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PRIOR TO WORLD WAR I (On the Regimental Colour)

"Blenheim," "Ramillies," "Oudenarde," "Malplaquet," "Dettingen," "Carnatic," "Belleisle," "Hindoostan," "Sholinghur," "Mysore," "Martinique 1794," "Serangapatam," "Cape of Good Hope 1806," "Rolica," "Vimiera," "Corunna," "Busaco," "Fuentes D'Onor," "Almaraz," "Ciudad Rodrigo," "Badajoz," "Salamanca," "Vittoria," "Pyrenees," "Nivelle," "Nive," "Orthes," "Toulouse," "Peninsula," "Bladensburg," "Waterloo," "South Africa 1851-53," "Alma," "Inkerman," "Sevastopol," "Central India," "South Africa 1879," "Tel-el-Kebir," "Egypt 1882," "Burma 1885-87," "Tirah," "Modder River," "Relief of Ladysmith," "South Africa 1899-1902," Gibraltar 1780-83, Assaye

WORLD WAR I (Those in bold print are on the Queen's Colour) 44 Battalions

"Mons," "Le Cateau," "Retreat from Mons," "Marne 1914," "Aisne 1914," "La Bassee 1914," "Ypres 1914, '15, '17, '18," "Langemarck 1914, '17," "Gheluvelt," "Nonne Bosschen," "Givenchy 1914," "Neuve Chapelle," "St. Julien," "Aubers," "Festubert 1915," "Loos," "Somme 1916, '18," "Albert 1916, '18," "Bazentin," "Delville Wood," "Pozières," "Flers-Courcelette," "Le Transloy," "Ancre Heights," "Ancre 1916, '18," "Arras 1917, '18," "Vimy 1917," "Scarpe 1917, '18," "Arleux," "Messines 1917, '18," "Pilckem," "Menin Road," "Polygon Wood," "Passchendaele," "Cambrai 1917, '18," "St. Quentin," "Bapaume 1918," "Rosieres," "Lys," "Estaires," "Hazebrouck," "Bailleul," "Kemmel," "Bethune," "Scherpenberg," "Amiens," "Drocourt-Queant," "Hindenburg Line," "Havrincourt," "Canal Du Nord," "St. Quentin Canal," "Beaurevoir," "Courtrai," "Selle," "Sambre," "France and Flanders, 1914-18," "Doiran 1917, '18," "Macedonia 1916-18," "Helles," "Gallipoli 1915-16," "Rumani," "Egypt 1916-17," "Gaza," "El Mughar," "Nebi-Samwil," "Jerusalem," "Jaffa," "Tell'Asur," "Palestine 1917-18," "Tigris," "Kut Al Amara, 1917," "Sharqat," "Mesopotamia 1916-18," "Murman 1919," "Archangel 1919."

WORLD WAR II (Those in bold print are on the Queen's Colour)

"Defence of Arras," "Ypres-Comines Canal," "Somme 1940," "Withdrawal to Seine," "Withdrawal to Cherbourg," "Odon," "Fontenay Le Pesnil," "Cheux," "Defence of Rauray," "Esquay," "Mont Pincon," "Quarry Hill," "Estry," "Falaise," "Le Vie Crossing," "La Touques Crossing," "Seine 1944," "Aart," "Nederrijn," "Best," "Le Havre," "Antwerp-Turnhout Canal," "Scheldt," "South Beveland," "Walcheren Causeway," "Lower Maas," "Meijel," "Venlo Pocket," "Roer," "Ourthe," "Rhineland," "Reichswald," "Cleve," "Goch," "Moyland Wood," "Weeze," "Rhine," "Ibbemburen," "Dreirwalde," "Aller," "Uelzen," "Bremen," "Artlenberg," "N. W. Europe 1940, 44-45," "Jebel Shiba," "Barentu," "Keren," "Massawa," "Abyssinia 1941," "Gazala," "Cauldron," "Mersa Matruh," "Fuka," "North Africa 1940-42," "Landing in Sicily," "Sicily 1943," "Sangro," "Garigliano Crossing," "Minturno," "Anzio," "Advance to Tiber," "Italy 1943-44, '45," "Madagascar," "Adriatic," "Middle East 1942, '44," "Athens," "Greece 1944-45," "North Arakan," "Razabil," "Pinwe," "Shweli," "Mandalay," "Burma 1944-45."

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FOREWORD

BY THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

Major General R. A. BRAMWELL-DAVIS, C.B., D.S.O.

THIS, the first issue of the Royal Highland Fusiliers' Journal, follows on from the final editions of the Royal Scots Fusiliers' Journal and the Highland Light Infantry Chronicle, both of which have been in publication for many years—the latter indeed is the third oldest Regimental Journal in the Army, dating back to 1893.

The object of the Journal is to publish a record of the activities of the Regiment, including all its units, Regular, Territorial and Cadet, as well as our affiliated regiments in the Commonwealth.

In addition, articles and photographs of general interest will be published whether they be about the past or the present. The Regiment's service covers 280 years or more of soldiering in almost every part of the world under conditions of peace and war. It is worth while from time to time to remind ourselves of these traditions for it is on these solid foundations that the Royal Highland Fusiliers have been born and on which it can only prosper and gradually enhance the two great Regiments from which it stems. Therefore, stories and anecdotes of the past will always be welcome, as well as those of the present.

In conclusion, I would like to emphasise that the Regimental Journal is an inherent part of the life of the Regiment. It is read by those serving and those retired not only from our own regiments but throughout the regular and territorial forces. It must, therefore, reflect the highest standards of Regimental activities. The editor's task is not an easy one, and I would enjoin all ranks, serving and retired, to assist him in any way they can.



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Yes, he'll be at the local branch tomorrow. At 1100 hrs. precisely.

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Editorial

THE ROYAL HIGHLAND FUSILIERS

TELEGRAMS sent and received on 20th January, 1959, when the Royal Scots Fusiliers and the Highland Light Infantry amalgamated and became The Royal Highland Fusiliers.

From: COLONEL, THE ROYAL HIGHLAND FUSILIERS.
To: PRIVATE SECRETARY TO H.M. THE QUEEN.

On this the first day of amalgamation of the Royal Highland Fusiliers (Princess Margaret's Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment) I wish on behalf of the whole regiment to offer to Her Majesty our heartfelt greetings together with a pledge of loyalty as devoted and steadfast for the future as that of the Royal Scots Fusiliers and the Highland Light Infantry has ever been in the past.

From: BUCKINGHAM PALACE.
To: COLONEL, THE ROYAL HIGHLAND FUSILIERS.

I sincerely thank you for the kind and loyal message which you have sent to me on behalf of all ranks under your command. Please convey to them my warm good wishes on their amalgamation. I am confident that the name of their new regiment will shine as brightly in the annals of Scotland and of the British Army as those of the famous regiments which compose it.

ELIZABETH R.

From: COLONEL, THE ROYAL HIGHLAND FUSILIERS.
To: PRIVATE SECRETARY TO H.R.H.
THE PRINCESS MARGARET.

On behalf of all ranks of the Royal Highland Fusiliers (Princess Margaret's Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment) I wish to offer our loyal greetings. On this our first day of amalgamation I wish to assure Her Royal Highness how very deeply appreciative and honoured we are that Her Royal Highness has graciously consented to become our Colonel-in-Chief.

From: BUCKINGHAM PALACE.
To: Major-General BRAMWELL-DAVIS.

I have received your kind message with the deepest appreciation. I am truly delighted to be Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Highland Fusiliers and on this first day of its formation I send through you to all ranks an expression of my very best wishes for a happy and successful future. You may be sure that I shall always have the interest of the regiment very close to my heart.

MARGARET, Colonel-in-Chief.

Telegrams of greeting were also received from:—

General MURRAY and the CAMERONIANS.
THE DEPOT, THE ROYAL SCOTS.
THE INFANTRY JUNIOR LEADERS' BATTALION.
THE SCOTS FUSILIERS OF CANADA.
THE H.L.I. OF CANADA.
THE BURGH OF AYR.

The foregoing telegrams marked an historic occasion and this is the first issue of the Journal of the two famous old regiments under their new combined title, The Royal Highland Fusiliers.

After some six months the new existence together has already shown fruitful results. Never has recruiting been better both in quantity and quality. This is largely due to what The Royal Highland Fusiliers has to offer in the sum total of its past traditions and its already highly developed *esprit de corps* fostered by good leadership and goodwill among all its ranks.

Through the pages of this Journal we hope to keep our readers informed of the progress of The Royal Highland Fusiliers and their comrades in arms, the 4/5th Bn. The Royal Scots Fusiliers, the 5/6th Bn. The Highland Light Infantry, and the 1st Bn. The Glasgow Highlanders as well as the allied regiments affiliated to us, as we all go forward to make fresh history.

For our information we depend on contributions and photographs from all units within the Regimental family and appeal to Battalions to appoint a sub-editor for the collection and collation of interesting material.

For our livelihood we look forward to the continued support of those who so generously subscribed to the old *Journal* and *Chronicle* and to the addition of new subscribers.

NOTICES

Title of the Journal.—The Editor wishes to thank those who sent in suggestions for an original title for the Regimental magazine. The Regimental Council, however, were forced to the conclusion that it was impossible to frame a title which embraced all units of the Regiment and have adopted the conventional one which appears on the cover. The question of whether "Journal" or "Chronicle" should follow the title of the Regiment was, by general agreement, decided by the simple means of tossing a penny!

Contributions.—As the Journal will be published in June and December each year literary contributions should be submitted to the Editor by units and individuals *not later than 15th May and 15th November.*

Christmas Cards.—The Regimental Christmas Card this year will have an appropriate inset which is being designed by Lt.-Col. F. A. Wilson, late R.S.F. Will those who require cards please submit their orders now to the Regimental Secretary, R.H.Q. and Depot. The Royal Highland Fusilers, Churchill Barracks, Ayr.

Regimental Silver.—All Regimental plate and property is now on charge to Regimental Headquarters and it is loaned in conformity with the requirements of the Battalion and the Depot. The plate and property have been catalogued, indexed, photographed and centrally insured under directions of the Regimental Trustees.

There are a large number of items of plate which for one reason or another have become redundant and the Trustees will shortly be listing these items for sale.

Officers of the Regiment, both past and present, will have the first option of purchasing these items, and all those who are interested should notify the Regimental Secretary, R.H.F., Churchill Barracks, Ayr.

Officers' Lunch and Dinner (London).—The Officers' Lunch and Dinner will be held in Claridges Hotel on October 30th. The Colonel-in-Chief has graciously consented to attend the Luncheon.

Directory.—The publication of a Regimental Directory is under preparation. It is mainly a guide to the location of regular officers past and present. Territorial Battalions are maintaining their own Directories, but the names of officers of War Service and Territorial Battalions will appear in the Regimental Directory at their own request or if they are already listed as taking part in Regimental activities.

The manager of the Directory is Col. J. C. KEMP, M.C., The Cottage, Lumley Road, Emsworth, Hants. All communications about the Directory should be addressed to him.

Presentation Brooch to the Colonel-in-Chief.—Approximately £240 has been received from voluntary contributions towards the brooch presented to the Colonel-in-Chief. These contributions have come from officers and other ranks, and we take this opportunity of thanking all those who have so generously and readily subscribed.

History of the Amalgamation.—For historical purposes a chronological record of the main events leading to the amalgamation, and the major Regimental decisions taken to make it effective, will appear in the next issue of the Journal. Space does not permit its inclusion in this issue.

Articles by Retired Officers.—In future issues articles will be included by, or catering principally for, retired officers.

Regimental Roll.—In future issues, brief outlines will be included giving details of recruits joining and old soldiers leaving. A step towards this has been taken in this issue.

Film of Amalgamation Ceremonies.—An 8mm. colour film of the Amalgamation Ceremonies has now been produced. Anyone requiring this film on loan for private viewing should apply to R.H.Q.

R.S.F. History by John Buchan.—Copies of John Buchan's history of the R.S.F. are now in exceedingly short supply and demands for them within the Regiment are great. If anyone has a copy which they no longer require the Regiment would be very pleased to receive it.

Supply is so short of demand that a re-print is being considered, but before this is decided on it is necessary to have some forecast of possible sales. The editor would be glad to have any applications for a copy of a re-print and the price the applicant would be prepared to pay (approximate estimate is 50/-).

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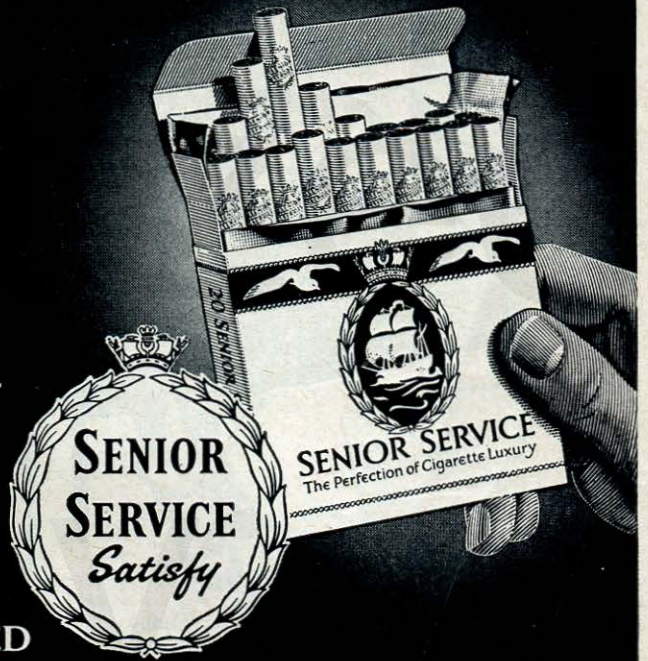
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NEWS IN BRIEF

H.R.H. PRINCESS MARGARET (Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Highland Fusiliers), has been graciously pleased to honour the Lowland Brigade Club by becoming a Joint President.

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We congratulate Brigadier D. C. Mullen on his award of the C.B.E.

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Colonel J. M. G. Hendry, T.D., has been appointed Deputy Commander 157 (L) Infantry Brigade (T.A.). Until November 1958 Colonel Hendry was C.O. of the 1st Bn. Glasgow Highrs.

In a letter to the Colonel of the Regiment after the amalgamation ceremonies the C.I.G.S. wrote: "I did so much enjoy all the parades in connection with the birth of your Regiment. Thank you so much for asking me. I would like to say how splendid they looked and how delighted I am that they have got off to such a good start."

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Letters of appreciation of Lt.-Col. Oatts' "Proud Heritage" (History of the H.L.I.) have been received by the Colonel of the Regiment from Mr. Arthur Bryant and Mr. Cyril Falls. (Copies of Vols. I and II of this work may be obtained on application to the Manager, price 30/- Vol. II, £1 1s. Vol. I).

Location of Serving Officers . . .

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G. C. R. L. PENDER. 1 R.H.F.

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J. A. R. TAYLOR. H.Q. Forces, Arabian Peninsula.

R. L. S. GREEN. 1 R.H.F.

2. Regimental List

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Camp.

D. A. T. CARSON, M.B.E. Lt.-Col. H.Q. E. Anglian Dist.

Captains.

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J. D. HALSTEAD. 2 Ghana Regt.

W. H. MARSHALL. R.P.O., Salisbury.

P. M. LARG. 2 Q.O.N.R.

F. M. V. STIMPSON. School of Infantry, Hythe.

E. I. WIRGMAN. 1 R.H.F.

I. A. D. GORDON. 1 Cameronians.

A. G. D. GORDON. Trg. Offr., 4/5th R.S.F.

P. M. OATTS. 1 R.H.F.

D. W. ANDERSON. Trg. Offr., 5/6th H.L.I.

D. BALFOUR SCOTT. H.Q. Low. Dist.

H. D. R. MACKAY. 2 Q.O.N.R.

J. M. R. FLEMING. Depot (HS).

LOCATION OF SERVING OFFICERS (Continued)

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 A. G. INGRAM. Ceylon Forces.
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 J. E. STAHELI. Adjnt., Depot R.H.F.
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 D. I. A. MACK. 1 R.H.F.
 C. A. F. MACKENZIE. Fed. Mil. Forces, Kuala Lumur.
 G. A. THOM. Mons O.C.S.

Lieutenants.

D. M. ROBERTSON. 1 R.H.F.
 A. M. SCRASE-DICKINS. 21 S.A.S. Regt., T.A.
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 D. J. PALMER. 1 R.H.F.
 A. J. B. AGNEW. 1 R.H.F.
 G. B. CAMPBELL. 1 R.H.F.
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 R. C. ARMSTRONG. 1 R.H.F.
 R. H. DE R. CHANNER. 1 R.H.F.
 J. D. DRUMMOND. 1 R.H.F.

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D. F. MCKUE, D.C.M. Capt. (QM) Glas.Gar.Adm.Unit.
 W. M. SMITH. Maj. (QM) 5/6 H.L.I., T.A.

J. MACMILLAN. Capt. (QM) Depot, R.H.F.
 R. A. PATON. Capt. (QM) 1 Glas. H., T.A.
 J. D. COPLAND. Lieut. (QM) 4/5 R.S.F., T.A.
 T. A. ELLAMES. Capt. (QM) 5 Q.O.N.R.
 A. WARD, M.M. Capt. (QM) 1 R.H.F.

(b) SHORT SERVICE

Majors.

W. DUNLOP. Depot (HS).
 J. S. REEKES. H.Q. Sc. Comd.
 A. C. MACHIN. A.A.S., Chepstow.
 W. R. MCL. MATHIE. Nanyuki Garr., E. Africa.
 J. MAITLAND. H.Q. 4 Inf. Div., B.A.O.R.

Captains.

J. GRAY. 205 Postal Un., Herford, B.A.O.R.
 M. C. HASTIE. Kluang Garr., Malaya.
 J. GORDON, M.B.E. Depot (HS).
 J. BLYTHE. Somaliland Scouts.

Lieutenants.

J. L. HOWDEN-FERME. Depot, R.H.F.

Quartermasters.

J. R. NEVE. Capt. (QM) 2 R. Malay Regt.
 A. MCINTYRE. Capt. (QM) H.Q. 11 Inf. Div.,
 B.F.P.O. 29.
 W. STOBIE. Lieut. (QM) 1 R.H.F.

(c) NATIONAL SERVICE

2nd Lieutenants.

A. S. ROBERTSON. Depot (HS).
 J. H. A. INGLIS. 1 R.H.F.
 T. J. CHAPMAN. 1 K.O.S.B.
 W. H. CUNNINGHAM. 1 R.H.F.
 H. M. S. HOLME. 1 R.H.F.
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Officers Recently Retired



Colonel D. CARNEGIE, O.B.E., T.D., D.L.

The 21st of March, 1959, marks the end of an era in the history of the Glasgow Highlanders. On that day Col. D. Carnegie, O.B.E., T.D., D.L., relinquished the appointment of Honorary Colonel of the Battalion and thus brought to an end a military career which extended over a period of approximately forty-five years voluntary service. The history of the Battalion covering its 90 years is studded with gems of varying brilliance, but none shines brighter in the Glasgow Highlanders firmament than that of "Andrew Carnegie" as he is affectionately called.

Enlisting as a volunteer in 1914 in the ranks of the 9th Bn. The Royal Scots, Colonel (then Pte.) Carnegie saw active service in France where he was wounded in 1915. Commissioned in 1917 into the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders he served with that Regiment's 1st Bn. until 1919 in Salonika and in the Army of the Black Sea. It was evident, following demobilisation in 1919, that "the Army was in his blood," as he immediately volunteered for service in the reconstituted T.A. and joined the

K.O.S.B. at Dumfries. After a few months his Banking activities brought him to Glasgow, and early 1920 saw the beginning of his military service with The Glasgow Highlanders—a record of service which is without parallel both in length of time and degree of ability, in T.A. circles in the West of Scotland. It is a record of service of which the whole Regiment can be and is justifiably proud.

Following the normal pattern of promotion between 1920 and 1934 Col. Carnegie was appointed to command The Glasgow Highlanders in the latter year and retained his command for almost eight years until November, 1941. During this unique and prolonged tour of duty he was responsible for the raising of the 2nd Glasgow Highlanders in 1939 and took the 1st Battalion to France on active service in the fateful summer of 1940. He had the unusual distinction of being a Brevet Col. from 1937 to 1939 while commanding the Battalion, but was called upon to relinquish the Brevet shortly after the outbreak of hostilities.

Promoted Colonel in 1941 he was appointed to command Clyde Sub-District and later Dumfries Sub-

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District and remained on active service until the end of the war. Although severed from his direct participation in the affairs of the Battalion he never ceased to retain his interest in nor to strive for the good of the Battalion and his services were always readily available regardless of inconvenience to himself. This urge to serve was again given its natural outlet in 1954 when he was appointed Honorary Colonel of the Battalion, an appointment which he has now relinquished, no doubt with great personal regret but with greater feelings of loss and regret amongst the Battalion and Regiment which he has served so faithfully and with such great distinction.

Both in uniform and out of it Colonel Carnegie's career has been distinguished. During the course of his Banking life he has marched steadily from success to success. In 1939 he was Manager of the Carlisle Branch of the then Clydesdale Bank and subsequently held the appointments of Secretary and Assistant General Manager of that Bank. Appointed Deputy General Manager of the amalgamated Clydesdale and North of Scotland Bank in 1950 he retired from his banking career in 1956 only to devote his apparently boundless energy to other activities.

He is at present Chairman of the Glasgow T.A. and A.F.A. and of the Glasgow Highlanders Benevolent Fund. In addition to acting as Hon. Treasurer for the Glasgow Branch of British Red Cross and Glasgow Old People's Welfare Committee he is a member of the Committees of Erskine Hospital and the Resettlement Committee for Scotland and various other charitable organisations.

All ranks of the Regiment extend to him very best wishes for a lengthy and happy so called "retirement."

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Major G. D. WILMOT (25th Aug., 1938).

Commissioned from Sandhurst into 2 R.S.F. Served with 2 R.S.F. in B.E.F. until wounded in Belgium, 27th May 1940. Joined I.T.C. Ayr in Sept. 40 and served there until joining 2 R.S.F. in June 41 during which period he was engaged in coast defence in Norfolk and later in 49 Div. in Wales where he became an instructor in 49 Div. Battle School. From Dec. 42 to Oct. 45 served in 1st Airborne Div. in North Africa, Italy and Norway. In Dec. 45 joined 1 R.S.F. in Delhi and was Coy. Comd and later became Adj. In Jan. 48 moved to Depot as Adj. Subsequently became instructor at Eaton Hall O.C.S. and then Trg. Officer 4/5 R.S.F. until rejoining 1 R.S.F. in Malaya as a Coy. Comd. in 1954. In 1957 returned to U.K. and was appointed D.A.A.G. Lowland Bde. until his retirement on 29th May, 1959.

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Major J. C. KNOX (1938).

Commissioned into 6th Bn. H.L.I. and served with them until 1946 when he returned to the Depot as Adj. Subsequently joined 1 H.L.I. In 1950 became S.O.P.T. in Berlin prior to going with 1 B.W. to Korea and Kenya. In 1954 he rejoined 1 H.L.I. and served with them until becoming Training Officer of 1 Glasgow Highlanders in 1955. In 1956 he again joined 1 H.L.I. with whom he served until retiring in 1959.

Major J. M. WATSON (6th Dec., 1940).

Commissioned into 13 Bn. H.L.I. from 163 O.C.T.U. and served with them until they were disbanded in 1944. On disbandment he joined the 1st S.A.S. Regt. and in June 44 was parachuted into Germany and operated with the Maquis for 3 months until over-run by the advancing Americans. For this operation he was awarded the Croix de Guerre. He spent the remainder of the war on operations in Belgium, Holland and Germany where he was wounded in April 45. After the War he joined the K.A.R. in Nairobi serving with them for 3 years before rejoining the H.L.I. at Fort George. Shortly after this he went to Staff College and there on completing the course to 61 Lorried Inf. Bde. in Germany as G.S.O. 3 and subsequently D.A.A. and Q.M.G. He joined 1 H.L.I. in 1954 in Tel-el-Kebir and served with them until 1956 when he was appointed G.S.O. 2 Inf. in Malaya prior to his retirement in 1959.

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Captain M. M. THOMSON (22nd Dec., 1948).

Commissioned into 1 H.L.I. from Sandhurst with whom he served first as Pl. Comd. and I.O. in the U.K. and subsequently as I.O. and Asst. Adj. in the Middle East until being appointed as Adj. to 5/6 H.L.I. in May 53. In Nov. 55 he rejoined 1 H.L.I. in Cyprus and went with them to Germany. In Nov. 57 he was appointed Adj. of Depot H.L.I. and held this post until his retirement on 10th Jan., 1959.

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Major A. J. DU SAUTOY (Jan., 1938).

Commissioned into 2 R.S.F. from Sandhurst with whom he served in the U.K. until Sept. 1939 when he went to the I.T.C. in Ayr as M.T.O. In June 1940 he was appointed L.O. at H.Q. 3 Corps rejoining 2 R.S.F. in March 1941 with whom he served in the Middle East until March 1943, when he joined 11th Bn. The Para. Regt. as a Coy. Comd. serving with them in the Mediterranean and the U.K. until Aug. 1944 when he went to the Staff College. On completing the course he was posted as G.S.O. 2 (Air) to H.Q. Allied Land Forces, South-East Asia, subsequently rejoining 1 R.S.F. in India in Nov. 1945. In March 1947 he was appointed G.S.O. 3 Staff Duties Directorate at the War Office and then Assistant Military Adviser to the U.K. High Commissioner in Pakistan before returning to the U.K. as the Commander of the Depot R.S.F. In Dec. 1953 he was appointed Bde. Maj. of 155 Bde. in Edinburgh, rejoining 1 R.S.F. in April 1956 with whom he served as Coy. Comd. and Bn. Sec.-in-Comd. until retiring in Dec. 1958.

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Major J. WILLIAMSON (12th June, 1940).

Joined 2 R.S.F. from Depot A. & S. H. on the Bn's return from Dunkirk. He remained with 2 R.S.F. until 1948 when the Bn. was amalgamated with 1 R.S.F., and during this time served in the U.K., Madagascar, India, Sicily and Italy, where he was wounded at Anzio, France, Belgium and Germany, where he was again wounded at the River Elbe crossing. From 1943 onwards he was a

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Coy. Comd. and retained this appointment with 1 R.S.F., serving with them in Germany and Malaya where he was again wounded. In 1957 he was appointed to a staff job in Catterick and remained there until retiring in May 1959.

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Lieut. R. S. ERSKINE (July, 1953).

Commissioned into 1 R.S.F. from Sandhurst and joined them in Germany. Subsequently posted as Trg. Pl. Comd. to Depot R.S.F. in 1954 prior to rejoining 1 R.S.F. in Malaya in 1956 as Assist. Adjt. and remained with them until returning to U.K. in 1957 when he was posted for a brief period in the Inf. Jnr. Leaders Bn. from whence he rejoined the Bn. later that year as Coy. Sec.-in-Comd. In April 1958 he was appointed L.O. to H.Q. 1 Gds. Bde. and served with them in Cyprus, returning to 1 R.S.F. in the U.K. in Jan. 1959 as Coy. Sec.-in-Comd. until retiring in May 1959.

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Major G. H. HOWARD, M.C. (27th Jan., 1939).

Commissioned into 2 R.S.F. from Sandhurst and was posted to 4/5 R.S.F. soon after outbreak of war, with whom he went to France in 1940. During 1940 he joined the 5 K.A.R. in Kenya, and with them fought in East Africa (where he was awarded the M.C.), Madagascar and Burma (where he was mentioned in despatches). He entered the Staff College in 1945 and, after a staff appointment in East Africa as G.S.O. 2, he returned to Scotland as Adjt. of the 4/5 R.S.F. for 2 years. He was then appointed as D.A.A.G. H.Q. Div. West District at Shrewsbury and in 1953 returned to Regimental soldiering with 1 R.S.F. in Berlin. Went to Malaya and Cyprus and continued with the Bn. until his retirement early in 1959.

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Major J. H. DUNCAN, M.C. (2nd June, 1937).

Commissioned in Supplementary Reserve of Officers, Royal Scots Fusiliers, on 2 June 1937, and subsequently granted a regular commission. Served during the war with 2 R.S.F. in Madagascar, India, Persia, Syria, Egypt, Sicily and Italy, and on the staff in India, Ceylon, and Malaya. On return to U.K. became an instructor at the School of Infantry and then rejoined 2 R.S.F. in Germany in 1947, becoming Adjt. in 1948. On disbandment of 2 R.S.F. became Adjt. of 1 R.S.F. Served for 3 years (1950-53) with the Arab Legion and then with 1 R.S.F. in Berlin and Malaya. Returned to U.K. in 1955, being D.A.A.G. Lowland District and G.S.O. 2 (Int. and S.D.) H.Q. Scottish Command before retiring in January 1959.

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Major A. L. CAMPBELL, M.C. (8th May, 1958).

Joined the ranks of the Scots Guards in 1932 and as a W.O. III was commissioned to the Black Watch in 1940 with which he served in Iceland till 1942. Was instructor at the Battle School in 1943, and shortly after D-Day served with the 4/5th Black Watch throughout the France

and Germany campaign. Was wounded and awarded the M.C. while commanding a company at the crossing of the Rhine. Granted a regular commission with the H.L.I. in 1946 and served with 1 H.L.I. until 1954 when he became a Coy. Commander at the School of Infantry, until retiring in 1958.

It is regretted that a few records of service have not been obtainable in time for publication. These will be published in the next issue.

Lieut. A. R. CRAWFORD.

Major G. CHRISTIE.

Major A. F. WHITEHEAD, M.C.

Major N. LIVINGSTONE-BUSSELL.

OTHER RANKS.

In future Journals, notes on other ranks having six or more years service in the Regiment will also be included on their leaving the Colours.

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OBITUARIES



Lance-Corporal WILLIAM ANGUS, V.C.,
late 8th H.L.I.

CITATION.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Givenchy, on 12th June, 1915, in voluntarily leaving his trench under very heavy fire and rescuing an Officer who was lying within a few yards of the enemy position, Lance-Corporal Angus had no chance of escaping the enemy's fire when undertaking this very gallant action, and in effecting the rescue he sustained about forty wounds from bombs, some of them being very serious.

The British Legion was represented by Carluke branch at the funeral of Mr. William Angus, the Carluke V.C., who died on Sunday, 14th June, 1959.

Pipers of the Royal Highland Fusiliers and representatives of Mr. Angus's old Regiment, the H.L.I., were also present.

Bishop D. Scanlon, Motherwell, presided at the service in St. Athanasius Church, Carluke.

Hundreds of townspeople lined Market Place, High Street, and Kirkton Street as the cortege passed the cross on its way to Wilton Cemetery.

Mr. Angus was one of the three Carluke V.C.s. He was awarded the honour for rescuing fellow-townsmen Lieut. Jim Martin at Givenchy on June 12, 1915, and was the first Territorial to receive it.

As he was about to "go over the top" a Canadian officer said to him, "You are going to certain death"; but he replied, "It doesn't matter much, sir, whether sooner or later."

Brigadier R. V. G. HORN, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.

The sudden death on the 11th July, 1959, of Brigadier R. V. G. Horn will be felt by all surviving Scots Fusiliers and by many other friends who have happy memories of him since early Edwardian years.

Born in 1885, "Bob" was educated at Cargilfield, Charterhouse and the R.M.C., Sandhurst. He joined the 2nd Battalion at Tidworth in 1905 and soon made his mark as a keen, energetic and extremely efficient officer and at an early age was appointed Adjutant. He accompanied the 2nd Battalion from Gibraltar to join the 7th Division soon after the outbreak of war and served with distinction through the first Battle of Ypres receiving a Military Cross and being mentioned in despatches.

He was, after the Battle of Loos, severely wounded and invalided home. During his convalescence he was an Instructor at the Staff Training School at Cambridge and returned to France in the autumn of 1916 when he was appointed Brigade Major in the 15th Scottish Division. For his further service he was more than once mentioned in despatches and received the D.S.O.

After the termination of the War he passed through the Staff College at Camberley and, being posted to India, served on the Staff during the Malabar operations under General Burnett-Stuart, was again mentioned in despatches and given an O.B.E. Later he served as an Instructor at the Staff College, Quetta, where he helped to train many officers who served with distinction during the Second World War.

He commanded the 2nd Battalion in Shanghai and at Catterick from 1931 to 1934. Promoted then to Colonel he became A.Q.M.G. at Headquarters Scottish Command where he was able to keep a fatherly eye on the Regimental Depot.

Retired in 1938 he was re-employed at the War Office in the A.G.'s Department until 1940 when he became B.G.S. Anti-Aircraft Scottish Command.

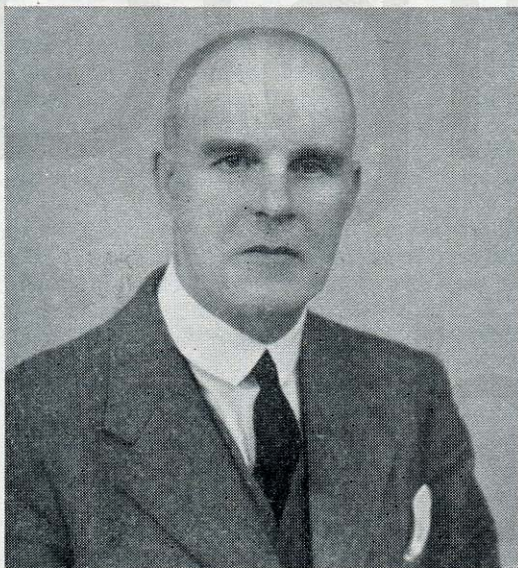
"Bob" was a fine character, a gallant soldier and a faithful friend.

He leaves a widow and a daughter, to whom we tender our deep sympathy, and a gap in the lives of his old friends who had known him over so many years, some happy, some grim, but all shared in a spirit of good comradeship.

OBITUARIES (Continued)

RUPERT CECIL CRAVEN.

It is announced with regret that The Hon. Rupert Cecil Craven died at Faringdon, Berks., aged 89. He served with the Royal Scots Fusiliers from 1912—1920.



Colonel J. R. TURNER, D.S.O.

It is with regret that we have to record the death on 19th March, 1959, of Colonel John R. Turner, at the age of 82.

A well-known and highly respected Officer of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, Colonel Turner had a long and varied career.

He joined the 1st Ayrshire Volunteer Regiment in 1900 which, on the creation of the Territorial Army in 1908, became the 4th Bn. R.S.F., with Headquarters at Kilmarnock.

During the First World War he served with the 52nd Lowland Division and was Staff Captain of the 155 Brigade in the Gallipoli Landings. Later, he went to France and was with the 2nd R.S.F. as Sec.-in-Com. under Lieut.-Colonel J. E. Utterson-Kelso (now Major-General), and ended the war commanding the 12th Bn. R.S.F. For his services he was awarded the D.S.O. and the Belgian Croix de Guerre.

When the Territorial Army was reformed after the conclusion of hostilities, Colonel Turner took over the Command of his old Battalion, the 4th R.S.F., until the amalgamation with the 5th Bn. R.S.F. was effected in 1922.

It is interesting to recall that his Adjutant at this time was his former C.O. (General Utterson-Kelso).

During his period of Command he had been appointed Hon. Secretary, R.S.F. Benevolent Association, so while his active military service had come to an end, his close connection with the Regiment continued, and most officers will remember him best in this side of his active life.

It is no exaggeration to say that the sound management and flourishing condition of the Regimental Association are due to him.

A man of great integrity and high principle, he guided the affairs of the Association with great wisdom and was ever a tower of strength and a fount of good advice. Very many Fusiliers will have cause to be grateful to him for the work he did and the help he gave.

A landmark of the past has been taken away, but his memory will long remain, and he will be remembered with pride and gratitude.

M. B. B.

The Rev. ALAN M. DAVIDSON, C.B.E., M.C., D.D.

A Memorial Service for the late Rev. Alan Davidson, minister of the Scots Church, Lisbon, and formerly Deputy Chaplain-General to the Forces, was held in St. Giles' Cathedral on 11th February, 1959.

The Rev. Alan Davidson was for many years padre to the 1st Bn. R.S.F.

Captain J. N. E. VAUGHAN.

Captain J. N. E. Vaughan died suddenly on 5th June, 1959, at Chine House, Bournemouth.

Major J. L. BOWEN.

Major Bowen died on 21st November, 1958. He joined the R.S.F. from Sandhurst on 3rd September, 1912.

He was with the 2nd Bn. R.S.F. in October, 1914, when it landed in Belgium as a unit in the 7th Division. In the epic Battle of Ypres, in which the 2nd Bn. played so heroic a part, Bowen was a platoon commander under Capt. Burgoyne. He was awarded a mention in despatches for his part in this action. He fought throughout the nine days, and on 30th October was captured along with the remnants of the Bn., and was forced to spend the remainder of World War I in captivity.

In 1925 Bowen was passed as unfit owing to heart trouble, was put on half-pay for five years, and finally retired by the Medical Board.

OBITUARIES (Continued)

During the 1939-45 war Bowen commanded A Coy. 1st City of London Home Guard with honorary rank of Major. The role of A Coy. was to guard Electra House with its inner fortified core of wireless operations.

He leaves a widow and one son who fought with the Sikh regiments under General Slim during the last war. He was a member of the V Force.

Major W. S. RODGER.

Major Rodger died on 9th December, 1958.
Date of Enlistm't 23/11/21.

India	-	-	27/9/22 to 14/12/30.	2nd Bn.
China	-	-	1931 to 14/3/32.	"
Home	-	-	25/4/32 to 10/2/39.	"
India	-	-	10/2/39 to 19/7/40.	"
Home	-	-	19/7/40.	"

R.S.M. 6th Bn. R.S.F.—27/1/41 to 5/2/43.
Went through O.C.T.U.

Appointed to emergency commission as 2nd Lt.
6/2/43, 6th Bn. R.S.F.

On 26th June, 1944, he was awarded the Military Cross at St. Mavieu (6th Bn. R.S.F.). On 27th June he was made Captain. He retired with honorary rank of Major on 15/10/46. He joined the War Department Constabulary on 27th May, 1947, as a Constable, was made sergeant on 1st March, 1948. He also did detective work and was made Detective-Sgt., all at Longstown, Cumberland. He went to Balmuir as sub-inspector for three years; from there to Swynnerton as Inspector for one year, and then transferred to Chilwell as Inspector. He did almost three years there, and died on 9th December at Nottingham General Hospital. He had a military funeral and was buried in Chilwell Cemetery. He was 56 years of age.



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<i>Adjutant</i>	Captain J. E. STAHELI.
<i>Regimental Secretary</i>	Major H. D. WATT.
<i>Quartermaster</i>	Captain J. MACMILLAN.
<i>R. S. M.</i>	R.S.M. C. THOMPSON, M.M.

IN October, 1958, a joint R.S.F./H.L.I. Depot was formed in Churchill Barracks, Ayr. Thanks to the preliminary organisation which had taken place and to the support which the new Depot received from the Regiment's T.A. Battalions, from retired regular officers and from the authorities in Glasgow and Ayr, the work of establishing the R.H.Q. and Depot, R.H.F., was undertaken in an atmosphere of keenness and co-operation.

It was soon possible to discard reserve and such safety measures as equating ex R.S.F. and H.L.I. officers and men in the various roles and to concentrate solely on what was best for The Royal Highland Fusiliers and its reformed group of T.A. Battalions and Cadet Units.

This spirit has been maintained and the Depot was amalgamated in fact, long before 'A' day on 20th January. Since then the Training Wing has gone from strength to strength. Up to the time of writing, only regular recruits have been accepted for training, and recruiting has been the best in Scotland, and in March topped the Army. The difference between training National Servicemen and Regulars has been marked and the enthusiasm of the regular recruits has been most noticeable and gratifying.

In Regimental Headquarters the period has been a very busy one indeed, and has included the publication of Officers' Dress Regulations; the launching of a new recruiting programme with attendant posters, handouts, publicity and so on; a great deal of work in sorting and distributing the Regiment's property, and in collecting and collating the Regiment's financial assets; drafting and discussing Regimental policy on a host of subjects on which agreement has now been reached, including such controversial matters as the Football Strip to be worn and when the Loyal Toast should be drunk; assisting the 1st Battalion in preparing for the

Ceremonial Parades in May; and many similar projects. A separate article in the next Journal will give details of the major decisions reached.

The amalgamation has attracted a large number of visitors, many of whom arrived with the expressed intention of "seeing how things were going." We were glad to see them all and hope they enjoyed their visits. Apart from the Colonel and Associate Colonel of the Regiment they included the Army Commander Scottish Command, the G.O.C. Lowland District, the Assistant Chaplain-General Scottish Command, the Brigade Colonel Lowland Brigade, and Brigadier Hope Thomson, who called on us on 'A' Day and who is a regular visitor. In addition we have had visits from many retired and serving officers, and we hope to see them all again and that Saturday mornings in particular will be used for reunion purposes.

We have held a number of functions and have been delighted to welcome many guests to them. During their tours in Scotland we hope that all officers of the Regiment will dine in Mess at least once.

There have been several Passing Out Parades, taken by the Colonel of the Regiment, by Brigadier Hope Thomson, by Lt.-Col. Evetts, by Lt.-Col. Le Van, U.S.A.F., and by Major Barrie, H.L.I. of Canada.

Many changes in staff have taken place and in particular the Depot was very sorry to lose Captain David Anderson to 5/6th H.L.I. At the same time we welcome in his place Major Douglas Martin who has very quickly settled down. Major Robertson left us some time ago, is now on leave pending retirement, and has been replaced by Captain Macmillan. We wish Major Robertson every happiness in retirement after long and distinguished service.

R.S.M. Robertson retired in March after twenty-six years service, and again all ranks wish

him the best of luck. He has been replaced by R.S.M. Thompson who, alas, is also retiring shortly.

The R.H.Q. is still part of the Depot, but will soon start splitting away, and will be set up independently under Major F. J. Hawley with H.Q. in Glasgow, and a detachment, under Major H. D. Watt, in Ayr. The transition will be gradual but will be complete by August 1960. For the present the Glasgow end is being kept running by Captain Weston as the Rear Party, H.L.I. He is still in Maryhill, preparing to open the new R.H.Q. and Museum in Sauchiehall Street, and preparing exhibits for the Regiment's combined Glasgow Museum, which will open in 1960.

At this stage it is appropriate to make mention of the civilian staff. The amalgamation has

thrown a very heavy burden on most of them, and they have willingly and cheerfully worked very long hours, entirely voluntarily, to get the new Regiment established. We are in their debt.

No report of activities would be complete without some mention of the visit of Major Douglas Barrie of the H.L.I. of Canada, who attended the Ceremonial Parades in May. He had served in both the Scots Fusiliers and H.L.I. of Canada and has strong family connections with the Royal Scots Fusiliers. He was sent at private expense, and no better ambassador could have been chosen.

Lastly, our congratulations to the 1st Bn. on their magnificent showing in the Ceremonial Parades in May.

TRAINING COMPANY DEPOT

Company Commander Major D. W. S. MARTIN.
C. S. M. C.S.M. TURNER.

AMALGAMATION went as smoothly in Training Company as it obviously did in other sections of the Regiment and we were "one" in no time at all. Writing now—four months later—it is difficult to appreciate that things have ever been different and we are all a singularly happy team. (Particularly at this moment with the C.S.M. on leave.)

The attendant publicity before and during the amalgamation did us a lot of good in one very important aspect and that was regular recruiting. The 150th recruit, in just over four months, passed through the barrack gate on 29th May, 1959, which is a quite incredible total, in comparison with other Scottish Regiments, which in themselves are away above the average of other sections of the Army south of the Border.

The following platoons have passed out or are in training since 20th January, 1959:—

Assaye	...	19 Feb., '59.
Inkerman	...	2 Apl., '59.
Rhine	...	15 May, '59.
Blenheim	...	4 June, '59.
Corunna	...	In Training.
Belleisle	...	In Training.

The following distinguished themselves whilst in training and were awarded cups as shown:—

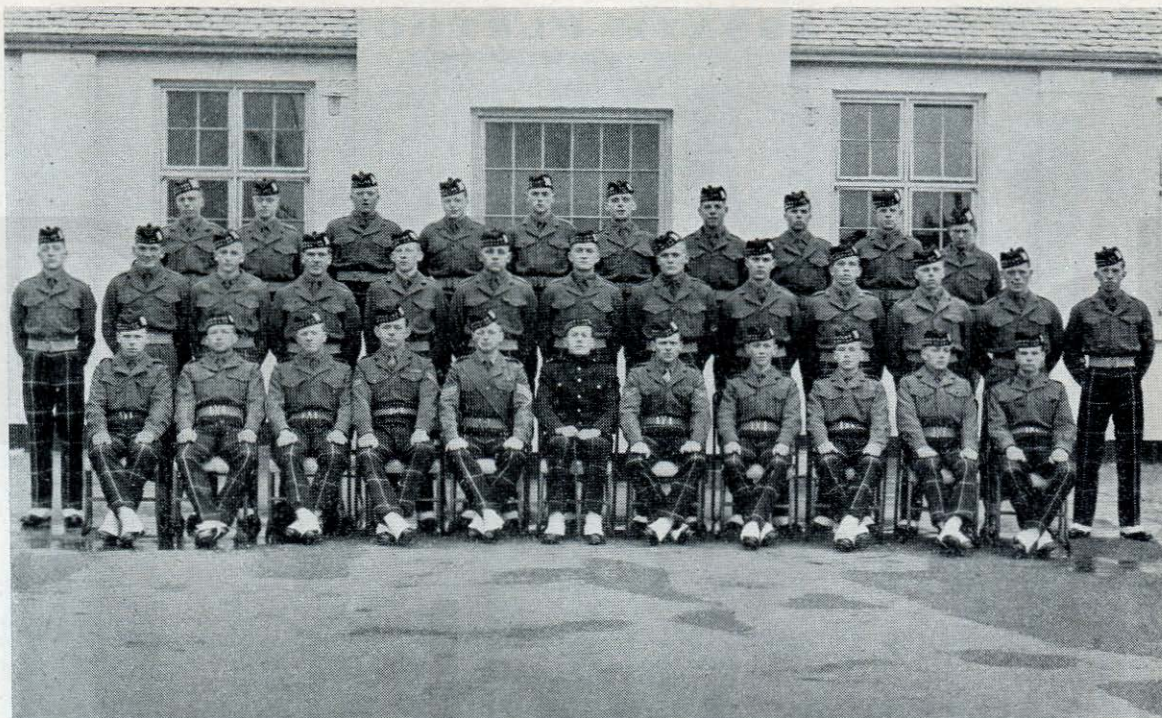
<i>Platoon</i>	<i>Best</i>			
	<i>Allround</i>	<i>P.T</i>	<i>Rifle</i>	<i>L.M.G.</i>
<i>Assaye</i>	Gray	Brown, T.	Johnstone	McAuley.
<i>Inkerman</i>	Mullen	McEwan	Lydon	Roy
<i>Rhine</i>	Gillespie	Devlin	Roddie	McCauchan
<i>Blenheim</i>	Mullen	Donoghue	McMillan	Whyte

The Company have put on two Gymnastic Displays at the Ayr Show and at the "Spotlight on Youth" exhibition at the Ayr Ice Rink. Both were extremely well received, particularly the former, when we included a Trampoline demonstration. This piece of equipment, purchased by the Depot, is a great attraction and will be included in all our future shows.

Although we took little part in the Amalgamation Ceremonies most of us managed to see the Presentation of Colours and we welcomed the 1st Battalion to the Depot on 13th May when they came down here to receive the Freedom of Ayr.

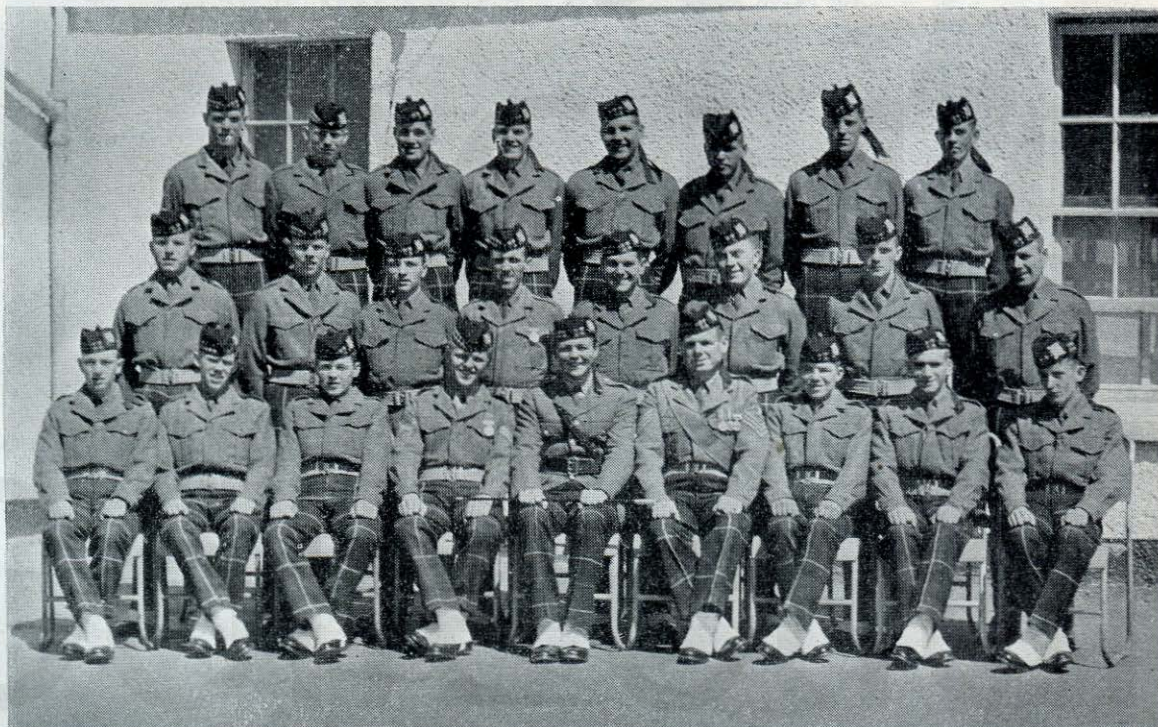
Photographs of our recruit squads appear elsewhere in the Journal, and we take this opportunity of wishing all the men who have passed through the Depot since the amalgamation the best of luck in the 1st Battalion.

RHINE PLATOON



Mitchell. Reid 47. Louden. Duffy. O'Hear. Dewart. Gavin. Whitton. Nixon. Holley.
 Cullen. Best. Roddie. Wright. Turnbull. Smith. Gillespie. McNab. McCaughan. Crawford.
 Difolco. Smellie. Airdrie.
 Bilsland. Rennie. Hunter. Cpl. Quate. Sgt. Schofield. Lt. Rayner. Cpl. McFedries. Devlin. Reid 27.
 McCartney. Gibson.

BLENHEIM PLATOON



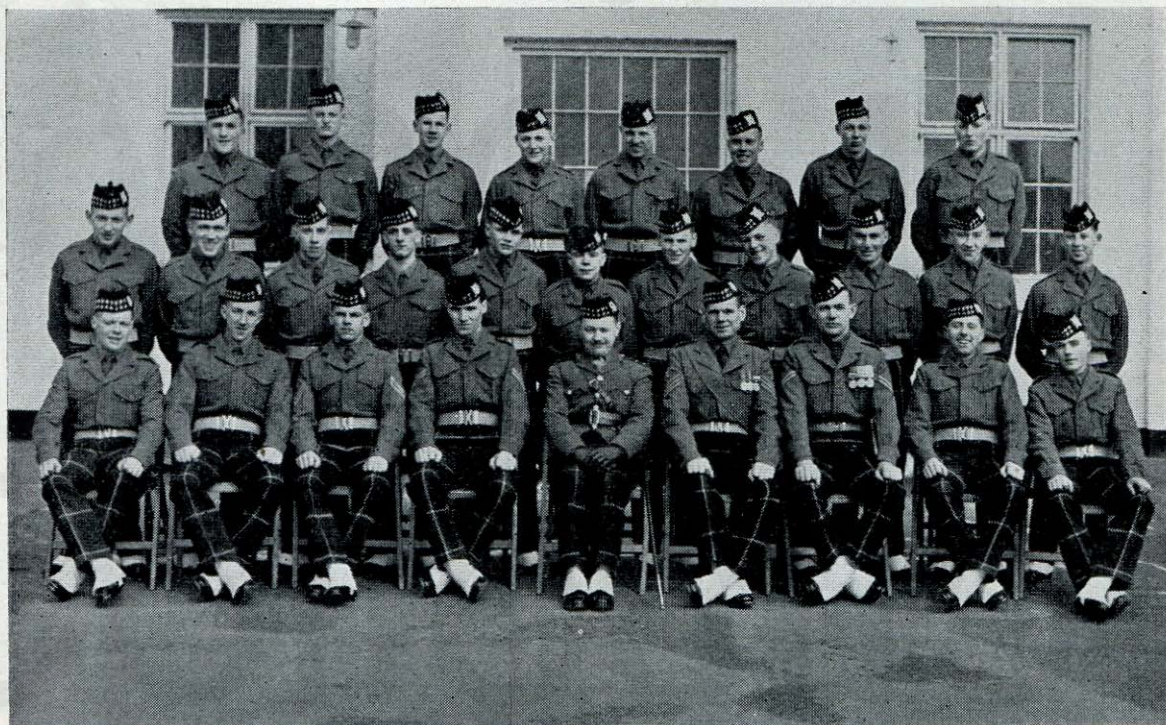
Black. Marshall. Davidson. Devine. Gilbert. Buik. Little. Brown.
 Mullen. English. Campbell. Vance. Horner. Whyte. McMillan. Cowley.
 McCormack. McLachlan. Reid. Cpl. Clutterbuck. 2/Lt. Snodgrass. Sgt. Dummelow.
 Donoghue. Hart. McArdle.

ASSAYE PLATOON



McDowall. Johnstone. Ferguson. Cowie. Rogers. Cameron. Kerr.
 McHardy. Smith. Cartledge. Brown, T. Brown, W. Adam. Cromar. Gray. McAulay.
 Clark. McLellan. Cpl. Clutterbuck. Cpl. Caulfield. Lt. Rayner. Sgt. Black. Cpl. Laird. Scott. Logue.

INKERMAN PLATOON



Mullen. Roy. Dayer. Rennie. Gibson. Brown, W. Lang. McAdam.
 McGhee. Smith. Young 84. Rossi. Borland. Kerr. Logan 415. Haggerty. Black. Lydon. McKinnon.
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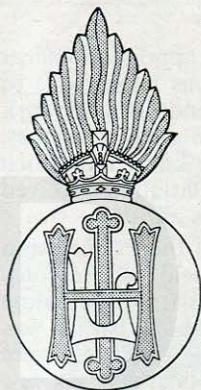
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 Major G. C. R. L. PENDER Sp. Coy.

ON 10th December, 1958, the Amalgamation Cadre and the Advanced Parties from 1st R.S.F. and 1st H.L.I. reported at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh. It was a bitterly cold day and the Barracks were grey and forbidding, but this did not damp the spirits of anyone. It was remarkable how quickly the members of the two parties got to know each other and formed firm friendships.

There was a great deal to be done and everyone worked with a will to prepare for the reception of the second Advanced Parties from the two Battalions and finally the main bodies on 20th January, 1959—Amalgamation Day.

The brunt of the work fell on the Quartermaster and his skeleton staff and also on the Orderly Room staff, and they responded magnificently. So much so, in fact, that it was possible to allow half the personnel of the Advanced Parties to take Christmas Leave and the other half to take New Year Leave.

By the evening of 19th January everything was ready for the reception of the main bodies of the two old Regiments the following morning.

Tribute must be paid here to the Officers and Gunners of 21 Medium Regiment Royal Artillery. No praise can be too high for the way they helped us from the day the Advanced Parties arrived until we were able to fend for ourselves a few days after the Amalgamation Day. Nothing was too much trouble for them and we are deeply grateful to them for their courtesy and generosity.

On 20th January the 1st Bn. The Royal Highland Fusiliers was formed with a strength of thirty-two Officers and eight hundred and nine Rank and File. The reception of the main body went smoothly and by evening the Battalion was settled into its new quarters.

The new Regiment received greetings from the Chief of the Imperial General Staff and many other distinguished Officers, and also from our sister Regiments in the Lowland Brigade and from former comrades in the Highland Brigade.

The following telegram, now in the Scrap Book in the Officers' Mess, was received from General R. E. Urquhart, C.B., D.S.O., late Colonel The Highland Infantry:—

Greetings to you and all ranks of the new Regiment and best wishes for a happy and distinguished future.

The first few days of our existence were spent in settling in and getting to know each other and in being equipped with the new dress. It was also a time for planning the programme up to and immediately after the various Ceremonies in May and preparing to move to Kenya.

It is possibly not generally appreciated how much background work went on before and during the first few weeks of the Battalion's life. Indeed this background work is still going on and will continue for some time to come.

There were details of dress to be decided, the silver and property in the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes to be sorted out and decisions taken as to what was to be retained and what disposed of. Permanent Orders and Regimental Standing

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Orders are being written, and it is hoped that certain sections of general interest, e.g., Dress and Regimental Music, will be published in the next issue of these notes.

On 26th January the Commanding Officer held his first Ceremonial Parade in preparation for the visit of the Colonel of the Regiment the next day. Major-General Bramwell-Davis, accompanied by Brigadier Buchanan-Dunlop, visited the Battalion on 27th January and inspected the Battalion which paraded in the M.T. Garage. Later he addressed the Officers and Warrant Officers and Sergeants in their respective messes.

In February an Inter-Company Guard Mounting Competition was begun and this was eventually won by Sp. Company with C Company second one point behind. February also saw the Rifle Companies getting down to weapon training, in preparation for firing the Annual Range Course in March, and tactical training and route marches. Sp. Company was busy too at this time with its specialist training programme and getting ready to go to Barry to fire the various weapons. D (Trg.) Company busied itself running the first N.C.O.'s Cadre and sending time expired N.C.O.'s and men to civilian life.

On 17th March the move to Kenya was cancelled. The news that the Battalion was to remain at home for about a year came as a great disappointment to most people, but there were a few who were not displeased.

In March the Battalion carried out its first public duty by mounting the Edinburgh Castle Guard. The first guard was found by A Coy. and subsequently each Rifle Coy. provided the Guard. This guard was mounted by the Adjutant, Major R. L. S. Green, and received many compliments for its turn out and bearing. The guards at this time were dressed in the Glen-garry, Battle Dress Blouse, Mackenzie Trews, Spats and Brogues. From 1st April they were dressed in No. 1 Dress.

Now the Battalion began intensive training for the Ceremonial Parades in May beginning with the Presentation of New Colours by the Colonel-in-Chief on 12th May and ending with the Laying Up of the Old Colours of the 1st Bn. the Royal Scots Fusiliers on 15th May. Initially the various phases of the Colour Presentation were gone through on the square, then when the four Guards and Colour Parties were more proficient, the playing fields behind the barracks became the practice ground for the parade was to be held on grass at Old Anniesland, Glasgow.

Major D. I. Mackenzie was appointed Officer in charge of Ceremonial. It was largely due to his painstaking care and tremendous hard work that the various parades were such a success. Only a handful of people really know how much of the unstinted praise the Battalion received was due to Major Mackenzie's efforts.

On 27th April a rehearsal of the Presentation of Colours Ceremony was held at Redford. Major-General Bramwell-Davis took the Salute and carried out the Inspection. The parade was generally good and only a few criticisms were made by the Colonel of the Regiment. A few friends of the Battalion with their wives and children watched this rehearsal.

On 8th May a full dress rehearsal of the Parade was held at Old Anniesland and again the Colonel of the Regiment took the Salute and carried out the Inspection. Also present was our Associate Colonel, Brigadier A. I. Buchanan-Dunlop, C.B.E., D.S.O.

Then, at last, came the day that everyone had looked forward to for so long and worked so hard to make a memorable occasion. A full description of this and the other Ceremonial Parades will be found elsewhere in this issue.

On 19th May the Battalion was again in the public eye for it furnished a Guard of Honour for the Lord High Commissioner on the first day of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. It also furnished the Guards at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

The next duty we have to look forward to is the Royal Guard at Balmoral in August. This will be a composite guard made up from men from each Company in the Battalion.

We have now learnt that the Battalion is to go to Aden in January. The tune, "The Barren Rocks of Aden," is even now taking on a real significance for us all!

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SPORTS AND GAMES

The lighter side of life was not forgotten during this period. On 4th February the first Battalion football match was played. This was the 4th Round of the Army Football Cup and our opponents were the 3rd Bn. The Parachute Regiment.

The poor weather and ground conditions prevented the Battalion team getting in much practice, but Capt. McMillan somehow managed to weld them together and the players were fit. The whole Battalion turned out to support the team and it won by 3 goals to 1.



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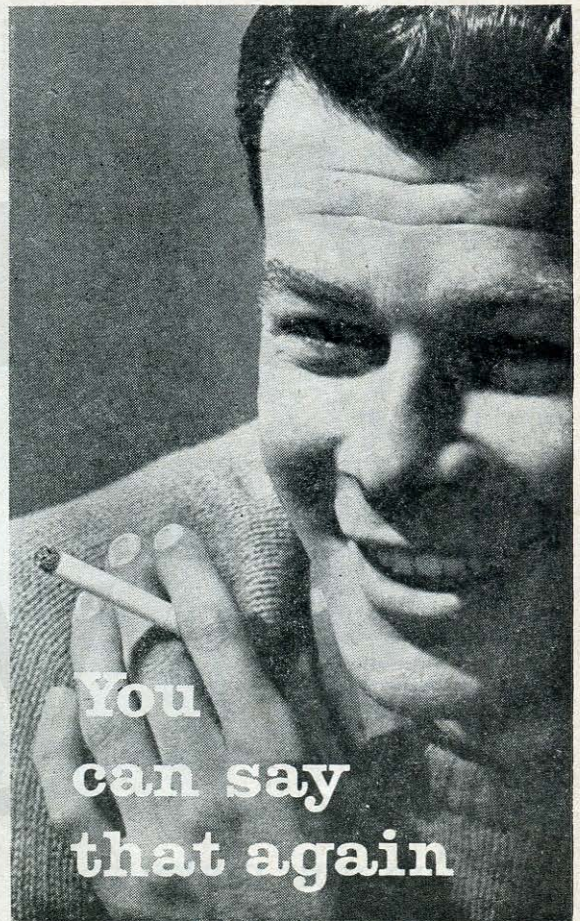
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The next round of the Army Football Cup was played on 18th February against 16/5 Royal Lancers. This game was won by the Lancers by 3 goals to 2 after extra time. The 16/5 Royal Lancers eventually won the Cup.

Various inter-company soccer games were played when the weather conditions permitted. Sp. Coy.'s team had an unbeaten record. Some hockey has been played too, notably between the Officers and Sergeants. The latter, as usual, managed to win comfortably.

Swimming is proving popular, but whether this is due to a real love of the sport or to the desire to study "form" at the Baths is not really hard to decide!

Four members of the Battalion entered for the Lowland District Golf meeting and Major Brinton and Cpl. Dundas won the foursomes. A team of three, Major Brinton, Cpl. Dundas and Fus. Simpson, entered the Scottish Command meeting and came fifth in the Inter-Unit Competition.

Cpl. Gorman had a very gallant try in the Command Boxing Championships. He was beaten by the eventual winner of the Welter Weight contests.

Major Steptoe entered for the Scottish Command Fencing Championships coming second in Sabre and winning the Epee event.

At Cricket Major Douglas and Sgt. Breslin have represented Scottish Command.

The Rigger team played two matches. The first against 21 Medium Regiment R.A. was a very close game throughout with the result in the balance until the last fifteen minutes. The Gunners won by 8 points to 3. The second game against the Depot The Royal Scots. This match was won by the Royal Scots by 11 points to 3.

A Seven-a-Side team was entered for the Scottish Command Tournament. Our opponents were the R.N.A.S. Lossiemouth who eventually won the tournament. They defeated us by 11 points to 5.

The Bands have been kept extremely busy since 20th January. They have, of course, played on all Ceremonial Parades and they were given a great ovation by the spectators at the Scottish Cup Final at Hampden Park. The Military Band and some of the Pipes and Drums played at the Burns Bi-Centenary Concert at St. Andrew's Hall, Glasgow, and again their performance earned them high praise.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

There was been quite a lot of social activity in the Battalion in the last five months. On 20th January a small Cocktail Party was held in the Officers' Mess to allow Col. F. B. B. Noble, O.B.E., late Commanding Officer of 1st H.L.I., to meet the Officers of the Battalion. Then on 27th January a similar party was held to enable the Colonel of the Regiment and the Associate Colonel to meet the Officers.

On 26th February there was a Cocktail Party in the Officers' Mess for the Members of the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess. This was a most enjoyable occasion.

On 12th March the first Regimental Dinner Night was held in the Officers' Mess. On this occasion the new procedure was used. This procedure has been designed to retain the most cherished traditions of the two former Regiments. Our guests were Brigadier M. R. J. Hope-Thompson, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., Colonel J. H. Law, O.B.E., and Major C. W. Dunbar, M.B.E.

Two more Regimental Guest Nights were held on 16th April and 6th May. At the first of these our guests were Brigadier H. L. E. C. Leask, D.S.O., O.B.E., Lt.-Col. L. G. Wilkes, M.C., R.A., Major W. MacGeorge and Capt. Hay of the Royal Scots. On 6th May our guests were Colonel M. A. Bell, Lt.-Col. N. Lewis and Capt. Staheli.

There was also a large Mess Cocktail Party on 31st March. Among our many guests were The Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Sir Ian Johnson-Gilbert and Lady Gilbert, the Chief of Staff Scottish Command, Brigadier Lord Cameron, and the Depot Commanders of our sister Regiments in the Lowland Brigade.

The Sergeants' Mess opened on Amalgamation Day, but most members were pretty well acquainted with each other by that time, being the guests of 21 Medium Regiment Royal Artillery during the Advance Party period. There was a considerable amount of work to be done unpacking and selecting the silver and making the accommodation fit for the new Regiment.

A "get together" Cocktail Party was held on 5th February to which all families were invited. Jungle's Punch helped tremendously to put everyone in a talkative mood. The Amalgamation Ball was held in the Command Gymnasium on the 21st May and was attended by half the population of Edinburgh. The tremendous success of the Ball was due to the untiring efforts

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of the Ball Committee headed by "What does the white man do" Jungle Sinclair. The ever popular "Tombola" is organised in two sessions every Saturday evening, the attendance figures going up in conjunction with the "Snowball."

In June a move to Cavalry Barracks is anticipated, where the accommodation is much superior to the present building. The less said about the move to Aden in January the better.

In conclusion, we send our greetings to the Depot Sergeants' Mess whom we wish to thank for the excellent arrangements made for our visit there on the occasion of the Freedom of Ayr Parade.

The Corporals' Mess held a most successful and enjoyable Dance on 17th April, 1959. About one hundred and fifty people were present and danced to a band provided from the Military Band.

Since Amalgamation Day four Officers and sixty-one N.C.O.'s and Fusiliers have left the Battalion for civilian life. They are too numerous to mention by name, but to every one of them we wish good fortune in their new careers. They know that if they should ever have the opportunity to pay the Battalion a visit they will receive a great welcome.

Others have been sent to "show the flag" in E.R.E. appointments. We know that these will do their utmost to maintain the good name of the Regiment.

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The middle of March saw the formation of the Wives Club under the Presidency of Mrs. Evetts. The club meets every Thursday evening and a variety of games are played and there has also been some Scottish Country Dancing. It is hoped that a large party will be made up for a visit to the film "South Pacific."

CEREMONIAL PARADES MAY 1959

EVER since the 20th January, when the First Battalion The Royal Highland Fusiliers came into being, the thought of the concentrated ceremonial programme, which faced us in May, was never far away from our minds. There seemed so much to be done before we embarked for Kenya and it did not seem possible, at first, to carry out the parades which we knew we must.

It was early in February that the first executive meeting took place, which was in effect to start the whole process of preparation, rehearsal, organisation, and frustration which culminated in the week of 11th-15th May. This meeting resembled slightly the planning for a Central American *coup d'etat*. It took place round the table after dinner in Alma House and the conspirators were, apart from the commanding officer, the depot commander, the adjutant and your correspondent. It was a gay and even frivolous occasion but it sowed good seed. We might not have succeeded in a revolution, but there is no doubt whatever, and no sense in being modest about it, that the ceremonial parades were an unqualified success.

Anyone who has ever had to prepare for a large parade knows only too well what the preparation involves. In our case it was aggravated by being stretched into four days of ceremonies, with their attendant entertainments, by the fact that all the ceremonies were taking place on civilian ground involving civilian

interests and by the distances between our base, which remained at Redford, and the locations involved. As time grew shorter so the activity intensified. From mid-April onwards the Battalion concerned itself exclusively with ceremonial. The bands seemed hardly to draw breath into their lungs which was not expelled through brass or wood and officers could be found in dark corners muttering, "Left—Right—Eyes—Front" and similar incantations.

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THE COLOUR PRESENTATION PARADE

We were very fortunate in obtaining the use of the playing fields of the Glasgow High School Club at Old Anniesland for the parade itself, while next door, in the Glasgow Academicals' Club at New Anniesland, a tented administrative base was prepared. We owe a great debt to these two clubs for allowing us to use their grounds. They were ideal for the purpose, Old Anniesland having a large covered stand and terraces for spectators, while in both places we were allowed unrestricted use of the pavilions and other facilities.

The dress rehearsal on 8th May went contrary to all the old traditions of the theatre in that it was a huge success. Nothing more could then be done before 12th, except pray for fine weather.

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CEREMONIAL PARADES

By 9-30 a.m. on 12th May the Battalion, travelling in hired civilian coaches, had concentrated at New Anniesland, having been convoyed through Glasgow at high speed by police motor cyclists, nicknamed by the Jocks "Marlon Brandos." The weather was fine, a little overcast at times perhaps, but still a great change from that usually associated with Glasgow.

At 10-20 the Battalion marched on to the parade ground under the command of the Adjutant. The 2,500 spectators, who had arrived by now, could hardly have failed to be impressed by their first glimpse of the parade. The Pipe and Military Bands, some 85 strong, with the contrasting tartans of the Pipe Band's Erskine and the Military Band's Mackenzie and the feather bonnets of the drummers and military bandsmen, made an unforgettable picture as they marched across the front of the ground to take up their position on the right flank of the guards. The four old colours were handed over by the ensigns to the N.C.O.s of the escort and the former then joined the other officers waiting to fall in.

The Warrant Officers of the four guards with rifles at the "recover," an old-time sobriety test, marched to the front of the parade preparatory to falling in with the Officers who, as the Pipe Band stepped off in the Assembly March, "The 71st Highlanders," took their places in front of the parade. Once the Officers and Warrant Officers had slow marched to their positions in front of their guards, the parade stood at ease to await the arrival of the C.I.G.S. and the G.O.C.-in-C. Scottish Command. On their arrival the C.I.G.S. was greeted with a general salute and the parade again stood at ease to await the arrival of Her Royal Highness, the Colonel-in-Chief.

Promptly at 10-45 the four cars in the Royal party moved on to the grass and halted in front of the dais, which was gay with hydrangeas. The presentations over, Her Royal Highness took the salute from the dais, where she was accompanied by the Colonel of the Regiment, the Associate Colonel, and the Lord Provost of Glasgow.

After the inspection the bands performed an impeccable slow and quick troop to the tunes, "The March of the 21st Regiment" and "The Campbells are Coming." I should say here that all the music for this and other ceremonies was taken from that traditional to both old regiments and selected as being the best for retention in the Royal Highland Fusiliers.

The drummers' call announced the start of the Troop of the Old Colours, with No. 1 Guard

as their escort. And then finally the marching off these Colours to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne." This was perhaps the most moving moment of the parade as the four ensigns slow marched across the front of the guards, dipping the Colours in salute to the Colonel-in-Chief and finally, now joined by their escort, moving off parade for the last time.

After the sadness of this moment, the bustle of preparation for the consecration and reception of the New Colours came as the Reveille following the Last Post at an Armistice service. The guards formed hollow square, the drums, newly emblazoned, were piled, and the microphones and kneeling stools placed in position. The Assistant Chaplain - General, Scottish Command, attended by four padres representing all denominations, took his place followed by Her Royal Highness and the Colonel of the Regiment. The New Colours, laid out on the drums, were a magnificent sight with their unprecedented number of battle honours. At the end of the Service the Colonel-in-Chief, assisted by Majors Steptoe and Stewart, handed the colours to the kneeling ensigns, pausing for a few minutes before each after they had been presented. The guards reformed line and the New Colours slow marched to their position to the National Anthem. The 1st Battalion, The Royal Highland Fusiliers had received their first Colours.

The slow and quick march past in column of guards which followed, was splendidly carried out. The whole Battalion in blue No. 1 Dress doublets, Mackenzie trews, white gloves and spats, presented an impeccable display of drill.

Between the Parade advancing in review order and giving three cheers for the Colonel-in-Chief, the Colonel of the Regiment presented Her Royal Highness with a Regimental brooch, the flame of the grenade being in rubies and the monogram in diamonds. She was obviously delighted with this and immediately fastened it to her coat.

The Commanding Officer asked for permission for the Battalion to march off parade and away they went in column of route, past the dais, and off the parade ground to "Hielan' Laddie" and the "British Grenadiers" alternated by the pipe and military band.

Those of us who had been concerned with the Parade, but had been on the touchline for the ceremony, heaved a sigh of relief that all had gone so well. And this was not just our own impression, but was confirmed by a number of highly competent critics, who were in the audience, and who came up afterwards to give unstinting praise.

The Presentation of the Freedom of Glasgow

Her Royal Highness was due to receive the Freedom of the City of Glasgow on behalf of the Regiment at a ceremony in George Square starting at 3 o'clock. Long before this, the Battalion having lunched and cleaned up in the administrative base at New Anniesland, moved to Cochrane Street, which runs beside the City Chambers. Here the Battalion de-bussed and prepared to form up before marching on to George Square.

There was considerable confusion in Cochrane Street caused by the large number of bystanders. To avoid what had every indication of becoming a shambles, the Battalion took up its position in the square earlier than was scheduled. The parade was formed up in George Square South, while the platform to accommodate the magistrates and other dignitaries was set up in front of the Scott monument. On either side of the platform were enclosures for civic and regimental guests.

The magistrates of the City, in ermine robes, took their seats shortly before three o'clock and then Her Royal Highness came from the City Chambers, together with the Lord Provost and Colonel of the Regiment. There was a large crowd in George Square and the Post Office buildings behind the parade had every window filled with spectators.

After the Royal Salute, the Minister of Glasgow Cathedral read prayers and the Town Clerk the resolution conferring the Freedom on the Regiment. The Lord Provost, in his speech which followed, covered a wide range of subjects and he then presented the Burgess Ticket, in its carved casket, to Her Royal Highness, who signed the Burgess Roll on behalf of the Regiment. In her speech Her Royal Highness referred to the honour which the City had done the Regiment in conferring on it the Freedom of the City so early in its life. She went on to praise the parade at which she had presented new Colours that morning and reminded the city that, although the regiment had to divide its loyalty between Glasgow and Ayrshire, there remained the two Territorial battalions, unchanged in title or dress, as a permanent contact between the City and the Regiment.

At the end of the short ceremony the Lord Provost called for three cheers for the Princess and her Regiment. The Royal party then left the platform after acknowledging a Royal Salute.

Once her Royal Highness had returned to the City Chambers the Battalion moved to the left in column of route and set off on its march through the city with "bayonets fixed, colours flying and drums beating." Marching in fours, formed by the Battalion being in half-battalions, with companies in file, the Battalion led off on its route from George Square via St. Vincent Place to Buchanan Street, then Bath Street and Douglas Street to Sauchiehall Street, finally dispersing in Granville Street behind the St. Andrew's Hall. The march invoked interest from those who would have been on its route in the normal course of events, but seemed to draw no large crowds. Also, as the route led through busy streets, there was some inconvenience caused through the column taking evasive action with parked cars and traffic generally. However, in such a commercial centre as Glasgow it had not been possible to upset the normal traffic and parking arrangements. Indeed, we were advised that to have done so would have alienated public opinion, which in view of the pre-amalgamation publicity, would have been a risky thing to do.

In the evening of 12th May the Regiment held a Reception in the Banqueting Hall of the City Chambers. The Colonel-in-Chief was unable to be present, which we all regretted. However, it was a great occasion with more than 600 guests attending. During the evening, the Colonel of the Regiment presented to the Lord Provost a perpetual desk calendar as a memento of the occasion and the Lord Provost made a most gracious and witty speech in reply. In all it was a great meeting place for old friends and an opportunity for making new ones.

The Banqueting Hall, at best a magnificent room, looked especially lovely with the new Colours high on the stage behind a solid bank of the most splendid plants and flowers. The band of the 5/6th H.L.I. played during the reception, and it was like old times to see that former pillar of the 1st H.L.I. Military Band, Bandmaster Kirkland, wielding the baton.

Visit of HRH Princess Margaret to Churchill Barracks, Ayr, 13th May, 1959



Major C. W. Dunbar, M.B.E.
O.C. Depot, R.H.F.

Lt.-Colonel M. J. Evetts, M.C.
Comd. 1st R.H.F.

Major-General R. A. Bramwell-Davis, C.B., D.S.O.
Colonel, The R.H.F.

Major D. S. Barrie, C.D.
H.L.I. of Canada

The Presentation of the Freedom of Ayr

This ceremony was due to be performed on the Low Green, Ayr, at mid-day on 13th May. By 10 o'clock the Battalion had concentrated in the Depot at Churchill Barracks. None of us can speak too highly of the hospitality and arrangements which were made for us there. While the Battalion was getting on to parade the C.I.G.S., who had been called back to the War Office after the Presentation of Colours the previous day and who had returned especially for this occasion, together with the Army Commander, arrived at the Depot.

The Battalion marched out along the sea front to the Low Green to the tap of a side drum. Once again the weather was kind, indeed even better than the day before. The sun shone, the skies were cloudless, and there was none of the usual Ayrshire westerly to upset the Colour ensigns. The Low Green was packed with people who were in enthusiastic, holiday mood. They clapped and cheered the appearance of the Battalion and any, and every, movement that took place.

Her Royal Highness arrived shortly after 12 o'clock and a very similar ceremony to that in Glasgow the previous day took place. However, in addition to the Freedom Scroll, the Colonel-in-Chief was presented with a magnificent pipe banner, a gift from the Burgh of Ayr to the First Battalion.

Once again, after the Royal party had left, the Battalion re-formed into half-battalions and set off on its traditional march through the Burgh. Along the whole route they were met by enthusiastic crowds, whose appreciation of the appearance of the Battalion was whole-hearted.

After attending a Civic Luncheon at Western House, Her Royal Highness visited the Depot to have her photograph taken with the Warrant Officers, Sergeants, and the Officers. After the photograph Her Royal Highness asked for the Officers to be presented to her, which was a great honour for us all and much appreciated, since it was unexpected. We were all especially pleased that Major Douglas Barrie, of the H.L.I. of Canada, who had made the long journey solely to be with us during the ceremonies, was presented to Her Royal Highness and was able to convey the greetings of Her Royal Highness' Canadian Regiment to their Colonel-in-Chief.

In the evening a most successful Regimental Reception was held at Western House and, with the major part of the ceremonial behind us, it was a joy to be able to relax and enjoy the occasion.

The Laying Up of the Old Colours

1st and 2nd BATTALIONS

THE HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY

The old Colours of the 71st and 74th were laid up in Glasgow Cathedral at 3 p.m. on Thursday, 14th May. A Guard of Honour, commanded by Major Pender, received the Colonel of the Regiment on his arrival at the Cathedral. After the inspection, the Colour party marched into the West door and took up their position at the end of the church, while the Guard of Honour joined the rest of the congregation.

The service was conducted by Dr. Nevile Davidson, the Minister of the Cathedral; the Assistant Chaplain-General, Scottish Command; Padre John Lawrie, formerly padre of the 1st H.L.I., and senior chaplain of 52nd Lowland Division, and Padre Nicholson, formerly padre to the 2nd H.L.I. Padre Lawrie's address was most moving in its references to old friends and

his memories of the "family" life of the 1st Battalion, when he was their padre.

During the singing of the final hymn the Colour party moved up the aisle in slow time to halt in front of the Holy Table. The Colonel of the Regiment asked for, and Dr. Davidson accepted, the Colours for safe keeping, and they were handed to the Ministers who laid them on the Holy Table. At the end of the service the Colours were handed back to the ensigns, who carried them preceded by the clergy, to a position in front of the H.L.I. window, where they were again taken from them and placed in their final resting place.

This bald account cannot hope to convey, as this service did, the sadness of the occasion and there can have been few people in the congregation who were not deeply moved by it.

1st BATTALION THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS

The old Colours of the 1st Battalion the Royal Scots Fusiliers were laid up in the National War Memorial in Edinburgh Castle at 2-30 p.m. on 15th of May. The ceremony differed in some respects to the one for the H.L.I. old Colours, the National War Memorial not being a place of worship. The main part of the ceremony took place in the Crown Square, which stands at the top of the Castle and in front of the War Memorial.

It was another glorious, sunny day and some 300 spectators were seated round the Crown Square when the Guard of Honour, with the old Colours, under Major Douglas, marched on to the square, headed by the pipe band. At 2-30 p.m. the Army Commander arrived, and in his capacity as Governor of the Castle was received with a General Salute. He then went forward to greet the Lord Provost of Edinburgh who, as the chairman of the board of trustees for the National War Memorial Committee, was to accept the Colours for safe keeping. Together they inspected the Guard of Honour and the service started.

After the singing of the first hymn, the Associate Colonel of the Regiment, as the last Colonel of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, asked the Lord Provost to receive the old Colours. The Colour party slow marched forward from its position with the Guard of Honour and halted at the foot of the steps leading to the Memorial. The Colours were handed to the Lord Provost who, in turn, handed them to a staff officer, Major Stewart. The Colours were then slowly carried into the Memorial, followed by the clergy. Once inside, the Colours were placed in position in the R.S.F. alcove and prayers were relayed to the spectators waiting outside.

The ceremony continued with an address by the Assistant Chaplain-General, Scottish Command, who was attended by Padre Towart, formerly chaplain of the 1st R.S.F., and Padre Morrison, the chaplain of the 1st R.H.F.

The singing of the hymn "Abide with me" and the National Anthem brought the service to a close. The Army Commander and the Lord Provost left and the Guard of Honour marched off the Square and down through the Castle to dismiss on the esplanade.

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It was the end of a long week in which a "new book" had been started and two old ones closed. Miraculously, every ceremony had gone without a hitch and the sun had shone throughout. The new Regiment had demonstrated that it had got off to a good start and the old Regiments had ended their existence with dignity and honour.

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SPEECH BY PRINCESS MARGARET ON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF GLASGOW TO THE ROYAL HIGHLAND FUSILIERS

Tuesday, May 12th, 1959

It gives me special pleasure, My Lord Provost, to be here this afternoon to accept the Freedom of the City of Glasgow on behalf of my Regiment, The Royal Highland Fusiliers.

I am delighted that my new Regiment, like the Highland Light Infantry of which I was also Colonel-in-Chief, is to be so closely identified with this great and flourishing city.

I also welcome most warmly the linking together of this City and the County of Ayrshire in the title of the new Regiment. As the great traditions of the Royal Scots Fusiliers and the Highland Light Infantry have been merged, so it is also right that the names of the City and County with which they had been so closely associated should be joined in the new title.

But although the ties of my new Regiment must now be divided between this City and Ayrshire, there are still remaining two of the territorial battalions of my former Regiment, with their titles unchanged, to maintain a permanent contact between this City and the Regiment it made so famous.

As you know, I presented the First Battalion of the Royal Highland Fusiliers with their new Colours this morning.

This was my first meeting with the new Regiment and I would like to congratulate all Ranks on their very fine bearing and performance. It was truly worthy of the highest expectations

which the joining-together of two famous units has aroused, and which has been so splendidly borne out by the wonderful recruiting figures since the amalgamation.

This Parade was a sad occasion in some respects—sad for all those associated with either the Royal Scots Fusiliers or the Highland Light Infantry, when the old Colours of these two famous Regiments were marched off parade for the last time.

But, like the words of the famous song, "Old Soldiers Never Die," the old Colours faded away, as it were, and the new ones were consecrated, and will be an inspiration to the men who form the body of the new Regiment.

And what could be more impressive than the magnificent scroll of Battle Honours borne on the two new Colours—and in particular those on the Regimental Colour numbering 47. This is the greatest number borne on any single Colour in the Army. It includes such illustrious victories as Blenheim, Dettingen, Assaye, Waterloo, Inkerman, when the forbears of this new Regiment distinguished themselves.

I thank you, my Lord Provost, for the great honour you have done to my Regiment to-day.

I can assure you that the trust which you have placed in the Royal Highland Fusiliers so early in their life will not be misplaced.

SPEECH BY LORD PROVOST The Rt. Hon. MYER GALPERN, J.P.

YOUR Royal Highness, My Lady Provost, Mr. Sheriff, Ladies and Gentlemen,

My first duty, Your Royal Highness, and I assure you that on this occasion duty is a pleasure, is to bid you welcome to the City of Glasgow to which you are no stranger. We recall with pleasure your most recent visit when you inaugurated the latest extension to the Loch Katrine Water Works. On that occasion you came North at no little inconvenience—flying from London in the morning and back in the late afternoon in order to carry out another engagement that evening. That was a memorable day for Glasgow.

And so, it was with the greatest satisfaction that we heard, just a week ago, that you will again visit our City in September to declare open the Scottish Industries Exhibition. This particular enterprise has already aroused considerable interest throughout the Commonwealth and,

indeed, throughout the world. The fact that Your Royal Highness intends to grace that occasion will, I am certain, give the necessary impetus which will ensure the complete success of the venture. We are most grateful to you for your sincere and continuing interest in the well-being of our great City and in Scotland generally.

Your Royal Highness, we are met to-day to carry out a Ceremony similar to that in which you took part in 1948. On the 16th March in that year you received the Freedom of this City on behalf of the Highland Light Infantry, City of Glasgow Regiment, in your capacity as its distinguished Colonel-in-Chief. That Regiment with its long and glorious history does not exist to-day. One would wish that in this day there were a different reason for the disappearance of Regiments. I recall the words of the hymn paraphrased from a passage in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, in which that wish is simply expressed:—

“No longer hosts encountering hosts
Shall crowds of slain deplete!
They hang the trumpet in the hall
And study war no more.”

In such circumstances the discontinuance of famous Regiments would arouse no controversy.

But fear and suspicion still prevent man from attaining this ideal, voiced so long ago.

Unfortunately it is still considered necessary to take certain precautions to guard our way of life and to preserve the peace of the world; thus a new formation has come into being.

The Highland Light Infantry and the Royal Scots Fusiliers have surrendered their separate identities to form a new Regiment. Each has

much of which to be proud and each will bring to the new formation something which cannot be brought about by orders in Council and which certainly cannot be purchased.

The City honours the new Regiment in the only way in which it is possible for a City to do, and in conferring the Freedom Glasgow recognises in the words of the Scroll just read by the Town Clerk, “that the new Regiment will uphold and enlarge the high traditions of courage and loyalty for which the two constituent Regiments were justly famed.”

Your Royal Highness, it is with very great pleasure that I ask you to accept this Scroll and Casket as Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Highland Fusiliers (Princess Margaret’s Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment).

SPEECH BY PRINCESS MARGARET ON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE FREEDOM OF THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF AYR TO THE ROYAL HIGHLAND FUSILIERS

Wednesday, May 13th, 1959

I AM most grateful to you, Mr. Provost, for presenting to me on behalf of The Royal Highland Fusiliers, the Freedom of this Ancient and Royal Burgh. It is a splendid thing that the strong associations between the Burgh and County of Ayrshire and the Royal Scots Fusiliers have been perpetuated on the formation of my new Regiment.

There is no doubt, as you so rightly said, that the true understanding and appreciation between the armed forces and the citizens of this County can best be fostered when a Regiment can identify itself closely with a particular City, Town or County. This close relationship has always contributed so much to the *esprit de corps* and high morale of our Infantry Regiments.

Although my new Regiment will divide its loyalties between the Burgh and County and the City of Glasgow, your territorial Battalion remains, its title unchanged, to keep alive a name you have cherished so dearly, and I am sure that you will find no weakening in the affections of the new Regiment.

One cannot fail to be stirred at the sight of the Colours which I presented to my Regiment yesterday, bearing as they do an unrivalled selection of Battle Honours showing the loyalty and devotion of both Regiments to the cause of our Sovereign and Country since the Wars of Marlborough.

The Royal Highland Fusiliers have behind them the strength and traditions of two famous Regiments, and their abilities to maintain these traditions are, therefore, the greater.

As you can see from the bearing of the First Battalion on parade to-day, the standards of the past have been most splendidly continued into the present. I am sure that the new Regiment will go forward with increasing vigour, and that you will always have cause to be proud of the associations between this Burgh and County and the Royal Highland Fusiliers.

I thank you, Mr. Provost, for the very great honour you have conferred on my Regiment to-day. You can rest assured that it will be in good hands.

SPEECH BY PROVOST WILLIAM S. LANHAM

YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,

It is my proud and pleasant duty to welcome you to this Ancient and Royal Burgh of Ayr on this historic occasion.

In 1946 the Town Council conferred upon the Royal Scots Fusiliers the highest honour it can

bestow, the Freedom of the Burgh. This was done not only to recognise the Regiment’s contribution to the Victories achieved in the last great war, but to cement further the ties which have bound the Town and the Regiment for so many years. The action was applauded

by both citizen and soldier alike, for the Armed Forces no longer stand apart from the people. They are the people and the understanding and appreciation of our Armies in war and peace are more widespread than formerly.

With the march of time and the ever changing pattern of war, it has now been found necessary to incorporate the Royal Scots Fusiliers in a new Regiment, including men from the Highland Light Infantry which also has a long tradition of loyal and devoted service.

Although at the outset there were misgivings about the joining together of these two famous units, the difficulties have been amicably overcome and it is a proud day for Ayr when we see on parade to-day such a splendid body of men who will undoubtedly carry on the traditions of their predecessors unbroken and unimpaired.

We feel that it is right and proper, therefore, that the Rights and Privileges granted to the

Royal Scots Fusiliers should be extended to the new Regiment, and the bonds between the Royal Highland Fusiliers and ourselves will be further strengthened by the honour Your Royal Highness has conferred in coming to Ayr to receive this Freedom on their behalf.

We on our part will maintain a lively interest in your Regiment and the wellbeing of those of our citizens who serve in its ranks, and may I assure Your Royal Highness that they will always be able to turn to us for any help and guidance it is within our power to give.

It is therefore my pleasant duty to ask Your Royal Highness, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment of the Royal Highland Fusiliers, to accept this Scroll which confers the Freedom of the Burgh entitling the Regiment on ceremonial occasions to march through our streets with Bayonets fixed, Drums beating and Colours flying.



FREEDOM OF AYR, 13th MAY, 1959. THE MARCH THROUGH THE ROYAL BURGH

4/5th BATTALION

ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS (T.A.)

<i>Hon. Colonel</i>	Brigadier A. N. GOSSELIN, C.B.E., D.S.O.
<i>Commanding Officer</i>	Lt.-Col. A. R. CRAWFORD.
<i>Adjutant</i>	Captain A. G. D. GORDON.
<i>Quartermaster</i>	Captain J. D. COPLAND.
<i>R. S. M.</i>	W.O. I H. T. HUTCHINSON.

In this, the first Journal of the Royal Highland Fusiliers, all ranks of the 4/5th Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers extend to all ranks of the Royal Highland Fusiliers their loyalty and affection, firmly believing that the future augurs well for the new Regiment. Pride in our new parent Regiment was fully confirmed and greatly enhanced by the conduct and bearing of the 1st Bn. Royal Highland Fusiliers during the amalgamation ceremonies and we shall do our utmost to ensure that we shall never be their "problem child." We feel certain that they in return will be a very "interested parent."

Since publication of the last Royal Scots Fusiliers' Journal, the 4/5th Bn. has increased in strength by successful recruiting to 300 volunteers and with this considerable increase the training in Camp this year should be more realistic than in recent years. Annual Camp will be at Barry, from 18th to 31st July and, weather permitting, we hope to have a useful and enjoyable time.

We are now in 157 (L) Inf. Bde. (T.A.) in the excellent company of 5/6th Highland Light Infantry and 1st Glasgow Highlanders under the command of Brigadier M. R. J. Hope Thomson, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., who commanded this Bn. in 1945 and 1946. At camp the whole Brigade will be together for the first time and we hope to cement further the ties we have gained with the other Battalions through our coming alliance to the Royal Highland Fusiliers. Indeed this Brigade is unique in as much as it is allied to one Regiment only.

This year will certainly see some changes in the Bn.—by the end of it we shall have a new Commanding Officer, Training Officer, Quartermaster, Medical Officer, Padre, and Regimental Sergeant-major.

Major D. G. Carlton Smith-Inglis, R.H.F., is to take over command of the Bn. on 1st November. This Camp will therefore be Lt.-Col. A. R. Crawford's last with us. We all look forward to making it a memorable one for him. "Col. Dick" has been a very popular C.O., and as one who first served in the Bn. in 1926, he is, and no

doubt always will be a staunch "4/5th man." Much of the high standard of comradeship in the Bn. during the War which he nurtured and encouraged in the post-war years is due to him. We regret losing him, but we feel certain that we shall never lose the spirit of comradeship imbued by him. No doubt the Bn. will find means of expressing their thanks to him for all he has done for them. He can console himself with the knowledge, that with his good lady, he may soon spend some restful Sabbaths in Edinburgh.

Major N. Livingstone-Bussell, our Training Officer, left us and the Army in May and is succeeded by Capt. A. G. D. Gordon who has already successfully stepped into the shoes of his very worthy predecessor. "Major Neil" was a very understanding and efficient Training Officer and was highly respected by all ranks. The Officers expressed their appreciation by "dining him out," and the Sergeants by "wining him out." To Major Neil and his good lady we wish good fortune in Civvy Street.

Major (Q.M.) Stan Cooper is also leaving us and the Army and is now in the process of Handing-Over the reins to Capt. (Q.M.) J. Copland, who is no stranger to the Bn., having been R.Q.M.S. from 1943 to 1945. Major Stan has served the Bn. well in his own quiet, highly efficient manner. Over and above his duties as Quartermaster he organised the Old Comrades Visit to the London Branch who so royally entertained the party. To Major Stan and his good lady we wish good fortune in Civvy Street.

Major "Doc" McCartney and "Padre" Reid have left us, and over and above their physical and spiritual attentions we appreciated their interest in all Battalion matters. Padre Reid is succeeded by Padre McIntosh of Cumnock, and we bid him welcome. So far we have no one to replace Dr. McCartney, but we are still hoping . . .

The sudden death of R.S.M. Dalziel in October came as a great shock to the Bn. Expressions and tokens of sympathy and respect have been extended to Mrs. Dalziel and family by all

ranks of the Bn. R.S.M. Dalziel was buried with full Military Honours, the ceremony being attended by many members and ex-members of the Regiment.

R.S.M. Hutchinson has now taken over and has already proved himself a worthy successor to our late R.S.M.

The Sergeants' Mess Dance and the Officers' Ball in December were again highly successful social events. The Sergeants' Mess entertained many friends during the Ayr Freedom Ceremony, including the Chelsea Pensioners and Old Comrades from London. It was very nice to have them with us.

From 'A' Coy. in Kilmarnock, Major A. Campbell, T.D., reports that they hope to have two full strength platoons for Camp and are also hoping of winning the Bn. Recruiting Competition. Well done, Killie!

What has D Coy. at Cumnock to say to this? Capt. Cameron takes up A Coy's challenge and says that if D Coy. does not beat A Coy. they will be a very close second in the recruiting stakes. The social events at Cumnock from all reports are highly successful and they appear to have a Composer in their midst who has recently composed a Company tune, "Blue Bells." C.S.M. Sanderson who joined the T.A. in 1933 bade farewell to D Coy. in May, and after 12 years as C.S.M. of D Coy. the respect of the Company was symbolised by the presentation of a cigarette case.

Lieut. The Marquess of Ailsa has left D Coy. on promotion to Captain and taken over command of B Coy. in Ayr. The old B Coy. at Irvine has now become Sp. Coy. and is under the command of Major Steele whose knowledge of support weapons seems to extend from the tail fins of mortar bombs to Hydrogen bomb fall out. He reports that he is highly delighted with his new Company and their efforts at the Divisional Support Weapon Competition at Garelochhead.

From Renfrew in the far north, Major Macdonald, T.D., O.C. C Coy., reports that all goes well with them and that they hope to extend their activities to Johnstone and Gourrock. Major Macdonald is to be congratulated by his personal visits to local firms for recruiting purposes and arranging the Beating of Retreat by the Renfrew and our own Pipe Bands. This took place in the presence of the Provost, Councillors and at least 2,000 citizens of Renfrew.

H.Q. Coy. at Ayr has received an overdue injection of new recruits and our newly joined officer, Lt. E. Bryan, has the task of training

them as M.T. drivers. No doubt inspired by the promotion of Ayr United, B and H.Q. Coys. have become keen soccer players. The Pipe Band is in good heart and looking forward to numerous summer engagements. The Signallers, under Lt. Tweddle, are like children with a new toy revelling in their new 62 sets.

Major I. Cooper, who commanded the old B Coy., has moved to Ayr and taken over H.Q. Coy. from Major W. Linton who now finds himself in Bn. H.Q.

Should these notes have created the impression that life in the Battalion is all play and very little work then we can assure readers that this is far from the case. We are facing a task of training new recruits as soldiers and this training is confined to Drill Nights, Week-ends and Annual Camp. This involves considerable sacrifice in leisure time and concentrated effort by all concerned. If we can train an efficient 2nd line defence worthy of the traditions of our war time Battalion and our parent regiment, then our efforts will not have been in vain.



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THE demise of the old H.L.I. Chronicle at the end of last year was a sad occasion, but for us in the 5/6th it was in one respect a blessing in disguise. The fact that we were left without any medium for the informal publication of news inspired Ian Smith to launch a monthly booklet which, in less than half a year, has achieved fame and distinction under the title of "Five-Six Special."

For five glorious months those who formerly gathered in material for the Chronicle have sat on their hunkers and gratefully allowed Captain Smith to do all the work. But now the day of reckoning has arrived when we must provide material, not for a Chronicle but for a Journal no less. We must admit that we find the new title somewhat awe inspiring and, no less so, the wider audience for whom we presume we are now writing.

None the less, we feel sure that this new venture in Journalism will be successful, just as the parent Regiment from which the Journal takes its name has already proved itself to be.

Since January recruits have been rolling in in undiminished numbers. Sergeant Villiers has been signing them on, the M.O. has been passing them (with few exceptions), and C.S.M. Joe Goodwin and his henchmen have instilled into them a thoroughly Regimental outlook upon life (so much so that, we understand, several of them have volunteered for and have been accepted by the Royal Highland Fusiliers). Our numbers (not counting Officers) have now passed

the 300 mark and we expect to go to camp with very considerably increased numbers compared with last year.

This encouraging upward trend is just as much a matter of quality as of quantity. The recruits whom we signed on a year and 18 months ago are now fairly proficient soldiers; some of them have already acquired their first tapes and have lately been working together in a cadre towards further promotion. The recruits who are now coming in are for the most part below the age of twenty and (many of them being friends or younger brothers of last year's crop of recruits) are fired with a zeal which is excellent to behold.

Although the standard period of recruit training is six months the turnover in B (Recruit Training) Coy. is faster than this, because recruits who have had previously military service are passed through to one of the other Companies with the least possible delay.

In consequence of this A (Rifle) Coy. claim that they have grown from virtually two men and a boy in December 1958 to a stouthearted outfit sporting two platoons and a complete company headquarters.

A Coy's pre-camp programme has included in addition to the annual range course, several expeditions to Drumclog Moor and a week-end at Garelochhead. Company turn out on parade has been steadily improving and prizes for turn out have been won by Ptes. Shields and Docherty.

Since Easter B Coy. have had three outings on the range, one at Drumclog and an eminently successful week-end at Dundonald. The most surprising thing about the range was that although scarcely a man had ever fired a rifle before only two men failed to hit the target on the first occasion (when the weather was very wet and windy), and several individuals returned scores which would not have disgraced a member of the Battalion shooting team.

B Coy's week-end camp took the form of a night exercise—a highly ambitious project which is described in an accompanying article. As one of the force commanders Sgt. Baker showed all the cunning and skill that we would have expected of him during the war, and it reflects high credit on him that neither *anno domini* nor years of comfortable civvy life have impaired his military efficiency and tactical flair. Opposed to him were a band of happy and youthful warriors under command of 2/Lt. Coupar and Sgt. Prentice, who would have cheerfully massacred a less alert and experienced enemy. The junior N.C.O.s all distinguished themselves, and none more so than L/Cpl. McDougall.

His father, L/Cpl. McDougall Senior, also distinguished himself by tearing off the company commander a strip for having a badly fitting, badly pressed battle dress top. He will probably find himself appointed Company Tailor before very long, but needless to say his criticisms were fully justified.

Headquarters Company can still boast of being the largest in the Battalion, but they modestly admit that without the pipe and military bands they would be the smallest. The balance is made up of the Signals Platoon, Battalion Orderly Room, and a number of dubious characters who answer the call of E.R.E.

The Orderly Room, who have been relieved of the initial enlistment documentation, are still being swamped under with bumf, but continue gallantly to make more than a fair contribution to the paper war.

The Signals platoon is a thriving organisation and has entered the second quarter of the year with a very enviable record. It has doubled its strength, classified 9 men and 3 star signallers, and managed to get one officer and three N.C.O.s on a week's course at Hythe.

It is difficult to describe the activities of the E.R.E., who are a very essential body of men, and have perhaps the most imaginative minds of any human beings. When told to perform some simple task, such as appearing on muster parade, they are already busily engaged on some other vitally important mission. It will be a great day when the C.S.M. of H.Q. can report his company "all present and correct."

Our congratulations go to Sgt. Grant who won the welterweight class in the Lowland District Boxing Championships. For the hard work he has put in Sgt. Grant thoroughly deserves his awards. Among others, L/Cpl. McGrattan also fought gamely at the Boxing Championships, and it is a measure of the team's success that a number of people have since volunteered their services as sparring partners and potential pugilists.

In the ancient and honourable field of darts the Battalion has also been doing great things. Cpl. Campbell's team has an unbeaten record and has recently recorded victories over the Sergeants' Mess, the G.P.O., and the Warders at Barlinnie Prison.

It is with sincere regret that we have to record the death of Pte. Hay. He had served only two months with B Coy., but he had already made his mark as an unassuming but enthusiastic soldier.

We congratulate C/Sgt. Adamson, B Coy., and his wife on the addition of a boy to their family in March. Another recruit for 1977?

We also congratulate Ex-Sgt. Naismith on his commission. The Sergeants' Mess's loss will be the Officers' Mess's gain.

Richard Mathie, who did a long and very helpful stint as Training Officer and subsequently as Training Officer/Adjutant, has left us and is now in Aden. We were extremely sorry to see him and Mrs. Mathie go, but we look forward to seeing them again when they return in two years' time.

We are most fortunate in having David Anderson as Richard's successor. Happily for him he has passed into Staff College with colours flying, but unhappily for us this means that we shall have to say good-bye to him shortly after camp.

Needless to say, the Sergeants' and Officers' Messes are flourishing and have carried through the usual round of highly successful functions. The most successful of these, it is asserted, was the impromptu party which the Sergeants held for their wives on that historic day, May 12.

On the evening of the same day Officers who attended the reception in the City Chambers were delighted to meet Major Doug. Barrie of The Highland Light Infantry of Canada, who flew over from his Regiment's headquarters in Galt, Ontario, specially to attend the ceremonies in Glasgow. We hope that this happy contact with our sister Territorial Regiment will lead to further exchanges in the future.



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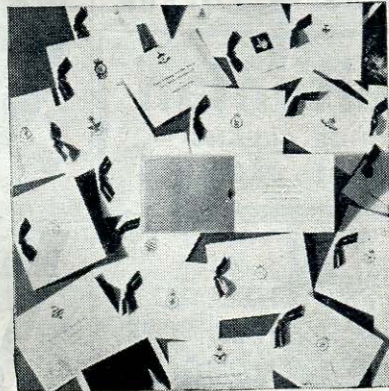
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"IN THE STILLY WATCHES."

THE Observer stood, a lone figure wrapped in a shapeless gascap, peering into the wet, blustery night. Nature had intended it to be black as pitch, but ghostly lights in the distance broke up the darkness into treacherous patches of gloom where a man might lose himself in one instant and, in the next, unwittingly reveal himself to a watchful enemy.

The ground had as many folds and creases as a Can-Can dancer's petticoat—but it was rich also in the unwelcoming hazards of gorse, potholes, bog, and barbed wire. As dirty a night and as uncongenial a place as any soldier might pray to be spared, the Observer mused to himself.

Slowly, warily, but less adroitly than he would have done 15 years earlier, the Observer plodded his way towards the remote, weather-beaten outpost. Occasionally he stopped to listen, but he heard nothing except the howling of the wind and the laboured rhythm of his own breathing. Twice he stepped noisily on loose boulders and once he found himself sitting involuntarily in an uncommonly prickly gorse bush.

Cursing inwardly he continued on his way until suddenly a figure rose from a bush and challenged him at the bayonet point. Cheered by this strictly formal military reception, the Observer asked the sentry a series of strictly formal military questions.

The answers came pat. The rest of the section were there, there, and there. An enemy patrol had been heard but was reckoned to have by-passed the platoon's position. The platoon commander had taken out a fighting patrol which would first recce and later raid the enemy's position.

It was a bitterly bleak night, but this particular young soldier, the Observer could sense if not see, had the light of battle in his eyes.

He moved on and out into No Man's Land, where in the course of the next hour he fell in the bog three times, lost his way once, and cut his hand on a barbed wire fence. At last the ground became firmer and flatter, and the darkness lifted slightly. Straining his eyes, the Observer could see the dim outline of a battered concrete hut—the "enemy's" fortress and stronghold.

At this moment the instincts of war asserted themselves in the mind of the Observer. He got down in his nice new battledress and crawled laboriously forward. At twenty-five yards from the hut he spotted a couple of sentries and rolled even more laboriously into a protective fold in the ground.

Suddenly he became aware that he was not alone on this expedition. Ten yards away on his left six men were lying in a ditch, obviously waiting for the moment to put in an attack. The Observer did not move but immediately reverted himself to the role of observer. A

couple of minutes later he heard stealthy footsteps behind him and a line of soldiers passed, almost over his head.

Quicker than it takes to tell, the pincer had squeezed and the fight was on, with blood-curdling yells adding to the confusion and the realism of the scene.

Fearing that over-enthusiasm might lead to bloodshed, the Observer stood up and blew his whistle to indicate that the battle was over.

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Only another night exercise? Well, truthfully, yes. But it was an exercise carried out in bad weather over difficult ground in a commendably orderly and efficient manner. And—and this is the real point—the men were supposedly raw recruits, most of them in their 'teens, who had been in the T.A. for anything from three months to three days.

Scarcely any of them had done more than an afternoon's field training when they were pitched into this "battle," but they survived the experience with distinction and a deal of good humour.

The Observer noted, not without surprise, that these boys were marched home to hot showers and a breakfast of fried eggs, baked beans and juicy, jumbo-sized steaks.

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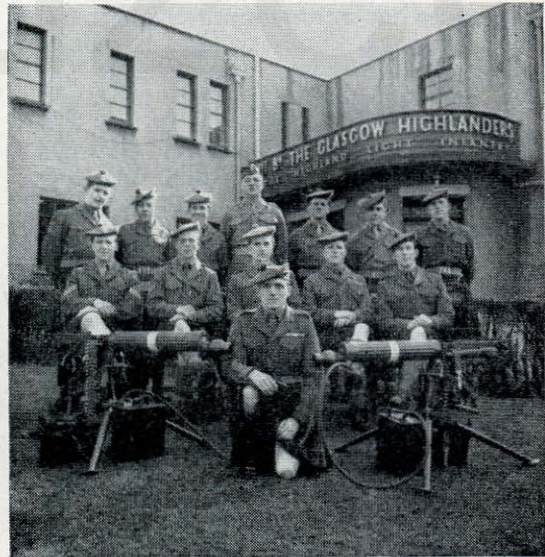
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WE are writing these notes with the parade for the presentation of new Colours to the Royal Highland Fusiliers still fresh in our minds. We congratulate them on a magnificent performance and want them to know that by it they have forged the first link in our mutual allegiance. We are certain that all that they do will have the same inspiration. Tradition is a fine thing, but surely the making of new tradition is finer. Lang may their lums reek!

Following these activities of the past few days we review our own Battalion. We find our rifles surprisingly rustless after the long winter; we can imagine the tents in some soporific store preparing for their annual soaking and all around there is a sense of growing activity. Old soldiers, freshly spring-cleaned and as sprightly as ever, are passing on their knowledge with renewed vigour; recruits, in ever-increasing quantities, are flooding in and are demonstrating in no uncertain terms their high quality, and everyone realises that there is an important task to be done.

We are sorry that several members of the Battalion have left before seeing the fruition of their labours. Col. Carnegie has retired from being our honorary colonel and leaves behind a long and splendid record which we know will be an inspiration to many. Major R. Taylor's departure, and with it his spirit and enthusiasm, is a severe loss. Captain Ritchie has had reluctantly to go south, and Roy Best finally got away to New Zealand, having kept the golfing world on tenterhooks as to whether he would or wouldn't play another round over his home course. We wish them all the best of luck.

Col. Laird is our new honorary colonel. We welcome him back and hope his term of command is happy and prosperous. We congratulate Col. Hendry on his appointment as Deputy Commander of the Brigade. We will do our best not to make breakfast with the brigadier too embarrassing. Congratulations to our new Officers, Messrs. Kyd, Dickson, Hogg and Topping, on being commissioned, and we welcome them to the Bn. We are pleased to have



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with us Mr. J. C. Smith (ex-Border Regt. and Bandmaster, North Irish Bde.) as Bandmaster. If, as we hear, his music charmed Molotov, then we know he will not find us too difficult.

We are pleased to say that we won the 52 (L) Inf. Div. Medium Machine Gun competition. The photograph of those concerned is printed here. Well done, and we are glad that your hard work was rewarded. Our thanks go especially to C.S.M. Seivwright for his instruction. This was especially commendable as the Platoon was only formed in February and yet won the Competition in early April.

Boxing and Basketball are in full swing and it is good to see the odd honestly earned black eye.

What we have been trying to say is that we now have a very fine Battalion. We all realise this, and what we must and will do is to continue the good work.

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WE are very pleased indeed to continue our affiliation with the newly-formed Regiment of the Royal Highland Fusiliers and to be able to contribute to this, the first issue of the R.H.F. Journal. Those of us who were able to witness the presentation of the Colours to the new Regiment were very impressed at the high standards reached in so short a time. We congratulate the Regiment and wish it every success in the future years.

Much has happened since our last notes were published in the old H.L.I. Chronicle. Lt.-Col. Allan Treloar relinquished command of the Contingent on the 31st December, 1958, prior to his leaving for Hobart to take up an appointment on the staff of the University of Tasmania. Colonel Treloar was always very keenly interested in the activities of the O.T.C. and of the H.L.I., especially the Glasgow Highlanders, with whom he served before he was appointed to command the O.T.C. He did not spare himself in the interests of the Corps and all who served under him, wish him and Mrs. Treloar every good wish and success for the future.

We hear that Colonel Treloar has already attended a Senior Officers' Exercise run by Tasmania Command of the A.M.F. and that very soon he hopes to join the 40th (Derwent) Regiment in a role similar to that of a T.A. Officer in the U.K.

Lt.-Col. J. F. Slater, R.A. (our former Training Officer) took over command on the 1st January, 1959, and quickly took steps to consolidate and put into effect the improvements started by Col. Treloar. We wish Col. Slater the best of luck in his command and assure him of our loyal support at all times. We also welcome Captain M. D. Fraser, T.D., who joined us in January to take up the appointment of Admin. Officer, W.R.A.C., from Captain E. M. Taylor Jones, M.B.E. Since she arrived, Captain Fraser has taken a keen interest in all activities of the O.T.C. and we hope that her stay with us will be a long and happy one.

Another new arrival was W.O. II H. Russell who joined us from 1 R.H.F. to take over the appointment of O.R.Q.M.S.

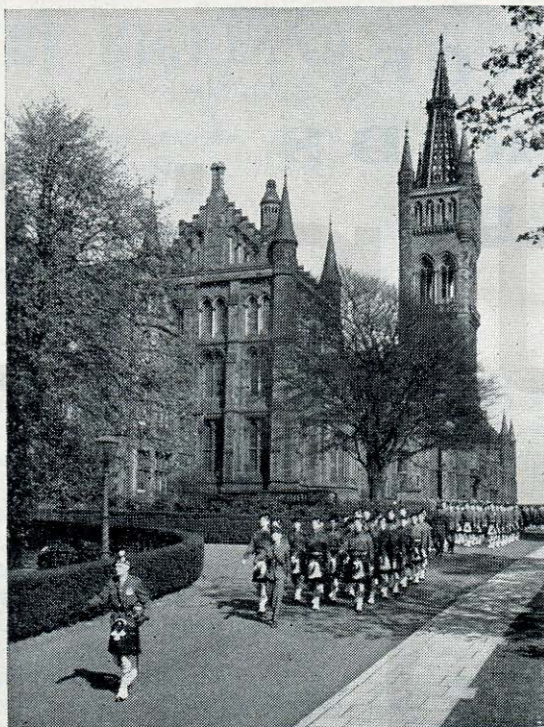


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His attendance at a documentation course at Combined Records Office resulted in an "Above Average" report. Since the result of the inspection of Unit documents which took place in May was "Very Good" he is already proving his worth.

We are pleased to report that despite our qualms and fears the result of the Annual Admin. inspection was "Very Good." A standard we shall do our very best to maintain in future years.

The academic year just ending has been one of great activity in the Contingent. In the autumn, the recruiting drive brought in a substantial and encouraging number of recruits, a hopeful indication that the period of depression may now be at an end. As an offset to the new members coming in, there has been the sad fact that old members must necessarily go out to pursue their careers on completion of their academic studies, but it is pleasant to record that no less than 15 have gone out to commissioned rank into local units of the Territorial Army. Amongst these were Willie Coupar to 5/6th H.L.I. and Robin Dickson and William Hogg, both to the Glasgow Highlanders. It is equally pleasant to note that of those so commissioned, many have expressed their appreciation of the High standard of training received whilst Officer Cadets with this Contingent.



Glasgow University Contingent, O.T.C.
Annual Church Parade, 3 May, 1959.

The Pipes and Drums have been very much "In the news" recently.

At the Beating of Retreat ceremony, which took place on the south front of the University on the 3rd of May, the band was presented with a beautiful pipe banner by Major Gordon Fotheringham (Cameronians), a former Training Officer of the Contingent. The ceremony was followed with a champagne party which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended it.

At the Inter-Scottish University O.T.C. Pipe Band Competitions which were held in Aberdeen on the 9th May the band proved itself to be the best O.T.C. band in Scotland by winning the Silver Quaich. Our pipers took 2nd and 3rd places in the open individual piping competitions, whilst Cpl. Steele retained his place as champion drummer in the Scottish O.T.C.s. Again we give all concerned our hearty congratulations.

The Pipe Band attended the University Veterinary School annual Rodeo and Gymkhana on 23rd May and helped to entertain those worthy people who were supporting an appeal for funds to provide guide dogs for the blind.

Within the limitations of time and space a good deal of useful training has been carried out since last October. Of this we hope to see the fruits at Annual Camp, to be held this year at Cultybraggan, near Comrie. Socially, the current year has been an outstanding one, such innovations as an all-ranks dinner, claret party, and champagne lunch being introduced lest all work and no play had its proverbial gloomy result. During the winter and spring a series of highly successful dances have been run by the Cadets Committee, while the improvement of amenities of Headquarters, i.e. the provision of meals, etc., may ultimately have an effect on the bring in of new members.

A new policy of dress has been laid down. In future, all sub-units (W.R.A.C. excepted) will wear the kilt on ceremonial occasions. Those who saw the Contingent on the Annual Church Parade in May will applaud the decision, and agree that the uniformity achieved enhanced the appearance of the Contingent to no uncertain degree.

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THE news of our continued affiliation with 'The Royal Highland Fusiliers' has been received with great pleasure and we look forward to many more years of happy association with you.

The last contact this Regiment had with you was during our Centenary in September, 1956. Since then we have settled down once again to normal Citizen Force routine. The mace presented to us by you was used on all ceremonial occasions during the Centenary celebrations and is used whenever the Regiment attends a ceremonial parade with its band. When not in use this mace shares the place of honour in the Officers' Mess with the Queen's and Regimental Colours.

At the time of writing the Regiment is undergoing continuous training at the Military Training Depot, Oudtshoorn in the Cape Province.



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Immediately prior to our leaving our Headquarters at Port Elizabeth the Regiment formed an armoured escort and part of the Guard of Honour at the funeral of the late Lt.-Gen. Len Beyers, a former Chief of the General Staff of the South African Defence Forces.

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THIS affords our first opportunity of wishing The Royal Highland Fusiliers "all the best" and a "good luck" as the unit's publication makes its debut.

Many of your regiment will be meeting our ambassador and plenipotentiary during the Colours presentation and subsequent events. He is Major Douglas S. Barrie, and he carried with him the warmest greetings of The Highland Light Infantry of Canada.

We were all engaged in Exercise Fireball when word came through that Doug. Barrie's flight had been arranged. As we watched him go we felt proud that he should represent us, but sad that we could not all join him. He is a fitting representative of the H.L.I. of Canada. He landed with the Regiment on D-Day, being wounded three times, at Caen, Boulogne and the Scheldt, and he served before and after the war with the Scots Fusiliers of Canada.

The Exercise of this past week-end saw South-western Ontario militia—460 strong—work out in a national survival scheme. With the H.L.I. of C. were units from Brantford, Guelph and Kitchener, with observers from Stratford, London, Windsor and St. Thomas.

It took the H.L.I., of course, to set the pace. While "espionage agents" filtered in and out of the column, the H.L.I. bagged two—thanks to Major Bert Bryant. Another "likely looking sort" was stopped from crossing our lines by a young piquet. He turned out to be G.S.O. 1 of 18 Militia Group!

Q.M. brought along a rigger ball and softball for our boys during breaks, and other units just watched enviously. The Sergeants set up a "tea shoppe" during the cold evening, and again other units just looked on—most enviously.

Tight security on the exercise just about ruined one demonstration by Waterloo County Civil Defence personnel. Issued with the wrong



Major Gerrard (right) and R.S.M. Craig (left) discuss Exercise Fireball with Capt. Campbell, observer from the Canadian Guards.

passes they were kept out of the exercise area for about an hour.

R.S.M. Craig expects about seven W.O. 1s to head up his guest list for the Sergeants' Inter-Unit Ball this week-end.

A week later those who can get away will be off to Camp Ipperwash for a week.

DAVID GREEN, *Captain.*

54th LIGHT A.A. REGIMENT (SCOTS FUSILIERS OF CANADA), KITCHENER, ONTARIO.

Commanding Officer—Lt.-Col. C. F. HARDY.

THE Scots Fusiliers of Canada, one of our allied regiments in the Royal Canadian Army, have expressed regret that they were unable to contribute Notes for this issue of the Journal, as all militia units in their particular area ceased parades for the months of June, July and August.

A contribution, however, will appear in the next issue.



THE ASSAYE MEMORIAL

The photograph shows the Rev. D. Mackie, Church of Scotland Mission, Jalna, Deccan, India, carrying out preservation work on the memorial. The Regiment pays the Mission a small annuity for this regular maintenance and it is obvious that the memorial is in good order and repair.

The Grand Military
Gold Cup, 1959
Colonel F. B. B. Noble's
"Highland Honours"
(nearest the camera)
was placed third.



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A SHORT HISTORY OF THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS and THE HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY which together form the ROYAL HIGHLAND FUSILIERS

(PRINCESS MARGARET'S OWN GLASGOW AND AYRSHIRE REGIMENT)

A short composite history of the Regiment has been compiled by Lt.-Col. L. B. OATTS, D.S.O., late H.L.I., and it is intended to reproduce this in the Journal by instalments. Here is the first instalment.

THE Royal Highland Fusiliers is a new Regiment, formed by the amalgamation of the Royal Scots Fusiliers and the Highland Light Infantry. These two famous Regiments were formerly three—the 21st Fusiliers, the 71st Highlanders (Light Infantry) and the 74th Highlanders. Their combined history covers that of the British Army itself. During fifteen reigns, from King Charles II to Queen Elizabeth II, there are few battlefields of importance on which they have not been present, either together or separately. As Kipling said of the Irish Guards, the Royal Highland Fusiliers may be new to the Army List, but they are not so new to their trade. The extremely formidable fighting tradition which the Regiment inherits, and which has few equals, is briefly described in the following pages. There it may be seen what the Royal Scots Fusiliers and the Highland Light Infantry have done separately; henceforth we shall see what they can accomplish together.

TITLES, INSIGNIA AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Fusiliers was the title given in the late seventeenth century to those regiments armed with the "fusil," a light flintlock musket. In battle such regiments were originally charged with the protection of the artillery, which in those days fired from the infantry line and, being very cumbersome, was a favourite target for enemy cavalry. The name "Fusilier" became an honourable distinction which was awarded to the 21st early in its service (about 1708), although the Regiment was seldom if ever used to protect the artillery.

The conversion of certain selected regiments into light infantry was started in 1803, the idea being that they should skirmish in advance of the main line of battle, and shake up the enemy columns by rapid movement and well-aimed fire. They were also used for other special tasks. The 71st Highland Regiment was converted to light infantry in 1809, but retained its highland designation. Thus originated the name of Highland Light Infantry. The light infantry regiments rendered such outstanding service during the Peninsular War that the title was later awarded to regiments as a particular distinction, although by that time all infantry operated in open order. This title, which the Highland Light Infantry has borne for 150 years, cannot be incorporated in the name of the amalgamated Regiment, for fusiliers is the more ancient honour, and a regiment could not be both fusilier and light infantry.

In 1712 the Royal Achievement was conferred upon the 21st Fusiliers by Queen Anne, for exceptional services during the War of the Spanish Succession (1702). The Regiment is thus one of the oldest Royal Regiments in the Army. The insignia of the White Horse of Hanover was also authorised to be displayed on the drum-carriages, as an additional distinction. The Regiment's official title now became the 21st Royal North British Fusiliers, but it was usually referred to as the Royal Scots Fusiliers and this latter title was formally approved in 1873.

The Insignia of the Castle and Key superscribed "Gibraltar" and with the motto *Montis Insignia Calpe* was granted to the Highland Light Infantry in recognition of the part played by the 2nd Battalion 73 Highland Regiment (later 71st or 1st Highland Light Infantry) during the three and a half year siege of Gibraltar, 1780-83. This insignia is carried on the Colours.

The insignia of the Elephant, superscribed "Assaye," together with the unusual distinction of a Third Colour, known as the Assaye Colour, was awarded to the 74th Highland Regiment (2nd Highland Light Infantry) for its epic stand at the battle of Assaye (1803). This insignia is also carried on the Colours.

In reference to its original role of defending the guns, the Royal Scots Fusiliers, like all fusilier regiments, wore the badge of the Grenade in Flames while the Highland Light Infantry, in common with all light infantry regiments, displayed the French Hunting Horn—light infantry in action being controlled by the bugle, instead of the drum.

Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret was appointed Colonel-in-Chief of the Highland Light Infantry in 1947, and is now Colonel-in-Chief of the new Regiment, which has been further honoured with the designation of Princess Margaret's Own.

THE TARTAN

The 73rd Highland Regiment, when raised in 1777, was first issued with the "Government" Tartan, to which was shortly afterwards added red and white stripes. This became known as the Mackenzie Tartan, from the name of the Colonel, John Mackenzie, Lord Macleod. Owing to the long proscription of the Highland dress, the styles of tartan worn in Prince Charles' day cannot be accurately determined, and whether the clan Mackenzie wore a special tartan or not is obscure. The Highland Light Infantry tartan, however, is the oldest in the British Army, save for that of The Black Watch.

The 74th Highland Regiment (2nd Highland Light Infantry) was also first issued with the "Government" tartan, but was ordered in 1848 to add a stripe of the colour of the Regimental facings, i.e., white. It was thus turned into the tartan known as the Lamont, although the Regiment had no particular connection with that family.

When the 71st and 74th were amalgamated in 1881, to form the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Highland Light Infantry, the Lamont tartan was abandoned in favour of the older Mackenzie.

The Lowland Regiments (including the Scots Guards) were offered the tartan after the army reorganisation of 1881. The Guards declined, and the Royal Scots Fusiliers raised strong objections. The others accepted and wore the "Government" tartan. Subsequently they were allowed to change this for clan tartans of their own choosing, at which time the Royal Scots Fusiliers finally agreed to wear the Government tartan. By the addition to it of a bluish line a special Scots Fusilier tartan was created. This was worn by the Regiment until 1948, when it was changed to the Hunting Erskine, in commemoration of its first Colonel, the Earl of Mar. The pipers continued to wear the Ceremonial Erskine which they first adopted in 1928 to commemorate the Regiment's 250th anniversary.

Tartan was originally a highland dress and its adoption by the rest of Scotland and by the lowland regiments in 1881 was the result of national sentiment. In common with other highland regiments the 71st and 74th Highlanders were entitled to wear the kilt but, on becoming the Highland Light Infantry, they elected to wear trews as being more suitable for a light infantry regiment. In those days, when the laird wore the trews and the ghillie wore the kilt, the wearing of trews was something of a distinction. In time, the role of light infantry ceased to have any special meaning and meanwhile the kilt was becoming increasingly significant as the distinctive dress of a highland regiment. From 1881, the Highland Light Infantry made repeated attempts to reclaim their ancient right to the kilt and finally obtained permission to wear it in 1947.

TERRITORIAL CONNECTIONS

The Royal Scots Fusiliers, which from its earliest years recruited largely in the western Lowlands, established its Depot in Ayr in 1873, since when it has obtained most of its recruits from the County; but it has also attracted increasing numbers of Glasgow men in recent years. The Regiment was granted the Freedom of the Royal Burgh of Ayr in 1946. The Territorial Army Battalion is the 4/5th Royal Scots Fusiliers, with its Headquarters at Ayr, and detachments at Kilmarnock, Irvine, Cumnock and Beith.

The Highland Light Infantry recruited some 200 men in Glasgow on first raising in 1777, and thereafter, to make good its heavy losses during the Peninsular War, had frequent recourse to this inexhaustible reservoir of fighting men. The 74th (2nd Highland Light Infantry) had its first Headquarters in Glasgow in 1787. During the 1914-18 War, the twenty-six Battalions of the Highland Light Infantry were almost exclusively recruited from the City, and the Depot was moved there after the war. The Regiment became the City of Glasgow Regiment in 1923, and was granted the Freedom in 1949. The Territorial Army Battalions are the 5/6th Highland Light Infantry and the Glasgow Highlanders (9th Highland Light Infantry).

THE RAISING OF THE 21st

Scotland in the late seventeenth century was in a state bordering upon chaos, rent asunder by warring clans in the north and fanatical Covenanters in the

south. As a preliminary step to the re-establishment of law and order, on the 23rd September, 1678, Charles Erskine, fifth Earl of Mar, received a commission to raise a regiment of foot. This regiment, afterwards the 21st Royal Scots Fusiliers, was known as the Earl of Mar's Regiment, and colloquially as "Mar's Grey Brecks" on account of its hoddie grey trews.

During its service in Scotland, the Regiment operated by companies, in the manner of military police. In the south, the companies were for many years under the command of Claverhouse, who had the task of breaking up the Covenanters. He and his men incurred a great deal of odium from their harring of the Conventicals; but they were doing their duty in maintaining the principles of law and order—the two essentials of stable government, which neither Clansman nor Covenanter had apparently ever heard of.

The Regiment also maintained two Highland companies, "to keep watch upon the braes." This was a far more onerous duty than keeping watch upon the Covenanters, whose notions of the conduct of war were chiefly derived from the Old Testament. The Highlanders were very difficult people to deal with, and most formidable opponents on their native heath, as was exemplified when one of the Highland companies of Mar's Regiment was almost completely exterminated while trying to separate the Mackintoshes and the Macdonalds of Keppoch.

By its unremitting efforts during its first ten years of service, the Regiment played no small part in imposing some measure of order throughout Scotland.

THE GLORIOUS REVOLUTION

King Charles II died and was succeeded by his brother, King James II, a man who had rendered great service to his country, but whose uncompromising attitude towards religion soon got him into trouble. In October, 1688, he ordered all troops in Scotland to the south, in the face of a threatened invasion by William of Orange. The King's cause was lost, however, by the time the Scots Fusiliers reached London. Deserted by his friends and adherents, including the senior officers of the army, he left the realm in December, and William and Mary reigned in his stead. One of his last acts as King was to create Claverhouse Viscount Dundee, and appoint him Commander-in-Chief in Scotland. Claverhouse rode north, raised the clans for the King, and fell at their head at Killiecrankie in the following year. Almost alone among those in high places, he had kept his honour untarnished, and it is satisfactory to think that the Regiment should have served its apprenticeship in arms under the leadership of this brave gentleman.

CAMPAIGN IN THE NETHERLANDS

In 1689, the Scots Fusiliers crossed to the Continent to form part of an allied force opposing King Louis XIV in the defence of the Low Countries. The Regiment fought at Steenkirk in 1692, and at Landen in 1693. Both were desperate engagements, ending in the retirement of the allies protected by the British infantry which, in these great battles, first established that formidable reputation in adversity which it still retains.

In 1694, while the Regiment was in Bruges, the precedence of the various corps of the British Army was decided upon by a board of officers in London, which ordered that Scots and Irish Regiments should rank from the date of their arrival in England. This unjust decision resulted in the Scots Fusiliers becoming the 21st of the Line, instead of the 4th to which it was entitled by the date of its seniority. It was keenly felt at the time, and perhaps still rankles; but 1694 is a long time ago, and much honour has been gained by the 21st since then.

WAR OF THE SPANISH SUCCESSION

The war in the Low Countries ended with the Treaty of Ryswick in 1697, and the 21st returned to Scotland. The ambitions of the King of France soon put an end to hopes of a protracted peace, and war again started in 1702, in the reign of Queen Anne. It lasted over ten years, during which the British Army gained undying glory under the leadership of the great Duke of Marlborough. The 21st was in the field from start to finish, and took part in the victories of Blenheim (1704), Ramillies (1706), Oudenard (1708), and Malplaquet (1709). Besides these great battles, whose names are now borne on the Colours, there were innumerable smaller engagements. The 21st, for example, was at the capture of Bouchain in September, 1711, where it fought for several days often waist high in water. The war ended with the Peace of Utrecht in 1712, and the 21st returned to Scotland in 1714.

THE 'FIFTEEN

In September, 1715, John, Earl of Mar, the son of the first Colonel of the 21st, raised the Standard of King James II at Braemar. The Duke of Argyll met him at Sherrifmuir with a regular force in which the 21st formed part of the second line. While the Regiment was marching into position, one of the clans came downhill upon it. With the arms of that period, there was no means of stopping a highland charge under such circumstances, and the 21st was very hard put to it, losing 3 officers and 88 rank and file killed by the broadsword. The battle ended in a mutual withdrawal, and many humorous ballads were written about it; but it was no laughing matter for those taking part.

THE WAR OF THE AUSTRIAN SUCCESSION

King George II, who was also ruler of Hanover, became anxious for its safety when Frederick the Great of Prussia opened hostilities against France and Bavaria over the claimant to the throne of Austria.

In June, 1743, the 21st played a notable part in the victory of Dettingen, which was the last occasion on which a British Army was commanded in the field by the monarch in person. The 21st was charged by the famous regiment of French heavy cavalry, the "Grey Musketeers," who succeeded in breaking into the 21st's square. Once in, they were engaged by the rear ranks, who were turned about for the purpose. The cavalry were all unhorsed and slain, except for five or six, the sole survivors out of over two hundred. The King, elated by his victory, galloped over to make merry at the expense of Sir Andrew Agnew of Lochnaw, commanding the 21st. "Sorry to see the French horse get among your men," he said, genially. "Aye," replied the Laird, "but they didna get oot again!" Dettingen is now borne on the Colours.

At the battle of Fontenoy, fought in May, 1745, and described as "a glorious failure," the 21st formed part of the famous "Column of Fontenoy," which, having fought its way into the middle of the French position, was forced to withdraw because of lack of support from the allies, but presented so stout a front that the enemy forebore to follow.

THE "FORTY-FIVE"

Taking advantage of the fact that nearly all British troops were on the Continent, Prince Charles Edward landed at Glenfinnan in June, 1745, and raised his father's standard. He was not received with any great enthusiasm, but when Lochiel called out his clan, others followed, for Lochiel was widely respected in the west for his honour and integrity. As is well known, the Highland army defeated General Cope at Preston Pans and crossed the border. This led to the hasty recall from the war of many of the British regiments, including the 21st, which, after lengthy manoeuvring and minor skirmishes, found itself on the left centre of Cumberland's army on Drumossie Moor, resting on its arms and peering through the driving sleet at the tartans of Clan Chattan opposite.

For various reasons the Highlanders stood little chance. There was no Graham to lead them, and they were wrongly disposed. Their charge was piecemeal with little co-ordination or force behind it, although they broke through to the second line. Obscured now by the mists of romance, it was a very tragic affair, as may be illustrated by the story of the Lord Boyd, an officer of the 21st, whose father, Kilmarnock, was out with the Prince. He succeeded in saving his father during the subsequent massacre, but not from execution.

The 21st returned to the Continent in 1747. The French had taken full advantage of the absence of the British Army and had reached the border of Holland. Command of the allies opposing them was held by the Duke of Cumberland, who engaged them at Val, or Lauffeld. The battle ended by the British infantry again having to cover the retirement of their allies, during which the conduct of the 21st earned them the tribute of the French, and even Cumberland was moved to say a few complimentary words. The war ended with the Peace of Aix la Chapelle in 1748, and thereafter, except for one expedition, the 21st spent its time on garrison duty at home and abroad for 23 years.

THE SEVEN YEARS' WAR

In pursuance of its policy of maintaining a balance of power in Europe, in 1756 Great Britain declared war against the French coalition in support of Prussia. The 21st was then in Gibraltar, and as the idea was to defeat France outside Europe, rather than to become involved in large-scale operations on the Continent, it was not engaged in any major affair during the war, except for the expedition against the island of Belleisle, in the Bay of Biscay. This took place in April, 1761, and proved to be an extremely formidable proposition. The whole island was one vast fortress, defended by precipitous cliffs or strong entrenchments, which were quite sufficient to have given pause to the Commandos of the present day. A footing on the island was, however, secured at the second attempt, after which the enemy entrenchments were carried by storm. It was a good example of the manner in which the seemingly impossible can be accomplished by resolute and well-trained troops.

(To be continued.)

Rebirth of the 157 Infantry Brigade

THE title of 157 (H.L.I.) Infantry Brigade was both feared and familiar to the King's enemies on the battlefields of World Wars I and II in Gallipoli, Palestine, France and N.W. Europe. Between the wars it was Glasgow's own T.A. infantry formation, widely known both inside and outside of Scotland, whether referred to by its formal title or more colloquially as "The H.L.I. Brigade" or even "Those Glasgow Chaps." It then consisted of the 5th, 6th, 7th and 9th Bns. H.L.I.

However, disappearing in common with the rest of the T.A. wartime battalions and formations after World War II, it regrettably failed to re-appear as a formation in the reconstitution of the T.A. on a peace time basis in 1947. Of its component battalions, the 1st Bn. The Glasgow Highlanders were then to be found in the Scottish Beach Brigade, and the 5th and 6th H.L.I., now combined into a single battalion, had been lost to 154 (H) Infantry Brigade. The 7th H.L.I. had disappeared as an infantry battalion.

In 1957 the Scottish Beach Brigade, during one of the series of T.A. "reorganisations" since the end of World War II, split into two, its Corps and Service troops forming the new No. 4 (Scottish) Port Task Force. Of the infantry battalions of the Beach Brigade, the 4/5 R.S.F. returned to 156 Brigade, their old Brigade. H.Q. 157 Infantry Brigade was re-constituted as H.Q. 157 (L) Infantry Brigade, commanding only the 1st Bn. The Glasgow Highlanders, as sole representatives of past history, and the 6/7 Bn. The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).

This organisation was not to prove of long duration since on 1st October, 1958, 157 Brigade said good-bye, with sincere regret, to 6/7 Cameronians, who went to 156 Brigade, and welcomed with enthusiastic and open arms the return of 5/6 H.L.I. from 154 Brigade and the addition of 4/5 R.S.F. from 156 Brigade. Rejoining us too came 157 (L) Field Ambulance under command, and it is from this date, 1st October, 1958, that the rebirth of 157 Infantry Brigade must properly be reckoned.

From the first, the Brigade got off to a good start. 5/6 H.L.I., sustaining with fortitude and resignation their separation from the Highland Division, were comforted

by finding themselves again "alongside" their old Brigade comrades and sister battalion, The Glasgow Highlanders, and at once set themselves to integrate and identify their battalion fully with their traditional Brigade.

4/5 R.S.F., perhaps a trifle nervous at first in finding themselves in an entirely kilted environment, were reassured by the fact that both the Brigade Commander and Brigade Major were R.S.F.!

As a good send-off to its formal rebirth, the Brigade had a most successful officers' week-end at Troon shortly before Christmas, when the G.O.C. and all the Honorary Colonels were guests at a Brigade Dinner, which we hope will become an annual event.

The new Brigade had just about settled down when, in January 1959, the amalgamation of its two parent regular Regiments, The Royal Scots Fusiliers and The Highland Light Infantry, took effect. As sole preservers of the name, dress, and individually distinct traditions of the two amalgamated Regiments, which remained embodied within their own "personalities" as T.A. battalions, the 4/5 R.S.F., 5/6 H.L.I. and The Glasgow Highlanders retained a great legacy from the past. In their relationship to each other, and to their new parent Regiment, the battalions formed a link of inestimable importance to the future.

It was, perhaps, during the highly successful and never to be forgotten week in May 1959, when the Colonel-in-Chief presented new Colours to the Royal Highland Fusiliers, and the Freedoms of Glasgow and Ayr were extended to the Regiment, that this link between the T.A. battalions of the Brigade and their new parent regiment was finally forged. In Glasgow and Ayrshire the T.A. battalions did all they could to assist the R.H.F. in all their commitments of an arduous week, and shared in the pride of their achievement.

On the 10th July, Bde. H.Q., won free of its squalid tenement in Maryhill, welcomed its Hon. Colonels, C.O.s and T. and A.F.A. V.I.P.s to a reception marking the formal opening of its handsome new premises in 25 Park Circus.

As preservers of the past, and energetic contributors to the present and future, the new 157 Brigade may be regarded as firmly re-established.

Proud Heritage

THE STORY OF THE HIGHLAND INFANTRY. Volumes I and II.

By Lt.-Col. L. B. OATTS.

Volume I of the history of the Highland Light Infantry was published in 1952 and tells of the First Battalion—the old 71st—from its formation in 1777 until 1881. Here is a story of the Siege of Gibraltar; service in India; the Cape of Good Hope, and South America; the expedition to Walcheren; the Peninsular and Crimean Campaigns, and other exploits. It is indeed a proud heritage.

Many Regimental historians assume that the reader is familiar with the general history of the times—an assumption which is often wrong and

in many cases necessitates reference to other books. The author is not guilty of this: the book contains just the right amount of background, which includes in Chapter I—under the title "Origins"—an excellent summary of conditions in the Highlands of Scotland before, and about the time of, the raising of the Regiment.

Volume II, published in 1959, tells the story of the 74th, later the 2nd Battalion, from its raising until 1822. Both volumes are well produced, well illustrated, and may be had from RHQ. Price £1 1s. (Vol. I) £1 10s. (Vol. II).

ASSOCIATION NOTES

THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS (LONDON BRANCH)

MUCH has happened since the last "write-up," in December, 1958, issue of the Royal Scots Fusiliers Journal. We of London wish every success to the first issue of the Royal Highland Fusiliers Journal. We submit, with great pleasure, our activities since the beginning of the year.

On Saturday, 10th January, 1959, we held our Annual General Members' Meeting. Our members were Capt. C. H. Asals, Messrs. R. W. Jenkins, A. C. Linard, H. L. Roe, W. J. Hudson, E. Hills, J. A. Durie and S. E. Pope. The past Committee were re-elected *en bloc*. Although few in numbers, we went through the business of the Branch for 1959, knowing full well that our decisions would be endorsed by our members. The meeting closed at 9-20 p.m., and we adjourned to the "Thatched House" for a wee bit of elbow exercise which was enjoyed by all present.

Saturday evening, 7th February, we held a Social and Dance at The Chevrons Club, Baker Street, N.W.1.

The same band which played at December's Social and Dance again inspired our party, and, as usual, the time went all too quickly. Everybody who danced enjoyed themselves, finishing with "Auld Lang Syne" around the "Little Man," followed by "The Queen." Each went his own way home with hearty and cheery "good-nights."

Saturday, 11th April, came, and we went along to Addison Road, Kensington, to meet our guests from Ayr. They arrived safely at 7-15 a.m. After the usual greetings and raggings we made our way to the coach and drove to the nearest cafe for tea and biscuits, etc. After a tour of Central London we arrived at the Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 8-30 a.m. Breakfast over, our guests were taken to where they would be staying for bed and breakfast overnight. Making our way back to the Hotel we used the facilities of the bar till lunch time, after which the coach was available for the boys to go to the match. Those left behind made their way home to change for Dinner and Dance in the evening.

6 p.m. came, and folks began to present themselves, and by 6-30 everyone was seated, just waiting for our piper, Rab Clinton, to pipe in Major and Mrs. S. H. Cooper, Chairman, Ayr Branch, and Capt. and Mrs. C. H. Asals. His task completed, Dicky Jenkins, as Toastmaster, asked that grace be said, then 132 seated commenced an excellent dinner. Toasts followed; Capt. C. H. Asals gave "The Queen," Major S. H. Cooper "The Regiment," his toast incorporating The Royal Highland Fusiliers. Tom Linard gave "Our Guests and Visitors," complimenting the ladies who had travelled from Ayr, Sheffield, and others from outside London, with their menfolk. Rab Gilmour gave "Reply For Guests and Visitors" and Dave McGinlay, Edinburgh Club. Dicky Jenkins gave "Our Association." To all toasts there was a hearty response by all present. The Tartan was brought on; we all went into the Lounge awaiting the preparation of the ball-room. At 8 p.m. dancing commenced. All present enjoyed the Reunion and Dancing—our most pleasing moments were to see members of the Royal Highland Fusiliers to the fore. Time went all too quickly and 11-30 came, "Auld Lang Syne" around the Little Man was sung, followed by "The Queen."

12 noon on Sunday arrived. Dicky Jenkins was first on the scene at the Railway Hotel in the dance hall with his record player. Members from Ayr, 1st Bn. Royal Highland Fusiliers and London were there on time. At 2-15 p.m. we all gathered in the dance hall and spent a grand two hours singing, piping, Highland dancing, given both by Ayr and London members. At 4-30 p.m. Major S. H. Cooper and Mrs. Cooper, Major W. Linton R.S.M. Hutchinson, C.S.M. Fyffe, WO.II C. Crawford, Duncan, Johnstone, with London members, paid a visit to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and met Tommy Hailstone, Jock Bravery, Harry Doig and Jim Mullams, our Chelsea Pensioners, and spent a very pleasant hour with them. At 7 p.m. London members met Ayr party at the "Earl of Russell" for a final drink before their departure. We saw them aboard at 9-15, very happy to have enjoyed their company. We are looking forward very much to 1960 to renew the meeting of old friends, be they from Ayr, Edinburgh, Glasgow, or anywhere in Great Britain.

May Ceremonials of 1st Royal Highland Fusiliers.—Tom and Mrs. Linard, Jimmy and Mrs. Byrnes, Bert and Mrs. Constable, Chalky Whiting, Charlie Muston, Charlie Bryant, Jack Smith, Dicky Jenkins, Kipper Simpson, Don Greenleaf and Bert Roe represented the London Branch on the Parades. All ranks certainly did everything correctly—in fact they were second to none as a Regiment. We of London were very sorry to turn down the invitation of Edinburgh Club to accommodate us, and we thank them for the hospitality given to our members during their stay. We shall meet again in 1960. We also thank all Royal Highland Fusiliers for the way in which we were received and accommodated; it made the week's stay complete. We could write much on how grand was the turn-out, drill movements and marching of the Bn. May we say it was tip-top. Many happy Reunions were spent by our members in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Ayr, which was another means of our family of O.C.A.s getting closer together. Our members enjoyed every moment.

Derby Draw, 1959.—Pleased to report that this was a great success, and we thank all for the support given. A Statement of Account will be sent to all London members in due course, hoping it will inspire all for 1960. The Draw does much for our Branch.

Our functions for 1959 are: Social and Dances—7-30 p.m. Saturday, 5th September; Saturday, 5th December, 1959, at Chevrons Club, 4 Dorset Square, Baker Street, London, N.W.1. Dinner and Dance—6 p.m. Saturday, 10th October, 1959, at Wingfield House, South Lambeth Road, Stockwell, London, S.W.8.

We extend a hearty invitation to all Royal Scots Fusiliers, Old Comrades and Royal Highland Fusiliers to attend these functions. Just drop a line to Hon. Secretary, or any Committee-man or member of London Branch, or telephone ACOrn 0647.

We in London are prepared to enrol any who wish to enrol with us. All we ask is Regtl. No., Rank, Name, Service with Regt., plus 1/6 entrance fee, 5/6 yearly subscription.

Will conclude by sending our good wishes to all Royal Scots Fusiliers, Highland Light Infantry, Old Comrades, and Royal Highland Fusiliers, wherever they may be.

TOM LINARD, *Hon. Secretary.*

45 CUMBERLAND ROAD,
ACTON, LONDON, W.3.

ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS (AYR BRANCH)

A PARTY of thirty-five travelled to London by night train on 10th April to spend the week-end as guests of the London Branch.

The journey down was enjoyed by all, and although there were several hazy heads on arrival, the mist soon cleared when we were met by our old friend, Tom Linard, and other members of the Branch.

Arrangements for our reception were of the usual very high standard, and soon the party was enjoying a hearty breakfast at the Station Hotel, Hampstead, where much of the week-end activities were to take place.

The afternoon found a majority of the party at Wembley, and despite the weather the game was enjoyed by all, although it was generally agreed that the Scottish selectors could have done better.

Many old friends met at the hotel in the evening, and after an excellent dinner every effort was made to encourage them to leave the bar and join in the dancing. The old saying, "Sands grow cold and seas run dry, but Marlborough's Own will never die," was very apparent.

Included as guests of our party were Sgt. Gray and Sgt. Scofield, late of the Highland Light Infantry and now serving on the Depot staff of the R.H.F. We hope

that the friends they made in London will be but the start of a close link between the Old Comrades of both regiments and the eventual amalgamation of the Branches. In this, we feel that when the time comes for the young R.H.F. to leave the service, it will be possible for him to keep in touch with his regiment, and to meet new friends among those who helped to form it.

The arrangements to leave London on the Sunday evening were very popular. This enabled everyone to meet together again at lunch time, and to enjoy the impromptu selections given by members of both parties. During the afternoon representatives visited the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and were pleased to meet old members of the regiment.

A final gathering at the nearest hotel to St. Pancras Station enabled us to have a final fling although it left little room for the "locals." The landlord probably wondered what had hit him, nevertheless, the arrangement proved successful in getting the party to the train without left-overs.

The last Cheerio ended a very pleasant week-end, for which we are very grateful to our London friends and we look forward to seeing them in Ayr in 1960.

HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY (LONDON BRANCH)

DEAR EDITOR, I thank you for your communication of 9th June, 1959, requesting submission of notes for your 1st edition of the Royal Highland Fusiliers Journal.

I must, however, make it clear that our Branch is functioning as heretofore—Highland Light Infantry Association (London Branch).

Many members of the newly-formed regiment will no doubt be interested in our activities here in London. Similarly, I am sure there are members of our London Branch who would wish to learn of the activities of the newly-formed R.H.F. We shall, therefore, be glad to render to you from time to time items of interest respecting our London Branch for insertion in your Journal.

Our Branch continues to progress along its old established lines. Our quarterly meetings are well attended; the same old faces (I use the word "old" reservedly) turn up regularly. The same old stories are told and old battles are won and lost over and over again. I would at this point like to pay tribute to our lady members—they never miss and are so helpful to our Branch.

Close liaison has been made with my counterpart, Secretary, R.S.F. Association (London Branch). We shall discuss any matter relating to our respective Branches and the newly-formed regiment. We shall get along very well with one another.

Many members throughout the Association and in the Regiment will, I am sure, share with us in London

deep regret at the passing of Charlie Mills. Charlie was an ardent supporter of anything appertaining to his old regiment and the London Branch of the Association. We in London, especially, are going to miss him. A great deal of good work for our Branch was performed by Charlie and his good lady. The deepest sympathy will go out from us all to Mrs. Mills in her great loss.

The London Branch will be holding its Re-union Dinner in October, 1959, at the Chatham Room, Victoria Station, London, S.W.1. We should be glad to welcome members from the Regiment and Ayr Depot. Particulars from P. Boucher, 15a Eglinton Hill, London, S.E.18, our Entertainment Committee Chairman.

In conclusion, may I ask you to furnish me with particulars of your Regimental Journal—date of publication, cost, etc., for circulation to my members.

We in London would wish you every success for the Royal Highland Fusiliers Journal.

May I ask that my name and address be inserted in your Journal for the information of personnel retiring and proposing to reside in the London area. Thank you.—Yours faithfully,

E. CAMMELL,
120 STONDON PARK,
FORREST HILL,
LONDON, S.E.23.

HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY (EDINBURGH BRANCH)

THE regrets felt at the passing of our old Regiment have been softened by the proud showing of the "New." We here in Edinburgh are fortunate to have witnessed the recent parades and Guards of Honour during the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and are proud that the traditions of both the Royal Scots Fusiliers and the Highland Light Infantry have passed into such a capable Regiment as the Royal Highland Fusiliers, and we take this opportunity to wish them every success in all their undertakings. We look forward to reading of their activities in this new R.H.F. Journal.

It is with a great feeling of pleasure that we write these short notes for the Journal and we trust that they will be of interest to all readers. The Club premises at 53 East Claremont Street, Edinburgh, are only a few doors from those of the Royal Scots Fusiliers and what happy neighbours we are! Quite recently they entertained a party of us and a really enjoyable evening was

had by all. At a similar function in our Club rooms, these same Fusiliers brought their gaiety and versatility with them to make an even happier event. We look forward to this becoming a regular social evening and trust that it will extend to further outings.

We record the illness of our grand old Chairman, "Mick" Welsh, with regrets, and wish him a very speedy recovery. Any of his many friends reading this may wish to drop him a line and we know that this would be better than any medical treatment; his address—59 East Claremont Street, Edinburgh, 7.

The Committee and Members would take this opportunity to extend a very warm invitation to all members of the Regiment to visit us, if they are in the neighbourhood. Already several have looked in to say hello, but we look forward to seeing many more in the days ahead.

Greetings and good wishes to all ranks from all in Edinburgh.
A.G.B.M.

ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS (EDINBURGH BRANCH)

ON Friday, 15th May, 1959, it was a sad day for the old comrades of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, as that day their colours were laid to rest within the sanctuary of the Scottish National War Memorial at Edinburgh Castle.

At this we all felt a bit depressed, and I am sure among the old comrades there, at the last parade of the Colours, a few, if not all of us, felt a lump gather at the throat.

After the parade a large number of us "the old comrades" paid a visit to the Club for tea and refreshments, and of course once we were all settled down all the yarns of "the old times" started: "Remember this," "Remember that," could be heard round the room. I'm sure that we could have gone on all night.

It was a real good evening, and we were pleased to see among us several of our old comrades from further afield, some of whom were Kipper Simson, Newcastle; George Arthur, Bathgate; Hugh Duff, Glasgow; Jock Constable, Glasgow; R. Rodgers, Irvine, and many others.

FUSILIERS ALL.

Centuries long,
Steady and strong,
Whatever the clime,
In mud or in slime,
In heat or in cold
Through hardships untold,
In the face of the foe
Come weal or come woe,
Fusiliers all answered the call,
"Honour and duty to Queen before all!"
Fusiliers all! Hark to the call!
"Honour and duty to Queen before all!"

THE LOWLAND BRIGADE CLUB'S GOLF MEETING AT GULLANE, 11th June, 1959

THE Lowland Brigade Club's annual spring/summer Golf Meeting was held at Gullane on Thursday, 11th June, 1959, in excellent weather. The results were as follows:

Scratch Medal Round for the Lowland Brigade Challenge Cup.

Winner - Major David Ballantyne, R.S. - 68
Runner-up 2/Lt. J. D. Drummond, R.H.F. - 73

Handicap Medal Round for the K.O.S.B. Challenge Cup.

Winner - Major David Ballantyne, R.S. 68—5=63
Runner-up Lt.-Col. R. A. Buchanan-Dunlop,
Cameronians 79—14=65

ROYAL HIGHLAND FUSILIERS BOYS AT QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL

McNamee, T. R.—Joined the School in 1953. Son of the late 3127839 WO.I J. McNamee who enlisted in the Royal Scots Fusiliers in 1930. He died in 1951 whilst still serving.

Johnstone, J. M.—Joined the School in 1955. Son of 2977250 WO.II W. Johnstone who enlisted in the Highland Light Infantry in 1930 and served for 18½ years when he was discharged.

Laughlan, J. A.—Joined the School in 1955.

Laughlan, M.—Joined the School in 1956. Sons of 3311289 WO.II A. M. Laughlan who enlisted in the Highland Light Infantry in 1933 and served until 1954 when he was discharged. He then served in R.S.F. from 1955-1957.

Bruce, E. R. C.—Joined the School in 1952. Son of the late Captain (QM) William Milne Bruce, M.B.E., who served in the ranks of the Highland Light Infantry from 1920 until 1940 and as an officer in that regiment from 1940 to 1947 when he was released. He died in 1951.

Later in the evening a few of us visited the Sergeants' Mess at Redford where a dance was in progress, to see how "our new regiment" was, and what a welcome we received, so much so that one would have thought we were visiting V.I.P.s instead of "Old Comrades." And from what we saw, once the Regiment gets fully into its stride it will be one of, if not THE finest, of all Regiments.

Well, chaps, the Edinburgh Club is open to all Fusiliers at all times. We have a few bedrooms, so if any of you would like a week-end away from the C.S.M. drop in (the cost is only 3/- a night). We always have a social on Saturday and Sunday evenings, so don't forget.

On Sunday, 14th June, we held our bus drive to the Borders. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were in charge. We left Edinburgh at 10 a.m. stopping en route at hotels for lunch and tea. During the afternoon we had our five-a-side football (Wee Duchie Holland scored five goals: I really think that Hibs will be on his track) I would take this opportunity to thank Mr. and Mrs. Campbell for the fine day they gave us all. Well done. Jock! Keep it up!

The darts team has again made a good start in the league. In previous years we have been holders of both cups, and I do not think that they will let us down this year. We have been strengthened by a few new members from the 1st R.H.F. at Redford and it makes it like old times to swap yarns with them.

The address of the Club is 77 East Claremont Street; a No. 9 bus from the Barracks will take you to the door any time you feel like it.

A. S. G.

The Cameronian Bowl (confined to Cameronians).

Winner - Lt.-Col. R. A. Buchanan-Dunlop 79—14=65
Runner-up Major R. Tullis - - 81—10=71

Bogey Foursomes.

Winners—2/Lt. J. D. Drummond, R.H.F., and 2/Lt. J. E. Snodgrass, R.H.F.

Runners-up—Lt.-Col. R. A. Buchanan-Dunlop, Cameronians, and Maj. H. P. L. Cameron, R.H.F.

McLeish, M. J.—Joined the School in 1954. Son of 22224486 Sgt. J. McLeish who joined the Highland Light Infantry in 1942 and is still serving.

Scully, D.—Joined the School in 1954. Son of 13054892 Pte. W. J. Scully who served in the Highland Light Infantry for 5½ years from 1940 when he was discharged.

Ross, G.—Joined the School in 1956. Son of 3311071 Pte. M. Ross who served in the 2nd Bn. Highland Light Infantry from 1932 until 1943 when he was discharged.

Baillie, J. D.—Joined the School in 1957. Son of 3307702 Sgt. J. Baillie who served in the 6th Bn. Highland Light Infantry and Army Catering Corps from 1926 until 1945 when he was discharged.

McGrory, G.—Joined the School in 1955. Son of the late 3129211 Fus. J. McGrory who served in the Royal Scots Fusiliers from 1934 until 1941 when he was discharged. He died in 1950.

Sycamore, J. A.—Joined the School in 1958. Son of 22829711 Cpl. L. A. Sycamore who served in the Gordon Highlanders from 1942 to 1948. He joined the Royal Scots Fusiliers in 1952 and is still serving.

Kay, B. A.—Joined the School in 1958. Son of 22222732 Sgt. H. Kay who served in the Royal Scots Fusiliers from 1940 to 1946. He re-enlisted in 1950 and is still serving.



T. McNamee J. Johnston J. Laughlan E. Bruce M. McLeish D. Scully G. Ross
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Random Quotations and Observations Grave and Gay

COLLECTED BY COLONEL C. R. BUCHANAN

Minute by Lord Curzon, when Viceroy of India on an official file.

"I agree with the gentleman whose signature is like a trombone."

Hand written comment by a Senior Staff Officer on an old military file.

"This report is useless. The only thing to remember about it is the identity of the officer who made it."

Advice by R.S.M. Brittain, late Coldstream Guards.

"Anybody can carry the coal box. You want to be the chap who says—Pick it up!"

The Duke of Wellington's views on "bumph."

Letter to the Secretary of State for War.

"My Lord,

If I attempted to answer the mass of futile correspondence that surrounds me I should be debarred from all serious business of campaigning.

I must remind your Lordship—for the last time—that so long as I retain an independent position, I shall see no officer under my command is debarred, by attending to mere quill driving in your Lordship's office, from attending to his first duty, which is and always has been, so to train the private men under his command that they may, without question, best any force opposed to them in the field.

I am, my Lord,

Your obedient servant,

WELLINGTON."

Field-Marshal Viscount Wolseley's views on dress.

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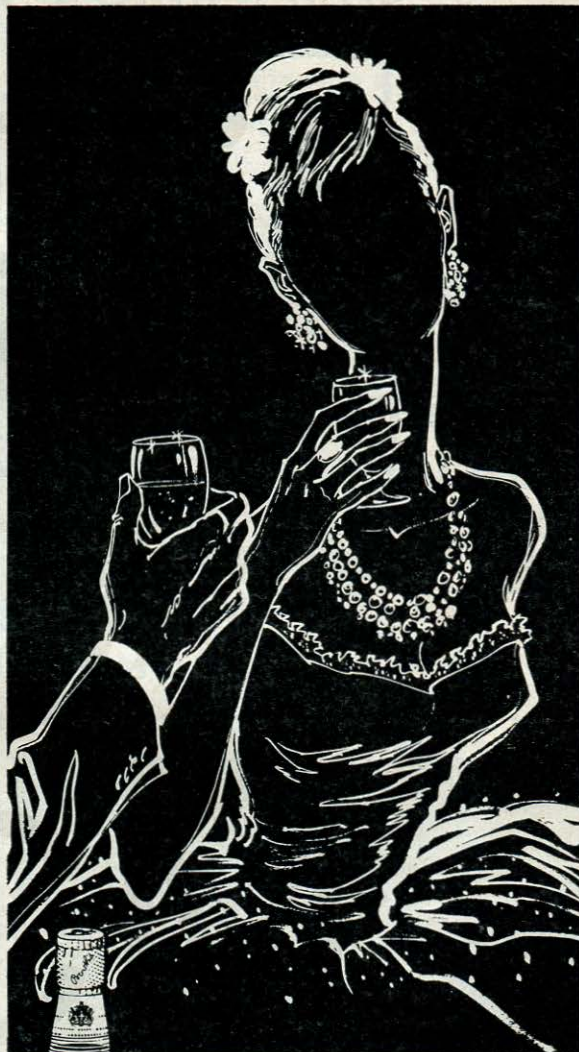
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The Views of Socrates on Generals.

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The views of Eric Linklater on Soldiers.

"Nothing has ever been made until the soldier has made safe the field where the buildings shall be built, and the soldier is the scaffolding until it has been built, and the soldier gets no reward but honour."

—ERIC LINKLATER: *Crisis in Heaven.*"

The views of Field-Marshal Sir William Slim on Infantry.

"The standard of any army depends on the quality of its infantry. Service in the Infantry is the most dangerous, arduous and honourable way of serving a country."

Private Wheeler's views on the girls of Paris in 1815.

"The most engaging little devils I ever saw."

The Letters of Private Wheeler, 1809-1828.

Hitler's views on the British Nation.

"The British Nation can be counted upon to carry through to victory any struggle that it enters upon, no

matter how long the struggle may last, no matter how great the sacrifices that have to be made and no matter what means have to be employed; and all this though the actual military equipment to hand may be utterly inadequate compared with that of other nations."

—ADOLF HITLER: *Mein Kampf*. Chap. XII.

Some views on Experience.

(a) "Experience is the name everyone gives to his mistakes."—OSCAR WILDE.

(b) "Fools say that you can only gain experience at your own expense. I have always contrived to gain my experience at the expense of others."—BISMARCK.

Some Epitaphs.

(a) Epitaph ascribed to Simonides on the heroes of the Pass of Thermopylae in 480 B.C.:

"Go tell the Spartans thou that passeth by
That here obedient to their laws we lie."

(b) Inscription on the 2nd Division War Memorial on Jail Hill, Kohima:

"When you go home tell them of us and say;
For your to-morrow they gave their to-day."

(c) Inscription on the marble spire standing on the hill top above the Polish Military Cemetery at Monte Cassino:

"We Polish soldiers,
For our freedom and yours,
Have given our souls to God,
Our bodies to the soil of Italy
And our hearts to Poland."

WHAT DO YOU KNOW? [i]

Answers on page 00.

1. Why Rorke's Drift was so called?
2. When the last duel was fought by a British Officer?
3. The origin of the word "posh"?
4. Who was the first British Field-Marshal?
5. Who wrote the first set of Bugle Calls for the British Army?
6. Who were the Chiefs of Staff of the following Commanders?
 - (i) Marshal Blucher.
 - (ii) Napoleon.
 - (iii) Marshal Foch.
 - (iv) General Eisenhower.
 - (v) Field-Marshal Montgomery.
7. What is the origin of the following words?
 - (i) Pistol.
 - (ii) Jeep.
 - (iii) Bulldozer.
 - (iv) Brevet.
 - (v) Dekko.
 - (vi) Haversack.
 - (vii) Infantry.
 - (viii) Commando.
 - (ix) Billet.
 - (x) Bivouac.

OTHER RANKS — CASUALTIES

DEATHS.

Nil.

MARRIAGES.

- 23830272 L/Cpl. Alexander, R. Married at Ayr on 6th February, 1959.
23458210 Fus. McCord, W. Married at Baillieston on 7th March, 1959.
23401717 Fus. Higgins, J. Married at Ayr on 30th March, 1959.

BIRTHS.

- 14720406 C/Sgt. Hickson, J., Daughter, Elizabeth Ann, born at Shorncliffe, Kent, on 19th February, 1959.

SUB-PROMOTIONS.

- 23210514 A/Sgt. Hutcheon, J.,—Sub./Sgt. w.e.f. 1st May, 1959.

TRANSFERS IN.

- 23697300 Fus. Chambers, R.

ARRIVALS AT THE DEPOT.

- 22256934 Sgt. Aitken, D., from 1 R.H.F.
19044818 Sgt. Hynd, J., from 1 R.H.F.
14187865 L/Cpl. King, R., from Waynes Keep, Cyprus.
23530182 Fus. Young, J., from 1 R.H.F.

It is regretted that these lists are not fully comprehensive but a special record is now being maintained to ensure that they will be in future.

22704138 Cpl. Wilson, W., from 1 R.S.

DEPARTURES FROM THE DEPOT.

- 14489253 Sgt. Ager, R., to A.M.T.S., Bordon.
22218655 Fus. Caird, D., to 1 R.H.F.
3324594 WO.II Crawford, A., to 10 Travelling Wing.
22256322 Sgt. Earnshaw, R., to Inf. Jun. Leaders Bn.
23504153 Fus. Finnegan, A., to 1 R.H.F.
22487435 Cpl. Glencross, R., to 1 R.H.F.
14720406 C/Sgt. Hickson, J., to P.E.E., Pendine.
22531091 Cpl. Laird, A., to 1 R.H.F.
22540988 Sgt. Lindsay, E., Mons O.C.S.
3314076 Sgt. McDonald, T., Mons O.C.S.
23448669 Fus. McNab, R., to 1 R.H.F.
23548486 Fus. O'Neill, J., to R.A.M.C.
1495713 C/Sgt. Orr, R., to H.Q. Northern Command.
2989916 C/Sgt. Riddell, J., to M.Q.A.S., Carlisle.
22798356 Cpl. Rodger, J., to 1 R.H.F.
14554969 WO.II Sievwright, A., to 1 Glasgow H
22845832 Cpl. Sweeney, H., to Mons O.C.S.
22561241 Sgt. Watson, G., to Cadet Trg. Centre, Frimley Park.
2044621 WO.II Wilberforce, C., to 11 Travelling Wing.

ANSWERS TO "WHAT DO YOU KNOW?"

1. So called after an Irishman of that name who once had a store there.
2. It took place in May, 1910, in Paris between Captain Norman Leslie, Rifle Brigade, and Ysoury Pasha, because of the Captain's attentions to his wife. The duel lasted 75 minutes and both protagonists drew blood. Captain Leslie was killed in France in 1914.
3. P. & O. Slang for Port Out, Starboard Home, i.e. the coolest cabins occupied by the "best people."
4. John Campbell 4th Duke of Argyll. An honorary title given him in 1736 by George II.
5. The original calls were written about 1793 by the Austrian composer Franz Josef Haydn, while in London.
6. (i) General Gneisenau.
(ii) Marshal Berthier.
(iii) General Weygand.
(iv) Lt.-General Bedell-Smith.
(v) Major-General De Guingand.
7. (i) From Pistoia or Pistolla, a city in Italy famous for producing weapons.
(ii) $\frac{1}{4}$ -ton American truck from G.P. (general purpose) in the vehicle's official nomenclature.
(iii) An entirely American word, Bulldozer originally a whip made from bull's hide. Negroes were "bulldozed" or coerced into doing things by the application of the bull dozer in the southern States in olden times.
- (iv) An old French word from the Latin *brevis*—brief. As far back as 1600 a brevet was described as a short note giving an officer temporary elevation in authority.
- (v) From Hindustani *dekhna*—to see. Dekho is the imperative.
- (vi) Properly an oat sack from the German *hafer*—oats, and *sack*—a bag or sack. Haver is the common term for oats in Westmoreland, e.g., havercake means an oatcake.
- (vii) Generally believed to come from the Latin *infans*, an infant or youth. In the days of chivalry youths of good family marched on foot with the ancestral dependants and servants in rear of the Knights, who were mounted. From such a body gradually developed the Infantry of an Army.
- (viii) A Portuguese word adapted by the Boers. Originally it meant simply a military force.
- (ix) From the French *billet de logement*, a ticket for lodgings.
- (x) From the German *bewachen*, to watch or guard. The term originally applied to a small outpost sent out from the main body to keep watch, while the remainder rested. Later bivouac came to be applied to the camp itself rather than the outpost.

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