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Captain (Q.G.O.) Amarbahadur Garung (2/6) G.R.) being shown the Guidon by Mr. T. R. Cripps and Mr. W. Bentley

Foreword

By Lieutenant-Colonel S. R. M. Frazer



As this HAWK is going to press we are on the move. With "A" Squadron in Cyprus with the United Nations Force, "B" Squadron in Perham Down and "C" and H.Q. Squadrons in Benghazi, the Regiment has been very stretched for many months.

Everyone has responded most willingly and loyally to all the extra demands on them.

Although there is some disappointment in the Regiment that we are not to be sent on active service, we all look forward to a year in England, to our conversion to the role of armoured regiment in Perham Down and to seeing Old Comrades and friends at home.

Our tour of the Mediterranean has been lively and there are very few of us who will not miss the desert. After some home leave we face the challenge of an altogether different life and climate.

I do not think that we shall have any difficulty at all in meeting this challenge if the form shown by the Regiment these last three years is anything to go by. I know that our efforts have been appreciated, and I cannot do better than to quote from two letters received from commanders under

whom the Regiment has served during the last year.

Colonel A. J. S. Martin, O.B.E., Commander Cyrenaica, area, said:

"On your departure from Benghazi I should like to say how honoured I have been to have your Regiment under my command.

"The first six months of command are never easy, but the support given to me personally by you and your Regiment during my time here has made my task so much easier.

"I have greatly admired the happy and friendly atmosphere at all levels in the Regiment, and after three years in Libya morale is remarkably high. I shall very much miss my many friends in the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes.

"I realize that a great deal of hard work has gone into the preparation of equipment, vehicles and stores for handover. The standard achieved is most praiseworthy, and I would be glad if you would congratulate everyone on my behalf.

"The discipline and behaviour of the men in Benghazi has been exemplary, and this has contributed largely to the present good relations between the British Army and Libyan people, which I consider to be of paramount importance at this time.

"I am quite certain that, after the conversion period at home, the Regiment will make a great name for themselves in B.A.O.R., and we shall all look forward to hearing of your successes as an Armoured Regiment.

"Finally, there is no doubt that the skill and experience of the Regiment in the desert will be much missed here."

Brigadier A. J. Wilson, C.B.E., M.C., under whom "A" Squadron served in Cyprus, wrote to say:

"The Squadron have done outstandingly well during their time in U.N.F.I.C.Y.P. and they will be sadly missed when the time comes for them to go. I think you all know how much I have enjoyed having "A" Squadron in the British Contingent; you literally have not put a foot wrong during your time here."

'A' Squadron



We started 1965 with many rumours about future moves, a wet rainy Gunnery Camp, and an Administrative inspection by Brigadier Rumsey, the Tripolitania Area Commander. For this inspection we did not have to put on a military show or paint everything. We functioned normally during the day and the Brigadier walked round the Cadres, spoke to a lot of people, and in his report said some nice things about the Squadron. From this it was clear that S.Q.M.S. Bury had not been caught flogging blankets or G/Sgt. Gates disposing of Saladins in the suk.

Before moving to join the U.N. forces in Cyprus we had an excellent All Ranks ball at the Piccola Capri with everyone in high spirits at the thought of the move. We were glad to hear that we would be able to take the families with us and Mr. Hope, G/Sgt. Bingham and Tpr. Tomlinson went ahead of the Squadron to sort out the housing problem and to sample the Cyprus night life on behalf of the bachelors.

The main body moved from Tripoli after Easter—somewhat jaded after farewell parties. A distinguished party saw the Squadron off at the quayside including the Command Secretary who had come specially to watch the departure of G/Sgt. Gates who had been trying to run the Comsec department for 2½ years. Several girl friends came to say goodbye . . . What has Cpl. Eadsforth got that the rest of us haven't? Perhaps they could tell us!

The main body travelled by L.S.T. complete with vehicles, baggage, private cars and horses. Saladins went too but as we were to

operate in Ferrets they were put in cold storage at the other end.

We berthed at Famagusta on April 27 and we stayed with 2 R Anglians for a week before moving to Zyyi which was to be our new home.

Zyyi

The Squadron Leader with some of the key members moved straight to Zyyi to take over from Ajax Squadron 2 R.T.R. The Squadron Leader's first introduction to the methods used in "Keeping the Peace" was marred when, being shown one of the local Turkish positions, he was seen off with a barrage of rocks and stones from the locals. He found some difficulty in sitting down for the next few days after being struck on a prominent part of his anatomy. He was our first casualty.

Ajax gave us a good handover. We quickly settled down and got "with it." One of the buildings was converted by our carpenters, builders and decorators into a Squadron Bar which became a great social centre. The fishing village of Zyyi had a jetty running out into deep water only 300 yards from the camp gate, which was ideal for swimming. Limasol—30 minutes down the coast road—became the evening haunt. The Goldfish Bowl, Heros Square, and a girl called Jenny, quickly gained popularity.



Sgt. Douch, our popular Chief Clerk



4th Troop arriving at Zyyi Camp

Our job entailed visiting many remote villages. Luckily we no longer had Saladins. Even in a Ferret the village streets and mountain tracks proved too narrow for Mr. Hope and Tpr. Kenna. Our 2nd Troop Leader, finding himself on Cyprus's only motorway, roared past a rather stuffy British Officer, who gave chase. A quick radio call was made to the rest of the Troop manning an O.P. down the road. A check point was established and through went the Troop Leader. The stuffy British officer was halted. On being cautioned when found not be in possession of an I.D. card he flew into an uncontrollable rage. However, he was in the wrong and 2nd Troop were definitely "one up."

Another troop task on arrival was to help the Grenadiers with guard duties at H.Q. U.N.F.I.C.Y.P. in Nicosia. This we enjoyed. Not much work to do—the bathing at Kyrenia and the night life in Nicosia providing a well earned change to "Duty Troops" village visiting and O.P.'s at Zyyi. The Moulon Rouge, the Miami and the Copacabana all rose to fame.

After each troop had "done" Nicosia our next detached troop task was at Mallia, on the southern foothills of the Troodos range. No gay night life here. Mr. O'Brien with 4th Troop were faced with the problem of a Turk chasing a Greek armed with an axe determined to cleave the other in two. He managed to disarm his assailant before the blow fell—a delicate task. Mr. Edge and Tpr. Moseley of 2nd Troop found a deserted Turkish village burning merrily. Their efforts with two pyrene extinguishers and a leaking bucket were of little avail!

Lefka

In early July we took over the running of the whole Lefka District. The Squadron, less a rear party, with a Company of Grenadier Guards under command, took over from a Southern Irish Battalion who were going home without being replaced. We found ourselves stretched. Lefka District is potentially one of the trouble spots on the island, with large militant Turkish enclaves surrounded by Greek Cypriot positions. One Troop found themselves between two such positions with the job of trying to stop them shooting at each other. Another looking after a bulldozer which both sides jealously claimed as theirs, stuck in no-mans land. We returned livestock, which strayed across the border, to their respective communities. We escorted people and convoys through sensitive areas. We did a lot of diplomatic talking and drunk bottles of Ouzo, Coca Cola, Bella Cola and Keo in the service of peace. 3rd Troop were taken to the top of a mountain by helicopter to sit there for a few days observing Ambelikou village from above.

S.H.Q. worked hard running the full District H.Q. set-up with lots of new radio equipment to play with. Tprs. Draper, Bell and Neilson became expert on the teleprinter and Tprs. Gallagher and Platt qualified as "Z" Car radio operators using the U.N. Civilian Police Motoroller Radio Net.

Captain Harman and Sgt. Douch ran a highly efficient Ops. Room under difficult conditions in an unbearably hot and stuffy tent. Sgt. Harper and Sgt. Cooley did well in keeping us supplied and our vehicles



Tpr. Bancks on patrol

mechanically fit in spite of L/Cpl. Rees and Tpr. Taylor 729 trying acrobatics in the water cart, and Tpr. Broadhurst trying on three wheels.

Whilst guarding the bulldozer, G/Sgt. Bingham with 3rd Troop lit their igri during the night and were "reported on" by the Grenadiers as Greeks letting off flares. Mr. Barrow with 1st Troop in the same position later on had some bullets whistling past their ears. On investigating the incident, a Greek National Guardsman claimed to have been testing out his sten gun. The Turks threatened to shoot Mr. Hope at Peristeronari but were finally persuaded not to. Mr. Edge nearly started a war by throwing an old Aerosol Bomb on their camp fire which exploded.

We made many new friends among the Grenadiers and the Australian Civilian Police with whom we worked happily. The Greek and Turkish communities were kind and hospitable. The latter invited the Officers and N.C.O.'s to a tea party. We spent two hours balancing tea cups on our knees, eating sticky cakes and making polite conversation to Turks who spoke little English. Sgt. Taylor and Cpl. Rolt did not take to this. Political speeches including one from the Squadron Leader, made the gathering in the Squadron Bar afterwards a most welcome relief.

The Squadron successes in Lefka were shared by those left at Zyyi. Under the leadership of Captain Whittington and "36 job" Joe (S.Q.M.S.) Bury, they put in long hours seeing we got all we needed in the way

of spares, and the necessities of life. Tpr. "Satch" Stamford did an incredible 24-hour service on the rear link radio and telephone exchange. If he failed to get through by the more conventional means, he always tried voodoo.

We were visited once a week by Captain Whittington and Cpl. Nichols who did a 150 mile trip to pay out in all our different troop positions. Zyyi holiday camp, as it was sometimes called, provided a superb rest for those troops out of the line on rotation. Mr. Khatak, our popular Pakistani sutler, did well running the canteen, providing high quality coffee, egg banjos and soft drinks, both at Zyyi and in the rather uncivilised tented camp at Lefka.

Intermission Zyyi

After nearly three months realistic hard work at Lefka, which has done everyone in the Squadron a power of good, we moved again to the Paphos District in the western end of the island. This was due to the coming departure of yet another Southern Irish Battalion. We handed over to the Canadian contingent at Lefka and returned to Zyyi for one week.

We held a families day. They were brought from Larnaca by coach and after a buffet lunch we moved to a sandy beach about ten miles away. Everyone enjoyed an afternoon sun bathing, swimming, water-skiing and



Mr. Jeremy Hope, A.Q.M.S. Markey, and skiing: Mr. O'Brien



Visit by Mr. Philip Goodhart, M.P. (Shadow Army Minister)

Left to Right: Sgt. Holland, Cpl. Todd, Tpr. Woolley, Cpl. Tomlinson, Tpr. Morris, Tpr. Bancks, Tpr. Faulkner and Major Harris

boat rides with the local fishermen. A bar was moved down by Cpl. Lawson who had recently taken it over as a result of injuring his ankle in falling off the top of the Leyland at Lefka. His work in the bar was transforming its appearance and making it popular.

We then held a Squadron Smoker, complete with cabaret show from Limassol. This went down well and we were glad to have the Colonel present who was over from Benghazi. He gave us a great exhibition of the twist as it "should" be done.

The "pad's" truck was "late in", and talk of panic during the night as three Shell petrol tanks were blown up by saboteurs. Cpl. and Mrs. Townsend lived only 300 yards away. It must have been a frightening experience as explosions shook the whole town. However, no-one was injured and all was soon back to normal. The blaze of the fire could be seen for miles around for some days before it was finally put out.

Paphos

We moved down to Paphos to find the District was bigger than Lefka, although there were fewer areas of confrontation. We furthermore had two Companies of Grenadiers helping us. Our tasks were visiting the

many villages and sorting out petty squabbles and problems between Greeks and Turks.

S.H.Q. lived in luxury compared with Lefka. A villa was provided to work in. L/Cpl. Travis fixed the plumbing and we even had a fountain in the garden.

The Grenadiers returned to B.A.O.R. We were sorry to see them go. We could not have had a more pleasant or efficient Battalion to work with. The Royal Highland Fusiliers took their place. L/Cpl. Moffat acted as interpreter and the radio operators soon began to understand what at first seemed a foreign language.

As the R.H.F. settled in we thinned out and returned to Zyyi, except two troops who remained: one at Ktima at one of the R.H.F. Company camps; the other in a delightfully situated troop camp in Anadhiou—a Turkish village—on the slopes of Mount Olympus. The village brewed gin at 1s. 6d. a bottle, which has proved lethal to even the hardest of drinkers, although useful for keeping the Tilney lamps alight. An interesting and friendly community that offered 1st Troop £3,000 if Tpr. Wainwright would marry a village girl. Wainwright is still single—so he must be lacking in troop spirit.



"A" Squadron soldiers team defeating a local side consisting entirely of Colonels

Christmas at Zyyi

With most of us back in our original role as U.N.F.I.C.Y.P. reserve we became responsible for quartering the British High Commissioner's House situated on the Green Line in Nicosia. This provided another troop with some variety from life in camp.



Mr. Barrow on Patrol

We held a dance in Zyyi. Sgt. Harper and Cpl. Leeming did a superb job transforming what was normally a rather scruffy cook-house into a dance hall. Girls were brought in from all over the island, and Tpr. Mason found a first class band. The party was a great success.

The children came for a Christmas party. A.Q.M.S. Markey posed as a very up to date Father Christmas by arriving in the sleigh towed by a Landrover. L/Cpl. Moffat, who used to work in a pre-cast concrete factory, had made some blancmange for the party. This came in useful for the horseplay which followed the children's departure.

The Scots took over our operational commitment during Christmas, while we did theirs over the New Year, thus enabling everyone to be in Zyyi or at home in Larnaca.

We had a superb Christmas dinner produced by Sgt. Drake and his merry men, served the evening of December 23 followed by a smoker. On Christmas day the families once again opened their homes to the single members of the Squadron and everyone had a good time.

U.M.I.

The maintenance inspection was carried out while the Squadron was fully deployed at Lefka. The team inspected the vehicles in their O.P.'s between the Greek and Turkish positions. They did not seem to mind; in fact it went off exceedingly well.



U.N. Medal presentation
Brigadier Wilson, Major Harris and Captain Harman
Left: Cpl. Leather



Brigadier Wilson with the Squadron Sergeant's Mess
Left to Right Standing: Sgts. Cooley, Drake, Holland, Harper, Douch, Taylor, Smith and S.Q.M.S. Bingham
Sitting: A.Q.M.S. Markey, S.S.M. Sharrock, Brigadier Wilson, Major Harris and A.Q.M.S. Minard



1st Troop (Non-Tactical)

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The man from the Ministry

General Jock Holden (D.R.A.C.) visits the
Squadron incognito

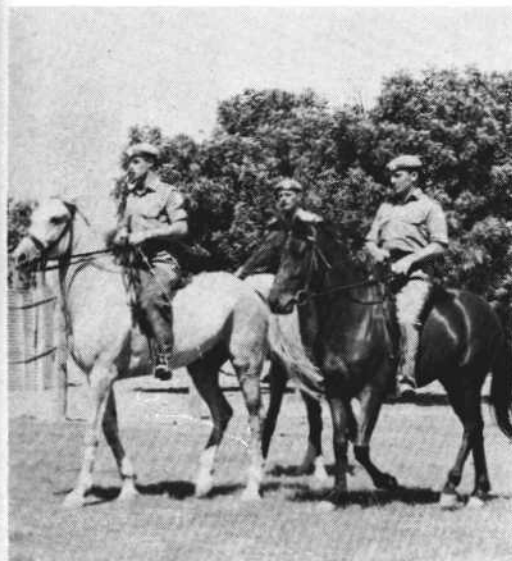
Visitors

Among the many visitors we have entertained were the U.N. Force Commander, the late General Thimayya, General Sir John Anderson (Military Secretary), Major-General Burgess, Commanding Cyprus District and Major-General Bruce Macdonald, Commander of U.N.I.P.O.M. The D.R.A.C. Major-General Holden managed to fit in a flying visit, and was taken to our troops deployed in Paphos District by helicopter. A Wessex helicopter flew round collecting all the Troop Leaders and Sergeants whom he met in the Sergeants and Officers Messes at Zyyi. Brigadier Jim Wilson, the Commander of the British Contingent, came on many occasions and was well known to us all, particularly for always having the latest news on Manchester United and Bolton Wanderers.

We hope they have all enjoyed their visits. We never laid on anything special but let them take us as they found us.

Sport

Sport has been somewhat disrupted whilst we have been in Cyprus through the Squadron being spread all over the island. But wide variety has made up for all this. In Tripoli we played against Libyans and military, while in Cyprus we played against Turks, Greeks and Swedes; against mixed teams of



Tpr. Fenton, Sgt. Holland and
Tpr. Broadhurst

Canadians, Finns, Swedes and Danes as well as British Teams, and even the New Zealand police. In addition to football, rugby, hockey and cricket we have produced teams for polo, badminton, swimming and even darts. Most of the Squadron has had the opportunity to sail and water ski at Zyyi, using our own boats.

Medals

We all got our U.N. Medals for our work "In the Service of Peace" from Brigadier Wilson, the Acting Force Commander. He



The Colonel in Cyprus



4th Troop, in the field, being presented with
U.N. medals by Brigadier Wilson

Left: Major Harris

flew round our troops out on detachment at Nicosia, Anadhiou and Ktima. He then flew on to Zyyi where we held our one and only parade whilst in U.N. Sgt. Douch went on parade—as a volunteer—for the first time in five years! We then adjourned to the Squadron Bar to celebrate in the appropriate manner.

Reflection

We have had an eventful tour of the Near East and were lucky to go to both Benghazi and Tripoli in Libya. This tour with U.N. was certainly a turn up for the books. We found Peace Keeping to be quite unlike anything we have done before or been trained to do. We felt ourselves to be doing a realistic and worth while job, where everyone has had to work hard. All had to be relied on to operate as individuals using their commonsense in handling some unusual situations. On many occasions there was little opportunity of obtaining guidance from above. This developed everyone's capacity for hard work, their sense of responsibility and their initiative.

RECEIPT

I do hereby certify that today I received from Sgt. Douch of 14th/20th Hussars, Zygi, the sum of £2.500 mils being a compensation for two pants and a towel, which four soldiers stole from a lady from Limassol on October 10, 1965.

Signed,

PC 1131 A. Anastassiou.

'B' Squadron

The year has been a full one for the Squadron, starting off in January with Annual Administrative Inspection. The Inspecting officer seemed well pleased with what he saw in the Squadron. Cadres, which had started before Christmas, continued on in to the New Year until the end of February. By this time there were very few non-tradesmen. In February, we also had a documents inspection.

At the beginning of March the complete squadron moved out into the desert for a fortnights Troop training. We were lucky with the weather, hitting a dry spell, and there was plenty of scope for practice with the sun compass. Initially we worked each day from a static camp putting into practice all the basic drills and generally shaking down the crews after their periods of classroom work. Communications and replenishment were practiced at night. Then we became more mobile and finally ended up this period of training with a small Squadron

exercise, covering many miles of desert. There were the usual inevitable breakdowns, always in the worst possible country, but somehow the fitters troop managed to get them going again. There is ample evidence of World War II and it is interesting to inspect the trench works and gun emplacements. Part of an old Bren gun was found by the fitters.

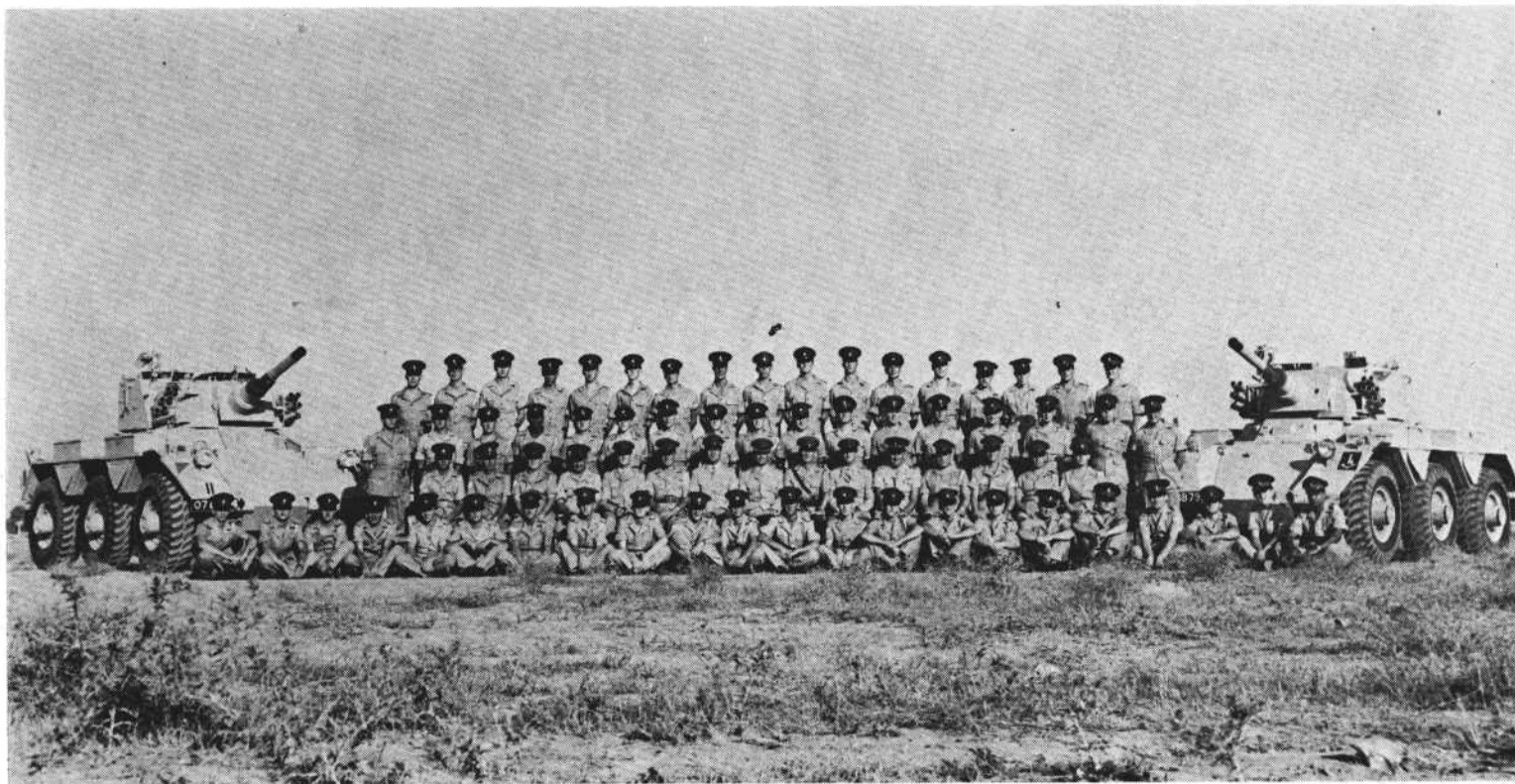
We returned to barracks to prepare ourselves for our Gunnery Camp. This was to be carried out in a new training area about 150 miles South East of Benghazi, known as Area 20. The route of this area was by road to Agedabia and then due East for 50 miles along an oil company track. The area selected was absolutely ideal for a realistic battle run. It was completely deserted and the battle run was about 12 miles long. The country varied from close to open rolling sebkhas with varying visibility, opening out into 2 enormous Wadis with high embankments. M.T. and anti-tank targets were placed at intermittent intervals for the



Salt Water Lake in the Desert

(Left to Right): Sgt. Bradbury, L/Cpl. O'Meara, Tprs. Harris, Lever and Lee

'B' Squadron, 1965





A Quick Brew Up before moving off

(Left to Right): Mr. Rawlins, Tprs. Goodwin, Farrell, L/Cpl. Platt, Tprs. Smith and Benson



Desert Bath

Cpl. Hernon, Cpl. Hatton and in the bath Tpr. Spilling

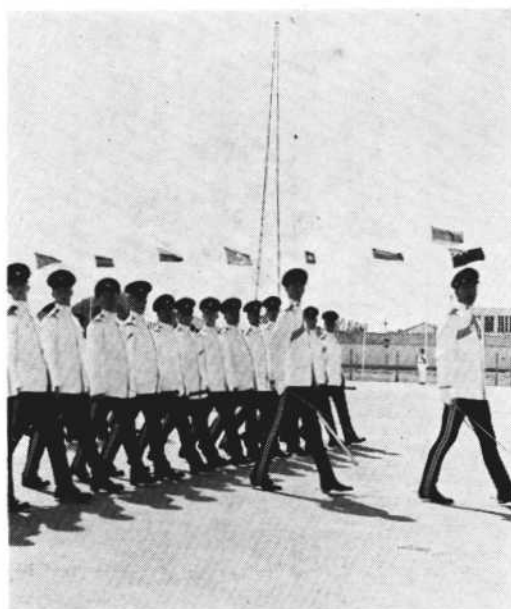
first 5 or 6 miles. Then we had the hard targets, 6 of them, tactically sited in the Wadi and on the far embankment. Each troop was given a morning or afternoon to shake down the static range with S.S.M. Jones the Gunnery Officer; then in turn a morning or afternoon was allocated to take them for the battle run. Although the whole performance was controlled by the Squadron Leader and other vehicles for safety control, the troop leader was given the opportunity to practice both the manoeuvring of his troop across country and the firing of his guns. This does not often happen in peacetime on such a grand scale and was a wonderful challenge. Several valuable lessons were learnt.

This part of the desert was of particular interest. In the Wadi areas at the end of the battle run, the whole area had at some time been under water. There were sea shells and fossilised sea urchins lying about. Also we found some petrified wood. You would see what you thought were great chunks of wood lying on the ground, and when you went to pick them up you found it was stone. They make interesting souvenirs.

As soon as we returned from Gunnery we started to practice for the Medicina parade which was held at the end of April. No sooner had May begun, and we were out again into the desert for Squadron and Regimental training, returning about 28th. Once again we were on to the square, this time to practice for the Queen's Birthday Parade which was held on 12th June.

At some stage earlier in the year, it had been decided that "B" Squadron was to form the bulk of the Advance/Holding Party at Perham Down from 1st November onwards. As nearly all members of the squadron were entitled to at least two months leave, the planning date for departure from Benghazi was 1st September. It was there from the Queen's Birthday Parade onwards that preparation for the handover and U.E.I. began in earnest. Vehicles were thoroughly inspected, stripped, repaired, painted, re-assembled, re-inspected and finally presented for inspection to the U.E.I. team between 17th and 20th August. We got a good report thanks largely to the supreme effort put in by all ranks during particularly hot weather and working long hours to achieve it. The organisational and technical qualities of Staff Sgt. Plumb, Sgt. Shaw and the fitters were a pleasure to see, although unfortunately Staff Sgt. Plumb was in hospital for some of the time. Then came the painting of lockers, beds, windows anything that came the soldiers way, and finally at last the long awaited date of 18th September when all but a rear party of about 20 soldiers were to depart for 2 months leave. In the event the bulk went on 3rd September. Word has it that after due warnings of a fourth Christmas in Benghazi for offenders, several soldiers of the Advance Party were in bed by 8 p.m. on 2nd September. A few more went on various dates until by 20th September only the Rear Party under Captain Tubbs was left. The Advance Party, which was to include soldiers from other Squadrons, was to be commanded by Major Cavendish. So "B" Squadron Leader was on the dole with not a man to command. He has of course been found other employment.

Football again flourished at the beginning of the year. The Squadron produced a very good and keen team under the direction of Sgt. Morris. Although we beat H.Q. Squadron in the final of the D'Arcy Hall, it did not enable us to win the cup. Regular players included Cpls. Tunnicliffe, Boulter,



Queen's Birthday Parade

Hatton, Hernon, L/Cpls. Crossland, Dunn, Tprs. Spilling and Benson, and Cfn. Williams. Hockey was also popular and some good matches were played, organised by Cpl. Kerr.

We entered the cricket league and did quite well. However unfortunately with the departure of the Advance Party we were unable to complete all our matches. L/Cpl. Ingham took a great interest in running it. The following played for the Squadron at various times; Major Stockton, Sgt. Major Jones, Sgts. Morris and Long, Cpls. Tunnicliffe, Boulter, Hernon, L/Cpls. Crossland and Morrow, Tprs. Hamblin, Smith 98, Smith 78 and Cfn. Williams.

An interest was taken in Water ski-ing. Despite many setbacks to the boat, towards the end of the season many soldiers including Cpls. Hernon, McKenzie, L/Cpl. Brierley, Tprs. Smith 78 and McLeod, took part and some became very proficient very quickly. Others took a little longer.

In March, our Polo team managed to wrest the Inter Squadron Cup from "A" Squadron. The match was played in Benghazi and it was a good fast game. In July our team went over to Cyprus to play "A" Squadron again but unfortunately this time the tables were turned on us.

In the swimming Gala in July our "A"



Captain Tubbs 007 with a man from U.N.C.L.E.

team—L/Cpls. Morrow, Platt and Tpr. Dixon won the Inter Sqn. Medley. Also the inter Sqn. Free Style Relay—L/Cpl. Morrow, Tprs. Spilling and Foster 63—was won by our

“A” team. Mr. Clifford won the inter Tp. 50 metres breaststroke.

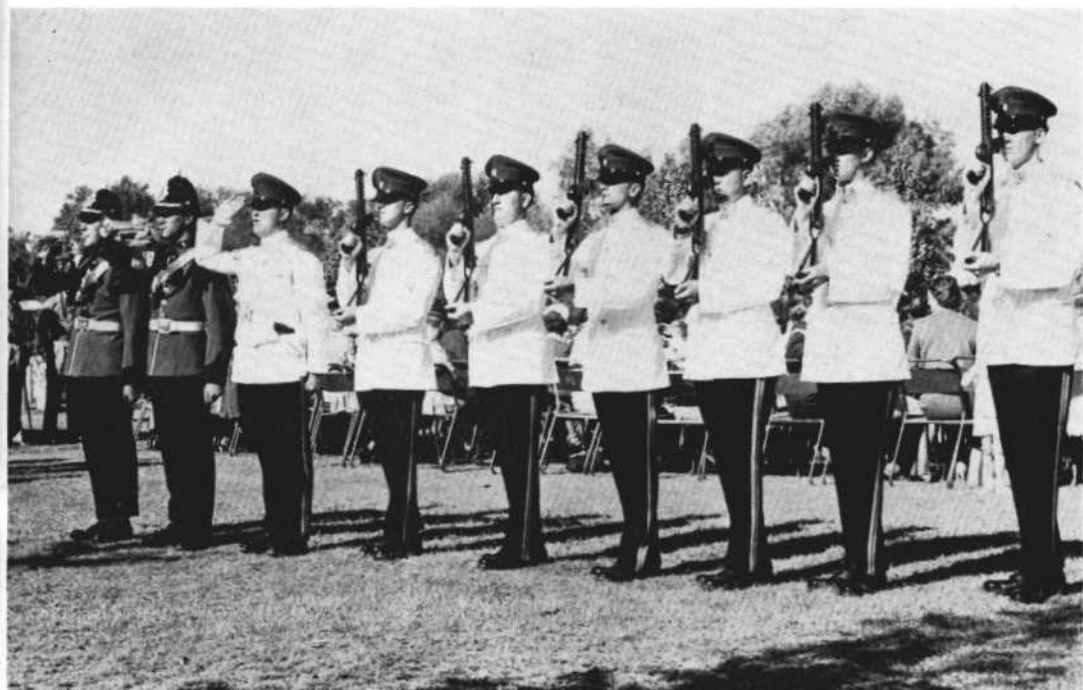
As mentioned in the Squadron notes last year the Red Rose Club had opened. The club continued to flourish — with Cpls. Tunnicliffe, Boulter, Bridges, Rooke, Hernon and Burn helping to run it,—until the completion of the new J.R.C. in July. We then unfortunately had to close down, except for once or twice a week. Many most enjoyable moments were spent in the club and it helped to maintain the spirit of the Squadron in a marvellous way. It was popular with all ranks, especially Messrs. Spilling, Benson, Barker, Stimson and one or two others, and provided an excellent social centre. It was sad to see it close.

The Rear Party had the task of maintaining the complete Squadron's vehicles. The soldiers were accommodated in “C” Squadron lines, so there were no worries about administration. The days ticked by and the few remaining vehicles which were in Workshops came out. New ones were issued to bring us up to establishment and at long last an immaculate double line of gleaming, glittering vehicles was ready for handover.



Happy at Work

Tprs. Lomas, Lowe and Mr. Vickery



Remembrance Day Guard of Honour

(Left to Right): Sgt. Morris, Tpr. Farrell 76, L/Cpl. O'Malley, Tprs. Darville, Harris, Bancroft and L/Cpl. Platt 29

On 29th November the Advance Part of "C" Squadron, "Skins" arrived from Hong Kong. The handover was happily and smoothly complete by 10th December. On 14th December Captain Tubbs and his merry men left for a well deserved Christmas in England.

The Advance Party less 2 unfortunates, arrived at Perham Down on 1st November. Tired, exhausted and broke by their long leave, they soon settled down to the dreary task of maintaining tanks throughout the cold winter months. The weather did its best to show everybody just how cheerless England could be. Football was played, although affected by the weather, with all the old gladiators plus Wagstaff and Sloan taking part. Rumour had it that L/Cpl. Ingham, Tpr. Benson and Cfn. Williams were hoping to collect honours on the Basket Ball pitch. Although the occasional member has been heard to mention how much he missed the sun, the majority are happy to have lost their tan and look forward to the arrival of the rest of the Squadron.

There has been a large turnover in the Squadron this year and many faces have gone. Mr. Hope has departed for H.Q. Squadron

we have also said goodbye to Sgt. Bradbury (J.L.R.), Cpl. McKenzie (Tech.), Cpls. Kerr, Boulter, L/Cpl. Kennedy (all civvy street), Cpl. Passam (A.B.T.U.), Tprs. Barham, Forrester, Gardner, Smith 98 and Winzer (E.R.E.). We look forward to the return of those who are coming back. Others, unfortunately too many to mention by name, have gone to other departments, but we shall see them back soon. Arrivals include Sgt. Letts ("C" Sqn.), Cpl. Farrell (Tech.), Tprs. Bancroft and Sloan (A.B.T.U.). Mr. Davis has arrived from Sandhurst.

1965 has indeed been a full and interesting year. It has also been most enjoyable and considering that some have started on their fourth year in Libya morale has been at a high level. All will be glad to have left Benghazi, but there will be some happy memories. The most important event of the future to look forward to, is the re-forming of the Regiment on 1st April. This is of particular interest and concern to the Squadron which will by then have been split up for 7 months. It will be nice to see all the many old faces and some new arrivals, when once again the Squadron is reunited.

Cheetah

Near the end of Exercise "Dazzle" in October, 1st Troop "C" Squadron were moving up from the south to Mechili.

L/Cpl. McKay was watching some gazelle through his binoculars. Sgt. Baker and Cpl. Walkden noticed that they were being caught up bound by bound by a very fast animal. We watched their progress but finally this large animal doubled back into some rocky hills.

I drove up in my Ferret and saw a young cheetah lying exhausted in the rocks. Putting on the driver's leather driving gloves, I finally caught her by the neck and tail. At first, spitting and snarling, she lay on the Ferret while the Troop took quick photographs. After five minutes her strength began to come back and, discretion being the better part of valour, I let her go.

Cheetah have not been seen by the Regiment before as they inhabit the arid desert to the south. They live principally on young camel and gazelle which they catch by being able to reach the incredible speed of 70 m.p.h.

P. R. G. VICKERY



Cheetah

Advance Party

Changes in the Arms Plot come and go—but to our intense surprise and gratification, here we are serving in England. This ensures that the Regiment is now spread over a third continent to make life even more complex for R.H.Q.

The last time the Regiment was in England was the summer of 1962 when we converted from tracks to wheels in Bhurtpore Barracks just down the road. Now here we are again and about to convert once more.

The Advance Party consists of most of "B" Sqn. plus additions and also an almost daily increase in our strength by recruits from Catterick. When we assembled on November 1st we found a very different sort of barracks to the ones we knew in North Africa. It used to be two camps, each for a Light Armoured Regiment and consequently we have two

tank parks and so on—neither of them big enough for our needs. But basically it is a good camp, spacious and convenient.

The hand-over went smoothly and with no fuss. The 2nd Royal Tank Regiment were most helpful. Captain Vale enjoyed it so much that he is on his way back to Benghazi to do it again and thence to Cyprus for a third dose.

Our small number necessitates a unique organisation. All the vehicles are the possession of one proud vehicle troop under Mr. Rawlins. Sgts. Wallace and Garner are keeping the 37 Centurions battleworthy while Sgt. Spray and Cpl. Bonfield renew their acquaintance with the problems of fog, ice and the English traffic in the running of M.T.

Sgt. Glancy is controlling the Orderly Room and seems to be indulging in frantic competition with his colleagues overseas as to who can produce the largest number of letters in a day.

The technical Department under Mr. Bentley is really very busy. Firstly they keep losing Cpl. Mackenzie. He can normally be found in the Radio Wing screaming through the ionosphere at Benghazi and Cyprus. On top of this we have just told them to bring in spares for no less than 87 tanks. The additional ones being for the T.A. next summer.

Our troubles are not yet over. The Officers Mess and the J.R.C. are a hideous mess of debris, copper pipes, radiators; repairs will not be finished until well after the New Year. The stables are undergoing their first facelift for years at the hands of Captain Gordon and Tpr. Steele who can be seen staggering back from a local demolition site laden with very raw materials. When completed we should have stabling for ten horses.

The Sergeants have just moved into their proper mess which has been renovated. At first they used a temporary wooden building behind the camp but this did not prevent them from giving a small but excellent Ramnuggur Party.

Our activities in the field of sports have taken on a very businesslike appearance since the arrival of S/Sgt. Langley A.P.T.C. and L/Cpl. Hughes from a P.T.I.s course. They are little daunted by the fact that our sumptuous gymnasium is full of stores and furniture and we said farewell to 2 R.T.R. by beating them soundly at football three times. Training is in full swing for football, rugger, basketball and cross-country running, and we expect a very successful season. Arrangements are in hand for fine-weather activities like Sailing, Gliding, Free-falling, Water Polo and Cricket to mention but a few.

By the time you read this, much of the contents will be past history. The Regiment will have assembled here and if we have done our job, all will be running smoothly.

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Air Troop Wedding



General Sir John Anderson (Colonel of the "Skins")
at Benghazi with

Left to Right: R.S.M. Cripps, Tprs. Smith 324,
Crossley 067, Darville and Washington



Sgt. and Mrs. D. P. Lovell (R.E.M.E., Air Troop)
left S.S.M. B. Marshall and Right R.S.M. T. R. Cripps

'C' Squadron

The year 1965 has been a very eventful one for "C" Squadron, seeing us involved in some activity throughout the year.

Exercises: The training season started with Exercise "Alipore Jowra," when the Squadron moved to a base camp near Charruba for troop training. For many people it was "first time out" in the desert, and they soon found that the sun does not shine all the time!

Troop training was carried out by all those not busy holding down the tents in high winds.

S.Q.M.S. Sharp is now a B1 night navigator—he had enough practice.

After a week at this we slid and skidded our way east to Area F during a thunder storm. Mr. Smales and his troop made an epic journey by night, with the L.A.D. 3-tonner

hauling vehicles out of the flooded wadis just as fast as 4th Troop could stick them in.

Several days later we found ourselves at Bir Hacheim assisting in the battlefield tour; in fact, 3rd Troop (Mr. Colquhoun) had been detached a few days earlier to set up a catering organisation there.

Exercise "Light Dragoon": April 5-9. After a few days back in Wavell barracks the Squadron moved out again to Area 20, for live firing, and battle runs. This is a new training area, south of the others, and as yet uncluttered with empty beer cans.

We all had an exciting time with grenades, brownings and plastic explosives, and each troop went down a most realistic battle run, in which 1st Troop led by Cpl. Foxcroft, and 2nd Troop under Sgt. Jones, did particularly well.



S.H.Q. at Mr. Bowles' Birthday Party

(Left to Right): S.S.M. Williams, A.Q.M.S. Ottoway, Mr. Bowles, Tprs. Kershaw, Goodhall, Jones 251, Penzer, Sgt. Purnell, Captain Pemberton and Cpl. Moverly

'C' Squadron, 1965





Cpl. Morrow with 2nd Troop

May 14 saw the start of "Prussian Eagle" and "Bold Hussar", which ran consecutively. This was the first time we had been out under the new Squadron Leader, Captain C. A. Pemberton, but we soon settled down and had a very good exercise.

Highlights: Cpl. Standish boarded a moving Saladin from his Ferret, also moving, and thus captured it.

S.S.M. Williams blew up "B" Squadron water cart.

Mr. Cornish, Tpr. Eardley and Tpr. Ashurst formed their own version of the L.R.D.G. and raided the Squadron.

Mr. Smales, Sgt. Harris and L/Cpl. Copestake walked 10 miles at night on a "dismounted patrol". Well, they found the enemy, anyway.

Trojan Horse: on July 2 we boarded our old friend L.S.T. *Empire Fulmar* and set sail for Tripoli. The trip was calm enough even for Tpr. White. The thanks of the Squadron and the ship's crew are due to A.Q.M.S. Ottaway for so graphically bringing home to us the danger of fire.

From Tripoli harbour the Squadron drove

straight to Tarhuna, with many a longing glance at the fleshpots of the town.

The Squadron joined the 1 D.E.R.R., except for Mr. Colquhoun, who attached himself to the enemy and was later duly captured by the Squadron.

On the whole, this was a confusing scheme, the only really remarkable thing being the heat, which, according to someone, was at one time 134 degrees in the shade. Certainly Tpr. Farrell fried an egg on the rear decks of his vehicle.

Oh yes. After it was all officially over, the Squadron had to go back to look for an umpire who had got lost.

Things to remember. Mr. Cornish, Second-in-Command, trying vainly to call down air strikes.

Tpr. Finn shearing all four wheels off his Ferret.

From Trojan Horse our next commitment was the shooting camp at Derna. For details see Shooting Notes.

Finally, we came to our last and biggest scheme—Exercise "Dazzle".

This was a big affair, involving all three Services, but for the Squadron it was just a rather more than usually interesting fortnight. After the "work up", which consisted of a little simple Squadron training, and then setting up a base camp for 22 Brigade H.Q., the Squadron advanced on three axes towards the enemy, and the first contact was made by Cpl. Robinson, of 3rd Troop, who shot the Colonel.

This was a conspicuous start; and we went on to even greater things, such as capturing an S.A.S. patrol! Everyone considered it very exciting to be working with tanks and to have air strikes called down on one, and it was with something of regret that we finished what must be our last exercise in the desert.

Things to remember: Mr. Bowles' birthday party. (Tprs. Penzer and Kershaw took five hours to make a cake).

The oil rig where we exchanged beer for hot showers.

Three conversations:

- (1) Sqn.-Ldr.: "Where are we?"
2IC: "Well that's Mechili over there—".
Sqn.-Ldr.: "I know, I've got eyes!"
- (2) Mr. Colquhoun (to Cpl. Woodcock, who has just had a phosphorous grenade thrown at him): "Are you all right?"
Cpl. Woodcock: "I will be when I catch the B——!"

(3) 1st Trooper: "What's that over there?"

2nd Trooper: "That's the Sergeant-Major in a Mark I Ferret".

1st Trooper: "Oh, I thought it was a giant egg in a Giant Egg Cup".

Parades: On both the Medecina parade and the Queen's Birthday parade we won the inter-Squadron competition to decide who should escort the Guidon.



Tpr. Lengden and his "Chum"



Tprs. Farrell, Woolford and L/Cpl. Hetherington. Tpr. Renshaw "up"



Tpr. Goodhall

Farewells

During the year we have had to say goodbye to Major Goodhart, who left us to go on the staff at Tidworth, and to Sgts. Elliot and Hill. Sgt. Jones is instructing at Catterick and Sgt. Barber is working in the Officers' Mess. The Squadron has also said goodbye to Tpr. "Chalky" White, who was seriously injured in the head as the result of an explosion on Exercise "Dazzle". We all wish him the best of luck and a successful recovery.

Inter-Troop Sports

Mainly soccer and basket ball. The soccer was won by the 4th Troop, who have among their number such wizards with the ball as Tprs. Smethurst and Thorpe. The basket ball was won by the L.A.D. Troop in spite of long-range sniping by M.T. Troop. 3rd Troop won the inter-Squadron swimming.

Social

The Squadron bar has been used to the full this year, L/Cpl. Keegan-Boyd and Cfmn. Batchelor doing great stuff behind the bar, and every Squadron Smoker has been great fun.

The place is, in fact, still standing, despite the efforts of Tpr. Riches to knock the roof off with his head.

Mr. Colquhoun, the Squadron's Cecil B. de Mille, gave us film shows occasionally, which were a great success.

Weddings

We have had three Squadron weddings this year, all of them great successes. Indeed, when Tpr. Ashurst married Sgt. Hill's daughter the bar stayed open for four hours and ended with Tpr. Bryson falling out of the door and breaking his finger!

Cadres

Cpl. Standish was an instructor on a regimental driving and maintenance cadre which took place in June.

More remarkable perhaps is the fact that Sgts. Baker and Purnell spent three weeks teaching the Libyan Army radio and driving and maintenance, with no interpreters!

Conclusion

This has been the Squadron's last year of desert training and its last year as an air-portable armoured reconnaissance Squadron. Few people are sorry to return to England but I think that we will all feel sorry to leave the desert, with its great freedom of movement and wide vistas. However, tanks offer a challenge which the Squadron will not be slow to meet and I am sure that we will all show excellent form in Germany.



Mr. Bowles "Gone Native"

Shooting

It was decided that this year the Regiment should write its name in the lights as far as competition shooting was concerned. So on July 26, "C" Squadron (summarily nominated to supply the necessary teams) set out to Derna, 186 miles away, where the nearest available rifle range was to be found.

Here a camp has been set up on the beach by S.Q.M.S. Sharp and his boys, and soon the air was filled with the rattle of musketry, interspersed with the high "crack" of the S.M.G.s. Very soon the teams had been chosen and training began in earnest. The first two competitions to be fired were the King George V Cup (officers) and the Royal Irish Cup (W.O.s and Sergeants).

The whole business may have seemed like fun to the onlooker, but in fact it was ex-

tremely arduous. The firing points were mainly slopes of rock, rather lumpy at that, thinly covered with red earth, and every shot was succeeded by a cloud of dust in the firer's eyes. Indeed on one occasion the Paymaster turned up a rock next to him to reveal a large green scorpion!

The run down too, compared unfavourably with Bisley. From the 300x firing point, one went down a 4-ft. drop, hurdled a heap of boulders, and then sprinted along a goat track to the next firing point!

However, it's an ill wind . . . A.Q.M.S. Ottaway, who went down with most runs by virtue of his position as team captain, was looking positively sylph-like by the end of it all.

Of course the "big white chief" and



"C" Squadron Shooting Team

Standing (Left to Right): Tprs. Farrell, Beach, Cfn. Batchelor, L/Cpl. Keegan-Boyd and Copestake
Seated: Tprs. Jones 251, Smethurst, A.Q.M.S. Ottaway, Mr. Smales and Tpr. Goodhall

moving spirit of the whole shooting business was S.S.M. Williams, the Regimental Musketry Officer. He had cunningly broken his leg before the camp started which enabled him to say how much better he would normally be than everybody else. Also he didn't have to do any run downs. However, his organisation, exhortation and advice were invaluable, and whatever successes we had were due to his efforts. Indeed, he did compete with the Sterling S.M.G.—plaster cast, shooting stick and all!

The camp itself, shooting apart, was a great success. Run admirably by S.Q.M.S. Sharp and Mr. Cornish, with the Squadron Leader, Captain Pemberton, looking after the social side, it compared favourably with Butlins, with its swimming, day trips to Cyrene and Appollonia, and film shows. Even a flood after a particularly high tide did not spoil the fun!

Finally a word for the armourers, Sgt. Heath and L/Cpl. Burnip. They did extremely well in keeping the weapons firing especially when handled by novices, as most of us were, and in such quantities of sand.

RESULTS

The King George V Cup: Number of entries, 11. Place 6th.

Captain A. Bush, Mr. J. R. Smales, Mr. P. R. G. Vickery, Mr. G. E. Pike.

Royal Irish Cup: Number of entries 12. Place 5th.

R.Q.M.S. Macgregor, S.S.M. Taylor, S.Q.M.S. Shakespeare, Sgt. Heath.

The Squadron Shield: Number of entries, 47. Won by "C" Squadron (abroad series) and 9th overall.

Mr. J. R. Smales, Mr. G. E. Pike, Cpl. Standish, L/Cpl. Keegan-Boyd, L/Cpl. Copestake, L/Cpl. Burnip, Tprs. Beach, Farrell, Smethurst, Jones (251), Goodhall, Cfmn. Batchelor.

The Hopton Cup (Troop teams, two from "C" Squadron) and the 1st Army Cup, even though not won, helped the Regiment to 5th place in the Queen Victoria Trophy.

The Duke of Connaught Cup and the Revolver Cup (individual) were competed for later in the year at Wavell Barracks.

The team for the Duke of Connaught Cup: Mr. J. R. Smales, R.Q.M.S. Macgregor, S.S.M. Williams, Cpl. Boulter, L/Cpl. Kent and Tpr. Beach.

The Regiment won the abroad series in this event and Mr. Smales came 1st in the abroad series of the Revolver Cup.



"I say Henry—I think you're being followed"



Major-General Crookenden, Director of Land/Air Warfare visiting the Air Troop with the Colonel and Adjutant

Headquarters Squadron



R.H.Q. TROOP

Early in the New Year, the Commanding Officer decided that all the desk bound soldiers of Regimental Headquarters, including the Pay Staff, should take to the field and try their hand administering from the other end.

On March 5, R.H.Q. Troop with three Saracens and six Ferrets took off, commanded by an assortment of Pay Clerks, Chief Clerks and a somewhat harassed Troop Sergeant, having got the last of our modified Saracens ready at 3.30 in the morning with the help of L/Cpl. Squires.

The first three weeks were spent in Troop Training and night marches on foot. The Chief Clerk wore his new boots and later regretted it.

Towards the end of this first three weeks, we did a battlefield tour visiting many places of interest including Bir Hacheim, where we found many souvenirs.

Gunnery Camp was to follow and the Troop and all supporting groups then followed the historic tracks of the British Eighth Army across the desert to Agedabia.

For us it consisted of a 250-mile sun-compass march lasting two days. We then spent three days getting the camp and ranges ready for Squadron shoots. At the end of another three weeks, on April 10, we returned to Benghazi, very sunburnt and fit after a really good six weeks training exercise.

Soon after this the famous "Bird Walk" took place. All the wives who went proved

themselves very adaptable to the desert and the troops showed how well behaved they can be. Tpr. Boardman has still not got over it.

Apart from a couple of weekends on a troop swan to Tolmeide we stayed in camp until we moved out on Exercise "Dazzle", on September 24. This was really something new as we were to set up a Tactical Brigade Headquarters. However, everything went well—we made a lot of friends in 22 Brigade and got a pat on the back from their Brigadier.

Our last venture was a trip to Kufra Oasis and a call at a couple of oil rigs on the way back.

With our Christmas party coming up and handover soon after, we are near to splitting up. All except two of the N.C.O.s are going to Squadrons. Tpr. Tottman is off to "B" Squadron. He is the Troop's pilot, surely the only driver to fly a Ferret. His Co-pilot is the Colonel.

We wish good luck to all who are leaving for other troops and squadrons and to those who remain we wish all the best.



Cpl. Smith, an aircraft crewman adjusts a trim tab on an Auster before Exercise "Trojan Horse"

Tech Notes

Since the last publication of *THE HAWK* the following changes have taken place in the Tech Department. After two and a half years as Tech. Q.M., Captain T. Vale has been appointed Regimental Quartermaster. He left the Tech. Department in January, 1965. He was succeeded by Captain A. F. Prevett, who was appointed Technical Adjutant.

In November, 1965, Captain Prevett left the Department to do another important job outside the Regiment. He is greatly missed, and highly respected not only throughout the Regiment but particularly in the Tech. Department.

R.Q.M.S. (T) W. Bentley then succeeded Captain Prevett, commissioned as Lieutenant (Q.M.) and appointed Tech. Adjutant. S.Q.M.S. J. T. Bury is now the R.Q.M.S. (T). Prior to this appointment, he was S.Q.M.S. "A" Squadron, serving in Cyprus. Owing to the Regiment's split role, G/Sgt. Gates and Cpl. Nelson also served in Cyprus.

In June, Sgt. Marshall left the Regiment to join the permanent staff of the D.L.O.Y. Cpl. Molloy who has been a member of the Tech. Department for the past seven years, will soon be leaving the Army to become a civilian. Also Cpl. Kendall who seems to be "odd job" man in the Tech. Department will be leaving the Army.

Owing to intensive Regimental and Troop desert training, the Tech. Department has

been kept hard at work replacing lost tools, and providing vehicle spares.

Exercises are sometimes very boring for members of the Tech. Department because we spend weeks in one place. This was so on Exercise "Golden Fleece", when Cpl. Molloy, L/Cpl. Robertson and Tpr. Squires (307), decided they would rather be members of a Ferret crew. They arranged a night drive, but unfortunately nobody else had been informed. "B" Squadron in particular were not too pleased with the expedition, but all ended well and no damage to the vehicle occurred.

Once again, at Christmas the Tech. Troop had the facilities of the Diamond Club for the Christmas celebrations which was enjoyed by all, including "H.Q." Squadron leader, whose profit was swelled enormously. Is it 10 per cent. or 25 per cent?

It is rumoured that the P.R.I. is out of stock, and in the final process of closing down, ready for move to U.K. If anyone is interested in buying any, watches, compasses or binoculars, would they please contact Tpr. Squires (307), c/o Tech. Stores.

Captain Musk, of the 5 D.G.s has been informed that any spare wheels that are required can be obtained in the Suk—complete with W.D. markings.

All that remains now, is to look forward to a well earned leave in U.K. and a brief stay before departing for B.A.O.R. in 1966.

Pay Office

The office has had a very quiet 1965 compared with other departments in the Regiment. However, we have all managed to get out and about individually without pay services coming to a grinding halt.

We said goodbye to Major J. J. Langdon-Mudge and his family, who after many years with the Regiment have now moved to the R.A.P.C. Training Centre at Worthy Down. We wish him success on the long finance course and trust that he and his family will find time to visit the Regiment while we are at Tidworth.

The office staff were called upon to do a variety of interesting activities during the

summer season, from running the Tote at a very enjoyable Race Meeting on the Benghazi salt flats, to a Bureau de Change and general accountants at the Area Gala Day. It was about this time that the P.R.I. shop began to get into full swing selling attractive items at competitive prices. Being situated next door to the pay office, on pay day, Cpl. Morley put on his other hat and relieved most soldiers of their hard earned money by using great business acumen.

Cpl. Mitchell left us for England as the Pay Clerk to "B" Squadron advance party, and all we seem to be getting from him are little memos complaining of too much work



Regimental Police

**Back Row (Left to Right): L/Cpl. Mullaney, L/Cpl. Schofield, Tpr. Ball,
Centre: L/Cpl. Stuffins, Tpr. Komorowski, Tpr. Goodwin, Tpr. Cartwright, L/Cpl. Thompson, L/Cpl. McGaffrey
Front Row: Cpl. Boulter, Sgt. Davis, L/Cpl. Mullen**

and the price of beer. However, with the Imprest Holder firmly in his charge we are assured that the advance party are getting their correct pay, what little there is of it in England.

S/Sgt. Dunne disappeared off to Tolmeida over a long weekend helping to run a holiday camp for children who were out on holiday from England. They all appeared to enjoy it, however, there is no truth in the rumour that the £7 he lost on the wheel was due to wild gambling sessions out there.

The Paymaster took leave of absence for an initiation trip into the desert to the Kufra Oasis in December. A short article

about this trip appears elsewhere in this Journal.

In sport the office has been well represented. Cpl. Nicholls played for the area cricket team in Tripoli and Cyprus showing the Bradman touch. Both he and Cpl. Dello have played soccer for H.Q. Squadron team which was run by S/Sgt. Dunne, and which has enjoyed a successful season.

Thoughts of England loom largest in our minds at the moment when the staff take a well earned two months leave; all, that is, except the Paymaster who it is believed will be spending some time sharpening up his twelve times table.

The Nerve Centre

Motto: *Ex Libris 'Jim'*

The last edition of THE HAWK left the staff of the Nerve Centre wondering how to:

- (a) Skive off PT on Monday mornings.
- (b) Miss the visit of the MOD documentation team.
- (c) Stop Alipore Jowra.

We did succeed with (a) but (b) and (c) were a different matter altogether. The repercussions of (b) are still being felt in the Squadron Offices.

In an uneventful year, Alipore Jowra in March and April was the highlight.

The departure of the Regimental Advance Party to England in September saw Sgt. Glancy and Tpr. Briggs leave to look after their interests in Perham Down, the outcome of which it seems is a takeover bid by chaos from confusion.

There have only been two departures this year so the upheaval caused by an entirely new staff last year has now been overcome.

Tpr. Fatty, Ticker, Misery, call me what you will (Terry) Aucott left in September for the smog of Swinton after buying his Dis. by Pur. He is sadly missed—no one else in Room 6 has a tape-recorder or record player.

Tpr. Chadwick was whisked away by S.S.M. "H.Q." in December, while the Chief Clerk was away on exercise. His habitual blood-shot eyes will be somebody's downfall yet.

Their replacements were Tpr. Beveridge from Troon and Tpr. Taylor from Rhyl. Welcome to the mad-house.

The former has since fallen in love and the strains of "Stupid Cupid" can now be heard from across the Sally Bash counter. This, while not affecting the freshness of the cheese rolls, does have an effect on his efficiency.

Tpr. Underhill went on an exchange trip between the Regiment and the Royal Navy and has since been practicing morse code—"British Warship *Galatea* bound for Malta." He is also full of stories of life in Cannes, with particular emphasis on (sorry—censored by Ed.).

In December, the staff took a bus trip to Cyrene and spent a day exploring caves and



EX-ALIPORE JOWRA

Erwin Bligh, Monty Eyre and Duce Holland at Staff H.Q.

tombs. They enjoyed themselves despite some songs of doubtful origin that were sung by a certain "non-member" of the now-famed clique. A further trip is planned in January, but the "non-member" has declined the invitation.

As usual, most enjoyment was had from our now reputed to-be-the-best-parties-ever held-in-Wavell at Christmas. The R.S.M. introduced some more mad games and it wasn't until the next morning that we saw the outcome. The Colonel appeared at work with a pronounced limp, Major Beart nursing a sore back and Major Stockton, who had previously dined with the Area Commander, crawled all over the floor in his lounge suit. The Adjutant ate most of the buffet unaided and S/Sgt. Dunne couldn't stand the pace and left.

The Chief disappeared to Kufra on Exercise "Final Drive" for 10 days, during which time all the work was done.

By the time this goes to press, the Chief will be a W.O.2 (only time promotion, folks) and appointed O.R.Q.M.S. Oooo—thinks, promotion. (Tpr. Underhill was seen bowing to the Adjutant's car.)

NE PLUS ULTRA

Exercise Alipore Jowra

(A Regimental Office Account)

Faced with the dismal prospect of six weeks in the desert, the Regimental Office—much to the amusement of the Sabre Troops—started preparing for war in January, going to the N.A.A.F.I. to buy gas cookers, tilos, sleeping bags and the like. Sgt. Powell kindly supplied an old Bedford Q.L. with funny little cupboards in which to house these comforts. We were then told to take all the files and “bumf,” so they were crammed into what space was left. Having taken advice from the S.Q.M.S. on the fitting of denims we were ready to take the field.

During the first night we pulled off the road on to the Derna Airstrip.

“Pull in by that Arab” said Cpl. Holland to his driver, Tpr. Aucott. But the Arab was L/Cpl. Crowther whom the R.S.M. had posted there to ensure that we didn’t chug on into the night.

We set up a base camp and made our home there for the rest of the week. We marked out a soccer pitch under the direction of S/Sgt. Dunne (Pay Office). The troop won a six-a-side soccer competition and later polished off a crate of Amstel beer kindly donated by the Adjutant.

During the first of two night exercises, Cpl. Holland behaved with conspicuous valour, getting within 25 yards of an impregnable enemy position. He was made captive, but after breaking the 100 yards record (Libya) he escaped and made his way back to our own lines, having met L/Cpl. Crowther and Tpr. Aucott en route.

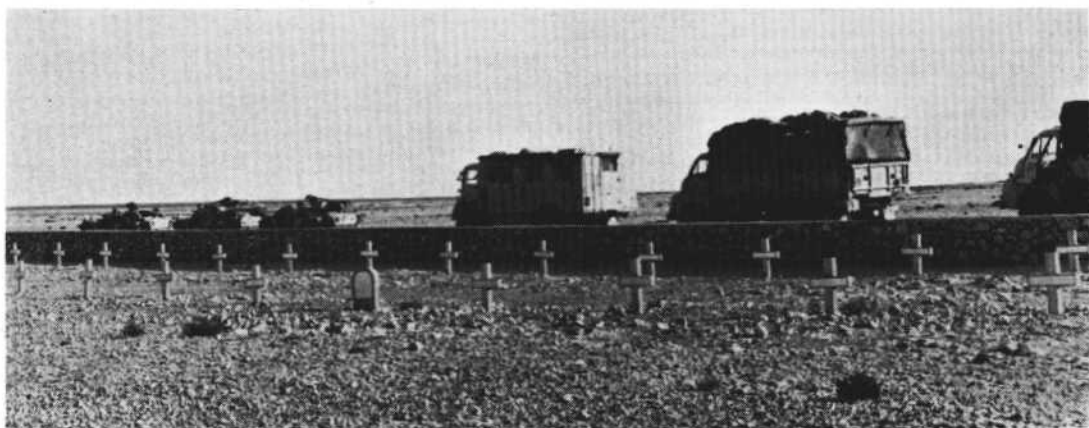
After a second night exercise we moved to Bomba. We awoke the following morning with the sound of explosions. We were sitting in the middle of the Mortar range of the King’s Regiment. We moved.

At our next hunting ground we were visited by A.Q.M.S. Springthorpe who declared our beloved Q.L. B.L.R. This Q.L. had led a full life. It came off the production line in 1930, chugged into the fighting line in 1940—condemned in 1941. (It was reputed to have received several direct hits). Posted to 14th/20th Hussars in 1962 and because it went like a bomb was named after Miriam, who, according to a certain clerk, went likewise.

On a later occasion we made a discovery about the Chief Clerk. He is accident prone, or what the Insurance firms call “a risk.” After hammering an iron tent peg into his leg his deathly white face seen against the background of the pitch black night was indeed a sight to behold. In spite of the callous laughter from the clerks he was tended by a consoling R.A.M.C. Corporal. He lived on to guide us in our hour of need.

Tpr. Aucott and L/Cpl. Crowther left the front line and returned to Wavell so that Aucott could take command of the rear party. The Pay team soon followed and the remainder of the staff chased Rommel’s ghost on the battlefield tour.

Meanwhile from behind a newspaper in R.H.Q., the Acting Adjutant was talking about scheme damage to a filing cabinet.



R.H.Q. Troop at the French Cemetery near Bir Hackeim

Kufra Oasis Trip 1965



"We're not lost." W.O.2 Escott, Tpr. Boardman and Cpl. Lay on their journey to Kufra

This trip was organised by Sgt. Sherrington as a final gesture by "R.H.Q." Troop to Libya. With the minimum amount of fuss, a party of two officers and 12 soldiers left Benghazi, mounted in three Area Land-Rovers and one Bedford three-tonner, at an incredibly early hour on the morning of November 28.

Huddled in our blankets and speechless with cold we motored down to Agedabia, where we left the main road and set South along the Oil Company route to Gialo. The route, a fairly well used track, was easy to follow and fairly firm to start with. With Cpl. Roberts driving the pathfinder Land-Rover, the pace was quite hot, and it was hoped that all of us would make Gialo by last light. However, one of the Land-Rovers developed transfer box trouble and it was permanently stuck in four-wheel-drive high ratio. Although this did not retard progress it led to much trouble later on. Having soon made the sandy terrain there was tremendous sign of activity in the area of an oil rig worked by the Caltex Company. This was just the start of the large number of oil fields which were dotted all over the Libyan Desert. Passing through a very soft and sandy wadi at Augila we finally fetched up at the Gialo Esso filling station at last light. There we refuelled out of vast drums of petrol; Tpr. Gallagher using his petrol

accounting technique to such good use that he had the station attendant baffled up to the time that we left. That evening the party set up camp on the sand four miles off the track and, after having a very good hot meal, bedded down under the stars. With the Plough not rising until the early hours of the morning, there was a great deal of discussion as to the direction of North. This troubled S/Sgt. Escott so much that he forsook his warm sleeping bag to take a compass bearing. The result of his cold excursion into the night was that our knowledge of the sky at night could not be entirely relied upon for navigation purposes. That night we could clearly see two controlled oil fires burning about 20 miles away, with the flames leaping up to a tremendous height.

At first light we set off again, motoring until 0930, when we stopped for breakfast and made our daily radio call to Benghazi. This procedure was adopted for the duration of the trip. The route from Gialo was a track beacons every two kilometres by the British Petroleum Company, and it was easy to follow. During daylight the weather was still cool enough for most of us to leave our pullovers on, and at night the temperature dropped considerably when we found it essential to light a fire to keep warm. Under these conditions our evening floor-show was of a high standard, with such acts as L/Cpl. Street, baritone, and Cfmn. Williams, comedian. The third day out brought trouble with the Land-Rover that had transmission trouble. With the sand becoming softer, on several occasions it became bogged and, even with the engine in first gear, it was difficult to move. Cpl. Roberts, our fitter, tried everything he knew, apart from stripping the box completely, but with no success. As the vehicle could still motor, we pressed on, though the party was behind schedule. We finally reached the village of El Giof, in the Oasis, at 2100 hrs. on the 30th, the distance travelled from Benghazi being 657 miles. Our base camp was set up in the compound of the local Cydef police station, and it was there that we stayed the following day. A party of us called upon the local administrator, the conversation being carried on in Italian through Sgt. Sherrington. After several cups of tea, the Adjutant presented a regimental

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Badges and Buttons

The 14th/20th King's Hussars

1945-1965

This article is about the badges, buttons and titles which have been worn by the 14th/20th King's Hussars since the second world war. Arm and Rank badges are not included.

The pre-war patterns of badges were continued in 1945 and except for soldiers' buttons there have been no major changes to the present day although additional badges have been brought into use.

The badges are illustrated on Plates I and II and on the small photograph on this page.

The origins of the three regimental badges are:

The Prussian Eagle was presented to the 14th Light Dragoons in 1798 by Princess Frederica of Prussia, Duchess of York—Royal Patroness of the regiment.

The Royal Cypher within the Garter was permitted to be borne on regimental appointments by command of King William IV in 1832. It replaced the Prussian Eagle as the cap badge during World War I.

The Gurkha Crossed Kukris badge was adopted at the wish of the commander and all ranks of the 43rd Gurkha Lorried Infantry Brigade with whom the regiment had enjoyed a close association during World War II—in particular at the Battle of Medicina (Italy 1945). The badges have been worn since 1947 although official approval was not given by the War Office until 1950!

In July 1964, authority was given for the Prussian Eagle badge to be worn by the 2nd Bn. 6th Q.E.O. Gurkha Rifles (originally in the 43rd Gurkha Lorried Infantry Brigade) on the right sleeves of all uniforms except combat dress.

PLATE I

The Prussian Eagle at the top left is the gilding metal cap badge worn on all head-dresses by ranks below Warrant Officer Class I (R.S.M. and Bandmaster) other than the forage caps of Warrant Officers Class II,



Officers' small beret badge with soldiers' new shoulder title

Staff Sergeants, and Sergeants. In 1960 it was replaced by the staybrite badge (top right). This badge has only been worn with a backcloth when worn with the Army Air Corps beret and since 1963 with a crewmans' flash for soldiers who have qualified in three Royal Armoured Corps crew trades. This latter flash is the regimental colours of blue and primrose yellow.

Beneath the cap badges are two pairs of collar badges. King's Crown pattern on the left in gilding metal and Queen's Crown in staybrite on the right. Staybrite replaced the gilding metal badges in 1965. These badges have been worn by all ranks below Warrant Officer Class I on No. 1 Dress, No. 2 Dress (SD), No. 3 Dress, and since 1959 on Battle-dress.

The two gold embroidered badges below on black silk were worn on the roll collars of the pre-war temperate Officers' Mess Kit

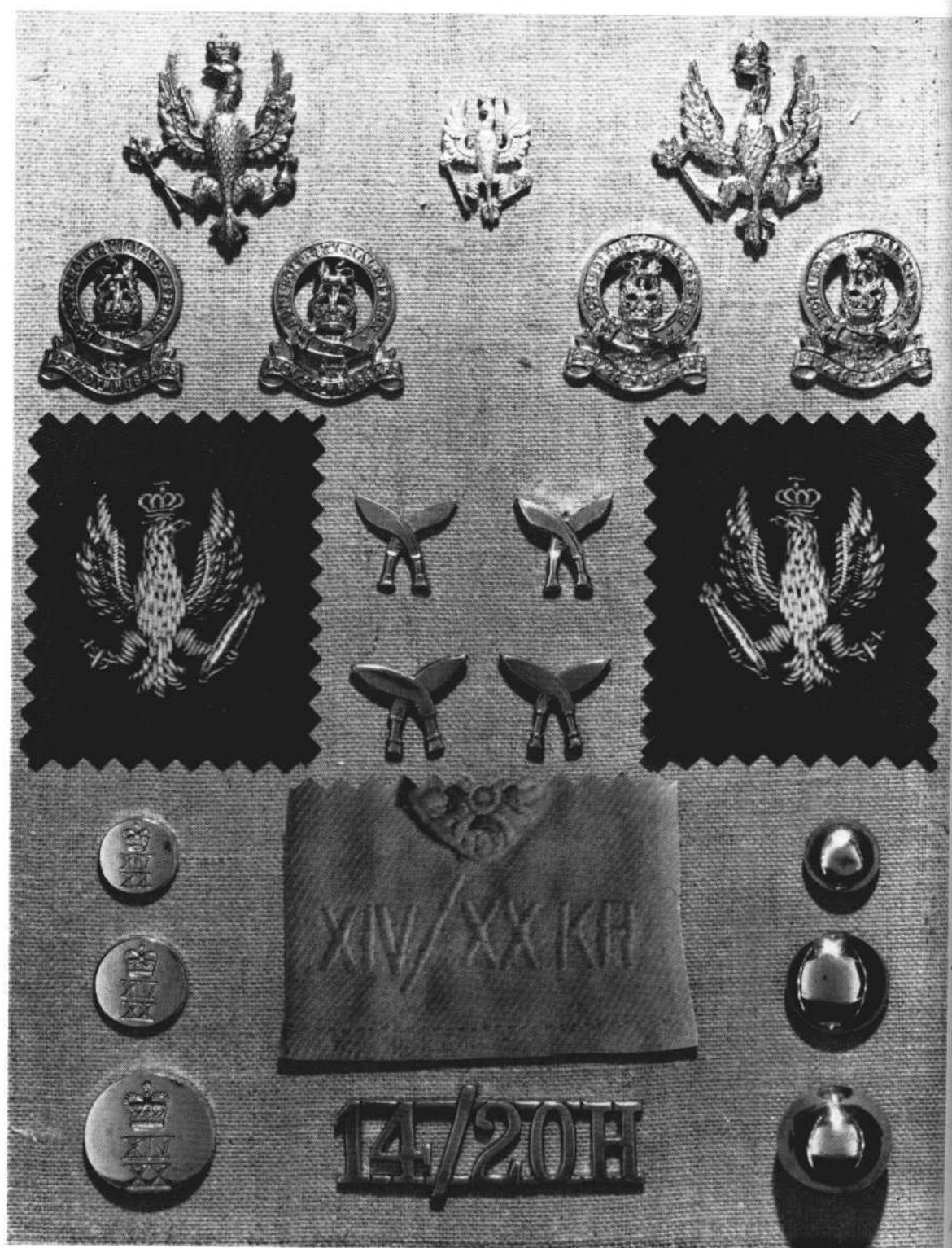


PLATE I



PLATE 2

until 1958. The present stable jacket mess kit which has no collar badges was introduced in that year. Warrant Officers Class I wore the old type officers mess kit for a time but were later permitted to wear the new pattern. Other members of the Sergeant's Mess then adopted the old pattern officers' mess kit in temperate climates but with gilt collar badges.

Between these two embroidered badges are illustrated the four patterns of crossed Kukris—worn on all orders of dress except mess kit—on the top of both sleeves. That at the bottom left is the earliest pattern in white metal which in the course of time turned to coppery brass. At the top right is the latest pattern in silver staybrite introduced in 1965. The other two examples are in white metal which have been worn at various times between the earliest and latest pattern.

At the bottom right are the large plain ball button, the small plain half dome button and the half ball cap button worn by all ranks below Warrant Officer Class I on all caps (except berets) and garments (except Mess Kit and BD) up to 1954. All these buttons were then gradually replaced by three staybrite buttons shown on the lower left of the plate. The 14th/20th was probably the first regiment in the British Army to have Queen's Crown Staybrite buttons.

At the bottom of the plate is the gilding metal shoulder title worn by all ranks below Warrant Officer Class I from 1945-1965. This is now (February 1966) being replaced by the smaller shoulder title illustrated on page one. These titles have been worn on Battle Dress, No. 2 Dress, Greatcoats and KD.

Above the shoulder title is the bottom part of the embroidered slip-on title worn by Officers and Warrant Officers Class I on shirt sleeve order. The embroidery is in yellow worsted.

To complete the plate there is shown at the top centre the Regimental O.C.A. lapel badge.

PLATE 2

At the top of the plate are illustrated the black and gilt cap and collar badges worn since before 1939. The black badge is worn on the Forage Cap by all ranks of Sergeant and above. The black collar badges are worn by Officers and Warrant Officers Class I on No. 3 Dress and white mess kit—the eagle's

beaks facing inwards. The gilt cap badge is worn in the service Dress Cap by Officers and Warrant Officers Class I only. The gilt Prussian Eagle collar badges are worn by the same ranks on No. 1 Dress, and by the Bandmaster on his Frock Coat.

Between the collar badges will be seen the brown leather buttons worn by officers on the fronts and cuffs of the British Warm. Below these buttons are the gilt collar badges worn by the Officers and Warrant Officers Class I on Service Dress tunics. No gilt officers' Queen's Crown collar badges have been struck to date. These badges have also been worn since 1958 by Warrant Officers Class II, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants with blue and white mess kits.

The large plain gilt ball button and the small half dome button are worn by the Bandmaster on his Frock Coat and by Officers who have worn the long Cavalry Greatcoat. To the left of this is the bone (plastic) engraved button worn on Battle Dress by Sergeants and above since 1955.

The large gold embroidered badge at left centre is worn on the scarlet Field Service Cap. The gold embroidered badge on the right is the large beret badge. Both are worn by Officers and Warrant Officers Class I. Between 1954 and 1962 a smaller embroidered beret badge was also in use. This is illustrated in the small photo on page one.

Below the buttons is the bottom part of the slip-on title, embroidered in white worsted, worn by officers in Jungle Green and on combat kit. Below that is the brass shoulder title worn by Officers and Warrant Officers Class I on Service Dress.

On the right and left at the bottom of the plate are the three sizes of gilt King's and Queen's Crown buttons. The Queen's Crown buttons began slowly to replace the King's Crown buttons from 1954 onwards. The latter were engraved and the former stamped as are those of the soldiers.

These buttons are worn as follows by Officers and Warrant Officers Class I:

Large: On the front of SD, No. 1 and No. 3 Dress.

Small: On the pockets of SD, No. 1 and No. 3 Dress and on the coloured FS Cap.

Cap: On SD and Forage caps, on the sleeves of the blue roll collar mess jacket. By Warrant Officers Class II, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants on Mess Kit vests.

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plaque to him, and thanked him for his kindness.

On our return journey the going was soft as we attempted to pick up the beacons route on a different approach. Having found it again a good pace was set towards the sand sea. However, this is where the ailing Land-Rover eventually gave out with the clutch being completely inoperative. Sand and Pyrene having failed, the Rover was hitched to the back of the three-tonner and on we pressed. With Tpr. Gallagher driving the Bedford like a man possessed, it was impressive to see its exhaust manifold glowing near to white heat, and the silencer displaying a rich red hue. Over the soft sand, this combination only became bogged once, and with a little channelling, aided by Tpr. Boardman, who had slept solidly from Benghazi, we were soon out. That night we lost the Beacons and became lost ourselves in the volcanic hills on the edge of the sand sea. Staying there the night, after a perilous journey over razor-sharp rocks, we eventually found the track again the following morning. On the northern edge of the sand sea the party stopped by some sand dunes where we had our evening meal. It was while we were here that the Adjutant discovered water at a depth of only 4 ft., proving on this occasion only that the map was right. After supper we motored on into the night, making up lost time, relying on our night navigation which we had thought to be quite good at this stage. To assist us, the Bedford, towing the Rover, was following his outward wheel tracks. However, the party in the towed Rover, noticed that something was amiss and, on reading the stars, discovered that the Bedford had turned a half-circle and was now heading back towards Kufra. Only after much flashing of lights and blowing of horns could the Bedford be arrested from taking us all the way back. That night we called a halt at 0100 hrs. The following morning our journey took us to one of the British Petroleum Camps, where we hoped our clutch could be mended. Their concession is located in the sand sea amid a vast area of sand dunes. Having had a trying time driving through the gap in the dunes we arrived at mid-afternoon. The Rover was pushed straight into their Workshops and three and a half hours later was ready for collection, having had the clutch plates renewed, a remarkably quick job. Meanwhile the rest of the party was shown round

the camp, seeing houses, roads and a hospital being built right in the sand sea. That evening, after hot showers, we were all entertained to a very comprehensive dinner and a games night in their Mess. Our hosts extended to us the most tremendous hospitality, for which we cannot thank them enough.

The following morning after breakfast the group motored out of the sand sea and found the old Italian beacons route to Gialo. The track was very good. Indeed, with beacons every kilometre and the going very firm. By some fast motoring a good deal of lost time was made up and that night a halt was called just short of Gialo, not far from the rig that was burning off oil. At midday the following day, while we were motoring across to the main track used by the oil companies, all of us were invited to lunch by Halliburton's, who are contractors to all the major oil companies. This meal lasted at least an hour and a half and was in the true American style. Again one cannot thank them enough for their hospitality. How any of us could keep awake after this enormous meal for the remainder of the day is something to marvel at.

The last stage to Agedabia was uneventful until we actually reached there, when we discovered that the Bedford, which was bringing up the rear, had ejected a passenger out of the back in the shape of Cfmn. Williams. Visions of him being devoured by wild dogs soon filled the imagination of all of us. Perhaps he liked Kufra so much he was out on a return visit. However, after a complete day of searching, a blank was drawn. A large party came out from Benghazi to assist with two aircraft in the search. Fortunately, before the ground party started its sweep, one of the aircraft located him safe and well in the custody of two French oil truck drivers. He had been well looked after by these drivers for some time, much to the discomfort of the searching party.

Intact, the whole party returned to Benghazi, arriving mid-day on December 8, only one day behind schedule. A total distance of 1,500 miles was covered. It was said at the beginning that this was a trip, and we intended that it should be just that. Motoring to Kufra requires very little navigation by day as there are very clear beacons along the route. None the less everyone, without exception, enjoyed themselves and gained a great deal of desert knowledge.

Light Aid Detachment

The L.A.D. took to the desert rather earlier than usual in March this year for Ex Alipore Jowra. H.Q. L.A.D. entered into the spirit of R.H.Q.-in-the-field-for-five-weeks and our typewriter went as well. It did not return in one piece but that is another matter. This exercise confirmed that our 10-ton recovery trailer is essential to the Regimental logistic plan in a POL carrying role—recovery is essential. The small L.A.D. element changed over halfway through the exercise except for hardened veterans like Mr. Humphreys and L/Cpl. Stewart who remained throughout. Cpl. Hallett gave an Auster a severe flight test by returning to Benghazi by air. This exercise gave everyone plenty of practice at erecting the portable shelter, showed that someone in R.H.Q. thought the Saracens ran on water, and proved that even the E.M.E.'s Ferret is not soldier—(officer?) proof.

Field firing followed on from Alipore Jowra and our binner showed on the long move to the range area that it is still our skeleton in the cupboard, having to be towed much of the way. S/Sgt. Barnes agreed to join us with Nelly and Genny for this phase. Anyone with a generator has a sort of magnetic attraction in the desert and the rest of the L.A.D. had to change location to conform to Genny who had been persuaded to reside with H.Q. Squadron.

A.Q.M.S.'s Markey and Minard and the rest of "A" Squadron Troop were lucky enough to have another change of station when they moved to Cyprus in April. They quickly seemed to have themselves as well organised in all respects as they had been in Tripoli. Perhaps Tripoli was finding it hard to stand their pace anyway! Sgt. Cooley had the splendid appointment of O.C. Lefka District Workshop during the Squadron's



Some of the Air Troop's Hawks with the remains of Captain Sumner's Auster after an engine failure
(Left to Right): Cpl. Cotton, Tpr. Grimshaw, Tpr. Jackson and Cpl. Smith

tour in Lefka and the Troop as a whole had nearly twice the normal Squadron vehicle dependency. However, they coped extremely well and obtained an excellent report for their in-the-field U.E.I.

Cpl. Watt and Cfn. Reynolds (now a civilian) took part in the Air Troop expedition to the Tibesti Mountains in February. They very successfully nursed two Landrovers and four three-tonners throughout the 4,000 miles. The going was very difficult in parts with sand dunes 50 to 100 feet high and a Bedford hub gave up the struggle. This was quickly fixed with spares flown from Tripoli.

A.S.M. Duncan, Cpl. Roberts, and others supported Ex Birdwalk in early May. They had an interesting time (?) keeping two Saracens on the move that had been in preservation for about six months. Perhaps we can blame the preservation E.M.E.R. Cpl. Smith and his Leyland provided most amusement by getting themselves well and truly bogged in a patch of most unusual and unexpected clay. However, the Birdwalkers were spared much walking.

The Regimental exercise in May was on the usual lines but in a little known part of Area A crisscrossed with severe wadis. The one-ton Weld split its seams in the middle of a wadi and the supply of springs was something of a problem with Tech. (bless their hearts) based about 30 miles away.

The E.M.E. and A.Q.M.S. Springthorpe represented the L.A.D. on the Queen's Birthday Parade in June by providing the mounted escort for the Consul General. A lot of hard work was put into preparing the Ferrets by L/Cpls. Trigg and Burgoyne and others.

A.Q.M.S. Ottaway and his Troop supported "C" Squadron at their small arms camp at Derna in July and August. L/Cpl. Burnip kept the rifles firing and A.Q.M.S. Ottaway was a key man on the range.

H.Q. L.A.D. again spent a very pleasant long weekend in Cyrene and Apollonia in late August. Many were happy to remain on the beach in an alcoholic haze rather than take an archeological interest in their surroundings! But all saw the very beautiful coastline and "northern" route back to Benghazi.

S/Sgt. Plumb and most of his Troop left for England with the advance party at the beginning of September and the rest of us prepared for Ex Dazzle. In spite of previous misgivings this proved to be an enjoyable exercise. As hosts to H.Q. 22 Bde. we had

a very large vehicle dependency but we were able to cope without too many crises. The A and G section had a very busy time and, in particular, L/Cpl. Bell and his lathe were rarely at a standstill in between manufacturing N.A. spares. The "work-up" phase of the exercise turned out to be a leisurely round trip through Cyrene and Appollonia. Unfortunately the L.A.D. element did not get their dip in the sea because the three-tonner disgraced itself by breaking a spring at the crucial moment! A black moment during the exercise was the failure of refrigeration trained Cpl. Willson to resurrect his ageing refrigerator which was then ceremoniously buried on the spot.

Back to Benghazi and the bleak prospect of preparation for U.E.I.'s (plural) and handover in January 1966. The first hurdles have been cleared successfully and the prospect of the biggest and best Christmas parties of all time are helping to anaesthetize the last few weeks in Libya.

The L.A.D. has as usual been very carefully represented on the sportsfield. The H.Q. L.A.D. teams were runners-up after very keenly fought games in the six-a-side hockey and football teams. L/Cpl. Bell has captained the H.Q. Squadron football team and L/Cpls. Wheatley, Burgoyne and Burnip and Cfn. Small have played regularly. H.Q. L.A.D. were runners-up to Administration Troop in the D'Arcy Hall Cup (we don't understand the rules to this day!) Cfn. White distinguished himself in the swimming events and also represented the Squadron in the tennis doubles. Cpl. Hallett, L/Cpls. Burgoyne and Wheatley, and Cfn. White have played in the Squadron water-polo team.

Finally, congratulations to A.Q.M.S. Minard, Cpls. Hallett, Willson, Brown, Lawson, Roberts, Drake, Wheeler and Lunny, and L/Cpls. Wheatley, Askew, Bell, Burgoyne Stewart, Williams ("A" Squadron), Oakley, and Payne on their promotions.

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ALLIANCE

It has been announced that an Alliance has been approved between the 14th/20th King's Hussars and the Zambia Armoured Car Regiment.

Exercise Birdwalk - April 1965

"It nearly was a walk for the birds too", remarked R.S.M. Cripps in the splendid account of this exercise which he sent to the Editor.

"Birdwalk" was aimed at showing Regimental wives how their "other halves" lived on exercises in the desert, but with suitable modifications to cater for the gentleness of their sex.

The sequence of events was as follows:

April 29 R.H.Q. Troop with some M.T. and L.A.D. party moved to area 20.

April 30 "Butlins" Camp established. Chief Caterer: S.Q.M.S. Baker.

May 1 Birds went to Agedabia by three-tonners (with arm chairs). Picked up there by R.H.Q. (Birds chattering all the way.)

Later: Birds to Base Camp by Saracen (they all wanted to travel on top and although L/Cpl. McVay tried hard, none were lost). Tpr. Furlong had second of seven punctures. Repairs were carried out quickly as advice from Birds was ignored.

Evening

May 1 Birds shown to their tents—four to each ("Can we have seven in our tent please"?!)

Eventually the camp settled down and after a delicious dinner and film show the Birds retired to their nests for the night—except one who later fell out.

May 2 7 a.m. Early morning tea.

8 a.m. Breakfast.

10 a.m. Crews front—mount—move off.

Explored desert including Wadi which many years ago had been covered by the sea—many shells and fossils. Saw small salt lake. Birds posed for photos. Mrs. Lloyd, Standish and Springthorpe nearly got bogged.

Midday Picnic lunch and cold beer.

p.m. Bogging of miscellaneous vehicles—(hysteries).

Tea brewing demonstrations by the Adjutant using an "Iggy". Screwdriver used as tea spoon but result alright.



"Operation Birdwalk"

The Assault Troop in the Assembly Area

Tprs. Squires and Childs got lost on way back to camp.

Many signal cartridges used—partly to impress Birds.

Evening Dinner, bar open, another film.

May 3 Water cart broke down so NO repeat NO early morning tea.

Breakfast and then return to Benghazi.

(Birds sitting on top of Saracens in sand storm.)

The Birds who arrived back in Benghazi looking like desert veterans. All said how much they enjoyed the expedition. All were most grateful to the Adjutant who organised it, to "Butlins" Baker for looking after everyone so well, and to R.S.M. Cripps for keeping them in good order!

The R.S.M. ended his account by saying that on the next Regimental exercise "Yogi" Boardman was heard to ask for a cup of cocoa at 9 p.m. each night. Everyone in R.H.Q. was so polite, the swear box did no business at all. R.H.Q. troop will never be the same again.

The Band

Since our return to England in August, we have had a hectic period of renovation and repair, in order to make good the ravages of our three year sojourn in North Africa. Happily enough, we are now settled in our new quarters, and can get down to some serious work. Our rather depleted forces have been re-inforced by a number of new faces, and we are gradually getting back to strength once again. We have already ventured forth into the field of public entertainment once again, when on the seventh of December, we played at the Oxford-Cambridge Rugger match at Twickenham. Our future plans in the engagement field look quite rosy, and we already have dates in our diary for 1966 including a visit to the Channel Islands, which must be regarded as a "plum" job. There is no truth in the rumour that we are putting our non swimmers through a rigorous course of instruction in order to reduce the travelling expenses.

Once again our members have ventured into the world of the second hand car, and despite one or two anxious moments are proving themselves to be adept drivers. Even Corporal "Jack" Osborne is now in a state of mechanisation, and can be seen regularly "roaring" to work like a potential Geoff Duke. Donald Bateman is his usual self, and is glorying in all this, if he can't fix it for you, at least he has a friend who can . . . CHEAP!

The advent of the five day week has proved to be popular with the Band, and at least allows the Band Sergeant Major two nights sleep a week. Bill Denford and Pat Connell have gone into the catering business seriously and are now endeavouring to put the N.A.A.F.I. out of business. Their credit facilities are favourable too, but cups of tea on the never-never are hardly my cup of tea! Arthur Birkett has given up his culinary ambitions, and re-joined the Band, but those feet of his are still a problem. Where can we get a pair of size twelve George Boots??? Nevertheless, our "Arfer" is doing very well, and is a leading light in our reed section now. Wainwright and Jones, continue to grow old gracefully (?), and despite rising prices, still manage to have "just one" for posterity and old times sake. The "Duke" is still the same as ever, a little greyer perhaps but no different otherwise, and for the fourth time, has entered on his "last" six months. "Legs" Lenton continues to be the greatest of authorities on the habits etc. of racehorses, though to date his tips have all been three legged ones. We all do the pools regularly, and indulge in little dreams of what we'll do with that elusive cheque, which never comes even when the coupon is a winner (Messrs. Millward, Chittock and Smith can vouch for this). Altogether we have a happy time of it.



The Band at Benghazi

Sergeants' Mess

by Mr. T. R. Cripps

The Mess started the year well with a lunch in January for Brigadier The Lord Grimthorpe, O.B.E., A.D.C., on the day of the Regiment's Admin.

Later in the year the D.R.A.C., Major-General J. R. Holden, C.B.E., D.S.O., visited the Regiment and also had lunch in the Mess.

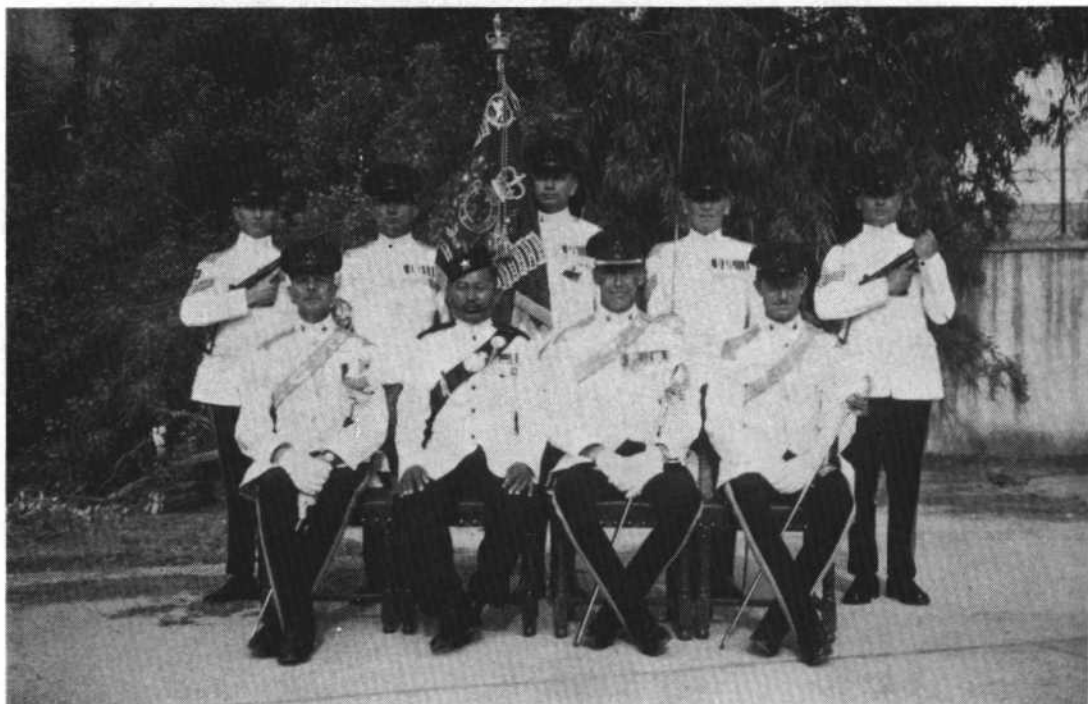
The Colonel of the Regiment, Colonel R. J. Stephen, M.B.E., came to stay for a few days during the year and was dined in the Mess. This was a most successful evening and enjoyed by all.

If was after a formal dinner one evening that S.S.M. Williams gave a demonstration of wrestling which impressed us all. When he came out of hospital some days later with his leg in plaster, I think we all realised how much effort he had put into it.

The Band of the 1st Battalion Green Howards came to play for the Mess at Ramnuggur, our own Band being already at Perham Down. Although depleted in num-

bers in the Mess it was still a magnificent evening. About 250 guests were entertained throughout the night. The Band was first class and produced music for all tastes. S.S.M. Williams organised the function with the help of Mess members and is to be congratulated on his efforts. W.O.2 Benting laid on a wonderful buffet that surpassed any that we have seen before. Last to leave were A.Q.M.S. Markey and Sgt. Cooley who had come from Cyprus for the occasion and Sgt. "Dormouse" Prentice who was left curled up on a settee.

T.Q.M.S. Bentley was commissioned in November and is now Tech. Adjutant at Perham Down. Congratulations from all of us in the Mess. S.Q.M.S. Bury was promoted T.Q.M.S. in his place and within a few days of taking over he found out how secure his stores were. He was locked in one lunch break and arrived at the Mess just as Sgt. Davies had eaten his lunch.



The Colonel, Adjutant and R.S.M. with Captain (Q.G.O.) Amarbahadur Garung (2/6 G.R.) and the Guidon Party

The living-in members have christened their accommodation "Stalag 14 H" and at times have managed the odd escape to Cyprus, Malta and one actually got to U.K. Another inmate solved the problem of breaking out and got married. This was Sgt. Lovell who was married in December. The reception was held in the Mess and I think the whole of Benghazi came along to wish them well.

I cannot end these notes without reference to the two "Odins" Marshall and Marcelle.

Their sense of humour has kept us laughing and now that they are both "living-in", I expect that we will have a hilarious Christmas.

By the end of January we should all be in U.K. on leave, before reporting to Perham Down. To all members who are leaving us for other units we wish good luck in the future and we hope to see you again sometime.

Editor's Note—R.S.M. Cripps is to be congratulated on being commissioned into the regiment.

Obituary

W.O.1 J. V. JUSTIN

W.O.1 J. V. Justin died suddenly at Catterick Military Hospital on July 14, 1965 after a brief illness.

Mr. Justin joined the Regiment as a clerk at Wuppertal in 1947. Except for an attachment to the War Office from 1951-1954 and his recent appointment as Chief Clerk at the R.A.C. Northern and Scottish Commands he served with the Regiment throughout his service. He became O.R.Q.M.S. in 1957.

He was a holder of the Regimental Medal and the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. He carried one of our old Guidons during the Guidon presentation parade at Hohn in 1961.

Mr. Justin was an outstanding Chief Clerk, and also a keen family man. He was a tireless worker, shrewd thinker and was respected by all for his tact, discretion, and calm in moments of crisis. He was devoted to the Regiment and he continued to take a close interest in Regimental affairs after he went to Catterick.

He was to have been Commissioned into the Regiment as Assistant Adjutant in 1965. He was ideally suited to the appointment and both he and his distinguished services will be greatly missed.

We offer our most sincere sympathy to Mrs. Justin and her family.

Medicina 1965

1965 was not only the 250th anniversary of the formation of Dormer's Dragoons, later the 14th (King's) Hussars and 14th/20th King's Hussars, but was also the 20th anniversary of the battle of Medicina.

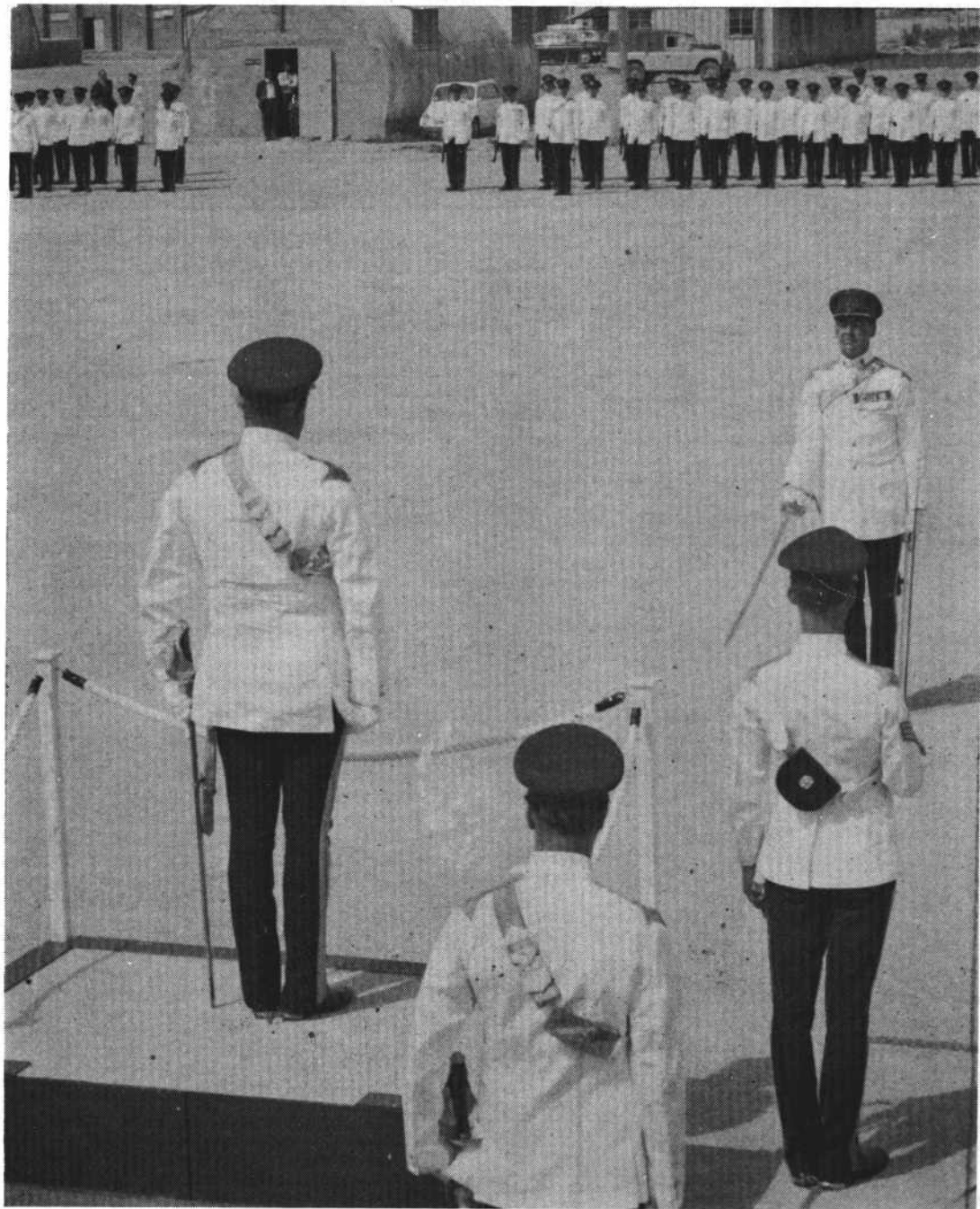
We were delighted to have the Colonel of the Regiment with us for our weekend which included parties in the Officers', Sergeants' and Corporals' Messes, a parade at which we Trooped the Guidon and a Fair when the Air Troop gave an excellent display. On the Sunday morning we held a drumhead service.

We hoped that an officer from 2nd Battalion, 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha

Rifles would be with the Regiment for the weekend but unfortunately flight dates did not allow it. However, Captain (Q.G.O.) Amarbahadur Gurung arrived on April 27, and stayed with us for six weeks. He was attached to 3rd Troop "B" Squadron during two exercises and left shortly after the Queen's Birthday Parade when we again Trooped the Guidon, this time on behalf of Cyrenaica Area.

After the parade, Captain Amarbahadur Gurung very generously presented the Regiment with a handsome silver Kukri, on behalf of his Battalion.

MEDICINA 1965



"Your Regiment is present and ready for your inspection Sir." Colonel Stephen and the Commanding Officer

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Stables

It was decided after much deliberation to close down the Area Saddle Club in Benghazi and have a purely Regimental Stable instead. This stable, with horses varying in number from 36 to 13, has been a success and easier to run.

Apart from polo we have had great fun running two race meetings on the salt flats near Benghazi which certainly brought out some startling racing colours!

We said goodbye to Cpl. Lilly in July, when he left the Army to take up landscape gardening. He was replaced by Cpl. Bennett who is doing well. He and Tpr. Pitts have completed courses with the Household Cavalry and Tprs. Went and Hobson are due to go on one in January.

Mr. J. R. Smales has been Stables Officer since February (65). Cpl. Woodcock is Saddler and Farrier and the following have acted as grooms: Tprs. Price, Ball, Jones (544), Pitts, Coyne, Williams, Went and Hobson.

We shall probably not have as many horses while in England but we have at least formed a nucleus of grooms. It is noteworthy that



Racing on the Salt Flats
Mrs. Gordon and Captain Eyre in front

every officer but one has owned a horse during our stay in Benghazi, and this includes the E.M.E.!

Book Review

Horses and Saddlery

by Major G. Tylden

This book has been written to carry out the wishes of the late Colonel R. J. L. Ogilby, D.S.O. In 1961 he decided that if the subjects now dealt with were not committed to print there would soon be no one left with the knowledge and experience to record them, and much of historical interest would be lost.

During some four years of research the scope of the book has grown, and the inclusion of everything about the animals used by the Army, down to such detail as the tools used in shoeing horses and mules, accords with the decisions reached by Colonel Ogilby.

The book has been largely written around a splendid collection of illustrations. The author makes acknowledgement of these and

numerous other sources which many gentlemen have generously made available to him in the course of writing this work. Major Geoffrey Tylden who was asked to compile this book has himself lived with horses all his life. He has bred them and used them in peace and war, hunting regularly and serving as a mounted officer in the South African War.

Horses and Saddlery is the definitive work of reference on a great variety of matter connected with this subject. It also makes fascinating reading for all who are interested in the history of the British Army.

Published by J. A. Allen & Company.
In association with the Army Museums Ogilby Trust. 6 gns.

== Polo ==

Polo continued to flourish in Benghazi and in Cyprus with "A" Squadron. The stables in Benghazi were drastically cut down and the non-playing animals were sold. It was found that keeping ponies for children's rides was increasing the cost of keeping the polo ponies.

In June the first round of the Inter-Squadron was played—H.Q. beating "C." This was a much closer game than anticipated. H.Q. scored three quick goals and then "C" held their own for the rest of the game. In July the "B" Squadron team beat H.Q. and went to Cyprus where they were beaten by "A" Squadron after a very good match.

After some difficulties a team finally went to Malta together with three of our ponies. Although we thought they would only be used in emergency the team had to play them the very next day after they arrived. The first match was against the Army Malta with the team of Tubbs (1) Gordon (2) Stockton (3) and Pemberton (4). They were only just beaten.

The next match was against a very fast side, The Maltese Cats, who were visibly shocked

by our team which scored twice in the first few minutes. However, they soon got the measure of us and scored several quick goals to beat us. We were not really very well handicapped but it was the fastest and most enjoyable game of all.

Our last match was against a Naval side who we beat fairly easily. The trip was extremely enjoyable and we appreciated very much the G.O.C.'s hospitality.

"A" Squadron in Cyprus started running a very good Squadron and Soldiers sides soon after arrival. The Soldiers beat a team of four Lieutenant Colonels and a report of the match was published in the "Horse and Hound."

Now the Regiment is back in England, unfortunately for only one summer, the future of Polo is undecided. But several officers are very keen to continue and already there are five ponies in England with the possibility of several more being bought. It is hoped that even if we do not produce a team in England, at least there will be several officers playing at Tidworth to show the flag.



'A' Squadron Polo Team

Mr. Barrow, Capt. Whittington, Tpr. Fenton, Capt. Harman

Boxing

The Inter Squadron Novices Boxing Finals were held in Benghazi on March 1, 1965.

Two bouts are worth special mention. The first being the second bout of the evening, the lightweight contest between Sgt. Burgess of "C" Squadron and L/Cpl. Salt of "B." Sgt. Burgess was very unlucky to lose on a very close points decision, but this was mainly due to Salt's hard punching and dogged determination not to be hit by any of Burgess's vicious right jabs.

The third round was a definite win for Burgess although he failed to halt Salt's onslaught in the first and second. He came out at the bell of the third, lashing a continual barrage of left and right punches, which Salt could not even hope to hold.

The other bout worth a mention was a friendly contest between "B" Squadron's Tpr. Winzer and Tpr. Hardie of "C" Squadron, both appearing in the light-welter class. The boxing was so good that it appeared that both had left the novice class long ago. But the bout proved to be far from friendly.

Hardie opened the punching with hard, short jabs to the head, reeling Winzer back on to the defensive. Winzer, however, showed considerable agility and made use of his

excellent footwork to keep out of trouble until he had time to recover from the initial onslaught.

The bout kept everybody on their toes and a terrific roar came from "C" Squadron followers when Hardie was declared the winner. It must have been a bitter disappointment for "B" Squadron. For my money—Winzer was by far the better boxer. Full results of the evening were:

RESULTS

Bantamweight: Tpr. Jones ("C"), walkover.

Featherweight: Tpr. Fitzpatrick ("C") beat Tpr. Bradley ("A"), k.o.

Lightweight: L/Cpl. Salt ("B") beat Sgt. Burgess ("C") on points.

Light-welterweight: Tpr. Hardie ("C") beat Tpr. Winzer ("B") on points.

Welterweight: Tpr. Smith ("B") beat Tpr. Clowes ("C"), k.o.

Light-middleweight: Tpr. Keegan Boyd ("C") beat Tpr. Woolley ("A") on points.

Middleweight: L/Cpl. Kent ("H.Q.") beat Tpr. Hobson ("C"), t.k.o.

Light-heavyweight: Tpr. Price ("A") beat Tpr. Archer ("H.Q.") on points.

Heavyweight: Tpr. Gardner ("B") beat Tpr. Beach ("C") on points.

CPL. M. R. HOLLAND

Swimming

Throughout the summer the odds were against competitive swimming of most kinds. "C" Squadron's Derna Camp and "B" Squadron's preparation for U.E.I. left only "H.Q." to compete in the Area Water Polo League. In this, "H.Q." was beaten by B.M.H.

The D'Arcy Hall inter-Troop competition gave some chance for the swimmers to prove their worth. The finals of the Benghazi competition were raced in the Regimental Swimming Gala. This was the highlight of the Regiment's swimming for the summer.

The Gala was held at the Blue Lagoon on July 24. After some setbacks had been suffered in laying out the lanes and booms, owing to the restlessness of the natives, the races got under way.

Most of the Regiment witnessed the

spectacle including many of the families, and we enjoyed a good but sandy lunch.

Sgt. Kaye and Tpr. Dixon excelled themselves in the breaststroke as did Cfmn. White and L/Cpl. Morrow in the free style. "A" Squadron of course were in Cyprus. This left "B" Squadron as winners of the Benghazi Squadron swimming from "H.Q." by the narrow margin of one point. But, Admin. Troop ("H.Q." Squadron) won the Troop competition. Entries in all these events were boosted by the 1 D.E.R.R., who entered a team.

The day ended with the finals of the inter-Squadron water polo in which Sgt. Powell and Sgt. Kaye, with their two H.Q. Squadron teams fought it out between themselves and the very strong wind.

'H.Q.' SQUADRON

Regimental Gala—'H.Q.' Squadron Swimmers



'H.Q.' Squadron Hockey Team

Old Comrades Association

We had another jolly good feast at Earls Court on May 1, 1965, and we are grateful to Mr. Fuller of the Exhibition Catering Division for looking after our needs so well.

One-hundred and twenty people came and I hope more will do so in 1966 as the Regiment, being stationed at Tidworth, is likely to be well represented this year.

The following Old Comrades came to the Reunion: Colonel R. J. Stephen, Lieutenant-Colonel J. A. T. Miller, Lieutenant-Colonel B. B. N. Wood, Lieutenant-Colonel R. P. D. F. Allen, Lieutenant-Colonel E. B. Studd, Lieutenant-Colonel E. G. W. T. Walsh, Majors J. J. Mann, P. F. S. Clifford, G. H. Swallow, D. E. R. Scarr, P. C. Clarke, M. A. Urban-Smith, L. R. Charlton, Captain (and other officers): R. A. McClure, P. S. Mosse, P. L. J. Groves, P. Bromley, M. C. Hughes, A. P. H. Fradgley, A. Patrick, J. Vickers, Messrs. D. Amor, P. K. Vinson, J. Shepherd, M. J. Moore, C. G. Smith, V. C. Coles, E. Ward, R. E. Luck, T. Feaver, C. K. Dawson, J. Thompson, J. Dixon, E. Collins, G. Woodroffe, R. Jones, A. Cannell, M. Kelleher, J. P. Murray, A. Cundy, A. E. Gillard (with large party), A. Sandham, H. Downey, S. Foulger, F. Peel, H. M. Brodie, M. Peckham, J. W. Dawson, A. Hall, R. F. Hutton, L. J. Adams, B. F. Birtchnell, A. Blockley, A. W. Simmonds and W. T. Brown.

The following serving members came: Lieutenant-Colonel G. A. L. C. Talbot, Lieutenant-Colonel R. M. Roberts, Majors P. H. Marnham, J. M. Palmer, C. C. G. Ross, Captains (and other officers) C. A. Park, J. A. Pharo-Tomlin, E. Sheen, M. L. A. Hope, G. E. Pike, R.S.M. Jude, S.S.M.s A. B. Plunkett and T. Hurd, Sgts. G. Nichols, M. H. Young, Cpls. P. J. Stark and L. V. Staite. Together with wives, relatives and friends.

In November we once again had a Buffet-Dance Reunion in Manchester and I am grateful to the D.L.O.Y. for their help in running it. In particular Lieutenant-Colonel T. A. Marshall for loaning us his Officers' Mess for our buffet, Mr. Rothwell for organising the delicious food and R.S.M. Jude for arranging the "stage management" of the function.

We were all particularly pleased to see the Colonel of the Regiment who was in splendid form and also Lieutenant-Colonel "Bunny" Trueman whose first visit it was of the Northern Reunion. It was also good to see members of the Regiment now E.R.E. some of whom had travelled from the South of England—and of course Mr. Parr who was making his annual and most welcome pilgrimage from Southampton. He was accompanied this year by Mr. Spooner who we were also glad to see. It was also a great pleasure having Mrs. Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. Goodhall, T.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Penzer and Mr. Trigg all of whose sons are serving in the Regiment.

These notes will not be complete without mention of Mr. Fred Winstanley who came with his wife. He was in his most exuberant form and quite ready to take charge of the whole proceedings had he been invited to do so!

The following bought tickets for the Reunion: Colonel R. J. Stephen, Lieutenant-Colonel G. A. L. C. Talbot, Lieutenant-Colonel L. E. Trueman, Majors M. A. Urban-Smith, J. M. Palmer, W. D. Garbutt, D. E. Wreford, M. H. Goodhart, Captain (and other officers) J. R. Thomas, D. L. de Beaujeu, R. Boulter, E. Sheen, R. F. Cornish and J. P. Rawlins. R.S.M. S. Jude, S.S.M.s D. Flowers, A. B. Plunkett, T. Hurd, Sgts. C. Cuncliffe and H. Bradshaw and members of the D.L.O.Y. permanent staff.

Messrs. S. Foulger, F. Winstanley, A. Sandham, L. C. Edwards, S. Follows, E. L. Collins, J. A. Hatzer, E. Ward, J. Thompson, S. A. Nicholls, C. Broadbent, J. Eccleston, F. G. Coath, J. W. Dixon, F. Blackwell, R. Easto, J. W. Walters, H. Parr, J. Spooner, D. J. Hill, T. Charles, T. Taylor, T. Bell, R. Kennedy, W. Volley, R. Tattersall, J. Townson and their families and friends, together with Colonel J. N. B. Cardwell, Lieutenant-Colonel T. A. Marshall and officers, soldiers and Old Comrades of the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry.

The London Reunion will be held at Earl's Court this year on Saturday, April 30. The combined Cavalry parade will be on Sunday, May 1, in Hyde Park.

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Obituaries

We regret to announce the death of:

W. EVERSON—14/20H 1927-1933. Bill Everson was a great boxer and trainer. He was awarded the Regimental Medal in Egypt. He died after a long and painful illness in May, 1965. His widow to whom we offer our sympathy lives at 72 Penton Place, Southwark, London, S.E.17.

A. FREEMAN—14/20H. Died on April 24, 1964, aged 54, after a short illness.

W. A. MEIKLEJOHN. Died in April, 1965, after an illness lasting three years.

C. WASH—20H, 14H and 14/20H. S.Q.M.S. C. Wash (Charley) died on August 8, 1965. He was an excellent horseman and trainer of remounts. He was also an able instructor and leader. He served in India, Mesopotamia, and on the Rhine. His widow lives at 24 Grange Street, Fulford Road, York.

E. CROMPTON—14/20H, 1942-47. Cpl. E. Crompton died in 1965, aged 42. He was Colonel Tilney's Staff Car Driver at Wuppertal and has continued to keep in touch with the Regiment since leaving in 1947. His widow lives at: The Poplars, 59 Oakleigh Road, Clayton, Bradford, Yorks.

S.S.M. SANDY ADAMS—14/20H. Died September, 1965. Sandy Adams was originally in the "Skins". He joined the 14th/20th towards the end of World War II and was S.S.M. of H.Q. Squadron at Wuppertal and Catterick.

He was a very loyal soldier and Old Comrade and a proud member of the Regimental Association. He carried the Standard on several occasions at the Combined Cavalry Parade in Hyde Park—a task in which he took pleasure for he rightly regarded it as a great honour.

WILLIAM T. WARDELL—14H, 1901-1919. Died March 24, 1965, aged 81, after a long illness. He was proud of having been a 14th Hussar all his life.

MADINE HURNDALL

Died August 16, 1965.

Madine, daughter of Brigadier-General F. Waldron, C.B., of Kildare, married Captain and Adjutant F. B. Hurndall of the 20th Hussars in 1911.

They had twin sons, Peter who followed his father's footsteps into the 14th/20th and showed promise of becoming a good soldier and polo player until the Second World War sealed his fate; he was seconded to the Royal Air Force and shot down flying a reconnaissance Lysander over the battle area, sustaining injuries from which he never really recovered. The second son Seymour, born "In" the Regiment, served in the Fleet Air Arm and is now a distinguished agricultural adviser and valuer in Devonshire.

All ranks and families in Cologne were thrilled when Major "John" Hurndall, with his lovely wife, joined the Regiment as 2IC.

They had a host of distinguished friends, kept an attractive house and hospitable board, always impeccably turned out to suit the occasion; and they were as good as they looked.

One does not have to soldier for many years to realise what a great and lasting effect the leadership and example of such a couple has on the Regiment.

Alas we have lost Madine this year. She died after a long and lingering illness, devotedly cared for by her husband and son.

We all loved her, her beauty and soft caressing voice, her gaiety and Irish wit, her wisdom and understanding; above all for her faithful and fascinating friendship.

We are grateful for all she did for us individually and for showing us a way of life which was fair and beautiful.

J.A.T.M.

Officers' Pensions Society

The objects of this society are to procure improvements and increases in the retired pay and pensions of officers and widows and to promote their interests in every way.

The Society has influenced the award of many improvements and increases in retired pay and pensions, and still has a long way to go.

There are now 26,000 members, which number is increasing every day. The annual subscription is £1 for retired officers and 5s. for widows. So many useful concessions are available to members that they can save far more than the cost of subscriptions.

Details can be obtained from the General Secretary of the Society at 137 Victoria Street, S.W.1.



Manchester 1965

"Mums and Dads" of serving soldiers with Colonel Stephen at Northern Old Comrades
(Left to Right): Mr. Goodhall, Mrs. Farrell, Mrs. Goodhall, Colonel Stephen, Mrs. Penzer, Mr. Penzer



Northern Branch Old Comrades, Manchester 1965



London Reunion

(Left to Right): The late Mr. Adams, Major Palmer and Colonel Stephen

Regimental Benevolent Fund

Mrs. Bernard has sent the following figures for 1965 taken from her Ledger. The account has not yet been audited so there may yet be some slight adjustments.

INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Subscriptions: Officers, Past and Present	123	9	0	Grants	509	9	9
Regimental Subscriptions ..	127	10	1	Administration	94	11	7
All Saints, Benghazi ..	25	0	0	Donations to Charities ..	49	12	0
Investments	531	17	3				
Tax Rebate	112	17	8				
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	£920	14	0		£653	13	4
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Grants were made to 38 people, of which four are quarterly allowances. They were made for coal, clothing, hire purchase arrears, extra nourishment, debts incurred through illness or unemployment, and funeral expenses.

Of the above cases two were Serving Soldiers.

Clothing parcels were again sent out to some of the more needy cases and gifts of warm and useful clothing (both sexes) are always acceptable at the office.

Ten ex-members of the Regiment were found employment as follows: Cheltenham—Driver; Liverpool—Process Worker; London—Postman; Chelmsford—Government Trainee; Salisbury—Carpenter; Hull—Semi-Skilled Worker; Hamilton—Fitter's Mate; Aberdeen—Corporation employee, Lighting Department.

The Waterloo Despatch

It was in Brussels on June 15, 1815 that the Duchess of Richmond held her glittering Ball at which many of the officers of the Duke of Wellington's Allied army were present. One of these was Major The Hon. Henry Percy, grandson of the first Duke of Northumberland and son of the Earl of Beverley.

Percy was an officer in the 14th Light Dragoons. According to our Regimental Record he served in the Regiment from 1811 to 1821. He also took part in Sir John Moore's expedition into Spain in 1808-09 and he was one of the officers who buried Sir John at Corunna.

The news that Napoleon's Advance Guard had reached Quatre Bras—only 20 miles south of Brussels—brought the Duchess of Richmond's Ball to a sudden end. Wellington went off to give orders for the concentration of British troops and the young officers had to leave immediately to join their regiments and get them moving to the battlefield. Percy, who was one of Wellington's A.D.C.s, left hurriedly to attend to his duties in the field. Like many officers he had no time to change from his Ball dress which he was still wearing six days later.

While the "fair women and brave men" were leaving the Ball, Percy's partner—whose identity is alas unknown to us—gave him a handkerchief sachet of purple velvet as a keepsake. He stuffed it into his pocket and there it remained forgotten during the fighting of the next three days. But it was to come in useful later.

When the Battle of Waterloo was won Wellington retired to his Headquarters in Waterloo village. Early the next morning he started work on the rough draft of his despatch. This was to be the Commander-in-Chief's official report of the battle to the Prince Regent and the Government, and probably the first news of the great victory which the people of England would receive. Later in the morning the Duke rode into Brussels where a fair copy of the despatch was made—presumably by a clerk—but signed by Wellington.

Except for Percy, all Wellington's A.D.C.s had been either killed or wounded during the

fighting. According to Percy's family he had been wounded in the foot. If this is so the wound cannot have been a serious one for he was given the honour of carrying the despatch back to the Prince Regent in London. He was also to take two gold-topped French Standards which, according to the Duke's orders, he was to lay at the feet of the Prince Regent.

Percy now remembered the sachet which his partner had given him at the Duchess of Richmond's Ball, and he used it for carrying the despatch during the journey. The sachet, Percy's coatee which he wore at the Ball and subsequently, and other relics are today kept at the home of the present Duke of Northumberland: Alnwick Castle, the ancestral seat of the Percys. They were displayed during the Waterloo Exhibition in London in 1965.

Percy left Brussels on June 19 and travelling in a post chaise and four made for Ostend and embarked on H.M.S. *Peruvian*, a 200-ton brig sloop of 16 guns. The journey had so far gone well, but now came disaster. The wind dropped and the ship was becalmed in mid-channel. The effect on Percy can be imagined. With the news of Waterloo burning in his pocket he was a prisoner on board the brig which was unable to move farther.

However, Captain White, R.N., who commanded the ship was a resourceful man. The gig was lowered and with four stalwart members of the crew, Percy and the Captain were rowed to England. It is said that Percy took an oar himself, for having rowed at Eton he was evidently a good oarsman! This part of the journey was said by the sailors to have taken only four hours. But as they had to row nearly 40 miles it was presumably a tall story.

Percy and his companions landed at 3 p.m. on June 21 with the precious French Standards and the despatch. Their journey to London was triumphal. Dashing through the towns and villages of Kent the sight of the French standards streaming in the wind from each window of the chaise could only mean one thing: victory over the hated

Bonaparte. When the horses were changed at Canterbury, Sittingbourne and Rochester the good news spread and was greeted by cheering crowds.

Having reported the good news to members of the Cabinet in London, Percy went to find the Prince Regent who was (as usual) at a party. By now Percy was exhausted. He had not been to bed for nearly a week and he had not changed his uniform since the Duchess of Richmond's Ball but he had one last commission to perform.

The Prince Regent and his brother the Duke of York were at a Ball at the home of a Mr. and Mrs. Boehm at No. 16 St. James's Square. Hardly had the Ball started when in dashed Percy—a dishevelled looking figure in his torn and bloodstained tunic. Clutching the two standards—one in each hand—he

advanced across the room and bending down on one knee before the Prince Regent he announced the news. "Victory . . . Victory, Sire" and presented him with the despatch and the two captured French standards.

The Prince withdrew to read the despatch and was seen to weep as he read the names of friends who had been killed. Everyone was excited and clamouring for news after the pent-up feelings of the last few days. Soon the Royal party took their leave, and sinking with fatigue Percy was driven away to his father's house in Portman Square, where, in spite of the clamouring crowds outside, he slept well.

Percy was later created a Commander of the Bath and promoted Lieutenant-Colonel. He died in 1823 aged 40.

M.A.U.S.

Regimental History

For some years now the Regiment has been considering ways and means of producing a complete and up to date history. The activities of the 14th King's Hussars has been recorded in two volumes covering the period 1715-1922 and a book was written about the 20th Hussars in World War One. But what is needed now is not a record as such but a readable book covering the whole period to-date dealing with the 14th, 20th, 14th/20th and 26th Hussars.

We have therefore commissioned Lt.-Col. L. B. Oatts, D.S.O. (Rtd.) to write a history of the Regiment and we hope that it will be completed by 1968. Col. Oatts has already written several books including the history of his own Regiment—the Highland Light Infantry—and that of the 3rd Carabiniers, which has just been published. He will doubtless visit the Regiment at Tidworth during 1966.

The production of a book of this sort with only a limited circulation is expensive. We have therefore launched a History Fund. Past and present members of the Regiment and other interested parties are being asked to subscribe in advance either three pounds for an ordinary copy or five guineas for a specially bound numbered copy. If you wish to subscribe to a copy in advance and have not already done so, cheques should please

be made out to "The 14th/20th King's Hussars History Account," and sent to the Regimental Secretary, Lancaster House, Norton Street, Manchester, 16.

Medicina 1966

(250th Anniversary)

The 250th anniversary of the raising of the Regiment is to be celebrated at Perham Down, Tidworth, May 27-29, 1966.

There will be functions in the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes for past and present Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants, on May 27, 28 and 29. A Trooping the Guidon parade will take place at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, May 28. This parade is to mark:

- (1) 250th Anniversary.
- (2) The change of Colonels of the Regiment.
- (3) The Conversion from Armoured Cars to Tanks.
- (4) Medicina.

Details are being circulated to all concerned.

Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry

One cannot avoid the hard truth of course—the year 1965-66 has been the year of the shadow of disbandment for the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry.

Though training and the usual wide range of social activities have gone unabated "The Future of the T.A." has been the inevitable recurring topic of conversation on schemes, at conferences and study periods and around bars.

It could be fairly said that the Regiment has taken a prominent part in the vast battle of spoken and written words that has been going on since last April and which really opened with a suspiciously familiar—sounding article in *The Times* written from an unidentifiable (?) camp by the paper's Northern Correspondent. Members of Parliament have been written to, telegraphed, and lobbied, and that Section of T.A. Regs. which forbids communications with Press and Public has been considerably bent. Major Clemence's name and face have become almost as familiar to readers of the Manchester Evening News as

those of its leading feature writer. At the time of writing, the words are still being bounced to and fro but there seems reasonable prospects that the Regiment may become the nucleus of an important unit of the projected Home Security Force and possibly also retain its title in a sub-unit of the Army Volunteer Reserve.

It is no good pretending that it has been anything but a worrying and frustrating period of uncertainty, particularly since it began just as the Regiment seemed on top of its form at the highly successful Nesscliff camp last summer.

The reaction of all ranks has been highly gratifying however. Attendances for training have dropped of course, but not anything like the percentages expected and certainly nothing like as badly as in some neighbouring units. Business as usual has been maintained in all Squadron drill halls with full cadre and weekend exercise programmes, and recruits are still coming in.

The Nesscliffe Camp followed the usual



Annual Rifle Meeting

(Left to Right): R.S.M. Jude, Colonel Cardwell, Major Phillips, Captain Nelson, Major Ferguson, Mrs. Phillips



Nesscliffe Camp

(Left to Right): Lieutenant-Colonel Marshall, S.S.M. Plunkett, Mr. St. Johnston, Mr. (Local Captain) Sheen, W.O.II Rothwell, Sgt. Stark

pattern of long days and short nights both on military and social occasions. The minor casualty rate was slightly higher than usual—also on both military and social occasions—but the R.M.O. was able to obtain a replenishment of sutures and all ranks returned home in one piece and with almost as much blood in their veins as when they left. The 1965 B.R.A.C.'s Exercise against the Shropshire Yeomanry was one of rugged affairs of this type, culminating in a Regimental night harbour in a full gale on a Pembrokeshire moor with horizontal rain and an enemy commando attack to divert everyone's minds from the lack of sleep.

Among the more memorable weekend schemes have been two encounters with student pilots from R.A.F. Valley in the Denbighshire hills. The Regiment now regularly acts as an enemy Internal Security force when the pilots are carrying out their escape and evasion training. The first of these exercises was held in one of the worst blizzards of the year and coincided with "A"

Squadron Leader's edict that Land Rovers used on recce training *would* be stripped of their canopies, sidescreens and all visible civilian comforts. The whole affair became highly realistic.

The Second-in-Command (Major Chartres) found himself—much to his own surprise—at a real war in September when his newspaper despatched him to Pakistan. He returned with a slightly haunted look which he claimed was not entirely due to sharp reminders of what the noise of real 25-pounder shells and 500-lb. bombs do to the lower digestive organs, but also to the fact that beer was 15 shillings a bottle in Lahore and he hadn't made his expenses out yet.

We regretfully bade goodbye to Major Ross who left Manchester for some rather warmer rain in Borneo after his brief but eventful spell as Training Major, but have been delighted to welcome Captain de Beaujeu who is handling the unenviable job of keeping things going "under the Shadow" with consummate skill.

2nd Bn. 6th (Q.E.O.) Gurkha Rifles



Major D. E. Tregenza, 2IC of the Battalion, wrote to the Editor with some news in November, 1965.

"Except for one company absent on a short operation in Sarawak, the whole of the Battalion is now concentrated in Seria, Brunei for what we hope will be four months rest and retraining. After some thirteen and a half months of operations it will make a pleasant change for the men of the rifle companies to be able to get down to some training and sport again, although some of the bachelor G.O.R.s will eagerly await their return to the border, if only to escape the R.S.M.'s 'eagle eye'.

"As was mentioned last time, we rely completely upon the air for all movements to our forward companies. The air in turn provides great variety. Within one week we may see Hunters, Javelins and Canberras overhead; Beverleys and Argosys dropping our supplies; single Pioneers, Twin Pioneers and Beavers landing at Tac H.Q. to carry men in and out; Whirlwinds, Sioux, Scouts and Wessex helicopters lifting men and supplies forward, not to speak of two different types of tiny civilian Cessna, which the Army sometimes charts to backload parachutes. A somewhat different life from the old 'Frontier' we knew in the Indian Army days!

"Operationally it has been a matter of largely unspectacular hard work, although we have had our successes. Because of the differences in terrain and Indonesian dispositions, work in the three Company areas has likewise differed considerably. "A" and "D" Companies have achieved much in dominating their areas without the consolation of even one contact. "C" Company had one very good contact whilst in ambush during April. "B" Company, with the enemy close to them, have had a number of most successful battles and put their particular enemies into a state of almost complete demoralisation. It was during one of these contacts that two G.O.R.s were unfortunately killed by an enemy mine, and three others were slightly wounded.



Captain (Q.G.O.) Amarbahadur Gurung (2/6 G.R.) presenting a ceremonial Kukri to Lt-Col. Frazer at Benghazi

"The men's efforts have not gone unrewarded. In the last operational list Lt. (G.Q.O.) Ranbahadur Pun was awarded the M.C., whilst Sgt. Bombahadur Gurung received the M.M. and Captain (Q.G.O.) Sobaram Pun was Mentioned in Despatches."

During the year we have been able to strengthen the association between the two Regiments. Despite the distance involved, Lts. William Edge and John Clifton-Bligh, Sgt. Jones and Cpl. Tunnicliffe from the Regiment were able to serve a short attachment with this Battalion. As most of their stay with us was spent in the forward locations, we can safely say that they have all earned their General Service Medals 1962 (Borneo). We for our part greatly enjoyed their company. Captain (Q.G.O.) Amarbahadur Gurung 2/6 G.R. appears to have had a marvellous time with the 14th/20th King's Hussars in North Africa, as he never stops talking about his trip and is most grateful for all the hospitality he received. Captain Alec Prevett is due to arrive here at the end of November, 1965, when he will serve an attachment with the Battalion as our Quartermaster. Needless to say we all look forward to his arrival with pleasure.

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Marriages

Captain K. M. Hodson to Miss Anthea King-Wilkinson on September 18, 1965.

Mr. M. L. A. Hope to Miss Alison Lough on January 21, 1966.

Pte. R. Vickers to Miss Joyce Pass on March 27, 1965.

Tpr. G. Bate to Miss Marjorie J. Kerr on April 3, 1965.

Tpr. R. Beach to Miss Audrey Howard on April 17, 1965.

Cpl. I. Leeming to Miss Irene Brightwell on May 1, 1965.

Tpr. V. Capstick to Miss Linda E. Hartley on May 15, 1965.

Tpr. D. Brown to Miss Shelia J. Woolley on May 22, 1965.

A/L/Cpl. Todd to Miss Carole Ann Sheldon on May 22, 1965.

Tpr. F. Essington to Miss Patricia Rogers on June 5, 1965.

Tpr. D. Ashworth to Miss Alma Allbison on June 7, 1965.

Tpr. A. Dickinson to Miss Georgina V. Marshall on June 12, 1965.

Tpr. R. Ashurst to Miss Maureen Hill on June 14, 1965.

Tpr. A. Wagstaff to Miss Jean Townsend on June 19, 1965.

Tpr. R. Morris to Miss Margaret R. Hughes on July 10, 1965.

Tpr. D. Maunder to Miss Janet Stevenson on July 10, 1965.

Tpr. R. Renshaw to Miss June Rees on July 24, 1965.

L/Cpl. A. G. Boyd to Miss Edith Etchells on July 24, 1965.

Cpl. D. Wareing to Miss Alessandra Donnelly on November 13, 1965.

Births

To Major and Mrs. C. C. G. Ross, a daughter (Geraldine, Catherine, Ghislaine), on April 7, 1965.

To Major and Mrs. M. H. Goodhart, a son (Jonathan, Luke, Henry), on July 24, 1965.

To Captain and Mrs. J. A. Pharo-Tomlin, a daughter (Sally, Kate), on September 14, 1965.



Tpr. and Mrs. G. A. Bate

To Capt. and Mrs. D. B. M. Gordon, a son (Rupert, Ian, Mackenzie), on June 4, 1964.

To Tpr. and Mrs. W. Barham, a daughter, on October 1, 1963.

To Cpl. and Mrs. D. Williams, a son (Michael), on August 4, 1964.

To Tpr. and Mrs. A. Moors, a son (Michael John), on September 15, 1964.

To Tpr. and Mrs. D. Warren, a daughter (Fiona Elizabeth) on November 13, 1964.

To A/Cpl. and Mrs. R. Sefton, a son (Paul Steven), on October 14, 1965.

To Tpr. and Mrs. S. Mills, a daughter (Mary Lynn), on March 3, 1965.

To Sgt. and Mrs. R. Garner, a daughter (Jane Louise), on March 9, 1965.

To S.Q.M.S. and Mrs. G. Shakespeare, a son (Frank Phillip), on March 13, 1965.

To L/Cpl. and Mrs. R. Wye, a daughter (Joanne), on March 15, 1965.

To Tpr. and Mrs. D. Grimshaw, a daughter (Beverley Tina), on March 17, 1965.

To A/L/Cpl. and Mrs. N. Copestick, a daughter (Jasmine), on March 31, 1965.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Redmond, a daughter (Deborah, Louise), on April 20, 1965.

To Bds. and Mrs. J. Swales, a daughter (Allison Dawn), on May 9, 1965.

To Tpr. and Mrs. M. Shaw, a son (Andrew), on June 16, 1965.

To Tpr. and Mrs. R. Ashurst, a daughter (Tracy), on June 24, 1965.

To Tpr. and Mrs. P. Bradley, a son (Peter Stuart), on July 7, 1965.

To A/Cpl. and Mrs. R. Sefton, a son (Antony David), on July 16, 1965.

To Cpl. and Mrs. P. Hughes, a son (Phillip David), on August 4, 1965.

To Cpl. and Mrs. G. Morley (R.A.P.C.), a son (Simon Robert), on August 24, 1965.

To Cpl. and Mrs. C. Passam, a daughter (Elizabeth), on September 14, 1965.

To L/Cpl. and Mrs. G. Travis, a daughter (Gaynor), on August 20, 1965.

To Tpr. and Mrs. V. Capstick, a daughter (Michelle), on September 25, 1965.

To Cpl. and Mrs. T. Podesta, a son (Edward), on October 29, 1965.

To A/L/Cpl. and Mrs. C. Daubney, a daughter (Nicola Gay), on November 2, 1965.

To Sgt. and Mrs. R. Smith, a son (Ian, Michael), on November 6, 1965.

To Tpr. and Mrs. S. Traskowski, a son (Dale Stanley), on November 10, 1965.

To Cpl. and Mrs. G. Taylor, a son (Martyn), on November 12, 1965.

To Tpr. and Mrs. D. Blocke, a daughter (Shirley Ann), on November 28, 1965.

To Sgt. and Mrs. M. Burgess, a son (Mark), on November 29, 1965.

To L/Cpl. and Mrs. W. Morris, a daughter (Helen, Jayne), on November 30, 1965.

To Cpl. and Mrs. I. Leeming, a son (Paul Anthony), on December 3, 1965.



Captain and Mrs. K. M. Hodson

The Officers

Officers Serving with the Regiment, January, 1966

Regimental Headquarters

C.O.	Lt.-Colonel S. R. M. Frazer
2IC	Major P. B. Cavendish
Adjutant	Captain J. V. Eyre
Assistant Adjutant . .	Mr. R. F. Cornish
R.S.O./Mess Sec. . .	Mr. J. R. C. Bligh

"A" Squadron

Squadron Leader . .	Major R. E. D. Harris, M.C.
2IC	Captain P. J. Whittington
Second Captain . .	Captain P. Harman
Troop Leaders . . .	Mr. W. R. T. Edge
	Mr. J. J. D. Barrow
	Mr. C. M. J. O'Brien
	Mr. J. F. A. Hope

"B" Squadron

Squadron Leader . .	Major W. J. Stockton
2IC	Captain V. J. Tubbs
Troop Leaders . . .	Mr. J. P. Rawlins
	Mr. P. R. H. Clifford
	Mr. P. R. G. Vickery
	Mr. M. G. S. Davis

"C" Squadron

Squadron Leader . .	Captain C. A. Pemberton
2IC	Mr. W. G. C. Bowles
Troop Leaders . . .	Mr. J. R. Smales
	Mr. T. A. Colquhoun
	Mr. G. E. Pike

"H.Q." Squadron

Squadron Leader . .	Major G. R. D. Beart, M.B.E.
2IC	Captain D. B. M. Gordon
Second Captain . .	Mr. M. L. A. Hope
Air Troop Leader . .	Captain H. C. W. G. Joynson
Quartermaster . . .	Captain (Q.M.) T. Vale
Tech. Adjutant . . .	Mr. W. H. Bentley
E.M.E.	Captain W. H. D. Wood (R.E.M.E.)

Paymaster Captain A. E. Bush (R.A.P.C.)

Rejoined Regiment January, 1966

Captain T. G. Lang

Home Headquarters

Major M. A. Urban-Smith, M.C., (Rtd.)

Officers Serving Away from the Regiment January, 1966

Lieutenant-Colonel	
B. C. L. Tayleur, O.B.E.	A.M.S. F.A.R.E.L.F.
Lieutenant-Colonel	
G. A. L. C. Talbot . .	A.O.R.E., Fort Halstead
Lieutenant-Colonel (Q.M.)	
R. M. Roberts, O.B.E. . .	Staff College, Camberley
Major D. A. Heath, M.C.	M.A. Khartoum (Aug 66)
Major M. A. James, M.C.	B.M. 160 Inf. Bde.
Major W. D. Garbutt . .	J.L.R., R.A.C.
Major D. E. Wreford . .	I.F.V.M.E.
Major J. M. Palmer . .	Ministry of Defence
Major C. C. G. Ross . .	51 Gurkha Inf. Bde., Borneo
Major (Q.M.) B. E. Moore	A.D.S., B.A.O.R.
Major M. H. Goodhart . .	H.Q. R.A.C., 3 Div.
Capt. J. A. Pharo-Tomlin	R.N. Staff College
Captain C. A. Park . .	F.V.R.D.E., Chertsey
Captain (Q.M.) R. Boulter	R.A.C. Ranges, Castle- martin
Capt. (Q.M.) A. F. Prevett	Q.M. 2/6 G.R., Borneo
Captain D. L. de Beaujeu	Adjutant, D.L.O.Y.
Captain K. M. Hodson . .	F.V.R.D.E., Kirkcud- bright
Mr. D. V. F. Chappell . .	1st Troop, Para. Sqn. R.A.C., Bahrain
Mr. T. D. Holderness	
Roddam	A.D.C. to G.O.C. Malta and Libya (Regt. Mar. 1966)
Mr. J. R. G. Keith . .	25 Flight A.A.C. British Guiana.
Mr. E. Sheen	Q.M. D.L.O.Y.
Mr. C. R. K. Dean . .	Y.O.s' Course, Bovington

Regimental E.R.E. List

W.O.1 P. C. W. Witney	Advance Base, Antwerp
Sgt. F. J. Baker . . .	H.Q. Rhinedahlen Garrison
Sgt. H. Bradshaw . .	14th Flight A.A.C. (Pilot)
Sgt. P. F. Jackson . .	A.B.T.U.
Sgt. L. G. Marsden . .	653 Sqn. A.A.C.
Sgt. E. J. Morris . . .	A.B.T.U.
Sgt. T. C. Wood . . .	J.S.N.B.C. Winterbourne Gunner
Cpl. J. D. Barclay . .	A.B.T.U.
Cpl. J. Boyle	A.B.T.U.
Cpl. L. A. Foxcroft . .	A.B.T.U.
Cpl. C. Passam . . .	A.B.T.U.
Cpl. R. R. Darbyshire	2. Flt. A.A.C.
Tpr. W. G. Bell . . .	J.S.S.C., Latimer

Cpl. M. L. Green . .	2 Wing A.A.C. (Pilot's Course)
Cpl. A. Greenwood . .	7 Armd. Bde.
Cpl. D. Redmond . .	D.R.A.C., Lulworth
Cpl. H. Taberner . .	A.M.R.U., Chester
Cpl. N. D. D. Weaver	2 A.D.S., B.A.O.R.
L/Cpl. A. G. Boyd . .	A.M.R.U., Chester
L/Cpl. B. Grubb . . .	A.A.S., Carlisle
L/Cpl. L. W. Wilding .	J.S.S.C., Latimer
Tpr. W. J. Barham . .	13 Flt. A.A.C.
Tpr. J. L. Barnes . .	Mons O.C.S.
Tpr. K. Beaumont . .	J.S.S.C., Latimer
Tpr. B. T. Bestwick . .	F.V.R.D.E. (Kirkcudbright)
Tpr. P. Bradley . . .	F.V.R.D.E. (Chertsey)

Tpr. G. E. P. Clowes.. 15 Flt. A.A.C.
 Tpr. S. Elson .. R.M.A.S.
 Tpr. W. Jones.. R.A.P.C. Training Centre
 and Depot
 Tpr. B. Shuttleworth .. Mons O.C.S.
 Tpr. G. F. Smith .. 9 Flt. A.A.C.
 Tpr. I. F. Truscott .. 40th/41st R.T.R. (T.A.)
 (P.S.)

R.A.C. SCHOOLS

S/Sgt. H. Hughes .. D. & M. School (Instructor)
 Sgt. V. L. Colbourne.. D. & M. School (Instructor)
 Sgt. E. D. Hill .. R.A.C. Gunnery School
 Sgt. P. Midgley .. R.A.C. Gunnery School
 (Instructor)
 Tpr. M. F. Taylor .. R.A.C. Gunnery School

R.A.C. CENTRE

W.O.2 G. D. Black
 Sgt. D. W. Clarke
 L/Cpl. S. Fawcett
 L/Cpl. J. Nelis
 Tpr. S. J. Brabin
 Tpr. G. T. Doherty
 Tpr. T. A. Gardner
 Tpr. J. C. Godfrey
 Tpr. B. Jackson
 Tpr. B. Longshaw
 Tpr. T. H. Tickle
 Tpr. B. E. Tomlinson

SPECIAL RECRUITERS

W.O.2 D. Flowers
 (Manchester)
 Sgt. C. Cunliffe (Preston)

RECRUITING TEAM

(Mobile Information Unit)
 Cpl. K. Steele
 Tpr. N. Bolton

D.L.O.Y.

W.O.1 S. Jude
 W.O.2 T. Hurd
 W.O.2 A. B. Plunkett
 Sgt. G. G. Elliott
 Sgt. G. Jackson
 Cpl. H. G. Heneghan
 Cpl. G. W. Marshall
 Tpr. J. P. Slamon

PARA SQN. R.A.C.

L/Cpl. I. D. R. Ratcliffe
 Tpr. G. L. Dootson
 Tpr. G. V. Kirk
 Tpr. S. Goddard
 Tpr. P. B. Webb
 Tpr. B. A. Wolstencroft

TRIPOLI CAMP STAFF
(Regiment, February/March 1966)

Cpl. B. F. W. Bewley
 Cpl. B. R. Garner
 Cpl. J. Jackson
 Cpl. E. G. Lowden
 Cpl. A. Smith
 Cpl. M. L. Vasey
 L/Cpl. A. E. Angel
 L/Cpl. J. E. Masters

L/Cpl. M. G. Plummer
 L/Cpl. D. Pomfret
 L/Cpl. R. W. Rhodes
 L/Cpl. V. Spencer
 L/Cpl. D. Wild
 Tpr. P. A. Brocklehurst
 Tpr. F. R. Essington
 Tpr. J. Fletcher
 Tpr. E. I. Forrester
 Tpr. P. F. Hughes
 Tpr. M. Moran
 Tpr. G. Murrell
 Tpr. J. E. Smith
 Tpr. D. Tomlin
 Tpr. C. Taylor
 Tpr. S. J. Winzer
 Tpr. L. W. Wright

PERSONNEL RETURNING

Who have not yet been Allocated to Squadrons
 From

Sgt. R. Burkey .. Cyrenaica Area Camp Staff
 Sgt. E. G. Campbell .. A.B.T.U.
 Sgt. G. Nichols .. R.A.C. Centre
 Cpl. R. J. Bonfield .. R.A.C. Centre
 Cpl. A. K. Roadnight.. D.L.O.Y. (P.S.)
 L/Cpl. A. V. Lamb .. R.A.C. Centre
 Tpr. S. G. Allen .. R.A.C. Centre
 Tpr. N. B. Barratt .. R.A.C. Centre
 Tpr. T. Garwell .. R.A.C. Centre
 Tpr. J. W. Lewis .. F.V.R.D.E. (Chertsey)
 Tpr. D. D. Ozanne .. R.A.C. Centre
 Tpr. J. Steele .. R.A.C. Centre
 Tpr. D. Whipp .. R.A.C. Centre

J.L.R. R.A.C.

S.Q.M.S. C. Osborne
 Sgt. B. A. Bradbury
 Sgt. J. P. Howard
 Sgt. E. Millward (Band)
 Tpr. R. Benns
 Tpr. L. G. Eames
 Tpr. T. F. J. Marland

A.A. J.L.R.

L/Cpl. A. E. Bell

**RECRUITS JOINED
FROM A.B.T.U.**

Tpr. P. E. H. Dunnico
 Tpr. D. F. Eadsforth
 Tpr. M. F. Floyd
 Tpr. D. Gradin
 Tpr. D. W. Harvey
 Tpr. R. W. K. Roadnight
 Tpr. T. P. Robinson
 Tpr. K. Smith
 Tpr. R. H. Whitehill
 Tpr. R. Young

**ATTACHED BUT NOT
YET ALLOCATED**

Cpl. I. Hunt (R.E.M.E.) Cfn. W. O. Baillie
 Cpl. F. R. E. Ordynski (R.E.M.E.) (R.E.M.E.)
 Cfn. W. M. Fallows (R.E.M.E.) Cfn. Potter (R.E.M.E.)
 Cfn. P. R. Hayter (R.E.M.E.) Cfn. Toovey (R.E.M.E.)
 Sgmn. Harrison (R. Sigs.)

Nominal Roll, January 1966

'H.Q.' SQUADRON

R.H.Q. TROOP

W.O.1 T. R. Cripps	L/Cpl. J. D. Lay	Tpr. K. Boardman	Tpr. K. Jackson
Sgt. R. K. D. Sherrington	L/Cpl. B. McVay	Tpr. J. T. Buckley	Tpr. D. G. Ryding
Sgt. B. C. Stocker	L/Cpl. I. S. Street	Tpr. S. Childs	Tpr. G. Smith
Cpl. R. Taylor	L/Cpl. S. A. D. Squires	Tpr. J. O. Cleverley	Tpr. C. C. Tottman
L/Cpl. R. H. Furlong	Tpr. B. A. Archer	Tpr. A. F. Cornes	

Orderly Room

O.R.Q.M.S. J. J. Escott	Cpl. M. R. Holland	Tpr. A. B. Beveridge	Tpr. P. H. Taylor
Sgt. M. Glancy	L/Cpl. R. A. Crowther	Tpr. P. Briggs	Tpr. B. Underhill

S.H.Q. Troop

W.O.2 W. Taylor	Cpl. D. R. Williams	Tpr. B. Harrington	Tpr. P. McMullen
G/Sgt. J. M. V. Marcelle	Tpr. T. Alcock	Tpr. A. L. Heard	Tpr. T. Rimmer
S.Q.M.S. G. P. Shakespeare	Tpr. G. A. Bate	Tpr. H. Lees	Tpr. A. R. Warrington
Sgt. R. East	Tpr. R. H. Chadwick	Tpr. P. McNamara	Tpr. G. J. Wilkinson
Sgt. M. H. Young	Tpr. C. Daniels	Tpr. S. Mills	Tpr. T. F. Wood
Cpl. F. N. Nield			

Q.M. Troop

R.Q.M.S. J. C. W. Macgregor	Cpl. J. A. Diver	L/Cpl. D. H. Brown	Tpr. N. Henshaw
S.Q.M.S. F. Alvin	Cpl. J. Lloyd	Tpr. D. E. Bullock	Tpr. G. K. F. Jackson
G/Sgt. B. Layhe	Cpl. E. A. Podesta	Tpr. M. J. Cullen	Tpr. C. A. Miller
Sgt. J. Owen	Cpl. R. Sefton	Tpr. S. du Rose	Tpr. K. Sefton
	Cpl. I. C. Springthorpe	Tpr. R. George	Tpr. S. Traskowski

Technical Troop

R.Q.M.S. J. Bury	Cpl. C. G. Molloy	Tpr. J. G. F. Barker	Tpr. G. R. Hill
G/Sgt. M. B. Gates	Cpl. R. H. Veness	Tpr. B. Battersby	Tpr. J. K. Roadnight
Cpl. K. J. Kendall	L/Cpl. W. T. S. Morris	Tpr. E. R. Capstick	Tpr. R. J. Squires
Cpl. G. Mackenzie	L/Cpl. G. W. M. Robertson		

Air Troop

G/Sgt. K. G. Preece	Tpr. D. J. Grimshaw	Tpr. T. Jeggo	Tpr. W. N. Warren
Cpl. M. J. Cotton	Tpr. J. E. Hall	Tpr. D. H. Maunder	Tpr. K. Williams
Cpl. G. F. Smith	Tpr. G. Jackson	Tpr. D. A. Warren	

Regimental Police

Sgt. D. H. Davies	L/Cpl. P. J. Stuffs	Tpr. D. B. Aindow	Tpr. E. Goodwin
L/Cpl. H. McCaffrey	L/Cpl. H. G. Thompson	Tpr. C. Ball	Tpr. F. M. Smith
L/Cpl. R. Mullen			

L.A.D. Troop

A.S.M. R. S. Duncan	Cpl. J. R. Roberts	L/Cpl. W. J. Oakley	Cfn. J. D. Diggins
A.Q.M.S. L. G. Springthorpe	Cpl. H. A. Watt	L/Cpl. A. J. Stewart	Cfn. J. Halmshaw
S/Sgt. D. J. Barnes	Cpl. E. Willson	L/Cpl. J. L. Trigg	Cfn. R. S. Small
Sgt. T. A. Heath	L/Cpl. T. N. Askew	L/Cpl. D. A. Wheatley	Cfn. A. White
Cpl. D. Hallett	L/Cpl. G. E. Bell	Cfn. B. Y. Baskerville	Cfn. K. Wilde
Cpl. A. G. Lunny	L/Cpl. W. G. Burgoyne	Cfn. G. G. M. Coffin	Cfn. R. J. Wilkinson
Cpl. J. T. Reid	L/Cpl. A. E. Burnip	Cfn. R. T. H. Cusk	Cfn. J. M. Williams

M.T. Troop

Sgt. St. J. K. Powell	Tpr. J. Cartwright	Tpr. M. J. Gallagher	Tpr. G. Pape
Cpl. W. M. Butcher	Tpr. R. N. Crank	Tpr. P. Grant	Tpr. J. A. Prescott
Cpl. B. Nadin	Tpr. A. Dickinson	Tpr. G. Green	Tpr. T. J. Sloan
Tpr. D. Boshier	Tpr. M. E. Downs, B.E.M.	Tpr. A. Gregory	Tpr. P. Wrigley
Tpr. F. Carroll	Tpr. R. Flint	Tpr. G. Lightbrown	

Pay Troop

S/Sgt. P. Dunne	Cpl. L. Dello	Cpl. T. Mitchell	Cpl. V. Nicholls
Sgt. R. Smith			

Cooks Troop

W.O.2 A. W. Benting	L/Cpl. K. Fugill	L/Cpl. M. C. Trotter	Tpr. R. Fraser
Cpl. C. P. Bessant	L/Cpl. C. W. Hodges	Tpr. W. A. Callaway	Pte. E. A. Haigh
Cpl. J. N. Gunning	L/Cpl. D. Joughin	Tpr. M. G. W. Cook	Tpr. A. R. Jones
Cpl. D. B. McCullam	L/Cpl. G. S. Lofthouse	Tpr. B. S. Crossland	Tpr. R. J. Prendergast
Cpl. P. McManus	L/Cpl. D. H. Mayes	Tpr. R. R. Curry	

Newmarket Troop

S.Q.M.S. T. E. Baker	L/Cpl. P. Binns	Tpr. D. Griffiths	Tpr. A. E. Moors
Sgt. C. Barber	L/Cpl. M. F. G. Elgie	Tpr. W. R. Griffiths	Tpr. B. Moulton
Cpl. A. A. Bennett	L/Cpl. C. Jose	Tpr. J. Hobson	Tpr. J. T. Pitts
Cpl. D. Forman	Tpr. D. Candlin	Tpr. B. Holden	Tpr. A. J. Price
Cpl. W. R. Woodcock	Tpr. M. T. Greenwood	Tpr. W. T. Lee	Tpr. P. L. Went

Band Troop

W.O.1(B/M) B. M. Thomas	Cpl. E. L. Osborne	Bdsm. G. A. Crompton	Bdsm. R. Plunkett
S/Sgt. J. G. Wainwright	L/Cpl. D. A. E. Chittock	Bdsm. W. D. Denford	Bdsm. D. Rogers
Sgt. (T/M) K. Jones	L/Cpl. P. E. V. Hotston	Bdsm. J. J. Gallagher	Bdsm. N. G. Schofield
Sgt. P. B. Harding	L/Cpl. W. J. Lane	Bdsm. R. Gunner	Tpr. W. G. Semple
Sgt. A. C. Lenton	L/Cpl. V. C. Smith	Bdsm. C. Love	Bdsm. D. L. Thomas
Cpl. D. V. Bateman	L/Cpl. J. H. Swales	Bdsm. T. Meynell	Bdsm. M. G. Thomas
Cpl. P. B. Connell	Tpr. A. Birkett		

Air Troop (Attached)

W.O.2 E. Vear (R.E.M.E.)	Sgt. D. P. Lovell	Sgt. P. J. Prentice	Cpl. I. G. Winchester
S/Sgt. A. Fenlon	(R.E.M.E.)	(R.E.M.E.)	(R.E.M.E.)
(R.E.M.E.)	Sgt. R. S. Marshall	Cpl. J. Blackmore	L/Cpl. R. E. Raynor
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Cpl. G. Bingham	L/Cpl. M. A. Medcalf	Tpr. W. K. Price	Tpr. A. W. Mayall
Cpl. J. Mulholland	Tpr. G. S. Bell	Tpr. M. A. Ryan	Tpr. T. D. Singleton

3rd Troop

Sgt. B. Smith (191)	Tpr. D. Crossley	Tpr. A. F. Navin	Tpr. R. Smith (021)
Cpl. J. Rushton	Tpr. R. Mackenzie	Tpr. D. Perry	Tpr. B. Taylor (692)
Tpr. D. J. Blocke			

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Sgt. M. H. Burgess	L/Cpl. R. W. Massiah	Tpr. M. Bush	Tpr. J. A. Harrison
Cpl. J. Eadsforth	Tpr. K. Burns	Tpr. P. Edwards	Tpr. M. Shaw

5th Troop

Sgt. V. J. Smith (085)	L/Cpl. H. Taylor	Tpr. J. Kenna	Tpr. M. McGowan
Cpl. J. H. Spencer	Tpr. J. Clements	Tpr. R. F. Matthews	Tpr. B. Tunner

S.H.Q. Troop

Sgt. J. P. Taylor	Tpr. D. T. Gallagher	Tpr. I. Neilson	Tpr. G. Stanford
L/Cpl. G. Travis	Tpr. J. Kerwin	Tpr. J. E. Platt	Tpr. R. Webster (258)
Tpr. B. Draper	Tpr. S. A. J. Morris (803)		

M.T. Troop

Sgt. D. C. Harper	Tpr. R. Clitheroe	Tpr. R. Knight	Tpr. J. H. Mason
Cpl. I. K. Leeming	Tpr. A. Davis	Tpr. R. Morris (492)	Tpr. D. A. Stewart
Tpr. R. J. Banks	Tpr. J. Gibson	Tpr. C. G. Molloy	Tpr. D. R. Taylor (729)
Tpr. J. Birch	Tpr. D. Kinloch		

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Tpr. K. Simm
Tpr. B. Tomlinson
Tpr. J. Warburton

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A.Q.M.S. Minard
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Cpl. Brown

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Cpl. Linford
Cpl. Rolt
Cpl. Wheeler

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L/Cpl. Gooding
L/Cpl. Parker
L/Cpl. Payne

L/Cpl. Williams
Cfn. Bates
Cfn. Coots

A.C.C.

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L/Cpl. Moffatt

Pte. Vickers

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Cpl. Nicholls

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Tpr. R. J. Foster

Tpr. R. J. Fry
Tpr. K. Glover

Tpr. D. B. Holmes
Tpr. J. F. Spilling

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L/Cpl. J. E. Platt
Tpr. W. F. Dixon
Tpr. D. Farrell

Tpr. E. Hamblin
Tpr. M. Sherlock

Tpr. F. H. C. Smith
Tpr. R. Spence

3rd Troop

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Cpl. D. Tunnicliffe

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Tpr. M. K. Foster

Tpr. J. T. Harris
Tpr. W. S. Hutton
Tpr. M. J. Lever

Tpr. P. Lomas
Tpr. E. Lowe
Tpr. G. McGrath

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Tpr. J. Benson

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Tpr. J. P. McSpirit

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L/Cpl. R. D. Hetherington	Tpr. P. A. Farrell	Tpr. J. Schofield	Tpr. B. E. Woolford

3rd Troop

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Cpl. P. M. Tonks	Tpr. B. Jones	Tpr. B. Taylor	

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