out of the tap. The poor chap, who by now resembled a blushing lobster, had the audacity to voice a complaint, with the result that someone (who decided that he was cooking too quickly) turned on the cold shower; the ensuing conversation cannot be printed here—you can't be very articulate when your skin is coloured a mixture of red and blue. I nearly forgot to tell you who was in the bath. Winstanley is the name.

Once again the Mess gave the Boxing Day variety show, ably assisted by the Band. Mademoiselles Walker, Blake, Urquhart, Raine and Winstanley opened with a wonderful demonstration of how the Can-Can should not be done. This was followed by a number of slick sketches and individual turns, ending up with community singing. The whole show lasted a little over two and a half hours and was a great success. The house was, as last year, packed to capacity.

The whole Mess join in wishing R.S.M. and Mrs. Charlton the best of luck in their new station. S.S.M. Le Maitre is holding down the high office (excuse the pun) until Mr. Charlton's successor arrives.

Look out, members! Here's New Year's Eve right behind us.



CAPT. ROBERTS, SERGT. JUDE, SERGT. PLUNKETT, S.S.M. MOORE



SERGT. WINSTANLEY, SERGT. THOMPSON, S.S.M. MOORE

OLD COMRADES' NEWS-LETTER

NINETEEN FIFTY-THREE in many ways was quite an eventful year for many of us.

Firstly the Reunion, which was again a great success and attracted many more of our old friends who appeared for the first time.

Fortunately, Lieut.-Colonel B. B. N. Woodd, Commanding the Regiment, was flown home from North Africa to attend the Coronation and was in time to attend the Reunion and so give us all the news of what has been happening in the Regiment since its arrival in foreign parts.

It was all very interesting and pleasing to hear that they are still carrying on in the old tradition—well on top—with the exception, perhaps, of the news of the result of the Connaught Cup.

There was much tearing of hair and gnashing of teeth among older members of Connaught teams when the news was made known. However, better luck next time.

One final word on the Reunion. The number finding their way inside Bush House without paying for a ticket seems to be on the increase each year. Whilst we always welcome everyone to come along and meet friends and enjoy the evening, it is only fair to mention that, owing to the increased costs in postage, printing and everything that goes with running the O.C.A. these days, it would be appreciated if every effort be made to "pay your way."

On the other hand, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who so kindly donated their small change to the funds.

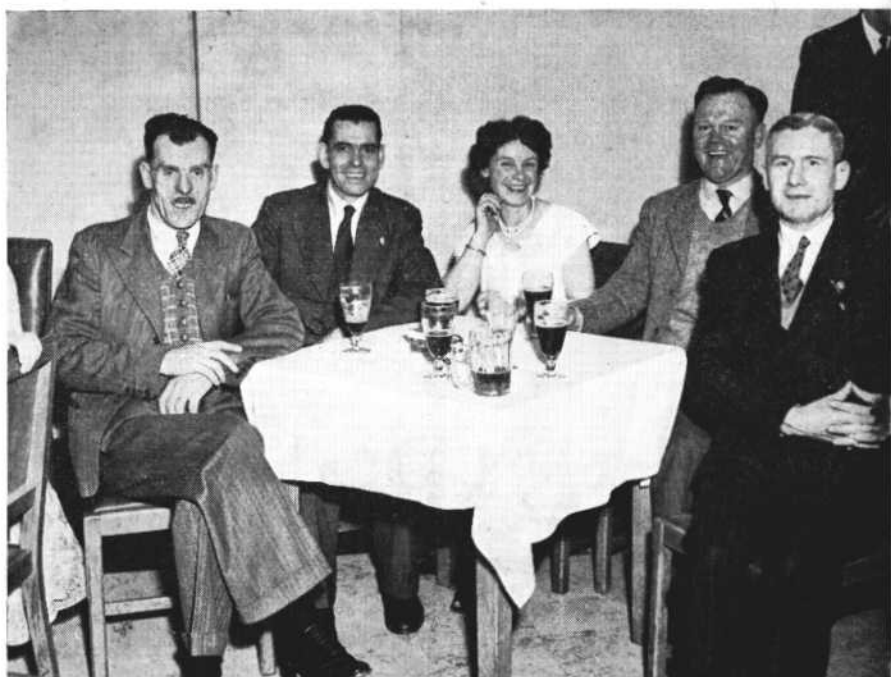
During the evening Tpr. A. Sillett, who did not go overseas with the Regiment, was presented with the "Tilney Bowl" award for his sportsmanship throughout the year, and later in the evening L./Cpl. E. Fenton called in fresh from Wembley, where he had been assisting Blackpool in the F.A. Cup Final, to display his F.A. Cup-winning medal.

The following attended the Reunion: Brigadier J. G. Browne, Brigadier J. B. Norton; Colonels J. A. T. Miller, O. J. F. Fooks, D'Arcy Hall, R. J. Stephen, E. B. Studd, B. B. N. Woodd; Majors J. B. Walker, J. P. S. Pearson, J. J. Mann, W. J. Smith, P. T. Drew, A. R. Sturt; Capts. P. Marnham, G. S. Sanders, M. Urban-Smith, H. B. Hewitt, P. P. H. Moffat, J. W. Hurndall; Messrs. S. J. Hinde, E. J. Clayton, J. M. Pentland, J. D. Cunningham, M. J. Simmons, D. Glaze, C. V. Shepperd, C. A. Phillips, L. H. Dixon, R. W. Jones, C. Pilborough, C. W. White, T. W. Corbett, H. Simpson, T. Weston, J. Wells, S. Scott, H. St. Pierre, F. G. Coath, E. Crompton, D. Lewin, J. Burnett, F. Walters, J. Murray, R. Blessed, M. Drury, G. Nichols, R. Hickmott, J. Pearl, L. Bingham, R. Higgs, C. Hawkes, A. Dixon, I. J. Newey, P. Byrne, B. Birchnell, L. J. Adams, R. Singer, W. Brown, W. A. Bradley, T. Feaver, E. Kirby, A. Bunce, H. Dell, R. Woodward, N. Hayley, R. Luck, R. Seth, H. J. Davis, A. D. Davis, H. C. Harris, S. Follows, W. J. Adams, P. W. Jones, H. Nalty, C. F. Bishop, D. Hales, J. Spooner, J. E. Jones, H. Freeman, R. Reeves, D. A. Walters, W. Moore, C. Smith, F. Blackwell, E. Elkins, A. McKay, P. Harmer, C. H. Harris, T. Aston, P. Challis, R. Tripp, H. Brodie, R. J. Aston, F. G. Grout, S. G. Smith, R. Sherwood, A. Mackay, J. Shepperd, D. R. Wilson, A. Robertson, A. Bailey, J. Grogan, A. Dixon, L. E. Moore, H. Parr, J. Curry, J. Eccleston, W. Shenton, A. Cosgrove, H. Hallard, G. Etheridge, G. Crabtree, L. E. Powell, B. Young, P. Kelleher, J. H. Taylor, F. Stacey, A. R. Wheeler, S. A. Wheeler, J. B. Williams, R. W. Jones, H. Goodman, G. Penfold, R.S.M. Easto, A. Sillett, E. Fenton, V. Sharp, H. Tissington, E. Farrell.

The 20th Hussars held a very successful Reunion Dinner at "The Windsor Castle," Victoria, on 27th June.



FOUR REGULAR ATTENDERS AT THE REUNION



EX-TPR. PARR, FARR./CPL. SPOONER, CPL. GLAZE, CPL. BLACKWELL
ALL PRE-WAR MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENT

Quite a number of the old 20th attended, and under the guidance of the President (Lieut.-Colonel Romer-Lee), the Chairman (Lieut.-Colonel W. D'Arcy Hall) and the Secretary ("Jock" Cameron) riding on a loose rein, a very good time was had by all.

The Combined Cavalry Old Comrades Memorial Service on the Sunday following the Reunion was a tremendous show.

For the first time, thanks to it being Coronation year, several Cavalry bands were brought home from overseas, and we mustered six bands on the parade, all dressed in their No. 1 dress which they would be wearing on the Coronation.

A great pity, though, the old familiar overalls and spurs were not to be seen. Anyway, it added a great splash of colour to the parade and drew a very large crowd of spectators.

Unfortunately, H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester, who was to have taken the salute at the March Past, was at the time carrying out Royal duties at the Coronation of the young King of Iraq.

His place at the Cavalry Memorial was taken by General Sir George de S. Barrow, the parade being commanded by General Sir Richard L. McCreery, our present Colonel of the Regiment.

The Regimental wreath, always worth seeing, was laid at the Memorial prior to the service and, along with many others, was on view after the service.

The above was followed very closely with the Coronation, and we were fortunately permitted by the Ministry of Pensions to purchase four tickets at £4 each for stand seats for ex-members of the Regiment.

We took full advantage of this, and two of these tickets had to be for members who were disabled, and the names and addresses of all ticket-holders had to be submitted to the Ministry of Pensions.

The Ministry of Pensions also gave us two free tickets for a selected standing position at the Wellington Memorial at Hyde Park Corner.

After much difficulty and correspondence, tickets finally went to: Standing places, H. Hallard and J. H. Taylor; Disabled, B. Hay and H. Free; Others, C. Hawkes and A. McKay.

Letters of thanks and appreciation were received from all the above recipients.

On Sunday, 5th July, Her Majesty The Queen inspected ex-Service men and women in Hyde Park. It was probably one of the hottest days of the year, and our contingent of fifty began to assemble with the remainder of all ex-Cavalrymen behind Knightsbridge Barracks at 11.30 a.m., forming the majority of Division "C." From here we marched to the parade ground and formed up in files of twenty deep facing the East Carriage Drive.

Here Her Majesty inspected the 70,000 present, afterwards taking the salute at the March Past along the East Carriage Drive.

Our contingent was very fortunate in that our two files of twenty were positioned almost in front of the Royal Dais, and so enabled all of us to obtain a very good view of Her Majesty and other members of the Royal Family during the religious service and The Queen's address.

The March Past commenced at about 3.40 p.m. and entailed a march of the best part of two miles before we finally reached our dispersal point.

The great applause drawn from the vast crowds in the stands and lining the roadsides was due, I am sure, to the manner of our marching, turn-out and bearing, which was of a very high standard, particularly so as we were now marching twenty abreast and, of course, very much out of practice.

In our small contingent were two or three South African War veterans, and when we finally reached our dispersal point about 4.30 p.m. I commented on how it had been a very long and hot day for them, and I received a gasping reply of "but it was worth it."

The following represented the Regiment on the Royal parade: Majors W. J. Smith, G. H. Swallow; Messrs. J. Mayhew, H. Hallard, F. Stacey, A. McKay, S. A. Wheeler, C. G. Smith, J. S. F. Jackson, J. H. Taylor, A. J. Cosgrove, R. Sherwood, S. G. Smith, F. G. Grout, C. H. Harris, H. V. Nalty, R. Seth, R. Woodward, H. Dell, T. Feaver, L. J. Adams, P. J. Byrne, H. J. Gayton, C. Hawkes, R. Hickmott, J. R. Burnett, T. Weston, C. W. White, R. W. Jones, C. V. Shepherd, R. Singer. 20th Hussars: J. Cameron, A. D. Davis, P. Waters, A. Day, J. T. Horn, W. Hollands, A. Press, A. E. Layton, W. Barker, A. E. Williams, A. R. Wheeler.

Brigadier J. G. Browne represented the Regiment in a separate contingent of South African War veterans.

The Field of Remembrance at Westminster was open for its usual week in November, and arrangements were made, as in previous years, for plots surrounded with crosses and with a badge and wreath cross planted in them, to the memory of those of the 14th Hussars and the 20th Hussars who gave their lives during the two world wars.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember them."

The following old and younger members of the Regiment joined the O.C.A. during the past year: J. Dawson, R. Dow, J. S. F. Jackson, W. D. B. Newberry, A. Sillett, J. Duffield, J. Eccleston, W. Lucas, L. J. Newey, J. Sharp, W. Baggaley, H. Goodman, L. J. MacFarlane, A. E. Newey, D. V. Glaze, C. J. S. Rolf.



TAKEN AT SHORNCLIFFE CAMP, 1905

Centre Back Row, L./Cpl. Dadd; Right Centre Row, Tpr. Leggett
Who can recognise any others?

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret we announce the deaths of the following ex-members of the Regiment:

W. A. Maguire, M.M., 14th and 20th Hussars. Aged 82 years. Served in the South African War and the First World War. Died and was buried in Liverpool on 2nd May, 1953.

R. G. Sturgeon, 14th Hussars. Died in hospital at Oldchurch, Romford, in March, 1953. He was always a regular at the O.C.A. Reunions.

N. Adams, 14th Hussars. Died January, 1953. Late of the Band and better known as "Beefy" Adams, always to the fore whenever on the sports ground or the running track.

J. Andrews (F.Q.M.S.), 20th Hussars. Died August, 1948.

E. Withy (Sergt.), 20th Hussars. Aged 80 years. Died 29th March, 1953.

C. Griggs, 20th Hussars. Died 13th February, 1953.

G. Cowen, 14th/20th Hussars. Died early in 1953. Cowen was one-time chef in the Officers' Mess during the 1930s.

W. A. Warren, 14th/20th Hussars. Ex-3rd Troop, "A" Squadron. Died 1952.

43rd GURKHA LORRIED BRIGADE REUNION DINNER

THE ANNUAL Reunion Dinner was held at Simpsons in the Strand on 24th October, and it was a great pleasure to welcome as a guest of honour Lieut.-General The Lord Freyberg, V.C. It was also to some of us a pleasure to hear the pipes of two Gurkha pipers who played at the conclusion of dinner. Lord Freyberg during his short speech mentioned the high regard in which the New Zealanders under his command held the 43rd Gurkha Brigade. He personally was delighted to have under his command a Brigade which, having been in the G.H.Q. reserve, still had a high morale coupled with fighting efficiency. Medicina he mentioned as one of the finest battles of the war, the Brigade having achieved the soldier's ambition—namely, surprise.

Brigadier "Tochi" Barker responded, welcoming the General to the seventh Reunion Dinner. During his speech he once again said how pleased he was to have had the 14th/20th King's Hussars serving with the Brigade and to know that we are now wearing the crossed kukris as an arm badge. Members of the Regiment would always find a welcome from 43rd Brigade members, and he hoped that in future years more officers from the Regiment would be able to attend the Annual Dinner.

At the general meeting after the speeches, notice was given that Pat Corbett retires from the secretaryship, but that Peter Holmes-Smales will be succeeding him and Pat will remain on the committee to make sure that everything runs smoothly.

As a gesture of appreciation for all the work he has done in the formation of the Association from the start and the subsequent build up, he is being presented with a kukri.

Only two members of the Regiment turned up at the dinner, namely George Swallow and Peter Moffat. During the evening they presented Lord Freyberg with an old comrades' "Hawk," which the General was more than delighted to receive and which he said he would keep among his many treasures.

He was interested to hear of the Regiment's progress since the war and remembers their achievement at Medicina.

Members and ex-members of the Regiment who served with the Brigade in

Italy would be welcome at further Reunion Dinners, and it would do a great deal to draw members of other regiments to this dinner if more 14th/20th would show up.

Other officers who were not with the Regiment in Italy would also be welcome as guests, and perhaps anyone who is interested in this will write either to George Swallow at 20 Courtland Avenue, Langley, Bucks, or to Peter Moffat at 50 Elm Walk, Raynes Park, S.W.20, giving their names and addresses so that they can be notified of the date of the next dinner.

The only other occasion when there is a gathering of the Reunion Association is at the placing of crosses at the Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey, and here again anyone from the Regiment who would care to turn up for this occasion would be very welcome. This invitation includes any other rank who may like to attend.

RIDING ACTIVITIES

SINCE WE published our riding notes in last year's JOURNAL, we have had quite a full and interesting year. It has been a successful year for some owners and a most enjoyable one for others. There have been two entertaining Race Meetings and a highly successful Hunter Trial and Gymkhana, all staged in Tripoli on the old Italian race track at Busetta.

Riding School has continued throughout the year, in the hope of improving the horsemanship of the officers and the schooling of the ponies. There have been two new additions to the stable this year: a small grey, and Major Marnham has bought a black pony suitably named "Satan" (if bucking, biting and kicking mean anything). A new and more novel way of "dismounting involuntarily" has been devised, and a number of officers will not forget the unpleasant experience of being lifted out of the plate in the vice-like grip of a stallion's teeth. If nothing else has been learnt in the Riding School, at least most of us now remember to keep two horses' lengths away from each other when riding in single file. We are pleased to have Sergt. Urquhart back with us again to manage the stables, and are most grateful to all our grooms for the good work they have done and the long hours they have worked. A number of O.Rs. have become quite proficient riders by hacking the ponies to and from the polo ground.

RACING

It has already been mentioned that two meetings have been held in Tripolitania this year. The first was organized and very well run by the 16th/5th Lancers before they returned to England. The second one not quite so well run by the "Organizzate a Cura dell Centro Studi E Propaganda dell Associazione Agricolturi Soito L' alto Patronato del Nazarat dell Agricoltura" (*i.e.*, the local government).

The first of these meetings was held in March. As always, the Regimental Race was the most popular event on the card for us, and it was won by the Colonel on his grey French-bred horse "Fileur," with Capt. Gowlett second on "Madid," and Capt. Garbutt a few lengths away third. The Open Race was won by Capt. Palmer on "Joul Joul," with Lieut.-Colonel Cleghorn's "Hussar," ridden by Capt. Holland (16th/5th Lancers), second.

The second meeting was held on 10th May. Eight officers lined up for the start of the Regimental Race, which was run over a distance of 800 metres. It was a most exciting race to watch, and as the field came to the distance post it was between Major Talbot on "Paddy" and Capt. Beart lying very handy just behind. At the last bend, Capt. Garbutt stormed past the leaders on the

outside and managed to show the rest of the field the way home. It was left to Major Talbot and Capt. Beart to fight it out for second place. Capt. Beart on "Ladid" managed to hold off the challenge, and "Paddy" went down a gallant third, in spite of the great weight he had to carry.

The Open Race provided good sport and some very spirited betting. Most of the Regiment's piastres went on Capt. Palmer's "Joul Joul," and the locals clearly favoured the good police horse, "Alamein," by putting their barracanos on this horse.

Eleven horses went to the post in this race, including one lady rider. From the "off," Abdulla ben Ali on "Alamein" was riding no waiting race and had every intention of showing the remainder a clean pair of heels from the start. "Joul Joul" was too good for him, however, and when Capt. Palmer turned on the tap half-way from home the race was never really in doubt. Major Tayleur rode a very good race to bring "Madid" into second place, and the local populace had to content themselves with a third. This race was run over 1,200 metres. The last race on the card was *Per dromedari della Polizia montali*. We were told their mounts were a graceful galloping breed. It turned out, however, that the graceful ships of the desert could not or would not gallop, and many spectators had had their tea and left the course by the time the first polizia had sauntered past the post. This meeting was not without its funnier moments, namely: When the Clerk of the Scales bitterly complained that he could not understand Capts. Mylchreest and Palmer because they spoke with strong Sicilian accents; the Arab jockey who was disqualified at the weigh-in through losing his weight-cloth (he had filled his trouser legs with sand which he had lost during the course of the race); when the entire local Arab populace ran down the track to pick up their favourite Sheik whose girth had broken; and the Regimental Band eventually giving up a losing battle against the loud hailer, which came on the air each time the Bandmaster raised his baton.

HUNTER TRIALS AND GYMKHANA

This was organized and most efficiently run by Major Tayleur and a band of helpers. The day was very hot with a strong ghibli blowing, but everyone agreed that it was a most interesting and entertaining afternoon's sport. The main event was run over an easy but tricky course consisting of about fifteen obstacles with a set time limit. The jumps were not more than 3 ft. 6 in. in height, because most of the entries were local ponies and not well schooled. It is surprising how very suspicious these ponies are of anything but a straight-forward jump, but thanks to the hard work and encouragement during schooling given by the Colonel, Major Tayleur and Capt. Roberts our ponies were eventually persuaded that jumping a trench 3 ft. wide and 2 ft. deep did not necessarily spell sudden death.

Major Tayleur won this event on "Madid" after a very good round, closely followed by Cpl. Finnis of the Grenadier Guards, whose determination to beat Major Tayleur produced a most spectacular ride. Events were run for children, and the day ended with a number of gymkhana events. H.E. The Wali of Tripolitania, Sadick Muntasser, presented the cups and left in his car to a rousing fanfare from the Regimental trumpeters.

POLO

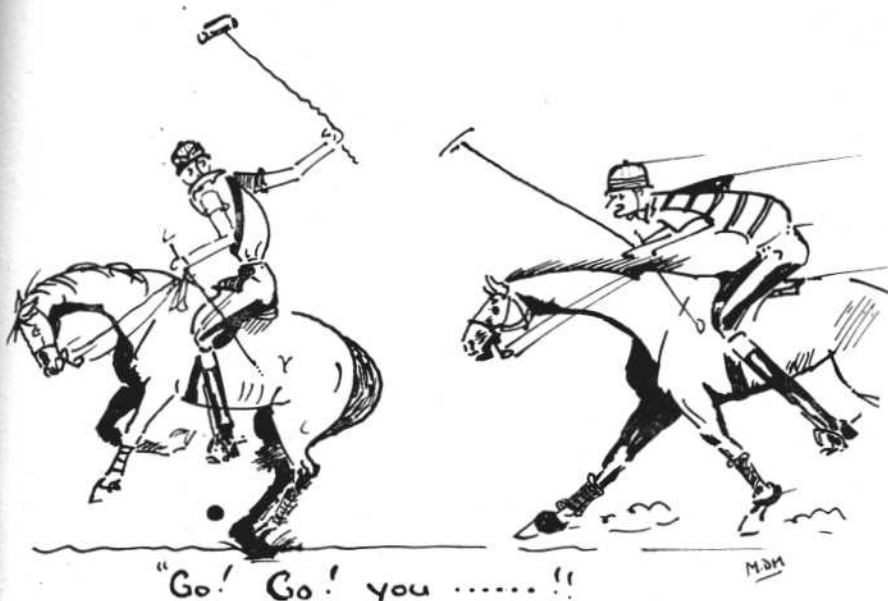
Polo has been played two or three afternoons a week on our ground, which is unfortunately about three miles from the camp; unfortunate because it makes it very difficult for the rest of the Regiment to watch. Many of our young officers have graduated to the polo field, and by careful picking of sides, balanced by our more proficient players, some most exciting games have been



H.E. THE WALI OF TRIPOLITANIA PRESENTING THE PRIZES AT THE
HUNTER TRIALS



MAJOR TAYLEUR AND THE COLONEL



played. It is a little disappointing that there are no other teams in Tripolitania we can play, and we are badly in need of some good opposition to improve our standard. It is hoped, however, that in the not too far distant future we will be able to send a team to play in Malta. This should prove a great incentive to better our play, and we feel confident that when the day comes we will certainly not disgrace ourselves.

N.A.A.F.I. girl complains to the Commanding Officer about the behaviour of a soldier in the canteen at Catterick.

"I was serving on the counter, and when it came to his turn he picked up the teapot and came out with the word — and bang it down with a Vengens."

(Extract from letter.—EDITOR.)



REGIMENTAL SHOOTING

ONCE AGAIN a very successful year for the Regiment in shooting, though not nearly such a full programme as in 1952, because by virtue of our new location we were unable this year to compete at Bisley. Early in the year we suffered a serious blow when Lieut. Bromley, last year's Bisley Cup and N.R.A. Medal winner, retired to civilian life, to be followed shortly by another of our star performers, Capt. Maitland. However, a good team does not stand or fall by its star performers, as our opponents in this part of the world were to discover.

The shooting year started by the Regimental team entering for the Middle East Shooting Trophy. This is a non-central rifle match open to all units of the three services in the Middle East, the competition ending in December, 1953. As yet we do not know the final result, though we do know we were the best entry from Tripolitania, in spite of a rather shaky 300 yards shoot. These non-central matches, without the stimulus of direct competition and an immediate result, really are nerve-racking.

In preparation for Tripolitania District Small Arms Meeting a Regimental meeting was held on 6th and 7th October, the Rifle and L.M.G. matches being fired on the Regimental range at Zavia in the mornings, and the Revolver and Sten matches taking place after lunch on the 30 yards range in camp. Sergt. Tasker of "A" Squadron and Sergt. Shakespeare, "C" Squadron, got equal scores in the qualifying stage of the Rifle Championship, the verdict being given to Sergt. Tasker on the "count-out"; these two, with fourteen other qualifiers, then fought out the final stage, of which 2/Lieut. Hume, "C" Squadron, emerged the winner. What a finish to his military career, for he returned to England for his discharge after National Service the following morning! The L.M.G. Championship was won by S.Q.M.S. Cundy, "A" Squadron—a very well-deserved win—with Major Walsh, "C" Squadron, and Capt. Mossé, H.Q. Squadron, in second and third places. R.S.M. Charlton, H.Q. Squadron, wasn't quite good enough to beat S.Q.M.S. Reynolds, also of H.Q. Squadron, in the Revolver, while Sergts. Tasker and Shakespeare again fought for supremacy, this time in the Sten Gun Championship, Sergt. Tasker again winning. Indeed, he also won the W.O.s. and Sergeants' Shield, a new match to be fought out between the members of the Sergeants' Mess, the individual getting the best combined performance in Rifle, L.M.G., Revolver and Sten to be the winner.

The team events were won by "A" Squadron, who also won the Inter-Squadron Challenge Cup from H.Q. Squadron, thereby reversing last year's result. The final of the falling plates between these two was extremely close, and a very fast time was returned. As usual, the falling plates match between the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes provided a fitting climax to the meeting. Trumpet-Major Hughes sounded the "Charge," and the opposing teams swept off the 300 yards mark exhorted by the cheers of their supporters. By the time the Trumpet-Major had got through the "Post Horn Gallop" Bandmaster Hurst, who had forsaken his baton for a rifle, was nearing the firing point; and now the struggle began in earnest, but in spite of the Sergeants' Mess attempt to use a light machine gun in support (it failed) the Officers' Mess were triumphant.

And so we came to the Tripolitania District Meeting at the end of October. In this we were not allowed to enter as a Regimental team because it was feared that we would be too strong a combination, so "A" Squadron represented the Regiment while certain other members of the Regiment from other squadrons competed in individual events. Tripolitania's fears of a Regimental team entering proved well founded, for as it was "A" Squadron won all six

team events. They, in fact, produced two teams for the falling plates match who fought out the final between them, in which Capt. Mossé was the referee—all a very homely affair. Naturally enough, "A" Squadron won the Unit Championship for the best team in Tripolitania, the District Commander presenting a fine Cup to Major Tayleur.

While "A" Squadron were doing all this, other members of the Regiment were assisting them to win every individual event except the Bren pairs, in which we were second, third, fourth and fifth, and the Young Soldiers' Rifle Match, in which L./Cpl. Haven, "C" Squadron, came second. R.S.M. Charlton and S.Q.M.S. Reynolds had their usual fight for supremacy in the Revolver Match, and this time they got equal best scores, R.S.M. Charlton gaining the verdict on the "count-out." Emboldened by this, he went on to win the Sten Gun Match, in which the Regiment took the first six places, by beating S.Q.M.S. Reynolds by one point. Tpr. Hall, "A" Squadron, was one more point behind in third place.

While 2/Lieut. Batty, "B" Squadron, was busy winning the Young Soldiers' L.M.G. Match, Sergt. Macgregor, "A" Squadron, was doing the same for the Open L.M.G. Match, with in second place Capt. Mossé, and the remaining four competitors from the Regiment occupying the next four places. Finally, we come to the Rifle Championship, and L./Cpl. Bogg of "A" Squadron is to be warmly congratulated on his fine effort in becoming the champion rifle shot of Tripolitania, snatching the victory from Sergt. Smith, H.Q. Squadron, by one point. In this match we took the first ten places except third and sixth, with Capt. Mossé fourth, Sergt. Williams fifth, and Sergt. Shakespeare, S.Q.M.S. Cundy, Sergt. Tasker and Lieut. Bridges seventh to tenth respectively. There were only 8 points between the first and tenth.

In all, then, the Regiment won twelve out of fourteen events and were second in the two we didn't win.

Shortly after the Tripolitania meeting a combined team from Tripolitania challenged us to a deliberate rifle match. This was a most enjoyable event, and while we were ahead at every range the result was by no means decided till the firing went back to 500 yards, where the Regiment sealed its victory, Capt. Mossé being the top scorer with Sergt. Shakespeare one point behind and Major Walsh third, equalling the best Tripolitania score.

To finish off our shooting year we fired the Duke of Connaught Revolver Cup; we had three of last year's team—R.S.M. Charlton, S.Q.M.S. Reynolds and Capt. Mossé—and these were supported by S./Sergt. Walker, Sergt. Tasker and a newcomer to revolver shooting in S.Q.M.S. Cundy, who nevertheless shamed the old hands by getting the highest score. As the competition for the abroad series, for which we are now entered, does not finish till April, 1954, the results will be published in the next issue of *THE HAWK*. We are hoping for the best.

REGIMENTAL RIFLE MEETING

Rifle XVI	...	...	1, 2/Lieut. Hume; 2, S.Q.M.S. Reynolds; 3, Sergt. Smith; 4, Sergt. Tasker; 5, Major Walsh; 6, Capt. Mossé.
Open Bren Match	...	...	1, S.Q.M.S. Cundy; 2, Major Walsh; 3 Capt. Mossé; 4, Sergt. Macgregor; 5, Sergt. Tasker; 6, Sergt. Shakespeare.
Open Sten Match	...	...	1, Sergt. Tasker; 2, Sergt. Shakespeare.
Open Revolver Match	...	...	1, S.Q.M.S. Reynolds; 2, R.S.M. Charlton.
Team Rifle Match	...	...	"A" Squadron (S.Q.M.S. Cundy, Sergt. Tasker, Cpl. Jones, L./Cpl. Bogg, Tpr. Hall, Tpr. Atkins).
Team Sten Match	...	...	"A" Squadron (S.Q.M.S. Cundy, Sergt. Williams, Sergt. Tasker, Sergt. Macgregor).
Team Falling Plates	...	...	"A" Squadron (Lieut. Bridges, S.Q.M.S. Cundy, Sergt. Tasker, Cpl. Jones).
Sergeants' Mess Shield	...	...	Sergt. Tasker.

TRIPOLITANIA DISTRICT SMALL ARMS MEETING

Open Rifle Match	...	...	1, L./Cpl. Bogg; 2, Sergt. Smith; 4, Capt. Mossé; 5, Sergt. Williams; 7, Sergt. Shakespeare; 8, S.Q.M.S. Cundy; 9, Sergt. Tasker; 10, Lieut. Bridges.
Team Rifle Match	...	...	Won by "A" Squadron.
Nominated Team Rifle	...	...	Won by "A" Squadron.
Falling Plates Match	...	...	Won by "A" Squadron.
Bren Gun Team Match	...	...	Won by "A" Squadron.
Sten Gun Team Match	...	...	Won by "A" Squadron.
Revolver Team Match	...	...	Won by "A" Squadron.
Open Bren Gun Match	...	...	1, Sergt. Macgregor; 2, Capt. Mossé; 3, Lieut. Bridges; 4, S.Q.M.S. Cundy; 5, Sergt. Tasker; 6, Sergt. Williams.
Young Soldiers' Bren	...	...	2/Lieut. Batty.
Young Soldiers' Rifle	...	...	2, Tpr. Haven; 4, 2/Lieut. Batty.
Open Sten Gun Match	...	...	1, R.S.M. Charlton; 2, S.Q.M.S. Reynolds; 3, Tpr. Hall; 4, Sergt. Williams; 5, Sergt. Macgregor; 6, Sergt. Smith.
Open Revolver Match...	...	...	1, R.S.M. Charlton; 2, S.Q.M.S. Reynolds; 3, Sergt. Tasker.
Bren Pairs Match	...	...	2, Sergt. Shakespeare and Sergt. Williams; 3, Capt. Mossé and Capt. Beart; 4, S.Q.M.S. Cundy and Sergt. Tasker; 5, Lieut. Bridges and Sergt. Macgregor.
Champion Unit	...	...	"A" Squadron.

REGIMENT v. TRIPOLITANIA (RIFLE)

14TH/20TH				TRIPOLITANIA			
Capt. Mossé	...	...	110	Sergt. Fowler	...	...	106
Sergt. Shakespeare	...	...	109	Sergt. Lestrangle	...	...	105
Major Walsh	...	...	106	Major Assiter	...	...	102
Lieut. Bridges	...	...	105	W.O.II Carr	...	...	102
S.Q.M.S. Cundy	...	...	102	S./Sergt. Symes	...	...	98
Sergt. Smith	...	...	102	S./Sergt. Handy	...	...	89
Sergt. Williams	...	...	102	Major Keith	...	...	97
2/Lieut. Batty	...	...	101	Capt. Eaton	...	...	91

"THE DOGS MUST HAS MUZZLES"

MUNICIPALITY OF SABRATHA

Subject: HYDROPHOBIA

29/7/53.

"NOTICE"

It is seen from the law No 307701 of 22 April 1940 which inclusive the hydrophobia in the Libyan country.

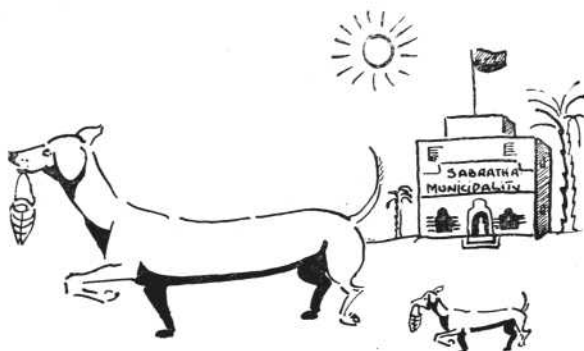
It is still looking in the above mentioned law about the safety of the people from the hydrophobia dogs bite.

"ORDER"

- 1) The dogs which are in the city of Sabratha—Agelat-Um el Hallof, it must begin to inform about them to this Municipality for (15) days from this notice.
- 2) All the dogs which registered at this Municipality should be has a metal mark, this mark might taken from this Municipality with pay of two piasters & half.
The people who does not inform about thier dogs after the mentioned period will oblige with fine from £L.0.250 to £L.2.000.
- 3) All the dogs which has not the mentioned mark will consider sick with the hydrophobia.
- 4) In the streets and in every place the dogs must has muzzles.
- 5) The dogs which catch without muzzles will keep in for three days. The owners of these dogs may take thier dogs after three days as the article No. 90 with pay the expenses of the food, the dogs will let free if no body complain from them after that period.
- 6) The dogs will kille soon if caught without owner.
- 7) Every person who does not esteem to the instructions of the paragraph No 4-5 will punish with thebartele No 119 from veterinary medicine regularity which accepted with the law of 20/3/53 No 207.

The Syndic of
Sabratha Municipality.
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(This letter has not been altered in any way and is an exact copy of the original.—EDITOR.)



THE DOGS MUST HAS MUZZLES.

ATHLETICS

AT THE beginning of the season a lot of training was done on the salt flats at Sorman. After elimination the following were selected and were flown down to Fayid for the Army Egypt Championships: 2/Lieut. Hicks, Sergt. Walters, L./Cpls. Stevens and Rodham, Tprs. Kelly and Walker, and Cfn. Towell. We encountered certain difficulties in the change of climate, but Sergt. Walters and Tpr. Kelly did very well indeed.

Four men were entered for the Tripoli District Cross Country Race on 28th February. This was run over a very tough four-mile course. The following competed and were individually placed: 2/Lieut. Hicks, 1st; Tpr. Walker, 18th; Cfn. Towell, 22nd; and Pte. Gunn (A.C.C.), 24th.

The Tripoli District Athletics Championships were held on the football ground at Sea View on 28th April. A lot of spirited training was done in preparation for this meeting, and we were well rewarded. The following represented the Regiment:

100 Yards.—Cpl. Allen, 1st; Tpr. Goodwin, 4th; Tpr. Springthorpe, 6th.

440 Yards.—Cfn. Walters, 2nd; Tpr. Burnham, 3rd.

880 Yards.—Cfn. Towell, 2nd; Cpl. Stevens, 3rd; Cpl. Rudge, 6th.

One Mile.—2/Lieut. Hicks, 1st; Cpl. Colbourne, 2nd.

Three Miles.—2/Lieut. Hicks, 1st; L./Cpl. Walsh, 3rd.

Shot.—Tpr. Bowen, 1st.

Discus.—Sergt. Walters, 1st; Tpr. Throup, 3rd.

High Jump.—Cfn. Robertham, 3rd.

Long Jump.—Cpl. Allan, Tpr. Goodwin and Tpr. Springthorpe unplaced.

On 2nd May a match was organized against the U.S.A.F. (Wheelus Field). The Americans, with 4,000 men to choose from, were obviously superior to us in the short sprints and field events, but we more than held our own in the longer events. 2/Lieut. Hicks and Cpl. Colbourne both came in first and second in the one- and two-mile events. By far the most exciting race was the final one, the medley relay, when Cfn. Towell, Cpl. Stevens, Tpr. Throup and 2/Lieut. Hicks beat the Americans.

On Ramadi Day, 28th September, an inter-squadron relay meeting was held on a points basis. The last event was a chain of command race, which "A" Squadron won. The final squadron placings were: 1st, "C" Squadron, 27 points; 2nd, "B" Squadron, 24 points; 3rd, H.Q. Squadron, 17 points; 4th, "A" Squadron, 14 points.

We were very sorry to lose 2/Lieut. Hicks, who was without doubt one of the most promising long-distance runners we have had for many years. A number of our successes were due to his great enthusiasm and hard work in helping to train others.



2/LIEUT. ZATOPECK (HICKS)

RUGGER NOTES, 1953

THE 1952-3 season was so successful that we hoped for a great performance this winter. As soon as training started in October it was obvious that the side would be mainly inexperienced. In addition, last year's ground was under water and a new pitch had to be found. Fortunately, in the pack we still had Sergt. Walters and Cfn. Jones from last year. To this solid foundation we added as much fire and enthusiasm as possible from "B" and H.Q. Squadrons. 2/Lieut. R. D. Baxter provided a powerful link to the mainstays of our three-quarter line, and Capts. J. W. Goodfellow and A. F. Giblett, without whom we are desperately weak in attack. Sergt. James continues as a very stalwart last line of defence.

Of the games played, most have been disappointing. Our first practice match was made possible only after seventeen "recruits" had been found in "B" Squadron. Since then the trial games have greatly improved in standard, but the record of matches played versus the Royal Navy and the R.A.F. are too depressing to repeat on paper! Major Scarr decided that refereeing was too bad for his nerves and returned to the side just before Christmas, in time to accelerate the pack at Idris. With any luck this renewed impetus will carry us through to the end of the season with some better results.

FOOTBALL, 1953 SEASON

AS WAS the case last year, most of our football is on the squadron level, and now that the 16th/5th Lancers have gone it seemed as if the R.A.F. at Idris were the only likely opponents for our Regimental team. However, we have so far twice played the Libyan champions, Ittihad F.C., each time being beaten by 4 goals to nil. The second match was our first fixture in the Tripolitanian Football League, which apart from ourselves is made up entirely of Italian and Arab teams.

The squadrons have not been so successful this season as last. Up to date, "B" Squadron are in the top half of the table, while "A" Squadron and H.Q. Squadron are struggling right down at the bottom. During the Christmas festivities "B" Squadron played "A" Squadron in the final of the Inter-Squadron Knockout Competition, and in a really grand game after extra time ran out the winners by 2 goals to 1. Neither side really ever got on top, and the game swung from one end to the other, with plenty of near misses to add to the excitement.

After the New Year we hope to play some more Regimental matches. There is also the knockout competition for troops, which counts towards the D'Arcy Hall Cup.

Lastly, I must thank A./R.S.M. Le Maitre for training the Regimental team despite Squadron and Regimental exercises.

1st INFANTRY DIVISION MODERN PENTATHLON

MAJOR TAYLEUR came racing to various officers one hot June morning and shook us out of our pleasant day-dreams by yelling "Consider yourselves Pentathletes with effect from today." He bolted before we could make a reply. That was the beginning of a long journey, blood and sweat (literally), many laughs and a quantity of whisky.

Having collected our thoughts and made our way to the Mess, a small group of officers could be seen, all trying to persuade Major Tayleur that each one had very good reasons for not being picked for the team. All this was to no avail, however, and training started immediately. Accompanied by rude and helpful remarks from the rest of the Officers' Mess, Major Tayleur, Capt. Mylchreest, 2/Lieut. Hicks and 2/Lieut. Hume started fencing around the goldfish pond with two broken foils and borrowed M.T. drivers' gloves. We received help and encouragement from Capt. Palmer, who would certainly have been with us had he not had his leg in plaster from hip to toe. Next we turned to running. The two younger members were frequently seen in running kit early in the mornings and late at night, but nothing would induce Major Tayleur to go for a run. His excuse being that at his great age he could only stay the distance once, and that would be on the day and not before.

At last the day came when we were due to fly to Egypt. We left Sabratha before the sun was up and eventually fetched up at Tripoli Airport, much to the amazement of R.A.F. movements, who told us there had been a slight mistake and that we were due to fly on Thursday, not Wednesday. We held a hurried conference and decided that the rest of the day should be devoted to training and pleasure, with a proviso that all would have an early night.

Armed with pistols and small targets we made our way to the miniature range at District H.Q. and started shooting. Major Tayleur and Capt. Mylchreest fired first at fifteen yards' range; they fired ten shots each and registered two hits between them. This was put down to heat haze, and the practice came to an abrupt end. Spirits were low, so it was decided that we should go to the swimming pool at Azizia Barracks and try a trial race in fresh water for the first time. Major Tayleur blew up after three lengths, Mr. Hume sank to the bottom, and so this, too, had to be abandoned. Our spirits were even lower, but a good lunch and a sleep on the shore of the Beach Club soon put us right. During these activities we were all invited to a most enjoyable cocktail party in Tripoli, and with this invitation went our last hope of an early night.

Next morning found us once again at Idris Airport, feeling sadly the effects of the cocktail party but otherwise present and correct. While waiting for the plane, Major Tayleur was busy taking salt tablets because he said they were good for him, and Capt. Mylchreest was taking Kwells because he said the journey might be bumpy. After stopping at Benina and El Adam, we finally



THE REGIMENTAL TEAM, 1953
Capt. Mylchreest, Major Tayleur, 2/Lieuts.
Hume and Hicks



2/LIEUT. HUME, MAJOR TAYLEUR, 2/LIEUT. HICKS
FIRST DAY OF THE PENTATHLON

Major Tayleur bravely suggested that it would be a good idea to take out our dreaded machines for a trial run, (a) to see who could ride one, (b) to get used to the soft sand and hill climbing. Before we started the R.E.M.E. Officer of the Column was kind enough to teach us the correct way of falling off a motor-cycle while on the move.

After considerable trouble and unprintable language we managed to get the bikes started. Had the policeman on the gate not stopped us, all might have been well. The party eventually moved forward, leaving Capt. Mylchreest trying to start his machine with the aid of the R.S.M. and a Regimental policeman. Mr. Hume took a nasty toss and hurt his legs, Mr. Hicks spent the rest of the day in the L.A.D., and Major Tayleur eventually returned in time for a late lunch, having been airborne for most of his run. Capt. Mylchreest was still at the main gate trying to get started. So ended our trial run.

The programme was as follows:

Tuesday morning.—Cross country motor-cycle test. (Our protests at having to ride motor-cycles instead of horses were overruled.)

Tuesday afternoon (in blazing heat).—Fencing.

Wednesday.—Fencing.

Thursday.—Pistol shooting.

Friday.—Swimming.

Saturday morning.—Cross-country running.

Our team was represented by Major Tayleur, 2/Lieut. Hicks and 2/Lieut. Hume. Capt. Mylchreest went as a reserve and competed as an individual.

We were up early on Tuesday morning suitably dressed in Boots D.R., Breeches M/C, Helmets Crash, Gloves M.T. and Goggles G.S., and the usual sinking feeling inside. Fate played kindly with us for a short time, and we all reached the start-line more or less intact with our motor-cycles. It was at this moment that Mr. Hume calmly announced that his clutch had "gone," and Capt. Mylchreest bitterly complained

touched down at Fayid R.A.F. Station, where we were met by the Adjutant of the 1st Infantry Division Column, R.A.S.C., our kind hosts while our stay lasted in Egypt.

Friday was a very busy day spent in collecting our kit and drawing up motor-cycles, and the fantastic amount of kit the Army lays down must be worn when one is stupid enough to ride such things. On Saturday



OUR PROTESTS AT RIDING M/Cs INSTEAD
OF HORSES WERE OVER RULED!

for the forty-second time that his motor-cycle was being "starved." A R.E.M.E. officer was told and came to the rescue. He adjusted the carburettor and told Capt. Mylchreest that he had adjusted the throttle wide open. It still stalled twenty-two times during the trials and went downhill much too fast.

The final result was, surprisingly enough, much better than we had dared to hope for, mainly due, I think, to the pluck of the riders and a certain amount of good luck. The fencing went quite well, and might have been better had there not been a most exciting polo match being played hard by the fencing area which caused a certain amount of distraction. Major Tayleur did extremely well in this event. The shooting was, on the whole, a little disappointing. Major Tayleur did well to get his last few shots on the target, likewise Capt. Mylchreest. However, at the end of the day we were certainly still in the running with a good chance of winning. Probably the less said about the swimming the better. Major Tayleur again surprised us and himself by doing better than expected, and Mr. Hume managed to stay afloat.

The last day dawned with our team just behind the Cheshires. Never will the area Waggon Hill be forgotten by those who ran there. It was a cruel course of two and a half miles, with not a piece of flat ground from start to finish. Running individually, as we did, at one-minute intervals made the going worse. However, due to the great courage of Major Tayleur, Mr. Hicks and Mr. Hume, who all put everything they had into that last event, we eventually emerged the winners of the Pentathlon, the first three places being taken by: 1st, 14th/20th King's Hussars; 2nd, 80 L.A.A. Regt., R.A.; 3rd, 1st E. Lancs Regt. ("A" Team).

As Major Tayleur received the Cup from Mrs. Hanmer, we all felt that it had been well worth while, but at the same time we were pleased it was over. Needless to say, we made the most of our stay in Egypt, and eventually returned in bits and pieces to Tripoli.

One member of the party was met by an officer at breakfast after our return with the remark, "Where on earth have you been? Swanning again on leave in England, I suppose."



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MAJOR TAYLEUR RECEIVES THE CUP FROM
MRS. HANMER

CORONATION DAY—SABRATHA

THE DAY'S celebrations started with a full Regimental Parade on the square, where the Padre led us in prayers for the Queen. Major Browne read a short address during the service. The parade ended with three rousing cheers for Her Majesty. One felt these were no idle cheers. The service was attended by the wives and their children.

Soon after breakfast a shuttle service started running everyone down to the beach, where we spent the rest of the day.

A large contingent of the Regiment had previously gone to Tripoli to take part in the official parade and Drumhead Service, which was held on the Sea View parade ground. This parade was inspected by Her Majesty's Minister to Libya, Sir Alec Kirkbride, K.C.M.G., O.B.E., M.C., who also took the salute. The Regimental contingent was led by Major B. C. L. Tayleur, and they earned the highest praise from the Minister himself. Everyone present at this parade remarked on the outstanding turnout and bearing of all ranks who represented the Regiment. The Band also spent a very busy and successful day in Tripoli, performing at three different public engagements; they also earned the praise of everyone who heard them. We were sorry, however, that they were unable to spend the day at Sabratha with us.

A wireless and loudspeaker had been installed on the beach, so that we were kept constantly in touch with the great events that were taking place in London. Who will not admit that he was very moved as we sat and listened to the strains of the National Anthem as the Queen began her great Progress down the Mall from her London home, Buckingham Palace?

An excellent lunch was served on the beach, and here we must record our thanks to the Messing Officer, 2/Lieut. Bain, Sergt. Paffey and the cooks who were responsible for such a spread. During the afternoon the more energetic members of the Regiment took part in swimming races, water polo matches and the inevitable greasy pole.



SIR ALEC KIRKBRIDE, K.C.M.G., O.B.E., M.C., ARRIVES FOR THE PARADE



Sergts. Osbourne and Williams

The children were treated to a great tea in the Corporals' Mess, complete with an iced cake with a miniature state coach, again the work of Sergt. Paffey. At the end of this party the children were presented with Coronation mugs and medals. At this point we congratulate those members of the Regiment who were awarded the Queen's Coronation Medal; these were presented at a later Regimental Parade by the District Commander, Colonel W. P. E. Walton.

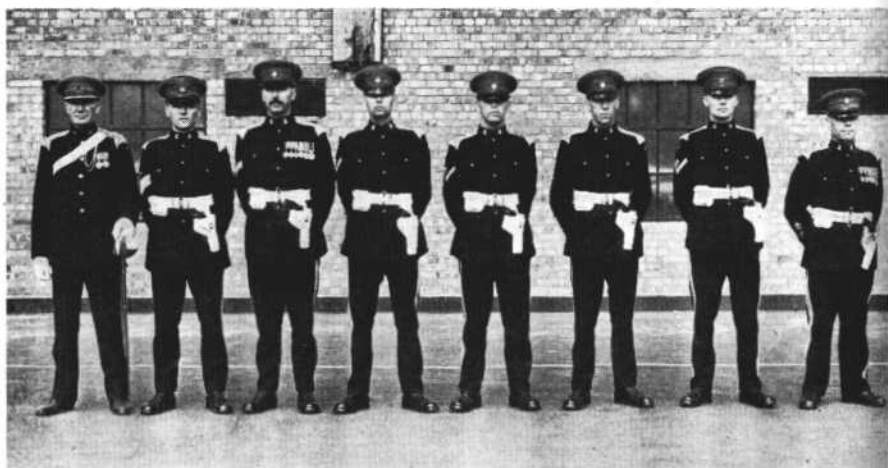
After tea we were joined on the beach by the children, who stayed to see the firework display in the evening. After this they went home tired and, we hope, happy.

We as a Regiment were both proud and happy to think that the Regiment was represented in the great London Parade by our Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel B. B. N. Woodd, S.S.M. Le Maitre, Sergt. Cooper, Cpl. Holdaway, L./Cpls. Rodham, Layton, Bird and Hunter.

If King Neptune had been holding court in the Mediterranean on the night of 2nd June, 1953, he would surely have heard the great chorus of voices coming from outside the Sergeants' Mess Tent, led and conducted by S./Sergt. Walker. The words:

"Land of Hope and Glory,
Mother of the free . . ."

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN



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THE CORONATION CONTINGENT, 2nd JUNE, 1953

FIRST SUMMER CRUISE WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN FLEET

ON THE night of 9th July the Colonel was at a cocktail party, when he was rung up and invited to send a large party of officers and men to Malta next day to join the Mediterranean Fleet leaving on its first summer cruise on the 13th. Unfortunately we could only spare forty-five men, and with these we embarked on the destroyer H.M.S. *Barfleur* in Tripoli Harbour on the morning of the 11th. We managed to line the decks, a movement at which we later became expert, and settled down to examine the ship and collect our thoughts; to realize that only twenty-four hours before we had been contemplating the usual week-end in camp, yet now we were off to visit countries unknown to most of us.

Malta was a wonderful display of lights as the *Barfleur* edged her way into the Grand Harbour, and immediately we had dropped anchor we were divided into two parties, one to the L.S.T. *Reggio*, the other to the L.S.T. *Dieppe*. An L.S.T. is about the size of a destroyer and consists of a large tank deck, designed to take either "A" or "B" vehicles, but which is known to take anything from private cars to polo ponies. There are large bow doors, and around the deck is the sleeping accommodation. We were given compartments to ourselves, but joined the ship's company, both marines and sailors, for messing.

It was in these craft that we weighed anchor as part of the amphibious warfare squadron on the Monday. The fleet were practising anti-aircraft and anti-submarine exercises, while we were getting used to the peculiar roll associated with these flat-bottomed ships. On 15th July we reached Vatika Bay, a natural harbour in southern Greece, where the fleet carried out a series of initiative tests. The Army personnel were not forgotten, and both parties had to man a whaler and row it to the flagship, a race won by *Dieppe*. We also took part in an assault landing and gave advice in the correct method of driving the C-in-C.'s car up a soft sandy beach. For the rest, we bathed and enjoyed the sun and scenery.

On the way to Athens we organized our shipborne routine. In the mornings we worked our passage. Tpr. Bonfield became an expert assistant ship's carpenter aboard H.M.S. *Reggio*. We applied paint everywhere, even to the ship's side, and when at anchor Tpr. Ashford-Smith, among others, found this a convenient excuse for a mid-morning bathe. Our gunners applied their prowess to the ship's "pom-poms." In the evening there was an excellent selection of films, and we were well up to both marine and naval standards of tombola.

We arrived at Phaleron Bay, the harbour of Athens, on the 21st, and with the tactical work of the cruise completed we saw something of the social side of the Navy's activities. Parties were arranged for all ranks, but we were content to find our own amusements. Some even realized that they were in a once-famous city and climbed up to inspect the Acropolis.

Reggio's party spent two days in the carrier *Theseus*, passing up the Dardanelles, and saw an impressive display of Fleet Air Arm aircraft in action. We also found that we had coincided on our second day with the C-in-C.'s visit to the ship.

Our final visit to Istanbul was formal, and for the first two days we remained on board, while gun salutes were exchanged and the Turkish President inspected the fleet, which was now at full strength. We again increased our knowledge and inspected historic buildings. We bathed in a perfect temperature and did

other things to our taste. Certain people mistook vodka for something milder and found difficulty in climbing the gangway early next morning. Sergt. Bruce took a course in L.C.A. driving with the marines and was a familiar sight doing the bread round each morning until——!

We liked Istanbul, and were sorry to start the return trip. We reached Malta on 7th August, *Dieppe* having dropped off to pick up two stallions, a present from the Turkish President to the C-in-C., only to hear that we were returning to Tripoli the next day in the frigate H.M.S. *Roebuck*.

We arrived in Tripoli on the morning of the 8th, glad to be back but sorry to leave the many friends we had made. Both sailors and marines had always let us join in their activities in and out of working hours and suffered our incompetence. We hope we have improved their ships a little in return. We learnt much and saw many new places. The month had been enjoyed by all, and our grateful thanks are due to all those who made it so, especially the captains of the ships in which we stayed.

A LINK WITH THE 14th/20th KING'S HUSSARS

THE FOLLOWING is an extract which appeared in the 1950 number of The Royal Sussex journal, *The Roussillon Gazette*. It was written by Lieut.-General Sir Lashmer G. Whistler, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O.

"I recently attended a Ceremonial Parade of the 14th/20th King's Hussars in Catterick Camp when they trooped the Peninsula Guidons.

"To my great surprise our Regimental March was played for that portion of the ceremony when the Sergeants of the Guard came forward to meet the Guard Commanders prior to the commencement of the ceremony. On making enquiries as to why our March was played by them, I came across the following piece of Regimental History and Tradition.

"It appears that the March 'The Royal Sussex' appears as the Regimental Quick March in Vol. I of the History of the 14th Hussars, published in 1901. There is no official reason given as to why or how it was acquired. However, the following tradition has been handed down:

"On an occasion in Dover, probably between 1798 and 1802, in keeping with the licence of the period, the Band over indulged in liquor. Their place on the next day's parade was taken by the Band of The Royal Sussex. There is no doubt that the colonel of the day after obtaining permission from his opposite number, decided that the 14th Hussars Band would in future play 'The Royal Sussex' as a reminder of their lapse.

"It is not possible to fix the actual date of this interesting occurrence, but the 14th Hussars were stationed in Kent between the dates that I have mentioned before."

TENNIS NOTES

WITH THE great facilities open to us in Sabratha this year, tennis has thrived. Members of the Sergeants' Mess were frequently seen on the courts ferociously fighting out grim foursomes, and Tpr. Kelly from the Sports Store proved a most helpful coach to many beginners.

Two Regimental tournaments have been held this year, and a team to represent the Regiment entered for the inter-unit knockout tournament in Tripoli. Many other matches of various types took place on the two sun-drenched courts in the barracks and on the court kindly lent to us by the Italian Social Club in the village.

The Regimental team started off well in the inter-unit knockout tournament, winning the first two matches against the R.A.O.C. and Assistant Command Secretariat. It was knocked out of the finals by H.Q. Tripoli District. During the tournament Capt. James, who had successfully won all his singles matches, was called away on duty, and several other changes had to be made in the team. The following finally represented the Regiment: Capt. James, Capt. Roberts, Major Scarr, Lieut. Guiseppi, Capt. Giblett, Sergt. Thompson and R.S.M. Charlton.

The entries were large for both the singles and doubles tournaments. Capt. James beat Capt. Roberts in a most enjoyable game to watch 6—2, 6—2. Capt. Roberts and 2/Lieut. Bowering meet Lieut. Guiseppi and S.Q.M.S. Collins in the final of the doubles.

Owing to high winds and Ghiblies, a match arranged against the Royal Navy had to be cancelled. We are looking forward to an equally enjoyable season next year.

MOTOR-CYCLING

AT THE beginning of August we learnt that there would be a District Motor-Cycle Trial and, with the promise of nine new machines, we were to enter on a squadron basis. By the time all the Regiment's budding motor-cyclists were gathered together we learnt that only four machines were coming, and with the few old machines there were only enough for two teams. This was most unfortunate in blocking out several promising riders, but the L.A.D. and "A" Squadron were best as teams, and on these training was concentrated under the very able direction of S.Q.M.S. Collins.

The first task was to run in the new engines, and this led to afternoon trips to Zuara and week-end trips to Bianchi and Jefren. This gave the riders a chance to really get to know their machines, and falls were few. With 500 miles completed, we did all our practice round the sand dunes and wadis near the camp, and this was much enjoyed as an afternoon recreation.

The last week was spent in improving the machines' appearance, but when we got to the starting-line on 17th October we found we were far outclassed by the R.E.M.E. team. It was also obvious that the other teams profited by knowledge of the local roads in the map-reading test.

But in the rough-riding course we were in our element and made up our lost points. Sergt. Southwell, Cfn. Prattley and Tpr. Stokes gave particularly impressive performances. Our standard was maintained in the timed circuit, and to our delight it was the L.A.D. team of Sergt. Southwell, L./Cpl. Hughes and Cfn. Prattley which received the Challenge Cup from the Wali, with "A" Squadron (S.Q.M.S. Collins, Tpr. Stokes and Tpr. Fowler) third.



THE WINNERS

Cfn. Prattley, Sergt. Southwell, L/Cpl. Hughes, with S.Q.M.S. Collins

'Mention must also be made of the many members of the Regiment who so ably acted as officials.

We have learnt a lot, and now we hope to take part in a two-day trial in the Canal Zone and continue our success with a Regimental team.

NOTICE

IF ANY members of the Regiment, past or present, have difficulty in finding somewhere to stay while in London, Major Swallow suggests that the S.A.A.F.A. Married Families Club at 14-16 Nevern Square, London, S.W.5, is worth trying.

It is run on the lines of a small hotel and is essentially for the use of married families of H.M. Forces below commissioned rank, either serving or ex-Service.

The charge for ex-Service men and their families is 6s. 6d. per night per person. It is necessary to book in advance.

AWARDS

The following have been awarded the Queen's Coronation Medal: Lieut.-Colonel B. B. N. Woodd; Major P. F. W. Browne, D.S.O., M.C.; Major B. C. L. Tayleur; Capt. (Q.M.) R. M. Roberts; R.S.M. L. R. Charlton; Bandmaster R. Hurst, A.R.C.M.; S.S.M. A. E. Le Maitre; S./Sergt. J. E. Thompson, R.E.M.E.

The following have been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal: S.Q.M.S. J. Reynolds; Sergt. E. Holdaway.

The Regimental Medal: Sergt. E. Holdaway.

ACT OF GALLANTRY

THE FOLLOWING citation appeared in General Orders by General Sir Charles F. Keightley, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., A.D.C., Commander-in-Chief, Middle East Land Forces, dated 13th November, 1953:

ACT OF GALLANTRY

1. The Commander-in-Chief desires to place on record the act of gallantry described below:

22771624 Trooper Marquer, Lyndon Francis, 14th/20th King's Hussars.

On 1st August, 1953, on the Homs road, a Matador War Department lorry was involved in a serious collision with a Morris Minor car containing two American Air Force personnel, two women and a youth. The Morris car was completely crushed by the wheel of the Matador passing over it, and all the occupants were seriously injured.

The Matador overturned, and its passengers, including Trooper Marquer, were badly shaken but only suffered superficial injuries.

Trooper Marquer, who is only 19 years old, immediately took charge of arrangements and first aid treatment. He had some small first aid experience which he learnt in civilian life before joining the Army, and was, for a few days, employed in the operating theatre of the British Military Hospital during an epidemic when there was a shortage of trained staff.

He applied his limited knowledge to such effect that he probably saved the lives of the two American Servicemen. One had a leg almost severed, and the other had a smashed jaw, crushed ribs and a broken pelvis. One of the two women was already dead, and the other was so badly injured that he was unable to save her life.

The Arab youth was badly cut in the face, and he dealt with this. He attended to the injuries of the Matador crew and then collapsed.

The Medical Officer, on arrival, commended, in the highest terms, the skill and coolness of Trooper Marquer's actions.

We add our congratulations to Tpr. Marquer for his outstanding example. Below appears a photograph of one of the vehicles after the accident.



THE MATADOR AFTER THE ACCIDENT

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

MARRIAGES

WE CONGRATULATE and offer our warmest wishes for a long life and a happy future to the following on their marriages:

Capt. W. D. Garbutt, married at Tripoli on 4th August, 1953, to Lieut. Anne Bennett (Q.A.R.A.N.C.).

Capt. J. W. Goodfellow, married at the Parish Church of St. Aldgate's, Oxford, on 13th June, 1953, to Rosemary Anne Parsloe.

Capt. J. M. Palmer, married at the Parish Church, Richmond, Yorks, on 27th November, 1953, to Jillian Monica Sherston.

Sergt. Bury, married at Christ Church, Crookham, Hants, on 25th July, 1953, to Winifred Carrie Gale.

Tpr. Smith (097), married at St. Teresa's Church, Everton Road, Southport, Lancs, on 11th June, 1953, to June Pamela Laycock.

Bdsn. Daniels, married at the Presbyterian Church of England, Sea Bank Road, Egremont, Wallasey, on 18th July, 1953, to Audrey Edith Davies.

L./Cpl. King, married at the Registry Office, Chatham, Kent, on 10th October, 1953, to Eva Thomas.

BIRTHS

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Sergt. Smith (R.E.M.E.).—To the wife of, a son, Philip John, at the Jarvis Maternity Home, Guildford, on 12th March, 1953.

Cpl. Downing.—To the wife of, a daughter, Valerie Olwen, at the B.M.H., Tripoli, on 17th April, 1953.

Tpr. Preston.—To the wife of, a son, Robert James, at Loughborough General Hospital, Leics, on 21st April, 1953.

DEATH

WE DEEPLY regret to announce the death of Terence Andrew, son of W.O.II and Mrs. Boulter, who died at the B.M.H., Tripoli, on 5th July, 1953.

PAST MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENT

WE HAVE received some interesting news about some old members of the Regiment. Printed below are a few details which we hope will be of interest to Old Comrades.

THE LATE CPL. W. SIMS, 20TH HUSSARS

During 1953 the Regiment was presented with a malacca stick with an 18-carat gold top, with the following inscription: "Cpl. W. Sims, 20th Hussars. First prize marching order 1884." This stick was presented to him by Lieut.-Colonel Mangles. Also with the stick, which is now in the Sergeants' Mess, is the Egyptian Medal belonging to Cpl. Sims. He joined the Regiment at Aldershot in December, 1879, and served until 1891. His medals include the Egyptian Medal and the Khedive Bronze Star, 1884-6. He was at one time Rough Riding Corporal. He died in February, 1944, at the age of eighty-four. Lieut.-Colonel M. Stapleton was commanding the Regiment at the time of his discharge.

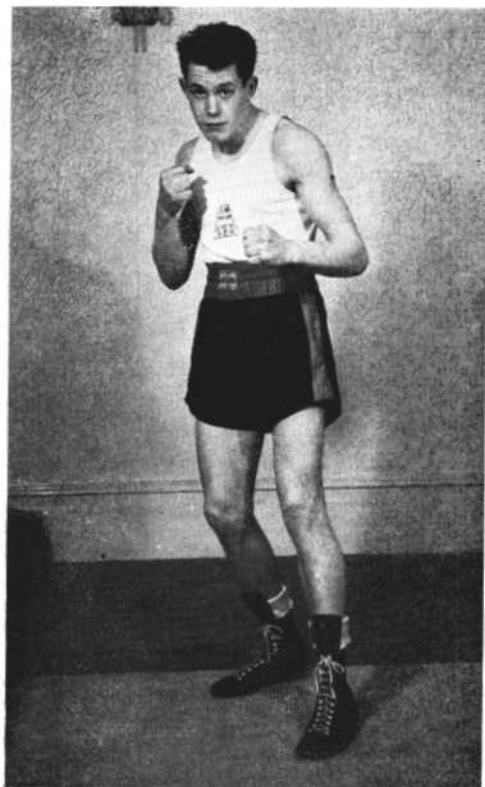
We are most grateful to Mrs. E. Clark, the daughter of the late Cpl. Sims, who has so kindly presented the stick and medal to the Regiment, and to Mr. R. Jones (ex-S.S.M.) for supplying some of the above information.

THE LATE TRUMPET-MAJOR A. F. THEWLIS, 14TH HUSSARS

I have received a letter from Major F. J. Clayton with the following interesting paper cutting: "The complete uniform worn by the State Trumpeter—a York man—at the Delhi Durbar in 1911 may soon be on view in the Castle Museum (York)." Its wearer on that great occasion was Mr. F. Thewlis, who died not long ago. Mrs. Thewlis tells me she is considering lending the uniform to the Museum. With its GR.I and delicate gold lace facing on crimson velvet, the uniform is so beautiful that it must be seen to be believed.

It was at the express wish of the late King George V that Trumpet-Major Thewlis was allowed to keep it. Mr. Thewlis, who served in the Inniskilling Dragoon Guards and the 14th Hussars, was recommended for a Military Medal on more than one occasion and was well spoken of for his gallantry and self-reliance.

EX-TPR. A. SILLETT, 14TH/20TH KING'S HUSSARS



TPR. A. SILLETT

Reproduced below is a photograph of A. Sillett, who served in the Regiment at Catterick and Crookham. His record in Army boxing was outstanding. He won the Tilney Bowl last year as the best all-round sportsman. Sillett, now a bantam-weight, is representing the A.B.A. and his club in a number of boxing tournaments.

EX-L./CPL. E. FENTON,
14TH/20TH KING'S HUSSARS

We congratulate Elvan Fenton, who is still holding his position in the half-back line of the very successful Blackpool eleven.

WANTED:

20TH HUSSAR REGIMENTAL BROOCH

I have received a letter from Colonel R. C. de V. Askin, late 20th Hussars, who is most anxious to buy a 20th Hussar brooch. If anyone can help, would they please write direct to him at the following address: 41 Ashworth Mansions, Elgin Avenue, Maida Vale, W.9.

ODE TO AN OUT-OF-BOUNDS AREA

Why do we gaze upon this wheel,
We only came to have a meal,
But now we're here I'm sure we'll stay
Till the beginning of next day.

The night is young, but just the same
We'll be sorry that we came,
Because it happens every night
We go to bed without a mite.

The air is tense and blue with smoke,
A Yank or two begins to choke;
Inglaise silence, please, I pledge,
The ball is spinning round the edge.

Slower and slower until it stops
In a series of uncertain plops,
At any number than the one
That we have put our money on.

"Faites vos jeux," the croupiers say,
Now's the chance to make some pay;
Someone's told me twenty-four
Will pay out thirty-five times more.

"Rien ne va plus" the end is nigh,
Many people heave a sigh,
Inglaise all agree to go,
Alas "Le Zero" . . .

OFFICERS PRESENT WITH THE REGIMENT ON 31st DECEMBER, 1953

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. J. M. Palmer: Adjutant.
2/Lieut. P. F. Fuller: Assistant Adjutant.

H.Q. SQUADRON

Major P. H. Marnham: Squadron Leader.
Capt. M. D. Mylchreest: Second-in-Com-
mand (Editor, *THE HAWK*).
Capt. G. R. D. Beart: Technical Adjutant.
Capt. P. S. Mossé: Signals Officer.
Capt. (Q.M.) R. M. Roberts: Quarter-
master.
Capt. J. W. Goodfellow: Medical Officer.

"A" SQUADRON

Major B. C. L. Tayleur: Squadron Leader.
Capt. W. D. Garbutt: Second-in-Com-
mand.
Lieut. A. H. I. Bridges: Troop Leader.
2/Lieut. P. L. B. Stoddart: Troop Leader.
2/Lieut. J. A. Bowering: Troop Leader.
2/Lieut. P. T. Fenwick: Troop Leader.

"B" SQUADRON

Major D. P. R. Scarr: Squadron Leader.
Lieut. G. St. A. Guiseppi: Second-in-
Command.
2/Lieut. C. J. J. Balfour: Troop Leader.
2/Lieut. M. G. Batty: Troop Leader.
2/Lieut. R. G. Sewell: Troop Leader.

"C" SQUADRON

Major E. G. W. T. Walsh: Squadron
Leader.
Capt. M. A. James, M.C.: Second-in-
Command.
Capt. R. A. McClure: Officer i/c Trials
Troop.
2/Lieut. D. A. Hinton: 2nd-in-C. Trials
Troop.
2/Lieut. R. D. Baxter: Troop Leader.

LIGHT AID DETACHMENT

Capt. A. F. Giblett: Officer Commanding.
2/Lieut D. B. Morris.

SERVING OFFICERS DETACHED ON COURSES IN U.K.

Lieut. M. H. Goodhart, Technical Course,
R.A.C. Centre.

2/Lieut. M. J. Simmons, D. & M. Course,
R.A.C. Centre.

RESIGNATIONS

Major J. L. M. Chancellor.
Lieut. L. B. J. S. Bromley.

Lieut. J. R. B. Maitland.

**OFFICERS OF THE 14th/20th KING'S HUSSARS SERVING ON E.R.E.,
STAFF OR OTHER APPOINTMENTS AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1953**

Lieut.-Colonel R. P. D. F. Allen, M.B.E.: Commanding 65th Training Regiment, R.A.C.

Major W. F. Crotty, M.B.E.: Chief Instructor, 65th Training Regiment, R.A.C.

Major G. N. Loraine-Smith: Commandant, R.A.C. Ranges, Kirkcudbright.

Major A. R. Sturt: Assistant C.I., D. & M. School, R.A.C. Centre, Bovington Camp.

Major R. J. W. Fletcher:

Major (Q.M.) P. T. Drew, M.B.E.: Quartermaster, R.A.C. Depot, Bovington Camp.

Major D. E. R. Scarr: Training Major, Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry, Manchester.

Major D. J. Brunton: British Military Mission, Turkey.

Major G. L. Sullivan, M.B.E., M.C.: Commandant, R.A.C. Ranges, Castle Martin, Pembroke-shire.

Capt. J. F. Beaumont: Adjutant, 65th Training Regiment, R.A.C.

Capt. J. R. Thomas: G.S.O.3, G.H.Q., M.E.L.F.

Capt. D. A. Heath, M.C.: Staff College Course, Camberley.

Capt. P. Melitus: Ministry of Supply.

Capt. M. A. Urban-Smith, M.C.: Staff College Course, Camberley.

Capt. W. A. L. Reid, M.C.: Canadian Staff College, Course.

Capt. P. L. J. Groves: Adjutant, Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry, Manchester.

Capt. J. D. Gowlett: Malayan Armoured Car Squadron, Malaya.

Capt. D. E. Wreford, G.S.O.3 (Int.), 1st Infantry Division, M.E.L.F.

Capt. R. E. D. Harris: Technical Adjutant, 65th Training Regiment, R.A.C.

Lieut. C. C. G. Ross: A.D.C. to Chief of Staff, G.H.Q., M.E.L.F.

Lieut. J. A. Henderson: 65th Training Regiment, R.A.C.

Lieut. (Q.M.) L. R. Charlton: Quartermaster, Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry, Manchester.

2/Lieut. R. Jameson: 65th Training Regiment, R.A.C.

2/Lieut. N. A. Bain: 65th Training Regiment, R.A.C.

**NOMINAL ROLL OF PERSONNEL SERVING WITH THE REGIMENT
AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1953****H.Q. SQUADRON**

R.Q.M.S. L. Norris
W.O.II R. Boulter
W.O.II R. Moore
S.Q.M.S. J. Reynolds
Sergt. P. Barker
Sergt. H. Bruce
Sergt. J. Bury
Sergt. V. C. Coles
Sergt. Cripps
Sergt. E. Holdaway
Sergt. L. A. James
Sergt. S. Jude
Sergt. A. B. Plunkett
Sergt. A. Raine
Sergt. J. Thompson
Sergt. G. Urquhart
Sergt. J. W. Walters
Sergt. F. Winstanley
Cpl. H. Allen
Cpl. G. Banham
Cpl. J. Bayley

Cpl. D. Davis
Cpl. E. A. Fryer
Cpl. J. P. Julian
Cpl. G. Knowles
Cpl. R. Port
Cpl. S. R. Rosier
Cpl. R. Smith
Cpl. D. B. Tye
Cpl. W. Urquhart
L./Cpl. R. Bampton
L./Cpl. A. W. Beck
L./Cpl. W. Brown
L./Cpl. P. Coley
L./Cpl. K. Dix
L./Cpl. A. Hart
L./Cpl. R. Horabin
L./Cpl. F. Law
L./Cpl. E. Louis
L./Cpl. D. K. Morris
L./Cpl. J. McKinnon
L./Cpl. I. Oliver
L./Cpl. M. Rodham
L./Cpl. D. Smith

L./Cpl. M. Smith
L./Cpl. J. White
L./Cpl. J. E. White
Tpr. H. Allan
Tpr. S. V. Allden
Tpr. G. Andrews
Tpr. J. Arnold
Tpr. R. Atherton
Tpr. R. Barker
Tpr. A. Barrett
Tpr. J. Beasley
Tpr. R. Betson
Tpr. P. Booker
Tpr. G. Bourne
Tpr. A. B. J. Case
Tpr. N. Cave
Tpr. S. Clarke
Tpr. G. Coffey
Tpr. W. Cooke
Tpr. F. Davis
Tpr. W. Day
Tpr. W. Dale
Tpr. P. J. Donovan

Tpr. E. Edgar
 Tpr. K. Ellis
 Tpr. M. Glasscock
 Tpr. J. Gleadall
 Tpr. E. Gray
 Tpr. A. J. Haynes
 Tpr. S. P. Hardy
 Tpr. G. Hughes
 Tpr. J. Lamb
 Tpr. B. W. J. Lawrence
 Tpr. T. Leaman
 Tpr. E. Layland
 Tpr. T. Limbert
 Tpr. L. G. Lockey
 Tpr. J. Mannion
 Tpr. L. Marquer
 Tpr. G. McGahey
 Tpr. E. McGrath
 Tpr. A. Murie
 Tpr. K. Owen
 Tpr. B. E. Pearson
 Tpr. H. Peet
 Tpr. H. Phillips
 Tpr. P. A. L. Phillips
 Tpr. A. Poplar
 Tpr. K. Preston
 Tpr. R. Proctor
 Tpr. J. S. Read
 Tpr. A. Rhodes
 Tpr. R. Richardson
 Tpr. J. W. Rideout
 Tpr. A. E. Robinson
 Tpr. C. A. Rogers
 Tpr. J. Scott
 Tpr. N. A. Sell
 Tpr. V. K. Sharphington
 Tpr. E. B. Shepherd
 Tpr. A. Sinclair
 Tpr. W. T. Shore
 Tpr. R. A. Smith
 Tpr. D. J. Smith
 Tpr. A. Smith
 Tpr. C. Squires
 Tpr. P. Staff
 Tpr. J. J. Steel
 Tpr. L. Stone
 Tpr. C. Summersgill
 Tpr. J. A. Teasdale
 Tpr. E. Thompson
 Tpr. D. Thompson
 Tpr. J. Thompson
 Tpr. L. S. Vale
 Tpr. G. H. Walmsley
 Tpr. D. Ward
 Tpr. E. J. Webb
 Tpr. P. Wheatley
 Tpr. J. W. Wiley
 Tpr. P. Whaley
 Tpr. J. Williams
 Tpr. J. Williamson
 Tpr. J. W. Young

BAND

W.O.I.R. Hurst
 Sergt. L. Ainsley
 Sergt. E. W. Hughes
 Sergt. A. McCann
 Cpl. V. S. Kinsman
 Cpl. J. A. Palmer

Cpl. W. Watkins
 L./Cpl. J. Dickenson
 L./Cpl. J. Wainwright
 Bdsn. D. V. Bateman
 Tpr. E. W. Buckle
 Bdsn. J. Burnett
 Bdsn. J. W. Daniels
 Tpr. C. Green
 Bdsn. P. B. Harding
 Bdsn. K. G. Harris
 Bdsn. K. Jones
 Bdsn. A. Lenton
 Bdsn. R. Lunt
 Bdsn. A. M. McComb
 Bdsn. E. Millward
 Boy A. Millward
 Bdsn. S. Moores
 Tpr. E. Osbourne
 Tpr. W. C. O'Driscoll
 Bdsn. G. E. D. Phillips
 Tpr. A. F. Ripley
 Bdsn. G. Sinclair
 Bdsn. T. Stewart
 Bdsn. H. Stewart
 Bdsn. A. P. Trego
 Tpr. D. A. Woodcraft

L.A.D. (R.E.M.E.)

A.Q.M.S. J. E. Thompson
 S./Sergt. W. Walker
 Sergt. G. H. Marshall
 Sergt. W. Shadbolt
 Sergt. P. J. Smith
 Cpl. B. P. Madden
 Cpl. J. Traynor
 L./Cpl. R. Barber
 L./Cpl. H. N. Noble
 L./Cpl. A. J. Russell
 L./Cpl. B. Weaver
 Cfn. W. A. Atkinson
 Cfn. R. F. Booth
 Cfn. P. D. Booth
 Cfn. J. Brien
 Cfn. J. E. Bryan
 Cfn. R. Burton
 Cfn. J. Campbell
 Cfn. D. S. E. Darby
 Cfn. K. Durey
 Cfn. D. Duggan
 Cfn. Harrison
 Cfn. D. Lancaster
 Cfn. J. A. Newman
 Cfn. M. W. Nolloth
 Cfn. G. Pannell
 Cfn. J. Parker
 Cfn. D. G. I. Payne
 Cfn. A. M. Paterson
 Cfn. G. J. W. Philbrick
 Cfn. Robinson
 Cfn. D. W. Slade
 Cfn. A. Slater
 Cfn. D. S. Turner
 Cfn. D. Turner
 Cfn. T. D. Underwood
 Cfn. G. Williams
 Cfn. D. O. Richardson
 Cfn. H. Westwood

ROYAL SIGNALS
TROOP

Sergt. G. D. Brill
 Sergt. A. M. Carney
 Cpl. P. D. Watton
 Dvr. H. L. Worrall
 Dvr. W. A. E. Jerrim
 Sigmn. G. Jones
 Dvr. F. G. Kemp
 Sigmn. J. M. Kerr
 Dvr. R. C. Lewis
 Sigmn. D. M. Long
 Sigmn. A. J. Lusted
 Sigmn. K. A. Mathews
 Sigmn. B. E. Slater
 Sigmn. F. A. Soderburg

A.C.C.

Sergt. J. H. Paffey
 Cpl. S. Salter
 L./Cpl. P. Clarke
 L./Cpl. R. S. Parkes
 L./Cpl. L. Bates
 L./Cpl. G. Hesketh
 Pte. D. W. Barter
 Pte. D. T. Biggs
 Pte. E. F. Carrington
 Pte. F. I. Clarke
 Pte. W. A. Grimes
 Pte. D. J. Turner

R.A.P.C.

Sergt. W. R. Blake

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