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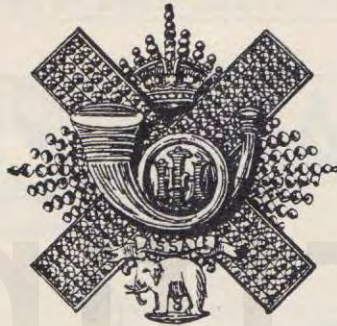
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FROM the cellars of the 5/6th Drill Hall came some interesting old documents which are now in the Regimental museum. They include amongst others a programme for the 10th Annual Regimental Gathering of the Glasgow Highlanders in March 1880 and a Souvenir Programme of the Royal Scottish Volunteer Review in Edinburgh in September 1905. Perhaps the most amusing, however, are the Regimental notes of the 1st Volunteer Battalion, H.L.I., dated April 1900, from which we quote the following story and recruiting poem:—

“ During one of the Battles of the American Civil War, the Colonel of a Northern regiment received orders to seize a hill in front which was strongly held by Confederates. Addressing his men after giving detailed instructions as to the formation in which the attack was to be delivered, he concluded: ‘ The General relies on you to secure the position at all costs. The enemy is well entrenched and you are safe to lose heavily, but you must keep right on till you turn them out. On with you boys, to death or glory! Fight like devils! God be with you! If you are repulsed, what’s left of you will retire slowly and occupy the wood half a mile in the rear. I’m a bit lame myself, so I think I’ll just start for the wood now.’

*Excuse the metre,
But why did Peter*

Jones become a volunteer?

*Was it because his best girl said
She never in this world would wed*

*A man who had a soul so dead
As not to don a doublet red,
And serve his Queen
On Glasgow Green?*

*Yes, that’s how Peter,
Who’s no fire-eater
Was forced to be a volunteer.”*

In this issue the location of Officers again appears. Readers will probably notice that it is not really explicit and this deserves an explanation.

A large, expensive-looking and very dry epistle arrived in the Depot from a very secret department in the War Office. Being busy at the time, the Adjutant glanced through the letter and found that it dealt with security in Regimental Magazines. Immediately all information about the locations of Officers was withdrawn from the Chronicle. The Adjutant has now had time to read the complete instruction but is still not clear as to what is allowed and what not. However, the Depot having been searched without success for witches, we are taking a chance and hope that you will find the location list of some help.

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We have not a hand-writing expert in the Depot—nor as far as we know, do the printers employ one. Nor do we have at the Depot a typist who can be spared to type contributions to the Chronicle before going to the printers. In short, articles must be typed. Most contributors do—why not you?

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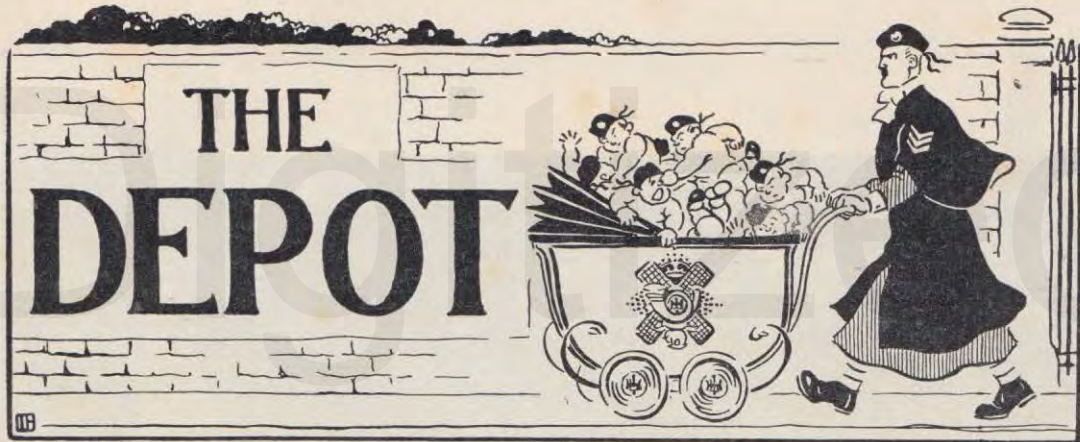


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THE steady rhythm of the potter mentioned in the last quarters notes, has been interrupted to ensure that the Public could see something of how the potter works and the quality of his produce.

On the 17th August, the Military Band and two Platoons of recruits marched from the Barracks to George Square, where the Assaye Colour was marched on and the Lord Provost inspected the parade, which then marched back to Maryhill with fixed bayonets. A Cocktail Party on the 13th July ensured that the Press were forewarned and Glasgow turned out in large numbers to see its own Regiment, while the papers also published some good photographs of the Parade. The recruits acquitted themselves well in a march of over 9 miles.

The next day, the Depot was open to the Public who could see the Museum, some films, supporting arms, equipment, or listen to the Military Band which played in the N.A.A.F.I., and then beat Retreat. Rain certainly kept the numbers down, but in the afternoon the Depot was full of gaping faces and admiring whispers. Altogether, about 1,000 people visited the Barracks.

It is very hard to say definitely what effects this activity had on Recruiting, but August brought more Regulars to the Depot than any other month on record, and the present Intake of

54 is made up of 12 National-Servicemen and 42 Regulars.

The Suez Crises flooded us with long haired and angry looking civilians in uniform but Sgt. Moran ensured that the Press could be told truthfully that they were doing something useful.

Alistair Mack has replaced Ian Donnelly, who has now returned to help the Battalion in their endeavours. Charles Orr has taken Douglas Hamilton's place, who has left the Army. Colin MacKenzie is off on leave to see if all they say about Sweden is true before going on an MMG. Course and then back to the Battalion.

Friends of Sgt. Harry Forbes will be glad to know that he keeps himself remarkably cheerful after his unlucky accident. He is out of the Victorial Hospital now, but will soon have to go to Cowglen for a Medical Board. We all hope most sincerely that the outcome will be satisfactory. Meanwhile we send him our best wishes for a speedy recovery and we hope he will soon be getting about again. Our 5 dancers at the Tattoo missed his expert tuition but still carried themselves well.

The Depot Football Team is flourishing under O.R.Q.M.S. Brown. Out of 7 games this year, they have won 7, scoring 34 goals with only 4 goals against and whatever Glasgow Police do outside, they can never beat us at home.



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The Lord Provost inspecting the Parade on 17th August, 1956

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The ASSAYE Colour being marched on parade at George Square

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES

FROM time to time the Regiment loses to Civvy Street, one or more of its old members. Last month saw the departure of Alec Cowan, ex-Bugle Major and Company Sergeant Major. We were all extremely sorry to lose Ginger but are glad that he is within "Carry out" distance. I would like here to draw the attention of members and ex-serving members that "The Gird Club" will now be 'wound up' and all Girds Mk IV and Cleeks Mk III must be returned soonest to Mr. Cowan in Gourrock. There will be no further Gird Club fee.

Despite a certain member who reckons "We can't afford it, you'll never get that much," arrangements for the Assaye Ball are well under way—Alfie Osborn coping very efficiently with the "Laying on." We are all very fortunate too, in that the Regimental Dance Band will be playing for us. A jolly good show is expected.

Many of our serving and ex-serving members will no doubt be very pleased to learn that ex-R.Q.M.S. Sammy Graham has made a complete recovery from his long illness and is now out of hospital and in regular attendance at our Mess Social activities.

In the field of sport! The Mess were worthy "Runners up" at the last Biscuit Club games night. In fact, we have been "Runners up" in all three tournaments. Well done the Biscuit Club. On behalf of the Mess Members, their wives and lady friends, I would like to offer our thanks for the very fine dance and games night they put on in May.

The Monthly dances will be commencing again shortly. There has been so much happening of late that we have been quite unable to continue them. However, it is hoped that after the Assaye Ball, we shall be able to re-continue them.

October and November will see us entertaining our friends of the Territorial Messes. A games night has been arranged for October 6th, and invitations to the 5/6th H.L.I. and the 1st Glasgow H. Messes have been sent out. We are also hoping to have a representation from the Glasgow University P.S.Is.

November 18th is the date set for the Inter-Regimental Small Bore Shoot between 1st Glasgow H., 5/6th H.L.I. and Depot H.L.I. This is the first time since 1938 that the Small Bore Cup Competition will have been held. It is expected to be keenly contested.

In July, an invitation from the Glasgow Highlanders was received by us, to visit their Mess at Barry Camp. Several members availed themselves of the opportunity, arriving there on the Saturday afternoon. Naturally, they stayed overnight because although Sgt. Gray knows the road to Dundee, he doesn't know the road to his bed. However, our thanks to R.S.M. Chapman and his Mess Members for a very pleasant evening.

There have been many comings and goings since our last Chronicle of Mess events. The Band, ever welcome anywhere and particularly so by us, are with us, headed, of course, by Bandmaster Mitchell, Band S. Sgt. Watson, Sgt. Bendy and Bosun Welsby. Sgt. Houston paid us a flying visit whilst in Glasgow in July. We were all glad to see him looking fit and well again. Sgts. Montgomery, Moody and Moran are also with us now from the Battalion and in their respective ways, have been greatly helpful in the Mess. This applies particularly to Sgt. Montgomery, who is, at the time of these notes going to press, decorating the Mess throughout. By the

way, Sgt. Montgomery. Philip Harben sent us a letter asking for your Union dues. Know anything about them? Maybe Band S. Sgt. Watson and Sgt. Jamieson will pay them for you?

Congratulations to Sgt. Davidson on his recent promotion.

Finally, congratulations to O.R.Q.M.S. Dadswell, M.B.E., on his commissioning to the Gurkha Regiment as Q.M. Mr. Dadswell left us shortly after the last Re-union Dinner and was presented, on behalf of the Re-union Dinner Club, with an inscribed clock with matching table lighter and cigarette box inscribed.

TRAINING COMPANY NOTES

LEAVE has featured most prominently since the last CHRONICLE notes. Everyone in the company has disappeared at least once but by now we are more or less back to full establishment. Lt. Mackenzie is, however, an absentee, being at present in Sweden and returning from there to Netheravon to learn the intricacies of the M.M.G. and from thence to the Battalion.

Lt. Donnelly has now joined the Battalion, his leave having been punctured by at least two false starts, and Lt. Hamilton has departed to civilian life to seek fame and fortune, and in this we wish him luck.

Lts. Mack and Orr have taken their places and we hope that they will settle down happily to the trials of Maryhill, Dechmont and Garelochhead.

We have said goodbye to all our Cpl. Instructors and the old team is now making its mark in either the Battalion or civilian life, and their replacements are undergoing the "treatment"—Unit Cadres, Fort George Cadres, etc., etc. They will no doubt be happy when it is all over and they are turned loose on the unsuspecting recruits.

Intakes come and go and the square is never silent. Sgt. Walker trained Waterloo Platoon for the Countess Roberts Cup Competition and if all his hard work does not produce the trophy, he at least must take pride from the really first class show his Platoon put up on the day of the competition. The result is as yet unknown, but we have our hopes. The last two Passing-Out Parades have been small affairs, only one Platoon passing out on



Night Exercise at Cameron, July 1956
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each occasion, but what they lacked in quantity they made up for in quality and won praise from the officers taking the parades, Brigadier E. J. Montgomery and Lt. Colonel Treloar.

We played our part nobly during Army Week and the author of these notes could spread himself on our triumphal progress through Glasgow but the Editor, who sees himself as a literary don, claims the right to write the epic on the grounds that he was a volunteer on the parade.

The "At Home" on the Saturday of Army Week, was attended by approximately a thousand rain-drenched citizens of Glasgow and by about twice as many small children. These small children made the R.E.M.E. craftsmen, who assemble jeeps at the Military Tattoo in Edinburgh in what is claimed to be a remarkably short time, look like fumbling amateurs. We now know where Giles of the *Daily Express* gets his models. Sufficient to note that the Commanding Officer left on leave that evening pale and exhausted.

The Depot football team goes from strength and is as yet unbeaten; however, some people feel that it is sticking its neck out in beating the Glasgow Police team by a large margin.

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The Victoria Cross Centenary Exhibition

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THE Regiment was represented at this exhibition by portrait photographs of twelve holders of the Victoria Cross out of the thirteen awarded to members of the Regiment. These photographs are on permanent exhibition in the Regimental Museum. In this centenary year of the Victoria Cross it will be of interest to readers of the CHRONICLE to record their names—a roll of honour common to all regiments in the Army and yet to each regiment something all its own—just as proud in a sense as its roll of battle honours.

Pte. George Rogers, 71st H.L.I.—Indian
Mutiny.

Lieut. W. M. Edwards, 2nd Bn.—Egypt 1882.

Capt. A. G. Hore-Ruthven, 3rd Bn.—
Sudan 1898.

Pte. C. Kennedy, 1st Bn. } South Africa
Cpl. J. Shaul, 1st Bn. } 1899-1902.

Pte. George Wilson, 2nd Bn. }
Lt. W. L. Brodie, 2nd Bn. } The
Cpl. D. F. Hunter, 1/5th Bn. } Great War
L/Cpl. W. Angus, 8th Bn. } 1914-1918.
Pte. J. B. Hamilton, 1/9th Bn. }

Sgt. J. Turnbull, 17th Bn. }
Lt.-Col. W. A. Anderson, 17th } The
Bn. } Great War
1914-1918

Major F. G. Blaker—World War II, 1939-45.

Of this roll there are three survivors—Hunter, Angus and Hamilton—all of whom attended the V.C. Parade held on the 26th June. The Victoria Crosses of George Rodgers, Charles Kennedy and George Wilson are in the Regimental medal collections in the Depot.

Two holders died in recent years—Cpl. Shaul and Capt. Hore-Ruthven, who later became the Earl of Gowrie and Governor-General of Australia.

Charles Kennedy was a great footballer and was in the team that won the famous Durand Cup. He met a tragic and gallant death when he was killed trying to stop a runaway horse in Edinburgh in 1907, a few years after his discharge.

The following article, which was the introduction to the Guide to the Exhibition at Marlborough House, is given in full for it is a historic document full of factual information of great interest. It will certainly help to settle many an argument which the young soldier, and the not so young soldier, may take part in.

“FOR VALOUR”

Of all the orders and decorations open to members of the British Commonwealth, the Victoria Cross remains the most honoured, the most coveted. It marks its wearer as one possessing supreme courage, a disregard for danger, and complete devotion to duty. The men portrayed in this Exhibition displayed a resolute boldness and a readiness for self-sacrifice that give the lie to the cautious, the hesitant and the defeatist. Because of the gallant fashion in which they acted they will retain our wonder so long as courage, contempt for danger, and daring remain noble qualities.

The Victoria Cross was instituted in 1856 and was made retrospective from 1st August, 1854. It is the only British decoration for military bravery which can be awarded posthumously. The first action which gained the Cross was that of Midshipman Charles Davis Lucas, Royal Navy, who, on the 21st June, 1854, in the Baltic Sea during the Russian War, picked up a live shell, its fuse still burning, and flung it overboard. The last Victoria Cross was awarded posthumously to Lieutenant P. K. E. Curtis of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, attached to the Gloucesters, who won the V.C. for bravery in Korea on the 22nd-23rd April, 1951. The award has been made 1,347 times in the century, of which 290 have been posthumous.

This glorious fellowship remains unique; it has no order nor chapel. The insignia is a small bronze cross costing a few shillings. It is confined to no caste, imposes no religious requirement nor colour bar. In the words of the Warrant—“Neither rank nor long service, nor wounds, nor any other circumstance or condition whatsoever, save the merit of conspicuous bravery”—shall entitle a man to the award. The Cross has been granted to 13 persons of non-British origin, including three Danes, a German, a Swiss, a Belgian and one Ukrainian. It is estimated that approximately 400 holders are now living.

The first presentation of the new decoration was made by Queen Victoria in Hyde Park on 26th June, 1857, when 62 sailors and soldiers received the award. The Prince Consort conceived the idea, but the Queen herself was personally responsible for much of the rest. She altered “For the Brave” to “For Valour” and ordered that the Cross should be awarded only “to those officers and men who have served us in the presence of the enemy and shall then have performed some significant act of valour or devotion to their country.” The V.C. takes precedence over all orders and decorations. It is the personal award of the Sovereign and only by Order of the Sovereign can a name be erased from the Register. Recipients other than those of commissioned rank receive a pension of £10 a year with an additional £5

for a bar. In cases of need the annuity may be increased to £75, for which commissioned officers may also be considered. The design is a Maltese cross in bronze, adorned by a crown surmounted by a lion, with a scroll bearing the inscription, "For Valour." On the reverse is the date of the action, and the name of the holder is inscribed on the back of the clasp. The ribbon is red for all services although, until July, 1918, the Royal Navy used the blue ribbon.

The Cross has from the first been made by Messrs. Hancock, London jewellers, and is hand fashioned. The metal used is taken from guns captured from the Russians during the Crimean War. It is fairly certain, however, that during periods in both World Wars metal from captured Chinese guns was used.

"The gallantry, self-sacrifice, and utter disregard of personal safety displayed by this officer during this period of most severe fighting is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Service." This is a typical phrase taken from a citation and is a bare description of the courage displayed. For no recommendation requires more confirmation or is more carefully investigated. Many recommendations have been granted a lower award; but it is on record that an award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to Company Sergeant-Major Peter Wright of the Coldstream Guards for an action at Salerno, Italy, in September, 1943, was replaced by a Victoria Cross on a command from King George VI. Four hundred and ninety-two awards have been won by men below the rank of Petty Officer and Sergeant.

The nature of this unique brotherhood is revealed by the humbling fact that, of the only three double V.C.s, two were awarded to non-combatants, medical officers attending the wounded. Surgeon-Captain Arthur Martin-Leake, F.R.C.S., won his first V.C. in South Africa in February, 1902; his bar was given for bravery during the period 29th October-8th November, 1914, at Zonnebeke. Captain Noel Godfrey Chavasse, M.C., M.B., B.C.L., was a Captain in the R.A.M.C. attached to the 1/10th Bn. Liverpool Regiment, when he won his first V.C. at Guillemont in August, 1916. He was awarded the bar for his outstanding bravery at Wieltje, Belgium, between 31st July and 2nd August, 1917, when he received wounds from which two days later he died. Captain C. H. Upham, New Zealand Military Forces, who is the only living holder of the double V.C., gained his first award in Crete between the 22nd and 30th May, 1941, and the bar in the Western Desert in July, 1942.

There are three cases of the Victoria Cross being bestowed on father and son:

- (1) Lieutenant F. S. Roberts, Bengal Artillery (later Field-Marshal Lord Roberts), Indian Mutiny, January, 1858.

Lieutenant The Honourable F. S. Roberts, King's Royal Rifle Corps, South African War, December, 1899. Lieutenant Roberts was later killed in action.

- (2) Captain W. N. Congreve, The Rifle Brigade, South African War, December, 1899.
Brevet Major W. La T. Congreve, M.C., Rifle Brigade, France, 1916.

- (3) Major C. J. S. Gough, 5th Bengal European Cavalry, Indian Mutiny, August, 1857, and February, 1858.

Captain and Brevet Major J. E. Gough, The Rifle Brigade, Somaliland, 22nd April, 1903.

There are four cases of the Victoria Cross being bestowed on brothers:

- (1) Major C. J. S. Gough, 5th Bengal European Cavalry, as in (3). Lieutenant H. H. Gough, 1st Bengal European Light Cavalry, Indian Mutiny, 12th November, 1857, and 25th February, 1858. The Gough family has thus won three V.C.s.
- (2) Major R. W. Sartorius, Ashanti War, 6th Bengal Cavalry, 17th January, 1874. Captain E. H. Sartorius, 59th Regiment (now 2nd Bn. East Lancashire Regiment), Afghan War, October, 1899.
- (3) Lieutenant-Commander G. M. Bradford, Royal Navy, H.M.S. *Iris III*, Zeebrugge, 22nd and 23rd April, 1918. Lieutenant (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) R. B. Bradford, M.C., 9th Bn. Durham Light Infantry, France, 1st October, 1916.
- (4) 2nd Lieutenant A. B. Turner, Royal Berkshire Regiment, France, 28th September, 1915. T/Lt.-Col. V. B. Turner, Rifle Brigade, Western Desert, 27th October, 1942.

The youngest winner of the Victoria Cross was Boy John Travers Cornwall, Royal Navy, who, at the age of 16, at Jutland in 1916, was the central figure in a gallant incident unsurpassed in the sagas, and who died fighting. The oldest living V.C. would appear to be Captain R. C. Nesbitt, Mashonaland Mounted Police, who won his award in Rhodesia in June, 1896. He is now 88 years of age. The first soldiers to win the award were Lieut.-Colonel E. W. D. Bell of the 23rd Foot (now Royal Welch Fusiliers); and Sergeant J. McKechnie and Private W. Reynolds, both Scots Fusilier Guards (now Scots Guards). These were awarded for bravery at the Battle of Alma on 20th September, 1854. The first of the great band of airmen to win the Victoria Cross was 2nd Lieutenant W. B. Rhodes-Moorhouse of the Royal Flying Corps, who gained the supreme decoration for bravery on 26th April, 1915. He was killed in action winning the Victoria Cross.

Who, without a quickening of the heart, can recall that fabulous band of airmen who led, first the Royal Flying Corps, and later the Royal Air Force, into this select fraternity—Ball, McCudden, Mannock and McNamara in the first World War; and Gibson, Garland, Cheshire and Hannah, who inspired us with their youth and daring when Britain again stood with her back to the wall.

Native born Indians became eligible for the Victoria Cross by command of King George V in 1911. Hitherto the highest decoration for bravery among Indian troops had been the Indian Order of Merit. Sepoy Khudadad Khan, of the Duke of Connaught's Own Baluchis, was the first to win the Cross at Hollebeke, Belgium, on 31st October, 1914. The last was Rifleman Lachiman Gurung, 8th Gurkha Rifles, for an action in Burma on the 12th May, 1945.

Although the original Royal Warrant states that "The Cross shall only be awarded for most conspicuous bravery or some daring or pre-eminent act of valour or self-sacrifice or extreme devotion to duty in the presence of the enemy," this was changed during the period from 1858 to 1881. Six awards were then made during peace, and Private T. O'Hea, Rifle Brigade, won the V.C. for courageous conduct in suppressing a fire in a railway c containing ammunition in Quebec on 9th June, 1866. This is the one V.C. which was gained in the New World. Assistant Surgeon C. M. Douglas, M.D., and four Privates of the 24th Foot (now the South Wales Borderers) were awarded the decoration for bravery in the Andaman Islands on the 7th May, 1867, in saving the lives of comrades. Nowadays the George Cross, the Medal of

the Order of the British Empire (B.E.M.) and the Albert Medal are given for bravery not in the face of an enemy.

Five Chaplains are included among the holders of the Victoria Cross. One was won during the Afghan War in 1879, and three during the First World War. Among the latter was the Rev. Theodore Hardy, who won the decoration for outstanding bravery in 1918, when he was 50 years of age. He had already been decorated with the D.S.O. and the M.C. The fifth was the Canadian, J. W. Foote, who won his Cross at Dieppe in August 1942.

Four civilians were awarded the Cross during the Indian Mutiny, and civilians are still eligible if serving with a unit of the armed forces. In the Royal Warrant dated 22nd May, 1920, and signed by Winston Churchill, as Secretary of State for War, are mentioned "Matrons, Sisters, Nurses and staff of the Nursing Services and other Services pertaining to Hospital and Nursing and Civilians of either sex serving regularly or temporarily."

We sense the shadow of Florence Nightingale.

No woman has yet been awarded the Victoria Cross, but the story of Mrs. Webber-Harris is of more than passing interest. As the wife of the Colonel of the 104th Bengal Fusiliers (later the Munster Fusiliers) in 1869, on the North-West Frontier of India, Mrs. Webber-Harris insisted on accompanying her husband when his Regiment was ordered out into cholera camp. So bad was the scourge that in one night alone 27 men were stricken and died. Mrs. Webber-Harris continued to tend and nurse the sick, and sang to them in the camp concerts which she organised. Her energy, her inspiration, her very presence made such an impression, that on their eventual return from their morbid isolation, the officers of the Regiment presented their Colonel's wife with a golden replica of the Victoria Cross. General Sir Samuel

Browne, V.C., attended the ceremonial presentation organised to pay tribute to a very brave woman; and Queen Victoria sanctioned the facsimile.

The V.C. has been won twice in Britain, by airmen. Lieutenant W. Leefe-Robinson, of the Royal Flying Corps, attacked and shot down a Zeppelin over Cuffley, Hertfordshire, on the night of 2nd September, 1916, whilst all London looked on. Flight-Lieutenant J. B. Nicolson, R.A.F., although badly wounded, in August, 1940, shot down an enemy fighter before baling out over Southampton. The Cross was won on 4th July, 1940, in English waters by Leading Seaman Jack Mantle, Royal Navy, in H.M.S. *Foylebank*, who, during an air-raid on Portland, continued to serve his anti-aircraft gun after his leg had been shattered. He later died of his wounds.

Not all these exploits were performed in the heat of battle. Consider the cold courage of Sapper William Hackett, R.E., who in 1916, deep in a tunnel beneath the enemy lines, elected to remain with a stricken comrade, although he knew his tunnel was about to be blown up by the enemy; and Lieutenant P. S. W. Roberts and Petty Officer T. W. Gould, Royal Navy, who in February 1942, crawled about the intricacies of a submarine at sea and finally, at hideous risk, dislodged an unexploded German bomb which had pierced the conning tower casing.

Those who died after a glorious fashion—Cornwell, Mottershead, Grenfell, Geoffrey Keyes and Warburton-Lee, and the last unknown warrior who, losing touch with his comrades in the darkness and clamour of battle, goes steadfastly forward to a solitary death on the enemy ramparts, these men tower in spirit above mortal achievement. They invoke our wonder and we marvel at their quality.

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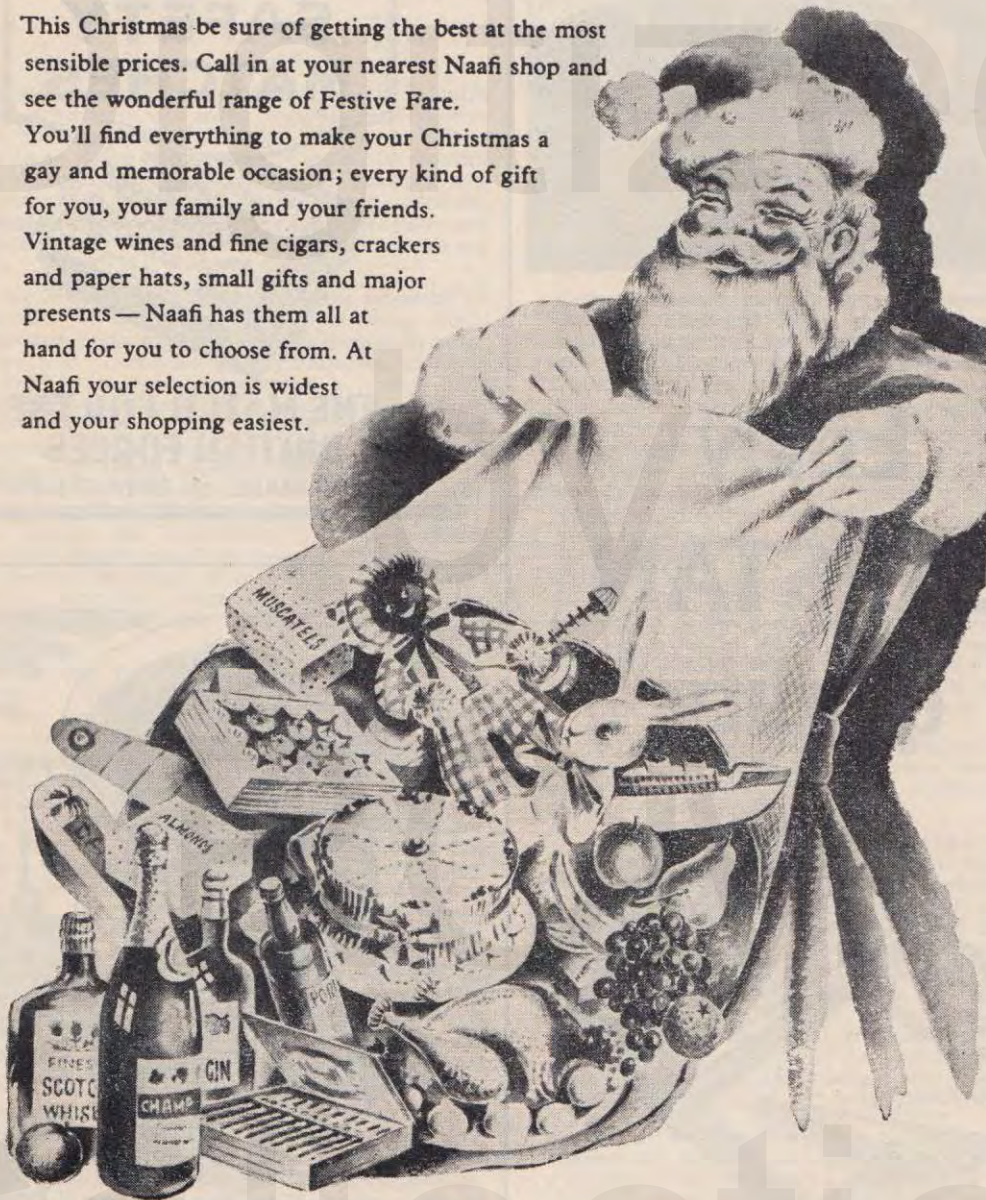
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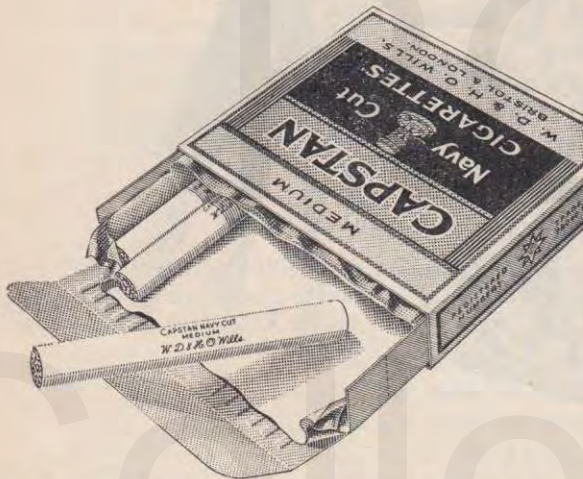
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Victoria Cross Centenary Parade

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An Eye-Witness Account

I WAS fortunate indeed to procure two seats to watch the above ceremony, and as the Regiment has altogether had thirteen recipients of this great and unique decoration it seems fitting that an account should be recorded in the CHRONICLE of what can only be described as a most impressive parade and a very moving occasion. One wonders indeed whether there has ever before been a parade such as this or whether there can ever be one again.

On the 26th June, 1857, Queen Victoria presented the first medals to members of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Army who had won this decoration in the Crimean War. They were the first recipients, and since then there have been approximately a further 1,300 awards, three men having won it on two occasions. Queen Victoria, in a scarlet and blue uniform, with a tricorne hat surmounted by a small red and white cockade and riding side saddle, presented these medals in Hyde Park. There was a representative parade of Life Guards, Dragoons, Artillery, Royal Engineers, Foot Guards, Royal Marines and Highlanders, and the ceremony ended with a march past of the troops on parade. It was in the previous year that a Royal Warrant had instituted this new decoration, which was eventually to take precedence over all other Orders, decorations and distinctions.

Now another Queen, our ruling sovereign Queen Elizabeth II, was going to honour with her presence some three hundred recipients from all over the world. It was a lovely sunny day with a trickle of wind in the trees and again the scene in Hyde Park. To start with, Guards of Honour from the three Services marched into the arena. First the Royal Navy with a Royal Marine band, then the Scots Guards, and finally the Royal Air Force. Once the Guards had taken up position in line then three hundred holders of the Victoria Cross marched on to parade, headed by the Royal Marine band playing "Sons of the Brave." They were greeted by a "Fanfare for Heroes," played by trumpeters of the Royal Military School of Music, and by a general salute from the triple Guards of Honour. After them came 23 disabled who were in wheel chairs pushed by Guardsmen. To complete the picture the ground was kept on three sides by men of the three Services, and at the Royal dais stood the Queen's two Gurkha Orderly Officers and Yeomen of the Guard.

Soon after this the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret arrived. Already on the dais were the Prime Ministers of most of the Commonwealth countries—conveniently in London for one of the big conferences. Then at 11-30 a.m., in the far south-western corner of the square, the sunlight could be seen glinting on the helmets and breastplates of the Captain's Escort of the Household Cavalry escorting the Queen's open carriage. Some had hoped that the Queen, like her predecessor, would come, as she does on the ceremony of Trooping the Colour, mounted side saddle, in scarlet uniform and wearing a tricorne hat. However, it was obvious that as Her Majesty intended to inspect the parade and talk

to many of the recipients this would not be possible and she arrived in an open landau drawn by four Windsor greys. The carriage drew up before the dais, and the Queen, wearing a light blue flowered frock, long blue gloves and a matching feathered hat, alighted. The Duke of Edinburgh accompanied her and was dressed in the uniform of Admiral of the Fleet.

The Queen was greeted by a Royal Salute and a fanfare for "A Jubilant Occasion." After the playing of the National Anthem she descended from the dais with the Duke of Edinburgh, Admiral Sir Martin Dunbar-Nasmith, V.C., and an Equerry, to review the V.C.s, who were drawn up in line and in national contingents. One noticed that she spoke to about every sixth individual. There were hardly any amongst them in uniform, and it was rather touching to see how some of them weren't certain whether they should take off their hats or not. After going down each of the three lines she then went to the drawn up rows of those in bath chairs, and she spoke, as far as one could see, to each of these. After completion of this she then moved over to the special enclosure, which was very close to where we were sitting, and talked to relatives of those that had received the decoration posthumously or had died since the award. I thought this was particularly moving, and one saw, for instance, a little boy aged about 12 wearing what must have been his father's Victoria Cross, and one also saw a number of elderly women proudly wearing the V.C. and medals belonging to their relatives.

The Queen then returned to the saluting dais, where she spoke to the parade through a microphone. Her apt and touching words certainly had a most emotional appeal. They were as follows:—

"On January 29th, 1856, Queen Victoria created the Victoria Cross. It was to be awarded to those fighting men who, in the presence of the enemy, performed some signal act of valour or devotion to their country. In her Royal Warrant the Queen directed that neither rank nor long service nor wounds nor any other circumstance or condition whatsoever, save the merit of conspicuous bravery, should be held to establish sufficient claim to the honour. It was the first award to be open to officers and men alike, and it was the Queen's desire that, in her own words, 'it should be highly prized and eagerly sought after by the officers and men of our naval and military services.'

We are not a warlike nation, but whenever war has come our fighting men have shown a standard of courage which has inspired the respect of all nations and the dread of the aggressor. In all the changes of these hundred years that courage has not changed. No one in 1856 foresaw how, in our time, the citizen would take his equal place in war beside the professional fighting man. The tradition of courage has in this century become the common inheritance of all citizens of the Commonwealth. In the past century 1,344 men have won the Victoria Cross, three of them more than once. They were men of all ranks, and they came

from all walks of life. They were of different colours and creeds. They fought in many lands and with many different weapons. If the Queen had been able to see into the future she would have known that a third service would arise to seek this supreme award in the air. Ninety-nine years ago to-day, here in Hyde Park, the Queen presented the Cross to 62 officers and men honoured for their bravery in the Crimean War and the Baltic Sea.

To-day I am proud to stand here, with men and women from all parts of the Commonwealth, to do honour to the successors of that first gallant band, to the 300 brave men who are present, and to those others who can be with us only in spirit, or in the memory of family and friends. But their stories are linked by a golden thread of extraordinary courage. Each man of them all gave the best that a man can give, and all too many gave their lives. All met with honour those demands of war which urge the valiant spirit to the limits of human endeavour and endurance. They dared mightily, and 'turned their necessity to glorious gain.' To-day, in honouring them for what they did, we pay tribute to an ideal of courage which all in our fighting services have done their best to attain.

But on this proud occasion let us not forget that courage in battle is only one side of war's account. Do not let us think that it cancels out the suffering and misery which man has inflicted on man. We must all pray, and strive to secure, that the account may now be closed. But should the need arise, which God forbid, we can be sure of this: that there will not be wanting other brave spirits to uphold the record of those whose deeds, during the past eventful century, we proudly commemorate to-day."

When this was over the Victoria Cross holders marched past to the band of the R.A.F. Central Command, the tune being "Action Front." These men, most of them elderly, had stood for three-quarters of an hour, and quite a bit of this had been at attention. Not one dropped out of the ranks. They were led past Her Majesty by Lord Freyberg, who set a slow and dignified pace—and what an inspiring sight it was. It certainly brought a lump to one's throat and one could not help seeing many people with handkerchiefs out trying to hide the tears rolling down their cheeks. Of course all the men on parade were famous, but amongst them were those whose names have almost become household ones—Group Captain Cheshire; Colonel Carne and Lance-Corporal Speakman of Korea, the latter 6 ft. 7 ins. high and in his K.O.S.B. Kilmarnock bonnet, towering over the rest of the parade; Lieut.-General Sir Carton de Wiart; Colonel Victor Turner of the Rifle Brigade, whose brother also won the decoration posthumously in the First World War; Capt. Upham of the New Zealand Forces, who is one of the three who have won the Victoria Cross and bar. From the Regiment there was Mr. W. Angus, who was a Lance-Corporal in the 8th Bn. and won the decoration at Givenchy on 12th June, 1915; Mr. J. B. Hamilton, a Lance-Corporal of the 1/9th Bn., near Ypres on 25th September, 1917; Mr. D. F. Hunter, a Corporal of the 1/5th Bn., at Moeuvres on 16th September, 1918; and Mr. D. L. Macintyre, of The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who won the decoration when serving with the 1/6th Bn. H.L.I. at Fontaine Croisilles on 24th August, 1918. The latter is particularly well known in recent years to officers who have been serving with Headquarters Scottish Command, as he is the senior representative of the Ministry of Works dealing with the Castle in Edinburgh. There was also Brigadier L. W. Andrews of the New Zealand Forces, whom I was particularly pleased to see as he had been

attached to the 2nd Bn. in India for two years, and had been my Company Commander for a while.

Although one was emotionally moved by the whole parade, one could not help feeling particularly proud of those from Pakistan and India—Sikhs, Punjabi-Mussalmans, Gurkhas, Rajputs. There they were, in their distinctive uniforms and dress. One realised that they had won their Victoria Crosses not for their own country, but for Great Britain, in a cause which possibly meant nothing to them, but probably only for the honour of their own regiments, whose records are as great as the records of our own fighting forces.

If anything could mar the ceremony possibly it was also with the Indians—those that now belonged to Regiments of the Indian Republic. It was noticed that their Victoria Crosses came second or third in the row of medals. It seems a pity that the Indian Government, or whoever was responsible, should have decreed that officers and men must wear their own country's medals before this—the greatest honour ever to be awarded.

Afterwards one learnt that amongst the British recipients there was an imposter who had no right to the medal. The Queen even spoke to him. Amongst heroes such as these so despicable a thing needs no further comment.

Thus the parade went past, and disappeared behind the three Guards of Honour, to dismiss at the back. Again we saw the Escort with their glittering breastplates, the tossing plumes on top of the helmets, the horses' coats all glossy in the sun, and the saddlery looking quite lovely. The Queen left as she had arrived, with a tremendous welcome from the crowd, which must have numbered about 20,000. This welcome had also been continuous throughout the parade. The clapping as the Victoria Cross holders came on parade, as the Queen talked to them, and as they marched past was quite terrific. One will never forget the whole setting, and what an honour it was to be present on such a glorious and inspiring occasion.

R. D.

★ ★ ★ " BATTLE HONOURS "

THE Regimental Battle Honours Committee, formed by the Colonel of the Regiment, has submitted the following Battle Honours to the War Office for approval, for inclusion on the Colours. The consolidated claims of all Battalions of the Regiment have also been submitted for approval to the War Office.

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Quartermaster	Lieut. R. A. PATON.
R.S.M.	W.O.1. D. B. S. MACDONALD.

THE late Spring and Summer months have seen the Bn. more busily engaged against E.O.K.A. than formerly. With the coming of the warmer weather terrorist activity has been somewhat increased in the Bn. area. Grenade-throwing at Bn. vehicles was, during the months of May, June and early July, very prevalent. However, the alertness of escorts and the speed with which fire has been returned in various incidents, culminating in the shooting dead by a soldier of C Coy. of a youth who had just thrown a grenade at his vehicle, has had without doubt a deterrent effect. In one terrorist incident at Trikomo Pte. Fergus, B Coy., received serious wounds necessitating the amputation of his left leg; his cheerfulness and courage in adversity were remarkable, and we are glad to learn he is making good progress in hospital in the United Kingdom.

Incidents have usually been of the grenade-throwing variety in or near villages, but on a few occasions there have been incidents of small-arms being used by terrorists, the last time being an incident when approximately 15 rounds were fired into Bn. H.Q. Camp at Dhavlos during the hours of darkness.

During the summer there have been changes amongst the Officers. Major E. G. C. Haigh relinquished the appointment of Second-in-Command in June and has now gone to Salisbury as Brigade Major of a T.A. Bde. In his place Major Maxwell has come from the Depot. Major Telfer-Smollett left the Bn. for a staff

appointment in England in July; Major Grendon has now fallen heir to H.Q. Coy., having arrived recently from the United Kingdom.

Lt. Mack and 2/Lt. Orr have now gone to the Depot, and we hope Lt. Donnelly will arrive soon to swell our ranks. 2/Lts. Mason, Helm, Mackenzie, Prowse, Borton and Murray have joined the Bn. on first appointment to a commission and we wish them every good fortune in the Regiment.

We regret to record the death following an accident of Pte. G. Cullen of B Coy. Pte. Cullen was buried at Waynes Keep Military Cemetery with full military honours on 9th June.

The weather during the past few weeks has been very hot, and owing to the high humidity rate at times uncomfortable. Unfortunately fans and the other helps to relieving the discomfort of hot weather have not kept pace with the climate. Only now are we beginning to receive our entitlement of these desirable luxuries. However, everyone has the opportunity to have one or two swims a week and basket-ball and football are much in demand. Cricket, too, is breeding its stalwart adherents and one or two redoubtable struggles have taken place.

In spite of the Egyptian crisis, everyone expresses confidence in our return to the United Kingdom early in the New Year. The fact that everyone except the War Office and the Bn. know all the details and dates does not deter us in the least.



W.O.s & SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES

IN our last issue we reported that R.Q.M.S. "Joe" Young was awaiting release. Since then he has left our midst. His departure to Civvy Street was marked by the presentation of a hanging wall clock. We are all sorry to see him leave the Regiment, but he has not yet severed all his connections with the Army. He is at present serving with the T.A. at Peebles, and we are glad to say that he still keeps in touch with the Mess. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Young all success in their new sphere of life, and assure them that they will always find a warm welcome in the Mess.

A happier occasion in the Mess was the news of the award of the M.S.M. to Sergt. "Wullie" McGourty, in his 28th year of service in the Regiment.

Congratulations are also due to Sergt. and Mrs. Hackworthy, Sergt. and Mrs. "Mooch" MacDonald, and "Hammy" on their latest offspring. We had scarcely sobered up after celebrating "Stitch's" latest addition to the family when "Mooch's" good news came along. The Mess eagerly awaits news of further "happy events."

New members to the Mess are Sgts. Mullen, Mitchell and Turnbull—the latter from the Depot—who are all to be congratulated on their promotion. Also arrived from the Depot is Sgt. Laird, to whom the Mess extends a warm welcome.

The great sporting event of the year was, of course, the winning of the All Island "Cyprus Mail" Cup by the Bn. Football Team. The Mess notes for the last edition had just gone to press when the final took place. This, therefore, is the first opportunity we have had to publish our heartiest congratulations to the team.

Sport in general in the Mess has been carried on with all the usual vigour, our summer programme containing cricket and basketball, with the Officers as our most frequent rivals. "Hunch Cuddy Hunch" still shows up occasionally as an indoor sport, and it is usually a bruised and battered "Tara" who emerges from the tangled heap of bodies which invariably results. However, the less belligerent members have found out what the dartboard is for and are trying to lead us round to more peaceful evenings.

Quite a few members have been quick to take advantage of the Paid Leave Scheme to U.K. This accounts for the periodic rise and fall of P.O.S.B. figures and the corresponding fall in the Mess Bar profits.

That is all for the present from a hot and sticky Dhavlos. Some members, we know, hope that they will not be included in the next notes. They hope to be in — Oh, well, who really knows?



H.Q. COMPANY NOTES

SINCE the last edition we have been looking forward to a long overdue leave in Blighty. But holidays don't seem to come our way. We don't know what it is to have Easter, Whitsun, or the Fair Holidays. In fact, it is said that we won't even make the "Two Minute Silence" in November.

Our first dress parade since the Colours was the Queen's Birthday Parade. H.Q. Coy., of course, led the field, and for a change gave the E.O.K.A. hunters (Duty Companies) a showing-up. (No comment!) The parade went off well—even some of the spectators. Still everyone put their hearts into it, even their sweat.

Then the next big attraction was the arrival of Major A. W. Grendon. To him we extend a warm welcome, and our best wishes for a long and happy stay. We convey our regrets at the loss of Major Telfer-Smollett, m.c., and hope he is now enjoying life once again at Loch Lomond. We were sorry our record request of "Gone Fishing" never came through. Perhaps at the time it was off the "Hook."

Going back a little, we will never forget the strenuous memories of "Operation Lillywhite." Don't be misled by the heading. As to us it should have been called "Walk by Night." Comparing it with Garelochhead all we can say is, you "Sprogs" are lucky.

Owing to the situation, we are deeply grieved to announce that all regulars are held back for emergency purposes. Amongst the unfortunates there are "Evergreen" B.O.R. Staff, C/Sgt. "Len" Mason and Cpl. "Sweetie" Thomson. Being thoughtful, as we are in H.Q., we pray that they will just manage to return to civil life in the near future (1984).

With the outbreak of recent fires, "Drummy's Brigade" were sent out to the rescue; but instead of the "Pipes and Bugles" it was "Picks and Spades." Still, we must not forget our heartiest congratulations to the Bugle-major's wife in adding to our ration return—Twins.

Further honours go to L/Cpl. MacDonald in achieving the highest grading in Delta Company's *warming* Cadre. Also to L/Cpl. Gibson, who also did extremely well on the same Cadre.

On closing this issue we are sorry we cannot give much "Griff" on when the "Hubs" will be returning to Blighty. (Hush! Hush!) But as the saying goes: "It's not what you know, it's who you know." We will close this issue hoping that the next issue is from Blighty.

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M.T. NOTES

"OUTSIDE the M.T. Platoon now"—once again the familiar call, and the platoon starts another hard day's work. Since the Bn's arrival in Cyprus the M.T. Platoon has put in a lot of hard graft.

The drivers can now cheerfully face the worst road in existence with confidence after using the Cyprus "roads" (?) for six months in varying weather conditions.

We were all sorry to see Cpl. Harrison leave us for the freedom (I wonder) of Civvy Street. He succeeded in training many of the "new boys" on his cadres, even though it was from time to time sore on their knuckles. L/Cpl. Broadfoot, his successor, is still with us, and sweating. Any rumours of his signing on should be disregarded, although we are willing to wager that he will return to the fold once again.

We should like to point out in passing that the photo shown in a certain Scottish daily, as being SP Coy, was really "Our" M.T. Park at Dhavlos.

The park itself has slowly but surely taken shape in the past five months, thanks to the hard work of the "sinners."

Since we arrived we have run three motor cycle cadres, and there are still more to come, so that the Bn. now has a reasonable number of "terrors of Highway 101." The machines have been kept on the road by the able work of Andy Brun and Hutchie.

We were sorry to say farewell to the "Happy Wanderer"—Sgt. Stares—who proved a theory that the R.E.M.E. could do it on "Lilywhite." He has left us and is now giving the benefit of his experience to the vehicles at 3 R.E.M.E. W/shops. Messrs. Yeardeley and Murray are back once more from their Christian Leadership Course, and Messrs. Kane, Haddow, Findlay and Corcoran will from now on be driving about the Cyprus roads in armoured cars. We sincerely hope they will leave some walls standing.

No notes would be complete without a mention of our Football team. Our first team has put in a lot of time on the field, and given a number of people a run for their money. We are now looking forward to the start of the season proper, and many good games to come.

We would like to take this opportunity of congratulating Cpls. Daly and Brown on their promotion.

All in all the platoon is bearing up well under these conditions and will continue to do so. With this triumphant note we will close and "keep 'em on the road" until the next time comes round.

SPEEDO PLUS.

SIGNAL PLATOON NOTES

SINCE the last edition of the CHRONICLE, members of the Signal Platoon have sustained their efforts to maintain communications within and without the Bn. On the whole, their efforts have been rewarded with success. Captain Scobie and Sgt. Weir, stoutly assisted by the various Pronto Minors on detachment, have kept their fingers on the pulse of the platoon and, therefore, no one can be accused of slacking.

At Bn. H.Q., the "Komi Kebir Bandits" and the patrollers still homeward plod their weary ways and leave the world to darkness and to duty operators,

who, in turn, still complain of the obvious effects of cheese for supper every night.

There have been two sorties in the platoon lately which caused quite a stir. Operators from all detachments participated in "Operation Lilywhite," the combing of the Panhandle. Non-participants were almost immediately called upon to fight a forest fire at Xeros, which broke out a short time after the disastrous fire in which so many lost their lives.

The six latest additions to the platoon are at present in the throes of a motor-cycle cadre. If everything goes to plan, they will be our dispatch riders when we go to Germany. At present we are waiting the return of Mr. Robertson and Cpl. Stewart from Hythe where they have been on a course for the past few months.

However, it has not been all work and no play, as various sports have helped to relieve the monotony which tends to creep in. Basketball has been the main item on the programme and some of our numbers have become quite proficient. We have also indulged in football and swimming, and potted sports entered into the picture for a short time. However, that project was soon abandoned either through lack of facilities or lack of energy.

Thus the platoon has been far from idle during the past few months, and if the Bn. returns to the United Kingdom at the end of the year, as planned, the next four months or so will see the platoon still a hive of industry. However, the preparations will, no doubt, be a labour of love.

PRONTO MINIMUS.

**PIPE BAND NOTES**

SINCE our last notes were published two of our members have left us with the intention of returning to civil life. They are Ptes. Mitchel and Dewar, but whether they get there or not we do not know. The Suez Canal crisis may have held them up at the Depot.

The Band were sent to the Married Families leave camp at Troodos for two weeks in July to do guard duties and many new friends were made. We took our instruments with us and provided, daily, a half-hour musical programme in the form of a practice which was greatly appreciated by the residents and staff of the camp.

We have been busy at our home location with Retreat programmes. Recently we gave two programmes in one week, one of which was for the Royal Navy. The crew of the patrol vessel came ashore; were beaten at football; and then compensated with a Retreat programme laid on for them.

The Band went on Bn. Quarter Guard immediately after the programme, and one Jock was heard to say, "I'll be glad when November comes to get two minutes rest."

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate L/Cpls. Gibson and Steele on their promotion. Also all members of the Band and, I am sure all our friends at the Depot will join us in our heartiest congratulations to Sgt. and Mrs. McDonald on the occasion of the birth of a son (Roderick). Well done, Mooch!

Cpl. Carver left us at the end of July to return to Auld Reekie on his course—we wish him success.

Assaye Day is drawing nigh again, and it is intended to hold competitions in piping, dancing, bugling and drumming. The Gordons have been invited to compete and we should do very well.

We were very sorry to hear of Sgt. Harry (Tammy) Forbes' accident and wish him all the best and hoping he will soon be well again.

In closing we sincerely hope that our next notes will be submitted from a location nearer home (Edinburgh) and under less adverse conditions.

GRACE NOTE.

ORDERLY ROOM NOTES

ONCE again we stop the mighty roar of the Orderly Room Gestetner to bring you the news from Louis Hotel, in the heart of this island "Paradise."

Since our arrival in Cyprus, Bn. H.Q. has been set up in many varied locations, but we have finally settled for the comparative luxury of Louis Hotel.

By some mischance, our contribution to the last edition of this revered publication went astray, so that the sweat of L/Cpl. Holyhead and Co. was all to no avail.

For the benefit of "Records" herewith our Arrival and Departure Return.

For the past month we have been trying to say "Cheerio" to Colour Mason and Cpl. "Bob" Thomson, but Col. Nasser has persuaded us to hold them on strength yet awhile. (Not that we ever see them.)

On the other hand, we extend a hearty welcome to Sgt. "Paddy" Smith, who joined us two months ago. Since his advent, even the typewriter keys have acquired an Irish lilt. His only regret appears to be that there is no room for a 17-pdr. in the Orderly Room.

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The Black Watch has been kind enough to let us have the services of Ptes. Easton, Taylor and Durkin for a short period of two years (quite long enough). Another arrival, this time from the Pipe Band, is Pte. "When are we gaun home" Walker, who gave up "snake charming, Highland fashion," to charm us with his old soldier patter. (His first Star is due any day now.)

Cpl. "Bob" MacFarlane has taken to churning up the dust, which is plentiful in these parts, on a Driving Cadre, while Cpl. "Purdie" Laughland is counting ammunition for a pastime.

Sport has been quite a regular feature of our short sojourn in Dhavlos. A combined team from the B.O.R. and I Section reached the Final of an Inter-Platoon Basketball Competition, only to lose to 6 Pl. B. Coy., or to be more exact, to Cpl. Baxter.

One game which is not at all popular is playing "Hide and Seek" with Col. Grivas and his "Merry Band(its)," which invariably entails mountaineering—a none too pleasant pastime in this climate.

The Adjutant is now very pleased with the typing produced by L/Cpl. "Valderma" Sloan, at the rate of two letters a day, and sometimes Routine Orders if we are fortunate.

So, once more as the Gestetner starts its mighty roar, we sign off in the hope that the next edition will contain some news of "Fountainbridge Palais," "The Black Bull," and Tynecastle.

COMMENT.—According to our Records, Sergt.-major Brown, ex-Bn. centre-forward, was once employed in the Bn. Orderly Room.

STENCILITE.

INTELLIGENCE SECTION NOTES

A FEW changes have occurred in the section since the last edition of the CHRONICLE. Towards the end of June Mr. Ruthven left us, and we would like to congratulate him on his recent promotion to Captain, while extending our best wishes for the future.

We now have as our I.O., Mr. Blamey, who joined us from SP Coy., and we suspect, much to their regret. However, we hope his stay with us will be long and happy one. We offer our congratulations to Pte. Johnston on his promotion to L/Cpl., also on his gaining first place on the Cadre, and to L/Cpl. Hajiyianis on his promotion to Cpl.

Over the past three months the Bn. has been kept fairly busy. On the 10th May two bombs were thrown at two of H.Q. Coy. vehicles outside Yialousa in one of which Cpl. Hajiyianis was travelling. No one was hurt, but "Haji" still points out a 30-yard skid mark with something approaching proprietary pride every time he passes the spot. Cpl. Hajiyianis has had the privilege of representing the section in his capacity as interpreter on nearly all Bn. operations. Although more often than not one or more of the section keeps him company.

From 29th June to 2nd July the Bn. was engaged in Operation "Lilywhite" and, while most others were slogging it out, the I Section had the "cushy" job of manning a road block. The return journey from this operation proved to be more eventful than the Operation itself. The Cyprus press made front page news out of the incident, where a youth was shot in Koma Tou Yialou, after a bomb he had thrown at a "Charlie"



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Coy. vehicle, killed a small boy who had been standing by the road side.

We will close the notes leaving the I. Section, contrary to popular opinion, still puzzling as to when the Bn. is going home.

HUSH AND SHUSH.



"A" COMPANY NOTES

AFTER seven months in our forest retreat at Mersiniki almost everything possible for our comfort has now been done by an extremely obliging and bountiful Barrack and R.E. Service.

Of course there are faults and deficiencies which give frequent reason for a grouse, but they usually are produced by nature, as much as the current shortage of water or the occasional dust storm.

We are not boasting when we claim that the Coy. Camp is the most pleasant in the Bn. area. The fact that our many visitors seldom fail to remark on this, either in envy or admiration, is proof enough.

Visitors themselves, whether from the Bn. or from outside, are a constant source of interest. In our isolated position there is a distinct monastic atmosphere, and on the one solitary occasion when we had a female (official) visitor excitement knew no bounds, and there was an unaccustomed moderation of language for an hour or two. This lady's escort evidently made a big impression, as on arrival back in Famagusta they were all entertained to their first civilised cup of tea in many months.

Our most important visitor has been H.E. the Governor who arrived one day by helicopter, and after inspecting an extremely smart (he said it) Quarter Guard under Sgt. Breslin, spoke to all ranks individually and collectively, emphasising in his incisive manner the importance of the work we were doing. We have since seen H.E. on Operation "Kennet," and again when he presented the Cyprus Mail Cup to the Bn. Football Team.

Operations have been characterised by what must be called "negative success," and enthusiasm has been tested to the limit by the number of man-miles covered without a contact, but undoubtedly the work is largely responsible for the small amount of E.O.K.A. activity in the Bn. Area.



Cyprus Mail Cup—His Excellency meets the Battalion Team



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His Excellency talks to Major J. D. Hendry

Coy. activities of a less arduous nature have continued in the shape of football, basketball, swimming, melon-eating and coca-cola swilling. All but the hardest spirits have looked on the last two months as being too hot even for football, but occasional games have continued in the cool (?) of the evening. One notable occasion was a game against the local Turkish village Psillatos. The football was perhaps not of the highest standard, and even with the C/Sgt.'s assistance the opposition never truly found their form, but the good relations already existing between the Turkish Cypriots and ourselves were further cemented by the occasion. Now that football has again started in such far-off places as Ibrox, Pittodrie and Celtic Park we can shortly expect to see our own no less important teams showing their paces.

CHARACTERS TO BE SEEN IN AND AROUND MERSINIKI.

ANDREAS.—The man whose tomatoes use as much water every day as 140 men. His dog gives us distant warning on such important occasions as the approach of the Commanding Officer and the daily Mail truck.

ACHMET.—He is installed in a tent where can be found many desirable objects. For instance the Coy. Orderly Sgt. can always depend on finding individuals there who should be working somewhere else.

If Achmet had taken twice the profit on every bottle of Coca-Cola he has sold in the last six months he would be a very, very rich man as opposed to being merely very rich.

MEHMET.—His smile gives you a glimpse of riches—all 18-carat. His military salute is imposing and his K.D. compares favourably with that of many. The hardest working man on the establishment.

CABER FEIDH.

1 PLATOON NOTES.

Since the last issue we have had to part with our tried and tested Pl. Commander, Mr. Mack, who has gone to instil the soldierly spirit into recruits at the Depot. No longer is Snuff taken at moments of crisis. We wish him well, and hope that the Vintage Car delivered him safe at Maryhill.

In his place we welcome Mr. Mason in the secure knowledge that he is taking over the best Platoon in the Coy. He has already been away learning all about the F.N. Rifle, and when the rifles themselves become available we hope that the Platoon will be the first in the Coy. to be armed with the new weapon.

Recent activities fresh in our memories include a forest fire in our area which was prevented from engulfing Mersiniki Camp largely by the efforts of the Platoon. No. 3 Pl., the reputed experts at this game, were nowhere to be seen.

Recent arrivals to be welcomed to the Platoon include Cpls. Thompson and Welch, Ptes. Beattie 53, Duncan, Gray, Hendry, Henderson, Lochhead, Mullen, McCormick, McFarlane, McDermott 25, McKenzie, O'Donnell, Riley, and Torrance.

Only Col. Nasser prevented the departure on release of Sgt. Milligan, who had already taken the first step towards the U.K. when it was decided it would be unwise to lose his services with the Canal in danger. Needless to say we are very glad he is still here, and wonder if he is not almost equally glad.

We congratulate the following on their appointments: L/Cpls Flynn, Longstaffe, and Riley.

2 PLATOON NOTES.

Since the last issue of the CHRONICLE the Platoon is now up to strength regarding men and N.C.O.'s. The last draft which arrived approximately 6 weeks ago is, from all rumours, the last draft arriving from the U.K. until our return home.

The Platoon has now settled down to their programme of three days Patrol, 3 days Guard, and 3 days Mobile Reserve. The Platoon at the moment are busy training for the Assaye Games which come off on the 23rd September. Cpl. McGee will represent the Pl. at throwing the hammer, and our very agile Pl. Commander, 2/Lt. McLachlan, will throw the javelin, whilst the remainder of the Pl. are training very hard to put up a good show for the Coy.

The other week the Platoon was called out to fight a fire which started in the Mersiniki Forest. They were first on the scene and got down to fighting the fire in a matter of seconds after arrival at the scene.

Now, who said 3 Pl. were the fire-fighting platoon? Of course we must give them their due—they did arrive about 6 hours later.

We congratulate the following on their promotion to L/Cpl.:—L/Cpls. Boyd and Prophet, who did exceptionally well on their Cadre held at Bn. H.Q. We also welcome the following to the Platoon:—Ptes. Burns, McGhie, McKimmie, Reynolds, Casey, Aird, Hutcheson, and Wilson, and hope they enjoy their stay with the Platoon.

DEPARTURES.—The Platoon is sorry to see Tam MacAuley leave the Coy. for Civvy Street, and wish him all the best. Before the next issue of the CHRONICLE Notes we shall have lost our Pl. Commander, who is leaving slightly before his time to go back into University. We wish him all the luck in the world and will be sorry to see him go.

3 PLATOON NOTES.

Since the last issue of the CHRONICLE the Platoon has lost its old Commander, Mr. Best. He left us at the beginning of July for a once-delayed demobilisation. Under his able guidance the Platoon has flourished and it is hard to imagine a more well-liked Pl. Commander. We wish him all the best in Civvy Street and hope that he does well in the publishing firm in which he has chosen to make his career. We congratulate his successor, Mr. Helm, on taking over such a well organised Platoon.

We are now settled in the routine of three days on Patrol, three days as Mobile Reserve, and three days as Guard Platoon. Since the start of the hot weather, a great many of our Patrol Base Camps seem to have been on the sea-shore, and there is no doubt that such locations have their advantages. A compulsory midnight swim for all those left in Base Camp under the direction of the Pl. Sgt. is but one of them.

The Platoon has done nothing to stop a growing reputation for being the "Fire Fighting Platoon." After they were called out to help fight the Paphos fire, the germ of the reputation was sown. But it burgeoned into full bloom when they were chosen to give a demonstration of Fire Fighting to the Brigade and were congratulated by the Brigadier on their performance. Unfortunately, a week after that, they had to uphold their reputation in a very real fire just

outside the Camp, when the myrtles very nearly stopped growing at Mersiniki.

We welcomed back Sgt. Kindness in late June from a very hectic three weeks leave in the U.K., in which he both married and apparently disciplined a wife. He presides like the devil in his kitchen over all Patrol Cooking, and some of the compliments he received must be quite heartrending. We also welcome to the Platoon Cpl. Tran, and Ptes. Creggan, Donnelly, Murphy, Pettigrew, Sheffield, Wilson, Kerr and Hamilton. We congratulate L/Cpl. O'Harney on his promotion to Cpl., and Ptes. O'Donnell and Alexander on their appointment to L/Cpl.



"B" COMPANY NOTES

DURING the last three months, the Coy. has been engaged on a number of most interesting operations, which have taken us to many different parts of the Island. In addition to the normal three-day Platoon Patrols, which cover the Coy. area by day and by night, and escort duties, these operations have involved a lot of hard work on the part of all ranks which has been most cheerfully and willingly carried out.

In May the Coy. was put under Command a Fd. Regt. R.A. for curfew duty at Trikomo, as a result of a bomb incident on two vehicles of the Regiment. In this incident Pte. Fergus of the Coy., whilst acting as an escort, was seriously injured. This is the first casualty sustained by the Coy. in anti-terrorist operations, and all ranks of the Coy. send their best wishes to Pte. Fergus for a speedy recovery. Shortly after this operation the Coy. was engaged in a further curfew operation at Asha and Aphania, two villages in the middle of the Island some twelve miles to the East of Nicosia. The curfew was imposed as a result of Greek-Turkish disturbances in the two villages. Lt. MacNish Porter, returning from escort duty during darkness, was bombed at Komi Kebir village. The Cypriot bomb-thrower had not passed his TSOET on the grenade and no damage or casualties were incurred! The Coy. Comd. and 5 Pl. went out immediately to cordon the area and assist the Civil Police in a search. Two suspects were apprehended, but unfortunately definite proof of throwing the bomb could not be established.

Towards the end of June, the Battalion carried out a search operation, under the code name 'Op Lillywhite,' to search the Karpas area for an EOKA leader. The operation lasted three days in the most difficult country. The Coy. encountered most rugged country in very hot weather. In one day twelve ridges, rising to approximately 1000 ft., and valleys were crossed. The search operation was concluded at Cape Andreas, a rocky promontory, at the extreme Eastern tip of the Island. On returning to Camp from this operation, 'C' Coy.



A Section on Fire-fighting Duty

had a bomb thrown at one of their vehicles. The bomb thrower was shot dead by a soldier of 'C' Coy., and we extend heartiest congratulations to them for the first major success against the terrorists.

The Coy. had thirty six hours rest and were again called out to fight a very big forest fire in the Paphos forest in the west of the Island. After an all night drive across the Island, the Coy. came under Command of the 1st Gordons, whom we were delighted to see again. "Jack of all trades," the Jocks carried out their "Firemen's" duties with vigour and energy. A photograph is included which shows a section on fire fighting duty.

On the night of 10/11 July, 4 Pl., in conjunction with the Civil Police, cordoned the Village of Ephtakomi for a search operation.

Our last operation, before going to press, was to come under Command of the 1st Middlesex Regiment for a curfew operation at Pano Lefkara in the Larnaca-Limasoll area in the South of the Island. The Coy. were guests of the Middlesex Regt. for two nights and many friendships were made with men of that regiment.

From all these operations, the tangible results in items of captured terrorists or arms were disappointing. However, we feel tremendously confident in our ability to put under curfew villages of between 600 and 2000 inhabitants in a very short time and maintain a complete curfew while the Civil Police carry out their searches.

Local leave in the Island has started and a large number of men have enjoyed a few days at Golden Sands Leave Camp, Famagusta, and the Coeur de Lion Leave Hostel at Kyrenia. Both these leave Camps provide very good amenities and a period of rest from operational and routine duties. The Jocks have taken to swimming as a "Duck takes to water" and there are very few non-swimmers in the Coy. We are thinking of warning the Glasgow Corporation of the increased numbers of men who will use the swimming baths in the future!

The Coy. football team has had some very good matches with H.Q. Coy. In spite of dire threats to his team from the R.S.M., the two companies are extremely evenly matched and honours are equal. The Coy. side has played two matches against Galatia, a Turkish village, both of which we won 4-0 and 4-2. These have been most enjoyable games and we have been entertained most royally by them. A considerable friendship and liaison with this village has been built up by the Coy. We have lost a few of our old players, but

competition is high and their places have been readily filled. Sgt. Laird, whom we welcome to the Coy. from the Depot, has taken charge of the Coy. side, consisting of Cpl. Baxter, Cpl. Logan, Cpl. Malcolm, Ptes. McMillan, Bowes, Watt, McLaren, Forbes, Wilkie, Stenenson and Morrison.

We congratulate 6 Pl. Basketball team, under the leadership of Cpl. Baxter, for winning the inter-Platoon Basketball competition at Dhavlos.

We congratulate the following on their promotion. Cpl. Mitchell and Cpl. Turnbull, whom we welcome from the Depot, to Sergeant. L/Cpls. Logan, Baxter, Malcolm, Ballantine, McGill, Kerr, McColl to Corporal. Ptes. Fraser and Austin, on their successful completion of a Unit Cadre, to L/Cpl.

We welcome to the Coy. Sgt. Laird, Cpl. Ramsay, Cpl. Mulholland from the Depot; 2/Lt. Ferguson from his Hythe and Warminster Courses; and Ptes McIsaac and McGranaghan from H.Q. Coy. We also welcome all the men, too numerous to mention by name, who have joined us from Depot drafts. We wish them all a happy tour of duty with the Coy.

Many old and trusted members of the Coy. have left us on posting and release. Sgt. Wallace to civilian life; Sgt. McLeish to 'C' Coy.; Cpls. McGill, McColl and Kerr to the Depot; Ptes. Anderson, Dingwall and McFarlane to H.Q. Coy.; Pte. Sloan to 'D' Coy.; Pte. McGinlay for Hospital treatment in U.K.; Ptes. McRae and Donald to civilian life; and Ptes. Thomson 25, McNaughton, McEwan, Cullen and Stewart 74, to E.R.E. postings in Cyprus. To all of them we wish the very best of good luck and success for the future.

To all ex-members of the Coy., in civilian life or in the T.A., who may read the H.L.I. Chronicle, we send greetings and a very cordial invitation to rejoin us again.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW

1. Who is the Pl. Sgt. who threatens to amputate the arms of his men who fail to swing their arms, and adding "insult to injury," hit them over the head with the amputated limbs?
 2. Who was the soldier who missed a "Bull" at 20 yards range?
 3. Which Pl. calls themselves the "Rock Apes"?
- "SPECTATOR"



"C" COMPANY NOTES

THIS quarter has seen the Company finally emerging from the mist, rain and cold, into unrelenting daily sunshine. With it has come our adaption to the requirements of our position. Our normal routine of patrols and guards has been interrupted frequently and diversely. Fire Fighting has provided us with some spectacular displays, Curfews have offered us a change in scenery and various operations have given us the chance to meet strangers from the rest of the Bn.

Sport has been flourishing, certainly with enthusiasm and possibly with skill. With the Battalion games just over a month away, improbable people are performing impracticable efforts for the honour of the Company—even, it is rumoured, the C.S.M. has leased the square—correction—HIS square—for Highland Dancing.

Entertainment has been derived from our continued exchange of hospitalities with Kridhia and Ovgoros. We have played them at football and exchanged periodic visits. The Mukhtar of Kridhia invited the Company Commander, the 2 i/c and the C.S.M. to his house for lunch on the 13th August, the escorts led by Cpl. Glencross cashed in, and another miraculous lunch was consumed.

Company Smokers have now been started and the first was held on the 4th August. An admirable meal was conjured by Cpl. Goudie and after the Company had recovered from the initial shock of finding that there was free drink, entertainment came in various quantities and qualities. The post of M.C. was well occupied by Sgt. Isherwood and long will these hills echo to the refrains of his never to be forgotten "Suicide Sal." A host of performers, notably Sgt. Black, Sgt. McLeish, Cpl. Gourlay, Ptes. Taylor, Devlin, Nugent, Clark, Reid 88 and Duffy gave loudly applauded turns, to say nothing of a characteristic story from the Company Commander.

The Company Corporals have started up their own private mess and the Company Canteen now peddles its wares in the soft light of shaded lamps electric; Portraits of Cyprus adorn the walls and the cries of Tombola players vie with the Record Player. Cpl. Rodgers stands behind the counter and juggles goods and cash with a skill that would put a Glasgow Clippie to shame.

Buildings are mushrooming forth under the expert hands of our Pioneer McKee and our bricklayers, who, strangely enough, all seem to come from the Officers and Sergeants Mess Cookhouse.

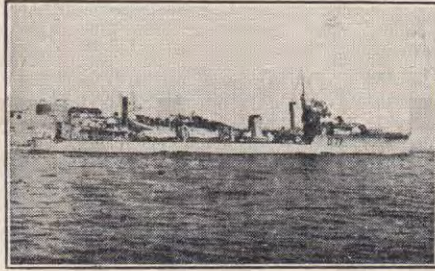
We welcome 2/Lt. Borton to 7 Platoon and 2/Lt. Prowse to 9 Platoon. We are also pleased to see Sgt. McLeish. We extend our best wishes to 2/Lt. Boyd, Ptes. Bain, Murphy and McConalogue and hope they have fully recovered from their wounds. Ptes Taylor, Carrigan and Gormanley are back with us and seem none the worse.

It is hoped by the C.S.M. that owing to the fresh influx of Troops to the island and in order to equip these with stationery, there may be an extreme shortage of paper (No Chitties?). One can almost see a beatific smile breaking on his face (If that is possible).

A miniature Range has now been built under the personal supervision of Captain G. C. R. L. Pender and a Tame bulldozer. Situated within the camp area, it has brought about considerable enthusiasm especially amongst those armed with pistols. A Davy Crocket style of haircut is becoming prevalent. The Company's Silver Cup will be competed for on an Inter-Platoon basis and the names of the "Crack-Pots"—sorry—"Crack-Shots" inscribed on it.

In closing we would like to say that we miss that long-legged officer, 2/Lt. C. P. N. Orr (Posted to the Depot) and his unforgettable system of patrolling. Finally we would wish to state that Captain W. K. Shepherd did not sway "C" Company Officers towards Bridge—Chess still predominates, even though the Company Commander is struggling to maintain his lead over the Second in Command.

COCK OF THE NORTH.



"D" COMPANY NOTES

HERE we are again with the news and gossip of the last four months. Now that we have started as Training Company, we have been kept very busy indeed. The 3rd Junior N.C.O.'s Cadre is now in progress, but apart from the normal training entailed there, the P/S. have also been very busy in other "fields." Out of little material, mainly sandbags, we have been able to construct three serviceable ranges. Although the D.C.R.E. were mainly responsible for building the 400 yards Rifle and L.M.G. Range, we did put a lot of time and labour in making the Firing Points. A word of praise is due to Cpl. "Digger" Harrison and his merry braves, for building an excellent Grenade Range. As a total of 2,500 sandbags went into the construction of the Priming and Throwing Bays, one can easily envisage the hard time spent in filling the sandbags, then stacking them. But still the work is never done. Now that the new "Self loading Rifle" is becoming a general issue (we hope to have ours soon) and emphasis is laid on "Quick Shooting," yet another Range must be built. This range is of the Field firing type, where the targets presented to the firer are as near as possible, the type he could expect in battle. Although a new target apparatus has been designed, we still have a lot of improvising to do. Never mind, we will soon have that "jacked" up.

The first two Cadres were very successful. In Cadre No. 1, the six best students, if they were eligible, were posted to the Regimental Depot as Cpl. Instructors. The syllabus is basic Drill and Weapon Training. Capt. Green, the W.T.O., takes the main lectures, Mr. Smith and C.S.M. Reehal teach the weapon training, and Sgt. Breslin instructs on drill. As guest lecturers, the Adjutant talks to the students on the value of Regimental Tradition, and the R.S.M. on N.C.O.'s Duties. Gradings are based on mutual and interim reports and, in the last week, the written and practical exams. Also in the last week the students do a map and compass march during the hours of darkness, at the end of which they do a short field firing course. However, Cadre No. 2 were fortunate in being able to watch a most excellent demonstration given by "C" Company, of a Platoon in Attack. Though at the end, the "Fire and Movement" was a little different to normal.

In our last notes we were complaining about the mud, which same has now turned to a very fine dust. That, coupled with an extreme shortage of water, makes life rather gritty at times. The Jocks coming in from escorts are covered in a layer of fine dust, and when the water is turned off, are quite uncomfortable for a while. Happily we are right by the sea and it is only a moments job to undress and jump in. There are some reasonably deep pools for the experienced swimmers; while for the non-swimmers there is a good stretch of shallow water. All that are missing are the "Whelk Stalls" and "Fun-

fairs." Pte. "Ginger" Cairns has learned to swim quite well since coming here, and will be able to show off when he goes down the watter next year.

To C.S.M. and Mrs. Reehal, and Pte. and Mrs. Cairns, we offer our congratulations on the births of their daughters.

Cyprus Airways are offering a reduced rate for Forces to fly to the U.K. The Commanding Officer has kindly given permission for those of the Battalion who want to, to go home for 21 days leave. Of the Company, Capt. Green has been, L/C. Campbell is going next, followed by Sgt. Breslin. Mr. Smith had a spell among the Houris at Beirut, and most of the Ptes. have had a week at Golden Sands Leave Camp in Famagusta, but without the Houris.

Small as we are, we are well represented at Cricket. Sgt. Breslin and L/C. Smedley are among the selectors, Mr. Smith is Wicket Keeper, Capt. Green fielding, and the C.S.M. as Scorer. Some very pleasant Sunday mornings have been spent on the improvised wicket. Just after the second Cadre started we lost Sgt Adair to H.Q. Coy., on appointment to Bugle Major, and Heid of the "walk about" band. In his place we have Sgt. Breslin from 'A' Company, to whom we extend a hearty welcome. In the near future, Mr. Smith leaves for Civvy St., we wish him all success, and hope to see him when we come home. To replace him, Mr. Murray comes from 'C' Company, on promotion to the Dons. Next to go is the O.C., Capt. Green, who is going to the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham. That's the place where the O.H.M'S, M.H.O'S and Lumens live. At least that is what it sounds like.

Congratulations to L/C. Campbell on obtaining a good result on his Cadre, and on reaching the dizzy heights.

Of course, the main topic of conversation at the moment is the move home at the end of the year, and who knows, we may be in time for Hogmanay. So till then, this is your scribe signing off.

P.J.D.R.

SUPPORT COMPANY NOTES

Coy. H.Q.

Now that we are so firmly established in Akrades Camp, a short description for the benefit of readers not acquainted with it might not be amiss.

The Camp is situated among pine and cypress trees on the edge of the Kavalla Forest, on comparatively low ground astride the Karpas Peninsula. The trees provide two great benefits in this hot weather—shade and water, of which there is abundance and we are indeed fortunate in these respects. The basic huts and services were installed by the R.E., but the remaining development has been carried out by ourselves. Thus on entering the camp one passes the Coy. Office building, which might be likened to the "Head" of the "body." Next the Signals Centre which with its mass of generators, charging motors and pumps, might be likened to the heart—at least it is always throbbing. And so past the fiery heat of the Diesel furnace in the cookhouse to the Dining Hall and Canteen, which might be described as the "abdominal regions." From here, paths lead off to the accommodation tents among the trees.

Lest anyone should become too settled in these surroundings, Platoons alternate weekly between Akrades and the other detachments at Rizokarpaso and Yialousa



"D" Company Cadre No. 2 Passing Out

Police Station. The former is another pleasant camp, the latter resembles more closely "The Black Hole." From Akrades and Rizokarpaso, patrols are continually out covering the whole of the N.E. tip of the Island. From time to time, more concerted operations take place. Who will forget the sweep of the Coy. Area called Operation Lillywhite? We do not suppose the other Coys. of the Battalion who lent us their assistance will forget, or will allow us to forget it either.

The majority of our operations are designed to observe activities around St. Andrews Monastery—the favourite place of pilgrimage of the average Cypriot at weekends. Whilst many activities have been observed, some of which might have incurred a mild "Tut-Tut" from our Patron Saint, we have not so far had the luck to find anything incriminating—not even when a close watch was maintained upon the activities of the Consul of a neighbouring unfriendly power. From the lack of incidents in the Coy. Area, it appears doubtful whether any "gangs" are permanently resident.

Training under present conditions is bound to be intermittent. All platoons however, have had spells of "refresher" training in their own subject, and the opportunity to "fire off" (except for the Anti-Tank Platoon, in the general interest of all round safety). Recently all platoons have completed a week at Dhavlos firing Annual Classification.

As regards the lighter side of activities, it would be surprising if our rustic surroundings did not lend themselves to the keeping of pets of one sort or another. Rabbit-rearing on an ambitious scale has been started by the Officers and Sergeants Messes, so far with no sign of increase. Chickens, mice, cats and chameleons all have their supporters while it is understood there are "rats w/ bowler hats and spats in the Quartermaster's Store."

The bathing is excellent but rather a business getting there. Many activities take place on the recently completed football field, including hockey, athletics and of course football, notwithstanding a shade temperature of 110 degrees F. Who cares, however, with a cold shower afterwards, a choice of Keo "Coke" or Carlsburg from the "fridge," and as like as not, the latest the P.R.I. has been able to procure from Hollywood, to follow.

Amongst Coy. H.Q. and attached personnel, Pte. Wilson has taken over in the Coy. Office, Cpl. Boyle having left, Pte. Mackie 65 is retained temporarily "under protest." Cpl. Fleming is to be congratulated upon his promotion. We welcome Mr. Mackenzie to

Coy. H.Q. where he has taken over the running of the M.T., assisted by L/Cpl. Brown and Cfn. Wilson, also recent arrivals from H.Q. Coy. We thank Cfn. Holroyd and Hennessy (***) for their hard work during their stay here. C.Q.M.S. Cope and Sgt. Underwood have recently returned from U.K. leave. The large contingent of Signallers are accepted as full time members of the Coy. since they can have but the haziest recollections of their parent Coy. A word of acknowledgement is due to the Cooks, particularly L/Cpl. Anderson and Pte. Geary for continuing to produce something edible from their fiery furnaces in all weathers.

Mortar Platoon

At the time the last notes went to press the platoon had to provide the guard at Government House, Nicosia, and for fourteen days no one dared move in the grounds after the hours of darkness; even Lady Harding was challenged. Just before that a patrol of the platoon operating in the most eastern tip of the Island sighted a submarine cruising off shore. This caused a great stir and ended up as headlines in the *Times* of Cyprus.

Since then, that particular tip of the Island has been honoured with our presence many times on our patrols, which have now become part of our regular routine.

While on one of our mobile patrols in this area, we received news of a fire some twenty miles away, and rushed there to help put it out. It was comparatively small, but never the less, gave us quite enough trouble.

Whenever we have had the chance, we have gone on with our Mortar training and we were lucky enough once to visit Bn. H.Q. and fire off at a rock out to sea. We left a little of the rock still standing to encourage the M.M.Gs.

Sgt. Morrison has left us for civvy street and we were all very sorry to see him go after so long, and wish him all the best.

Pte. Reid has been made up to L/Cpl. and has completed a Battalion Cadre.

Tomorrow we are off again on yet another 14 days patrolling, so must end.

BASEPLATE.

M.M.G. Platoon

To all past Gunners, hello! To all "Reservists," welcome home. I remember a saying used as you left to



Mortar Pl.—“Briefing”



Mortar Pl.—“Inspection”

the world, as you called it, of civilisation. “Never again,” you said, but fate plays us all queer tricks now and again. So chin up and cheer up.

Since last going to press, the Platoon has been kept busy with I.S. Duties. The usual old stuff—Guards, Patrols, Escort Duties, Anti-Terrorist Operations, etc., and now and again someone gets away on leave. Are the duties hard? No, but they do from time to time get a bit monotonous. For all that, so long as the Gunners are out of Camp on Duty, they are happy.

We managed, however, since we came out here, to squeeze in a Machine Gun shoot so that the Gunners could keep their hand in. But the Ranges of Britain with all their mod. cons. were conspicuous by their absence and our target was a rock 1,235 yards out to sea (range by Range-Finder). After a Barrage of 14,000 rounds our target, still standing, broke the hearts of the Platoon John Waynes.

Sgt. Holman on return from the U.K. receives our heartiest congratulations on two excellent results. The first for an excellent result on a M.M.G. Course and the second to be shared by Mrs. Holman in the birth of a baby daughter. Mrs. Holman, we hope you and baby are well.

To the members of the Platoon who left us to take up duties as Riflemen in Rifle Coys., we say cheerio and the very best of luck in your new job. To Cpl. Gillies, Ptes. Davis, McKinnon, Glen, McConnon, Cpl. Moore, L/Cpls. Price, Reid, Cunningham and Woodlock, we say welcome and hope that your stay with the Gunners will be a long, pleasant and memorable one. Remember, once a Gunner always a Gunner and you can't go wrong.

In the recent months the Platoon sports enthusiasts have come into their own. The Football team of the Platoon are now proving to be quite a formidable opponent for any Platoon team in the Battalion and we hope they can keep it up. We also hope to be able, in the near future, to get a Platoon Basketball team. We pride ourselves in having quite a few Highland Dancers—taking the word of the Piper and Bugler who were training them. Well done, keep at it. Our only square pegs in round holes are the two Paper weights of the Platoon, Graham and Holt. When put to the Discus, they treated it as a Gird. I am afraid spectator is their best position on the field of sport, but don't fret, Billy and Jim, many a place has been won by good support from the spectators.

And as the Sun sinks down on this Beautiful Island Paradise of Cyprus, we say adieu until we meet in three months time—WHERE?

NAMLOH

Anti-Tank Platoon

ONCE again we bring you the P.G. from the Anti-Tank files. Since leaving Bulford, our Platoon has seen many changes. We have lost our ‘Town Tamer,’ Mr. Blamey, who is now I.O. We wish him the best of luck. Also to Sgt. ‘Duke’ Barlow, who left for the Blight, Sgt. Moran and L/Cpl. Stewart at the Depot.

We welcome to the Platoon Mr. Scrase-Dickins who is just back from a course at Netherhavon. We hope his stay will be a long and happy one. Also back from a course on the BAT are Cpls. McMillan and McKay, we hear they did very well. Now all we need are some guns and we would soon have a fully trained Platoon.

Congratulations to Sgt. Simpson, Cpls. Robertson, McMillan and McKay on their promotion, and we wish them well.

The Platoon won 3—0 against the Gunners in the Inter-Platoon Football Competition. This game was made possible because of the great effort of the Anti-Tank Platoon (with a little help from the Engineers) in making the football ground! (No comment, the Mortars)

‘Pinhead’ McIlveen went home for three weeks leave, much to Skyway’s regret. It seems he ate up most of their profit for that trip. ‘Paddy’ Barker was surely jealous.

Things we want to know: Who was the sentry who jumped from the Tower when the tomato was thrown in? Will Pte. (Philip Harben) Donnelly be back from his cooking course in time for demob? And who are the Bounty Hunters?

Cpl. McQuillan and L/Cpl. McCulloch will have left us for demob, and we are sorry to see them go—we wish them the best of luck.

Well Readers, that’s all the griff for now, so till the next notes—Cheerio.

BAT-MAN.

Assault Pioneers Platoon

“COMING in for a 3-point landing.” So said Mitch before being grounded from operational flying. The



M.M.G. Pl.—“Action”

Platoon flier has been returned to Ground Staff after a spell as “one of the few.” The Platoon almost had their first marriage to a Greek when Dun-Can visited the much publicized Golden Sands Holiday Camp and fell head over heels in love with Bertha of Coca-Cola fame. However, we imagine time will heal Cupid’s mortal arrow wound.

Some of our near demob Regulars have bitten their fingernails to the elbow worrying about recent headlines — “Clamp down on Regular Release.” A few N.S. Officers are also at the soaring point and they can be seen hovering over Akrades on a clear day.

A “bang-on” fortnight was had by all during the recent Assault Pioneer Training. Those of us who thought Gun-Cotton was a form of cotton-wool for sick guns were duly enlightened. We thank our instructors for passing on some of their knowledge to us and we reckon we are the most highly-trained specialists in the Battalion.

We were almost all found out at the recent shoot at Dhavlos. The high percentage of P.O.S.B.s in the Platoon is undoubtedly to provide half of us with guide-dogs and the other half with glasses.

We shall conclude our notes by welcoming our new Platoon Sgt., Sgt. McNeil. Some of us know him better by his Yialousa name, “The Bell Bandit.” May he have a long and happy stay. We also welcome Watt, Currie and McBlain and may they follow in the footsteps of their glorious predecessors. We welcome Cpl. Boyle from Coy. H.Q. and we congratulate L/Cpls. McGrath, Carrol and Docherty on their promotion. The aged Thomas, Tiny, Benny, Roddie, two Geordies, and all others send best wishes to our regular readers.

Till the next time, then.

ADIO (Greek).

BATTALION CRICKET NOTES

We started cricket on the 13th of May with a two innings match between the Officers and Sgts. The pitch being a strip of canvas laid in the middle of the football pitch, fortune favoured the brave, and we saw some lusty hitting from C.S.M. Daniels, who scored 61 (including 3 sixes and 9 fours). The Sgts. finally ended up easy winners by more than 100 runs over the two

innings. One of the less successful, but more literary members of the Officers Mess team was heard to remark that the author of “Vitae Lampida” must have visited Dhavlos for inspiration of his lines of a ‘bumping pitch and a blinding light!’ The Sgts flushed with this victory and looking for fresh victims, challenged the Rest of Dhavlos. Here they met stiffer opposition and only managed to win by six runs, largely due to some good bowling by L/Cpl. Smedley (7 for 24), for the rest. Sgt. Stares took 6 for 11 for the Sgts. Mess. The two beaten teams, the Officers Mess and the Rest, then combined and at last beat the Sgts. Mess by 40 runs, somewhat to the surprise of the Sgts. Mess.

Having now found which bumps in the pitch produced the most satisfactory results, all the teams in Dhavlos combined, calling themselves the “Dhavlos Dons,” to play the “Yialousa Yokels” of S.P. Coy. The wiles of the pitch and an energetic 59 and 7 for 10 from Sgt. Stares proved too much for the “Yokels,” and the “Dons” won by six wickets.

On the 29th of July, we played our first match against an outside team, H.Q. of an Inf. Brigade. In spite of the scoreboard reading, 0 runs for 2 wickets, we managed to scrape together 57 runs of which Sgt Breslin made 26. Even with our meagre total, victory looked a possibility when we had taken 5 for 40, but unfortunately our fielding, not very good at the best of times, was not equal to the strain. Six catches being dropped.

The side is benefitting from these practice games and when the cooler weather comes, we hope to have news of games with I. R. Leicestershire Regt. at Famagusta, and I. S. Staffordshire Regt. at Nicosia, in our next notices.

“Hows-Zat”

BATTALION FOOTBALL TEAM (Winners of The Cyprus Mail Cup)



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R.S.M., Scouller, C.O., Daniels, 2-i.c., Graham, Phin,
McEwan, Duffy.

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R. L. E.

HIGHLAND BRIGADE GOLF MEETING, 1956

THE annual Golf Meeting was held on 17th and 18th May at Barry, Angus, by kind permission of the Panmure Golf Club. All the Regiments were represented and, on their home ground, The Black Watch entered three teams, their 'A' team being the winners once again.

Our team was composed of H.C. Ross-Skinner, J. R. Cowan-Douglas, C. S. Brown, J. A. Rutherford and J. D. Russell.

In the first round of the Martin Hold Cup, we were drawn against the Camerons. We managed to defeat them but fell to the Seaforth in the semi-final.

Sad to relate, none of us got into the money in the other competitions.

Next year the meeting is to be held at Prestwick as it is our turn to choose the course and with Prestwick being so handy for those in Glasgow, there is no reason why we should not emulate the Black Watch and put three teams in the field.

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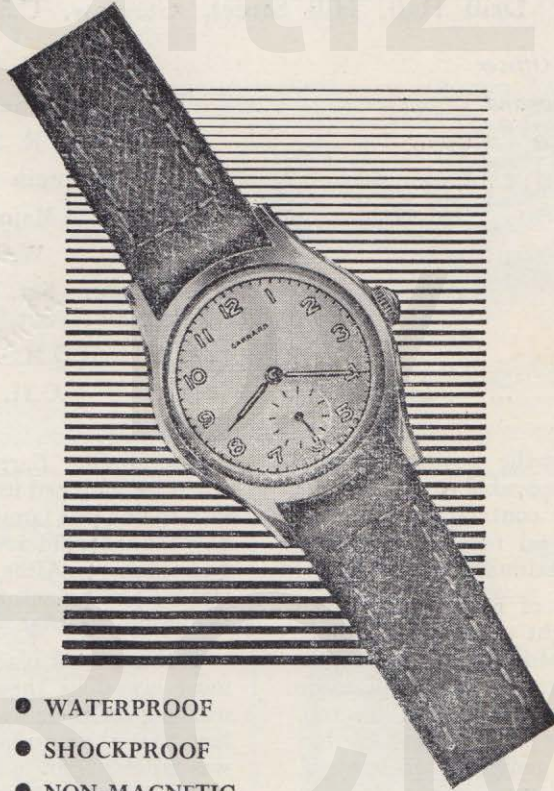
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<i>R.Q.M.S.</i>	R.Q.M.S. R. M. GIBSON.
<i>O.R.Q.M.S.</i>	W.O.II. R. KIRKWOOD.

BARRY, 1956, was perhaps the most memorable, and certainly the most enjoyable camp we have had since the war. The contrast with Barry, 1948, (for those who could remember it, and cared to) was pleasantly astonishing.

In numbers we were, of course, not much stronger than we were eight years ago, and only a handful of the old lot made this second trip to Barry. Of these, most were now a trifle more portly, and some were a bit thinner on top. Perhaps, also, a decade or so of civilian life has made them a little more genteel in their ways. Sergeant Gribben, at any rate, is not likely to take offence if we say that his behaviour on parade is less colourful if more acceptable to the R.S.M. than it was in those far-off days when he wore no tapes.

We got off to a flying start on the morning of June the 16th. R.S.M. Watson and his henchmen had been dutifully prepared for the worst, but they got a smart turnout, cheerful, smiling faces, and nothing which could have embarrassed even the leaders of a Sunday school outing. Indeed, the only unpleasantness—and that is perhaps too strong a word—experienced during the journey to Barry was at Buchanan Street station, where a detachment of R.E.'s expressed disappointment at not being allowed to line up for H.L.I. solid and liquid rations.

The familiar Barry drizzle was coming down when we marched into camp, and it later turned into the no less familiar driving rain. But somehow the tents did not leak quite so much as in the bad old days. After a couple of nights, the skies cleared and we actually had a certain amount of really fine weather.

Training took place at company level, and on most occasions this meant that platoons were working on their own. This, together with the fact that the number of National Service men, was far less than in recent years, meant that we quickly got to know one another. The idiosyncrasies of the old sweats were treated with amiable tolerance by the newcomers whose military prowess was undoubted. The latter also showed a commendable talent for keeping their civvy suits in perfect order under difficult conditions—a talent which was matched only by Mr. Watson's very latest in hairstyle creations, which they universally and unhesitatingly adopted.

Indeed, there is reason to believe that most of the numerous V.I.P.s who visited us went away with the impression that we were one big, happy family. This is rose-tinting things a little, perhaps, but the new fashion of fathers and sons soldiering side-by-side—the Walkers, the Lairds, and the Blacks—certainly seems to be catching on.

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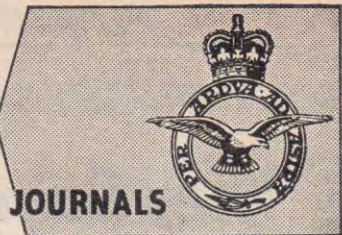
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It was a camp of hard work and hard play, and the usual discreet veil drawn over nocturnal affairs. There were few grumbles, even in the mess tents, for the standard of feeding at all levels was every bit as high—"fantastic," as one jock was heard to mutter as he carried his heavily loaded plates away from the cookhouse—as the newspaper reports alleged it to be.

Nor was there any damage by fire, although on one occasion which we dare not say too much about, this was only by the grace of Providence.

Nearly all matters of outstanding importance are reported in the notes which follow. It falls to us, however, to mention the change in command which is shortly to take place. Colonel Fraser has served the battalion and the regiment long and faithfully, and we are sorry that the time has come for him to leave us.

It is more than five years since he first took command, initially in an acting capacity, and nobody will deny that his painstaking work has had excellent results. He will return many times to Hill Street, there is no doubt of that.

Major Skene-Smith, who is to take over, needs no introduction. He is almost a legendary character, and nobody is better fitted to carry on the good work.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES

WHEN one tries to recapitulate the happenings over the past few months, from a maze of activity, the Annual Camp comes first to mind.

Camp this year was held at Barry, Angus, during the last fortnight in June.

To the Sergeants Mess the highlight of camp was the Annual Dinner and again as in previous years, was a great success. Invitations were sent to all units at Barry, and our guests represented nine different Regiments and Corps.

The food prepared by our Cooks, Pte. Hillan and Pte. Lamb, was excellent. The contribution by Mr. Sukald, the Officers Mess Chef, of the Regimental Badge in icing was a work of art. Noticeable on the decorated tables were the Green and Buff candles matching the paper covered tent poles. Pipe Major McGrady and his pipers provided the martial music. Our guests were deeply impressed by the etiquette and the pride of Regiment shown by our members. Our sincere thanks goes to C.S.M. Wilson, C/Sgt. Black, Sgts. Boothman, O'Brien and Gribben for their help in making the Dinner a success. Needless to say, all preparations and arrangements came under the eagle eye of R.S.M. Watson and since there were no criticisms forthcoming, all knew the job was being well done. After the Dinner, we were joined by our Commanding Officer, Lt. Colonel J. D. Fraser, T.D., and all Officers of the Battalion. The waiters were left busy providing the liquid food. Although the singing that followed was not of Covent Garden class, a grand night was had by all.

The Adjutant brought his adding machine along to the Officers and Sergeants Cricket Match but it was not required. It is admitted by the Sergeants Mess that the Officers "bowlers"? certainly remember their grenade throwing training.

We were honoured by a visit from the Colonel of the Regiment, General Urquhart, and members were introduced to him by the R.S.M. Jimmy McGrady's rendering of "Have you ever been lonely?" was not appreciated by members because of the late hour at which this one man concert took place.

What can Peter Forrest not "scrounge"? Peter got to work on his pals in the Royal Signals and very soon provided electric light in the Mess. Well done Peter!

The Battalion Rifle Meeting took place early in June. The Mess Shoot was won by C.S.M. Kirkwood, Runner-up being R.Q.M.S. Gibson. Congratulations to the two Bobs.

The other highlight since the last note was the Annual Ball. Here again a very successful evening thanks to R.S.M. Watson, C.S.M. Goodwin and C/Sgt. Black, not forgetting our P.S.I.s and members who helped to decorate the Hall.

We welcome to the Mess four new members, Sgts. McIntosh, Wilkinson, Mackie (A.C.C.) and Carruthers (R.A.P.C.) and hope that they will be many years with us.

C.S.M. Kirkwood has taken over from C.S.M. Laird as Mess President for the ensuing twelve months.

REPLIES TO "BUMPER CHITTY."

- (a) "Doc." Meiklejohn did not do his training in the Veterinary Corps.
- (b) Yes! The Adjutant did, on one occasion, find the R.S.M. in bed one hour before Reveille.

JAYKAY.

H.Q. COMPANY NOTES

It's a pretty poor show when the Company Commander can hardly find a brother senior or junior either to volunteer or be detailed to pay out the Company, particularly when at Barry Camp he had no less than 17 officers from whom to select his choice. It was realised of course, that the majority were more than fully occupied on the various Brigade Cadres, watching the massed bands rehearsing, playing golf with V.I.P.s, carrying out recesses, on the Palace Theatre; or purely losing themselves, resulting in the already over-burdened Company Commander doing nearly everything himself. However, the slickness of the Binocular Drill on Exercise "Palace Theatre" amply justified the time spent on reconnaissance—and it wasn't wasted either. It was rather disconcerting, however, to hear the cork pop out the bottle filled with G. and T. in the heat of the Exercise.

The terrible twins—C.S.M. Goodwin and C.Q.M.S. Ford—were of course, in their element under canvas. The former must have been studying "Ideal Home" or "Good Housekeeping," judging by the number of times the lay-out of the Company Office changed—one never knew whether to enter by the front door, the side door, or crawl under the side wall by the tradesmens entrance. It was also a great misfortune that "Ma" Ford ("Ma" because of his kindly retorts to his underlings) didn't manage to have his hair-do completed, ensure that his personal maid was dressed and the table cleared when visitors were expected. The Brigadier and the C.O. were most understanding and did not overstay their welcome.

The highlight of the Company's performance at Camp—apart from the unseemly incident during the Inter-Company Relay when Joe Goodwin dropped a clanger (the baton) and just managed to pick it up—was the first-class performance of the Company, under Sgt. Naismith, in winning the Inter-Company Drill Competition. Each member of the Squad was indeed a credit to the Company and the Battalion, and to receive the praise of the "Tarra" was praise indeed.

The M.I. Room made history on two counts, the first being the winning of the Store Test Competition—one is not clear what was displayed (or hidden) as they never seemed to have anything needed urgently—and secondly by "Doc." Meiklejohn being really blooded on a 252. The qualified M.O.—"Silent" to his friends—was, it is rumoured, cutting up Carnoustie Old Course rather than patients (the patients were quite satisfied with this arrangement).

It is always difficult to assess the value of the Signals and the M.T. Platoons. Nobody could ever do without them, but one seldom hears anything except when something goes wrong—the writer was usually quite content when his telephone went "dis." In passing, it is gratifying to note that the M.T. did not crash either the C.O.s or the Company Commander's car—it was becoming a bit of a habit.

Finally, all praise to Boy Piper Black for his magnificent performance in winning the Brigade Piping Competition. If more recruits of his calibre can be obtained, the future of the Pipe Band is secure.

M.T. NOTES

OWING to the nature of training carried out at camp this year, the calls upon the section were much less than in former years. This was, perhaps, fortunate as like

other sections, we were rather thin on the ground. In spite of the additional duties which the lack of numbers necessitated, the section was in fine fettle throughout camp.

We wish to take this opportunity of officially welcoming to the section, Sgt. Hutchison, as Technical Sgt. We trust that he will not require to use his wings too often.

Congratulations are due to L/Cpl. Kennedy and Pte. Spence on their promotions to Cpl. and L/Cpl. respectively, and to Pte. Johnston who gamely trundled round the sportsfield to finish third in the mile event.

We were greatly impressed by the efforts of a very well known W.O. in demonstrating how to drive a Jeep. He is the only soldier we know who can advance at a rapid rate of knots and dig himself in at the same time. He should do even better when he acquires a licence.

To convince the rest of the battalion that we do have some bodies, and at least one vehicle, we proudly present, in gloriously plain black and white, a study of the "Staff." (Any person wishing copies write to the M.T.O. enclosing a pre-paid envelope and any spare bank notes, or better still, one complete tow rope.)



Cpl. Wilkins, Sgt. Hutchison, Sgt. Airdrie,
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Thus we leave our readers with these words, dedicated to our Technical Sergeant.

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SIGNAL PLATOON NOTES

WE entered 1956 in much the same position as that experienced when the T.A. was reformed in 1947, and with, I think, the same question, "How many men will we have at camp this year?"

Training was organised at Battalion level, and through the lack of men, there was no training within the Platoon.

The three stalwarts of the platoon, Sgt. (Bumper Chitti) McGinn, Cpls. Hutchison and Barr, spent most of their time checking the stores, and laying out the kit for three inspections and checks, by unit, Brigade and R.E.M.E. The latter were more than satisfied, for which the Battalion got a good report, and the writer thanks his stalwarts for their efforts.

The return to Barry for camp was, for the signals, their first visit, and we arrived in a state of disbelief, curiosity, and optimism, only to find that it was true what they had been saying, and it did rain at Barry.

Thin on the ground (13 men), and after the Sergeant-Major had had his pick, we normally mustered approximately 8 men for training.

Training was restricted to the wireless side, and with the co-operation of the M.T.O., correction, V.C.O., who provided us with enough jeeps to do three wireless exercises, which were enjoyed by all ranks.

The Platoon were in the winning drill squad, and have again maintained their position in the Battalion.

Prior to closing down, we congratulate L/Cpl. Jackman on his promotion.

All stations close down now, out.

PIPAF ROMEO OSCAR NOVEMBER TANGO OSCAR.

PIPE BAND NOTES

We welcome to the band our new Pipe Major, P/M. J. McGrady. Pipey needs no introduction as he is well known in the Regiment. The fact that we are low in numbers at the moment has not deterred him from the task facing him. We assure Pipey we are behind him. Camp this year allowed us to get down to a lot of practice. The first week we had practice with the Massed Bands of the 7th A. & S.H. and 8th A. & S.H. On Saturday, 23rd June, the Massed Band played Retreat on the Esplanade at Edinburgh Castle.

Our only disappointment was that the new rod tension drums promised to the band in time for camp, did not arrive.

Boy Black won the March and was second in the Strathspey and Reel in the Open Piping Competition at the Brigade Games. Well done, Vic.

At our own sports, the Piping was won by Piper Smith, the Bugling by Cpl. Cook. Piper Crawford was the best dressed piper and Bugler Clark the best dressed bugler. Cpl. Docherty injured his leg playing football at Camp. We all hope you are fit and well again, Joe.

We look forward to next year. A good band. No. 1 Dress and rod tension drums.

S. T. S.

SUPPORT COMPANY NOTES

With a total company strength of less than last years' average platoon strength, Support Company was still able to do some useful training at Camp.

Forming sections for each of the specialist weapons, training was carried out very satisfactorily with the other two units of the Brigade, their combined strengths forming a platoon in each case.

Sgt. Forrest, with his Assault Pioneers, worked with the R.E. and produced some luxurious weapon slits and shelters, which became show pieces.

Despite the small numbers in the Company, Support put up a good show on sports day, winning the Tug-of-War and "Chain of Command Race," and quite a few of the individual events.

Congratulations to Cpls. McIntosh and Finlayson, who took a step up to the Sgts. Mess during Camp; also to L/Cpl. Kelly, our romantic company clerk, who put up his second tape.

Unfortunately Lt. Jimmy (A/Tk) Murray was unable to be at camp with us—off on a world cruise. His clan was well represented, however, by the "Bloody Highland Officer"—Lt. Murdo (Mortars) Murray, who was in very good form.

"C" COMPANY NOTES

The fact that we were the only Rifle Company at Camp this year merely emphasises our position as the focal point of the Battalion, for after all, even 'S' Coy. is only there to support us. We seemed to enjoy, therefore, the undivided attention of C.O., 2 i/c., Training Officer, not to mention the Brigadier and a constant supply of top-ranking "brass" all of whom seemed pleased with the way we tackled our energetic programme of weapon-training, platoon tactics and atomic warfare.

Even the R.S.M. found time one morning to kidnap the whole Company from right under the C.S.M.'s nose, and to drill it (the Coy.) on the "square." This, together with the Q.M. pinching a Bren Gun from the Coy. lines, probably accounts for the grey hairs C.S.M. (Jimmy) Laird had developed by the end of Camp.

The Coy. group in the Sergeant's Mess at the end of Camp, which included our Company Commander, Major Hillis and 2 i/c., Captain Ross, who took over from Captain Warren, at the end of the first week, was justly proud of the two silver cups (not to mention Sgt. Prentices's miniature) on display. The Battalion Soccer Cup was won by a good all-round team, which let off H.Q. Coy. in the Final 1—0, and Sports Cup won by the Coy. not without much puff and sweat.

The platoons were commanded by Mr. Boyce and Mr. Greenshields, and the latter's platoon not only came second in the Bn. Drill Competition, but also produced the Best Tent in the C.O.s inspection of the Bn. lines, and had the winning section, commanded by L/Cpl. Wilson, in the Night Patrol Competition. We congratulate L/Cpls. Wilson and McFarland on their promotion to Cpl.

In a few weeks time most of us will have forgotten the wet days, the dark nights and the cold shaves and recall fifteen days of high pressure training, which concluded with an assault course enlivened with much noise and smoke. In sending best wishes to those leaving the Company, we welcome the new members and hope to see more faces re-appear from one year to the next.

BATTALION SPORTS

The Battalion Sports were held at Barry Camp on Wednesday, 27th June.

As in previous years, competitions for the Battalion Football and Basketball Cups were held during camp.

100 yards

1. Cpl. Grant (C)
2. Pte. Morrison (C)
3. L/Cpl. Kelly (S)

220 yards

1. Pte. Morrison (C)
2. L/Cpl. Wilson (C)
3. Pte. Doyle (HQ)

440 yards

1. Lt. Boyce (C)
2. Pte. Walters (S)
3. Pte. Caldwell (HQ)

880 yards

1. Lt. Boyce (C)
2. Pte. McQuilken (C)
3. Pte. Johnston (HQ)

Mile

1. Pte. Walters (S)
2. Sgt. Prentice (C)
3. P. Fotheringham (C)

Shot Putt 40' 2"

1. Sgt. Naismith (HQ)
2. Lt. McDonald (HQ)
3. Pte. McKinlay (S)

High Jump

1. Pte. Walters (S)
2. Pte. Caldwell (HQ)
3. Lt. McDonald (HQ)

Long Jump 18' 8½"

1. Pte. McQuilken (C)
2. Lt. McDonald (HQ)
3. Pte. McGrone (HQ)

Hammer 81 ft.

1. Sgt. Naismith (HQ)
2. Pte. Foley (HQ)
3. Sgt. Finlayson (S)

Pipe Band

1. Piper Canfield
2. Cpl. Clark
3. Piper Smith

Inter-Coy. Relay

1. S. Coy.
- Tug-of-War
1. S. Coy.

Football

1. C. Coy.

Basketball

1. H.Q. Coy.

Piping

1. Piper Smith
- Best Dressed Piper
1. Piper Crawford

Bugling

1. Cpl. Cook
- Best Dressed Bugler
1. Bugler Clark

COMPANY POINTS

1. C. Coy. —42 points.
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3. S. Coy. —21 points.

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<i>O.R.Q.M.S.</i>	O.R.Q.M.S. C. D. SIMS.

FOR various reasons our numbers this camp were regrettably rather fewer than usual, and Captains had to search the dim recesses of their memory for some information on guard mounting and all the other matters which are the concern of the orderly 'dog.'

The first event which overtook the mess was the erection of our marquee. It was almost up when the P.M.C. laid one misguided finger on a rope and the whole affair crashed to the ground.

We were glad to welcome Gilbert Porteous and John Mair for the first time and sorry that Tom Farmer has decided that the exigencies of civilian life no longer leave him time for matters military. We wish him all the best and hope to see him often.

During camp we were pleased to see Colonel Jack Lamberton and Captain Harry Warren at the guest night and much appreciated the effort they made in coming to see us.

Our Honorary Colonel, Colonel Carnegie, was much missed. To him we offer sincere good wishes for a speedy recovery.

Following the Soccer Team's success in winning both the British Territorial Army Challenge Cup and the Scottish Challenge Cup this year, the Battalion finished a very close second to the 8th Bn. the Durham Light Infantry in the Queens Challenge Cup, which is open to Territorial Units throughout the British Isles for sporting events.

The Cup was finally won by the Durhams with 15 points, with the Glasgow Highlanders second at 14 points. Congratulations to all who participated.

"A" COMPANY NOTES

'A' COMPANY tell us that sand and sun and a little rain provided them with the basis for a good camp at Barry. The weather was kind and with an interesting variety of training the camp was voted a "good un."

The Company, though not the winners, were well represented in the Battalion Sports. Cpl. Thomson and Pte. Mathews came well to the fore at a number of events and were well backed by a number of triers including the C.S.M.

Ptes. Mathews, Spence and Haughey played for the Battalion Football team at Camp.

N.S. L/Cpl. "Jungle" Morrison has joined us as a Territorial and five other N.S. men are considering—we hope they join us and enjoy another good camp next year.

"B" COMPANY NOTES

'B' COMPANY's first days at camp were spent practising fieldcraft. During that period, C.S.M. O'Brien imbued the new boys with the traditional 'B' Company spirit, and before long had us working as a team. This first phase culminated in a platoon attack demonstration, which we staged for the benefit of the rest of the Battalion. To add realism, we transported our spectators to the plain between Famagusta and Nicosia and showed them how to mop up a pocket of terrorists. (But we rush the story, for while poised to start, that "man of peace," Makarios, tried to thwart our attack by gatecrashing the party. Having dealt with him, the platoon attacked energetically.) The Army Commander, who spectated, complimented us on our fitness and on the way we demonstrated the new battlecraft.

This training helped us when we came to tackle a field firing scheme some days later. This was so realistic that a senior staff officer ran for cover.

Other events stood out in our programme. Our mad dash over the bayonet assault course and the C.S.Ms. conversion of Cpl. Fordyce from a gunner into a fierce bayonet wielding infanteer. But the company went berserk during our assault on the Confidence Area. The



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Brigade Commander watched us and realised that at least one of his companies retained some of the agility of their prehistoric ancestors.

We played as hard, but with less success than last year. In the Inter-Company relay race, when well placed, we dropped the baton. This slip allowed 'A' Company at the end of the sports to pip us by one point for the runner up position to H.Q. Company. Again we won our way into the football final, but were well beaten by H.Q. Company.

Cpl. Burgess came first in the Hop, Skip and Jump at the Brigade Sports and won congratulations for one of the Battalion's major successes.

We now realise the worth of our two new subalterns, Ross Crawford and Gilbert Porteous. Ross will be remembered particularly for his portrayal of a certain reverend gentlemen.

However, the climax came when we again won the Malchener Cup. Yes indeed, another good camp for us.

"C" COMPANY NOTES

THE highlights of 'C' Company of the last few months of course has been Annual Camp. Despite much wet weather throughout the rest of the country during the Fair Fortnight, we seemed to be fortunate in having dry and at times, sunny weather.

Individual training was the basis on which we concentrated our efforts this year, and with the depleted numbers in the company, this worked out well. For two demonstrations and for the final exercise at the end of camp we joined with the other two Rifle Companies. The demonstration of Platoon Battlecraft was preceded by an amusing piece of play-acting in which our 2nd i/c. took an active part.

On the field of sport we did not come out too well even though the Company Commander forgot his age and tried to run in the Inter-Company relay race. However, our congratulations must go to the Company Tug of War team, coached by the C.S.M., who won the Bn. Challenge Cup. Cpl. Thomson, who did so well in the Bn. Sports, unfortunately injured his leg early in the Brigade Sports meeting and so had to scratch from several of the later events.

It is hoped to form a Company Basketball team for games this winter and we would wish the members of this team every success.

H.Q. COMPANY NOTES

IN common with the T.A. in general, we were somewhat handicapped this year by a large change in our personnel due to the new National Service regulations, and also as the N.S. men who attended this year's camp will not be present next year and leave us other training com-



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mitments. This made specialist training and future organisation difficult, although we're glad to see our nucleus of 'old faithfuls' with us again. Our pre-camp programme consisted largely of maintenance of M.T. and specialist equipment, with a successful range day at Dechmont, when a large proportion of our volunteers successfully fired their courses. During this period we welcomed our new O.C., Major Philips, well known to us for several years as 'Pronto,' the new M.T.O., Capt. Stewart, R.S.M. Chapman, Scots Guards, and C/Sgt. 'Charlie' Green.

Camp at Barry was most successful, due largely to the good weather which made all the difference to a tented camp somewhat lacking in amenity. We soon settled down after re-pitching several tents to the satisfaction of the Pipe Band and M.O., and despite the proximity of 'A' Coy., whose tents completed our lines. The Coy. Office tent was most inconvenient for 'Cap off, quick march,' but fortunately the defaulters were very few.

The Signal Platoon was wholly involved in an excellent Brigade Signal Cadre, for which our 'Pronto' was responsible in conjunction with Brigade Signals. After a 'passing-in' intelligence test a comprehensive course was run, covering every aspect of infantry signals, and the help of a team from the School of Infantry during the second week was much appreciated. The 'untouchability' of the Platoon for duties caused the C.S.M. many a headache, but resulted in full benefit

from the training. The M.T. also carried out a full programme of instruction, and the environs of the camp and the Angus countryside gave them plenty of scope.

The Pipe Band was in excellent form, and had plenty of practice, both on its own and as part of the Brigade Band. Retreat was beat in our own lines, and also in Carnoustie and Edinburgh. Thanks are due to Drum Major Wright and Pipe Major Copeland and their 'regulars' for their excellent work. After initial difficulties, a Unit M.I. room was established, where the M.O., Sgt. Cairns and their orderlies evidently found enough to do! The Q.M. Staff, efficient as always, spent their days immuned in a marquee under the eagle eyes of Lieut. McMillan and R.Q.M.S. Rae. The Orderly Room was the usual hive of activity under the direction of O.R.Q.M.S. Sims, and must have created a record in the consumption of tea, on which it evidently runs. Messing was on a joint basis with 4/5th R.S.F., and our cooks under Sgt. Johnston performed wonders. The several comments on the food was 'by-ordinal,' which contributed greatly to the success of camp.

We are glad to report that we have excelled in the Unit competitions. Our five-a-side football team won the Battalion football Cup after some gruelling games. We also triumphed in athletics as we won the Battalion 'potted' sports, thanks largely to the efforts of Cpl. Russell and L/Cpl. McDougall whose prowess in the field and track events respectively was outstanding.

Another success was that of Pte. Garrity, M.T. Platoon, who won the awards for the best shot in the Battalion, and the best shot among the Cpls. and Ptes. We are determined to defend these trophies against all-comers!

We have pleasure in recording the well-earned promotions of Sgts. McIlveen (Signals), Johnston (Cook Sgt) and Brims (P.R.I. Sgt.), besides sundry other promotions to Cpl., and L/Cpl. Our best wishes go to the recipients, and we would remind them that there is always room at the top!

FOOTBALL NOTES

No Battalion games were played except at Camp since the publication of our last Notes.

During our fortnight's stay at Barry for Annual Camp, only one Battalion game was played against an eleven from the 4/5th Bn., R.S.F., the score being 4—3 against. This was rather a rush game played in an extremely bad ground behind the Soldiers' Home, and with six new faces in our team, picked at random on information received from various sources, the score was a credit to the players.

Two discoveries were found for future games in the Battalion team—Lt. J. Mair and Pte. Hall, H.Q. Coy.

The main football fixture at Camp was the 5-a-side Competition. All games were played on Carnoustie Panmure Football Club's ground by the kind permission of A. B. Mudie, President of the Club. Details of the 5-a-side Competition are published below:—

FIRST ROUND

Cpls' Mess	1	HQ Coy.	2
'A' Coy.	4	Sp. Coy.	1
Oftrs' Mess	0	Sgts' Mess	2
'C' Coy.	0	'B' Coy.	1

SEMI-FINALS

H.Q. Coy.	2	'A' Coy.	0
Sgts' Mess	0	'B' Coy.	4

FINAL

H.Q. Coy.	3	'B' Coy.	0
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The Competition went very well and H.Q. Coy did extremely well in all rounds, finishing up with goals: For 7, Against 1. 'B' Coy., the Cup holders from last year, were not disgraced and were fighting for goals right up until the last minute.

The Officers versus Sgts. game was one to remember, and in all fairness to the Sgts., I think they were fortunate to win. Mr. Ross Crawford was the star of the Officers' team, and in shorts 5 sizes too small for him, he looked like daddy-long-legs until it came to putting the ball in the goal, when his legs just would not do what they were told.

The undermentioned represented the Battalion in the Brigade 5-a-side.—L/Cpl. Wilson, Cpl. Wilson, Pte. Hall, Pte. Mathews, Pte. McGirr.

In the first round we beat the 4/5th Battalion, R.S.F. by one point, but in the final we lost 2—1 against the 6/7th Battalion, Cameronians.

We have again entered a team for the T.A. Challenge Cup Competition, and, being Cup holders, every game in the competition will have to be played as if it were a final, in order to keep the Cup for a second year. The undermentioned players in our winning Cup side this year have now been discharged, leaving quite a few gaps

to be filled before the first round in October. Pte. Honeyman, goalkeeper; Pte. Parker, right back; Pte. Richardson, right half; Pte. Thomson, centre forward; Pte. Wales, inside right.

The undermentioned new arrivals have qualified for the Battalion team:—Ptes. Mathews, McGirr, Hall.

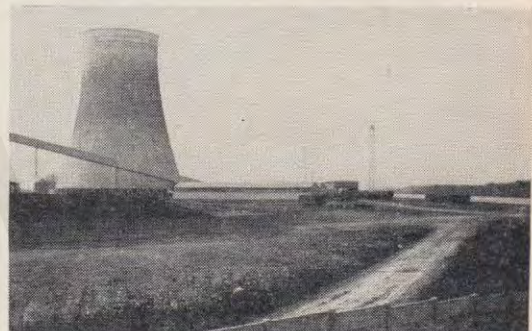
Goalkeepers are in short supply and any recommendations will be gratefully received.

The first game this year will be late September; a friendly one to select a Battalion eleven.

Our mainstay and Team Captain is still to the fore—Cpl. Wilson, and long may he continue to play.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR



QUINTA DO AGRO,
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DEAR SIR,

The enclosed photograph, if you find space to produce it, may be of interest to some of your older readers who served with the 2nd Battalion in the first war.

It is of the "Brick-stacks" area at La Bassaé, and is looking towards the canal.

The road roughly follows the old German line and the white wall in the right hand of the photo is where the railway triangle used to stand with trucks which our 2nd Division Artillery tried hard to dislodge!

The British line ran through the site now occupied by the steel-works chimney with the row of craters in between it and where the road now runs.

This was my first visit to the scene since 1917, and it took me quite a time to find it!

The Arras district is much less changed, although, naturally, the present villages cannot be recognised from their ruined counterparts. However, Rockincourt, Farbus, Thelus, Willerval, Arbraux Wood and Oppy Wood are much what they were in 1917 except that the wounds have been healed, and the woods are green again!

Yours faithfully,

J. G. GRAHAM,
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WITH all modesty, it is fair to say that the Regiment has reason to be proud of its affiliated unit of the Officers' Training Corps. In recent months much has happened that redounds greatly to the credit of the University contingent. The highlights of events was probably the visit of the Rt. Hon. Walter Elliot, Commissioner to the General Assembly; a very 'old boy' of the unit, who took time off from his official duties, in May, to come to his old 'stamping grounds.' A guard of honour, drawn from all sub-units, and including a small detachment from the University Air Squadron, was paraded under the command of Major J. L. Weir, H.L.I. (T.A.), and the performance of all ranks, thanks to the coaching of R.S.M. Gaffney, left nothing to be desired.

At the Scottish Universities Pipe Band Competition in the same month, the pipes and drums showed themselves good losers; so good, in fact, that the other Universities are willing to admit that they will have to look to their laurels in future contests.

At Annual Camp, held this year at Glencorse, we entertained numerous distinguished guests—the G.O.C. Scottish Command, General Sir Horatius Murray, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., Brigadier C. W. P. Richardson, and Principal Sir Hector Hetherington.

Though our numbers in Camp were relatively small—some 90 of all ranks—our fortnight proved both worthwhile and enjoyable. As in former years, 'Work hard, play hard' proved a good motto.

This is probably as good a time and place as

any to state that in the training year now ending, no less than 56 candidates have secured Certificate 'B.' In previous issues we have alluded to the value of this qualification, as to the advantages in general of service in an O.T.C. A recent instance of how far former members may go is furnished by the case of a late member of the Artillery sub-unit, Sgt. C. Boyle, who has now passed (with the Stick of Honour) from Cadet School to the R.H.A. The number of cadets now interested in a lengthy period of A.B.T.U. training is encouraging. Indeed, it is now a problem for the Commanding Officer to hold a balance between the cadet's enthusiasm and his academic commitments.

Domestically, we have of late been devastated by the posting of our Training Major, George Duncan, who, though from K.O.S.B., has in his year with us proved a tower of strength. He leaves us for West Africa, and our good wishes go with him. His successor, whom we also wish well, is a Cameronian, Major C. G. B. Fotheringham. We feel sure that he will settle down well with us.

This brief report, however, must end on a sad note. Two sub-units, R.E.M.E. and R. Signals, must, for the time being at least, go into suspended animation. This blow reflects no discredit on the present members or on the training staff. But the Treasury is an exacting master, and balance sheets are 'chillds that winna ding.' This is a challenge. If recruiting improves—and that is everybody's business—we will get these sub-units back. The present writer thinks that when these lost brothers return, they will come back with a bang!



Principal Sir Hector Hetherington inspecting the Unit at Glencorse Camp, July 1956

INFANTRY SUB-UNIT

If, as Kipling put it, the backbone of the Army is the non-commissioned man, it is equally true that in an O.T.C., the Infantry sub-unit must be the solid centre round which the others gather. We say this with no thought of disparaging our friends who bear other flashes; they will probably agree that while the Infantry is active and healthy, the contingent is likely to give a good account of itself.

Events in the past few months have confirmed that sub-unit and contingent alike are flourishing. We have reason to congratulate ourselves upon our showing in the Royal Guard of Honour, provided in May, for the Lord High Commissioner, and for our laurels, gained at work and play during a very successful Annual Camp. The sub-unit Dinner, held in Roslin, was perhaps the most outstanding in recent years. Certainly the ballad founded on the military excellences of our P.S.I. Sgt. Galloway, will long remain in our repertory.

We look forward to some vigorous recruiting during the Autumn.

R.E. SUB-UNIT

DURING this term, the Corps' Annual Camp took place in Midlothian, at Glencorse, and a hectic time was had by one and all.

The sub-unit was, for the first time in a number of years, able to cope with field machines and put into practice their knowledge of knots and lashings, thus enabling the Principal of the University to cross the gap on an aerial ropeway when visiting the sub-unit on his inspection of the camp. Military training with the quickies as an early morning livener, played a big part in keeping the mind and body in good shape even then some of the cadets did not feel really settled until after lunch. The Drill competition, with the sub-unit drawn first and finishing last, was not one of the highlights;

however, Cpl. Fisher and Cadet Wright, finishing 1st and 4th in the cross country race, put us in the limelight again.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Cpls. Fisher and Baines, L/Cpls. Lindsay and Laird on their promotion.

Cpl. McLeod and Cadet Spence are at present on A.B.T.U. at Cove, Hants, and Cadet Booth, having completed A.B.T.U. with success, is now a B111 Fd. Engineer.

SAPPER.

ROYAL SIGNALS SUB-UNIT

BORN in 1936, it appears that the allotted span of life of the sub-unit is to be a mere twenty years: it is to be disbanded at the end of the training year in response to the War Office's call for economy. It seems inevitable that sub-unit strengths should suffer a cyclic variation. Three or even two years ago, one feels there would have been no thought of disbanding the sub-unit, now, our strength being at a very low ebb, we have no alternative but to retire gracefully.

Due to the requirements of Cert. B. training, sub-unit training has been severely curtailed, but on the few occasions when we have worked as a sub-unit, it has been obvious that the old spirit of the Signals sub-unit has not died. Perhaps there is hope for the future since, when the disbandment was announced, it was unanimously decided to join the Infantry sub-unit and keep what remains of the Signals, together. Who knows, this may be only a break in our story and not an end to it.

Of our activities this year, perhaps the most important has been the gaining of seven Cert.-B. passes from eight candidates, although the effort of the team in winning the cross-country run at camp must be appreciated. By courtesy of the R.A.M.C. sub-unit, there have been Signals contingents at two weekend camps this year, at Robertson and Glencoe, both of which were much appreciated by all concerned.

Of the contingent team at Bisley, three were from the sub-unit and we can still claim two members of the M/C Trials Team.

Naturally we are sorry to go but the more so since it means losing S.S.M. Jones and we take this opportunity of thanking him for everything, not least his patience, and wish him the best of luck wherever he may go.

In closing, we greet and say farewell to all our friends on, maybe, an apologetic note to those who knew the unit in its more golden days.

R.A. SUB-UNIT

SINCE the last publication, the contingent's main activity has, of course, been Annual Camp, held this year at Penicuik. The Gunners, owing to the fact of not being able to shoot just anywhere, spent the first week attached to the 278th Fd. Regt. (The City of Edinburgh) R.A. (T.A.), at the R.A. Practice Camp, Otterburn. This proved to be of very great value and interest as members of the Sub-Unit, besides getting in a weeks gunnery, also acquired a first hand knowledge of the working of a Regt., all the complexities of Administration, etc. Each member had the opportunity of shooting with the Regt. in fact, some very good shoots were done, besides this they managed to do a little bit of most jobs that have to be done as regards shooting.



General Sir Horatius Murray, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., with R.E. Sub-Unit, Glencorse Camp, July 1956

We are very grateful to the Commanding Officer and all members of the Regt. for the very kind way in which we were received and treated during the week, for this we give to them our warmest thanks.

On returning to the contingent, we were greeted with all kinds of rather lurid tales of the horrors in store for us, great use being made of the word 'Quickies,' with rather veiled hints of what it entailed and on the Monday morning, sharp at 0830, we found out. Still it was, on the whole, great fun.

During the second week a number of competitions were held, in which the Sub-Unit gave their usual good account of themselves without, however, being quite good enough. To the winners we do extend our warmest congratulations.

BALLISTA.

R.A.M.C. SUB-UNIT

CAMP has come and gone. We upheld the Pipe Band and Bisley Team as usual. The highlight of camp was our Annual Dinner, held in the Royal Hotel, Penicuik, although we missed our fair companions of previous years. As will be seen elsewhere in this CHRONICLE, Sgt. G. Scott, W.R.A.C. (to whom we offer congratulations on her promotion) took 'les girls' elsewhere. Ah well, "them was the days, them was!"

On that night, however, we did not lack for reasons for celebration, as S. Sgt. W. M. Elder had passed his Final Examinations in Medicine, Sgt. E. Robinson's wife had presented him with a daughter and our O.C. Medical Sub-Unit had his T.D. officially pinned on by the G.O.C.-in-C. Scottish Command, Lt. General Sir Horatius Murray, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O.

Ahead lies shooting, recruiting and winter exams. We hope to give our usual good account in all three.

W.R.A.C. SUB-UNIT

DURING the past three months, W.R.A.C. activities have been somewhat hampered by the call to study in the face of degree examinations and also by the long months of vacation. Nevertheless, our junior cadets made full use of the opportunity to spend a fortnight at camp at the W.R.A.C. Depot in Guildford, while the more senior cadets visited our School of Instruction at Liphook. We hear that in both establishments, Glasgow University cadets acquitted themselves well—a fine tribute to the conscientious efforts of our much respected P.S.I. Sgt. McNicol. But here we must also beg leave to thank our former sergeant clerk, Sgt. Lamb, who likewise has been a great help and friend to all past and present members of this sub-unit. To our dismay, we have had to bid a fond farewell to Sgt. Lamb, who (despairing of our dreadful weather—equally bad, it would seem, both in Glasgow and Manchester) has now departed in quest of the warmer climate of Nairobi, where we wish her a very pleasant and successful tour of duty.

We are pleased to be able to report that three of our former N.C.O.s are now commissioned officers: Cpl. Petrie is now a 2/Lt. and former Sgts Ferguson and Leitch have accepted appointments as 2/Lts. with the G.U.O.T.C. We would congratulate Sgt. Scott on her very deserved recent promotion. With her great enthusiasm, she will more than adequately fill the vacancy caused in the higher rank.

A further decrease in strength is caused by the transfer of Cpl. McCaughey to a T.A. unit in Kent. Rumour has it that she is seriously considering taking a regular commission. In that event, to her we would send our very best wishes. She will be the first of our sub-unit ever to make the army her chosen career. (Good luck to you, Sheelagh.)

Our forthcoming activities will be mainly concerned with a great recruiting campaign, plans for which are well under way already. We hope to keep as far ahead of the men as usual, in our efforts and our results.

HAVE THINGS CHANGED ?

From the Chronicle—October, 1931

1st BATTALION

THE EXERCISE

IN the matter of co-operation, headquarters have played their part; they arranged for us a simple combined operation for the 8th and 9th of June; simple, because it was agreed that no tactical considerations were to be allowed to interfere with the smooth working of the administrative arrangements. The operation was to be carried out as a drill movement, and was designed to test certain new material. The fact that the material had not arrived in time to be used was not thought to be any reason why the operation should be cancelled, so, about 4 p.m. on the 8th, two hundred all ranks of the Battalion marched down to Marino Pinto and embarked. About 5-30 p.m. we steamed slowly out of the Grand Harbour and turned north to the Marfa peninsula, the northermost point of the island. The evening was spent in co-operation—that is to say, the pipers played, and various people, such as the chief engineer and the navigating officer, danced reels. At 9 o'clock, orders arrived; they were quite clear: we were to disembark (a) at 6-30 a.m. (b) after breakfast, and (c) on receipt of a signal.

The next morning we were up, bright and early. It was 6-30, and we had had our breakfast, but there was no signal; so we amused ourselves by finding out where we were. We had steamed down to Marsa Scala on the south-east, and it was here that we lay for three hours waiting for the

signal which had been promised us before we disembarked. In the end we became impatient and made a signal ourselves: "When are we to disembark?" The answer came back: "Now."

A number of people, some of them very important indeed, had got up early in the morning and had motored about the island in order to be at the landing before us, but as the sun rose, their determination had fallen, and it was a small and less important party that was waiting on the shore to cheer the troops during their forced march of four hundred yards to the embussing point.

2nd BATTALION

The Cawnpore Riots (large scale) are now events of the past, but communal tension still runs high and minor outbreaks continue to occur, to our general discomfort, as each one means a general "Stand to" for the Battalion.

We congratulate the football team, who have added to their laurels ((i.e., winning the Murray Cup at Lucknow in January and heading the Football league at the Highland Brigade Gathering) by winning the Northern India tournament. They defeated the Camerons 3—2 in the final after a very close game.

They are now in Calcutta competing in the India Football Association Tournament and are fancied in many quarters as the winners. They have had two easy victories so far in the early rounds.

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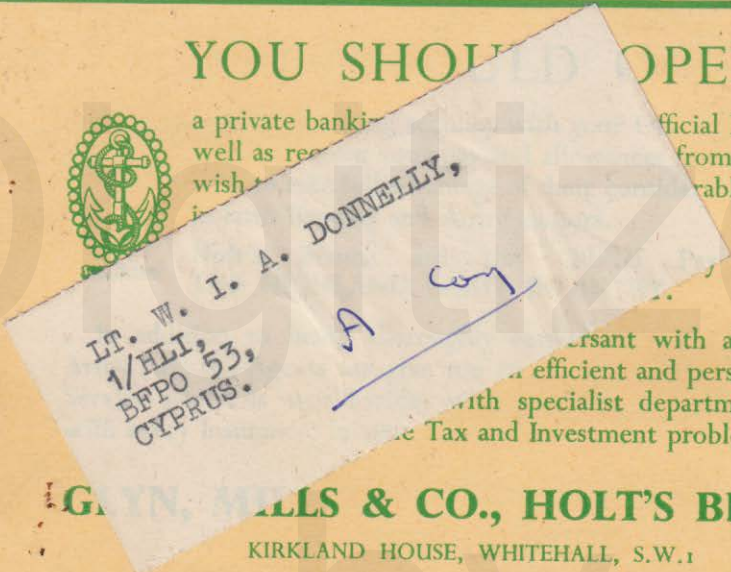
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