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**LIEUTENANT-COLONEL B. B. N. WOODD**



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## EDITORIAL

IT IS WITH regret that we have had to raise the price from 4s. to 5s., and to reduce the size of THE HAWK, but since publication of the last edition, production costs have doubled and we are left with no alternative.

This has been a hard decision to accept as the last year has seen many important events, moves and changes. We have tried to report these as fully as possible in this number, but inevitably some will receive less than their due, owing to the shortage of space.

The most outstanding events have been the move from Catterick to Crookham, and the change in command. The former involved an alteration in role from that of a training establishment to an active-service regiment. The latter was caused by the retirement of Lieut.-Colonel R. J. Stephen, M.B.E., to whom we send our best wishes for the future. In his successor, Lieut.-Colonel B. B. N. Woodd, we know that we have a popular and trusted member and friend of the Regiment.

Last, and probably least, there has been an Editorial change in the Journal, which accounts for the fact that the publication of this number has been somewhat delayed. For this we tender our apologies.

## FOREWORD

BY LIEUTENANT-COLONEL B. B. N. WOODD

THE YEAR 1951 was an interesting one, as it saw the re-activation of the Regiment under the very able leadership of Lieut.-Colonel R. J. Stephen, M.B.E. It also saw numerous other activities not foreseen when we left Catterick. Among these was the kaleidoscopic medley of collective and individual training, T.A. assistance, vehicle pools, manœuvres, inspections and what sports and leave could be fitted in. Those of us who could remember, looked back with a sigh to the ordered progress of the pre-war years with their cut-and-dried cycles of individual training, leave, collective training, manœuvres and the various inspections which all took place at their appointed time. However, we got through the year without many disasters and, indeed, with one or two much-appreciated compliments.

Before the close of the year Lieut.-Colonel R. J. Stephen, M.B.E., left us to retire from the Army after twenty-two years' service, of which less than three years were spent away from the Regiment. This period of absence included six months at the Staff College and the remainder as Brigade Major of the 8th Armoured Brigade (T.A.). Periods of leave taken before the war are not included!

Lieut.-Colonel Stephen, whose father commanded the Regiment before him, was educated at Eton and joined the Regiment in 1929 after obtaining a Degree at Cambridge University, where he studied at Trinity College. In 1930 he joined the Machine Gun Squadron and was appointed Troop Leader during the tour of the Regiment in Egypt. He was promoted Captain in 1933 and was one of the youngest Captains in the Army. He remained at heart a Regimental soldier all his service and very ably commanded the Regiment during the closing phase of the Italian Campaign.

From the Regimental point of view nothing was too much trouble to him and no stone was left unturned to promote the good name and reputation of the Regiment. It was while under his command, amongst other things, that we won the Cavalry Cup, organized the parade for the Trooping of the Guidons, and attained the C.I.V. grading of "Excellent" for our Technical Stores.

A good cricketer and games player, he encouraged all types of sport in the Regiment and was amply rewarded by the good showing of the Regiment in the sporting world.

We all wish him the best of luck in his new venture and hope that he will still keep in touch with the Regiment he served so well.

## DIARY OF EVENTS, 1951

- 1st January.—Regiment handed over to 65th Training Regiment, R.A.C.
- 15th January.—Advance party moved to Crookham.
- 26th January.—Ceremonial Handing-over Parade at Catterick.
- 15th February.—Main body of the Regiment moved to Crookham.
- 28th February.—Demonstration by S.A.D.E. in Long Valley.
- 9th March.—Visit by Major-General Sir Hugh Stockwell, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., G.O.C., 3rd Infantry Division.
- 16th March.—The Regiment defeated the 2nd Life Guards (1—0) in the quarter-final of the Cavalry Cup match at Windsor.
- 12th April.—Defeated 1—2 by 12th Royal Lancers in Cavalry Cup semi-final at Barnard Castle.
- 14th April.—Regimental Week-end. Medecina Celebrations. Old Comrades' Reunion, London.
- 23rd March.—Visit by Major-General W. A. Dimoline, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., G.O.C., Aldershot District. Squadron Training at Stanford P.T.A.
- 28th May.—Exercise "Try Back"—3rd Division withdrawal exercise.
- 14th June.—Officers' Reunion Dinner, Cavalry Club.
- 15th June.—Aldershot District Small-Arms Meeting.
- 21st to 24th June.—East Anglian Rifle Meeting.
- 29th June.—A.R.A. Central Rifle Meeting at Bisley.
- 13th July.—Regiment won the Connaught Pistol Cup.
- 1st September.—"Z" reservists training at East Wretham, Norfolk.
- 12th September.—Visit by General Sir Gerald Templer, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., G.O.C.-in-C., Eastern Command.
- 21st to 25th September.—Exercise "Hammer and Tongs"—3rd Division and 161st Lorried Infantry Brigade.
- 25th September.—Regiment came third in British Modern Pentathlon.
- 4th-8th October.—Exercise "Merry Widow"—3rd Division river-crossing exercise.
- 12th-17th October.—Exercise "Surprise Packet"—U.K. manœuvres, Salisbury Plain.
- 29th October.—5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards left Farnborough Station for Korea.
- 30th October.—First Round, Army Cup. Won 4—3 against M.T.D.E., Arborfield.
- 31st October.—First Round, Army Rugby Football Competition. Defeated 4th Training Bn. R.A.O.C., 12—0. 3rd Infantry Division move to M.E.L.F.
- 1st November.—Major R. W. Fletcher, "C" Squadron, left for the Gunnery School, Lulworth.
- 9th November.—Second Round, Army Rugby Cup. Defeated 2nd Training Bn. R.A.O.C., 9—3.
- 13th November.—Regiment came under the command of 56th London Armoured Division, T.A.
- 14th November.—Handing-over Parade. Lieut.-Colonel R. J. Stephen, M.B.E., handed over to Lieut.-Colonel B. B. N. Woodd.

- 15th November.—Tank Demonstration to Eton College J.T.C. at Pirbright. Major G. A. L. C. Talbot assumed command of "B" Squadron, *vice* Major P. F. W. Browne, D.S.O., M.C. (Second-in-Command). Second Round, Army Cup (football): lost 0—4 to R.A.M.C. Depot.
- 20th November.—Major E. G. W. T. Walsh assumed command of "C" Squadron.
- 24th November.—Ramnuggur Celebrations. Visit by General Sir Richard L. McCreery, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.
- 28th November.—Third Round, Army Rugby Cup. Defeated 2nd Bn. Coldstream Guards 9—0.
- 30th November.—The 2nd Light Armoured F.V. Division Regiment, Royal N.Z.A.C., made an Affiliated Regiment.
- 5th December.—Second Round of the Aldershot District Team Boxing Competition. Defeated 3rd Training Regiment, R.E.
- 11th December.—Tpr. Sillett, "C" Squadron, boxed for the Army against the Swedish Army Team. Won his fight.
- 17th December.—Visit by Major-General R. W. Goodbody, D.S.O., G.O.C., 56th London Armoured Division, T.A.
- 25th December.—Christmas Dinner.
- 31st December.—New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance.

## THE MOVE TO CROOKHAM

THE REGIMENT finally laid down its task at Catterick when it handed over to the 65th Training Regiment, R.A.C., commanded by Lieut.-Colonel A. M. Barne, O.B.E., The Royals.

The handing-over parade was taken by Major-General White, and Brigadier Lipscomb, our Brigade Commander, was present.

After the General had inspected the parade, Lieut.-Colonel R. J. Stephen, M.B.E., presented Lieut.-Colonel Barne with a picture of "The Surrender of Kazimain." Colonel Barne, thanking the Regiment for the gift, said that the picture would have an honoured place in the Officers' Mess and would exemplify the cordial relations which exist between the two Regiments.

When General White addressed the parade, he said he was really sorry to see the Regiment go after all the fine work it had done. He congratulated the Regiment on the high standard it had maintained during the three years and he wished the 65th Training Regiment good luck in their new task.

"C" Squadron moved to Crookham in January, and a month later the rest of the Regiment, less a small road party, marched to Richmond Station with The Royals' Band and entrained for the south.

Many old friends were on the platform to see us off, including General White, Brigadier and Mrs. Lipscombe, members of the District Headquarters Staff and officers of the 65th Training Regiment.

After a comfortable journey the Regiment arrived at Fleet Station to be met by the advance party and the Band, which led us through the cheering streets to our new home.

The following officers remained in Catterick with the 65th Training Regiment:

Major J. Crotty (Chief Instructor), Capt. J. Finneron (Adjutant), Major D. P. R. Scarr (O.C., "B" Squadron), Lieut. A. B. Brooks (D. & M. Troop Leader), Capt. J. F. Beaumont, M.C. (Education and Welfare Officer), and 2/Lieut. A. G. Kampe (G.M.T. Troop Leader).



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**MAJOR-GENERAL WHITE INSPECTING THE REGIMENT FOR THE LAST TIME**



[Photo: "The Yorkshire Post," Leeds.]

**Lieut.-Colonel R. J. Stephen, M.B.E., Brigadier H. T. de B. Lipscomb, A.D.C.,  
Major-General C. M. F. White, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., and  
Lieut.-Colonel A. M. Barne, O.B.E.**

## THE 3rd DIVISION



SINCE THE REGIMENT has been part of the Division for nearly a year as the Divisional Cavalry Regiment, it is perhaps of interest to look back through the years at the history of this famous formation.

The Division was originally formed in 1809 by Wellington at the start of the Peninsular War. From that time until the destruction of the French Armies in Spain it formed an important part of our small, but very fine, professional Army.

The Division was commanded for a time by General Crawford, of Light Division fame, but the commander whose name will always remain most intimately associated with the 3rd Division was Sir Thomas Picton, under whom it earned the soubriquet "The Fighting Division."

Although it played an important part in all the major actions in the Peninsula, perhaps its greatest battle was the siege of Cuidad Rodrigo, which involved savage fighting and very heavy casualties. In this battle the Connaught Rangers, Highland Light Infantry and The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers distinguished themselves.

At Waterloo the 3rd originally guarded the vital position at Le Haye Sainte and was well to the fore in this, one of the most decisive battles in our history. General Picton, who at that time was commanding the 5th Division, was seriously wounded early in the battle but continued to command his Division. He later died a hero's death while leading a counter-attack against the French.

After the Napoleonic Wars the British Army suffered severely from financial stringency and general neglect. The 3rd Division was not heard of again until 1854, when a very depleted and not very well trained formation saw service in the Crimea.

Although employed at both the Battles of the Alma and Inkerman, the Division was never heavily engaged and it appears to have been in reserve most of the time. Perhaps this was just as well since the whole campaign was a catalogue of blunders, misunderstandings and chaos.

In 1914 the Division was one of the first to go to France, being part of II Corps, commanded by General Smith-Dorrien. Instead of retiring with the rest of the Army, the troops in this Corps held their ground at Le Cateau against overwhelming odds, with the gunners firing at point-blank range and the infantry manipulating their rifles with their well-known excellence.

The Division took part in the bloody fighting in the Ypres salient and the first Battle of the Somme, where the flower of British youth perished on the battlefield.

When, in March, 1918, the Germans launched a well-timed and viciously executed attack against the Fifth and Third Armies, the Division was on the right flank of the Third Army, commanded by General Byng. It played an important part in stemming the German advance in the Amiens area and was thus instrumental in the final defeat of the enemy.

After the First World War the Division was disbanded along with many other famous formations, but was re-activated in 1939, becoming part of the B.E.F., and commanded by General Montgomery. The Division bore the brunt of some of the sharpest fighting in the withdrawal to Dunkirk, and on its arrival in Eng-

land guarded the invasion base, raided Hitler's Fortress and trained for the return to France.

The Division, commanded by Major-General T. G. Rennie, again saw active service in June, 1944. It was chosen as one of the two United Kingdom Assault Divisions for the invasion of the Continent, and as such stormed its way ashore at dawn on 6th June, supported by guns of the Royal Navy.

Much of the Division's time in Normandy was spent in the Caen area, where much of the heaviest fighting took place against the 21st Panzer S.S. Division.

Commanded by Major-General L. G. Whistler, the Division advanced through France and Belgium after the break-out, and took heavy toll of the enemy in the fighting west of the River Maas, and subsequently in the Rhineland battles which brought the British Army up to the Rhine itself.

The 3rd was one of the covering divisions for the actual Rhine crossing, but it quickly advanced after the bridge-heads had been established, capturing the town of Lingden after a brilliant night advance by the Guards Armoured Division.

The last act in the drama was the attack on the strongly held citadel of Bremen, which held out for several days until the final assault by four divisions of XXX Corps. The 3rd Division crossed some flooded areas in amphibious craft, finally closing with the enemy a few days before the war ended.

As at the end of most major wars, the Division was disbanded, but when in 1950 it was decided to rearm on a large scale, the 3rd Division was once again re-activated and equipped for active service under the command of General Sir Hugh Stockwell.

After a period of intensive training in the summer and autumn of 1951 the Division has once again sailed for one of the trouble spots of the world.

We are sure that it will uphold the famous traditions of the past.

## VISITS TO THE REGIMENT



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MAJOR-GENERAL STOCKWELL ADDRESSING THE REGIMENT

ON 9TH MARCH, 1951, the Regiment was visited at Crookham by Major-General Sir Hugh Stockwell, K. B. E., C. B., D. S. O., G. O. C., 3rd Infantry Division.

On arrival at the main gate, the General inspected the main guard and then rapidly inspected the Regiment, which was formed up in a hollow square.

Addressing the parade, the General reminded us of the long and illustrious traditions of the 3rd Division, which first took the field in the Peninsular War and had an honoured place in our Order

of Battle in the First World War. At Dunkirk it was commanded by Field-Marshal Montgomery and was one of the assault divisions in Normandy.

The General congratulated the Regiment on its smart turn-out and said he hoped the Regiment would uphold the famous Cavalry tradition as a happy member of the Divisional team.

During his stay the General visited the cookhouse, N.A.A.F.I., the stables and the living accommodation of "C" Squadron. He also visited the Officers' Mess and Sergeants' Mess and had lunch with the officers.

The General took a great interest in all that he saw and made several helpful suggestions for improvements in the camp area.

This was the General's first visit to the Regiment. He is well known to many as the Commandant of the R.M.A. Sandhurst for the last three years, and previously as Commander of the famous 6th Airborne Division in Palestine.

## "A" SQUADRON NOTES

ON 1ST JANUARY, 1951, "A" Squadron became a Sabre Squadron once again after three years of training recruits. Troops were formed within the Squadron and preparations were made for the move to Crookham. 2/Lieut. Bromley, S.Q.M.S. Norris and a small party went ahead to pave the way for the arrival of the main body, and on 14th February "A" Squadron left for Crookham.

Under Major Sturt we got down to training straight away. Once having equipped ourselves we made for the "pudding basin." Long Valley afforded excellent opportunities for training drivers.

S./Sergt. Thompson and his small band of fitters were immediately accepted as experts, and from then onwards they worked unceasingly on the vehicles, so that "A" Squadron never failed to undertake any scheme they were given.

Soon after we arrived in Crookham, Major Tyers took over from Major Sturt, who went to Bovington as Second-in-Command, Driving and Maintenance School.

In May we paid our first visit to East Wretham. The advance party had their first experience of the "unexpired portion of the rations." "B" Squadron's healthy appetite had caused a temporary lack of rations, game and vegetation in the area. Their scorched-earth policy might well have eliminated our advance party had it not been for the arrival of the main body a few days later.

We were in East Wretham for a dual purpose. First, to train ourselves in our new role as Divisional Regiment, R.A.C., in the 3rd Infantry Division, and secondly, to do our share of the vehicle pool. Capt. Garbutt, with an able team, ran the vehicle pool, while troops individually and collectively trained with the 32nd Guards Brigade.

The Squadron stayed only for a month in East Wretham before returning to take part in "Try Back," our first large-scale exercise. Admin. Troop caught several prisoners, amongst whom was an innocent N.A.A.F.I. manager—his quiet evening stroll was made a little more exciting than he had intended it to be.

On returning to the Technical Site we took over from "C" Squadron. Capt. Garbutt lost no time in preparing for a large-scale vehicle pool. He formed his team, 2/Lieut. Oakshott with Cpl. Hosking at the railhead, and S./Sergt. Thompson at base. Sergt. Boulter accounted for vehicles in no uncertain manner, and the T.A. regiments came and went fully satisfied. Meanwhile, training carried on. 3rd Troop, being the only free troop, took most of the exercises, much to their delight! We had no free time, for our leisure moments were filled with sport. Fishing took the interest of the whole Squadron, for whilst only a few fished, their exploits were followed with interest. L./Cpl. Sharp came to the rescue of

2/Lieut. Oakshott on one occasion when he stripped in order to disentangle the Squadron Leader's line from a weed in the middle of the stream.

At the end of June, the Squadron, with the exception of Capt. Garbutt and a few of his staff, returned to Crookham.

We spent the first week of July enjoying a minor heat-wave at Lulworth. A variety of shooting was taken on, some specializing in "crash action," others in "butt demolition"; but the main purpose, of teaching the gunners to fire their 17-pdrs. and 75-mm., was successfully achieved.

3rd Troop were privileged to demonstrate to some W.R.A.C. of the Staff College, when a good time was had by all. In August we returned to East Wretham to help wind up the vehicle pool and to concentrate as a Regiment prior to autumn manoeuvres. We had an enjoyable fortnight with the "Z" reservists. They showed immense keenness and kept up with their training programme, which proved no mean undertaking.

Sport, once again, was brought to the fore by fine weather, swimming and cricket being most popular. Some preferred chasing rabbits rather ambitiously on foot and with no uncertainty in a carrier. A craze for darts, during our stay at Lulworth, coupled with golf, took the place of fishing.

Exercise "Mole" was the first of a series of exercises culminating in Exercise "Surprise Packet." S.H.Q., as the enemy, carried out a brilliant mock attack, or so it seemed to the other side. In actual fact the Cromwell, commanded by L./Cpl. Plastow, with L./Cpl. Lynn and Tprs. Wells and Gilson, had driven into a "Mole" hole. Capt. Mossé, on the shoulders of Cpl. Coney, took some time to realize this. Shortly after leaving "Fowlmere Farm" on our return to the Technical Site, the Squadron, led by the Squadron Leader, inexplicably changed direction. It was not until after an anxious half-hour that the right path was found again.

Exercises "Presumption," "Hammer and Tongs" and "Merry Widow" followed. S.H.Q. had a dreadful moment one morning when they found their rations had disappeared. 3rd Troop, however, generously handed them back.

We loaded our tanks on 29th September at Brandon and collected them the following day from Aylesbury. With the assistance of the County Police and the

A.A., the tanks were driven down to Ibstone Common. Up went the dartboard and normal life was resumed. The landlord of the "local" was most hospitable. His premises were almost entirely taken over by the Regiment. Exercise "Merry Widow" was successful in that the Squadron crossed the Thames at Pangbourne without wetting their feet.

Back to Crookham and then straight off to Salisbury Plain for Exercise "Surprise Packet," the final scheme. Tpr. Lewthwaite had his glasses by



3 TROOP "A" SQUADRON  
CROSSING THE THAMES NEAR PANGBOURNE

now and everybody was looking forward to a taste of real Army manoeuvres. We moved down very slowly, doing our shopping and having our meals in cafés *en route* without the convoy even stopping. 3rd Troop had its tanks buried on the highest point of Salisbury Plain and lived like rabbits instead of living on them. 2/Lieut. Batty had an anxious moment when drawing his rum ration, for the umpires did not seem to understand the value of it and let down an artillery barrage on the spot.

We failed to see the enemy and disappointedly let off our flares and thunder-flashes at each other.

So to Crookham for the winter—2/Lieut. Guiseppi decided never to fly his tank again. The S.S.M. soon settled down to organizing the Squadron's social activities. At football we were beaten in the semi-finals by "Recce Troop." However, we won the tug-of-war on Ramnuggur sports day.

Capt. Groves and Lieut. Bromley did well for the Regiment in the Army Pentathlon, and Capt. Mossé, Capt. Groves and Lieut. Bromley helped to win the Duke of Connaught Cup again. Capt. Mossé, Lieut. Bromley, L./Cpl. Webb and Tpr. Maggs shot at the East Anglian District, Aldershot, and Bisley Meetings with great success. The Squadron was well represented in the Regimental rugby and football teams.

Now amidst cadres and courses we are preparing to put up the best show at the Regimental Rifle Meeting and in the D'Arcy Hall Football Cup. "A" Squadron has, with confidence, accepted every task it has been given, and carried it out successfully; with the present experience, backed by unflinching team spirit, it will continue to do so.

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## "B" SQUADRON NOTES

IT IS HARD to realize that we are now the same Squadron as that which started the year at Catterick after the Regiment had re-formed in its active role. Our experience has been immensely widened during our extensive training with the 3rd Infantry Division and the 19th Infantry Brigade in particular.

Most of us will remember the cold morning of our departure from Catterick. We paraded on Menin Square and admired a great display of marching, counter-marching and turns on the move by H.Q. Squadron, under the (remote?) control of the Signals Officer. It snowed, of course, on the march to the station, where we had a great send-off from the 65th Training Regiment. It was not until later that we learned that some of them had rushed off to a bridge on the main line and had drenched a train they took to be ours with smoke bombs, thunder-flashes, etc. It turned out to be the Tees-Tyne Pullman!

We were only at Crookham six weeks or so and we were kept pretty busy drawing kit and getting ourselves sorted out. We had our first taste of camp life at the end of March when we went to Bodney Camp in the Stanford Training Area, Norfolk. Some were a little horrified at its lack of comfort, but its shortcomings were greatly offset by the splendid meals provided by the Squadron chefs, Cpl. Armitage, and Ptes. Heald, Lovenbury and McCall. We soon moved from Bodney to near-by East Wretham, which horrified a great many. It was from here that we embarked on our first scheme with 19th Infantry Brigade. The climax came when, early at night, the Squadron Second-in-Command led the Squadron into a huge bog just behind Brigade Headquarters. The Sabre Troops got away but Squadron Headquarters got really stuck. It was the first time we had seen Sergt. West step *up* from his tank on to the ground. Sergt. Docking and his A.R.V., with L./Cpl. Probet and Tprs. Richards and Eames rushing, or rather waddling to our assistance, went in even deeper.

Lulworth was great fun, with glorious weather, and we were wonderfully looked after by the School. We seemed to be better oarsmen than "C" Squadron; no one fell into the Cove and so there was no unclad sunbathing on the top of Bindon Hill. The firing went well, even if Tpr. Jones did forget to take his foot off the firing gear pedal. If this achieved nothing else, it certainly gave Cpl. Barber and Tpr. Payne an appetite for lunch.

We returned to East Wretham in early August and on 1st September our "Z" reservists arrived. We had tremendous fun throughout their stay, and already one of them, Tpr. (or is it Mr.) Cox has revisited us. He came and spent the night, parking his British Road Services lorry on the square. Exercise "Zebra" was laid on for the "Z" men. For this scheme we formed two infantry troops out of the Squadron, L./Cpl. Muir being winkled out of Squadron Office to show us how Royal Marine Commandos do things. Cpl. Butcher was most energetic, and Cpl. Barber, with Tprs. Bird, Maynard, Hunt, Gamester and Adams, having been cut off, marched miles round back to the Squadron. However, at the end of the exercise all were triumphant, though tired.

Quite a bit happened on "Hammer and Tongs" too. We even started the scheme off outside the Stanford Training Area—something we had never done before. We also inaugurated our first of many bus services, 1st Troop carrying some Devons and 2nd Troop some H.L.I. Thirdly, we were given dried apricots in the rations—nearly causing a crisis in 2nd Troop. After a deal of colourful and, no doubt, well-informed, discussion the Troop cooking experts—L./Cpl. Rudkin, and Tprs. Mahon, Passam, Crooks and Simpson—decided to boil them in a dixie. An unexpected warning order to move provoked the crisis. Should the apricots remain or should the water be used for a "brew"? In the end the "brew" won; the half-cooked apricots were fished out and tea, sugar and milk thrown in. It was on "Hammer and Tongs," too, that the Senior Divisional Padre obtained a lift on Cpl. Lucas's Valentine. Immediately Tpr. Coopland, the operator, put on his tank suit and pulled the hood well over his head, even though the weather was sunny. Later he explained that he had done this as a precaution,



[Photo: Airborne Pictures, Aldershot.]

#### "B" SQUADRON, ADMIN. TROOP II

*Standing*—Tprs. Maynard, Richards, Bird, Adams, Cpl. Hood, Tpr. Hughes.

*Sitting*—Tprs. Keane, Chesterton, Mansfield, Major G. A. L. C. Talbot, Capt. M. A. James, M.C., Tprs. Swales and Owens.

well knowing the language which sometimes flows over the Squadron 31 Set Net.

"Merry Widow" provided a change. One of 3rd Troop's Valentines was photographed crossing the Thames with 2/Lieut. Bridges, and Tprs. Thompson, Stalley and Wood. The photograph appeared in next day's *The Times*. It was just as well it was not the 4th Troop Valentine, whose crew was Sergt. Sheen and Tprs. Flowers, Easton and McCarrick. They got on to the raft, reached the other side but were asked to reverse to allow the ramp to rest on the bank. The Valentine stuck in second gear and, in spite of all McCarrick's efforts, went forward, tipping the raft more and more. In the end the raft had to return to the other bank at an alarming angle; the Valentine had to be winched back a few yards, and make a third journey, this time successfully.

"Surprise Packet" was without incident in every way for the Squadron, with the possible exception that we found that digging-in Valentines in Norfolk is easier than in the chalk of Salisbury Plain. Tpr. Amies still goes green when he hears a pneumatic drill. The only surprise packet on this exercise was the one presented to the Second-in-Command by "Digger."

Last, but not least, was the great win by Admin. Troop-II of the Troop Football Cup for the season 1950-51. The final was played on 24th November, the Saturday nearest Ramnuggur. Recce Troop were beaten 5-0, and it would be invidious to praise any individual from such a splendid team.

There are many other incidents which could be recorded—and many that could not: but, to coin a phrase, space will not allow—or perhaps it is just your correspondent getting writer's cramp.

#### CONVERSATION PIECE

"Do you know, sir, 'C' Squadron had a fire in their garage this afternoon and I caught one of their chaps trying to pinch one of our fire buckets."

### "C" SQUADRON NOTES

AFTER THREE YEARS of turning the handle of a human sausage machine, "C" Squadron became part of an active Regiment again on 1st January, 1951, and while we missed the continuation training at Catterick, our role as advance party allowed us to shake down together quickly. We learned how to handle our vehicles and hide them in the bare wastes of Long Valley, so that when we went to Thetford and the P.T.A. we were well prepared for the work with our Brigade.

The Technical Site was not the most salubrious of camps, and when "B" Squadron had departed after a Bacchanalian orgy and with most of our rations, we set about making ourselves as comfortable as conditions would permit. For the next two months it was one exercise after another, finally culminating in "Try Back." This was a disappointment, because only a few of us could take part in both phases, and in the end the enemy steadfastly refused to come anywhere near our killing ground. Cpl. Dawson, of 3rd Troop, however, sampled the horrors of war, when a S.H.Q. Cromwell, swanning through the woods, interrupted his morning devotions and nearly flattened him.

June found us back at Crookham, preparing for Lulworth, and we went there in mid-month. On our first evening Tprs. Cooper, Sankey and Haven made history by not only falling into the cove from a boat, but also by removing all their clothes to dry them on the top of Bindon Hill, to the great delight of visitors to the cove. The telescope, normally pointing out to sea, is reputed to have gone left 6 up 4 and taken £1 11s. 4d. that night.

Our marksmanship at Lulworth was good and we departed well satisfied after a very enjoyable week there.



**1st TROOP**

Tprs. Bunce and Cooper, L./Cpls. Taverner and Baggaley



**AND ABOUT TIME TOO !**

Tprs. Sherrington, Hogan, Chenery, Jones, Britter, Booth, Murphy and Alexander

Then came our turn to run the "A" vehicle pool at Thetford, under the expert guidance of Capt. Garbutt and Sergt. Boulter. We managed to serve the Territorial Army to such effect that the Army Commander himself took time off to come and congratulate us. The work was hard, but life had its compensations, such as visits to Yarmouth, where a local beauty queen called Millie always came to see the party off.

August found us back at Crookham for the annual range course, after which we returned to a much white-washed Thetford in time to start receiving our "Z" reservists. They brought with them the benefits of age and experience and we enjoyed having them. It was a pity that there were not more Brigade exercises at the time, but they went away content that their time had not been wasted.

The end of September found us frenziedly preparing for more exercises. On the first of these we were again commended by the Army Commander, this time for a complete disappearance into a sparse wood, so that even the umpire only found us by the smell of breakfast being cooked. Those who took part in the manoeuvre in the early hours of a cold, damp morning will long remember it for the variety and scope of the language which helped to warm the air.

"Merry Widow" was remarkable for a high-speed night march without lights, and a fine demonstration of how to get dressed at speed under a dingo while the Commanding Officer was commenting on camouflage in general, and people who could see the sky above them in particular. Despite several attempts, no one managed to drive a tank off a raft and into the Thames.

"Surprise Packet," the climax of our year of hard training, taught us a lot about long approach marches at night and patience. Although we had more fun than other squadrons, it was a pity that two troops saw little or no action and had to resort to bombarding the umpires with "Pom" to relieve the monotony, this habit being deplored by the writer, who knows how popular "Pom" is in the dining hall!

So back to Crookham and preparing for the C.I.V. We had one last bit of fun in demonstrating to Cadets, an occasion when the fog of war lay thicker than on all the year's exercises put together.

Now after a well-earned leave we are smartening up our individual training, getting ready for more vehicle-pool work and in the not-too-distant future a change of scenery.

There have been several changes in personnel in the year. Capt. Mylchreest left us for the 68th Training Regiment early in the year, 2/Lieut. Long returned to civilian life in July, and 2/Lieut. Henderson left for Korea in December. Major Fletcher, having seen us through our training season successfully, left us for the Gunnery School at Lulworth, and we wish him the best of luck in his new appointment. In his stead we welcome Major Walsh from South-West District. 3rd Troop have lost Sergt. Davies to the 65th Training Regiment and Cpl. Pannell to civilian life. In the summer, 2/Lieut. Eardley-Wilmot and 2/Lieut. Turnbull joined us from Mons O.C.S., the latter later departing to the 65th Training Regiment.

Naturally there was little or no time for organized sport during the year, but now that we are back in barracks we have Sergt. Kennedy and Tpr. Appleby in the Regimental rugby side; whilst Tprs. Hogan and Hughes have played for the Regimental football team. In the boxing world we have Tpr. Sillett, recently arrived from the 65th Training Regiment, who has been consistently successful in fights for the Army against Sweden, Denmark and Wales and has been awarded his A.B.A. Colours; and 2/Lieut. Eardley-Wilmot, of fearsome visage, who has been chosen for the Army Officers' team and boxed successfully.

3rd Troop reached the semi-final of the D'Arcy Hall Cup, but by then their team had been sadly depleted. However, we have high hopes that one of the Squadron teams will win this year.

## H.Q. SQUADRON NOTES

WITH GREAT RELIEF for most of us, we left Catterick in February, but whereas the change for a Sabre Squadron was great, for H.Q. Squadron, after the initial flurry of the move, life was very much the same. Most of our vehicles turned up fairly quickly, but it was not until September that we got all the tanks for R.H.Q. Troop.

Soon after arriving at Crookham, S.S.M. Parnaby left us to become R.S.M. of the 13th/18th Royal Hussars (Q.M.O.), and S.S.M. Le Maitre took his place. S.Q.M.S. Harris rejoined us from the 65th Training Regiment at Catterick.

The first exercise that the Squadron took part in was Exercise "Try Back," at the end of May. This involved moving from Crookham to Thetford, then down to Pirbright, back to Thetford and finally returning to Crookham. We then remained in Crookham until August, except that R.H.Q. Troop went down to Lulworth for a little gunnery practice.

In August the Squadron returned to East Wretham Camp with Capt. P. Melitus acting as Squadron Leader. Major G. N. Loraine-Smith stayed behind in charge of the rear party at Crookham. Life at East Wretham was not uneventful, with "Z" reservists and various exercises in which small parts of the Squadron took part.

It was not until "Merry Widow" at the end of October that the entire Squadron was involved. This, on the whole, was uneventful, but Tpr. Nichols found that the only way to stop his tank, when going extremely fast down a hill, was to use the tank in front as a buffer, with detrimental results. This tank eventually crossed the Thames just before the raft was dismantled. During this exercise, as all others, the Colonel with a small party was located at Divisional H.Q.

After "Merry Widow" we spent a few days at Crookham before setting off on



**R.H.Q. TROOP**

*Top Row*—Tprs. Hammond and Richardson.

*Standing*—Tprs. Bugg, Colbourne, Davis, McKeown, Whitfield, Nichols and Sergt. Oakes.

*Sitting*—Tprs. Littler and Stafford.

"Surprise Packet." Tpr. Pettican, with a stores lorry, is understood to have toured most of Hants and Wilts without even meeting up with the Regiment. However, he eventually found his way back to Crookham. It was during this exercise that R.H.Q. Troop took part in a charge against mistaken enemy from "Reid's Folly" (the harbour) across the downs, and the R.A.F. nearly reduced the Adjutant's height with low-flying jet aircraft.

And so back to Crookham, with a C.I.V. inspection and trade tests.

No outstanding success came our way in the sphere of sport, except that the Regimental Other Ranks' team, which won the Aldershot and East Anglian Districts Pistol Competitions, entirely consisted of H.Q. Squadron, namely, T.Q.M.S. Charlton, M.Q.M.S. Rolph, Sergt. Reynolds and Sergt. Walker. Let us hope they do the same this year.



2/Lieut. D. A. SIDWELL WITH MEMBERS OF R.H.Q. TROOP

## RECCE TROOP



**WANTED**

Sergt. Cosgrove—Troop Sergt.

WHEN THE REGIMENT re-formed at the beginning of January, an Inter-com. Troop under the command of Capt. M. A. Urban-Smith, M.C., and a Reconnaissance Troop commanded by Lieut. J. R. B. Maitland were also formed. Soon, however, the two Troops were combined, making the "Recce Troop," with Lieut. Maitland as Troop Leader and Sergt. Cosgrove as Troop Sergeant. Immediately the Troop with its forty members started training. Scout cars began to arrive and many hours of driving and maintenance commenced.

On 8th February the Troop moved down to Crookham and then continued its training. For a short time, Capt. P. S. Mossé took over command of the Troop, and we were given the task of training commanders and drivers for the Sabre Squadron Scout cars.

Mid-April soon arrived and we found ourselves driving north to act as enemy in the P.T.A. in Norfolk in Exercise "King Cole I." Apart from Tpr. Palmer completely bogging the Troop Leader's Scout

car in the celebrated "Madhouse Plantation," everything went extremely well, and showed to us the success of Cpl. Wallace's maintenance.

We then decided to live away from the Regiment and we camped in part of an old aerodrome. During our week's stay many amusing things happened. Our main pastime was newt racing! A static water-pool was dragged with wire netting for newts. They were then named and raced along the furrows of a sheet of corrugated iron. Tpr. Hotchkiss became Troop poacher, armed with innumerable home-made snares, but with little success. Cpl. Miller was unanimously elected Troop cook, and Cpl. Smith was considered Troop comedian! Other amusing incidents occurred with dumplings, a battle with a bat, and a bedtime serial story by Sergt. Cosgrove; but enough of these.

Exercise "King Cole II" was completed with Sergt. McGregor and Tpr. Hotchkiss, as driver, bellying their car down in an enormous crater at night, only thirty yards from the enemy.



Sergt. Cosgrove, L./Cpl. Crosby, Lieut. J. R. B. Maitland, Cpl. Wallace, Cpl. Taylor, Cpl. Smith  
Cpl. Miller (sitting).

At the end of May the Troop acted as "gap control" over the River Thames at Cookham and Windsor in the first Divisional Exercise Scheme "Try Back."

For two weeks in August the Troop was chosen to test the new prototype Scout car at F.V.P.E., with Lieut. Maitland and Cpl. Wallace as the crew, and three of the Troop's cars and crews, under Sergt. Cosgrove, were used as guinea pigs.

2/Lieut. D. A. Sidwell joined the Troop as Second-in-Command, and we returned to East Wretham again, where we trained our twelve allotted "Z" reservists. They took part in "Red Robin II" which, to the delight of the Troop, ended with the Troop Leader and Troop Sergeant being captured.

Exercise "Hammer and Tongs" finished with L./Cpl. Farrand driving the General's half-track and Tpr. Cork driving the A./Adjutant. 2/Lieut. Sidwell left the Troop and took over command of R.H.Q. Troop; and Cpl. Rhind went to Bovington on a wireless course.

With the river crossing at Pangbourne and Exercise "Merry Widow" successfully completed, we took part in the final United Kingdom manœuvres—Exercise "Surprise Packet." This exercise finally ended up in the famous "Reid's Folly" somewhere on Salisbury Plain.



*Top Row*—L./Cpl. Crosby, Cpl. Wallace, Cpl. Miller, Tpr. Colman, L./Cpl. Farrand.  
*Standing*—Sergt. McGregor, Sergt. Cosgrove, Cpl. Taylor, Cpl. Smith, Tpr. Palmer, Tpr. Hotchkiss.  
*Sitting*—Tpr. Davies and Tpr. Rolph.

Resulting from the manœuvres, Cpl. Taylor was made R.H.Q. Troop Sergeant, L./Cpl. Miller and L./Cpl. Farrand were promoted to full Corporal, and Tprs. Davis and Rolfe were made Lance-Corporals. We were sorry to lose Sergt. McGregor to "A" Squadron, L./Cpl. Townsley for Korea and L./Cpl. Rothwell to the 68th Training Regiment, R.A.C.

Lieut. J. M. Palmer took over command of the Troop when Lieut. Maitland became Regimental Signals Officer. Unfortunately, the Troop was beaten in the final of the D'Arcy Hall Football Competition. However, better luck next year.

## L.A.D.

CATTERICK—JANUARY, 1951—Cfn. Jones wondered why he should be posted to such a desolate-sounding place, but next day there came other craftsmen—twenty-three in all, from workshops, training regiments and from the R.E.M.E. Depot. This was the first peace-time L.A.D. forming for permanent attachment to the Regiment.

What blissful days were to follow! We had no tools, no Army forms, no publications and not even an E.M.E. This peace was short-lived as W.O.II Mayl took on the burden of the spade work and was frequently heard muttering something about "Ten ninety-eight" in some quiet corner.

The Regiment moved to Crookham and the bustle of organization took us into March, when our E.M.E., Capt. P. D. Jackson, arrived. We were sent to learn about the Valentine, we trained in convoy driving, we slept in fields and generally fitted ourselves for a busy summer of Squadron, Regimental and Army exercises.

And so to Thetford and the battle-training area. Plenty of work came in and soon we cursed the machinery lorry's capacity to produce light at night and enable us to work into the early hours of the morning. What joy it was, though, having completed a Cromwell engine change (with higher authority) to race it up



Cfn. BECKTON and BUSBY

to maximum revs. with open exhausts at 3 a.m.—at least everyone knew we had worked late!

The Army manoeuvres found us more adept in the art of producing a "brew" at each convoy halt or traffic jam. In fact, Sergt. Loughrey's crew could always offer hot beverages, ranging from Camp Coffee to OMD, 110, just as the convoy rumbled to a standstill.

Back to our base, Crookham, to clean up ready for the demon of C.I.V. and then on to some sport. The L.A.D. football team challenges all comers and sometimes wins 13—0 and sometimes

just loses. Sergt. Beattie, the "tower" of strength, rouses the XI into activity once a week, and Cfn. Jones and Cfn. Sugden have played for the Regimental team. Our O.C. skips the Regimental rugby team and Cpl. Ticknell plays in the backs. Sergt. Oliver, back from Africa, shoots lions or is it lines?

A Christmas dinner at the "local," with presents off the tree from Santa George, made a successful evening before the main holiday, and Cfn. Ferguson was rated best story-teller.

On then to the New Year and all the new members of R.E.M.E. who, under Phase II, make us over a hundred strong and more like the 14th/20th Base Workshop, R.E.M.E., than the L.A.D.

## SIGNALS TROOP

WHEN THE REGIMENT was re-formed at Crookham in February, the Wireless Wing provided the framework of the Regimental Signal organization with Capt. M. A. Urban-Smith, M.C., and Sergt. Oakes as Signals Officer and Signals Sergeant respectively, and trained N.C.Os. being posted in from Sabre Squadrons.

We were soon joined by "R" Troop from the Divisional Signals Regiment, which included several excellent radio mechanics and some partly trained operators and drivers.

Except for Exercise "Try Back" in May, the Signal set-up did not really get into its stride until the autumn exercises and manoeuvres, which started at Stanford in September.

During the summer the R.H.Q. Signal Group remained based at Crookham. Most of the time was taken up with Cadre Courses for University Cadets, T.A. personnel and our own operators. We were, however, fortunate in taking part in two T.A. Divisional Signal Exercises, "Try Again" and "Rakes' Progress." In these two exercises we helped to provide skeleton headquarters at various levels for periods of three or four days. We gained valuable experience in operating for long periods in the field and in trying out our new equipment. In fact, many useful lessons were learnt which stood us in good stead later in the year.

During June a party of signallers spent a week at an experimental institute in London which was doing research into the habits of V.H.F. wireless sets. We assisted in compiling statistics which might help both this firm and the Ministry

of Supply, in determining the amount of mechanical interference acceptable in future wireless sets.

We were very well looked after and everyone enjoyed the change.

While at East Wretham before the manoeuvres, R.H.Q. took part in several signal exercises. The most interesting was a rehearsal for traffic-control communications prior to a river crossing at night. The Signals Officer was pessimistic about the chances of success in view of the distances involved and the fact that it was at night. However, as a result of the combined efforts of all, the plot worked well on the day and the A.P.M. was delighted.

During the Divisional exercises we all gained valuable experience. Except for one occasion when either we or the Gunners drifted on to the same frequency, our nets operated fairly well and although we had the odd early-morning flap, the signal plan seemed to work.

Both R.H.Q. and the Sabre Squadrons made good use of their A.C.Vs., since tanks don't always make an ideal command vehicle. Squadrons experienced varying success with "31" sets but they frequently found that personal contact was the best means of communication with other arms.

We were sorry to lose nearly half our Royal Signals Troop in November, when they went to the Middle East with the Division. Cpl. White, our chief mechanic, is still with us, but the two rear link operators, L./Cpls. Barclay and Shepperd, had to go.

Capt. Urban-Smith and Sergt. Oakes have gone to Bovington as instructors and have been replaced by Capt. J. R. B. Maitland and Sergt. Gooderham. Our other signal N.C.Os. who have left the Army have been replaced by others recently from courses at Bovington. Sergt. Boyle has replaced Sergt. Staite.

Mention should also be made in this article of the Recce Troop, whose work on the signals side has always been of a high standard while they romped far and wide over the countryside.

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## SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES

IT WAS with a feeling of "a job well done" that we departed from Catterick in February for our present barracks. We had survived three years of classroom soldiering, and our best wishes go to those members of the Mess whom we left behind to carry on the good work with the newly formed 65th Training Regiment.

From April to October members were practically all away from Crookham, either preparing vehicles for the T.A. and "Z" Reserve or carrying out field training up to Divisional level. In consequence, organized social life in the Mess at Crookham came to a halt, only to be replaced by those most enjoyable "stag nights" under canvas. It is sufficient to say that members really did make the Regiment breathe again when they were able to feel their iron horses bounding across open country both by day and night. A keen inter-Squadron spirit linked with tremendous enthusiasm to put up a fine show was obvious at all times.

On the lighter side it must be recorded that much merriment was derived by the "old hands" from the Commanding Officers' words of advice to those less conversant with his views and determination, to have everything "top-hole."

The Battle of Ramnuggur was celebrated with a ball in Haig Gymnasium, and was a tremendous success. The following were our chief guests:

The Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Richard L. McCreery, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.; Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. J. A. T. Miller; Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. R. J. Stephen; Major and Mrs. P. T. Drew; Major and Mrs. G. Swallow; Capt. and Mrs. G. S. Saunders; Cpts. E. E. Clarke, E. Kneller and H. Moffatt;

Lieut. and Mrs. R. McLeod-Hardy; Lieut. and Mrs. M. O. J. Fooks; Lieuts. A. J. Greive, A. A. Shipton, A. P. H. Fradgley, P. M. West, C. D. C. Willy and C. P. Garnett; Mr. and Mrs. Stacey; Mr. and Mrs. J. Shepherd; Mr. and Mrs. R. Sherwood; Mr. and Mrs. F. Rogers; W.O.I and Mrs. S. Bamford (R.A.E.C.); Mr. and Mrs. D. Hulme; Mr. and Mrs. L. Dodds; Mr. and Mrs. J. Bartlett; Mr. Paddy Hallard, D.C.M.; Mr. Bert Slatter; Mr. W. J. Taylor; Mr. W. J. Adams; Mr. Brooksbank.



Sergts. Jashahadur, Dhanman, Aite, and Nahbahadur, of the 1st/6th Gurkha Rifles, visiting the Regiment, with Sergt. Preece.

#### LIEUTENANT-COLONEL R. J. STEPHEN, M.B.E.

Colonel Stephen held his last parade before retiring on 13th November, 1951, and as he looked upon the Regiment he recognized that his last day was one to be proud of for he was still commanding a Field Service Regiment which had always given a good account of itself under all conditions of peace and war.

After the parade he was invited to the Sergeants' Mess and after a short speech by the Regimental Sergeant-Major he was presented with a silver inkstand, suitably inscribed.

Long will the members remember him as a Commanding Officer who knew the real meaning of the words "loyalty," "devotion" and "fairness."

To Colonel and Mrs. Stephen we now say good-bye, and may we be favoured with their company as and when it is possible.

#### AWARDS

The following have been awarded their Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (with gratuity): S.S.M. Le Maitre, S./Sergt. Fury and Sergt. Moore.

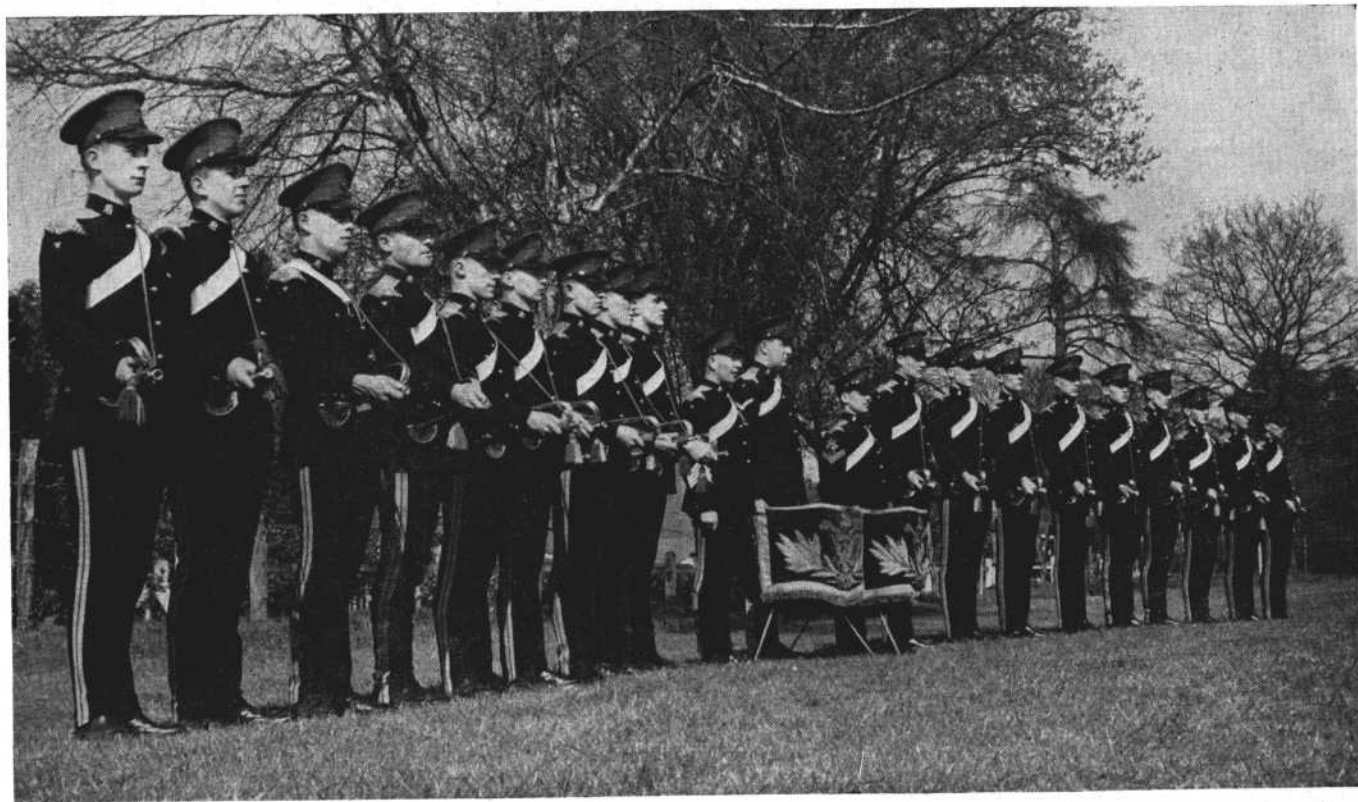
#### NEW ARRIVALS

The following have joined the Mess: Sergt. Moore, from Bovington; S.Q.M.S. Harris, from Catterick; Sergt. Cripps, from R.M.A. Sandhurst; Sergt. Troup, R.A.E.C.; and Sergt. Honeywood, from Bovington.

The following have been promoted to the Mess and are offered a hearty welcome: Sergts. Jude, Taylor, Gooderham, Robinson, Edwards, Raine and Jones.

#### DEPARTURES

The following left the Regiment and have taken with them good wishes for the future: S.S.M. Parnaby, to Far East, to be R.S.M. of the 13th/18th (Q.M.O.) Hussars; Sergt. Urquhart, to M.E.L.F.; Sergt. Norvill, to Far East; Sergt. Oakes, to Bovington; Sergt. Oliver, to Catterick; Sergt. Higgins, R.E.M.E., to Far East; and Sergt. Wood, to Far East.



THE REGIMENTAL BAND'S MASED TRUMPETERS  
Trumpet-Major E. Hughes

[Photo: Airborne Pictures, Aldershot.]

## BAND

THERE ARE, it appears, mixed feelings about the advantages and disadvantages of Catterick as a military station, but there is no doubt that all members of the Band were glad to march off Menin Square for the last time in January, 1951.

There is something in the wind which blows across Menin Square which, to put it mildly, makes it a somewhat difficult task to concentrate on playing any kind of music.

Subsequent appearances on many parade grounds in the Aldershot area, such as Salamanca, Warburg, Mons O.C.S., or even a few excursions to Southampton to play the troopships in and out, have not increased one's affection or brought on any feeling of nostalgia for dear old "Menin."

The past year has been one of development in all Band matters. Gone (we hope) are those heart-breaking days when even just being able to play the right notes at the right time was an achievement.

Prominent among the year's activities was the honour of marching the Regiment from Fleet Station to their destination at Crookham one night in February. This entailed memorizing about half-a-dozen marches, but the effect produced on the local inhabitants by the 14th/20th King's Hussars' march through the town, if not with bayonets fixed and colours flying, but with the "Invincible Eagle" and "Veni, Vedi, Vici" echoing down the streets, was quite sensational, as the Press were quick to report. It is therefore not surprising that a formidable list of duties around about the Aldershot district was very soon being tackled, outstanding among which were the King's Birthday Parade, the Aldershot Show, Old Contemptibles' Annual Church Parade and Armistice Day at the Garrison Church.

Other engagements have included visits to Scarborough, Huddersfield and a very pleasant day at the home of the Lord-Lieutenant of Berkshire.

On 23rd August the Band joined the Regiment at Thetford in an endeavour to help brighten spirits which might be expected to become a little jaded under the rigours of camp life and energetic training conditions. If the increased general interest in the Band and its music by all ranks is any criterion, then the enterprise just referred to was an unqualified success, and it may be said here that there is not a finer tonic for a Bandsman than to know that his efforts are desired and appreciated. Certain it is that the lunch-hour concerts organized at East Wretham have now become a feature of Regimental life.

An opportunity was also given at the time for the members of the Band to exchange their instruments for rifles, and the fact that no one south of a line drawn from the Mersey to the Humber was shot on this occasion says much for the skill of the instructors.

Ultimately the camp at East Wretham disintegrated with considerable rapidity. The Band were due to go on leave on 1st October and were given the task of striking camp under the direction of the R.Q.M.S. who, it is believed, seriously considered challenging the world's camp-striking record on the result.

Whilst at Thetford the Band Recreation Club held their first Club Dinner at the Anglian Café. This turned out to be a very successful function, and it is hoped that it will become an annual event and that past members of the Band will be invited to attend. The dinner also provided the opportunity of saying good-bye to two members of the Band who were about to return to civilian life, Bdsn. Rodham and Willmot, who have been of great assistance in every way, and who will undoubtedly enhance the name and reputation of the Band wherever they may go.

Another notable event was the first broadcast of the Band on the Home Service on Sunday, 9th September. The Band was partnered on this occasion by the Band



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**THE REGIMENTAL BAND, BANDMASTER R. HURST, A.R.C.M.**

of the 17th/21st Lancers, and was a great experience for all concerned. On 4th January the Band was again selected to play for half an hour on the Light Programme, and though the hour was 11.15 to 11.45 a.m., it is obvious from the many appreciative letters received, that our listeners were many and widespread. Colonel J. A. T. Miller wrote to say that he was sitting in his car outside Winchester Cathedral, when he switched on the radio to be somewhat startled by the strains of the Regimental March issuing forth.

Finally, we welcome one newcomer to the fold, Boy O'Driscoll, who is apprenticed to the percussion department.

Engagements already arranged for 1952 include three weeks in Scotland covering visits to Glasgow, Aberdeen and Edinburgh, so if any readers have relatives in the land of the thistle they should be advised to look out for possible lean and hungry Bandsmen (wearing No. 1 dress) and proceeding with vague intention towards some equally vague destination—except after programme time when the same Bandsmen will be observed being almost jet-propelled towards some very carefully prearranged assignment.

## WAR DOGS

LAST APRIL it was decided to guard the vehicle park with war dogs. The decision saved manpower and provided better security.

Four animal-loving volunteers were soon obtained and despatched off to the War Dog Training School at Melton Mowbray, in Leicestershire. On arrival they were split into two pairs and allowed to choose their own dogs. L./Cpl. Stokes and Tpr. Bates chose "Mack," and L./Cpl. Hill and Tpr. Lambert chose "Champ." They were given two days to get acquainted with each other, and for the remainder of the two weeks they learnt how to command and look after the dogs. All four handlers eventually passed out "above average" and returned back to Crookham with their pets!

Since then, night after night, they have patrolled the vehicle park and have had only one catch. Lieut. L. P. J. S. Bromley, as Orderly Officer, was ordered by the Colonel to break in at night. This he did, finding himself grovelling on the ground with "Champ's" teeth digging firmly into his arm and L./Cpl. Hill smiling down at him.

The only other incident that called for their use was to catch two deserters near Fleet. This time the culprits won. "Champ" became too tame after some time, so was sent back to Melton Mowbray for a refresher course.

The dogs are getting rather impatient for another kill, so *beware*.



L./CPL. HILL WITH "CHAMP"



TPR. BATES WITH "MACK"

## THE DUKE OF LANCASTER'S OWN YEOMANRY



FROM LIEUTENANT-COLONEL E. B. STUDD

THE REGIMENTAL STRENGTH has increased from 14 officers and 340 other ranks in October, 1950, to 16 officers and 487 other ranks, and so it can be said that the total establishment will soon have been reached.

Within the Regiment there have been comparatively few changes during the past year, and the permanent staff and crewmen, who are all from the 14th/20th King's Hussars, with the exception of those shown, are now composed as follows:

Lieut.-Colonel E. B. Studd (Commanding Officer), Capt. J. R. Thomas (Adjutant), Major A. J. Jones, M.B.E., T.D. (Quartermaster), R.S.M. R. Easto, S.S.M. F. Moore (13th/18th Hussars), S.S.M. E. Prescott (Royal Tank Regiment), Sergts. E. Grant and B. High, Cpls. E. Bradley, H. J. Bruce, E. Jones, B. Marshall, C. Turnbull and K. White, L./Cpls. G. W. Allsopp, J. E. S. Ellis, P. Holland, D. W. M. Manley and D. Perry and Trprs. D. H. Davies, C. H. Hancock, R. Mallin, R. D. Tipping, M. Triggs, J. Jowett, R. Irwin, D. Casten, T. Beswick (R.T.R.) and P. Holroyd.

Since mid-June, 1950, we have been receiving National Service men at fortnightly intervals and our total in this category is now 280, of which 88 have so far volunteered. These young National Service men, though somewhat suspicious of the T.A. on their arrival, have now settled in remarkably well and are perfectly at home with more senior volunteers. These National Service men are on the whole very smart, keen and enthusiastic, and in the majority of cases are very efficient at one trade. Naturally, in the short time available to them, the Regular Regiments have had to concentrate on one subject and it is up to us to teach these men additional trades.

It is still noticeable that National Service men on joining have little, if any, idea of their commitments with the Territorial Army. It cannot be stressed too strongly what an assistance it would be to Territorial Regiments if men could be thoroughly briefed before leaving the Regular Army.

Out-of-camp training has been carried out on lines roughly similar to the past two years, that is, with Individual Cadre training, T.E.W.T.s and lectures during the winter months, and collective training, wireless exercises, week-end schemes and rifle shooting during the summer.

For annual camps, the system for all R.A.C. (T.A.) Regiments is that one year shall be predominantly a "shooting" year, and the next a year for co-operation with other arms. 1951 was our shooting year and our camp was held on the R.A.C. ranges at Kirkcudbright in Scotland. The camp site at Netherlaw House was an attractive one conveniently near the coast. The ranges and training area can only be described as excellent, and as a result not only was a lot of useful troop and squadron training carried out but, in addition, each squadron in turn did a field firing exercise, firing A.P., H.E., and Besa.

ANNUAL CAMP, 1951, KIRKCUDBRIGHT, SCOTLAND



Field-firing Exercise



"A" Squadron Stowing Ammunition

Sergt. Turnbull, Cpl. Johnston, Lieut.-Colonel E. B. Studd, Major P. G. Clemence, Sergt. Holdship.

Kirkcudbright and Dumfries were the nearest towns and in both of these the Regiment was made most welcome and was hospitably entertained. In fact, by the end of camp the Lancastrians reckoned they could dance "Reels" as well as the local inhabitants.

On Sunday, 17th June, the annual Regimental Memorial Church Parade Service was held at Lancaster House, and the Honorary Colonel, Colonel D. H. Bates, took the salute at a march past which included both serving and past members of the Regiment. Wives and families were invited to attend the service and a total of just over 300 was present.

On the social side there have again been many activities. The second post-war Officers' Regimental Dinner was held at the Union Club, Manchester, on 20th April, and thirty-five past and serving officers were present. In addition, the Manchester and Preston Clubs have held their annual dinners, both of which were great successes and were well attended. Ladies' nights continue to be held on two Sundays per month, and the annual Regimental Children's Party was again run at Lancaster House with an attendance of 200, including some children whose fathers had been killed or injured in Korea.

Rifle shooting has not been as successful as in 1951. The Regiment was second in the 1950-51 Divisional Small-Bore Competition and was beaten in the final of the Divisional Falling-Plate Competition on the open range by 13th Bn. The Parachute Regiment after tying for the best shoot of the day in the semi-final round. In addition, we had four representatives in the 42nd Divisional team in the T.A.R.A. Meeting at Bisley.

## 2nd BATTALION



## 6th GURKHA RIFLES

AUTUMN, 1951

BY MAJOR M. H. POCKSON, D.S.O.

THIS LETTER must open on a sad note. On 18th May last the Regimental flag at the Battalion Quarter Guard flew at half-mast in honour of our Colonel, who had passed away the previous night, aged 85. The senior Field-Marshal of the British Army, Lord Birdwood will be best remembered by the outside world for his leadership of the Australian and New Zealand Forces during the historic Gallipoli landing in the First World War. Here, on that day, however, the Battalion was thinking more of the twenty-five years of devoted service he gave us as Colonel of the Regiment.

In the Field-Marshal's place we are proud to welcome General Sir John Harding, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., until recently Commander-in-Chief, Far East Land Forces. He knows the Regiment well, having had this Battalion under his distinguished command in Italy during the last war and then again in

Hong Kong, and both Battalions, of course, in Malaya. The conditions in Malaya and the difficulties with which our men have to contend are well known to him.

Since the last news-letter was published some variety has entered into our otherwise drab jungle-green lives. The Battalion came out for re-training in June for two months and concentrated in Kluang after handing over our operational commitments to 1 Malaya Regiment. Before, however, the last leech is picked from our jungle boots you will wish to know the latest state of the game book. Since our arrival in Malaya from Hong Kong the Battalion has bagged 32 bandits killed and 18 winged, the highest score of the three battalions of the brigade from Hong Kong. "C" Company, under the variegated leadership of Major Taggart, Major Morrison, Capt. Walsh (on ten days' leave when he led an attack on a bandits' camp and killed at least one), G./Capt. Manbahadur Gurung and Major O'Bree, heads the aggregate with ten kills to its credit. "D" Company, under Major Shaw, is a close second with nine kills and also wins the prize for the best single target, five killed in one action. "A" Company, under Major Lorimer, has eight kills. It was most unfortunate that some pet bandits that "A" Company had been fattening up in the Rengam area were bagged by 1 Malayan Regiment a few days after they had been handed over to them. Except for the brief period that Major Lumley was with us, "B" Company has been commanded by our G.C.O., Capt. Kajiman Gurung, and if their number of kills is smaller it is merely that their opportunities have been fewer. Capt. Kajiman Gurung has gone for a well-earned leave to Nepal and Major Bellers has taken over "B" Company.

The beginning of our re-training programme found the Battalion a little weary and grey looking after fifteen months in the jungle, but nevertheless in great heart and looking forward to a change of occupation with all the attendant opportunities for sport and good fellowship as well as training. Soon all ranges were in daily use, N.C.Os.' cadres and company training programmes going full blast, when suddenly on to this peaceful scene of military activity fell the shadow of that little Dutch girl, Berta Hertogh. In what seemed a moment the scene had completely changed. The whole Battalion was embussed and headed for Singapore and I.S. duties once again. We were, however, to write a very tame epilogue to the story of our part in the Singapore riots of last December. This time all was quiet; some very efficient "bolting of the stable door" had taken place since the last "fracâs." No disturbances occurred and our I.S. duties consisted of swimming, aeroplane flights and range shooting. A visit to the Johore Grand Prix motor-car and motor-cycle races all came in the line of duty.

After our return from Singapore the main event of importance for which we had to prepare was a ceremonial parade for General Sir Charles Keightley, the Commander-in-Chief. He inspected the Battalion in line, presented the Gurkha officers with their parchment commissions, took the salute at the march past by companies and was kind enough to compliment the Battalion on the high standard of turn-out and steadiness on parade.

There have been some changes since last we wrote. Major Powell-Jones left us for United Kingdom leave and we hear that he now has a G.S.O.1 job with the British Military Mission in Washington. His place as Second-in-Command has been taken by Major Pockson, D.S.O. Our Quartermaster, Capt. Watson, has returned to the United Kingdom on medical grounds, and Major O'Bree has meantime stepped into the breach. Major Lumley returned from United Kingdom leave for a brief spell and then left us for H.Q., Malaya, where he is D.A.A.G. Major Houston has gone on leave, as also has Capt. Kajiman, our G.C.O.

## OLD COMRADES NOTES AND NEWS

FROM MAJOR G. H. SWALLOW

THE REUNION of 1951 was again its usual success. There was a very good attendance and many friendly messages of remembrance and good wishes from far and wide were received during the week-end period.

General Sir Richard L. McCreery, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., again honoured us with his usual visit, as also did Lieut.-Colonel R. J. Stephen, M.B.E., with a very large contingent of officers and other ranks from the Regiment.

It was a very great pleasure to have the Regimental Band to play for us during the evening and to see them on parade for the Memorial Service at Hyde Park the next day. It was a great pity we were unable to march behind them. The opportunity was given to the 16th/5th Lancers Band to lead their Regimental contingent, as they were soon to go overseas on foreign service. There was a very good attendance for the Memorial Service Parade and there was just sufficient room for the Regimental Old Comrades to pack in the space allocated to them. The salute was taken by General Sir George de S. Barrow, C.M.G., K.C.M.G., a former Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment. A wreath of Regimental colours, from the Old Comrades, was placed on the Cavalry Memorial.

For the Remembrance Week, 7th-13th November, badge and wreath crosses of the 14th/20th King's Hussars, 20th Hussars and 26th Hussars, with a surround of small crosses, were planted at the Field of Remembrance at Westminster. During the week the Field was open to visitors, who were able to purchase a small cross for the price of 6d. and plant it in any of the surrounds, all the proceeds going to the British Legion Poppy Fund. A wreath cross from the Regiment was also to be seen planted in the Gurkha Brigade surround.

Here is some news from a few Old Comrades:

H. Dell, 3061. Joined the 14th Hussars sixty-four years ago and still keeps in touch and is a staunch reader of THE HAWK. He wishes to be remembered to all his friends, all Old Comrades and all his old friends of "B" Squadron.

G. H. Griffiths. Married 6th January, 1951, to Evelyn G. Walton at the King's Chapel of the Savoy. After honeymooning in Brussels, has settled down for the time being at Westcliffe-on-Sea.

H. Leggett. My annual letter from Harry ("Cabby") Leggett, who joined the Regiment in 1901 and has lived in Canada since leaving the Regiment forty-two years



**THE REGIMENTAL BADGE CROSS**  
Planted by Lieut.-Colonel R. P. D. F. Allen, M.B.E., in the Empire Field of Remembrance, 11th November, 1951.



John Hukin, Mrs. Pentland, a friend, Jock Pentland, Mrs. Swallow, and Bob Seth.



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IS IT THE BOTTLE OR THE COMPANY THAT CAUSES THE SMILES?



**SOUTH AFRICA AND WORLD WAR I FANS GET TOGETHER**



*[Photos: Lawson & Co., London.*

**Messrs. Sherwood, Howse, Houcher, Jones, Jackson, Crowley and party**

ago, states that he wishes to be remembered to all his old friends and would welcome a letter from anyone who may remember him. His address is: Box 418, Mission City, B.C., Canada. He goes on to say that he has made only one trip home since being in Canada, and out there he has met at some time Denny Dyer, a servant of Colonel E. D. O'Brien, and Tim Headley. He sends home a treasured photograph of Provost Cpl. ("Betsy") Baker, proudly displaying his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. The photograph was taken in 1904.

D. H. B. Mitchell (S.S.M. of "A" Squadron) writes to say that, having spent nearly four and a half years in hospital and undergone a very serious operation, he is regaining his health slowly. His address is 28 Christies Lane, Montrose, Angus, Scotland. He is still a confirmed bachelor.

Since it was published that the Regiment had reached the final of the Cavalry Cup in 1950 for the first time, I have received letters from two Old Comrades who beg to differ. They are Jock Sutherland, of Edinburgh, and A. Dixon, of Morpeth, who both state that they remember the Regiment being beaten in the final at Craven Cottage in 1904 by the 3rd Carabiniers, and at Crewe by the 17th Lancers. Are there any who beg to differ?

The following are the names of some of those who attended the O.C.A. reunion of 1951: General Sir Richard L. McCreery, Brigadier J. G. Browne, Brigadier J. B. Norton, Lieut.-Colonels W. D'Arcy Hall, L. H. S. Groves, G. M. Hamer and R. J. Stephen, with serving officers and men from the Regiment, Lieut.-Colonel E. B. Studd, Majors C. F. Johnston and P. T. Drew, Capts. A. R. Sturt, P. H. Moffat and L. Kneller, Messrs. M. O. J. Fooks, J. Pentland, W. P. Crowley, E. Clarke, F. Rogers, H. Simpson, D. Sheekley, C. V. Shepherd, A. A. Shipton, S. J. Burr, R. J. Stokes, H. Nicholass, G. H. Nichols, T. W. Corbett, A. E. Tulloch, M. Drury, R. Parker, C. J. Pilbrough, J. M. Houcher, W. Brown, H. J. Price, E. Crompton, D. Hales, R. E. Luck, R. G. Woodhard, H. V. Britton, S. Scott, S. Follows, B. F. Birtchnell, R. W. Jones, F. G. Coath, K. Browne, L. H. Rawle, F. Paveley, H. Freeman, T. Jackson, H. P. Smith, J. A. Ingram, R. Singer, M. Kelleher, G. Halford, T. Wootton, A. Bailey, I. A. Steele, J. W. Spooner, L. E. Russell, P. Waters, J. Bailey, J. H. Taylor, G. N. Griffiths, J. Mayhew, W. H. Bowcher, R. Easto, E. J. Bennett, C. Hawkes, G. Sibley, L. J. Adams, G. E. Drabwell, H. Dell, G. S. Beck, J. Sibley, T. W. Chalk, A. Hukin, F. Deakin, G. Etheridge, T. Ashton, T. Cross, W. J. Crabtree, F. Stacey, J. Pearl, S. B. Osborne, P. Jackson, R. Veness, P. Harmer, H. Norman, S. A. Wheeler, C. G. Smith, A. E. Smith, J. E. Jones, J. Grogan, E. J. Elkins, J. Shepherd, A. McKay, R. G. Sturgeon, H. J. Davies, W. Bowd, R. Reeves, E. Russell, L. E. Moore, J. H. Tissington, P. Chalis, F. Sheekey, G. Hukin, R. E. Rushbrook, C. H. Longhurst, T. Weston, E. Ward, A. J. Slim, A. Howse, T. Kitson, R. Jarvie, R. G. Hickmott, R. Jones, R. S. Tripp, A. E. Wilson, E. Kirby, A. Hallard, F. E. Lingard, D. E. Cross, G. Plummer, A. Wingfield, F. O'Callaghan, Crabtree, C. H. Harris, S. Wallis and R. Seth.

## OBITUARY

- PLUMMER.**—On 7th February, 1951, Mrs. Plummer, wife of Cpl. G. B. Plummer, late of the Regimental Band and of 2 Woburn Place, Hotwells, Bristol.
- PART.**—In June, 1950, Capt. F. A. H. Part, 20th Hussars.
- GIFFORD.**—On 24th January, 1951, at Hounslow, Middlesex, A. Gifford, 20th Hussars and 14th/20th King's Hussars.
- CRAY.**—In February, 1951, at his home in Newbury, Berks, A. W. Cray, 20th Hussars and 14th/20th King's Hussars (better known as "Father" Cray in both Regiments), aged 70 years.

## 14th/20th KING'S HUSSARS OLD SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION, 1950

THE COMMITTEE of the 14th/20th King's Hussars Old Soldiers' Association presents its report for the year ended 31st December, 1950.

The financial position is sound, the account for the year showing excess of income over expenditure amounting to £140 5s. 1d.

Income from subscriptions amounted to £153 6s., and of this total £50 represents the Regimental subscription.

A sum of £96 3s. 4d., covering two years, was received from the Inland Revenue authorities, being tax recovered on officers' covenanted subscriptions. The Committee would take this opportunity of drawing the attention of subscribers and friends of the Regiment to the advantages to the Association of the signing by them of a seven-years' covenant. The signing of this form benefits the Association greatly as it increases the income by 18s. 1d. for every £1 received, with the standard rate of income tax at 9s. 6d. in the £.

Forty-two applications for assistance were received during the year and were dealt with as follows: Assisted, 37; refused, 5; total, 42.

This figure shows an increase on last year's (37) and the amount given in grants also increased. Help given this year totalled £276 10s. as against £236 in 1949. Due to the high cost of living it has been found necessary to increase the amount of the individual grant made and this has been done in most cases.

When a man has served with more than one regiment, application is always made to the unit concerned with the grant required, and Regimental Associations and the R.A.C. War Memorial Benevolent Fund have again been most generous, the sum of £20 15s. being received.

The National Association for the Employment of Ex-Regulars, who deal with employment on behalf of the 14th/20th King's Hussars O.C.A., found suitable employment for eighteen ex-members of the Regiment. This organization, whose headquarters are at 14 Howick Place, London, S.W.1, has branches in many parts of the country and are quite ready to assist any ex-member of the 14th/20th King's Hussars, whether he may have left the Regiment years ago or quite recently, with his employment problems.

The thanks of the Committee are due to the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association, The Forces Help Society and the British Legion, upon whom they rely for the excellent reports furnished by their representatives and the disbursing of the grants awarded.

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## AN HISTORICAL NOTE ON THE DUCHESS OF YORK (1767—1820)

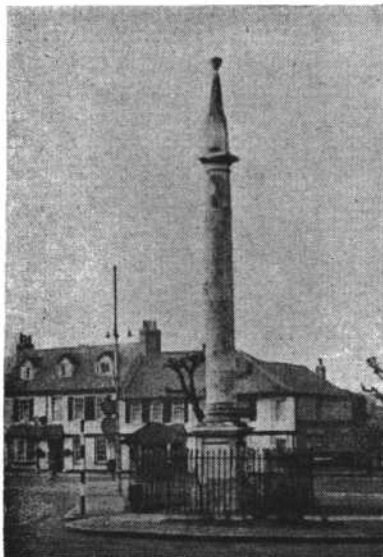
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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS Frederica Charlotte Ulrica Catherina, Princess Royal of Prussia, was born in Berlin on 7th May, 1767, eldest daughter of King Frederick William II of Prussia.

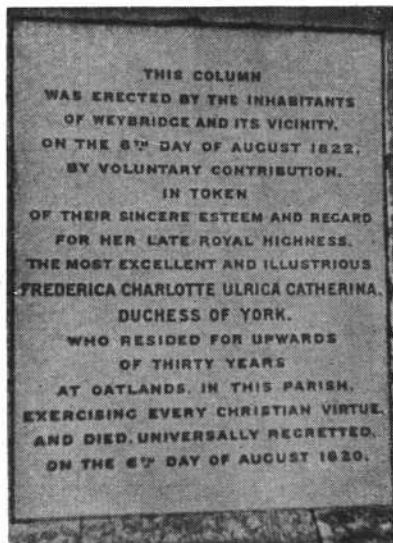
In January, 1791, it was arranged that she should marry Frederick Augustus, Duke of York, second son of George III. The Duke was born in 1763, was Bishop of Osnaburg at the tender age of six months and Commander-in-Chief of the Army for many years. He visited Austria and Prussia to study strategy and during his visit to Berlin made the acquaintance of his bride to be. The marriage

was celebrated in Berlin on 29th September, 1791, and at the Queen's House in London on 23rd November. It was on her journey from Berlin that the Princess had been met and escorted from Harwich to London by the 14th Light Dragoons. As a result of this service George III was, on 26th July, 1798, graciously pleased to approve of the Regiment being styled the 14th (or Duchess of York's Own) Regiment of Light Dragoons.

The Duke and Duchess went to live at Oatlands Park, near Weybridge, Surrey. However, they soon separated and Frederica lived a simple, retired life at Oatlands, where she amused herself with her pet dogs. It was here that she died on 6th August, 1820. The Duchess was a generous benefactor much beloved by the local inhabitants, who some years after her death erected a monument to



THE MONUMENT, WEYBRIDGE



THE INSCRIPTION ON THE  
MONUMENT

her memory. At her own request she was buried at Weybridge without any of the pomp or military ceremony that is usual at the funerals of royalty.

Her tomb can still be seen in Weybridge churchyard; the iron grille surrounding it is surmounted by gilded coronets.

Inside the church there is a mural monument by Sir Francis Chantrey, erected by her husband. It represents the Duchess in a kneeling attitude and spurning the attributes of royalty in the form of a coronet.

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## THE BOYS' SQUADRON, ROYAL ARMOURED CORPS

A BOYS' SQUADRON of the Royal Armoured Corps, inaugurated during the latter part of last year, at the R.A.C. Centre, Bovington Camp, Dorset, provides boys with an opportunity to commence their military careers with a flying start in one of the most important branches of our modern Army.

Boys are normally recruited from 15 to 17½ years of age and their terms of

service will be to enlist with the Colours up to the age of 18 and thereafter for either eight years with the Colours and four with the Regular Army Reserve, or twelve years with the Colours.

In addition to ensuring that boys' technical and military training, general education, health and physical education is of the highest possible standard, great stress is laid on taking a personal interest in each boy individually.

The normal two-year course aims to provide each boy with a thorough background knowledge of technical and cultural value to those who will eventually become leaders. During the latter part of the course, training is given in crewmen duties, including tank driving and firing. The whole course can be roughly divided into three parts—one-third being devoted to training, one-third to general education and one-third to games, physical training and education.

These are but a few details of the Squadron and the opportunities it provides. Boys gain knowledge and skill of which they may be justly proud. Self-reliance, integrity and good manners acquired from the Squadron will stand them in good stead throughout their lives.

Any further information may be obtained from: The Officer Commanding, The Boys' Squadron, Royal Armoured Corps, R.A.C. Centre, Bovington Camp, Wareham, Dorset.

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## CANADA

BY 2/LIEUT. D. A. SIDWELL

I FEEL that it would not be out of place to say a few words about Canada in view of the recent attention drawn to that country through the tour made by Their Royal Highnesses, Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

Despite the fact that a great effort was made to show them every aspect of Canadian life, I feel that they may not have had the opportunity of becoming closely acquainted with the old pioneer life that still exists in certain parts of Canada.

I was fortunate in going out to Canada for two years but with no thought of doing anything particularly unusual.

In November, 1949, I felt the urge to find out for myself whether life in the rugged wilds was as tough as related in stories by Robert Service or John Buchan for instance.

British Columbia gave me an excellent opportunity to learn the truth. As a mere student money could not provide transport. However, the body was willing and held out for over a thousand miles of vast and overpowering beauty of a territory, which has been lying idle waiting for people with initiative to explore and carve out for themselves a future life.

My plan was to hitch-hike from Vancouver to Port Rupert through the Interior. One dull and very chilly Sunday morning I began the long traverse, leaving Vancouver at about noon on foot, carrying on my back a sleeping bag and a few bare necessities. Various friends were there to send me on my way with light-hearted wisecracks and a few sarcastic remarks, assuredly believing the Canadian saying that "an Englishman is like a Cape Bretoner with his brains knocked out."

The so-called friends had laid a wager of twenty-five dollars against my completing the proposed trip.

The first half of a day realized ninety-nine miles and, still being moderately in civilization, a dollar room in a so-called hotel found me shelter for the night, the last shelter I was to enjoy for some ten days.

The next two days were rather uneventful, though very hard going, due to a heavy downpour which lasted for twenty-four hours.

Wednesday brought with it sore feet and much sweat. I was now beginning to enter into country with tracks in place of roads and rivers as guides. The mighty Frazer river was below me, where, just over 100 years ago, men were rushing to search for gold. The temptation was too great, so I tried my hand at it for an hour, and on instruction from an old man, living in a desolate shack, took up a position of advantage. I did not, however, have the right gear for the job, but panned with success. Unfortunately the gold was so fine that it was impossible to separate it from the water! But that didn't really matter; I had panned for gold and that was that.

I trudged on through miles of virgin forest with no hope of a lift—another grim day ahead I thought. Suddenly I noticed smoke rising from a valley. It seemed like a forest fire, and then, as I peered into the far distance, I observed a freight



TYPICAL COUNTRY THROUGH WHICH I PASSED

train. I had stumbled upon the "Pacific Great Eastern Railroad" or, as natives call it, "The Please Go Easy Railroad." It took me one hour to make my way down to the tracks. Luck was turning again to my side, because no sooner had I reached my objective than in the distance was the sounding of a clanging bell.

It just had to be a freighter, "Going my way." The only way to get aboard was to throw my bedroll up first and then climb on to another wagon and eventually retrieve my kit. This was done without mishap and, hearing no angry shouts, I assumed that nobody had seen me aboard. I had become the complete "hobo" at last.

This was just the way to see the country, riding in an open coal wagon. On both sides of me were mountains, reaching up steep and far, covered with majestic Canadian pine. As the freighter slowly wound its way the dusk began to fall. Suddenly a brown object like a gorilla caught my eye; it was a huge brown bear, doubling off on all fours into the wood. I was thankful I wasn't on foot.

In passing, it is interesting to note that the bears come down from the hills to feed on spent salmon lying helpless in the creeks.

Night drew on without incident, save that it was becoming bitterly cold, but I knew that the farther north I got the colder it would become. I was beginning to feel the pangs of hunger and realized that I had eaten an early breakfast and nothing since. I visualized a wonderful enchanted meal, which only served to whet my appetite the more.

At dawn next morning we pulled in for water at Williams Lake, where I hopped off and made for the nearest "Eating House." A hearty breakfast of hot cakes, and ham and eggs soon set me up for further travels.

Following the Frazer River Valley, my route had so far taken me along the Caribou Road through Chilliwak, Hope, Cache Creek and Clinton, some 400 miles into the interior of British Columbia. Williams Lake is a typical cowboy town, with its swing-door saloons, false fronts, board walks and dirt roads, with horses tethered to their posts.

It was time to push on north and without delay, so I moved on. During the day I received lifts from a farmer, an engineer, an insurance broker and a travelling salesman. Because it is so risky to take on strangers in this desolate part of the country, at the risk of being knifed and robbed, I asked why they were taking a chance with me. They really didn't know, but I felt that it was the mark of a true pioneer and Canadian.

By nightfall, after a day of the most perfect splendour that nature could show me, we pulled into a town called Prince George, the first real town since Vancouver. It was becoming so cold that I was forced to buy another cheap lumberjack shirt, and so with renewed warmth I made a bid to cover the last 470 miles.

My experiences during these next five days were probably the most frightening I shall ever have. When I could walk no farther I would simply lie down by the wayside, numb with cold, miles from anywhere. For each of the four nights I battled with nature. Howling coyotes soon forced me to light a fire to keep them at their distance. The eerie, solemn quiet around me throughout the night made dawn a very welcome sight. During this spell, practically the only humans I met were Indian loggers and hunters, all of whom knew little or no English, their interest in me being the old school sweater which I was wearing. At last I found myself on the Skeener River, which I followed down to Prince Rupert.

From there, funds seriously depleted, I was to work my way down by boat to Vancouver, where I lay claim to the wager, having done the 1,000-mile journey in about twelve days.

Although I shall never regret having had this experience, it is one which I should not care to repeat without a companion.

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## MEXICO, 1951

BY LIEUT. A. G. P. RAMSAY

MEXICO CITY stands 7,300 ft. above sea level on a mountain plateau, with volcanic peaks and ranges forming the sides of the plateau. Overshadowing the whole are the two volcanoes, Popocatepetl and an unpronounceable and unspelling sister one, both snow-capped. Most well-known mountains and ranges have Aztec names and are shrouded in myth.

As the plane started to lose height for the Airport I caught my first glimpse of the pyramids and Aztec Stadium. These lie about sixty miles from Mexico

City and are one of the best-preserved relics of Aztec civilization, being over 1,000 years old.

During the drive from the Airport to the City itself you pass one of the parks and playgrounds for the poor, and many of the blocks of flats built to replace the old dwellings. The President at the moment, Aleman by name, has done much to improve their standards of living without taxing the rich out of existence. Even today income tax stands at roughly the equivalent of 2d. in the £.

The main streets are wide and well designed, often four-laned, with avenues of trees, as can be seen in the *Passe de la Reforma*. This, incidentally, corresponds to Piccadilly, only it is about twice as long. Traffic moves at a very good speed and hold-ups are rare. It is such a change from New York, where they blow their horns for no reason at all, but in Mexico silence is the rule and all police traffic control boxes have "No use klazon" emblazoned on the roof. People obey this rule as a whole and the city maintains its air of quiet efficiency.

Everywhere are to be seen street traders on the pavements, and as long as they do not obstruct traffic, or block the sidewalk, nobody bothers them. Silver is their main trade, and hand-beaten silver ear-rings of the most intricate and beautiful design often with opals, or some such local stone, sell for about 5s. or 6s. Needless to say, the variety of their wares is immense. The Mexican is a great believer and practiser of private enterprise and some of the things they do to get trade are almost comical. They think nothing of setting up their silver stall outside some well-known silversmith's shop or a general stall outside a modern departmental store. At every traffic lights, old men, young men or hosts of small boys come to your car to persuade you to buy chamois leather or lottery tickets, but a firm "No gracias" is all they need as a rule and they don't pester any more.

I drove a lot in the city during my stay, but what a change from English road manners—bad though they may be at times! Their principle is "Right is might" or "He that hesitates loses"! So long as you keep going, right or wrong, you survive, but dither and all is lost. Their cars, American models to a large degree, have excellent brakes and acceleration, these tending to assist their method of driving. The road accidents and death rates are remarkably low. If a motorist touches a pedestrian or cyclist he comes up against the law and finds himself in severe trouble, and maybe this acts as a deterrent to bad drivers. Their system of hand signals is confusing and even a Mexican, when he sees someone waving a hand, tends to slow down and wait to see what develops! The point-duty police are first class, as are their road patrol motor-cyclists, though rather open to bribes on occasions!

The layout of Mexico City is on American lines with parallel side streets within main road boundaries, though these side streets are not always parallel with the boundary roads. Many of the smaller streets are one way to assist the fast moving of traffic and, while confusing at first, the signposting is good enough not to cause too much worry. Huge development has taken place recently and many large blocks are going up all the time, and at what a pace they work. Indian labour is very cheap and very hard working.

Weather can always make such a difference to a holiday, but it is no worry in Mexico. The sun never stops shining and though the rainy season is in September, so I am told, I never noticed it except on occasional nights. In winter it is fairly cold at night but hot by day, and grass is quickly burnt up on the lawns. Most English flowers grow well, as do the typical Mexican varieties.

Unfortunately the racing season didn't open until a week after I had left, so I was unable to see the very beautiful "Hippodrome de las Americas" in action. This has been described recently in "The Field" as one of the most beautiful race-tracks in the world, and I can well believe it. In the centre of the oval dirt track are lawns and small lakes, with black swans peacefully swimming around.

The whole is set in a valley, and the stabling is on one side and the stands on the other. The latter are well-built concrete structures with built-in totalizator booths, no book-makers being allowed. Owing to the height, the horses have to be in the stables at least two weeks before racing starts, to get acclimatized. The Jockey Club have their own part of the stands and hold New Year Balls and the like in a large ballroom in the top of the building.

Social life out there is very gay, with tremendous parties and dances all the time. The food is excellent. Personally I was staying with an English family with an English cook. I ate much as we do here only with considerably more of everything. I did sample a few Mexican dishes and found them if anything on the sharp side, but nevertheless very acceptable. Wines, champagnes, whisky and so on are mostly imported from Europe. Tequila is made from the cactus plant and brewed in most Indian homes and it is somewhat like Kummel with an appreciable kick.

I spent a glorious week in Acapulco, on the Pacific coast, which is a rich man's paradise and known in travelogues as the "jewel of the Pacific." The sun is exceedingly hot and one cannot sunbathe. You even get badly burned in the shade if you are not careful! The sea is like a hot bath and, if anything, slightly more salty than round our shores. We water-skied a lot—and what a sport that is. Very similar to snow-skiing once you have arisen to the surface of the water.

Maybe I have made out Mexico City to be a holiday country; that may be so, but it is also a very hard-working country. It offers wonderful opportunities to anyone prepared to work hard. The people all know how to work and how to enjoy themselves, and they do both well.

All good things have to come to an end and in the first week of October I bid "adios" to Mexico City, after a glorious month. Within twenty hours' flying time I was back in fog-bound London and dreading the thought of work after so much holiday. It had been a trip with enough experiences and thrills to last a lifetime, but how very well worth doing.

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## YACHTING

BY LIEUT. M. H. GOODHART

IT WAS UNFORTUNATE that, owing to the Regiment's many commitments at Thetford during the summer, only four officers were able to go cruising in the R.A.C.Y.C. Yacht *Theodora*. So on Friday, 13th July, Major Tyers, Capt. Melitus, Capt. Urban-Smith, M.C., and Lieut. Goodhart arrived at Poole and were joined by four other past and present Army officers. Our skipper was Colonel T. Barne, O.B.E., The Royals. The others were Capt. Frank, late 4th/7th R.D.G., Mr. Adland, Wilts Yeomanry, and Capt. Alexander, R.T.R.

Since there was a certain amount of work to be done aboard and we had several superstitious shipmates, we decided not to sail on Friday 13th.

On Saturday there was a light breeze and it was a glorious summer day. We left Poole at noon and sailed down the Bar buoy, and were able to see the handicap classes in the last day of the Poole Yacht Club Regatta.

Once clear of Poole we set a course for Alderney. All went well except for a few changes of plan during the night, when the mate of the watch, owing to the wind change, thought it would be easier to go to Cherbourg. We had a very pleasant night's sail and arrived at Alderney about 5 a.m. on Sunday.

Alderney, as most readers will know, is the most northerly of the Channel Islands, provided us with a very good anchorage as the wind was westerly. The



SOME OF THE CREW

greatest worry, however, is that of leaving, since there are strong tides and eddies outside, and it is therefore advisable to go with someone who has been there before.

We spent two and a half days in Alderney and met many old friends of the crew, all of whom were very kind to us. We spent most of the days lying on the sand in wonderful weather, and the evenings convincing ourselves that "gin" in Alderney is better than anywhere else.

After an all too short spell, we thanked our hosts and set sail for Cherbourg. After a very pleasant dry sail we arrived at about 7 p.m., having transported a friend from Alderney to France.

We had a few drinks and dinner ashore and then turned in early for a good night's rest. The following morning we bought French rum and one or two other items, and once we had cleared Customs, we set sail for England.

Again the weather and wind were in our favour.

While we were in Cherbourg we picked up an American student who was stranded after spending a few days holiday. He had served in the American Navy for eighteen months, so we thought quite naturally he would be useful, but since he had not slept for about five days he spent most of the time in the "horizontal" plane. However, he had an amazing habit of appearing on deck at "gin time!"

The only misfortune we met with during the whole trip was when we got back to Poole. We went hard aground on a falling tide at 1 o'clock in the morning—but fairly soon we managed to get ourselves off and we were safely back on our moorings at 6 a.m.

This ended a very pleasant trip. Everything was in our favour; the wind, weather, and we made good landfalls.

There is strong feeling that another cruise should be made next year, with more members of the Regiment partaking.

## BRITISH MODERN PENTATHLON, 1951

ENCOURAGED BY THE form shown by last year's team, we embarked on Pentathlon training this year with high hopes. When the Regiment moved up to the Stanford P.T.A. at the end of July, Lieuts. Groves, Palmer and Bromley stayed at Crookham with the dual role of supporting Major Loraine-Smith in his arduous task as Rearguard Commander, and training for the Pentathlon, which was to start on September 25th.

We found ourselves an extremely keen and helpful swimming coach in Major Freeman, R.A.S.C., and Lieut. Groves gradually started to adopt a horizontal style of swimming as opposed to his vertical style of previous years. We



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### THE REGIMENTAL TEAM, MODERN PENTATHLON, 1951

Lieut. J. L. M. Palmer, Lieut. P. L. J. Groves, Lieut. L. P. J. S. Bromley.

paid a few visits to the "Salon Paul" in London for fencing training and usually survived the temptation to visit the flesh pots afterwards. Lieut. Bromley coached us in shooting with alarming efficiency, and we ran ourselves to a standstill up and down Cæsar's Camp. Our riding training was in the hands of Capt. Richardson, 12th Lancers, and Sergt. Scat-tergood, an ex-14th/20th Hussar, now in the R.M.P.

However, true to form things started to go wrong. Lieut. Bromley retired to hospital with

some obscure ailment, and missed a fortnight's training. He then developed cartilage trouble, which however did not stop him performing.

Thus the day of competition found us reasonably well trained, having rounded off our programme with three days' grouse shooting in Wales.

The first event, riding, was held over a cross-country course in the middle of Tweseldown Racecourse. The horses we drew were not quite as good as we had hoped and this, though no excuse, was to a large extent responsible for our bad performance in an event in which we had hoped to do well.

The second day we fenced; Lieut. Bromley with success and Lieuts. Groves and Palmer adequately.

Then came the shooting, which was reckoned to be our strongest event. But the night before misfortune overtook Lieut. Groves. He decided to practice with some "dry snaps" in his room, only to find that his pistol, which he had coaxed with infinite patience and many minute adjustments to put most of his shots in the bull was minus a backsight! Lieuts. Palmer and Bromley roared with laughter, not through any lack of sympathy, but rather through being in a better position to see the comical side of the misfortune than the sad owner of the weapon, which did not improve matters. We all decided, therefore, to shoot with the same pistol. This did not let us down for we all managed to put our twenty shots on the target and Lieut. Bromley achieved the distinction of being the individual winner of the event, scoring 187 out of a possible 200 in appalling conditions and against strong opposition.

On Friday the team all swam true to training form, and we lay fifth, with only the running still to come.

This proved rather disappointing, our times being slower than in training, but probably due to our having become stale. However, we ran sufficiently well to enable our team to pull up to a final placing of third, beaten only by the Royal Marines and the Durham Light Infantry.

It was disappointing to realize that if we had ridden anything like true to form we would have won comfortably, only eighty points covering the first three teams.

However, taken all in all, the result was most encouraging and well worth the trouble taken.

## EQUITATION

IT WAS WITH great regret last February that we bade farewell to our friends in Yorkshire and Co. Durham and moved to our new station at Crookham, near Aldershot. We had had three seasons with the Bedale and Zetland Hounds, and had enjoyed sport unsurpassable for these post-war years in what are still the Counties of Broad Acres.

We were, however, lucky enough before we moved to obtain permission to use the racecourse stables at Tweseldown, in which we constructed twelve more loose-boxes. Thither the horses, sixteen in number, were transported by the end of February after the move of the main body of the Regiment.

There was only one more month of hunting in Hampshire but owing to our new role as an active Regiment, after three years as a training one, there was little time for the joys of the chase or any organized equitation. A few of us managed to get in a couple of days with the Staff College and R.M.A.S. Drag before the season ended, but unfortunately two or three good drag lines had to be cancelled owing to excessive rain in the early part of March.

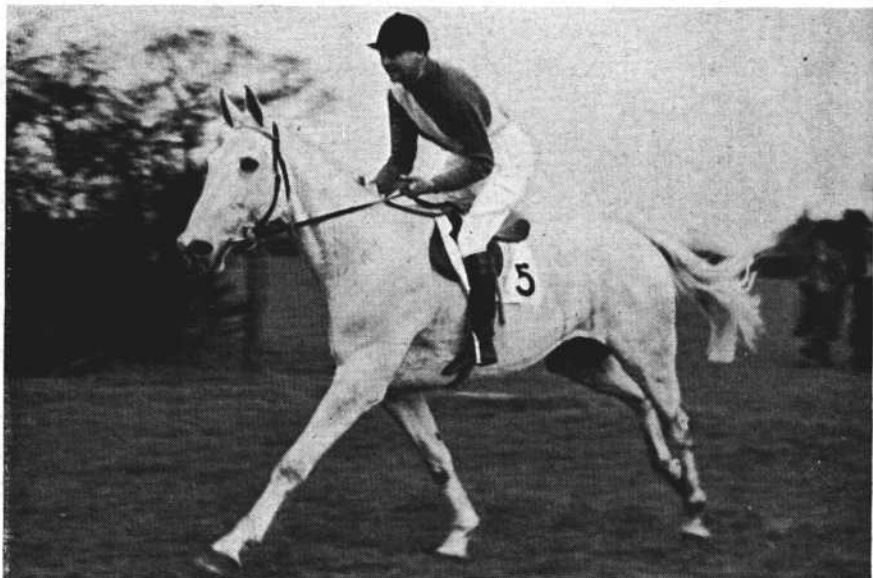
Later in the spring, however, we did enjoy some success with our point-to-point horses, though we were rather handicapped by the fact that they were all qualified with the Bedale. This confined their running entirely to open races and open military races in the south. There was, therefore, no scope for the moderate horse in an adjacent hunts race. The horses, too, were rather backward in condition due to having been stopped in their work by frost before the move, and for a short time after it. Consequently we had nothing fit enough to run till April, although Lieut. P. L. J. Groves's "Leppinpowder" (owner up) ran a creditable second in the open race at the H.H. Point-to-Point on 17th March. This horse unfortunately broke down badly three weeks later in the Southern Command race at Larkhill when going with a great chance, and had subsequently to be destroyed. In this race Major G. N. Loraine-Smith's "Twinkle Jack" (Lieut. J. M. Palmer) won the Subalterns' Cup, being the first horse past the post ridden by a Regular subaltern.

We had great hopes of achieving the double at the Army Point-to-Point at Tweseldown on 28th April, by winning both the Army heavy-weight and Army light-weight races. Lieut. J. M. Palmer's "Sonny III" won the first of these two races by a distance, carrying fourteen stone seven pounds (including penalties), confidently ridden by Lieut. P. L. J. Groves, but we met one too good in Colonel H. T. Alexander's "Pampeene II" ("Amfortas"—"Pamphilisa") who beat Major G. N. Loraine-Smith's "Twinkle Jack," ridden by Lieut. P. L. J. Groves.

At the Vine Point-to-Point Lieut. P. L. J. Groves rode the winner of the adjacent hunts farmers' race on Mr. I. Broomfield's "Hartley Row."

We finished up the season in May by taking "Sonny III" down to run in the open race at the Surrey Union Point-to-Point at Charlwood, where he ran a great race, again ridden by Lieut. P. L. J. Groves, to win by a short head against a field of useful horses.

Lieut.-Colonel E. B. Studd, who is commanding our linked Yeomanry Regiment, the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry, had quite a successful season with his "Topped-Up" and "Time Call." The former horse (owner up) was second in the grand military hunters race at Sandown, and won the John Peel hunters race at Manchester (for the second time) from a field of fifteen horses, beating "Menzies" and "Candy II," who were second and third respectively. "Topped-up" had previously won this race for his owner in 1949. "Time Call" (owner up) won the adjacent hunts race at the Cheshire Point-to-Point, and in May at Stratford-on-Avon was second in the Warwickshire Hunters Chase and third in the Owner-Riders' Hunters Chase a fortnight later.



**"TOPPED-UP,"** RIDDEN BY LIEUT.-COLONEL E. B. STUDD, CANTERING TO THE POST



[Photo: Airborne Pictures, Aldershot.]

**MAJOR G. N. LORAINE-SMITH'S "TWINKLE JACK"**  
 ("J'Accours,"—"Twinkletoi")

Second in Army Lightweight, Army Point-to-Point, Tweseldown, ridden by Lieut. P. L. J. GROVES. Winner of the Subalterns' Cup, Southern Command Race, Larkhill, ridden by Lieut. J. M. PALMER.



[Photo: "The Field," London]

**THE ARMY CHAMPIONSHIP HUNTER TRIALS, 1951**

Major G. N. LORAIN-SMITH on "WILDCAT" jumping the water.



[Photo: Airborne Pictures, Aldershot.]

**LIEUT. J. L. M. PALMER'S "SONNY III"** ("Wild Scion," dam, by "Friar Marcus")  
Winner of the Army Heavyweight, Army Point-to-Point, Tweseldown, and the Open Race, Surrey Union Point-to-Point. Ridden by Lieut. P. L. J. GROVES.

During the spring and summer it was not possible to hold riding school as squadrons, either singly or collectively, were out at Thetford for most of this time. We managed, however, to produce a mounted officer and trooper for the Cavalcade of Cavalry at the Aldershot Show in July, the former mounted on one of our Regimental horses.

We had hoped to enter a team and individuals for the Army Hunter Trials Championships at Twyford on 20th October, but this was impossible owing to the autumn manœuvres, which were scheduled to finish on this date. There was, therefore, no time to school the horses or train a team. Major G. N. Loraine-Smith, who was commanding the rear party at Crookham, however, entered his "Wildcat" at the Garth Hunter Trials, where he was fourth in the open class, with one knock-down. This combination entered in the Army Hunter Trials Championships three weeks later, but met with no success.

This season, so far, most of our hunting has been with the Hampshire Hounds, but at the beginning of December we sent four horses up to Wing in the Whaddon Chase Country, where we managed to get four boxes and accommodation for two grooms. At the time of writing the horses have been there a week and we have had two excellent days.

To date we have only managed to get one day with the drag. We should have had more had they not been within the restricted area of foot-and-mouth disease, which has put a stop to their activities for three weeks.

Major Chancellor, who is Second-in-Command of the Scottish Horse, at Dunkeld, has taken over the joint mastership of the Perth Drag Hounds and is helping to keep the Chase going in those northern climes.

Finally we wish to record a vote of thanks to all the grooms to whose hard work and co-operation so much of our sport has been due, and to welcome Sergt. Harris back to the Regiment as N.C.O. i/c Stables.



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Lieut. P. L. J. GROVES on "SALLY"



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L./Cpl. NEWBERRY

CAVALCADE OF CAVALRY, ALDERSHOT SHOW, JULY, 1951

## ATHLETICS

AFTER MOVING DOWN from Catterick at the beginning of the year, we found ourselves short of ready talent and also time to prepare for the local championships in Aldershot. The Regiment moved up to Norfolk in March, and it was never possible to prepare a team for the Aldershot District Inter-Unit Championships in May. We entered some individuals for the Individual Championships on 26th May.

They had had very little training and S.Q.M.S. Vale ran very pluckily and got through to the semi-finals of the 100 yards. Sergt. Walters, who had been training hard at Catterick and Crookham, won the Aldershot District throwing the hammer event with a fine throw of 138 feet 10 inches, and was third in the throwing the discus event with 117 feet. Unfortunately he didn't maintain his form in the finals of the Army Championships and was third to his old rival, Major Reidy (R.A.E.C.). It was such a pity that he could not pull that "little extra out of the bag" to win the Army Championship this year. He was fifth in the Army discus and was later chosen as reserve in the hammer for the Army Inter-Services' team in July.

It is hoped that we will have more time to produce a team in the coming season.

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## FOOTBALL

THE SEASON 1950-51 is not remembered for any outstanding achievements from the "pot-hunting" angle, although the Regiment was playing fine football. We were unfortunate to be beaten in the fourth round of the Army Cup by the 46th Training Regiment, R.A., Oswestry, and to lose to our friendly "enemy," the 12th Lancers, in the semi-final of the Cavalry Cup.

Both these ties were lost by two goals to one, so it can be said that we were rather unfortunate.

The semi-final of the Cavalry Cup was played in a gale of wind, and it was notable for two things, the reappearance of T.Q.M.S. Charlton in goal and the final appearance of our outside-right "Jimmy" Smith.

The T.Q.M.S. showed that he had not lost any of his skill between the posts, and he brought the "house down" on many occasions with superb goalkeeping.

"Jimmy" Smith was demobbed immediately after the game, and was signed on professional forms by Chelsea. At the beginning of this season he made several appearances for the "Pensioners" first team, but nowadays can be seen in London most Saturdays dashing down the left wing.

Cpl. Anderson, our inside right, who had been playing regularly for Bishop Auckland, the famous northern amateur team, had the distinction of being "capped" for Scotland and receiving an Amateur Cup Final medal all in the space of a few weeks.

Then came the move to our present station, Crookham, and its many duties. We were away from the station for several months on different schemes and training. It was unfortunate that we were unable to bring all our players down from Catterick, but we had Tpr. E. Fenton, the Blackpool left half-back, in the ranks and he was made captain of the team and responsible for their coaching.

We started our league and cup matches in early November, rather wondering what type of football we would run up against. We were soon to learn.

Our first match was in the Army Cup, versus 6 M.T.B., R.E.M.E., and the result of 4-3 in our favour did us rather more than justice, and it was evident that we would have to train and work hard at the game if we were to make any



[Photo: "News of the World."]

Tpr. A. E. FENTON

impression. Since then the gymnasium has become a hive of industry, and between twenty and thirty report each evening for training and coaching, and this is starting to show results.

Although we were beaten in the second round of the Army Cup by the R.A.M.C. Depot, we are at present lying second in the Aldershot Military League, and our "B" team holds the same position in the Aldershot Senior League, which is comprised mostly of civilian teams, and whose matches are played on Saturdays. It is hoped that even these positions will be improved.

There is a spirit of quiet confidence amongst all players that augurs well for the forthcoming tie against the Royal Horse Guards in the first round of the Cavalry Cup. This match is to be played at Windsor on a date not yet fixed.

This year there is a slight change in the organization for the Cavalry Cup. The winning team from the four teams in the United Kingdom will travel to B.A.O.R. to participate in the semi-final and the final, if they are lucky, to be played in Hanover in early April.

This report of our football activities would not be complete without a pen picture of Tpr. Ewan Fenton.

Since joining us he has appeared for the Army in every one of their representative games, including tours to France and Austria, in the left-half position, where he has acquitted himself well.

His advice and encouragement have been freely given to all players, and his skill has been of great benefit to us in all our games.

If any of the Old Comrades should see him play in the Blackpool team, don't forget the old cry, "Up the Hawks," would be greatly appreciated, for he is a "Hawk" first, last and always.

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## HOCKEY

HOCKEY CONTINUES TO thrive in the Regiment. Our main trouble has been the weather and the state of the grounds, both at Catterick and Crookham.

Whilst at Catterick we did not, perhaps, take the game as seriously as some, but we did manage to win three matches out of seven. We were able to have games with the newly arrived Infantry battalions at Barnard Castle—the Cheshires, East Surreys and Border Regiment.

It was planned to play off the Inter-Squadron D'Arcy Hall Competition before moving to the south. Although the first two rounds were played, the ghastly weather prevented more hockey in Catterick. H.Q. Squadron beat "A" Squadron, and in a very exciting and well-fought contest, "C" Squadron defeated "B" Squadron. There were several casualties. Capt. Melitus was outstanding throughout the season as centre half, as was L./Cpl. Wolton as left wing. The latter has unfortunately remained with the 65th Training Regiment.

This year we have a good but not fully matured team. As usual, officers form a large part of it, some, sad to say, permanent casualties from the rugger field, but still able to wield a stick with good effect.

We have an excellent ground in Aldershot and there is one at the R.A.M.C. Depot. We have arranged fixtures with R.M.A. Sandhurst, Mons Officer Cadet School and the R.A.M.C. Depot. We hope to play some of the near-by schools during their Easter term.

We are most fortunate in having S.Q.M.S. Vale as our regular referee, who turns out in all weather. We were delighted to discover at the start of the season that the Colonel is an expert referee, and takes a keen interest in the game, as he does in all others.

Members of the team this year have been as follows: Cpl. Tasker; 2/Lieut. Oakshott, Cpl. Thompson; Capt. Wreford, Capt. Melitus, Sergt. Gooderham, Capt. Groves, 2/Lieut. Batty, Capt. Mossé, L./Cpl. Crosby, L./Cpl. Rose, L./Cpl. Wolton, Capt. Garbutt, Tpr. Allix, A.Q.M.S. Rolph, Cfn. Pope and 2/Lieut. Ling (captain).

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## RUGBY

THE REGIMENT was fortunate in starting the 1950-51 season with the previous year's pack, Capts. Scarr and Reid, Sergts. Walters and Kennedy, L./Cpl. Brodie and Tpr. Batten forming the main body, with a completely new set of backs behind them. As a result of this the team was a little unbalanced, with a strong pack and a young set of backs, but L./Cpl. Hodges and Tpr. Thirtle combined effectively as halves.

The Regiment played only eight matches before leaving Catterick for Crookham, and of these four were won and four lost.

In the second round of the Army Cup we met our old friends and rivals, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Their team included three internationals, Capt. Beame, Lieuts. Hardy and Shuttleworth, and two Army players. The Regiment rose to the occasion and played well to hold them to 9 points to nil.

The move to the south virtually ended our rugby season, the local fixture lists and ground allocations being full. Our E.M.E., Capt. P. D. Jackson, took on the duties of Rugby Officer, and midst the "battles" of Norfolk and "Z" training, some of the players, known only by name, were coaxed into activity. By mid-October the talent yielded eighteen players, with Capt. Reid tall enough for the line-out and Capts. James and Jackson making a 30-stone second row. The team got into its stride and by Christmas had played seven and won seven matches. The "tails-up" spirit was a great asset in the initial rounds of the Army Cup, 1951-52, and after a memorable third round game at Blackheath against the 2nd Bn. Coldstream Guards, and then a bye, we trained hard for our quarter-final tie against the R.A.M.C. After playing extremely well we were rather unfortunate to lose by 8 to 11 in the last second of the game.

The team for this part of the season has been selected from the following players: Capts. Jackson, James and Reid; Lieuts. Palmer and Batty; Sergts. Kennedy and Walters; L./Cpls. Campbell, Thirtle, Staines and Hambidge; Tprs. Appleby, Richardson, Hammond, Britton, Thorn, Maggs, and Dillon; and Cfn. Tickell.



[Photo: Airborne Pictures, Aldershot.]

### RUGBY, REGIMENTAL XV

*Standing*—Tprs. Appleby and Hammond, L./Cpls. Thirtle and Hambidge, Cfn. Tickell, 2/Lieut. Batty, Tprs. Britton, Richardson and Thorn.

*Seated*—Lieut. Palmer, Capt. Reid, L./Cpl. Staines, Capt. James, Capt. Jackson, (captain) Sergt. Kennedy, Tpr. Maggs, L./Cpl. Campbell, Sergt. Walters.

## BOXING

VEHICLE POOLS and Army exercises made it impossible to do any training in the early part of the 1951-52 boxing season. The Aldershot District Novices' Competition had been held before we returned to Crookham from the autumn manoeuvres.

The Regimental team started training in October for the Army Open Team Championships. This task was made more difficult than usual as we had not had the Novices' Competitions, which do so much to search out new talent.

In the present-day service regiment, the boxing team consists normally of a few reliable boxers who have represented the Regiment previously and one or two experienced National Service boxers who may arrive during the season, and the remainder novices with little or no experience. A National Service boxer is only available for two seasons, before he goes out of the Army.

The Regimental team nucleus from the previous season was: Tpr. Limbert, bantam; Tpr. Johns, welter; L./Cpl. Lister, middle; Sergt. Jones, heavy; and Tpr. Southall, light heavy, who, unfortunately, was in hospital before the season even started. 2/Lieut. Eardley-Wilmot, who had fought for the Regiment in his "potential officer" days, was elected to take Tpr. Southall's place. Tpr. Sillett, an experienced open class boxer, arrived just before the first contest. We needed five more boxers to complete the team. There were as a result some "weak links."

The first round of the Aldershot District Open Team Championships was gained by a walk-over. The second round was against 3rd Training Regiment, R.E. (away) and, in spite of being weak in our lighter weights, the Regiment was victorious by 18 points to 15. Tpr. Morris, in his last day in the Army, put up an excellent fight against a more experienced boxer in a veritable blood bath.

The next round was against the Royal Army Medical Corps Depot. The contest began by looking an easy R.A.M.C. victory, Tpr. Sillett being the only one of our lighter weights to win. By the interval the score was 9—6 in favour of the R.A.M.C. After the interval 2/Lieuts. Batty and Eardley-Wilmot defeated their opponents in hard-fought fights. L./Cpl. Lister and Sergt. Jones brought further victories to the Regiment. The score was 15—15 with one fight to go. Tpr. Johns, our representative in this all-important fight, fought a good hard fight, but his opponent proved the more experienced boxer; we lost the match by one point.

As we were now out of any further team contest it was decided to concentrate on the training of individuals. In due course 2/Lieuts. Eardley-Wilmot and Batty both represented the Army in the officers' team. Cpls. Lee and Tprs. Limbert and Johns have all represented Aldershot Services on various occasions.

Tpr. Sillett, who has just been presented with his Army Boxing Association Colours, represented the Army against Sweden both at home and in Sweden, defeating his opponent by a knock-out on each occasion. Sillett also represented the Army against Denmark and against Wales, winning both contests on points. Since joining the Regiment he has won all his fights to date.

Tpr. Sillett is at present first reserve for England in the A.B.A. We all hope he continues in this winning way and that he will get through the Army Championships to the I.S.B.A. and possibly the A.B.A. Championships.

The Regiment have six entries for the Individual Championships. These championships are always a strain on the boxer, as he may have to fight three contests in two days.

Finally, the team would like to thank Sergts. Volley and Jones for their hard work in supervising training. Unfortunately, Sergt. Volley fell ill just before the first contest. Notwithstanding the considerable pain he was in at the time, he insisted that results should be phoned through to the hospital.

## REVOLVER SHOOTING

ONCE AGAIN, and this time for the fifth year in succession, I have to record that we have won the Duke of Connaught Cup, though this year our margin of victory was very considerably reduced, and no doubt next year, and in future years, we shall have to produce a much better score in order to retain this almost traditional trophy.

This year we broke away from our usual practice of firing both the Connaught Cup and Individual Revolver Cup concurrently (the one score to count for both) and instead fired the Individual Revolver Cup first and immediately afterwards we shot the Connaught Cup. This proved successful and in every case the Connaught score was an improvement on the individual score. I said every case, but there I am wrong, for there was an exception. Capt. Melitus, displaying a *sang froid* which the rest of us were unfortunately unable to emulate, returned a score of 88 to come fourth in the Individual Revolver Cup.



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### CONNAUGHT CUP, REVOLVER TEAM, 1951

*Standing*—T.Q.M.S. Charlton, Lieut. L. P. J. S. Bromley, Sergt. Reynolds.

*Sitting*—Lieut. P. L. J. Groves, Capt. P. S. Mossé, Lieut.-Colonel B. B. N. Woodd, Capt. P. Melitus.

Owing to the Regiment's duties in connection with the vehicle pool, and its very busy training activities throughout the year, our revolver shots did not get the solid practice and concentration required to produce a first-class team. Although individually we were, I suppose, the strongest team we have had for some years. Owing to our disrupted bouts of practice we never attained the steadiness essential to good team shooting, though as individuals, and at different times, remarkable scores were produced, and here I must mention Lieut. Bromley and T.Q.M.S. Charlton, who both shot with signal success in competitions throughout the year.

In the Aldershot District Rifle Meeting both our officers' team and other ranks' team won their events very easily. In addition, T.Q.M.S. Charlton won the

Other Ranks' Individual Championship, while Lieut. Bromley won the Officers' Individual Championship and the Open Individual Championship.

At Colchester in the 3rd Infantry Division/East Anglian District Meeting there was no revolver event for the team, but there was an individual competition based on the Revolver Thirty Cup. In this match Capt. Mossé came third after a reshoot for second place, and Lieut. Bromley and T.Q.M.S. Charlton were equal fourth.

As everyone knows, it is not the stars who win matches, but the lesser lights, who, by their efforts on the crucial day, produce a score which ensures the team attaining a high average, and in this connection recognition must be given to our second team, who, though never "in the money," at times gave members of our first team cause to worry about the security of their *élite* position.

And now we embark upon the New Year with the resolution by the team to win the Connaught Cup again, and by your unfortunate scribe to pick just the day for the match when all of us are on form together.

Results for 1951 :

#### DUKE OF CONNAUGHT CUP

1, 14th/20th King's Hussars, "A," 460; 2, 65th Training Regiment, R.A.C., 445; 3, Depot, East Anglian Brigade, 443; 4, 2nd King's Royal Rifle Corps, 432; 5, 67th Training Regiment, R.A.C., 423; 6, 14th/20th King's Hussars "B," 415.

#### INDIVIDUAL REVOLVER CUP

4, Capt. Melitus; 7, Sergt. Reynolds; 12, Lieut. Bromley.

#### ALDERSHOT DISTRICT MEETING

*Officers' Team.*—Won.

*Other Ranks' Team.*—Won.

*Officers' Individual Championship.*—1, Lieut. Bromley.

*Open Individual Championship.*—1, Lieut. Bromley.

*Other Ranks' Individual Championship.*—1, T.Q.M.S. Charlton.

#### 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION/EAST ANGLIAN DISTRICT MEETING

*Open Revolver Championship.*—3, Capt. Mossé; 4 (equal), Lieut. Bromley and T.Q.M.S. Charlton.

## RIFLE SHOOTING

AS WILL be seen from the detailed results, the Regiment has had an extremely successful shooting season. This is particularly gratifying in view of the very short time that was available for training.

In these results is reflected the very hard work that Capt. Mossé and Melitus have put into Regimental shooting. Few people realize the amount of preparation that is required to get a shooting team on the ground, at the right time, ready to fire, on the right range, and with the correct weapon.

With Capt. Mossé acting as team manager, it enabled individuals to forget all about administrative worries and concentrate on their shooting.

We did, however, have to call upon our manager to shoot on several occasions. Falling plate shooting was his particular *forté*.

Aldershot District Rifle Meeting came upon us after only one week's practice. Here the rifle results were somewhat disappointing, though Capt. Melitus came fourth and 2/Lieut. Ramsay ninth in the Officers' Rifle Championship. In the pistol matches we cleared the board, winning the officers' and other ranks' team matches and the open individual match. Capt. Mossé and Melitus, and Lieuts. Maitland and Bromley, combined successfully to win the officers' team Sten match. Lieuts. Maitland and Bromley won the pairs (Bren) match, and our officers' team carried off the falling plates match. However, in the all-comers' grand final, they were beaten by a crack team of cadets from Sandhurst.



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#### REGIMENTAL SHOOTING TEAMS, 1951

*Standing*—T.Q.M.S. Charlton, Sergt. Reynolds, Trprs. Webb, Fawcett, Boles, Cpl. Smith, Tpr. Bird, Cpl. Barker, Cpl. Wallace, M.Q.M.S. Rolph.  
*Seated*—Lieut. A. G. P. Ramsay, Lieut. L. P. J. S. Bromley, Lieut.-Colonel R. J. Stephen, M.B.E., Capt. P. S. Mossé, Capt. P. Melitus, Lieut. J. R. B. Maitland.

Encouraged by these successes, we went into the East Anglian and 3rd Division Meeting at Colchester. Here we were not disappointed, for we won the most coveted prize—the unit team match. This was a fine performance, for we completely outshot the infantry regiments of the 3rd Division and won by a handsome margin. The prize was a splendid trophy, somewhat similar to the F.A. Cup. Lieuts. Maitland and Bromley followed up their Aldershot Bren pairs' win by winning the corresponding match at Colchester, while our second Bren pair, Cpts. Mossé and Melitus came third.

As a grand finale on the last day of the meeting the officers' plate shooting team won the falling plate match from twenty other teams. We felt that this success was due to the lavish hospitality shown by Major and Mrs. Melitus, who very kindly invited the team to stay at their house near Colchester during the rifle meeting.

Mention must be made of some individual rifle results, but again these proved disappointing. The range conditions were as bad as they could ever be, and bright sun behind the targets made the light particularly difficult. Cpl. Smith (R.E.M.E., attached) is to be congratulated on coming sixth in the Open Rifle Championships, whilst Tpr. Fawcett (H.Q.) was only just beaten into third place in the Young Soldiers' Championship. Capt. Mossé, after a tie shoot, came third in the Open Revolver, while Lieut. Bromley and T.Q.M.S. Charlton tied for fourth place. There was no pistol team match.

So we went on to Bisley, but here we had to be content with fourth place in the Cambridge Shield, behind our old rivals, the 17th/21st Lancers, who are to be congratulated on winning this trophy for the second successive year. This year our weakness was again in Class "B" and "C"—corporals and troopers.

Although our Class "B" and "C" men shot extremely well under the circumstances, they lacked the experience that Bisley demands. Lieuts. Maitland and Bromley came second in the Lindsey Cup, a Bren gun match.

During the coming season it is hoped that, with more practice time available, we shall find some other shots from the Regiment. This would ease the strain thrown on the few enthusiasts. Talent scouts will be at the next Regimental rifle meeting, which is to be held in March, 1952, when everyone will have an opportunity to show his ability in rifle, Bren and Sten gun shooting. We hope this will produce some variety in the results menu, which this year became a little monotonous. Results:

#### ALDERSHOT DISTRICT RIFLE MEETING

*Officers' Pistol Team Match.*—Won by Capts. P. Melitus and P. Mossé and Lieuts. P. L. J. Groves and L. P. J. S. Bromley.

*Officers' Sten Team Match.*—Won by Capts. P. Melitus and P. Mossé and Lieuts. J. R. B. Maitland and L. P. J. S. Bromley.

*Officers' Falling Plates Match.*—Won by Capt. P. Melitus, Lieuts. J. R. B. Maitland and L. P. J. S. Bromley, and 2/Lieut. A. G. P. Ramsay.

*L.M.G. Open Pairs.*—Won by Lieuts. J. R. B. Maitland and L. P. J. S. Bromley.

*Officers' Individual Pistol and Open Individual Pistol.*—Won by Lieut. L. P. J. S. Bromley.

*Other Ranks' Pistol Match.*—Won by T.Q.M.S. Charlton, M.Q.M.S. Rolph and Sergt. Reynolds.

*Other Ranks' Individual Pistol.*—Won by T.Q.M.S. Charlton.

#### EAST ANGLIA

*Open Regimental Team Match.*—Won by Capt. P. Melitus, Lieuts. J. R. B. Maitland and L. P. J. S. Bromley, 2/Lieuts. A. G. P. Ramsay and A. H. I. Bridges, and Cpl. Smith (R.E.M.E.).

*L.M.G. Open Pairs.*—Won by Lieuts. J. R. B. Maitland and L. P. J. S. Bromley

*Open Falling Plates Match.*—Won by Capts. P. Melitus and P. Mossé and Lieuts. J. R. B. Maitland and L. P. J. S. Bromley.



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#### WINNING BREN PAIR

Lieut. L. P. J. S. Bromley and Lieut. J. R. B. Maitland.

## "OLD SOLDIERS NEVER DIE . . ."

BY CAPTAIN E. CHATFIELD

CAPT. E. CHATFIELD (14th Hussars) writes as follows:

"On page 34 of the Short History of the 14th/20th King's Hussars, under 1932, it is noted that Troop Sergeant-Major John Stratford died, and that he witnessed the charge at Ramnuggur. When I was in Bangalore in 1906-1911 I knew an old soldier by the name of Doyle, who was usually to be found about

the market in the early mornings. Doyle had been a trumpeter in the 14th Hussars during the Sikh War and, though it was very difficult to get the old man to talk, I believe he was actually in the charge at Ramnuggur. The old chap was rather cantankerous and most independent.

"The Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel (later Brigadier-General) R. C. Stephen, C.B., father of the Commanding Officer who retired last year, invited Doyle up for a talk; when it was concluded Colonel Stephen pushed a 100 rupee note across the table to him. Doyle said: 'I came here because you asked me to and not for money; my pension will provide me with all the beer I want,' and he refused steadfastly to take the note.

"In 1911 it was decided to send all remaining mutiny veterans to Delhi for the Durbar held by King George V. Major-General Mackenzie Kennedy, who was then commanding the Bangalore Garrison, sent for Doyle and asked him to go to Delhi—after some talk the General asked Doyle where his medals were (he was wearing four medal ribbons). Doyle replied 'I sold them for beer.'

"General Kennedy replied 'I am afraid, Doyle, we cannot send you to Delhi with only medal ribbons.'

"Doyle: 'I don't want to go to Delhi. You are asking me to go there.' He picked up his hat and walked out.

"However, a duplicate set of medals were procured and Doyle duly went to the Durbar. Doyle never claimed to be a 14th Light Dragoon, as at some later date he was transferred, against his will, to the Artillery. He must have had some very interesting stories to tell if one could have got him to talk. I could never find out where or how he lived. He was always smartly dressed and upright for his age. I never knew the end of him. I was in Bangalore until 1914, but after 1912 I never saw him in his usual haunt—the market.

"I could get no news of him from anyone, so I conclude that like old soldiers he just faded away.

"It is most pleasant to recollect that one has known a 14th Light Dragoon who was in the Regiment in the Sikh War and in the charge at Ramnuggur."

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## THESE DAYS OF INCOME TAX

THE FOLLOWING LETTER was noticed by the Editor, during his summer holidays, pinned to the wall of a pub somewhere in the south of England.

Dear Sir,

For the following reasons I am unable to meet your demands for income tax:

I have been bombed, burnt up, blasted, sandbagged, walked upon, held up, held down, flattened out and squeezed by income tax, commodity tax, war damage tax, and every society, organization and club that the inventive mind of man can conceive, to extract what I may, or may not, have in my possession, for the black cross, blue cross, red cross, double cross and every other bally cross in town or country.

The Government have governed my business until I do not know who the hell owns it. I am expected, inspected, examined, required, commanded, so that I do not know what I am, where I am or why I am here at all.

All that I know is that I am supposed to have an inexhaustible supply of money for every wish, desire and hope of the human race, and beg, borrow or steal money to give away. I am cursed, boycotted, talked about, talked to, lied about, hung up, hung down, run down, and damn near ruined.

The only reason I cling on to life is to see what the hell happens next!

Yours faithfully,

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## ESTABLISHMENTS

WHEN TURNING OVER some war-time files in the Orderly Room recently, the following establishment came to light. It is of documentary interest only as, owing to R.E.M.E., Phase II, it has now become obsolete. It is published to show what was considered an essential part of the Regiment in the past.

### NOTIFIED IN HEAVENLY COMMAND ORDERS

1st January, 143 B.C.

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WAR ESTABLISHMENT FOR A SPIRITUAL AID DETACHMENT—TYPE "A"

(Note: This establishment is designed to deal with 200 sinners per day)

#### I.—PERSONNEL

<i>Detail</i>	<i>Ofprs.</i>	<i>W.Os.</i>	<i>Sergts.</i>	<i>ACH</i>	<i>Civs.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Chief Priest .....	1	—	—	—	—	1
Samaritans, Grade I .....	—	1	—	—	—	1
Artisans (a) .....	—	—	1	12	—	13
Interpreters, Writing, Wall .....	—	—	—	—	1	1
Riveters, Soul .....	—	—	—	1	—	1
Fitters, Wing .....	—	—	—	1	—	1
Fitters, Halo .....	—	—	—	—	1	1
Acolytes .....	—	—	—	—	1	1
Shepherds .....	—	—	—	—	1	1
Men, Wise .....	—	—	—	—	3	3
Whiteners, Sepulchre .....	—	—	—	—	1	1
Galvanisers, activity .....	—	—	—	—	1	1
Virgins, foolish .....	—	—	—	—	1	1
Virgins, wise (b) .....	—	—	—	—	5	5
	1	1	1	14	15	32

(a) Includes Charioteers, 2.

(b) Subject to review after 40 days and 40 nights.

#### ATTACHED PERSONNEL

Waterman .....	2
Holder, Infant (c) .....	1
Godfathers .....	1
Godmothers .....	1
Godmothers, Fairy .....	1
Relations, lachrymatory .....	As required
Orderlies, sanitary .....	1
	7

(c) One addition for each twins, pair.

## II.—TRANSPORT

Hearse, 1-seater .....	(1 spare)	2
Chariots, fiery .....		1
Clouds, ascending .....		1
Lorry, 3-ton, 7-wheel, uplift .....		1
Arks, collapsible, rainproof .....		1

## WAR EQUIPMENT FOR S.A.D. TYPE "A"

Pearls, eatable .....	gross	2
Pearls, Grade I .....	gross	1
Paths, straight .....	yards	10
Paths, narrow .....	yards	10,000
Ladders, scaling .....	Lengths as required	
Boxes, manna .....		1
Gauges, depth, sin .....		7
Panoplies .....		22
Halos .....		22
Halos, nets, camouflage .....		22
Crooks, shepherd .....		1
Lamps, Virgin, wise, full .....		5
Lamps, Virgin, foolish, empty .....		7
Vices, assorted .....		7
Chains, retaining, body and soul .....		567
Tools, detaching, chains, retaining, body .....		5
Bottles, wine, old (for wine, new) .....		3
Harps, harping, G.S. ....		200
Gates, pearly, left .....		1
Gates, pearly, right .....		1
Walls, collapsible, Jericho pattern .....	Sets	1
Locaters, water, rods .....		1
Dividers, Sea, Red .....		1
Cymbals, loud .....	Pairs	1
Cymbals, well tuned .....	Pairs	1
Baskets, rush, infants .....		1
Rushes, bull .....	Fathoms	3
Rivets, wing, $\frac{1}{2}$ in. ....	lbs.	47
Trumpets, Archangel, brazen .....		1
Slings, David pattern .....		1
Slings, fortune, outrages .....		1
Arrows .....		1
Jaws, Ass .....		1

## R.A.S.C. SUPPLY

Loaves (or stones, in lieu of) .....		5
Fishes, small .....		3
Wine, new (for bottles old) .....	quarts	6
Oil, foolish .....	quarts	4,567
Oil, wise .....	gills	1/3
Branches, olive .....		1
Locusts, dried .....	Plagues	1
Honey, wild .....	lbs.	10

## PROVISIONAL A.F.L., 1398

Articles 1—39 .....	Sets	1
Commandments, assorted ....	Packets of 10	1
Glasses, dark .....	Pairs	1
Pens, Recorder, gold .....		1
Signs, directional, "Upwards" .....	Gross	256
Signs, directional, "Downwards" (Asbestos) ..		1
Chisels, tablets, inscribing, $\frac{3}{4}$ in. ....		2
Chisels, tablets, inscribing mallets .....		1
Tracts, uplift .....	Reams	246

## BIRTHS AND MARRIAGES

### MARRIAGES

WE CONGRATULATE and offer our warmest wishes for a long life and a happy future to the following on their marriages: Sergt. and Mrs. Pemberton, Sergt. and Mrs. Gooderham, Sergt. and Mrs. Lister, Sergt. and Mrs. Dalby, Sergt. and Mrs. Sharrock, Sergt. and Mrs. Robinson, Sergt. and Mrs. Edgecombe, Sergt. Shadbolt (R.E.M.E.) and Mrs. Shadbolt, Cpl. and Mrs. Smith, Cpl. and Mrs. Golding, Cpl. and Mrs. Tasker, Cpl. and Mrs. Wallace, Cpl. Sinfield (A.C.C.) and Mrs. Sinfield, L./Cpl. and Mrs. Douglas, L./Cpl. and Mrs. Urquhart, L./Cpl. and Mrs. Layton, L./Cpl. and Mrs. Fogarty, L./Cpl. and Mrs. Hill, L./Cpl. and Mrs. Plastow, Tpr. and Mrs. Hughes, Tpr. and Mrs. Griffiths, Tpr. and Mrs. Williams, Tpr. and Mrs. Appleby, Tpr. and Mrs. Luckhurst, Tpr. and Mrs. Lloyd, Tpr. and Mrs. Branch, Tpr. and Mrs. Denny, Tpr. and Mrs. Bird, Tpr. and Mrs. Harris, Tpr. and Mrs. Straw, Tpr. and Mrs. Hart, Tpr. and Mrs. Whitlock, Bdsn. and Mrs. Wainwright, Bdsn. and Mrs. Cooke, Bdsn. and Mrs. Burnett and Pte. and Mrs. Cunliffe.

### BIRTHS

CONGRATULATIONS to S.S.M. and Mrs. Hardwidge (a daughter), W.O.II and Mrs. Mayl (a son), S.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Vale (a daughter), Sergt. and Mrs. Walters (a daughter), Sergt. and Mrs. Lyons (a son), Sergt. and Mrs. Jude (a daughter), Sergt. and Mrs. Robinson (a daughter), Sergt. and Mrs. Oliver (a son), Cpl. and Mrs. Holdaway (a daughter), Cpl. and Mrs. Downing (a daughter) and Cpl. and Mrs. Tasker (a son).

## OFFICERS PRESENT WITH THE REGIMENT ON 31st DECEMBER, 1951

### REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

Lieut.-Colonel B. B. N. Woodd: Commanding Officer.  
 Major P. F. W. Browne, D.S.O., M.C.: Second-in-Command and P.R.I.  
 Capt. W. A. L. Reid, M.C.: Adjutant.  
 2/Lieut. J. A. W. Hyde: Assistant Adjutant.

### H.Q. SQUADRON

Major G. N. Loraine-Smith: Squadron Leader.  
 Capt. P. Melitus: Second-in-Command.  
 Capt. W. D. Garbutt: Technical Adjutant.  
 Capt. J. R. B. Maitland: Education and Signals Officer.  
 Lieut. R. M. Roberts: Quartermaster.  
 Lieut. J. L. M. Palmer: Reconnaissance Troop Leader.  
 2/Lieut. A. G. P. Ramsay: M.T. Officer.  
 2/Lieut. D. A. Sidwell: R.H.Q. Troop Leader.

### "A" SQUADRON

Major R. F. Tyers: Squadron Leader.  
 Capt. P. S. Mossé: Second-in-Command.  
 Capt. P. L. J. Groves: Second Captain.  
 Lieut. L. P. J. S. Bromley: Troop Leader.  
 2/Lieut. G. St. A. Giuseppi: Troop Leader.

2/Lieut. M. A. J. Oakshott: Troop Leader.  
 2/Lieut. T. J. Batty: Troop Leader.  
 2/Lieut. A. G. Kampe: Troop Leader.

### "B" SQUADRON

Major G. A. L. C. Talbot: Squadron Leader.  
 Capt. M. A. James, M.C.: Second-in-Command.  
 Capt. D. E. Wreford: Second Captain.  
 Lieut. R. E. D. Harris: Troop Leader.  
 2/Lieut. M. H. Goodhart: Troop Leader.  
 2/Lieut. R. C. Ling: Troop Leader.  
 2/Lieut. A. H. I. Bridges: Troop Leader.  
 2/Lieut. C. C. G. Ross: Troop Leader.

### "C" SQUADRON

Major E. G. W. T. Walsh: Squadron Leader.  
 Capt. R. A. McClure: Second-in-Command.  
 Capt. J. D. Gowlett: Second Captain.  
 Lieut. G. R. D. Beart: Troop Leader.  
 2/Lieut. C. V. B. Eardley-Wilmot: Troop Leader.  
 2/Lieut. W. R. Whitwell: Troop Leader.

### PERMANENTLY ATTACHED

Capt. P. D. Jackson: R.E.M.E., L.A.D.

## OFFICERS EXTRA-REGIMENTALLY EMPLOYED OR OTHERWISE DETACHED FROM THE REGIMENT

Colonel H. A. R. Tilney, O.B.E.: Deputy Military Secretary, H.Q., B.A.O.R.  
 Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Pemberton: A.A.G., Welfare H.Q., B.A.O.R.  
 Lieut.-Colonel R. P. D. F. Allen, M.B.E.: G.S.O.1, M.T.5, The War Office.  
 Lieut.-Colonel E. B. Studd: Commanding Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry, T.A.  
 Major G. L. Sullivan, M.B.E., M.C.: D.A.A.G., H.Q., Canal District, M.E.L.F.  
 Major D. J. Brunton: British Military Mission, Turkey.  
 Major P. T. Drew: Q.M., R.A.C. Depot, Bovington Camp.  
 Major R. J. W. Fletcher: Gunnery Wing, R.A.C. Centre, Lulworth.  
 Major B. C. L. Tayleur: G.S.O.2, H.Q., Lowland District, Glasgow.  
 Major W. F. Crotty: C.I. and Second-in-Command, 65th Training Regiment, R.A.C.  
 Major D. P. R. Scarr: O.C., "B" Squadron, 65th Training Regiment, R.A.C.  
 Major D. E. R. Scarr: D.A.Q.M.G., H.Q., 6th Armoured Division.  
 Major A. R. Sturt: C.I., D. and M. School, R.A.C. Centre, Bovington.  
 Major J. L. M. Chancellor: Second-in-Command, Scottish Horse, T.A.

Capt. G. L. Scott-Dickens: Military College of Science, Shrivenham, Wilts.  
 Capt. J. R. Thomas: Adjutant, Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry, T.A.  
 Capt. J. A. Finneron: Adjutant, 65th Training Regiment, R.A.C.  
 Capt. D. A. Heath, M.C.: G.S.O.3, H.Q., East/West Riding District.  
 Capt. J. F. Beaumont, M.C.: Education and Welfare Officer, 65th Training Regiment, R.A.C.  
 Capt. P. H. Marnham: Captain, H.Q., B.A.O.R.  
 Capt. J. S. A. Donovan (R.A.C.): P.S.O., 65th Training Regiment, R.A.C.  
 Capt. M. A. Urban-Smith, M.C.: Instructor, Wireless Wing, R.A.C. Centre, Bovington.  
 Capt. M. D. Mylchreest: 68th Training Regiment, R.A.C.  
 Lieut. P. G. Reed: R.A.C. Ranges, Castle Martin.  
 Lieut. A. B. Brooks: 65th Training Regiment, R.A.C.  
 Lieut. C. E. Paul: 8th King's Royal Irish Hussars.  
 2/Lieut. M. S. Turnbull: 65th Training Regiment, R.A.C.  
 2/Lieut. J. A. Henderson: 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards.  
 2/Lieut. D. Sparrow: 65th Training Regiment, R.A.C.

## NOMINAL ROLL OF THE REGIMENT AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 1951

## H.Q. SQUADRON

R.S.M. R. Saville.  
 R.Q.M.S. F. Thomas.  
 T.Q.M.S. R. Charlton.  
 M.Q.M.S. C. Rolph.  
 O.R.Q.M.S. L. Burton.  
 S.S.M. J. Le Maitre.  
 S.Q.M.S. C. Harris.  
 S./Sergt. G. Cave.  
 Sergt. R. Boulter.  
 Sergt. T. Cosgrove.  
 Sergt. N. Dalby.  
 Sergt. D. Edwards.  
 Sergt. J. Gooderham.  
 Sergt. D. Harris.  
 Sergt. J. Honeywood.  
 Sergt. S. Jude.  
 Sergt. A. Plunkett.  
 Sergt. J. Reynolds.  
 Sergt. W. Taylor.  
 Sergt. J. Volley.  
 Sergt. W. Walker.  
 Sergt. J. Walters.  
 Sergt. F. Winstanley.  
 Sergt. P. Witney.  
 Cpl. P. Barker.  
 Cpl. A. Campbell.  
 Cpl. V. Coles.  
 Cpl. W. Crabtree.  
 Cpl. E. Downing.  
 Cpl. A. Farrand.  
 Cpl. A. Gretton.  
 Cpl. E. Holdaway.  
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 Tpr. T. Jackson.  
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 Cpl. B. Keenan.  
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 Cpl. C. Osborne.  
 Cpl. W. Richards.  
 Cpl. J. Sharp.  
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