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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 Bassée 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-Coureclette," "Le Transloy," "Ancre Heights," "Ancre 1916, '18," "**Arras 1917, '18**," "Vimy 1917,"
"Scarpe 1917, '18," "Arleux," "Messines 1917, '18," "Pilekem," "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-Sanwil," "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 Penil," "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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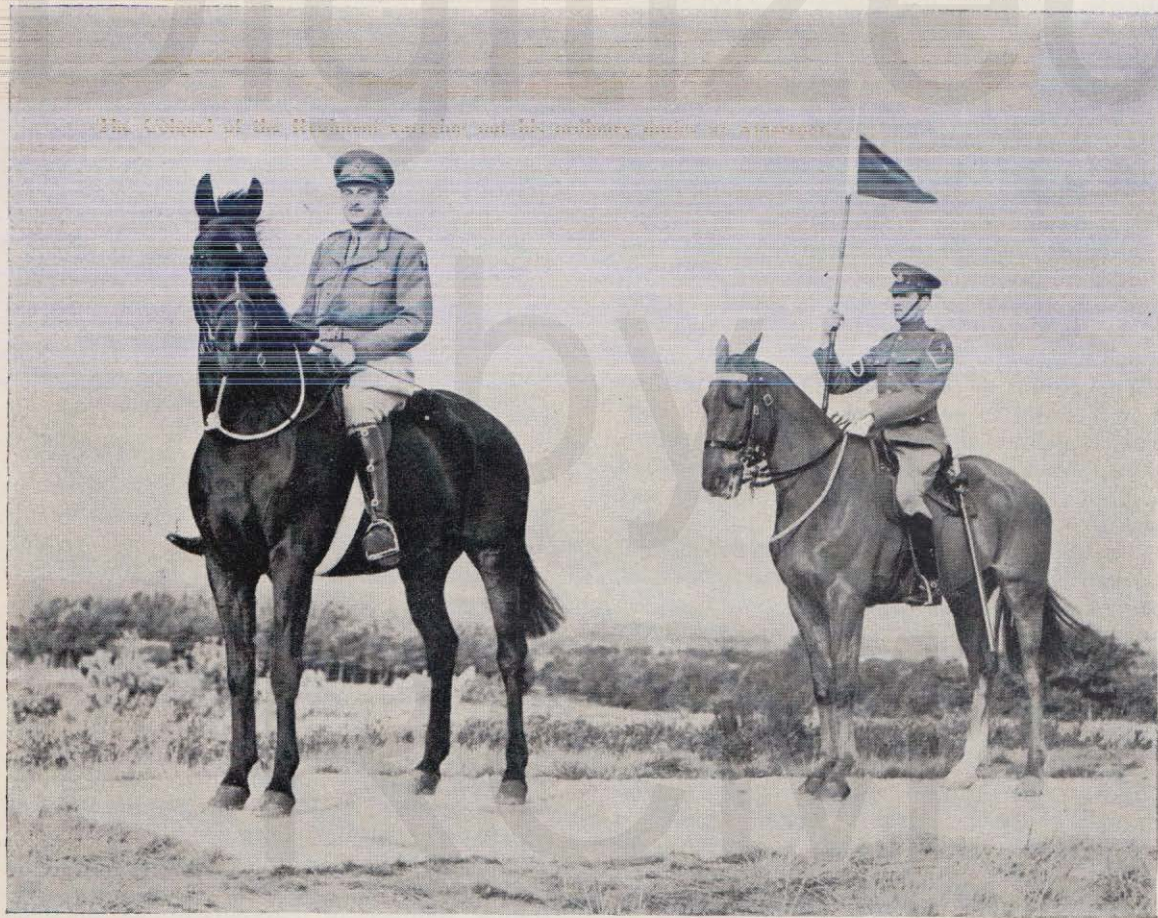
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Editorial

THE ROYAL HIGHLAND FUSILIERS

COMMENT on the first issue of the Journal having been mostly favourable, the then editor quickly bowed out and left his successor to try and achieve the same high standard, no doubt reflecting as he did so that a short sharp burst is usually easier than the sustained effort.

The Journal was scheduled to appear in June and December 1959 but due to circumstances largely beyond our control, appeared instead in October 1959 and January 1960. But every effort will be made in 1960, printers' strikes, etc., allowing, to distribute the Journal on time. This is, of course, all leading up to the time honoured plea from the Editor for sub-editors to make every effort to have their articles to hand on the stated day.

The cover of the Journal has not pleased everyone and to be truthful it has not, in fact, pleased anyone, and suggestions for its improvement have come from many sources. We have made a change and hope it will meet with our readers approval.

The Regimental Headquarters in Sauchiehall Street has made no visible advance towards being habitable, but no lesser person than the doorman at the "X" Cinema adjoining, informs us that work is beginning on December 14th. Meanwhile we remain as the last survivors in Maryhill barracks rumoured soon to be purchased by Glasgow Corporation for housing purposes. Perhaps the new tenants will acquire fame for themselves for their upright bearing brought about by the ghostly voices of past and long forgotten denizens of the Square.

NOTICES

R. H. F. Directory.—The first edition of the R.F.H. Directory was published and distributed in November 1959. There were certain errors in it and for these we apologise with the assurance that they will be amended for the next edition.

The exclusion of the Serving Officers' section from the next edition is under consideration. Changes of location in this category are so frequent that the list is soon out-of-date, and the directory is only published every two years.

A location list of Serving Officers is published every six months in the R.H.F. Journal and this is more accurately informative.

We are very grateful to all those who have given us amendments to the directory. This information is always welcome.

There are two requests. The first is to ask retired officers of the Highland Light Infantry to send to the Manager of the Directory the names and addresses of former brother officers whose names do not appear in the first edition. The second is to ask those recipients of the directory who have not yet sent in their subscriptions to let the Manager have them as soon as possible.

Manager of the Directory:—

Colonel J. C. KEMP, M.C.,

The Cottage, Lumley Road,
Emsworth, Hants.

Articles by Retired Officers.—The Editor would greatly appreciate the support of Retired Officers in contributing to this feature.

Grahame of Lingo Trust.—The attention of all officers, past and present, is directed to the announcement pertaining to this Trust published in this issue.

War Graves.—From many letters received at British Legion Headquarters, it would appear that their Overseas Wreath Laying and Photographic Service is still not widely known. The service enables relatives of the fallen to obtain photographs of individual headstones, memorials and cemeteries, and to have Poppy Wreaths placed on graves or at memorials when desired. At present more than 3,000 wreaths are placed each year at the request of relatives, and a similar number of photographs is obtained annually.

If you know of a relative to whom this service could render some comfort, he or she may obtain full information regarding the service by writing to British Legion Headquarters, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1.

Regimental Silver.—The list of items of plate for disposal has been prepared and will be sent out as soon as the Petition for the Amalgamation of the R.S.F./H.L.I. Funds goes through.

Officers of the Regiment, both past and present, who are interested in purchasing items

of plate, should, after receipt of the list, make their bid to the Regimental Secretary—

R.H.Q. Element,
The Royal Highland Fusiliers,
Maryhill Barracks, Glasgow, N.W.

6th and 11th H.L.I. Ex-Officers' Re-Union Dinner.—The Dinner will be held on Saturday, 12th March, 1960, in the Mess of 5/6th H.L.I., 24 Hill Street, Glasgow.

Dress - Dinner Jacket.
Time - 6-45 p.m. for 7-15 p.m.
Cost - £1 8s.

Any ex-officers of the above Bns. who have not received a *pro forma* on this subject and who wish to attend the dinner, please write:—

T. R. ANDERSON, Esq.
97 West Regent Street, Glasgow, C.2.

History of the 5th Division, 1939 to 1945.—Copies are available from:—The Distribution Secretary, 5 Div. Benevolent Fund, Macklands, Rainham, Kent, at 30/- or 12/6 for those who served in the Fifth Division.

Polo.—The Bn. is going to Aden full of high hopes of playing polo.

Perhaps retired officers could look in their junk cupboards for any Polo kit still in a serviceable condition which they would be prepared to gift to the Bn. where it would be most gratefully received. Articles required are—saddlery (saddles, bridles, martingales, breeches, shirts, boots, sticks). Any Polo kit for the Bn. can be sent to the following addresses:—

R. CROSS—c/o Caledonian Club, Halkin Street, London, S.W.1, or

REGIMENTAL SECRETARY, R.H.Q. Element, The Royal Highland Fusiliers, Maryhill Barracks, Glasgow, N.W.

Royal United Services Institution.—The following excerpt from a letter to the Colonel of the Regiment from Brigadier Stephenson, the Librarian of R.U.S.I., is published, as officers may wish to avail themselves of the Librarian's kind invitation.

“I daresay you know there is a standing invitation to any officer of the Regiment who would like to see the R.U.S.I., to send me a p.c. and come whenever he happens to be in London. I am always delighted to show people round the place.”

Discharge Certificates.—All ranks who served in the Highland Light Infantry prior to amalgamation, and all ranks who have served in the Royal Highland Fusiliers, are entitled to a discharge certificate signed by the Colonel of the Regiment. This certificate is suitable for framing and is well worth obtaining.

Anyone wishing a certificate should apply, in writing, to—

The Regimental Secretary,
R.H.Q., The Royal Highland Fusiliers,
Maryhill Barracks, Glasgow, N.W.

NEWS IN BRIEF

It was hoped to include an article in this issue on the R.H.F. Boys at the Lowland Brigade Junior Bandsmen, Junior Drummer Establishment, at Winston Barracks, Lanark, but unfortunately it will have to wait until our next issue. We would, however, like to offer them our congratulations on their winning the Army Boys Football Cup at Aldershot. The score in the Final was: L.B.J.B.J.D.E. 5 goals, Green-jackets Brigade 3 goals. There were two R.H.F. Boys in the team.

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It is regretted that no contribution has been received from our Allied Regiments, Prince Alfred's Guard and 54th Light A.A. Regiment (Scots Fusiliers of Canada), but this is the period of the year when there is not a great deal happening and it is hoped that they will have something for our next issue.

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The Regiment has at present three Junior Leaders training at Plymouth with The Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion. They are J/Fus. Campbell, McCormick and Wood. J/Fus. Gibson passed out at the end of the Christmas term last year and is now at the Depot.

Lt.-Col. F. H. Coutts, M.B.E., K.O.S.B., the Commanding Officer of the Junior Leaders Battalion, will be glad to hear from anyone in connection with the Juniors under training at Plymouth or on any matter affecting recruiting. The ceiling of the Junior Leaders Battalion has just been raised from 570 to 800, and the regiment is not as well represented as other Scottish regiments. Colonel Coutts has agreed to write an article about the Battalion in the next issue of the Journal.

Members of the Regiment employed on the Permanent Staff at Plymouth are: C/Sgt. Hyde (C.Q.M.S. A Coy.), Sgt. Earnshaw (Instructor Z (Intake) Coy.), Cpl. Wilson (R.P.), and Fus. Robertson (Pioneer).

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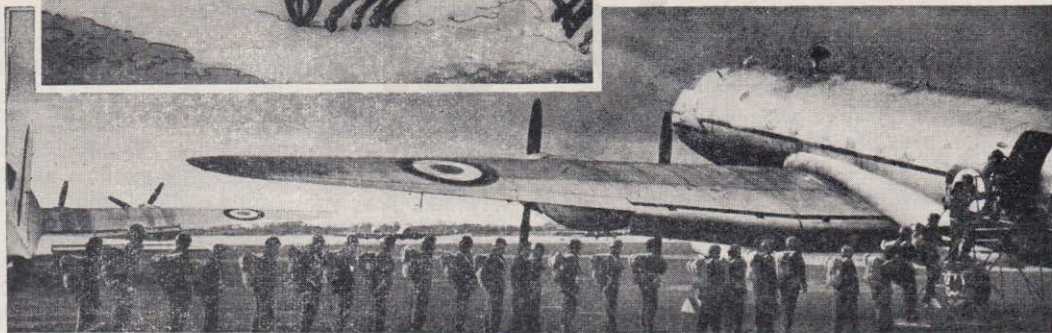
We offer our congratulations to R.S.M. Thomson on his award of the M.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List.

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Brigadier J. Greenshields, M.C., T.D., has been appointed Honorary Colonel 5/6th Bn. H.L.I., vice Colonel A. R. Cross, M.C., T.D., who retired on 4th January.

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S.H.A.P.E.

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1 RS wef Jan., '60.

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W. K. OTTEWILL. DAQMG (Accn) H.Q. Sc. Com.

H. P. L. CAMERON. GSO II, Scot. Comd.

M. J. L. MCCONAGHEY. Depot (HS) pending further
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Nigeria.

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P. N. STEPTOE, M.C. 1 R.H.F.

G. MCMURTRIE. 5 K.A.R., Nakuru, Kenya.

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

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

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Jan. 60)

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Dist.

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J. S. M. EDWARDES, G.M. 1 R.H.F.

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Malaya.

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A. M. SCRASE-DICKINS. Adj., 21 S.A.S. Regt., T.A.

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 J. D. COPLAND. Capt. (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.
 W. STOBIE. Lt. (QM) 1 R.H.F.

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 Tonfanau.
 J. BLYTHE. Somaliland Scouts.

Lieutenants.

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 A. S. ROBERTSON. 1 R.H.F.

2nd Lieutenants.

M. J. E. MEAD. 1 R.H.F.

Quartermasters.

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 A. MCINTYRE. Capt. (QM) H.Q. 11 Inf. Div.,
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RETIREMENTS



Colonel A. R. CROSS, M.C., T.D.

On the 25th July, 1959, the 5/6th Bn. H.L.I. paraded in hollow square to receive from Colonel Cross a Pipe Banner—a parting gift to the Battalion on his retirement as Honorary Colonel. During the five years of his office he has taken an intense personal interest in all our affairs, and his retirement leaves a gap in our ranks which it will be very hard to fill. Few of the present serving officers will forget the map reading 'exercise' which culminated in a rustic barbecue at Old Ballikinrain. So convincing was the gaffer present on that occasion that some failed to recognise their Honorary Colonel.

Commissioned in the 3rd Gordon Highlanders in August 1914, Colonel Cross went to France with the 1st Bn. early the following year, but was wounded very shortly after his arrival and had to return home. He returned to France just after the battle of Loos, but on the Somme in July 1916 he was again wounded. On re-joining the 1st Bn. in January 1917, he took part in the battle of Arras where he was awarded the M.C., but was yet again wounded. This time he convalesced in France, and later that year joined the Provost Branch where he served as a D.A.P.M. in the Boulogne-Calais area until the end of the war.

After taking a degree at Balliol College, Oxford, he came to Glasgow to practice law and joined the 5th Bn.

H.L.I. in 1925, where, in addition to his ordinary regimental duties, he was battalion correspondent to the *Chronicle* for nearly ten years. Following the usual stages of promotion, he commanded the Bn. in 1938, but early in February 1940 he was compelled to resign on account of ill-health. After Dunkirk, however, on the formation of the Home Guard, he commanded the South Carrick Battalion in Ayrshire until 1943 when once again illness forced him to take a less active part in the war.

In his civilian life he is, as most readers will know, an eminent solicitor and for the last ten years has been senior partner of MacKenzie Robertson. Apart from the law and the T.A., Colonel Cross has played a very close part in the work of the Society of Antiquaries for Scotland of which he is a former Vice-President. He has made several contributions to learned journals in this field, and may be regarded as an authority. He is also a member of the Ancient Monuments Advisory Board for Scotland.

We wish him a happy retirement, which we doubt is the right word, and hope that we will continue to see him and Mrs. Cross at our various functions for many years to come.

Lt.-Col. P. S. SANDILANDS, D.S.O. (Sept. 1931).

Joined 1st R.S.F. at Bordon, Sept., 1931; 2nd R.S.F. at Catterick, May 1932-Aug. 1932; 1st R.S.F. at Haifa, Sept. 1932, and moved with the Bn. to Moascar in 1933; King's African Rifles, Sept. 1935-Sept. 1938, serving with 5th Bn. K.A.R. mostly on the Kenya-Abyssinia frontier; 2nd R.S.F. at Edinburgh, Sept. 1938, and was with Royal Guard at Balmoral in July-August 1939. In B.E.F. with 2nd R.S.F. Oct. 1939-7th May, 1940, when came home to go to Staff College. Did three weeks of Staff College course when on account of Dunkerque withdrawal was put into various jobs until Sept. 1940-Jan. 1941, completed a Staff College course. Jan. 1941-Nov. 1942, Staff jobs at home. Nov. 1942-May 1943, DAQMG 1st Army in North Africa. June-Aug. 1943 Coy. Commander in 8th Bn. A. & S. H., including the Sicilian Campaign. Sept. 1943-June 1945 was 2nd in command of 2nd R.S.F. (with exception of two periods in hospital) throughout its participation in the Italian Campaign (from landing in Calabria to the fall of Rome); training period in Mid-East, and in Germany. July-Sept 1945, C.O. 5th Div. School in Germany. Sept. 1945-Oct. 1946, C.O. 11th R.S.F. until its disbandment. Oct. 1946-Sept. 1947, Instructor, School of Infantry, Warminster. Sept. 1947-Jan. 1949, C.O. 5th Scottish Bn. The Parachute Regt. Jan. 1949-May 1950, Staff. May 1950-Sept. 1951, 2nd in Command 1st R.S.F. in Germany. Sept.-Dec. 1951, Senior Officers' School. Feb. 1952-Nov. 1953, A.Q.M.G. Scottish Command. Nov. 1953-Nov. 1956, C.O. 15th Scottish Bn. The Parachute Regt. (T.A.). Feb. 1957-Aug. 1959, A.Q.M.G. (Movements), at H.Q. Allied Forces Central Europe, Fontainebleau.

Lt.-Col. R. E. PATRICK—1932.

Joined 2/R.S.F. as 2/Lieut. in Catterick, 1932. Joined 1/R.S.F. as 2/Lieut. in Ismailia, 1934. Seconded 2 Gold Coast Regt., R.W.A.F.F. as Lieut., 1935. Abyssinian Campaign with 2 Gold Coast Regt. as Captain, 1940-41. Joined 8 Gold Coast Regt. as Major and Second-in-Command, 1941. Burma Campaign with 8 Gold Coast Regt. as Second-in-Command and Commanding Officer, 1943-44. Joined 1 Nigeria Regt. as Second-in-Command, 1945. Joined 2 Gold Coast Regt. as Second-in-Command, 1946. Commanded 2 Gold Coast Regt., 1950-54. Commanded 23 Wing, Royal Pioneer Corps, 1945-57. Retired 1957.

Major F. J. HAWLEY (July 1939).

Commissioned into 11 H.L.I., July 1939. 11 H.L.I. converted to 156 R.A.C. (H.L.I.), 1941. 7 Parachute Bn., 1944-1946—Belgium, Holland, Germany, India, Malay, Java, Siam. 5 Parachute Bn., 1946-1948—Palestine and U.K. 2 Parachute Bn., 1948-1949—Germany. Trng. Officer, 15 (Scottish) Bn. Parachute Regt, T.A., 1950-1952. 1 H.L.I., 1952-1954—Egypt. Depot H.L.I., 1955-1956. 1 H.L.I., Germany, 1957-1958. Retired Sept., 1959. Now Regimental Secretary, The Royal Highland Fusiliers.

Major N. LIVINGSTONE-BUSSELL (Jan. 1938).

Commissioned Jan. 1938. Joined 2 Bn. R.S.F. in Aldershot thence moved to Edinburgh. Assistant Adjt. 8 Bn. The Worcester Regt., April-June 1939, and Searchlight Bn. (Militia), Stobs Camp, July-Sept. 1939. Re-joined 2 Bn. R.S.F. on outbreak of War and proceeded to France 17th Oct., 1939. Prisoner of War (Ypres), April 1940-May 1945. I.T.C., Dreghorn, Sept. 1945 Feb. 1946. Instructor and Coy. Comd. 163 Inf. O.C.T.U., Maresfield Camp, Uckfield, March 1946-Jan. 1948. 5th (S) Bn. The Parachute Regt. with Lt.-Col. P. S. Sandilands, D.S.O., and subsequently 2nd Bn. The Parachute Regt., March 1948-Feb. 1957. Joined 1st R.S.F. in Munster, March 1951. Left in Wuppertal, Dec. 1952. Intelligence Staff, Hong Kong, May 1953-July 1955. Rejoined 1st R.S.F. in Malaya, July 1955. Returned U.K., May 1956. Lowland Bde. Adjutant, July 1956-April 1957. Training Major, etc., 4/5th R.S.F., April 1957-May 1959. Retired 17th May, 1959.

Major (Q.M.) S. H. COOPER (Oct. 1922).

Joined at Ayr in Oct. 1922. Posted to 1st Bn. and served in Maryhill, Portsmouth and Borden. To Depot R.S.F. as Sgt.-Instructor from 1929-1930. Posted to 2nd R.S.F. in Shanghai and on return to the U.K. served at Catterick and Aldershot. Posted to 1st R.S.F. as W.O.II in 1937 and served in Karachi and Poona. Returned to U.K. with the Battalion in 1940 and served throughout the War as R.S.M. Saw service in Madagascar, Arakan, Burma and India. Promoted Q.M. of the Battalion at the latter part of the War. Awarded "Mention in Despatches." Returned to U.K. in 1945 and posted as Q.M. to 10th Inf. Holding Battalion. Awarded "G.O.C.-in-C's Commendation Certificate." Posted to Queen Victoria School in 1947 and served as Administrative Officer until 1953. Awarded Coronation Medal and Meritorious Service Medal. Q.M. at Practical Training Area—Transfynydd, Merioneth, from 1953-55. Completed service with 4/5 R.S.F. (T.A.) as Q.M. from 1956-1959.

Major (Q.M.) C. ROBERTSON—1948.

Joined Scots Guards, 5th April, 1923. Served in Far East—China 1928-30; in Palestine 1936-38; in Germany 1945-46. Transfer to The Royal Scots Fusiliers, Dec., 1948. Served in Germany 1948-52. R.H.Q. and Depot, 1952-59.

It is regretted that, owing to the difficulty in obtaining Records of Service from Officers, the following are still outstanding:—

Lt.-Col. A. GORDON.
Major E. G. C. HAIGH.
Major G. CHRISTIE.
Major A. F. WHITEHEAD.
Major M. F. V. WILLOUGHBY.
Major J. S. MCKIDDIE.
Lieut. A. R. CRAWFORD.

R.S.M. A. H. ROBERTSON, B.E.M.

<i>Period</i>	<i>Country.</i>	<i>Unit.</i>	<i>Command.</i>
April 1933—Oct. 1939	U.K.	2/R.S.F.	U.K.
Oct. 1939—June 1940	France	..	B.E.F. (5 Div.).
June 1940—April 1942	U.K.	..	U.K. (5 Div.).
May 1942—July 1942	Madagascar	..	5 Div.
July 1942—July 1943	India/M.E.	..	5 Div.
July 1943—Mar. 1945	Sicily/Italy	..	5 Div.
Mar. 1945—Feb. 1954	Germany	2/R.S.F. 1/R.S.F.	B.A.O.R.
Feb. 1954—April 1954	U.K.	..	Scottish.
April 1954—Oct. 1955	Malaya	..	FARELF.
Oct. 1955—April 1959	U.K.	D/R.S.F./D/R.H.F.	Scottish.

Awards.—Commander-in-Chief's Certificate of Merit for services rendered in Italy, awarded in Germany 1945, presented in B.A.O.R. by Div. Commander.

B.E.M. for general administration duties in H.Q. Coy. 2/R.S.F., awarded in July 1949 in Germany, and presented at Dortmund by Lt.-Col. A. I. Buchanan-Dunlop,

1939/45, Africa and Italy Stars, Defence, End of War and General Service (Malaya) Medals, L.S. and G.C. Medal awarded in B.A.O.R. 1952.



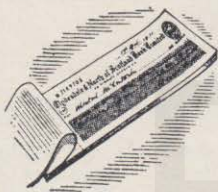
R.S.M. C. THOMPSON, M.B.E., M.M.

Enlisted 16th August, 1933. Joined 2 R.S.F. at Catterick, 4th January, 1934. Machine Gunner in 'D' (S) Coy. until joining 1 R.S.F. in March 1937 at Karachi, once again a gunner in M (S) Coy. Returned U.K. in Aug. 1940 and posted to 6 R.S.F. at Frinton-on-Sea. Served in 6 R.S.F. throughout the War until its disbandment in 1946. Awarded the M.M. on 26th January, 1944, during a Bn. attack on the village of St. Mauviex in Normandy. Medal presented in the field by Field-Marshal Montgomery. Joined 11 R.S.F. at Ludensheid in Germany and served with it till it was disbanded in August 1947. Joined 2 R.S.F. at Dortmund; remained with them until posting to "British Commander-in-Chief's Mission to the Soviet Forces in Germany" in March 1953. being stationed in Berlin. Joined 1 R.S.F. as R.S.M. in Kroh, Malaya, in April 1955. Resigned 1st Aug. 1959.



C/Sgt. R. McPHAIL.

Enlisted as a Volunteer, April 1942. On completion of Recruit Training joined 1 Glasgow Highlanders, June 1942. Posted to 1 H.L.I. just prior to Ardennes Campaign, Dec. 1944. Remained with 1 H.L.I. throughout remainder of N.W. Europe Campaign. Remained with 1 H.L.I. serving in Palestine, Egypt and Transjordan, returning to U.K. in April 1948. Posted Fort George as Training Instructor, June 1948. Posted as P.S.I. to Edinburgh University Training Corps, Feb. 1949. Joined 1 H.L.I., Colchester, Jan. 1951, remained with 1 H.L.I. until re-opening of Depot in Oct. 1951. Instructor at Depot until Feb. 1953. Posted to 1st Bn. Black Watch; served in Korea and Kenya. Posted to 1 H.L.I., April 1955; served in Cyprus and Germany. Retired under Redundancy Scheme, March 1959.



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OBITUARIES

Major M. S. FOX, m.c., late H.L.I.



Marmaduke Sextus Fox was, in all senses of the word, a character and had an interesting career in the Highland Light Infantry. He was born on 6th December, 1892, and commissioned into the Regiment in 1912. He saw service during the 1914-18 war at home and in France and, during that time, was Adjutant of the 12th Battalion. He also served as a Staff Captain and with the Lancashire Fusiliers. He did well and was not only mentioned in Despatches but in 1917 was awarded the Military Cross.

In 1919 he became an Instructor at the Royal Military College at Sandhurst, and then was made Adjutant of the 1st H.L.I. in 1921. This appointment he held for three years and, after further service in various capacities at home, he retired as a major in 1929. At the outbreak of the 1939-45 war he was re-called to service and spent most of it at Maryhill Barracks in the capacity of a Depot Company Commander.

That brief outline does little to depict a friendly personality who retained much of the stamp of a pre-1914 regular officer. He was a very strong supporter of the Regiment; keen on games and good at cricket and golf. More than anything else, he loved shooting, and after

dinner could talk eloquently on the subject of grouse disease; also on pipe music and on any subject pertaining to the Regiment and to the Army in general. A life-long bachelor, he at no time showed any signs of weakening from this position and he enjoyed his life. In the 1920's he was the owner of one of the very early Bentleys and used to delight in driving from Edinburgh to London at, what was then, a very high speed; and in this open car, with the windscreen well up, his passengers were frozen stiff or soaked to the skin according to the weather.

No one could describe him as a tidy officer and he used to be an adept at changing quickly from service dress to mess kit, sometimes with obvious traces of not having removed all his previous garments.

During recent years he has been an invalid at Polbae in Wigtownshire, which was his home. He is survived by his sister to whom we convey our sympathy.

R. E. U.

RICHARD ADCOCK, late H.L.I.

It is with profound regret that we have to announce from London the passing of Richard Adcock (Dick) at the age of 89 years.



Dick joined the Highland Light Infantry at Plymouth on 16th October, 1883. His service with the Regiment took him to most of our overseas stations—South Africa, Crete, India, Egypt. He returned to civilian life in 1904 on completion of 21 years' service with the Regiment, having seen active service in South Africa 1899-1902.

On the outbreak of World War I in 1914, Dick was not slow to place his services at the disposal of his country. He rejoined the 12th Bn. H.L.I. as C/Sgt. at the age of 45 years. With this Battalion he served in France until 1916 when he was invalided home, then continuing to serve until the cessation of hostilities in 1919.

Back in civilian life once more, Dick deemed it a duty to continue to serve his Regiment. The formation of the London Branch, H.L.I. Association, found Dick a most ardent and willing member. On the death of Harry Dawson, Secretary, Dick was the most obvious choice to fill this vacancy, and as Secretary of the London Branch, Dick carried on for the following 25 years.

Even at the end of this period and up to his death, Dick continued to attend all meetings of the Branch. His advice on all matters was most earnestly sought and freely given.

Despite his age he regularly travelled from London to Glasgow to attend the 71st and 74th Sergeants' Re-union Dinner. This he did one week prior to his death.

During World War 2 Dick was not idle. He joined his local Fire Watchers Unit and gave valuable assistance to many. His services were greatly appreciated by his Local Authorities. One could continue in this strain—on and on. He was a most likeable individual, respected by all with whom he had contact. Never at a loss to lend a helping hand.

Well, now Dick has passed on. Representatives of the Branch, the Regiment and Depot, with many local organisations attended his funeral. We of the London Branch, H.L.I. Association, are going to feel his loss so much. The Regiment will be ever so much the poorer for his passing.

Members of the London Branch and his many friends in the Regiment would wish me, on their behalf, to convey to his family and all friends their deepest sympathy in their sad loss.

EDWARD SMITH, late H.L.I.



The many friends of Ned Smith serving and in the various branches of the regimental association will be deeply grieved to learn of his death on 23rd November, 1959, at St. James Hospital, Balham, London. Ned had endured indifferent health for a long period.

Ned Smith joined the H.L.I. on 8th November, 1899. He retired on pension as W.O. Class I R.S.M. 31st July, 1922. During this period he had served with the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 2/6th H.L.I. and at the Regimental Depot. His service had taken him to many parts—South Africa, Egypt, India, Ireland, France and Belgium.

On 27th March, 1924, Ned was sworn in as a "Yeoman of the Guard" of the "King's Body guard." He relinquished this duty on 1st January, 1943, to the exempt list owing to injuries received during an air raid on London.

With so distinguished a career it is not surprising, therefore, to learn that Ned held many decorations. He served throughout World War I; was mentioned in Despatches by Earl Haig, 1st April, 1916. He held the Long Service and

G.C. Medal, King George V Jubilee Medal, King George VI Coronation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, by special order of King George VI, Battle of Britain Medal, and Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Medal.

We of the London Branch, H.L.I. Association, are going to sadly miss Ned. From the earliest days of his retirement from the regiment he attached himself and his interests to the London Branch. A few weeks prior to his death he was present with us debating branch activities. His advice on branch matters was always sound and was, in fact, sought. He was held in the highest esteem by all members of the branch. His passing leaves a breach that will be hard to fill.

Ned was laid to rest on 28th November, 1959, at South London Crematorium, Stratham Vale, London. Those present, in addition to his family were representatives of the R.H.F., Ayr, London Branch H.L.I. Association, and mem-

bers of the Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard. Many floral tributes exhibited the regard felt for our late comrade. Pipe-Sgt. Aitken travelled overnight from Ayr and was in attendance playing throughout from residence to Cemetery.

I am sure Mrs. Janet McInnes would wish me to quote here her letter: "Please accept my thanks on behalf of my mother and sister for the trouble taken by all in making the last parade of my father so worthy of him. I would like to thank all the friends from the Services for the beautiful floral tributes—from London, Scotland—our thanks also to Pipe-Sgt. Aitken."

A grand soldier has passed on.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. J. Smith, to Janet and Mary, from the Regiment, Depot, and from Chairman and members of the London Branch, H.L.I. Association, on their great loss.

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<i>Quartermaster</i>	Captain J. MACMILLAN.
<i>R. S. M.</i>	W.O. I D. B. S. MACDONALD.

SINCE last going to press the Depot has continued to flourish in both the military and social fields.

The number of regular recruits though less than in the first half of the year, has continued to be satisfactory and in addition to this we have trained 150 National Servicemen. At times, looking out on the barrack square, we might almost have been tempted to call ourselves the 2nd Bn. R.H.F. rather than the Depot.

On the 10th July the traditional Depot Cricket Match v. Martin Holmes XI was played on the Ayr Cricket Club's ground.

Play started at 11 o'clock on a perfect sunny morning with the Depot team, captained by Major Douglas Martin batting, and some very spirited cricket ensued until the sight of those who had done their stint at the stumps consuming long cooling drinks at the pavilion decided those battling on that time had come to call a halt for luncheon, which was served in a marquee on the ground.

At about half-past three the first of our guests arrived for tea, which was again served in marquees, and were treated during the course of this to some very lively cricket. Stumps were finally drawn at 5-30 p.m., Martin Holmes XI being the victors by four wickets.

Grateful thanks are due here to Col. M. B. Buchanan and Lt.-Col. H. A. Holme for their assistance in umpiring during the match.

Our next big event was of a purely military nature for, on the 22/27 September the Army touring display visited Ayr and were accommodated in the barracks. With the vast numbers that needed housing and feeding the only way of getting everyone in was to send all the recruits on leave, and even so the Depot was bursting at the seams.

Before we knew what had happened the barrack square was a wilderness of transport,

and the sight of so many vehicles bleeding oil and water over the sacred asphalt became too much for the commanding officer, who decided that this would be the appropriate time to take some leave.

The display itself, which took place on the Low Green in Ayr, consisted of a small scale tattoo in which the Regiment was represented by the Pipe and Military Bands of the Bn. and a gymnastic display team from the Depot. In addition to this the Depot provided the Regiment's recruiting kiosk which was set up amongst others surrounding the arena.

Four days altogether were devoted to performances of the tattoo and the whole thing was a great success.

In the sporting field generally we have acquitted ourselves quite creditably, particularly the Depot football team who, out of a total of 8 matches played, have won 6 drawn 1 and lost 1. In the Army Cup we have won both matches, the first against the Depot Royal Scots by 2-0 and the second against the Bn. by 4-1, and we are now hoping for great things from the team.

The hockey team, unfortunately, has not met with such spectacular success, but the fact that we won our last match by 7-3 gives us high hopes that at last we have found our form.

During the season the Depot has been the organiser and caretaker of the Regimental Shoot and we have had some good days' sport even if the bag has not been as large as we would have liked. The Bn. have usually managed to send down 3 or 4 guns each week-end and we hope they have enjoyed their days' outing.

As usual we have had a large number of comings and goings. We have regretfully said farewell to 2/Lt. J. E. Snodgrass who left on demobilisation and is, we understand, taking up business as a flour miller. However, the roads in barracks will be the safer for not having an

M.G.A. hurtling round corners at unsuspecting pedestrians, and we wish him all success in his civilian career.

2/Lt. J. B. Daly left us in September on posting to the Bn. and we wish him the best of luck.

It was with great regret that we said farewell to R.S.M. C. Thompson who left us on release after 25 years service with the Regiment. He has well earned his retirement and we wish him luck in the future.

In his place we welcomed R.S.M. F. Wilson who was with us for four months before taking up his appointment as R.S.M. of the 1st Bn. We are grateful to him for all he did for us here and wish him every success in his new appointment.

Finally, we welcome R. S. M. D. B. S. Macdonald who took over from R.S.M. Wilson on the 10th November. We are delighted to

have him with us and hope that his stay will be a long and happy one.

With great regret we have to announce that on 11th November Captain J. McMillan was taken seriously ill and admitted to Heathfield Hospital. We are glad to say that he is making a good recovery and hope that he will be back among us soon.

As we go to press we are in the midst of preparing for our annual Administrative Inspection and all is a flurry of last minute activity with the usual files and books coming out for their annual airing and frantic painting and cleaning going on apace. If we survive this ordeal we are looking forward to our usual round of Christmas parties and, we hope, a spot of leave.

Finally, we should like to take this opportunity of wishing all our readers a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year, and to the Bn.—good hunting in Aden.

TRAINING COMPANY DEPOT

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

SINCE our last Journal notes five squads have passed out of the Depot and three more are in training at the moment. These three will pass out on the 4th December in time to go on embarkation leave and sail with the 1st Bn. to Aden.

Details of these squads are shown below and photographs of the regular soldiers appear elsewhere in the Journal.

<i>Platoon</i>	<i>Passed Out</i>
<i>Corunna (Reg.)</i>	9 July, 1959.
<i>Belleisle (Reg.)</i>	20 August, 1959.
<i>Ramillies (N.S.)</i>	10 September, 1959.
<i>Mysore (N.S.)</i>	10 September, 1959.
<i>Martinique (Reg.)</i>	1 October, 1959.
<i>Nivelle (Reg.)</i>	In Training.
<i>Almaraz (N.S.)</i>	In Training.
<i>Vittoria (N.S.)</i>	In Training.

The following distinguished themselves in training and were awarded trophies:—

<i>Platoon</i>	<i>Best all Round Recruit</i>	<i>PT</i>	<i>Rifle</i>	<i>LMG</i>
<i>Corunna</i>	Leighton	Sloan	Leighton	Sloan
<i>Belleisle</i>	Quinn	Calman	Campbell	Campbell
<i>Ramillies</i>	Glen	Duff	Kelly	Henry
<i>Mysore</i>	O'Hara	McDonald	88 Lindsay	Jones
<i>Martinique</i>	Weir	Burns	McNulty	Rooney

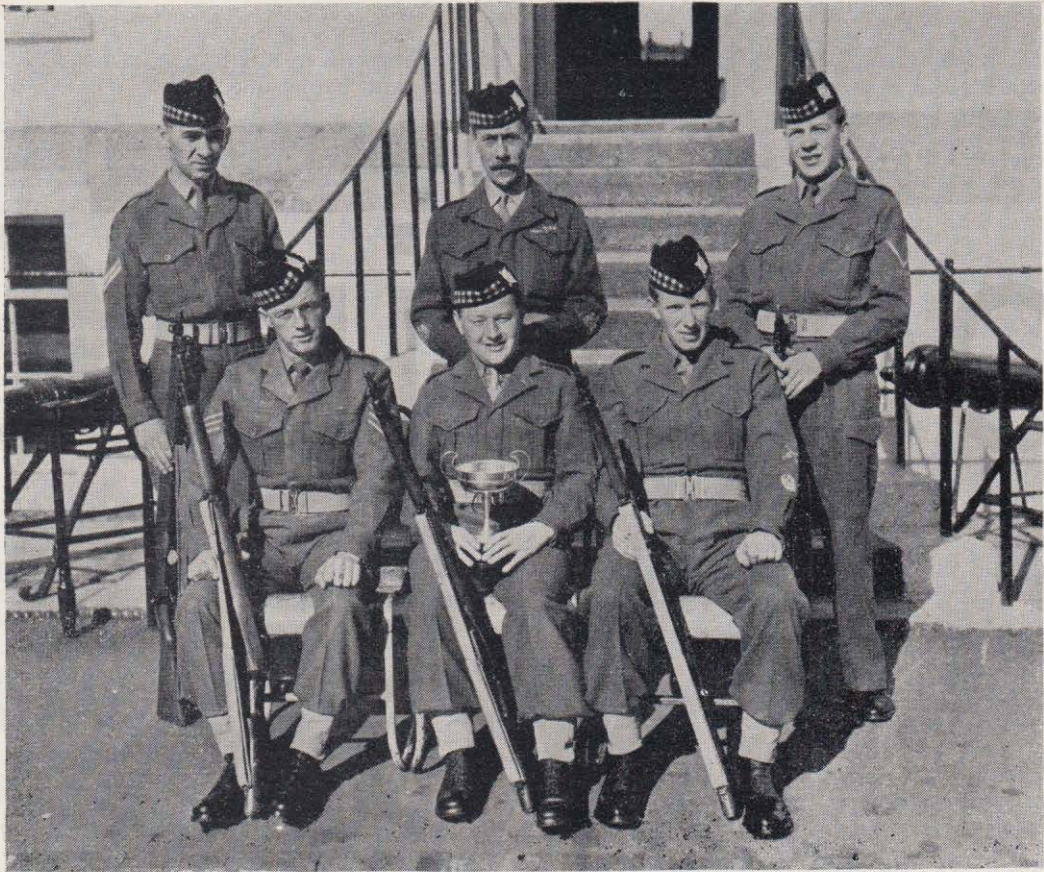
Regular recruiting during the summer fell off considerably despite all the efforts of our recruiting team. This was only to be expected and is a seasonal change no doubt decided by an exceptional summer. However, recruits are

beginning to come in again now and we are confident that we shall continue to reach our monthly target. The total number of regular recruits enlisted so far this year is 237 which, in comparison, is a very creditable figure.

Training Company personnel continue to come and go and over the last few months we have lost 2/Lt. Snodgrass who has returned to his flour business, and 2/Lt. Daly to the 1st Bn. Sgt. Dummelow has also joined the 1st Bn. on promotion and Sgt. Schofield as Mortar Sgt. In return, from the 1st Bn. we welcome Sgts. Conway and Knox, Cpl. Nocher, and L/Cpls. Knox and McMeechan. Cpls. Muir, Caulfield and L/Cpl. Lithgow have been demobilised. 2/Lt. Mead has joined from Mons O.C.S. and L/Cpl. Wallace from the Junior Leaders Bn. We expect a lot more changes in the near future to bring the 1st Bn. up to strength, but should settle down to a more peaceful existence as soon as H.M.T. *Dilwara* leaves Southampton.

The main events in which the Company has taken part were the Lowland District Rifle Meeting and the Army Touring Display in which we gave another Gymnastic Display that turned out to be the highlight of the show.

Fus. P. Dolan, a national serviceman, won the Scottish Western District Amateur Heavyweight Championship and has also been chosen to box



DEPOT SHOOTING TEAM

for the Army. He was reserve for the Scottish team in an international against Poland.

At the moment we are busily preparing for our annual Administrative Inspection which takes place at the beginning of December. The stocks of the Ayr paint shops are decreasing rapidly and all the books and records which are given their annual outing on these occasions are quickly being brought up to date.

However, Christmas will soon be on us with all the attendant festivities for which the length of our Christmas "hols" this year is extremely generous.

Lastly, we wish all the recruits, who have "graduated" from here, the best of luck in Aden and no doubt we shall all meet up again soon.

DEPOT SHOOTING TEAM

In 1958 the Depot R.S.F. won the Britannia Trophy in the Lowland District Rifle Meeting and the Depot H.L.I. were runners-up. With this fact in mind the Depot team was determined (and in fact ordered, under pain of death!) to win the trophy again this year.

Training started in July and by the day of the Rifle Meeting six members of the team had been

chosen. They were:

Lt. J. L. Howden-Ferme (*Team Capt.*)
 W.O. I Wilson.
 Sgt. Schofield.
 Cpl. Brown.
 L/Cpl. Alexander.
 Fus. McLean.

The competition was fired on the first day of the meeting and despite the fact that the team captain had to keep one round for his personal use should the result have gone against him we did in fact win the Britannia Trophy again. The match is open to all units and regular infantry. The Cup was duly filled and emptied by the team in the Depot Sergeants' Mess when they returned and where the Cup now rests.

The team did not fare as well in the other events in the meeting, but Fus. McLean was 2nd in the Young Soldiers category of the Open Individual Rifle Match and Cpl. Brown and Lt. Howden Ferme were 4th and 5th respectively in the regular open individual rifle match.

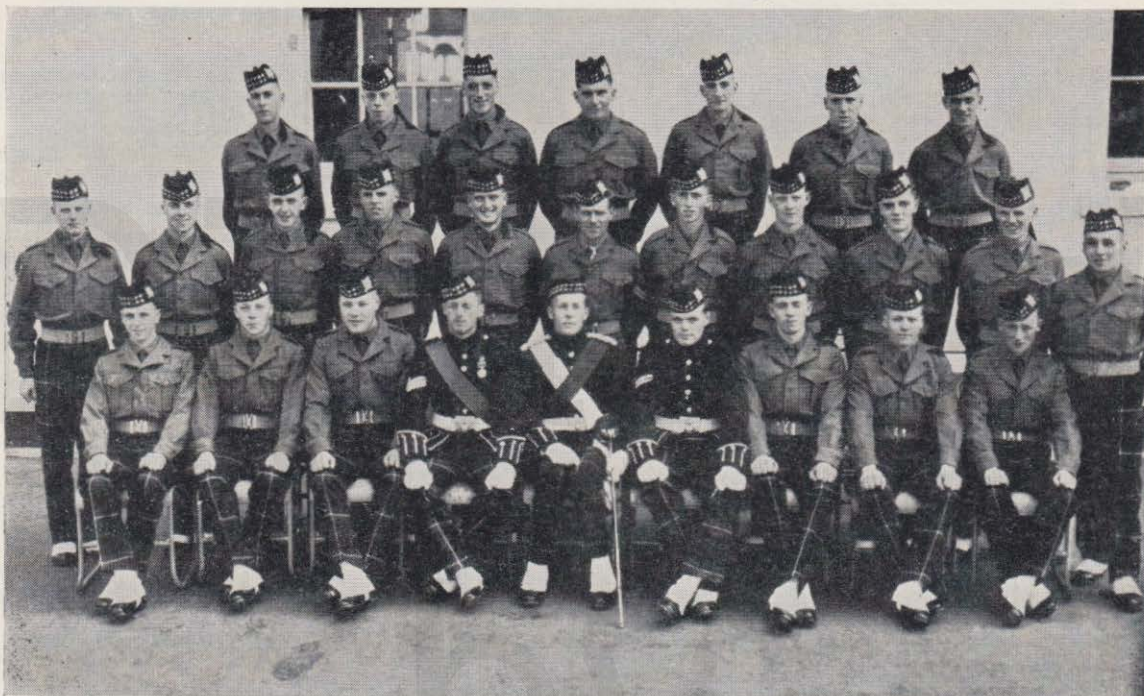
Whether we shall be allowed to keep the Britannia Trophy if we win it again next year remains in doubt, but one thing is certain and that is the team captain will keep the grey hairs he won in this.

CORUNNA PLATOON

- 23706708 Fus. LAWLOR.—From Southern Ireland, served with Irish Defence Force. A storekeeper. 6-year engagement. Age 21.
- 23707672 Fus. McBRIDE.—From Glasgow. An apprentice machine grinder. 6-year engagement. Age 21.
- 23700761 Fus. McLEAN.—An apprentice decorator from Glasgow. Married. 6-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23708296 Fus. WEBSTER.—From Glasgow. A salesman. 6-year engagement. Age 20.
- 23706874 Fus. CRAWFORD, J.—A farmer from Paisley. 6-year engagement. 17½ years old.
- 23701229 Fus. HOWE.—From Glasgow. A clerk and confectioner. 6-year engagement. Age 20.
- 23706591 Fus. RYLAND.—From Stevenston. A coal bagger. Was a cadet in ACF and HLI. 6-year regular. Age 18.
- 23510738 Fus. GOURLAY.—From Glasgow. Was a labourer. Volunteered for and served eighteen months with 5/6th H.L.I. (T.A.). Age 19.
- 23665658 Fus. LEIGHTON.—From Manchester. Was a joiner. Winner of best all-round recruit award. 6-year engagement. Age 22.
- 23706346 Fus. SIM.—From Glasgow. A labourer. Is keen on judo. 6-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23707504 Fus. ROGERS.—From Glasgow. An apprentice motor mechanic. A keen long distance runner. 6-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23706511 Fus. McFARLANE.—From Aberdeen. Served in the Merchant Navy for two years. 6-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23707295 Fus. HAGGERTY.—From Cumnock. Was a coal miner. 6-year engagement. Age 21. Danced at Edinburgh Tattoo.
- 23248793 Fus. CRAWFORD, G.—Comes from Saltcoats. Was a labourer. Served two years with the R.A.S.C. 6-year engagement. Age 23.
- 22500935 Fus. MILLIGAN.—From Glasgow. A textile worker. Re-enlistment—served with 1 H.L.I. in Middle East as N.S.M. Age 22 years.
- 23707581 Fus. DUNCAN.—Comes from Glasgow. Was a waiter. 6-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23706986 Fus. GRAY.—From Glasgow. A bookmaker's clerk. 6-year engagement. Age 20.
- 23707997 Fus. WHITELAW.—From Lanarkshire. A coal miner. 6-year engagement. Age 23.
- 23706510 Fus. SLOAN.—From Giffnock. An apprentice metal worker. Danced at Edinburgh Tattoo.
- 23707505 Fus. McREADY.—From Paisley. An apprentice fitter. Danced at Edinburgh Tattoo. 9-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23699869 Fus. COSGROVE.—From Glasgow. Was a distillery labourer. 6-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23707583 Fus. NEIL.—From Ayrshire. A farm worker. Danced at Edinburgh Tattoo. 6-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23706792 Fus. GIBSON.—A waiter from Glasgow. 6-year engagement. Age 21.



Lawlor McBride McLean Webster Crawford, J. Howe Ryland Gourlay
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 McReady Cosgrove Sgt. Thomson Lt. Howden-Ferme Cpl. Muir Neil Gibson McLaine



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Regan	Calman	Quinn	Sgt. Schofield	Lt. Rayner	Cpl. Shaw	Campbell	Gourlay	McShane	

Absent—Brown, J.

- 23709477 Fus. RAMAGE, W.—From Ayr. Was a ship's joiner. 6-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23708478 Fus. MCLENNAN, A.—From Glasgow. Was an apprentice electrician. 6-year engagement. Age 20.
- 23681103 Fus. BIRRELL, J. B.—From Renfrew. Was a ship's carpenter. He served with 4/5 Bn. R.S.F./T.A. for 18 months. 9-year engagement. Age 18.
- 22816751 Fus. STENHOUSE, J. W.—From Edinburgh. Has been a labourer, but between 1952 and 1955 was attached to 1 R.S.F. from K.O.S.B. 22-year engagement. Married. Age 24.
- 23709041 Fus. ADAMS, C. S.—From Glasgow. Was a labourer. He was in 5/6 H.L.I., A.C.F. Bn. Married. Age 19.
- 23709530 Fus. MCGINLAY, J. M. S.—From Glasgow. Was an assistant shearer. Has a brother-in-law (Cpl. McCann) in the Regiment. 6-year engagement. Age 17.
- 23703022 Fus. PHELAN, J. F.—From Glasgow. Was a collecting agent. A re-enlistment who served with 1 H.L.I. between 1956 and 1957. 9-year engagement. Age 22.
- 23738774 Fus. FOULIS, T.—From Glasgow. Was a fireman with British Railways. His father served with the H.L.I. during the War. 6-year engagement. Age 20.
- 23549270 Fus. TEDFORD, K. B.—From Glasgow. Was a fishmonger. He served with 5/6 H.L.I./T.A. 6-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23708775 Fus. DEVLIN, H.—From Glasgow. Was a fireplace builder. 9-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23708949 Fus. WALLACE, J. F.—From Glasgow. Was an apprentice painter. Served in the Renfrew A.C.F. for a year. 9-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23709940 Fus. DUNLOP, J. T. S.—From Glasgow. Was a porter with British Railways. He has had 1½ years' experience with the A.C.F. 6-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23708392 Fus. SHIELDS, J.—From Glasgow. Was a labourer. 9-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23708556 Fus. MCGINLEY, J.—From Glasgow. Was a baker. 6-year engagement. Age 17.
- 23708947 Fus. KELLY, J.—From Glasgow. Was a barman. His elder brother served in 1 H.L.I. 1953-56. 6-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23708479 Fus. BURNS, J.—From Coatbridge. Was a labourer. 6-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23709591 Fus. DORAN, J.—From Glasgow. Was a van boy. 6-year engagement. Age 17.
- 23709590 Fus. REGAN, P.—From Glasgow. Was an assistant grocer. 6-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23708773 Fus. CALMAN, T.—From Glasgow. Was an apprentice electrician. His father served in the H.L.I. during the War. The best recruit at P.T. in his squad. 6-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23701624 Fus. QUINN, W.—From Glasgow. Was a coalman. Has previous service with 1 Glasgow Highlanders. He was the best all-round recruit in his squad. 6-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23708623 Fus. CAMPBELL, H. K.—From Kilmarnock. Was an apprentice engineer. Had a brother in 1 R.S.F. 1955-58. He was the best shot on the rifle and L.M.G. in the squad. 9-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23709302 Fus. GOURLAY, H.—From Glasgow. Was a van boy. Had a brother in 1 H.L.I. 6-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23709303 Fus. MCSHANE, W. J.—From Glasgow. Was a labourer. 6-year engagement. Age 20.
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- 23708622 Fus. BROWN, J.—From Glasgow. Was a labourer. 6-year engagement. Age 18.

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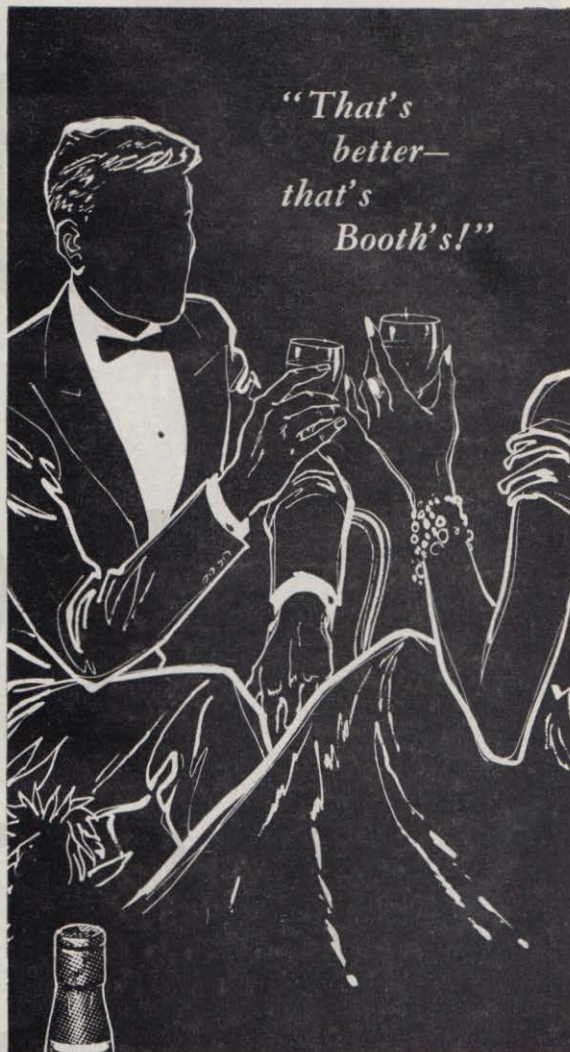
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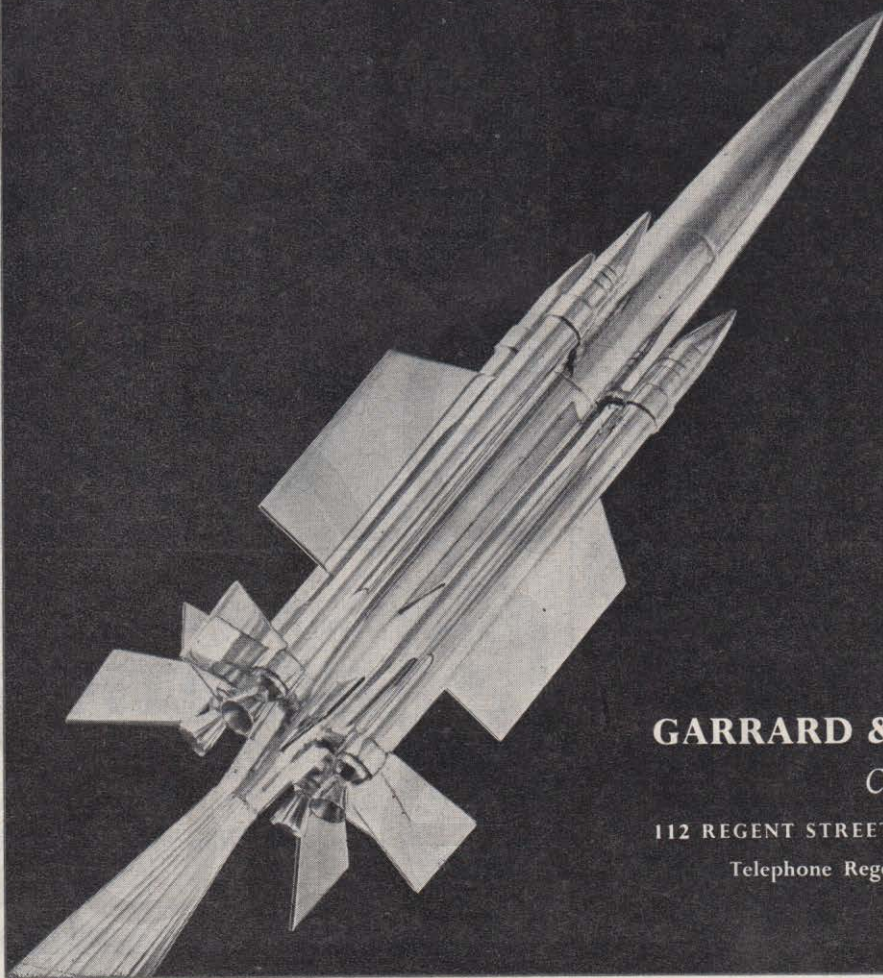
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- 23701633 Fus. KELLY, P. J.—from Sligo, Eire. Was a labourer. 9-year engagement. Age 18.
- 22964749 Fus. BURKE, J.—From Cumnock, Ayrshire. Served in the A.C.C. from 1953-57 in Germany. 6-year engagement. Married. Age 24.
- 23710908 Fus. LOUDON, J.—From Glasgow. Was an apprentice furrier. 6-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23710272 Fus. MOTHERWELL, W.—From Glasgow. Was a painter. 6-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23664014 Fus. MCLEAN, T.—From Glasgow. Was in the cigarette trade as apprentice. 6-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23710615 Fus. WEIR, R.—From Annbank, Mossblown. Was a miner. His father served with R.S.F. in 1926. 6-year engagement. Married. Age 24.
- 22029983 Fus. WOTHERSPOON, W. F.—From Glasgow. Was a labourer. A re-enlistment—served 2 years with R.E.M.E. 6-year engagement. Married. Age 29.
- 23710906 Fus. ROONEY, D.—From Glasgow. Was a ship's plumber. 9-year regular engagement. Age 21.
- 23710907 Fus. MCPHERSON, W.—From Glasgow. Was a labourer. 6-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23710308 Fus. McNULTY, R.—From Kilbirnie. Was an engineer turner. 6-year engagement. Age 20.
- 23664655 Fus. TENNANT, R.—From Glasgow. Was a clerk. 9-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23706707 Fus. MOUGAN, W.—From Glasgow. Was a labourer. 6-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23710273 Fus. WATT, J.—From Glasgow. Was an apprentice tailor. 6-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23710904 Fus. MURPHY, F.—From Glasgow. Was with Merchant Navy. 6-year engagement. Age 18.
- 22822999 Fus. MARTIN, J.—From Glasgow. Is completing three years' service with the Reserve. Served with 1 H.L.I. from 1952-55 in Egypt. Married age 24.
- 23697042 Fus. SHERIDAN, J.—From Glasgow. Was a labourer. 6-year engagement. Age 20.
- 23710905 Fus. BURNS, A.—From Glasgow. Was a plumber. 6-year engagement. Age 20.



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Second-in-Command	Major P. N. STEPTOE, M.C.
Adjutant	Major R. L. S. GREEN.
Quartermaster	Captain (Q.M.) A. WARD, M.M.
R. S. M.	W.O.I. D. B. S. MACDONALD.

Officers Commanding Companies—

Major W. D. DOUGLAS, M.C.	- A Coy.	Capt. J. S. M. EDWARDES, G.M.	D (Trg.) Coy.
Capt. J. D. HALSTEAD, M.B.E.	- B Coy.	Major G. C. R. L. PENDER	- Sp. Coy.
Capt. P. M. OATTS	- C Coy.	Capt. D. I. A. MACK	- H.Q. Coy.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

In the first issue of these notes we said: "The next duty we have to look forward to is the Royal Guard at Balmoral in August."

A full account of the activities of the Royal Guard is the subject of a separate article. Suffice it to say here, that our Colonel-in-Chief's pride at the way her Regiment conducted itself is the highest praise we could wish for.

The way of life of the rest of the Bn. can be summed up in one word—*Chores*. Some of them have been amusing and some may, in the long run, prove to have been of value to the Regiment in particular and the Army in general. There is no denying, however, that because of them the Bn. is going to Aden inadequately trained in its proper role of an efficient fighting machine.

Towards the end of May, the Pipes, Drums and Bugles made a recording of Regimental Music for the B.B.C. This was subsequently broadcast on the Scottish Home Service. An "Honour Guard" consisting of 1 Sergeant and 3 Fusiliers was provided for a ceremony in Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh, commemorating American Memorial Day. On this occasion the Military Band, under the Bandmaster, Mr. Mitchell, provided the music.

In June, the Adjutant-General, General Sir Charles Loewen, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., A.D.C., visited the Battalion and had luncheon with the officers. He sent the following letter to the Commanding Officer:—

"Dear Evetts,

I was delighted to see you again and it was kind indeed of you and your officers to give me such an excellent lunch. Everything I saw left me with an excellent impression and I have no doubt at all that the Regiment will give a first class account of itself whatever job it may take on.

Very many thanks and my very best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely,

CHARLES LOEWEN."

Both the Pipes, Drums and Bugles and the Military Band have had many engagements since the end of the ceremonial parades in May and both bands have been well received wherever they have played. The Royal Highland Show at Aberdeen on 22nd June was the setting for a splendid display by the Pipes, Drums and Bugles under Drum-Major Bell. The Military Band, together with five Pipers and Dancers, gave performances in the parks in Glasgow from 5th to 12th July. After one of these the Bandmaster received a priceless letter from a lady in the audience. The gist of the letter was that the lady wanted to know if Mr. Mitchell was psychic and whether he was aware of the strange thoughts running through her mind during the performance. She felt he must have been in telepathic communication with her as he was continually looking in her direction!

On 17th July Sp. Coy. provided a contingent of one officer (Lt. G. B. Campbell) and 40 other

ranks for the Scottish National War Memorial Service. The Pipes, Drums and Bugles and the Military Band were also on parade. Fus. Gibson is to be congratulated on the way he sounded the Last Post and Reveille.

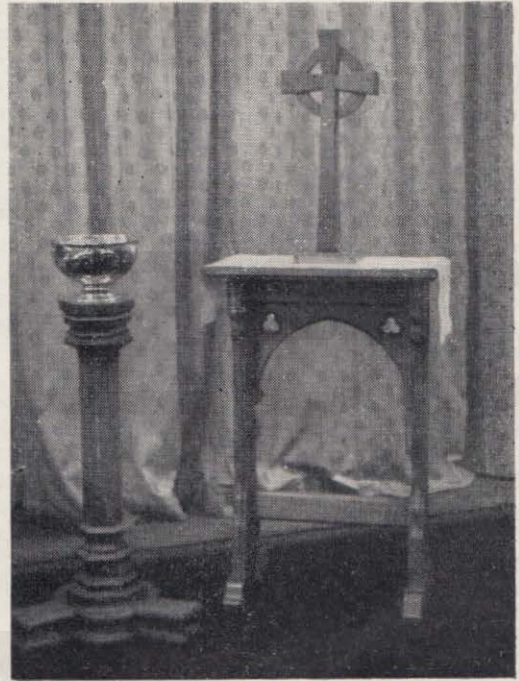
On 22nd July a display was given on the Castle Esplanade to members of the Canadian Medical Association. The Battalion's part in the display consisted of a demonstration of Guard Mounting, carried out under Lieut. G. B. Campbell and R.S.M. D. B. S. MacDonald, and the combined bands beating Retreat. Both items were enthusiastically received particularly the combined bands which were at their best.

The Pipes and Drums took part in the Tattoo at the Castle together with the Pipe Bands of many other Regiments. Both Drum-Major Bell and Pipe-Major Carver have appeared no less than five times in these Tattoos. For the last three days of this year's Tattoo the Battalion provided the sentries on duty at the entrance to the Castle. Their steadiness and smartness did them much credit.

On 25th September the Battalion provided a Guard of Honour for the Lord Lyon King of Arms for the Royal Proclamation made at the Mercat Cross, Edinburgh. The Lord Lyon summoned the sixteen Peers of Scotland and declared the dissolution of Parliament and announced the calling of another. Captain D. M. Robertson commanded the Guard and 2/Lt. A. A. H. Fisher carried the Queen's Colour.

On 30th October a strong contingent of officers from the Battalion travelled down to London to attend the First R.H.F. Luncheon Party and Re-union Dinner.

On 5th November a Battalion Church Parade was held to commemorate the anniversaries of the battles of Assaye and Inkerman. A shield bearing the Regimental Crest was presented to



the Garrison Church together with a framed copy of the Regimental Collect. At this service three pieces of Church furniture—a Pulpit, a Lectern and a Celtic Cross—were blessed. These three pieces were made for the Battalion by Fusilier Bone with great skill and care and will be used wherever the Battalion may be stationed.

The lectern is made from one that used to stand in the Garrison Church at Maryhill, Glasgow, and the Bible that will rest upon it belonged to the 1st Bn. R.S.F. The lectern is so designed that the base can be converted as a stand for a font and in this use it will bear a silver Rose Bowl which has served at many R.S.F. christenings.



On 6th November the Battalion was At Home to any relatives and friends who cared to come and see us. The day was known as Assaye/Inkerman Day and we were delighted to entertain approximately 150 wives, children and other relatives. They showed a keen interest in the displays of weapons and equipment and even greater interest in the Colours and Regimental Silver. The miniature range was well patronised and great amusement was caused by the antics of the Jocks in the Potted Sports. The children, too, had a splendid time; they played games organised by Sgt. McCrimmond and rode ponies provided by the local riding school.

Twelve veterans from Whitefoord House attended Assaye/Inkerman Day. Four were ex-R.S.F. and eight ex-H.L.I. It was fascinating to talk to these splendid men and hear accounts of regimental life long ago. Their pride in their old Regiments and in their years of service was both touching and inspiring and their satisfaction with their "new" regiment was most gratifying.

Captain P. M. Oatts commanded the Army detachment, found by the Battalion, of the combined services Guard of Honour for the Remembrance Day Ceremony in Edinburgh on 8th November. Her Majesty The Queen Mother attended the Ceremony and 2/Lt. I. G. S. Cartwright carried the Queen's Colour.

R.S.M. Wilson has now succeeded R.S.M. MacDonald as Regimental Sergeant-Major. R.S.M. MacDonald will be greatly missed and we wish him every good fortune during his service at the Depot. R.S.M. Wilson is no stranger to the Battalion and will carry on the fine work of his predecessor.

At the beginning of these notes we said that we had had to do a lot of chores which had prevented the Battalion from doing any consistent training. At one time over 400 men out of a total strength of 750 were committed on tasks. From mid-May until now (the middle of November) the Battalion has had to provide the Castle Guard with only a few short breaks when other units found the Guard. A complete Rifle Company (B) was struck off to administer the troops taking part in the Tattoo from mid-July to early October. From 22nd June to 6th August a platoon, consisting of one officer and 30 other ranks, busied itself demonstrating minor tactics, fieldcraft and weapon training to Army Cadet Force units at Cultybraggan. The Lowland District Rifle Meeting employed four officers and 110 other ranks for the first week in September, and towards the end of that same month the Battalion provided one officer and 14 men for an Army Bicycling Meeting. From 4th September to 5th October an officer and 10 men were detached from the Battalion touring Scotland on a Recruiting Display.



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However, in spite of all these obstacles, Sp. Company managed to put in some valuable training at Barry, and recently had 10 strenuous days at Otterburn. B Company and elements of Sp. Company, which together form the Advanced Company Group for Aden, have managed to squeeze in thirty days training.

A and C Companies have been very short of men and their training suffered accordingly, but they will be made up to reasonable strengths by drafts arriving in early December.

By the time the next issue of the Journal is published there will have been many changes among the officers. In January Major B. A. Stewart goes to the War Office, and in February Major W. D. Douglas goes to a Staff appointment in Singapore. Lt.-Col. M. J. Evetts relinquishes command in April and he will be succeeded by Major C. W. Dunbar. Major R. Bromley Gardner becomes Sec.-in-Com. in February *vice* Major P. N. Steptoe. Major G. C. R. L. Pender and Capt. P. M. Oatts are going to the Depot as Commander and Training Company Commander respectively.

Major D. I. Mackenzie left us in June to go to the R.M.A., Sandhurst, and Capt. D. M. Robertson has gone to be Adjutant of 5/6th Bn. The Highland Light Infantry (T.A.). In October Capt. J. D. Halstead and 2/Lt. J. B. Daly joined the Battalion; the former after service with the Ghana Forces and the latter from the Depot. Capt. E. I. Wirgman left the Battalion to attend the General Staff Science Course at the Royal Military College of Science prior to attending the 1960 Staff College Course at Camberley.

It can fairly be said that the Battalion has had a busy and successful year in Edinburgh. It has been continually in the public eye since May and has acquitted itself well. The background work mentioned in our first notes has been going on steadily and the writing of Regimental Standing Orders and Permanent Orders is almost finished. The re-organisation of the Battalion, necessitated by the move to Aden, has been completed.

We look with confidence to the future knowing that the foundations have been well and truly laid.

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SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES

In our last Journal there were no Sergeants' Mess Notes as such—an omission we propose to put right this time.

Since last going to Press we have had quite a lot of arrivals and departures. Briefly they are as follows. To the Depot we lost Sgts. 'Poppa'

Hendry, 'Duke' Barlow, and 'Chic' Conway. We understand that the female population of Ayr has already been notified. Sgt. Jimmy Kindness departed to rough it with the 1st Bn. The Glasgow Highlanders. We wish them the best of luck in their new jobs.

To fill their places we welcome Sgts. Jimmy Dummelow, Paddy Killow, and Jimmy Killen from various places.

We recently lost Drum-Major George Bell who left to join the Ships Pool at Southampton. His break from the Regiment after 27 years service was minimised slightly by his promotion to. W.O. I; congratulations and the smoothest of smooth trips. We understand that no book-maker will lay odds on the possibility of meeting George and "Jungle" on the gang plank in early January.

Our heartiest congratulations go out to Sgts. Beaumont, Howie, Hodges and Craft on their recent promotion and Jimmy Hopewell in his new appointment of Drum-Major.

After the presentation of new Colours and the laying up of the Old, many of us thought that No. 1 Dress could be put back into moth-balls. H.Q. Scottish Command, however, have discovered a new way of preserving this item of clothing—by constant use. There have been a great number of ceremonial duties to perform. Chief of these has been Castle Guards, although we have had a few odd ones slipped in for good measure. C/Sgt. Jimmy Black and Sgts. Geoff Breslin and Joe Hutcheon took a party down to the Edinburgh Horse Show as fence stewards. There is no truth in the story that Geoff got a tip from a young lady competitor who lost her hat—although the TV camera *was* on at the time!

The Battalion sent down a detachment when the proclamation was read, dissolving Parliament. Here again a rumour has to be laid. C.S.M. Willie Gilmour (M.M.) did *not* say it was the most worthwhile parade he had ever been on.

On the Royal Guard detachment to Ballater we sent C.S.M. Reehal, C/Sgt. Satchell and Sgts. Beglin, McIntyre and Laird. Notwithstanding their arduous duties they still managed to come down to see us frequently.

In the field of Sport there is little to report. It seems the Corporals' Mess have had enough to last for a while. Whether it was the results of the games or the fallacies appearing in B.R.O.s concerning the scores that finished them, we don't know. On one occasion the R.S.M. is reported to have scored 5 goals and S/Sgt. Derek Stokoe was seen to shake his head and say, "I must have been dreaming."

The Mess held a dinner and dance for members and their wives and a good time was had by all. An excellent meal purveyed by S.Q.M.S. Colin Crawford was thoroughly enjoyed and at the dance following there were many steps seen that Victor Sylvester knows nothing about.

The Depot sent us a kind invitation to an Assaye/Inkerman Ball being held in Ayr. Owing to the difficulties of accommodation few of us could take advantage of it. However, R.S.M. MacDonald and C/Sgt. and Mrs. Black managed to go down and thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

In closing may we extend all best wishes to R.S.M. MacDonald who is shortly leaving us for the Depot after sterling service and welcome R.S.M. Wilson who is coming to replace him, assuring him of our continued loyalty.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES

At the beginning of August several of the Mess members went up to Ballater as part of the Guard for H.M. The Queen. The usual difficulties of language and customs which harass



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the traveller abroad were encountered with a vengeance.

During the same period other members were connected with the Edinburgh Tattoo as part of the Administration Unit. The Tattoo troops were of all denominations and it was interesting to discuss the various advantages and disadvantages (?) of these international forces.

Fairly recently Mess members assisted with the arrangements in celebration of Assaye/Inkerman Day held on 6th November. They helped with the .22 Range, Pony rides, Stalls, entered a team in the 5-a-side football competition and generally proved how easy it is to look busy yet do nothing. One of the members who was giving his valuable (?) services to the .22 Range that afternoon was seen stalking one of the range prize-winners in order to extract his share of the winnings from a very reluctant pocket. We wonder if the Range was really a true test of marksmanship!

To complete the notes we take this opportunity to welcome all those who have joined us since January. Those of us who have transcended to the loftier realms of the Sgts. Mess are heartily congratulated and let us hope it will not be too much beneath their dignity to visit us, socially of course, from time to time. We are sorry to see several old faces leave us for "Paradise Lane" (so they say) and there are several who will not be coming with us to Aden. We wish them luck in the future and trust they will not forget the Regiment in the years to come.

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SPORT

With so many men absent on duty, there has been little organised sport. Cricket, Tennis and Golf were played by a few enthusiasts and there was a certain amount of Sailing too. The start of the Shooting season was eagerly awaited and the two Regimental shoots at Maneight Farm and Crosshill have been well patronised.

The Battalion has been turning out two football teams each week, one in the Lowland District League and one in the Forth and District League, and both have been playing creditably. The 'A' team, playing in the Forth and District League, is unbeaten, and the 'B' team, playing in the Lowland District League, has only been defeated once.

The Battalion team beat the Depot Black Watch by 3 goals to 2 in the first round of the Army Cup. It was a good clean game and enjoyed by the players and spectators.

In the next round we play the Depot Team. Naturally we hope to win, but it would be a splendid thing for the Regiment if the Depot team went on to win the Army Cup.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

THE most notable social occasions were undoubtedly the lunch parties and Guest Nights given by the three Territorial Battalions during their Annual Camp at Barry. The warm welcome and generosity of our hosts will long be remembered.

From August onwards we have held two Guest Nights each month and have had five guests to dine on each occasion. We would have liked to have asked many more of our friends, but there has been neither the time nor the space to fit them all in. Our sincere apologies go to those whom we have not been able to ask.

WIVES' CLUB

THE Wives Club continued to hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays in the Education Centre. The only permanent members of the Committee are Mrs. Evetts and Mrs. Douglas (Treasurer). The Club was run by volunteer committees for a month at a time and Mrs. Whammond,

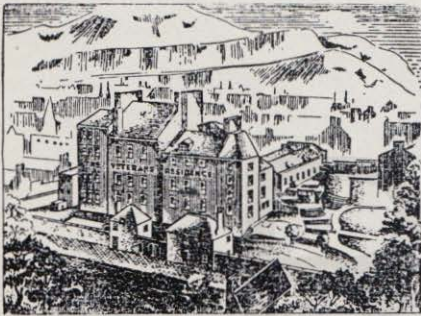
Mrs. Agnew, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Howie, Mrs. Coward, Mrs. Cope, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Middler, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Halstead, Mrs. Reehall, Mrs. Stokoe and Mrs. Smith all served in turn.

Highlights included a visit to the film "South Pacific," the showing of the film of the Parades of 12-15 May, a mystery tour, a showing of a film by Mr. Agnew and a visit to the Tattoo. For the rest, tombola was played, also whist and beetle, and there were several evenings of Scottish country dancing.

A very enjoyable Hallowe'en Party was held at the end of October at which Mrs. Macdonald was presented with a canteen of cutlery and Mrs. Bell with a silver "Lily of the Valley" brooch. A final party was held, when Mrs. Evetts was presented with a beautiful stole, and games were played.

The Wives' Club kit will be packed away for future use and we look forward to opening again in a new station.

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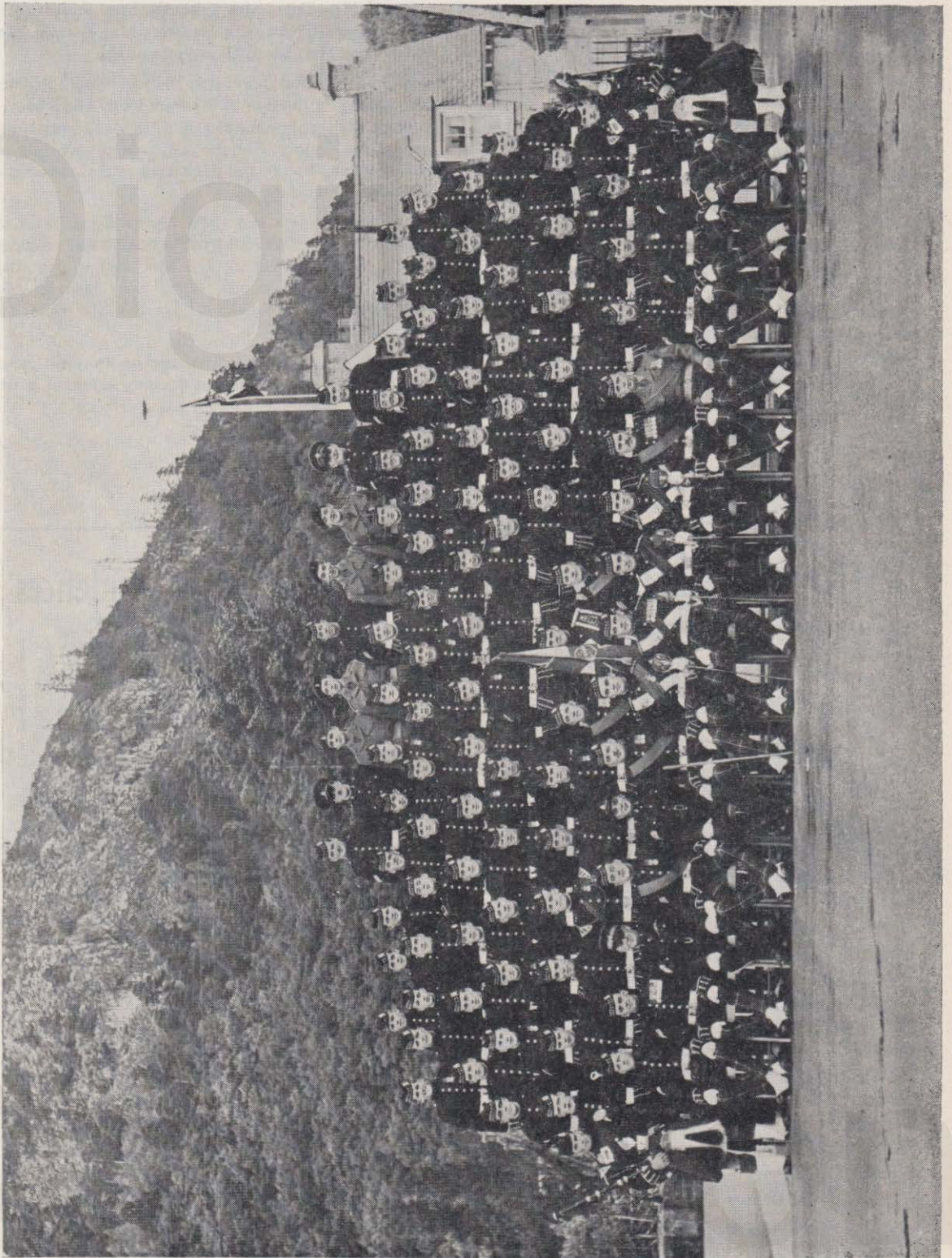
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THE ROYAL GUARD, BALMORAL, 1959



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H.M. The Queen and President Eisenhower inspecting the Guard of Honour at Balmoral Castle.

GUARD HEADQUARTERS

Major B. A. STEWART	...	...	O.C. Her Majesty The Queen's Guard.
Capt. C. D. CRAIGIE-HALKETT	...	...	Sec.-in-Com.
W.O. II REEHAL, P.	...	...	C.S.M.
C/Sgt. SATCHELL, D.	...	...	C.Q.M.S.
Cpl. ANDERSON, A.	...	...	Clerk.

1 Platoon.

<i>Pl. Comd.</i>	...	Lt. G. H. C. BALFOUR KINNEAR.
<i>Pl. Sgt.</i>	...	Sgt. BEGLIN, R.
<i>Sec. Comds.</i>	...	Cpl. BIRT, B., Cpl. SIVIER, W., L/Cpl. LANGDON, J.

2 Platoon.

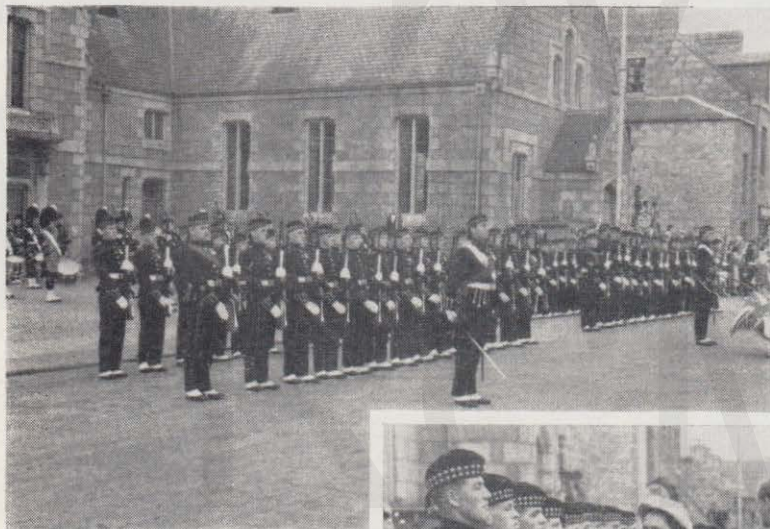
<i>Pl. Comd.</i>	...	2/Lt. F. Q. E. AGNEW.
<i>Pl. Sgt.</i>	...	Sgt. LAIRD, M.
<i>Sec. Comds.</i>	...	Cpl. (now Sgt.) CRAFT, G. Cpl. WALLACE, J., Cpl. ROBB, J.

Administrative Platoon.

<i>Pl. Comd.</i>	...	2/Lt. R. H. DE R. CHANNER.
<i>Pl. Sgt.</i>	...	Sgt. MCINTYRE, E.
<i>Adm. Sgt.</i>	...	Sgt. WALSHAM, W.
<i>MI Room Sgt.</i>	...	Sgt. HOWDEN, T.—R.A.M.C. att.
<i>Offrs' Mess Sgt.</i>	...	Sgt. HODGES, E.
<i>M.T. Cpl.</i>	...	Cpl. MCNEILL, J.
<i>Sig. Cpl.</i>	...	Cpl. WATERSON, W.
<i>Cook Cpl.</i>	...	Cpl. GOUDIE, H.
<i>Cpl. i/c Pipers and Buglers</i>	...	Cpl. BROUGH, J.

GENERAL NOTES

THE Guard was formed on 6th July, and after the necessary preliminaries of clothing exchanges, kit checks and fitting parades got off to a good start for a month's intensive, if somewhat novel and varied training. Apart from the emphasis on Ceremonial with the Self-Loading Rifle and getting fit for the hill, the weekly programme included such highlights as lectures on Regimental History, social etiquette and behaviour, and last but by no means least, instruction in Country Dancing. The TV room was used for the latter, and the gentle stamping of military feet resounding above the music caused the Q.M. no little concern for the foundations of the barracks. After the initial coyness of some members of the Guard over being detailed as "ladies," everybody became very keen, and by the time of the move to Ballater the majority were proficient in performing the more popular reels and dances which were in store for us at the Ghillies Balls and other social occasions.



Above—

ROYAL SALUTE

H.M. The Queen's arrival at Ballater

Opposite—

H.M. The Queen inspecting the Guard of Honour, at Ballater, 7th Aug. 1959.



A number of days were spent on the Pentland Hills on cross-country marches and beating practices when the occasional grouse even cooperated to stimulate interest. The number of volunteers for ponymen far exceeded the demand, but the fortunate ones selected had all had previous experience with horses and enjoyed a fortnight's attachment to the local riding school.

The Advance Party left for Ballater on 31st July and had Victoria Barracks well prepared for the arrival of the Main Body on 5th August. Her Majesty The Queen was originally due to arrive at Balmoral on 12th August, but owing to the cancellation of the Orkneys and Shetlands tour intensive preparations had to be made for her arrival on 7th August. This allowed only a day to rehearse the Guard of Honour and co-ordinate the reception arrangements at Ballater Station. But when the Royal train steamed in at 09.45 hrs. on 7th August everyone was in the right place and knew their duties. The drill, turnout and bearing of the Guard of Honour brought praise from every quarter, and it indeed befitted this Royal and happy occasion.

Grouse driving on the Royal moors was planned to start on 18th August which allowed a full week to stretch our legs on the local hills. A convenient one which overlooked the barracks was nicknamed the Craigendarroch Hill Climb. This provided a useful if somewhat steep area and one

morning after training a certain wit was heard to remark: "ye need telescopic legs for yon caper!"

By 18th August everybody was looking forward to chase "them Groose," were fit, and had a good idea of what was required of them.

A typical day on the hill started with the beating party of 1 officer and 40 other ranks leaving barracks at 08.15 hrs. to RV with the keepers and ghillies at the Castle, and returning about 17.00 hrs. Some three drives took place in the morning with two in the afternoon. It was a long day, especially as uniform and webbing had to be prepared after dinner for the following day, and there were many weary heads thankful for their beds at night! But the long day had its compensations, for during the lunch break The Queen, The Queen Mother, The Princess Margaret and members of the Royal shooting party would often have a word with the beaters.

This routine continued on an average of four days a week from Tuesday to Friday up to 25th September. After this date birds were not so plentiful and there were only four more days driving, but a number of smaller parties were required for Partridge and Pheasant shooting. Although beating on the hill was enjoyable, the latter was the more interesting, for not only did the beaters work much nearer the guns—often walking in line with them—but they could witness the sport, and had the honour of being in close proximity to some of the Royal Family.

Apart from the distinction and privilege in serving Her Majesty and The Prince Philip personally, the wonderful weather this summer and glorious scenery made beating a real pleasure. Casualties were few and injuries amounted to only two sprained ankles over the whole period. Church Parades took place every Sunday when the officers and approximately 40 Other Ranks in No. 1 Dress attended with the Royal Family the Morning Service at Crathie Church. After debussing a few hundred yards short of the Castle gates on the South Deeside road the parade marched to Church under the Sec.-in-Com. The two pipers of the Guard usually headed the parade, but on two occasions we were fortunate in having the Pipes, Drums and Bugles and on one occasion the Military Band to play. The Bands were greatly appreciated by the Minister, Dr. Lamb, the parishioners and many overseas visitors, because in recent years the appearance of a band on Church Parade has been only too rare.

On 28th August the Guard had the unique distinction of providing a Guard of Honour for President Eisenhower on his arrival at Balmoral. This Guard was commanded by Capt. Craigie-Halkett, as Major Stewart had the singular

honour of being in attendance on Her Majesty. One would have to go far to find a more photographed or telefilmed guard, for not only did the President's press party total some 80 strong, but there must have been at least 20-30 more from national and local newspapers! The Guard of Honour was well up to expectation, and their steadiness and bearing, during a wait of nearly 40 minutes for the President whose arrival was delayed, were particularly noteworthy. On this day the strength in barracks was almost reduced to the proverbial "two men and a boy," as the Guard was also responsible in conjunction with the Police for the security of the Castle grounds. Under the command of 2/Lt. Channer, a picquet line was mounted on the perimeter of the grounds and along the river bank, with express orders "to apprehend any unauthorised person or persons seeking admission." There was, however, only one attempt to break in, much to the dissatisfaction of the Jocks who were all eager "to get their man (or woman)."

Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, the Colonel-in-Chief, was invited to honour the Guard with a visit, and did so on the morning of 23rd September accompanied by the Hon. Iris Peake. She inspected the Quarter Guard and walked round barracks taking great interest in all she saw. She spoke to a number of men and



H.M. The Queen's arrival at Ballater, 7th Aug., 1959



Visit of H.R.H. Princess Margaret, The Colonel-in-Chief to the Royal Guard, on 23rd September, 1959

before leaving Her Royal Highness took coffee in the Officers' Mess.

As the Queen had cancelled all official engagements the customary parade of the Guard at Balmoral on the last Sunday was not held. Instead, the Military Band, Pipes, Drums and Bugles gave a combined performance on the Castle lawn after lunch on Sunday, 11th October, for Her Majesty and The Prince Philip. The Princess Margaret and the Royal houseparty were also present. It was a mild, sunny afternoon, and the Castle, with its background of autumn-tinted woods and hills, made a perfect setting for the contrasting and colourful uniforms of the bands. They gave an excellent performance and were complimented by The Queen. For W.O. II (Drummie) Bell it was a fitting ending to a long and loyal period of service in the Regiment and the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

The performances given by the Bands on the Green in Ballater were much enjoyed by the local inhabitants and many visitors to the town. On 8th August the Pipes, Drums and Bugles beat Retreat, and on 19th September the Military Band gave an afternoon concert. Retreat was beaten by the Massed Bands on 10th October, and it is believed that this year is the first time such a performance has been given to the town

by the Regiment finding the Royal Guard. On each occasion the Provost of Ballater, Mr. W. G. Anderson, was either invited to take the salute or was the chief guest. The Stalking season started on 1st September, and the ponymen were kept busy almost continuously from Monday to Saturday weekly until 16th October. By their keenness and hard work they built up a very good name for themselves and kept their bothies and ponies in good order. In particular, Fusiliers Butler and Murphy deserve special mention as they became a first class team and received high praise from McHardy, the head stalker, and from Wilson, the stalker with whom they worked. Of the Castle Orderlies nothing but good reports were received from the Comptroller of Supply and the Sergeant Footman under whom they worked. They carried out their duties very well—so well, in fact, that Princess Margaret commented on their hard work and cheerfulness. L/Cpl. Baird and Fusiliers Lang, Millar and Morris all merit mention.

All good things must inevitably come to a close, and on 12th October Her Majesty The Queen, accompanied by Princess Margaret, honoured her Guard by calling at Victoria Barracks to say good-bye. They stayed for over an hour and were entertained to Cocktails in

the Officers' Mess by the Officers and their wives. As the Royal car, driven by The Queen, left barracks it passed down the ranks of the Guard who gave Her Majesty three rousing cheers.

The Royal Family left Balmoral on 15th October and the Guard started to disperse on 16th October. The Main Body left on 19th October and the Rear Party on 22nd October. Thus ended a period of nearly twelve glorious weeks which will live forever in the memories of all ranks of Her Majesty The Queen's Guard as some of the happiest and most wonderful days of their lives. Not only was it a great honour and privilege to serve Her Majesty personally, but there is no doubt that every member of the Guard gave of his best and upheld the fine traditions and good name of the Regiment which greatly contributed towards such a successful tour of duty.

In conclusion, Her Majesty's appreciation is reflected in the following letter received from her Private Secretary:—

BUCKINGHAM PALACE,
19th October, 1959.

MY DEAR MAJOR STEWART,

The Queen has commanded me to let you know how pleased she has been with the manner in which all ranks of her Guard under your command have carried out their duties at Balmoral this year.

Her Majesty has been impressed by the smartness, efficiency and cheerfulness which they have shown on all occasions and which have done great credit to The Royal Highland Fusiliers.

The Queen would be grateful if you would convey an expression of her satisfaction and appreciation to all under your command.

Yours sincerely,
EDWARD FORD.

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SPORTING NOTES

THE sporting activities of the Guard were modest but very satisfactory. Football was, of course, most popular, and the fixtures ranged from inter-platoon games to matches with visitors and finally a match with Banchory, who are in the Aberdeen Amateur League. The visitors were the Military and Pipe Bands, when they came to beat Retreat, and the Battalion 'Reserve' XI who were soundly beaten 5-1! Banchory were held to a 4-4 draw in an exciting game which showed the good team work and spirit of the Guard XI. After the game the Banchory team entertained our players and spectators to a slap-up tea which was much appreciated. Several "friendly" matches were also played against Ballater which the Guard won easily. In all, the Guard team was unbeaten and is to be complimented on such a fine record.

On 20th August and 10th September the Guard were invited to take part in the Ballater Highland Games and the Royal Braemar Gathering respectively. If fitness had been the main qualification our success would have been assured, but facilities for training were poor, and the time available was too short. That fine edge, so necessary for success in athletics, and which can only be achieved by constant practice, was missing, and no amount of hard work and willingness could compensate for it. The opposition which the Tug-o'-War Team met at Braemar proved that the other teams had been training and practising for months; their teamwork was faultless and as for size, even Cpl. Wallace was dwarfed! "Lady Luck" certainly forsook us at Braemar, for in the Medlay Relay the first "leg" lost 40 yards due to an unavoidable and unfortunate collision. L/Cpl. Baird ran very well to make up three places, but even this was not sufficient to place the team. But for the collision we would have been very well placed.

At the Ballater Games the Guard did much better, and for the first time members of the Guard were well placed in the Hill Climb Race. This is a most gruelling effort and 2/Lt. Channer and Fus. Malone are to be congratulated for gaining 3rd and 6th places respectively. In the track events L/Cpl. Baird came 2nd in the 220 yards. Towards the end of the Guard an inter-platoon and individual cross-country race was held. The distance was about 4 miles which was covered in a good time of 26 minutes by Fus. Malone, closely followed by Fus. Ballantyne and Herd. 2 Platoon gained the first team placing.

TUG O' WAR TEAM

Sgt. Craft, Cpl. Wallace, L/Cpls. Gemmell and Matthew.
Fus. Cullie, Herd, Hill and Wright.

Coach—WOII Reehal.

MILE MEDLAY RELAY TEAM

L/Cpl. Baird, Fus. Malone, Ballantyne, and Murphy 40.

FOOTBALL TEAM

Fus. O'Neil, Kerr 17, Winning, Malone, Herd, Findlay, Davidson, Jordan, L/Cpl. Gemmell, Cfn. McMillan and Murphy 40. Reserve—Sgt. Laird. Linesman—Fus. Revie.

Referee—Sgt. Howden, R.A.M.C. (att.)

THE GAME DIARY

THE wonderful shooting hospitality extended to the Officers of the Guard by both The Queen and Prince Philip, as well as the local lairds and landowners beggars description. Suffice it to say that the total head of Game shot was 2,133, which includes 14 Red Deer grassed by the Officers between them. Although the Grouse were patchy due to severe late frost on some moors, it is worth recording that the total bag of Game shot was the second best on record since the War. Pheasants were particularly plentiful, and this season has been one of the best in Aberdeenshire for many years. Fishing was very poor and dour due to the Dee being the lowest this summer for some 50 years! The Queen gave her gracious permission to the Officers to fish the Abergeldie Beat, but in spite of considerable efforts not a single Salmon was gaffed.

SOCIAL NOTES

COCKTAIL parties were held in the Officers' Mess after beating Retreat on 8th August and 10th October respectively. Another party was held on 14th August to meet some of the local inhabitants. The highlight of the Officers' Mess entertainment was the Cocktail party held on the lawn of Abergeldie Castle on 17th September to entertain the Royal Family and the Deeside and Donside

residents who had given the Officers of the Guard and their wives such magnificent hospitality. A marquee, complete with lighting, heating and carpets, was set up on the lawn, with a smaller one in rear as a slavery tent. The decor of the marquee was magnificent, thanks to valuable and tireless assistance given by many helpful hands. Credit for the joinery work and props is due to Sgt. Keel, and to Cpl. Wallace for his wall arrangement of Mackenzie and Erskine tartan plaids. The floral decorations were most artistically done by Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Balfour-Kinnear and the Garden Shop, Ballater. Unfortunately, The Queen and Prince Philip could not be present, as Her Majesty had to leave for London that evening to prorogue Parliament, but the occasion was honoured by the presence of Her Majesty The Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret. The Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General R. A. Bramwell Davis, and his daughter, were present, and among those who came from the 1st Battalion and the Depot were Lt.-Col. Evetts and the Hon. Mrs. Evetts, and Major and Mrs. Watt. Including serving and retired officers of the Regiment and their wives, the number attending the party totalled some 90 people, of whom several had the honour of being presented to The Queen Mother and Princess Margaret. The weather was fine, and the Military Band and the Pipes and Drums both played well. It was a happy and informal gathering held in a perfect setting, and it was voted a most successful evening.

Socially, the N.C.O.s and Fus. of the Guard were well catered for. Dances were held in the British Legion

and Victoria Halls in Ballater when the local lassies showed a marked preference for the "sodgers." The two highlights were the Ghillies Balls held in the ballroom at Balmoral on 27th August and 10th September respectively. Her Majesty The Queen graciously invited the Officers and 25 N.C.O.s and men of the Guard on each occasion. Needless to say, the invitation was greatly appreciated, and the elegance, grandeur and dignified fun of the evening will never be forgotten, especially by those who had the honour of dancing with The Queen, The Queen Mother, The Princess Margaret and other members of the Royal Family. At these functions the Officers wore Scarlet Mess Kit and the Other Ranks No. 1 Dress.

Two other very enjoyable evenings were organised by the Entertainments Committee of the Guard in the "Victory" British Legion Hall, Ballater. The first dance was held on 18th September, and the Committee was very fortunate in getting a lot of the floral decorations which had been used at the Abergeldie Party the previous evening. Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Balfour-Kinnear very kindly decorated the Hall, giving it that little extra finishing touch. Both at this, and at the second dance held on 2nd October, two Spot Waltzes and a Novelty Dance were played; a process of elimination being used to find the final winning couple in the Novelty Dance. Some of the contortions and positions would have given inspiration to an Impressionist artist. At both dances the music was provided by Sgt. Briggs-Watson and his (Frustrated) Sextet, which added considerably to the success of the dances.

Tombola was played in the O.R.'s Dining Hall on Sunday evenings, in competition with the TV set, which was graciously provided by The Queen, in the Junior Ranks' Club! An inter-platoon darts contest was also held. Also on Sunday evenings, some 20 to 30 of the Balmoral Staff were invited to the Sgt.'s Mess for a Tombola and Social. They were a very good crowd, and many an enjoyable evening was spent. On Wednesday each week a number of men were invited to the Staff Dance at the Castle which proved to be very popular.

Week-end passes were quite liberal considering the week-end duties which had to be found. Most married men had two, and in some cases three week-ends to Edinburgh or Glasgow. For the single men, arrangements were made with the Y.M.C.A. in Aberdeen to accommodate a number on Saturday nights, and it was also possible to permit a few away home for a normal week-end. During the first period when there was no beating, it was possible to hire a bus from a local garage and send 32 "bachelors gay" on a 72 hours pass to Glasgow, dropping off en route those living in Edinburgh. Both 1 and 2 Platoons had very enjoyable outings to Aberdeen on 7th and 13th October respectively. They played football, which was followed by a swim in the outdoor baths, and then, after a packed lunch, they ended up at the cinema.

On the last Saturday, 17th October, the stalkers and ghillies from the Balmoral estates and some of the local tradesmen and their wives, were invited to drinks in the Sgts.' Mess by the Officers and Sgts. of the Guard. The success of this party was borne out by the number of guests who remained long after the party had officially ended!

Finally, a special slap-up supper, prepared by our very hard-worked and efficient cooks, was arranged by the O.C. Guard. A very fitting, filling and satisfactory end to the Royal Guard, 1959.

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4/5th BATTALION

ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS (T.A.)



Hon. Colonel	Brig. A. N. GOSSELIN, C.B.E., D.S.C.
Commanding Officer ...	Lt.-Col. D. G. CARLTON-SMITH INGLIS.
Second-in-Command	Major J. STEELE.
Adjutant	Captain A. G. D. GORDON.
Quartermaster	Captain J. D. COPLAND.
R.S.M.	W.O. I H. T. HUTCHINSON.

Officers Commanding Companies—

Capt. J. C. CONWAY	H.Q. Coy. (Ayr).	Maj. A. G. CAMPBELL, T.D.	- C Coy. (Renfrew).
Major P. CAMERON	A Coy. (Kilmarnock).	Capt. THE MARQUESS OF AILSA	D Coy. (Cumnock).
Lt. E. BRYAN	- B Coy., Recce Pl. (Ayr).	Major I. E. COOPER	- - Sp. Coy. (Irvine).

As forecast in the last Journal the latter half of 1959 was to see a great many changes in the Bn. in both Permanent Staff and T.A. Most of these have taken place and are shown above. There have, of course, been a number of promotions, but space does not allow mention of more than a few: Capt. Cameron to Major, Lt. Leslie to Captain, Sgt. Scott, Sgt. Dorward, C/Sgt. McLean all to C.S.M.; Sgts, Gilmour, Gibney and Smith to C/Sgt, and many others. Well done all concerned.

Major Steele has, after many years, left Support Company on appointment to Sec.-in-Com., but Major Cooper now finds himself back in Irvine from where he and Major Steele swapped not long ago. Not a promotion but a re-engagement of note is that of R.Q.M.S. Gilmour who has been allowed to take on for a further "final" year (there have already been a number of "final" years and long may they continue for the Bn. would not be the same without him).

Camp this year (and it seems almost every year) was at Barry, but this time with our new found friends of the same brigade, 5/6th H.L.I. and 1st Glasgow Highlanders. It was with some foreboding that the Companies marched the great distance from the station to their lines 200 yards away and within ten minutes were in the middle of a thunderstorm. In previous years the site had been flooded, but after this initial soak the weather could not have been better—and the only day it rained was when the Commander-in-Chief, Lt.-General Sir George Collingwood, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., visited us. As a result of first class weather and a good sized battalion training went with a swing; much ammunition was used, and what moisture was

lost during the day was more than regained at night. Most Companies had "smokers" in nearby towns; C Coy. visited the Navy at Dundee and the Brigade Pipes and Drums played at Carnoustie, Stonehaven and Aberdeen.

The Brigade Inter-Unit Championship was concluded with Athletics when Cpl. Walker and Lt. Fuller amongst others showed their skill—the C.O. also showed his at emptying his bottle in the C.O.s' race. The Inter-Unit Cup was eventually judged to be shared by the Glasgow Highlanders and ourselves each holding it for six months.

Despite the considerable amount of training done the Social side was not neglected and both Officers' and Sergeants' Messes held parties. A gathering of some 26 officers sat down to a special dinner for war-time members of the battalion; many tales were told and re-told and the whole evening much enjoyed. It was good to see Major "Machinery Heat" Reid pulling the C.O.'s leg harder than anyone. Among the guests visiting the Bn. and attending dinner were: Maj.-General J. F. M. MacDonald, D.S.O., O.B.E., the G.O.C.; Brig. Gosselin, Hon. Col.; The Earl of Eglinton and Winton, Chairman of Ayr T. and A.F.A.; Col. Burton, Secretary of Ayr T. and A.F.A.; Col. Buchanan; Brig. M. R. J. Hope Thomson, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., the Brigade Commander, and members of the Brigade Staff; also members of the other units in the Brigade and from 1 R.H.F. (A surprising number of officers were limping the following day.) Visitors at other times included Col. Broughton from the Records office, Major Marshall from Renfrew T. and A.F.A., as well as a number of officers from the 1st Bn. and Depot, and most welcome they all were.



Support Company—Annual Camp, Barry, 1959

The two weeks of camp seemed to fly past and we soon found ourselves marching past our Commanding Officer for the last time for this was Lt.-Col. Crawford's last Camp (his first was 1927), and he was given a fitting send-off, being towed out of the camp sitting on the roof of his car by the W.O.s and N.C.O.s. (The writer is looking at a photograph of a young 2/Lt. Crawford at the same camp site in 1934. Things haven't changed much, but there is no silver "cup" outside the C.O.'s tent!!!)

The whole camp was voted one of the best ever by one and all and again the Bn. was awarded the Ayrshire T. and A.F.A. Cup for the best attendance at Camp. No other unit has yet won it since it was first presented in 1938 and we must see they never do.

1960 sees us camping from 19th June to 2nd July at St. Martin's Plain near Folkstone, when we hope many members of the Regiment will visit us there. Already plans are being made to visit the Continent and the Regimental Police have asked for a list of Paris night clubs!

Immediately after camp the usual "stand down" did not include the Bn. shooting team, who put in a great deal of practice for the Divisional Rifle Meeting at Dechmont in early September. Results were better than last year but still a little disappointing. Lt. Leslie won the T.A. pistol and was 3rd in the open pistol competition, Sgt. Bryden and Cpl. Walker were

3rd in the L.M.G. pairs, and Fus. Graham (with only a few months' service) was a very good 3rd in the young soldiers' match. Congratulations to them all and better luck next time. The best shot of all was Sgt. McLarty who won a pool but with no foresight on his rifle!

It had been hoped that the Bn. would be allowed to provide a detachment to assist the police and others during President Eisenhower's stay at Culzean Castle. There was a wonderful response to a call for volunteers, but at the last minute it was turned down by the War Office on legal grounds! A few members of the Bn. did, however, assist in a private capacity.

October saw preparations for Lt.-Col. Crawford's actual handing over. The officers held a much enjoyed "Ladies' Night" at Culzean Castle when a presentation was made to Col. and Mrs. Crawford. Capt. The Marquess of Ailsa and The Marchioness of Ailsa are much to be thanked for the invitation to hold the function in the castle and for all the work involved. On the 10th October Lt.-Col. Crawford and Major Linton were dined out at a dinner held in the Depot Mess which was very kindly lent to us for the evening. Finally, on 31st October Colonel Crawford made a last round of the Drill Halls, and on 1st November Lt.-Col. Guy Inglis, who was Adjutant of the Bn. when it re-formed in 1947, assumed command. We wish him every success.

Other Social events have included the Sgt's Mess Annual Dance in Wellington Square which was a great success, the main difficulty being that so many want to come and accommodation is limited.

The Officers' Ball, held again at Western House on 11th December, was well attended and voted one of the best ever, and many old faces were seen again. The decorations were much commented upon and for this we have to thank Mrs. Inglis and Lady Ailsa.

All these festivities were to be dwarfed by the Company Children's Parties. These all appeared a "howling" success in more ways than one. Sgt. Jamieson entertained with his tricks, Lord Ailsa produced steam engines for the children to play with (they couldn't get near them for the "dads" and the Adjutant), and even Capt. (Q.M.) (Father Christmas) Copland gave away presents without a signature, and never before have so many eaten so much so quickly.

But what of the Permanent Staff? Mostly the same faces in the same drill halls; but now Sgt. Brook has brought his great knowledge of the mortar to Support Company at Irvine and Sgt.

Hendry tends to the growing pains of B Coy, in Ayr.

And B Coy. is growing fast. The Coy is being trained in the mobile reconnaissance role and under the enthusiastic guidance of Lt. Bryan, C.S.M. Christie and C/Sgt. McLean has doubled its strength to 30 in less than three months.

The whole Bn. is indeed growing, and we hope to go to camp next summer at least 450 strong. With a determined effort by all this could easily be achieved for the simple fact is that if everyone introduced just one other friend or relation we should double our strength overnight.

This growth into a fair sized unit has meant a great deal of steady and hard work in all companies. The winter months see steady training taking place—3 in Mortar, M.M.G., Signals, Cooks, Drivers, Senior and Junior N.C.O.s Cadres and Administration days as well as the usual platoon and individual training so, as can be seen, everyone is pretty busy and our sights are set high for 1960.

A Guid New Year to one and all.



A mobile reconnaissance patrol from 'B' Company, prepare to leave the Drill Hall, Ayr, during a Signal Exercise.



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<i>O. R. Q. M. S.</i>	C/Sgt. W. MEECHAN.

“YOUR Lordship went down on your knees?” asked a horrified friend. “Certainly I did,” Wellington replied. “I wanted his men and so down I plumped.”

It is fortunate that Capt. Robbie Laing Robertson, who has been appointed Recruiting Officer, does not have to adopt such drastic measures. The size and enthusiasm of B Coy. gives ample evidence that this method of approach to the Lord Provost would be unrealistic. In fact the emphasis is far more on quality than quantity, and the other Company Commanders await the passing out dates of Major Warren’s sausage machine like lions in the Colosseum waiting for Christians.

The War Office has decided that the immediate attention of our Adjutant, Capt. David Anderson, at the Staff College is vital, and so he leaves us before his time. Our congratulations are mingled with disappointment for he had fitted into our irregular military ways as if in the manner born, and we are sorry to see him go. In his place we welcome Capt. Douglas Robertson and hope that he will enjoy his stay with us. It is already plain that we will benefit from his presence.

As we go to press we are embarking on what we hope to be a most memorable year in the history of the Bn.—we are celebrating our centenary. While the old 5th H.L.I. (originally the 19th Lanark R.V.C.) was formed towards the end of 1859 and the old 6th H.L.I. (originally

the 6th Bn. Lanarkshire R.V.) early in 1860, it was felt that with the host of R.H.F. celebrations during 1959 we should reserve our effort until 1960—so this will be our big year.

Already the plans are under way for special social celebrations during February.

During February 1960 a series of Balls are planned as the initial ventures in our Centenary Year Celebrations. On Friday, 5th February, we have the Officers’ Mess Ball followed later in the month by the W.O.s and Sergeants Mess Ball on Friday, 19th February, and an All Ranks Ball on Friday, 26th February.

The reason for concentrating these functions into one month is that we envisage a larger turn-out than usual and in anticipation of this we are proposing to hold all the dances in the main Drill Hall. Such a step entails the importing of a portable dance floor and the complete decoration of the Hall in order to camouflage its normal drab appearance—it will be virtually unrecognisable according to the experts—and it is in order to make the fullest use of the expense and labour involved that all the dances are being held in February.

Towards the end of May we have in mind running a special Celebrations Week. It will also be of interest to know that the City of Glasgow are presenting the Bn. with a Pipe Banner to mark the occasion, but perhaps the most important single event will be the Presentation of New

Colours, probably in September. Both the 5th and 6th H.L.I. Colours, which we have treasured since the Battalions were amalgamated, have just completed their half-century and are both a little the worse of wear, and it would be most appropriate if we could cap our celebrations by receiving new Colours.

Ceremonial drill will be high on the list of priorities for next year and all ranks are eagerly looking forward to what will be a great occasion and a great test in the history of the regiment.

At camp this year the Bn. paraded to receive from Colonel A. R. Cross, M.C., T.D., a pipe banner in memory of his five years as Honorary Colonel. We are proud of the pipe banners which the Bn. possesses, and it may fairly be said that this banner has a special significance and intrinsic value for us. It was designed by our Sec.-in-Com., Major MacLachlan, and made and embroidered by Mrs. Cross. On one side is the Regimental Crest and on the reverse a part of the Cross achievement. The material with which it was made was taken from the same length of silk dyed specially for the Colours of the Highland Light Infantry of Canada, presented to that Regiment by Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret in 1958.

In his speech Colonel Cross recalled that the Bn. was parading on exactly the same ground on which he had stood 34 years ago when he first joined the 5th Bn. H.L.I. He also expressed his pleasure that the Regiment had re-joined the 52nd Lowland Division in which it had fought with such distinction throughout two world wars. Detailed mention of Colonel Cross's career is made elsewhere in this Journal, but suffice to say that he has given us a considerable amount of his valuable time and shown a personal interest in our affairs which has endeared him to all ranks. We hope that we will continue to see him at our Wednesday lunches each week and send our best wishes to him and Mrs. Cross.

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TRAINING

The summer of 1959 is now a warm distant memory and so is Barry Camp 1959. It was our first camp since the war as members of the Lowland Division and the 4/5th R.S.F. and the Glasgow Highlanders made us thoroughly welcome.

The training at camp was primarily centred on the working of a company group with an exercise at the end to test and amplify our efforts. This meant a lot of hard work for A Coy. and very well they responded to the encouragement of Major Fraser and the more virile exhortation of C.S.M. Laird.

The Mortars and M.M.G.s of Support Company also concentrated on working as part of a company group, and after a very short time both were able to produce a section which could work as a detached unit entirely on its own. During the exercise itself we experienced extremely realistic attention from a flight of jet planes from Leuchars. Your correspondent does not know what type of plane they were, but, fortunately, Major Sieber took full responsibility for their appearance. In retrospect we are even more grateful to them than at the time, when our gratitude was slightly dampened by the necessity to race for cover and bury faces in the heather. Mr. Cooper and his senior recruit platoon from B Coy. assisted A Coy. in this exercise, and we are delighted to say that the Brigadier went out of his way to congratulate them on a performance which compared extremely favourably with that of the more experienced members of A Coy.

The good weather enabled the Signals Platoon to concentrate on line laying which was very satisfactory after last year's rain. The Platoon also spent three days acting as operators on the Brigade Signals exercise. Capt. Laing Robertson has now left the realms of R/T procedure to run the recruiting, and Mr. Hugh Macdonald, "full to the brim wi' natural agility" after a week's

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course at Hythe, is in sole charge. We congratulate Sgt. Macdonald on his promotion.

When B Coy. paraded for camp they mustered four officers, one officer cadet and fifty other ranks (including that eminent soldier then known to at least one Jock as "Colonel Goodwin"). Quantitatively speaking this was a fine band, for the Company had trained and passed on to other companies about twice this number during a previous training year and about a score of recruits who had joined early in July were too young in military experience to be able to come to camp.

During the first four days a casual visitor to Barry might have been forgiven if, on overhearing the parade ground remarks of "Colonel Goodwin" and other personages, he had formed the conclusion that Egypt in her darkest days had never produced soldiers of such indifferent quality. To the trained observer, however, there could never have been the slightest doubt that here was a body of recruits, potentially the equals of the most seasoned veterans ever produced by the Highland Light Infantry. Thanks to their own enthusiasm and the skill of their instructors, not least Sgts. Baker and Grant, who gave a first rate series of demonstrations of field craft and section leading, they passed with

flying colours from the Kitten crawl to assorted platoon manoeuvres in little more than a week.

We live and learn. Never again will one of our newest recruits say to his Sergeant-Major, "Sur, 'ave loast the wee tin box aff ma gun."

At the Colonel's inspection of the camp on 25th July L/Cpl., as he was then, Prentice, and Private Dick and Fitzpatrick were awarded the prize for the best tent in the Battalion. This was a most worthy effort for three young soldiers, two of whom had scarcely been five minutes in the Army.

Altogether it was an exceptionally good camp in every respect.

As a footnote we might mention that the enthusiasm of Majors Sieber and Warren was so high that, in addition to their other duties, they managed to find the time to run a private exercise of their own.

Since camp A Coy. have been concentrating primarily on section and platoon training and the support weapons are each aiming to have a second section ready to work as a detached unit. In this connection we would like to thank the 1st Bn. R.H.F. for the help which they gave us in this training and especially for the week-end camp which they ran for Mortar and M.M.G. Platoons at Redford Barracks.

At camp the M.T. are so busy looking after others that their own training is almost non-existent. Now, however, they have been able to work to a programme which has included an elaborate map reading test covering some 130 miles.

The Signallers hope to have the whole platoon classified by next year and B Coy. continue to welcome new recruits. From the beginning of October to November 15th the Bn. recruited 42 men, 16 of these were old soldiers who spent only a week or two in B Coy. and were posted to H.Q. and S. Coy. The senior recruit platoon are in good heart and are co-operating with Capt. Laing Robertson in his recruiting marches. We congratulate Sgts. Prentice and Baker who are going to A and H.Q. Coys. respectively to understudy the Colour-Sergeants. Both these N.C.O.s have given outstanding service to B Coy. and the Bn. during the past two years, when the responsibility of training recruits has been exceptionally heavy.

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ACTIVITIES

During camp both bands were extremely busy and the highlights of their activities were appearances as part of the combined Brigade bands at Carnoustie and Aberdeen.

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After our own Armistice parade both bands took part in a Festival of Remembrance at Paisley Ice Rink organised by the British Legion and now that the winter season is upon us ever increasing demands are made on their services at company, regimental and mess dances. We congratulate L/Cpl. Hume on his promotion to Band Sergeant.

Our Shooting team has gone from strength to strength and we congratulate all those who helped to win the Brigade shooting competition at camp. Since then the Lowland district shooting competition has been held at Dechmont and Majors Ross and Fraser, and C.S.M.s Kane and Laird won the award for the highest four in the individual competition. Major Fraser came sixth in the individual competition, which is open to regular and territorial units and the standard is therefore very high.

We did not do so well in the Brigade sports, but we did have the distinction of winning what perhaps may be described as the two most important races—the 100 yards and the mile. Both winners came from B Coy, Sgt. Grant winning the 100 yards and Pte. Dynes, who had not yet celebrated his 18th birthday, gained his victory in the mile without really stretching himself, against experienced opposition. We understand that Sgt. Grant, our boxing specialist, believes

that Dynes can go places in the ring as well as on the track.

The only really wet day at camp coincided with the officers' Golf competition. After much lobbying, bribery and general skulduggery the participants splashed their unimpressive way in torrential rain round the Championship Course, but in the event Mr. Graham, who, we hoped, had been handicapped out of existence, won by a clear fifteen strokes.

The Families Outing, organised by the Sergeants' Mess, also took place in the rain and hurried preparations had to be made to cope with this unexpected occurrence. Thanks to the efforts of C/Sgt. Hunt and the cook staff, the visitors were fed, unaware of the confusion in the mess kitchen. C/Sgt. Airdrie ably carried out the duties of P.M.C. in succession to C.S.M. Black who, most unfortunately, was laid low with pleurisy and could not come to camp. His presence, and that of his dog, were sadly missed and we wish him a speedy return to health.

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MOST of our sub-units and departments have submitted copious notes for publication, so we will save our limited vocabulary, write a brief resume of the past few months, append our contribution notes, retire gracefully and wait for the next order to write the Journal notes.

Camp was dry—correction: the weather was dry—this year. What a joy it was to be charged for having sand in our rifles instead of mud! We all worked very hard, the recruits were given an arduous and thorough fortnight's training, and the rest did more advanced training, performed the routine duties and surveyed minutely all that the surrounding country had to offer for entertainment.

We were pleased to win the Brigade Championship, and found all competitions both enjoyable and closely-fought. The Brigade company "attacks" exercises were performed with enthusiasm, and if none of our regular instructors completely followed what we were trying to do at least we did it successfully and utilised the element of surprise to the fullest extent.

Following this most successful camp of recent years, training has resumed in the Drill Hall. Recruits are beginning to come in again and sport is flourishing.

We congratulate 2/Lts. McKinlay and Marshall on being commissioned.

Our final item of news is that Capt. Crawford has asked for a guitar to be sent to Pakistan. We hope to supply more details later.

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SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES

THIS being our first contribution to the new regimental magazine, may we say how glad we are to be back in the fold amongst old and new

friends and once more to have the opportunity of recording the happenings of our Mess. I would like first of all to extend the heartfelt greetings of our members to the present serving members of the Depot and Bn. Sgts's Messes of the Royal Highland Fusiliers and to wish success for their future years. With the memories of the amalgamation fading in the distance we have come to accept the sight of our P.S.I.s in what has become a familiar garb, that of the new regiment, and we congratulate our present company of P.S.I.s as our first since they were with us at the occasion of the merger. Our only regret was that we never had the opportunity of seeing big Bob Adair in the "Garb of old Gaul." However, he looks such a petite young soldier in his tartan trews that we forgive him for denying us. But, on a serious note, we are glad to have him as one of our most popular P.S. members along with C.S.M.s Fred Sievwright, Jimmy Ramsay, Sgt. Murdo Nicolson and, lately to the fold, Sgt. Kindness—all truly good members of this Mess.

We touch now on the Mess general news. Our Annual Camp at Barry, Angus, this year saw us brigaded with our close friends and neighbours of 5/6th H.L.I. This was our first camp together since pre-war and along with 4/5th R.S.F. a healthy group of messes was formed and many social visits took place—among them being an invitation from R.S.M. Morrell for some of our members to sit down with them at their Annual Dinner held in Arbroath. This was a social success for them and a late session followed in 5/6th Mess which was well attended by our members. We regret our failure at camp this year to wrest from the Officers' Mess the handsome trophy awarded for inter-mess three-cornered competition, cricket



Brigadier 'Tim' Hope-Thomson presenting prize for best Bde. Piper to Sgt. Forbes, 1st Bn. Glasgow Highlanders at Bde. Sports Day, 1959

again being the weak spot in our armour. C.S.M. Daniels was sadly missed here—'Danny' our stalwart from last year, might have tipped the scales.

A highlight at camp was the presentation by our Honorary Colonel, Col. G. Laird, of the Certificates of Merit awarded to R.Q.M.S. Rae, C.S.M.s McDonald and Hamilton. Congratulations to that trio of W.O.s. Congratulations are also accorded to O.R.Q.M.S. Kerr on being awarded the T.A. Efficiency Medal.

With the Battalion's endeavours to form a Military Band we have gathered in two new members to the Mess—W.O. I Smith, Bandmaster, a well-kent figure in Knellar Hall and other such classical places, and Sgt. Hanlon, a known figure from the old 74th. They are now well acquainted with the bandroom, and when never seen they are most certainly heard, but they can be entertaining!

Boxing! To all of you old H.L.I. wallahs let it be known that Charlie Green is back in action; being C.Q.M.S. of Sp. Coy. is now his side-line for Charlie's heart now lies in the Miniature Range-cum-Boxing H.Q., with high hopes of producing plenty of winners with as few runners-up as possible. (I'm ducking, Charlie.) Good luck, "wee yin."

Very prominent in the first issue of the new magazine was the photograph of a well-known Highlander, now R.S.M. Craig of the H.L.I. of

Canada, but better known to us as "Tully," ex-C.Q.M.S. of the Bn. when he emigrated to Canada in 1948. Tully had a long association with us dating back to pre-war days. After serving throughout the war until demob, he again enlisted in 1947 and served with us, prior to his departure to Canada. Congratulations, "Tully."

With the influx of recruits in recent months many members are finding themselves extremely busy in their various departments. This has also brought about a Mess revival, with a fair attendance on training nights and a nearly complete roll on Sundays. The precincts of the Mess bar have become the place to get rid of the Sunday "lolly," but there are other attractions to keep the members anchored for a spell, the main one being that "Prince of Yarns," Bob Adair. He can keep up a spiel of stories, jokes and anecdotes that are a glory to listen to (with a teeny wee pinch of salt now and then).

Coming near to the end of our notes, it is with regret that I must announce the deaths of two old friends of the Mess and indeed of the Battalion. Just after completing his holidays, Mr. Gow, our civilian armourer, suddenly collapsed and died. "Davie" was a real old soldier (ex-cavalry) and fully appreciated the hospitality he enjoyed as an ex-officio member of the Mess. His loss was felt particularly by his "wee partner," Sgt. Nicolson.

More recently came the sudden death of our caretaker, Mr. T. McAdam. Tom had a series of bad times with illness but never gave in to it. An ex-Sgt., Black Watch R.H.R., he knew the Army and the Mess and was always a welcome guest at our social functions. As the "Jocks" canteen caterer, he ran an efficient bar and was a respected figure in the many years he was with us. The following members were official mourners at Mr. McAdam's funeral: R.S.M. Chapman, R.Q.M.S. Rae, O.R.Q.M.S. Kerr, C.S.M.s Sievwright, Ramsay, Hamilton, Blyth, Sgts. Nicolson and Kindness, and representing Sgts' Mess 5/6th H.L.I., R.S.M. Morrell and C.S.M. Richards. Many other members were present at the cemetery where the Pipe-Major played Tom to his final resting place.

Both of these old friends will be sadly missed by all who knew them.

Here we end our contribution to the new magazine and wish it every success for all future publications.

HOTSPUR.

H.Q. COMPANY NOTES

WE have little change to report for this edition of the Journal, but we have indulged in unprecedented activity since we last wrote. At camp we seemed to be in great demand. Our administrative side toiled night and day at administering and to their efforts much of the success of the camp was due. Signallers seemed to be wanted by everybody for everything and amidst the tangled wire, pieces of wireless sets, and kinked, stained, "unkinkable, stainless steel" aeralis, Sgt. McElveen and his followers produced working communications for all.

M.T. was in like demand and Sgt. Latto went around trying to devise water cooling for the steering wheels.

Our only regret was the absence of the Coy. Commander's wellington boots, which were happily *not* required.

A very successful smoker was held in the Corner House and put the seal on a happy fortnight.

"C" COMPANY NOTES

THE "new" company got off to a fine start at Barry Annual Camp. Numerically superior to the other companies, it was freed from regimental duties, except at the week-end, to get on with its recruit training. This move was fully justified by the way the company res-

ponded to the training and the improvement made in turn-out and efficiency. No small thanks were due to the efforts of the Battalion P.S.I.s who made up the complement of N.C.O. instructors during the period prior to Camp and at Camp itself.

The Company Smoker was a hectic affair and turned up a fair amount of local talent, Pte. Grubb being especially noteworthy as a comedian, and C Company could put on a show any time, even without the assistance of C.S.M. Sievwright who was outstanding among the P.S.I.s.

To round off its performance at Annual Camp, C Company won the Athletics Cup, mainly through sterling performances by Lieut. Robinson, T.A., in the field events, and C.S.M. Sievwright in the "heavies." The Company were also runners-up in the Battalion Football Championship.

Training since Annual Camp has been more routine, but a steady progress has been made. The "Recruits" tag has been dropped and the Company now takes its place with the other fully trained companies in the Battalion.

In the recent Battalion Boxing Championships the Company had four contenders, and Cpl. Brannigan successfully brought the Middleweight Medal to C Company.

SP COMPANY NOTES

THIS year was a particularly successful one from Support Company's point of view—starting off by winning the Divisional Machine Gun Cup.

We met our first setback with the appointment of a new Company Commander, Major Robinson, just before camp. However, he was not long in picking up our ways and we soon had him licked into shape. We also welcome 2/Lt. Kyd to the Mortar Platoon and Captain Ruthven who came from Lagos especially for the camp period.

After a very good Company Smoker we felt in good trim to win the inter-company shooting and tug-of-war competitions, and these victories, together with good office work by C.S.M. Blyth and C/Sgt. Green, won us the inter-company championships.

Cpl. McKinlay (now 2/Lt. McKinlay) won a first prize for drill and Pte. Ure the prize for the best-trained soldier. C.S.M. Blyth and Cpl. McKinlay also won shooting prizes.

In the recent boxing competition the Company was represented by L/Cpl. Harris and Pte. Grier.

The highlight of the period since camp was our visit to Support Company, 1 R.H.F., at Otterburn. We had a very enjoyable and interesting stay, and we are most grateful for the hospitality extended to us and the trouble taken on our behalf.

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It may not be generally known that the three Brigades of 52 (L) Division are all commanded by officers of the Royal Highland Fusiliers. This photograph was taken outside the Officers' Mess at Redford Cavalry Barracks. The group consisted of:

Brigadier H. L. E. C. LEASK, D.S.O., O.B.E.	...	...	...	155 (L) Bde.
Brigadier F. B. B. NOBLE, O.B.E.	...	...	...	156 (L) Bde.
Brigadier M. R. J. HOPE-THOMSON, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.	157 (L) Bde.

Lieut.-Colonel M. J. EVETTS, M.C., was also in the group.

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<i>R. S. M.</i>	W.O. I T. J. R. COLLETT, M.M.

It is a matter of history that the Volunteer Force came into being in 1859. What is not so well-known is that the students of Glasgow University were among the first to offer their services. The enthusiasm then shown has continued down the years, in peace and war. It is perhaps fitting that in this the centenary year, the University Contingent of the O.T.C. should send a salute to the new Regiment with the old traditions. All members regard with pride the intimate ties which bind us to the Royal Highland Fusiliers, and we look forward to many happy meetings in the future.

For the record it may be well to say what we have been doing lately. Let's start at our last Annual Camp. This was held at Cultybraggan in July, and from beginning to end was probably the most enjoyable we have ever experienced. The plan of training was that the contingent should be split up into a number of all-arms "commandos," who lived in the field for the better part of two successive weeks, with a series of tasks to tackle. This caught everyone's imagination, and the results were completely satisfactory. There were no sick, no sorrowful. Some cooks may have been better than others,



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but nobody succumbed to starvation. On the training side the lessons learned were invaluable, and the pattern (with ambitious variations) has now been set for camps to come.

Socially, Cultybraggan was also an outstanding camp. We look back with fond, if hazy memories, to the Contingent dinner, and the Sunday champagne lunch, when distinguished guests were entertained and much joy realised.

Since camp the pace of work and play has scarcely abated. Prior to the beginning of the Autumn term revision courses for 'Cert. B' and the Army Proficiency Certificate were held, and a satisfactory number of candidates thereafter offered themselves for examination. Here the percentage of passes was very high. Thereafter followed the recruiting drive which has added mightily to our strength. Happily, new members continue to present themselves almost daily, and we can talk with some confidence of the not-too-distant day when we reach establishment plus. Since the contingent is now fulfilling its proper role of supplying officers for the Territorial Army (and incidentally of putting the claims of the Regular Army before the University student) such a state of affairs is highly gratifying.

Autumn and winter have been busy months, with everyone active. Week-end training has been pushed to the full. Recruits have carried out basic training indoors and out, and our Engineer Sub-unit has made the hills round Garelochhead reverberate with their demolitions. From the comparative calms of map-reading our range now extends to the ardours of mountain warfare. And, for full measure, we have had thrust upon us the distinction (with our colleagues of the University Air Squadron) of providing a Guard of Honour for Field-Marshal Montgomery on the occasion of his visit to the University in November.

The Remembrance Day Parade was the best attended in recent years, and gave the University the opportunity of seeing the O.T.C. to advantage. On ceremonial occasions all members, with the exception of the permanent staff, wear Highland Dress, irrespective of their sub-units. This innovation has proved very successful. Apart from giving uniformity, it would appear to have stimulated pride in appearance, and an improved standard of drill, two things which are not to be overlooked in an officer producing unit.

The centenary of volunteer service in the University was marked by two dinners, the first a contingent affair held in our own Drill Hall, and attended by close on a full muster of members. Distinguished guests included Major-General J. F. M. Macdonald, a former Adjutant of the Corps, and Lord Boyd Orr, Chancellor of the University. At the second dinner, Lord Reith (who was a sergeant in the Contingent in 1912) was the principal speaker. Lord Hailsham, recently elected Rector of the University, was also present, and the company included the local T.A. Battalion of the H.L.I.

As we write, Christmas and the New Year are close upon us. It is a sobering thought that when all the parties and junketings are over it will be time to think quite seriously of such things as Camp, and the programme for next Autumn. But that is how it is. In the University O.T.C. we think that we are well ahead with our planning, and with our increasing members we believe that in the year that lies ahead we can put on a very good show indeed. Whatever our performances, we trust that we may enjoy the courtesy of the Journal and the goodwill of all those whom it reaches.

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GREETINGS to our kinsmen in Scotland, Aden and elsewhere. And to the new R.H.F. Journal, congratulations.

To a man, the Highland Light Infantry of Canada has been most impressed by the fine new publication and looks forward to keeping in close touch with you all through this medium.

The excitement of the nearing yuletide season is stirring this unit, and our social calendar is jammed with events, beginning with regimental sports night next week, the officers' St. Andrew Feast the week after, and pay night three weeks hence, culminating in the greatest gathering of them all, our Hogmanay party.

Our sergeants' 38th annual Remembrance Day banquet was held on the night of November 11, and R.S.M. James Craig must have been a proud man indeed. Nearly one hundred sergeants and guests were present for an evening that combined solemnity, serious thinking, and a relaxed gaiety that our fallen brothers would have wished for us.

In the distinguished company were two brigadiers, our present area commander and the former militia group commander. Appearing in the enclosed photograph are (seated, left to right) Brig. G. F. C. Pangman, the former militia group commander, and Brig. F. A. Clift, present area commander, and (standing) Major W. D. Gerrard, H.L.I. commanding officer; R.S.M. J. W. Craig; DAAQ at area headquarters Major F. A. Fraser, and Major C. D. Whittington, H.L.I. training officer.

Brig. Clift showed an amazing insight into the prides and problems of our unit as he spoke most familiarly of our history.

Major Douglas S. Barrie had the pleasure at this dinner to reply to a toast to the Royal Highland Fusiliers (drunk, we assure you, with full Highland honours!) in which he had the

opportunity of telling of his visit to Scotland, and of the R.H.F. forthcoming moves.

P.S.—We note in the press that our "step-sister" unit in Kitchener, the 54th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, may revert to infantry. Perhaps they would then become the Scots Fusiliers of Canada again.

Our warmest wishes to you all at Christmas and in the New Year.

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Since the receipt of the foregoing Capt. Green, the Adjutant, has kindly written again giving us more information on the Royal Scots Fusiliers of Canada and bringing us up to date with the unit's activities.

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The Highland Light Infantry of Canada's motto might well be: "Go like 60 in '60!"

At least we're away to a good start.

An exceptionally fine report on our formal A and Q inspection in December geared us to the fine frame of mind that inspires us to great deeds in 1960.

As of the first of the year our strength was swelled by addition of last summer's student trainees. The army having finally decided on policy of absorbing student militiamen, we are able to hold on to many of the fine boys we train in the summers. This year we will be allowed 45 new student trainees. And for the first time since the student program's first summer, the boys will join the regular militia at summer camp.

A January exercise—Roentgen II—has made it official: North and South Waterloo will be



pals again. In the North, Kitchener's Scots Fusiliers of Canada, just reconverted from the 54th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery, to its old infantry status, again joins hands with the Highland Light Infantry of Canada in the county's South. The county started its militia days hand-in-hand 94 years ago (officially) with the 29th Regiment, and headquarters alternated between North and South, finally coming to rest in Galt. Other units were later formed in Kitchener. In the Second World War, the Scots Fusiliers supplied two companies of the 1st Battalion, H.L.I. of C.

Now we again have common cause. At Roentgen II, new dual-purpose formations were announced called Survival Battle Groups, an improvement on the Mobile Support Columns, but still carrying out both fighting and national survival roles. The group to which the H.L.I. will belong has headquarters in Kitchener, and includes the Scots Fusiliers of Canada.

So now we can be buddies on both sides of the great water, eh?

Arrangements are being made so that we might go to camp this summer together with the S. F. of C., 11th Field Regiment (R.C.A.) of Guelph, Elgin Regiment (our S.B.G. recee unit) from St. Thomas, and ancillary units.

Highlight of the H.L.I. of C. changeover from 1959 to 1960 was, as usual, our Hogmanay

party, and an immense success it was. As in the case of the delighted hostess, when the C.O.'s annual "at home" began the afternoon of "the morning after" we found we still had some guests left over from the night before. R.S.M. Jim Craig's "at home," preceding Maj. W. D. Gerrard's, was a fine occasion, with such respected veterans as R.S.M. Henry Johnson, ex-R.S.M. (retiring as W.O.II), Henry Johnson II, R.S.M. George Rutherford and R.S.M. Ab. Houghton on hand. Mr. Johnson, sr., is a South African War (Imperials) vet. and still going strong.

Only befuddled figure at the C.O.'s "at home" was the major-domo adjutant who, in the flurry of guests, introduced H.L.I. friend, Flt.-Lt. Frank Ashton as "Flt.-Lt. McGillicuddy" to the C.O.'s (and Ashton's) amusement.

Intensive national survival training is in store for the next few months. Several exercises are likely to be based on this. On tap also is a jaunt to the Ipperwash ranges in the spring.

The regimental colour was paraded on Feb. 1 before the Area Commander, Brig. F. A. Clift (the sergeants' Remembrance Day speaker).

DAVID GREEN, *Adjutant.*
THE ARMOURY,
GALT, ONTARIO.

THE COLONEL JOHN GRAHAME OF LINGO MEMORIAL TRUST

1. INTRODUCTION

Colonel John Grahame, D.S.O., was educated at Harrow School and joined the 2nd Battalion Highland Light Infantry about 1890. He served with the Regiment until 1921. During this period he commanded in turn the 10/11th H.L.I., the 12th H.L.I., and The Glasgow Highlanders, until in 1916 he commanded the 2nd Battalion The Highland Light Infantry, which was his life's ambition. His widow, Mrs. A. C. Grahame, who died in 1953, created a Memorial Trust to be known as "The Colonel John Grahame of Lingo Memorial Trust." Its original object was to assist in the education at Harrow of the sons of Regular Officers of The Highland Light Infantry, but this has now been extended to include the Regular Officers of The Royal Highland Fusiliers. The Trust is administered by Trustees in accordance with certain conditions laid down in the Trust Deed.

2. TRUSTEES

There are now five Trustees appointed by name:—

Brigadier E. J. Montgomery, C.B., C.B.E.
G. P. Pirie-Gordon, Esq.
Brigadier F. B. B. Noble, O.B.E.
Major P. T. Telfer-Smollett, M.C.
Lieut.-Colonel M. J. Evetts, M.C.

3. CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- (a) In general, the Trust is to be used in making grants by way of assistance for the education at Harrow School of sons of regular officers of the Regiment who have selected, or seem likely to select, the Army as a career and intend to join the Regiment.
- (b) Candidates for grants must be British subjects by birth and of Protestant faith.
- (c) The Trustees shall be the sole judges of the suitability and bona fides of any applicant.

- (d) These grants shall be terminable at the pleasure of the Trustees, and the Trustees shall be entitled in their absolute discretion to require the parents of any candidate who receives a grant, but does not ultimately join the Regiment, to repay the whole or part of such grant. It is not intended by this paragraph to imply that the Trustees would exercise this discretion unless it was warranted by exceptional circumstances.

4. DETAILS OF AWARDS

- (a) Harrow School have agreed to allot the Trustees up to two vacancies in each school year. The normal age for entrance to Harrow is 13½ and no boy can enter who is under 12½ or over 14.
- (b) Under current conditions the Trustees will make regular annual payments of £225 for not more than 12 terms (four years) while the boy is at Harrow.
- (c) The present resources of the Fund normally limit the Trustees to granting not more than four such awards at any one time.
- (d) Vacancies are awarded subject to passing the Common Entrance Examination or other agreed standard, and are also subject to a good report from the previous school or tutor attended.

5. ELIGIBILITY


In considering applications the Trustees will give priority to sons of retired officers of The Highland Light Infantry and to the sons of serving R.H.F. officers who were formerly H.L.I. Sons of serving officers who were formerly R.S.F. and who have served at least one year with the R.H.F. (i.e. on the "Regimental List" of the R.H.F. for a minimum of one year after 20th January, 1959), together with the sons of all officers first commissioned into the R.H.F., are also now eligible for the award.



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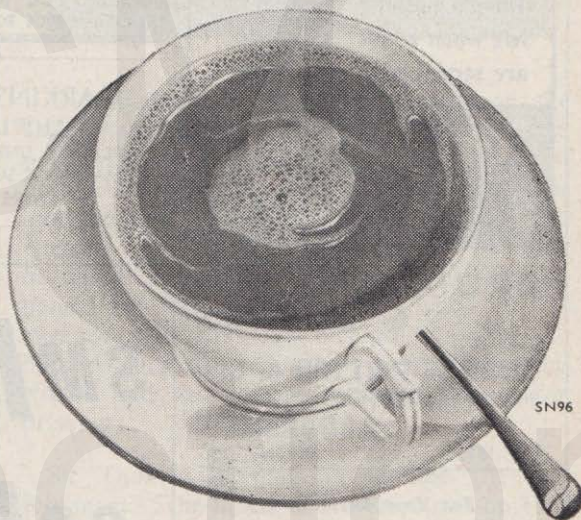
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6. PROCEDURE

(a) Application

Parents who are eligible under Paragraph 5 above and are desirous of sending their sons to Harrow School under the Trust, should submit the name of their son to be registered with the Trustees when their son is between his fourth and fifth birthdays. Application forms for this purpose can be obtained from the Regimental Secretary, R.H.Q., The Royal Highland Fusiliers at Maryhill Barracks, Glasgow, N.W., to whom the completed application forms should afterwards be returned.

(b) Consideration of Application by Trustees

The Trustees will *consider* all such applications at their annual meeting in October/November and applicants will at once be notified whether their application is accepted for registration.

(c) Confirmation of Vacancy

Confirmation of the allotment of a vacancy will take place four years later, between the boy's eighth and ninth birthdays, when the Trustees will communicate both with the applicant and with Harrow School. Thereafter, the applicant will deal direct with Harrow School. No preference with regard to the various Houses at Harrow can be considered.

(d) Payment of Grants

The Grant will be credited direct to the applicant's banking account in three equal instalments of £75, on the 15th January, 15th April and 15th September, while the award is in force.

7. LIFE ASSURANCE

Applicants are most strongly recommended to take out an Educational Endowment Policy in respect of each son entered for consideration of a Trust Award. Messrs. Glyn, Mills & Co. will give guidance in this matter on application. As an indication only, a monthly premium of about £1 from the date of birth of the son will secure about £60 a year towards the Harrow fees in the four years from the boy's fifteenth birthday.

8. DATES AVAILABLE

The Trustees are in a position to receive applications for Trust vacancies at Harrow School in the school year 1968/69 and subsequently. Parents eligible under Paragraph 5 above, of boys who attain the age of 4-5 years during 1960, may therefore apply in accordance with the above details.

Old Colours 71st Regt. H.L.I.

COLOURS presented to the 71st Regiment Highland Light Infantry in 1837, laid up in 1853 in St. Multose Church, Old Kinsale, Co. Cork, and hung over the monument to Lieut.-General Sir Thomas Reynall, Bart., K.C.B., were in accordance with the desires of the Rector and congregation removed, placed between perspex, and on 10th November, 1959, returned to the church.



Having been placed between perspex the Colours could not be replaced in their original position but were fixed over the monuments to both Lt.-General Sir Thomas Reynall and his mother, Mrs. Anne Reynall, who died on 24th August, 1854. This appeared to be the most fitting, for Mrs. Anne Reynall, who had accompanied her husband to America when he was engaged in the campaign of 1775, was also with him at Saratoga when he received a mortal wound and she and her children were taken prisoners.

Sir Thomas Reynall commanded the 71st Regiment at the Battle of Waterloo and on 15th March, 1841, was appointed to the Colonelcy of the 71st Regiment. Died 10th February, 1848.

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Regimental Customs adopted by The Royal Highland Fusiliers

THE ROYAL HIGHLAND FUSILIERS has adopted wherever possible all the customs and traditions of its forebears, the Royal Scots Fusiliers and the Highland Light Infantry. Where this has not been practicable, customs have been adopted as far as possible.

BACKGROUND

In 1957, notwithstanding the fact that they were engaged in an attempt to preserve their Regiments intact, the then Colonels of the Royal Scots Fusiliers and the Highland Light Infantry ordered the formation of a Committee to "Consider the problems arising from the amalgamation of the two Regiments and to make recommendations for ultimate decisions by the Colonels of the Regiments." This Committee, which was chaired in turn by Brigadiers Hope Thomson and Montgomery, had six meetings. These meetings covered most Regimental customs and the Minutes of them were summarised and formed the basis on which the Colonel of the Regiment and the Regimental Council began to work when the amalgamation was finally ordered. The Committees had Sub Committees dealing with finance

and with charities and bequests. The Regimental Council held three meetings in the first part of 1959. At these meetings the proceedings of the Committee were approved almost without alteration and the same applied to the Sub-Committees. At these meetings, too, further Regimental customs were considered and agreed on. The Council also instructed that their decisions be embodied in various regulations and these have now been written and in most cases issued. The one outstanding point on which no final decision has yet been reached is whether or not to amalgamate the Regimental Associations of the Royal Scots Fusiliers and the Highland Light Infantry into a new Royal Highland Fusiliers Association or instead to have three associations. This question has not been resolved as yet, not through any lack of goodwill, but merely because of the legal difficulties and trust responsibilities involved. It is under active consideration at present and should be decided on one way or the other within the next year.

REGULATIONS

The following regulations have been completed:—

Regimental Standing Orders.
Dress Regulations.
Battalion/Depot Permanent Orders.

Regimental Standing Orders

These will be printed professionally, and it is expected that they will be available for sale in about six months time. They embody all the decisions of the Council and the pre-amalgamation Committee and are set out in several parts. They have been compiled by the Officers Commanding the 1st Battalion the Royal Highland Fusiliers and the Depot, using the Regimental Standing Orders of the Royal Scots Fusiliers as a basis. This basis has, however, been very considerably expanded and the result is a book of rather formidable size but broken down into sections, containing all the information on policy and precedents required by any Officer, Warrant Officer or Sergeant serving in the Regiment.

There are nineteen sections including those dealing with the organisation of the Regiment, i.e. duties of the Council, the Regimental Headquarters, the Battalions; an outline history of the Territorial Battalions, Cadet Units, Allied Regiments and other Affiliated Units and an outline of the Regiment's place within the Lowland Brigade. A historical section giving a

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There are also Annexes giving a Family Tree of the Regiment, a list of its Colonels, a list of its published Histories, a record of its Colours, the whereabouts of some of the more significant of its many Memorials, and details of the 20 Officers and Men who have won the Victoria Cross while serving in it. The major campaigns, battles and events throughout its history are listed chronologically.

Dress Regulations

These have been issued and copies have been sent to all serving officers of the Regiment. A number of spare copies is held at the Regimental Headquarters. These are primarily Officers Dress Regulations, the dress of Other Ranks

being covered by Regimental Standing Orders and by current Army instructions.

Permanent Orders

These have also been issued and contain normal permanent orders for the units for which they were designed, within the framework of the Regiment's policy as contained in Regimental Standing Orders.

GENERAL

The customs and traditions included in Regimental Standing Orders are so numerous and so distinguished that it is impossible to do them justice in this article. In later editions of the Journal sections of the Regimental Standing Orders will be re-published complete, as although primarily designed for serving members of the Regiment they have very wide scope and will be of interest to all who have the well being of the Regiment at heart.

This article should, therefore, serve as an introduction to extracts to be published later and as a reassurance that none of the customs and traditions of the famous old Regiments from which the Royal Highland Fusiliers has sprung have been neglected or overlooked.

THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS (London Branch) Old Comrades Association

DEAR FRIENDS,

I have great pleasure in giving details of our Branch functions since the last write-up, and our arranged programme for the next six months. On paper it would appear that our activities are not supported as they should be, the reason being that many of our members live so far away from the meeting point; London covers a vast area. It's not the getting to a function so much, it's the getting home again. None the less, as you will read, many came quite a distance to be in the company of others of our Regiment.

It was very interesting and pleasing to read the first issue of the Royal Highland Fusiliers' Journal for September 1959. The Journal will certainly be a medium whereby members of other branches will be able to contact others whom they have not met for some time. I shall be very pleased to answer any mail regarding one contacting another. Ex-R.S.M. C. Lilley and C.S.M. Gash have written; Andy Earle, Ted Wakling, Joe Osprey, Alfie Holmes, Jim Carr, Jigger Riley, John Ingram have joined the London Branch this year. You may recognise some of the above-named. There are many more names in the write-up and Branch you know. May I say—write and ask.

Thursday, 30th July, 1959.—Len Stones on holiday from Durham City paid a visit to 45 Cumberland Road. We had a very good chat, finishing with a beer in the local. Len went out to India in 1926. He sends his best regards to all old friends of India, Shanghai and Catterick days, and asks for Hughie Dick, the piper, who was his best man. Can anyone help with this request?

Saturday, 1st August, was an evening for gathering of some members of Machine Gun Platoon, 1st Bn., 1923. Those present at 45 Cumberland Road were Alex. (Hookey) Walker, Mrs. Walker, Hoe and Mrs. West, Tommy and Mrs. Terrell, Harry and Mrs. Steward, Fred and Mrs. Hammond, Bill Thomas, Tom and Mrs. Linard, with friends and relatives. We were very sorry our other old friends could not be with us. It goes without saying when looking at photos of those days when we served many names were recalled and many hearty laughs were shared by all. Places such as Glasgow, India, Shanghai, Burma, Europe from 1923 to 1947 were discussed. We all agreed that it would be great for all old Machine Gunners with other members of Royal Scots Fusiliers to meet again, keeping April 1960 in mind when those from the South could meet those from Scotland in Ayr. A point of information: Fred Hammond and Tom Linard were 54 and 55 on 1st August. I must say we young 'uns are getting old quickly, trying to keep young.

Thursday, 6th August.—Hookey Walker, his wife, Joe and Mrs. West, Chalky and Mrs. Whiting, Alfie Holmes, met at 45 Cumberland Road, with Hookey's sister and brother-in-law. Again many laughs were had by all, looking at old photos. We adjourned to the local, spending a grand evening. Hookey said that his two evenings made his holiday complete and hopes it will be his pleasure to meet all again next year, and, of course, the same came from Chalky, Joe and Alfie. They send their regards to all our old muckers. The photograph of

1924 Machine Gun Platoon was very much discussed. All names were recalled, followed by those of later years. We drank a toast to all Royal Scots Fusiliers on both evenings.

On Saturday, 5th September, 1959, we held a Social and Dance at the Chevrons Club. Present were: Major and Mrs. F. E. Cartwright, on holiday from Ayr in the South; Tom and Mrs. Linard, daughter, son-in-law and friend; Tommy and Mrs. Terrell, daughter, and two friends; Chalky and Mrs. Whiting; Harry and Mrs. Steward; Ernie and Mrs. Hills; Masha Hemings (Masha and Mrs. Hemings were present at Grand Reunion, 11th April, 1959); Bert Roe, Sam Pope, Jock McAtee, Alex. Davie, Tommy Dow, Peter Greenhorn—Total 25. We were all pleased to welcome each other, and congratulate Tommy Terrell (Barnhurst, Kent), Tommy Dow (Reading), Peter Greenhorn (Dartford, Kent), Chalky Whiting (Barnet), Jock McAtee (Grove Park), Major and Mrs. F. E. Cartwright (Ayr), in travelling, and making the Social and Dance the jolly gathering that it was. It goes without saying that a wee disappointment was prevalent owing to the small number present, and it was asked why? The important point is that all the work which is put in by all members regarding our Derby Draw helps the Branch to cover the losses. You may be able to think up something whereby we could obtain a better attendance when we meet. All we ask is that you submit ideas, even though you may have misgivings about them. Why is it? Are we running too many functions? Is the initial cost of such functions too high? Or is it that we forget the dates of functions? Do the dates clash with your other arrangements? Any suggestions are welcome. Something's wrong! What is it? Send your views on the Branch, be they for or against, so that we may discuss them in Committee. My own personal view is that we wish to meet each other

but cannot make a fixed date. Why? Because we are not sure of our particular Buddy being present. He could be present at the next function. How hard it is to read the thoughts of others when writing.

Saturday, 10th October, 1959, we held our 24th Annual Dinner and Dance. Brigadier I. Buchanan-Dunlop, C.B.E., D.S.O., was Chairman. 85 sat down to an excellent dinner and, I believe, enjoyed by all. Lists with names of those who had written they were unable to attend were placed on tables. Toasts: "The Queen," "The Regiment," Brigadier I. Buchanan-Dunlop. "Our Guests and Visitors," Capt. C. H. Asals, our Branch chairman. "Reply for Guests," C.Q.M.S. Garrett, 1st Bn. Royal Highland Fusiliers. "Our Association," Mr. A. C. Linard. All were given very well indeed, and heartily responded to. Bert Roe carried duties of Toastmaster very well, in place of Dicky Jenkins, who was representing our Branch at Highland Light Infantry, London Branch, O.C.A.'s Annual Dinner and Dance. Dicky reports that he was received as one of the family. We hope gradually to get members of both our Branches to meet more often. Rab Clinton did a very good job of the piping at our Dinner and Dance—our thanks for his services.

Dinner over, the hall was made ready for dancing. This event once again went off very well, with the usual 21st Foot spirit, everyone enjoying themselves on the floor, at the bar, and "nattering." It's funny, but at these functions we just cannot keep in each other's company as long as we would like to. 11 p.m. came round, and with it "Auld Lang Syne" around "The Little Man" (Regimental Officer's Busby Cap Badge), and our "Wee Baby" (Royal Highland Fusiliers Cap Badge and Button), followed by "The Queen." We are hoping that the promises to be present on 5th December will be fulfilled. Present were: Brig. and Mrs. I. Buchanan-Dunlop; Brig. and Mrs. R. E. Hobday; Major H. W. P. Harrison; Major and Mrs. A. Harrison; Capt. and Mrs. C. H. Asals; Messrs. Tom Linard and lady; Jim Byrnes, Sen., and Mrs. Byrnes; Jim Byrnes, Jun., and Mrs. Byrnes; Mrs. Bellmaine, son and daughter-in-law; Lew and Mrs. Burrows; Rab Clinton, Tommy, and Mrs. Collins; W.O.II C. Crawford, A.C.C.; Jim and Mrs. Carr; Tommy Dow, Jock Durie, Miss M. Tyrell; C/Sgt. and Mrs. J. Garrett; Don Greenleaf; Ernie and Mrs. Hills; Sam and Mrs. Hudson; Jim Treagus, Mrs. Holden, Skin Jenkins, Geordie Kinghorn, Charlie Muston, Bert and Mrs. Roe, Jim Selridge, Jack Smith, Fred Sawyer, Tommy and Mrs. Terrell, Mrs. Lily Terrell and daughter, Jack and Mrs. Tilson, Bob Palmer, Jim and Mrs. Carr, Masha and Mrs. Hemings, Jock McAtee, Robert and Mrs. Statterley, Charlie Bryant, and Busty and Mrs. Callen. Many had relatives and friends with them. It was, indeed, a pleasure to have Major A. Harrison, son of the late Capt. Harrison, Q.M., Royal Scots Fusiliers. Major A. Harrison served with the Band of the 1st Bn. in 1926. Jim Carr was with 6/7th Bn. in 1917, Charlie Muston had travelled up from Portsmouth, Tommy Collins from Leicester. Our guests were C/Sgt. and Mrs. J. Garrett, W.O. II. C. Crawford, A.C.C., who had travelled from Edinburgh, representing 1st Bn. Royal Highland Fusiliers. Telegram from Major A. H. Cooper, Ayr Branch, was read out during the evening.

On Sunday, 8th November, 1959, Tom and Mrs. Linard, Dicky Jenkins, Sam Hudson, Jock McAtee were present at the National Memorial Service at the Cenotaph, Whitehall. After the Service Tom Linard laid the Branch's wreath. From the Cenotaph we proceeded to the Field of Remembrance. There were two wreath crosses on our plot, one from Edinburgh Club, and one from London Branch, with the words, "They gave their to-morrows for our to-days." There were many crosses of poppies on the plot, one for Lt. Buchanan, another for Sgt. Fox (West Kilburn), both killed in the First World War. Our plot, No. 47, must never be forgotten, because we owe much to those who gave their lives.

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Now for functions for the first half of 1960: For 8th April we have booked a coach to travel to Ayr, leaving London at 9 p.m. Friday, 8th April, arriving at Ayr at 9 a.m. Saturday the 9th. Leaving Ayr 4 p.m. on Sunday the 10th, arriving back in London 6 a.m. Monday, 11th April. The coach will be available to travel from Ayr to Hampden Park, Glasgow, for those wishing to go to the match. Return fare to Ayr will be £4 5s. If you are interested, you are asked to send your Regt. No., name and address, and names of your ladies and friends travelling.

The proposed route is as follows: Leave Chevrons Club, Dorset Square, Baker Street, London, N.W.1, 9 p.m. prompt, via Mill Hill, London Colney, Midland Motorway to Crick, Lutterworth, Leicester, Newark, joining the Great North Road to Scotch Corner, Brough, Bowes, Penrith, Carlisle, Carlisle-Dumfries Road, to Ayr. Please forward your names as soon as possible.

We have received an invitation from 4/5th Bn. to spend Saturday, 25th June, 1960, as their guests for the day. This day will be in the form of a "Family Day Outing." Arrangements will be made to travel down by train. An invitation also goes to all ex-4/5th Boys who served in the 1939-45 war, to attend a Dinner with members of Bn. at Shorncliffe. The date will be on an evening between 19th June and 2nd July. Arrangements will be made to accommodate any who wish to stay overnight. May I please have the names of those interested.

With deep regret I have to announce the passing of A. Drinkwater this year. "Drinky," as many knew him, served with the 2nd Bn. in India during the 1920's.

Our old friend, Buddy Crane, passed away on 9th

June, 1959. His service with the Regiment expired in 1941 with the rank of Band Sergeant. Buddy joined the Regiment in 1924 at Maryhill, serving mostly with 1st Bn. He was of a very likeable and cheery disposition. Served as follows: Home, 7 years, 283 days; Palestine, 290 days; Egypt, 3-154; Palestine, 111; Egypt, 117; India, 3-203; Home, 1-34—Total 17 years, 97 days. He was employed as a messenger at the War Office, Whitehall, from 1941 until he passed away. Condolences have been sent to relatives of both our old friends.

It was a great pleasure to receive a letter from Hughie Riley, Toronto, Canada, asking for news of old friends. Hughie was at Mons in 1914; Tommy Page, Ted Groves, South Africa; wishing all members well.

I have been asked by ex-4619898 L/Sgt. F. Sutton, Bren Carrier Platoon, S Coy., 2nd Bn., to give his address: 102 Esher Gardens, Inner Park Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19. He would like to get into contact with old friends.

No doubt the 1st Bn. Royal Highland Fusiliers will now be in Aden and we trust they had a very comfortable journey from Edinburgh, and that their stay in Aden will be a very pleasant one. To all ranks we wish a safe and speedy return to U.K.

Wishing each and everyone a very Happy and Prosperous New Year for 1960.

Yours sincerely,

TOM LINARD, *Hon. Secretary.*

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H.L.I. ASSOCIATION (London Branch)

DEAR EDITOR,

London calling. H.L.I. Association (London Branch) would crave a few lines in your Second Edition.

Another year draws to a close, and we down here can look back upon a pleasant and successful year.

Membership of our Branch has retained its high standard and great interest has been shown by one and all in Branch activities.

Our Quarterly Meetings have been well attended, with an occasional new (old) face putting in an appearance.

The highlight of our year, our Annual Re-union Dinner and Dance, was held on 10th October, 1959, at the Chatham Room, Victoria Station, S.W.1. We mustered approximately 120 members and friends. It was grand to see many whom we had not sighted since our last Re-union. Back to the fold they came. The comradeship and regimental spirit still prevails strongly. There were many we should have wished to be present and we do hope that they will renew their acquaintance with the Branch and be with us in 1960.

Assembly time for our Re-union was approximately 6 p.m. The usual get-together commenced. Old friends hailing and giving welcome to each other. Same old jokes and past experiences dug up. At 7 p.m. all sat down to a splendid dinner with our Branch Chairman, Brig. J. M. Latham, M.C., in the chair. During dinner toasts

to Her Majesty The Queen, H.R.H. Princess Margaret, and the Regiment were given.

In response to a telegram sent from the Branch a telegram was received from H.R.H. Princess Margaret wishing all assembled a most pleasant evening and thanking all for their kind greetings. A second telegram from a very old and dear friend of the London Branch—Mrs. R. E. S. Prentice—was read by the chairman. Mrs. Prentice expressed the wish that the Re-union would be a great success and conveyed her best wishes to all present.

Our guest of the evening was the Colonel of the Royal Highland Fusiliers, Major-General Bramwell-Davis, G.O.C. Aldershot Command. We were all so glad to have him with us on such an occasion. The General has always exhibited a keen and lively interest in London Branch activities. Many of our members had served under him during his association with the Regiment.

The General gave the assembly a most interesting account of the newly merged Regiment. He told us that all had gone with such smoothness and adaptability, that it reflected great credit on all concerned. The Regiment—R.H.F.—as now constituted, was one of which we might all be proud. Their bearing and smartness had signalled them out for high recognition. They had been selected by Her Majesty The Queen to form the Guard of Honour at Balmoral during her stay and for and for the visit of the President of America. These duties had been undertaken in such a manner as to call for admiration from all the responsible authorities. The General

held no doubt that the past records of both regiments were in safe keeping, and that as formed constituted a regiment second to none. Continuing, the General expressed the wish that the London Branches of both regiments would get closer together, see more of each other and work in unison on all matters appertaining to the regiment.

Amid applause from the assembly, Brig. J. M. Latham, M.C., our Chairman, thanked the General for his most interesting account of the Regiment's activities.

Present with us on this occasion were Mrs. Pedder, our very regular friend Col. McCullam, Colonel and Mrs. Conway-Gordon, and Lt. R. A. Cross.

Dinner over, the floor was cleared and made ready for an evening's dancing, enjoyed and continued until 11 p.m. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all! Great credit is due to our Entertainment Committee for their hard work and for providing us with such excellent entertainment. They shine more as the years go by. Our thanks must go to the ladies who did so much to ensure success. Their raffle ambush was really worthy of the best scouting rules. The close of such a splendid evening came all too soon for us all.

With very deep regret we have to announce the passing of Richard (Dick) Adcock. Dick had been associated with the London Branch since its formation. He held the position as Secretary for 25 years, only then giving up for failing health. We are much the poorer for his passing; the Branch could have had no more loyal and steadfast member.

On 7th November, 1959, a deputation representing the Branch attended the Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey, in conjunction with other Light Infantry Regiments. There a short service was held and a wreath placed on our Regimental plot to the Memory of our Comrades who gave their lives in the two World Wars.

During the year a pleasant day's outing was arranged by Mr. Elliot. He conducted a large party of members over Fullers' Brewery, Chiswick. He explained to members the process of brewing from start to finish. Thank you, Mr. Elliot. I'm sure all look forward to a second trip up all those stairs and the final sit down in the basement afterwards.

In closing, I would wish to mention that we do hope in the near future to get very much closer to our friends, the London Branch of the R.S.F. We now have very much in common!

Our greetings to all serving and to Sister Associations.

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The Lowland Brigade Club

DURING June 1959, the annual Cricket match *versus* the Highland Brigade Club was played in Edinburgh. The following officers from the Royal Highland Fusiliers played in the Lowland Brigade Club team: Majors W. D. Douglas, D. W. S. Martin, D. Balfour Scott and Lieut. J. D. Drummond. Major Douglas took 4 wickets and Lieut. Drummond 5.

The Lowland Brigade won by an innings and 14 runs.

In the annual Golf Match *versus* the Highland Brigade Club at Muirfield in June 1959, Lieuts. J. E. Snodgrass and J. D. Drummond represented the Royal Highland Fusiliers. The result was a draw.

The Highland Brigade Club *versus* Lowland Brigade Club Curling Match took place at Crossmyloof Ice Rink on 24th November, 1959. The result was a win for the Lowland Brigade. The Royal Highland Fusiliers were well represented at this most enjoyable meeting.

The Inter-Regimental Curling Match took place at Crossmyloof Ice Rink on Friday, 11th December, 1959. This resulted in a narrow win in the final for the King's Own Scottish Borderers over the Royal Highland Fusiliers team which was over the Royal Highland Fusiliers team which was as follows:

Brigadier J. D. Russell, C.B., D.S.O. (*Skip*).

A. C. Crerar.

Major (Q.M.) Wm. Smith.

Capt. D. M. Roberts

DO YOU KNOW? (ii) *Answers on Page 67*

1. Which Regiment or Corps has no gold fringe on the edges of its colours?
2. Who are:—
 - (i) The Red Devils?
 - (ii) The Blue Devils?
3. Why the Morse Code is so named?
4. Where the word "artillery" occurs in the Bible?
5. Whom Napoleon referred to as the "Bravest of the Brave"?
6. Where the expression "point blank" originated?
7. What the following have in common?
 - (i) Command of the Belem Rangers.
 - (ii) Limogé.
 - (iii) Stellenbosched.
8. What is the origin of the following words?

(i) Cushy	(vi) Puttee
(ii) Barrage	(vii) Knapsack
(iii) Canteen	(viii) Cadre
(iv) Howitzer	(ix) Blighty
(v) Dixy	(x) Shrapnel

REGIMENTAL DINNER

THE annual Regimental Dinner was held at Claridges on Friday, 30th October. It was preceded by a Luncheon for officers and their ladies which Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief, graciously attended.

It was pleasing to see such a large number of members were able to turn up for the first Dinner of the Royal Highland Fusiliers Officers' Dinner Club. We sat down 85.

The Luncheon was also very well supported, there being 111 present.

In the afternoon the Regimental film of the Colonel-in-Chief's visit to Glasgow and Ayr in May was shown to those who had not had a previous opportunity of seeing it.

The names of those who attended the Dinner are given below:—

Major H. A. Adams.	Major J. H. Lean.
Lieut. A. J. B. Agnew.	Brigadier H. L. E. Leask.
Lieut. R. P. Armstrong.	Capt. A. P. Leslie.
Col. J. F. Armstrong.	Capt. D. I. A. Mack.
Major D. Balfour Scott.	Lieut. A. L. Mack.
Lieut. G. H. C. Balfour-Kinnear.	Lieut. A. J. B. McCready.
Col. M. A. Bell.	Major D. I. Mackenzie.
Maj.-General R. A. Bramwell Davis.	Major D. W. S. Martin.
Major Hon. J. H. M. Borwick.	Col. J. L. Maxwell.
Sir Charles Buchanan.	Lt.-Col. P. St. C. Maxwell.
Col. M. B. Buchanan.	Lt.-Col. A. C. W. May.
Brigadier A. I. Buchanan Dunlop.	Lieut. R. P. Miller.
Lieut. R. H. Duncan.	Major. J. A. A. Milman.
Major H. P. L. Cameron.	Brigadier E. J. Montgomery.
2/Lt. I. C. S. Cartwright.	Major T. R. Mordaunt-Hare.
Major R. H. D. R. Channer.	Lieut. A. J. Murray.
Lt.-Col. H. K. D. R. Channer.	Brigadier F. B. B. Noble.
Major C. Colvin.	Major W. H. H. Northcott.
Lt. R. N. R. Cross.	Major M. O'Donovan.
Capt. C. D. Craigie-Halkett.	Capt. P. M. Oatts.
Colonel L. A. G. Dalziel.	Major G. C. R. L. Pender.
Capt. A. M. Scrase Dickins.	Lt.-Col. J. W. M. Paterson.
Capt. J. D. Dixon.	Lieut. D. J. Palmer.
2/Lt. J. D. Drummond.	Lt.-Col. Jeremy McN. Porter.
Major W. N. Dormer.	Lieut. A. M. Pollock.
Major W. D. Douglas.	Capt. D. M. Robertson.
Major C. W. Dunbar.	Col. W. A. Salmon.
Major A. J. Du Sautoy.	Lt.-Col. Ross-Skinner.
Capt. J. S. M. Edwards.	2/Lt. J. E. Snodgrass.
Lt.-Col. M. J. Evetts.	Major P. M. Steptoe.
2/Lt. A. A. H. Fisher.	Major B. A. Stewart.
Lt.-Col. T. G. Galbraith.	Capt. J. E. Staheli.
Major R. Bromley Gardner.	Brigadier F. S. Thackery.
Major R. L. S. Green.	Capt. G. A. Thom.
Major F. G. M. Grey.	Major C. S. B. Thompson Royds.
Capt. A. F. D. Gordon.	Major H. A. I. Thompson.
Capt. J. D. Halstead.	Capt. A. Ward.
Brigadier R. E. Hobday.	Major H. D. Watt.
Major F. J. Hawley.	Major J. D. H. Whitcombe.
Major D. G. C. S. Inglis.	Capt. W. H. S. Whamond.
Col. J. C. Kemp.	Major G. D. Wilmot.
Capt. W. W. Kerr.	Capt. E. I. Wirgman.
Major H. T. Lawden	

Horsemastership Courses for Army Officers

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MAJOR GEORGE BOON, Riding Master at the R.A.S.C. Horse Transport Company at Aldershot and well-known in show jumping circles, once a year runs a horsemastership course for selected officers from all regiments, sponsored by the Army Saddle Clubs Association. The course aims at training officers to the standard required to enable them to run their regimental stables efficiently and give some instruction to their regiments.

For anyone who is really keen to improve his equitation and horsemastership this course is probably second to none; but one must go prepared to sink one's pride and start right at the beginning, for the first lesson takes place on a wooden dummy horse. However, it is not for beginners.

Nine of us assembled at Aldershot and were introduced first to George Boon and then to the wooden horse. We were taught the army way of cleaning tack, grooming, laying bedding, saddling-up and so on, and next day we progressed to the riding school, which was to be our second home for six weeks.

Those who have attended an army riding school will know all about the mysterious evolutions and back-breaking antics which riding masters like to inflict on their pupils, but they might still be surprised at the fine art to which George Boon has developed his "loosening exercises." Nearly all work, and certainly every exercise, was done without stirrups.

The exercises varied from the well-known one of lying back along the horse's croup then bending forward below his withers about 15-20 times, to toe grasping (not touching) with opposite hands. Later, both these exercises were done at the trot. Others at the halt were a back somersault to the ground, having first turned to sit sideways, and a really fiendish one of swivelling, seated, right round the saddle, swinging one's legs over pommel and cantle with gay abandon. The prize occasion was when one animal became restive and started bucking and rearing while the unfortunate rider was facing his tail.

The first week we groomed our horses and cleaned our army tack. Both army horses and tack seem to require much more cleaning than one's own. Certainly, army issue steel bits and irons seem to be made especially to gather rust, and each evening the tiny tack room almost burst at the seams as nine officers tripped over each other's entanglements of reins and leathers while they desperately tried to put a military shine on some dreadful piece of rusty ironmongery. It was all rather like one's first few weeks at Sandhurst over again.

Riding school occupied two periods of an hour and a half each day, except for Wednesday afternoon and Saturday, and we had a change of horse about once a week. By the third week dressage movements were being attempted, and both indoor and outdoor jumping without stirrups or reins was a regular feature.

The foundation of an independent seat and suppleness of body were taught in the Weedon method by much "quit and cross" work, daily jumping without stirrups, and such activities as taking one's jacket off going down a lane of jumps. Horse wrestling, in which two teams of four struggle to cast their opposite number to the floor, was a light-hearted but most exhausting pastime, which probably did more to improve one's knee and thigh grip than any other exercise.

The method of cultivating "hands" by not using them was also followed, much of the lane jumping being done with arms either folded or held above the head.

By the fourth week, we were receiving instruction in show jumping, and were being taught how to take a ride.

More difficult horses were produced, such as the notorious Bogey, who has so perfected his buck that even George Boon has been known to forfeit his shillings to the "rabbit" fund—though he didn't this year. This fund is a form of savings club which provides for a farewell party at the end of the course; 1s. for a fall, 6d. for loss of a hat or stick, or any other minor misdemeanour George can think up.

Other unpleasant animals appeared as well as Bogey: animals which would not ford water without rolling, animals which would bite their riders or chase them round their boxes, animals which we all firmly believed were kept hidden in dark corners and given double feeds of oats throughout the year in special preparation for this course. We could always tell when we were in for some such excitement by the troopers' grins as we assembled in the morning. It was common knowledge that they ran a book on which of us would go into hospital first.

The fourth week saw us out with the H.H.; but it was maddening that the weather limited us to only two days' hunting during the course.

The fifth and sixth weeks were devoted to more jumping, more dressage, even harder "seat" exercise, and instruction in such circus tricks as vaulting. Vaulting was exciting, often painful, but always hilarious. Horses were bridled and harnessed with a special vaulting pad with a handle on either side behind the withers. Riders were clothed in corduroys and gym shoes.

The actual vaulting exercise is done at the canter; the rider swings his legs backwards bringing them together over the croup, swings his body down and legs forward along the horse's shoulders, drops his feet to the ground about level with the horse's forefeet and using the speed of the horse to give him spring, vaults back into the saddle (or where the saddle should be—it is done bare-back).

This was also attempted as the horse took a low fence; all highly amusing—to the onlookers—for unless the rider got his timing just right he was liable either to charge the fence feet first or to be dragged through it, both of which called for an agonising reappraisal of tactics.

The course was far more than a mere riding course. It covered every aspect of horsemastership and stable management and even included periods in the saddler's shop learning how to make and mend tack.

One morning a week was spent with the vet, and was devoted to lectures and any practical work that was presented at the sick parade. Two periods a week were spent in the forge, and officers were taught how to prepare a foot for shoeing, make shoes (or at least try to) from both bar iron and old shoes, and to nail on.

We paid an interesting private visit to the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace. Later we had a talk from Major Tim Pearson on FEI and BSJA rules and course-building and, finally, instruction in training for one—and three-day horse trials. The course finished in the traditional army way with a written exam, followed by a fairly riotous party.

Six weeks with George Boon is no rest cure but it is immense fun and of tremendous value. The Army Saddle Club courses are unofficial military courses, and are supposed to count against leave; nevertheless, it is hardly surprising that they are usually heavily over-subscribed. The ground covered and standard reached is unquestionably of a high order.

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IN THE HANDS OF THE AFRIDIS—*Namani, Jan. 17, 1897*

This article was sent to us by eighty-year-old Mr. HARRY TYNDALL of Mallinson Road, Battersea, who served in the Royal Scots Fusiliers from 1893-1902. Apart from his Army service, Mr. Tyndall has had a lifetime in Uniform from his first job as a telegraph boy in 1891 until he retired as a Male Nurse in 1946. The manuscript is worn and faded in parts but has been reproduced as accurately as possible.

I HAVE obtained from Colour-Sergeant Walker of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, the following narrative of his experiences, while a prisoner with the Afridis; he said a wing of our Regiment formed part of the 4th Brigade, during General Westmacott's march down the Bara River, on the 13th of December, and my company was acting as escort to a mountain battery. At 10 in the morning the battery moved to take up its position in order to cover the rear guard's retirement; the enemy pressed us hotly after we left the river bed, and when the battery retired, the sun was getting lower; we, however, still held on to the knoll, where we were, having been ordered to protect the left flank. A little later, amid the roar of cannon and the rattle of musketry, we heard the signal for our company to retire; it then became apparent that the rear guard had passed us unnoticed in the gloom of the jungle. Our Captain accordingly ordered us to retire in threes and fours at a time when only eight of us remained. I was told to select four of the most active, to retire last. It was a difficult job as the men were worn out by a harassing day's work, and for three nights previously had been without sleep, and without kits. Captain Shortt, Lieutenant Ifott, Private Pooles and myself were in the rear of the company trying to get the men up the hill, when I heard yells and saw that the Afridis were close behind us. The Captain ordered us to turn about and fire at them; I ran forward to convey the order, but as I was doing so I tripped and fell down the ravine. In an instant several Afridis were on me struggling for my rifle—one shot me through the arm, another fired point blank at my head, and the bullet just grazed my temple. I then fainted. When I recovered consciousness I found myself stripped to the shirt and drawers, and the Afridis disputing over the spoil; this having been done and settled, my captors dragged me off, and by signs impressed upon me the futility of attempting to escape. I was carried helpless past many of the enemy camp fires to the Afridi headquarters. There, through the intercession of an Afridi who had been a sowar in the Bengal Cavalry, my clothes were returned to me. I was very tired and hungry and eagerly accepted some chapaties which were offered to me. The enemy had secured a quantity of loot, among which was the box of Sergeant Cross of the King's Own Borderers. The Afridis with eager curiosity examined its contents,

frequently referring to me for an explanation as to their uses. I noticed that the Afridis were armed with Lee-Met-fords, Martinis, Sniders and a few muzzles, but had no jezails. I was taken to the house occupied by the Gordon Highlanders on the 11th. There I remained nine days a close prisoner; I was treated kindly. On the night of the 22nd December two armed men entered the room where I was confined and, after much whispering together, ordered me to follow them. We marched in a westerly direction, and in the morning arrived in a cultivated valley surrounded by snowclad mountains. We halted at the village of Sandapul where the head man treated me kindly and dressed my wounds regularly; while here I fared well generally. I received kind letters from General Westmacott, while Mr. Hastings, the political officer, forwarded tea, sugar, and newspapers and writing material, thus enabling me to keep a diary and so lighten my captivity. New Year's day was a typical winter morning, the sun was bright on the snowbent trees. I wondered how the Regiment were spending the day and thought of the old folks at home.

My original captor, Hozrat-Nur, at this time continually absented himself on the pretence of securing my release. During one of these absences, a Burma (trader) arrived with a letter from Hangu and at midnight he whispered suggestions that I should attempt to escape, but reading the papers which had been so kindly sent me by Mr. Hastings, I read that 4 other soldiers were captives in the hands of the Afridis. I decided to refuse the tempting offer, fearing that my escape might endanger their lives.

Day followed day monotonously until January 8th, when the Malik (head man) arrived, and at the jirghas which were held, it was decided to march on the 10th. We started early on that day and marched by unfrequented mountain paths to Bara Valley; there we halted two days during which constant jirghas were held. At midnight on the third day the journey was resumed and at mid-day we reached the village of Barwan, nine miles from Namani. In the course of the afternoon an English-speaking native was sent by the political officer to escort me to Namani. When I arrived here at seven in the evening my delight knew no bounds; thus ended my captivity, which began on the 13th of December and lasted till 14th January.

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)

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THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The war against the American colonies, which broke out in 1775, was not one to rouse the enthusiasm of the people of this country and was conducted in a desultory and most ineffective manner.

American attacks on Canada were, however, decisively repulsed and the trouble only really started in 1777, when General Burgoyne, with a force which included the 21st, fought his way down from Canada to the Hudson. "Gentleman Johnny," as he was called, was a very able commander, whose one fault was a rigid adherence to the letter of his orders. Had he only had one eye, like Nelson, he would have done a good deal better. The peculiarities of the British political system had placed in the high office of Secretary for War, an officer who had been degraded for cowardice at Minden and this person, with unbelievable impudence, had planned the campaign which led Burgoyne and his men to disaster, with their communications cut and no help at hand. After a desperate encounter with the rebels at Still Water in which the 20th, 21st and 60th lost 350 out of their combined strength of 800, the small British force remained masters of the field, but, being entirely surrounded by five times its number of rebels, was obliged to withdraw gradually on Saratoga. After holding out for a few days, hoping for relief, Burgoyne surrendered with the Honours of War and an agreement, which was not kept, that his force of 3,500 men should be repatriated. In the 21st there were some 200 survivors, few of whom, it is to be feared, ever saw Scotland again.

THE RAISING OF THE 71st

Although the material loss suffered at Saratoga was small, the political consequences were grave. France, though not at war with the United Kingdom, had been actively helping the colonists and now that things were going well for their cause, was likely to declare war in their support. Under these circumstances it became urgently necessary to raise new regiments. Among these was the 73rd Highlanders, afterwards the 71st and later the 1st Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry.

The Regiment was raised in the northern counties by John MacKenzie, Lord Macleod and mustered at Elgin early in 1778. A second battalion was raised shortly afterwards by Macleod's brother, George MacKenzie.

France and Spain declared war in 1779 and the latter country immediately besieged Gibraltar. In November, the 2/73rd sailed with Admiral Rodney to its relief and, after serving as Marines during the "Moonlight Battle" off Cape St. Vincent in January, 1780, landed on the Rock and defended it for three and a half years. It then returned to Scotland and was disbanded at Stirling,

many of the officers and men transferring to the 1/73rd. It left as a legacy of its short service the battle honour Siege of Gibraltar.

THE MYSORE CAMPAIGNS

The 1/73rd sailed for India and landed at Madras in January, 1780, immediately taking the field against France's ally, Hyder Ali, Sultan of Mysore. The flank companies were annihilated in an epic stand at Conjeeveram in August and the few wounded survivors, after being dragged off the field by the Mysore Horse, spent the next three years chained to each other in the dungeons of Seringapatam. Among them was the future General, Sir David Baird. "God help the loon who's chained to oor Davie," said his old mother feelingly, when she heard the news. In a fantastic battle at Porto Novo in July, 1781, the 73rd was the only King's regiment in a force of 7,000 men, mostly native, which completely defeated a Mysore host of 100,000. Addressing the H.L.I. at the Delhi Durbar of 1911, King George V said, "I cannot but remember that if you had not been with Sir Eyre Coote at Porto Novo one hundred and thirty years ago, I might not now be addressing you as Emperor of India."

The Mysore campaign continued with constant heavy fighting, until 1784, when peace was concluded with Tippoo Sahib, who had become Sultan on the death of his father, Hyder Ali. In 1786, the regimental number was changed to the 71st. The old number, 73, was transferred to a new Highland Regiment, which afterwards became the 2nd Black Watch.

THE RAISING OF THE 74th

French intrigues in India led to the need for further new regiments and in 1787 the 74th Highland Regiment was raised in Argyll and opened its headquarters in Glasgow early in 1788. It was a Campbell regiment, eleven of the original officers being of that name, including the Colonel, Sir Archibald Campbell of Inverneil. It sailed for India by companies and in 1789 fought alongside the 71st in the second Mysore campaign, taking part in the capture of Bangalore and Seringapatam. Both the 71st and the 74th also reduced numerous hill fortresses; strongholds perched on precipitous cliffs and surrounded by jungle so dense that artillery could not get through it and the infantry had to carry them by assault. The infantry had to be able to do anything in those days; not only to fight in every conceivable type of country, but also to construct such works as bridges and fortifications which are nowadays the task of sappers. They could fight as mounted infantry or marines if required and were even known, on at least one occasion, to sail a square-rigged ship.

THE NAPOLEONIC WARS

War with the French Revolutionary Government broke out in 1793 and continued, with one or two brief respites, until Napoleon was driven from the field of Waterloo, 22 years later. Following his father's policy, the younger Pitt endeavoured to avoid commitments in Europe and to defeat France by the seizure of her overseas possessions. In 1794 the 21st, which had been raised again in 1781 by the few officer survivors of Saratoga, took part in the notable feat of arms which led to the capture of the island of Martinique, now borne as a battle honour. Thereafter the Regiment remained to garrison the West Indies till 1806, when it was transferred to the Mediterranean and helped to repulse a French invasion of Sicily. The Grenadier company took part in a landing at Alicante, in Spain and the Regiment was present at the fall of Genoa, in 1814. A second battalion, raised in 1804 and disbanded in 1816, fought in the desperate assault on the French-held Dutch fortress of Bergen-op-Zoom, in 1814.

SERINGAPATAM—ASSAYE

Meanwhile in 1799 the 74th had entered the 3rd Mysore campaign, which ended in the storming of Seringapatam and the death of Tippoo Sahib during the fighting at bayonet-point within the walls. There followed an arduous campaign against the Polygars. No sooner was this finished than the Mahratta Princes arose, overthrew the Peshwa, who was the head of their confederacy and friendly to the British and invaded the territories of the Nizam of Hyderabad, among those titles was that of "Faithful Ally of the British Empire." Marching with a small force under Sir Arthur Wellesley, afterwards the great Duke of Wellington, the 74th took part in the storming of Ahmednagar and entered on the prolonged Mahratta campaign, in which the Regiment was to gain such well-deserved renown and such deathless glory.

With a force of barely 5,000 men, of whom less than 2,000 were British, Wellesley followed up the Mahrattas by forced marches and so, in the afternoon of 23rd September, 1803, found himself at Assaye close before the French-led Mahratta host of twenty times his strength with 200 cannon. Retreat being impossible, he forded the river which lay between and deployed on the far side, advancing on the enemy without his guns, some of which remain on the river to this day.

The 74th on the right flank immediately came under heavy artillery fire, while round-shot and canister tore through the ranks. The native picquets, or advanced guard, rushed back through them in disorder. Then the enemy cavalry charged, galloping down the ranks and laying about them with razor sharp swords. The 74th gave no ground, but fought dourly back, closing in upon the Colours, which were held up by N.C.O.'s, for their officers were all down. The Quartermaster left the baggage and ran forward with drawn sword to take command of the remnant, which was at last saved from total extinction by a charge of the 19th Light Dragoons. The 74th had paraded 500 strong that morning, but less than 100 were led from the victorious field as night fell. The Mahrattas had been scattered to the four winds and, though all of Wellesley's force had performed most valorous feats, it was the 74th which saved the day. The Duke of Wellington never forgot its defence of the right flank. Although the strictest of disciplinarians, he afterwards refused to allow a man of the Regiment to be hanged, stating that it would be "inappropriate" for a soldier of the 74th to suffer an ignoble death. The action is commemorated by the unique distinction of the Assaye colour.

The remnants of the 74th continued in the field, fighting at the battle of Argaum in November and at the storming of Gwalighur in December, 1803.

The 71st had left India in 1798 and the 74th at the end of the Mahratta campaign in 1805. Between them, they had earned the following battle honours:—Garnatic, Hindoostan, Sholtinghur, Mysore, Seringapatam, Assaye.

SOUTH AFRICA—SOUTH AMERICA

In 1805, the 71st sailed with the Highland Brigade (71st, 73rd, 92nd) for the Cape of Good Hope and took it from the Dutch, after an opposed landing and an old-fashioned Highland charge at the battle of Blueberg, during which the Regiment captured the enemy's entire artillery. In the following year it had the misfortune to be selected for an unauthorised expedition against the Spanish Colonies in South America and captured Buenos Ayres. Reinforcements were slow in arriving, and the small force was eventually pinned down in the fort which the commander, General Beresford, was finally obliged to surrender on terms. The 71st marched out with the Honours of War and spent a year in captivity during which all ranks were very hospitably treated, so that the Regiment returned home in 1807 practically intact.

PENINSULAR CAMPAIGNS

Meanwhile Napoleon had established an iron grip over the whole of Europe, from the Mediterranean to the Baltic. In 1808, the Spaniards revolted against him and in support of this rising the British Government dispatched a force to Portugal, under Sir Arthur Wellesley, with instructions to clear the French out of that country. The 71st went with it and fought in the battle of Rolicca, on 17th August, 1808 and at the decisive battle of Vimiera, four days later, during which the Regiment captured a French general and several guns. There followed the Convention of Cintra, under which the French were allowed to evacuate Portugal unopposed.

In September, Sir John Moore took command and the 71st followed him into Spain. Napoleon had brought the French army in Spain up to 200,000 men and took the field in person. Sir John Moore, while advancing on Burgos, realised his danger in time and retreated to Corunna, closely followed by the French under Marshal Soult. Corunna was reached on the 15th January, 1809, after intolerable hardships and as the French pressed closely and the transports were still beating in towards the shore, the 71st engaged the enemy on the heights on the 16th. On the following day the army turned at bay, with its back to the sea and flung the French back at the battle of Corunna, thereafter embarking undefeated and in dignity, having earned the battle honours Rolicca, Vimiera, Corunna.

On its return home, the 71st was converted to a light infantry regiment and in its new role took part in the Walchern Expedition of July, 1809. After fighting at the capture of the fortresses of Veere and Flushing, it returned home in December and sailed for the Peninsula in May, 1810. Sir Arthur Wellesley had again taken command of the Anglo-Portuguese army and was resisting a French invasion under Marshal Massena. The 74th had joined Wellesley in the previous year. It was a young Regiment, for the bones of most of its fine old soldiers lay beneath the battlefields of Southern India; but it was still the 74th, the Assaye Regiment. All had heard of it and it was accorded as much respect in the Peninsular army as if every man in it had held the right flank at Assaye. At Busaco, on 27th September, 1809, the Regiment started to waver under the heavy artillery fire to which it was exposed, but the Colonel cantered down the ranks shouting, "Steady 74th! Remember Assaye! Stand firm!" It was the last time the 74th required such a reminder during the whole of its history.

At the siege and capture of Badajos, one of the most formidable operations in the history of war, the 74th was in the 3rd Division in a diversionary attack on the castle, which Wellington never expected to succeed. At night and under fire they crossed the dam over the river, scaled the heights and put up their ladders which, as the assault parties reached the top, were flung down over and again and their occupants hurled into the river. At last one party succeeded and Piper MacLaughlan, of the 74th, was among the first on the ramparts. The ancient Campbell air, the quickstep of the 74th, sounded through the night above the din of battle, Bha mi air banais am Bail 'Ionhhar-aor-a ("I've been to a wedding at Inveraray"), while the garrison was chased out through the gate into the town. When news of this exploit reached him, Wellington had been about to acknowledge failure, for in spite of the utmost gallantry, the stormers had been repulsed in three separate attacks on the curtain wall; but his luck held and he rode into Badajoz in the morning.

At Vittoria, the 71st, on the right flank, scaled and held the Puebla Heights against the most desperate enemy counter-attacks, while in the centre the 74th fought its way forward in line, dressing on the Colours which became a target for every French gun in front. A near miss covered the colour party with earth and stones and struck down Piper John MacLaughlan, he of Badajoz, who was playing behind the Colours. He called to the Colour-Sergeant to prop him up and hand him his pipes, which he then played until he died.

The 71st, a Light Infantry Regiment, which fought throughout under Sir Rowland Hill, became accustomed to their Brigadier's shout, "Let the 71st go forward!" and it may well be imagined with what pride and eagerness the Regiment responded to this call to action.

Napoleon abdicated in 1814 and the war ended at last—a few days before the 74th lost half its strength at the palisades of Jumeaux in front of Toulouse.

Until the end, either the 71st or 74th and on many occasions both, was present at every major engagement except Albuera. Their battle honours were Busaco, Fuentes D'Honor, Almaraz, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Salamanca, Vittoria, Pyrenees, Nivelles, Nive, Orthez, Toulouse and a stirring tale could be told of the part they played in each one of these great victories, as they marched with Wellington's army through Portugal and Spain, across the Pyrenees and into the green fields and vineyards of France. Their ranks decimated again and again, few reached Toulouse who had fought at Busaco, but as Regiments they were indestructible.

WAR WITH AMERICA

The U.S.A. had declared war on Great Britain in 1812, but the United Kingdom was fully extended against Napoleon. However, at the end of the Peninsular War, several regiments were at once transferred from Europe to America. The 21st was among them, being part of the force which defeated the Americans at Bladensburgh and entered Washington, where a company of Fusiliers ate up the Presidential banquet which had been prepared to celebrate their defeat. The British troops were afterwards much criticised for setting alight to Washington before leaving; but the behaviour of the Americans after Saratoga had not endeared them to the British Army and the 21st in particular had a score or two to settle. The Americans were again defeated at Baltimore and peace was signed on Christmas Eve, 1814. Unfortunately the news did not reach the armies in time to prevent a third engagement at New Orleans, which was indecisive and cost many lives. The unique battle honour, Bladensburgh, was awarded to the 21st.

WATERLOO

In 1815, Napoleon escaped from Elba and invaded Belgium, where the Duke of Wellington awaited him at the head of what he described as the worst army he had ever commanded. Only about one third were British and the Dutch and Belgian allies were of very doubtful quality to put into the field against the French "Old Moustaches," and their great leader. When asked what he thought of his chances, Wellington pointed to a British infantryman, gazing at a statue in Brussels. "It all depends on that fellow," he said.

Napoleon beat the Prussians at Ligny, but was held by Wellington at Quatre Bras. The allied army then took up a defensive position at Waterloo, guarding the road to Brussels and there prepared to give battle relying on Prussian support later in the day.

On the morning of 18th July, 1815, the 71st in Adam's Light Brigade, took up its position on the right of the allied line, a musket shot from the advanced post of Hougoumont. For over two hours the Regiment was exposed to intense artillery-fire and when it moved at last, left 127 killed and wounded on the ground. During the battle the 71st repulsed seven cavalry charges, during one of which the Duke, attended only by his trumpeter, took refuge in their square. Towards evening, as the Prussians arrived on the French right, the Regiment charged the "Middle Guard" and drove it back. Leading the final advance, it assaulted the reserve position of the Old Guard and captured a battery, one of the guns of which was turned round and discharged at the retreating enemy. An original painting of this incident, entitled "The Last Gun," is in the Regiment's possession. Later, when the march started for Paris, the 71st rode on French cavalry horses, thinking it "as well riding as walking," as one of them said. They had gained the battle honour Waterloo.

THE "LONG PEACE"

The forty years between Waterloo and the Crimea were known as "the long peace," but, with riots in England, rebellions in Ireland and troubles all over the British Empire, there was plenty for a soldier to do. The 71st among other activities, subdued a rebellion by French Canadians and discouraged attempts by the "Yankees" to cross the Canadian border in support. The 74th won an additional battle honour, that of South Africa, 1851-2-3, for which they had to fight for three years against the Kaffir tribes raiding and terrorising Cape Colony.

In 1852 the Birkenhead transport sailed for the Cape of Good Hope with reinforcements for the Kaffir War. The 74th had the largest draft on board, and the O.C. Troops, Lt.-Col. Seton, had just been appointed to the command of the Regiment in place of Lt.-Col. Fordyce, killed in action. Besides the troops, who were nearly all young recruits, there were about twenty-six women and children. The ship went on the rocks off Danger Point, while rounding the Cape, and the water, rushing in drowned many soldiers in their hammocks. The remainder fell-in on deck under their officers, manned the pumps and got the few boats safely away with the women and children. When the ship broke up, Colonel Seton called to the men to stand fast, lest by jumping overboard they should endanger the boats, which were lying off, close by. They accordingly kept their ranks and went down with the ship; there being only 193 survivors out of a company of 631; but all women and children were saved. The incident struck the imagination of the world and the story was read out at the head of every regiment in the Prussian Army, as a supreme example of discipline, courage and self-sacrifice.

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1st BATTALION BIRTHS

P/M Carver, H.Q., Daughter Catriona, 6th July, 1959.
 L/Cpl. Smith, H.Q., Daughter Jane, 6th July, 1959.
 Sgt. Duffy, H.Q., Daughter Susan, 26th July, 1959.
 Sgt. McTomney, H.Q., Son John, 31st May, 1959.
 Cpl. Ravenscroft, H.Q., Son David, 7th July, 1959.
 Bdsm. Kerr, H.Q., Son Andrew, 3rd June, 1959.
 Cpl. Anderson, A., Daughter Hilda Elizabeth, 29th October, 1959.
 Fus. McBurney, A., Daughter Wendy, 9th September, 1959.
 L/Cpl. Bermingham, A., Son Christopher, 18th November, 1959.
 Fus. Kirkpatrick, A., Son Shaun, 25th August, 1959.
 L/Cpl. Welsh, C., Daughter Sharon, 30th September, 1959.
 Fus. Gilday, C., Son Brian John, 25th August 1959.
 Fus. Harte, D., Son Gerald, 24th May, 1959.
 Cpl. McCann, Sp., Daughter Yvonne Angela, 7th May, 1959.
 Fus. Frew, Sp., Daughter Elizabeth, 13th August, 1959.
 Sgt. Boardman, Sp. (R.E.M.E.), Daughter Teresa Ann 26th August, 1959.
 Fus. McRobert, Sp., Son George, 2nd June, 1959.
 Sgt. Gillies, Sp., Son John Angus, 2nd July, 1959.
 Fus. Duffin, Sp., Son Charles, 14th August, 1959.
 Fus. Gould, Sp., Son David, 14th September, 1959.
 L/Cpl. McCutcheon, Sp., Son Alexander Brown, 1st October, 1959.
 Fus. Martin, Sp., Son John, 2nd October, 1959.

MARRIAGES

Our best wishes for a long and happy married life go to:—

		1959
Sgt. Atkinson	A	Married on 22nd July
Cpl. Greenshields	A	" " 18th Sept.
Fus. Milne	A	" " 18th Sept.
L/Cpl. Frey	A	" " 23rd May
Fus. Rodgers	C	" " 9th May
Fus. Vance	C	" " 26th Sept.
Fus. Black	C	" " 28th Sept.
Fus. Wells	C	" " 31st Oct.
Fus. Nelson	D	" " 26th Sept.
Cpl. Geddes	D	" " 26th Sept.
L/Cpl. Clark	Sp	" " 23rd May
L/Cpl. McInroy	Sp	" " 25th May
Fus. Boyle	Sp	" " 30th May
Fus. Reid	Sp	" " 27th June
L/Cpl. Wright	Sp	" " 11th July
Fus. Brown	Sp	" " 24th July
L/Cpl. Langlands	Sp	" " 22nd Aug.
Fus. Miller	Sp	" " 17th Oct.
Cpl. Anderson	HQ	" " 14th Nov.
Cpl. Hudson	HQ	" " 14th Nov.

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DEATHS

Nil

DEPOT POSTINGS—ARRIVALS

14187991 Cpl. Killen, J., from 1 R.H.F.
 23431112 L/Cpl. Lithgow, I., from 1 R.H.F.
 23456361 L/Cpl. McMeekin, R., from 1 R.H.F.
 23453687 L/Cpl. Knox, R., from 1 R.H.F.
 22934413 A/Cpl. O'Harney, A., from 1 R.H.F.
 7047748 Sgt. Carroll, P., from 4/5 R.S.F.
 23505980 Fus. Wallace, P., from Jnr. Leaders Bn.
 23681015 Fus. Byars, R., from L.B.B.O. Lanark.
 23448692 Fus. Beattie, J., from H.Q. Catterick Area.
 23502614 Fus. Noakes, E., from H.Q. Highland Brigade.
 2248607 Sgt. Brook, D., from 1 R.H.F.
 22964936 A/Sgt. Knox, J., 1 R.H.F.
 23513392 Fus. McMorro, M., from 1 R.H.F.
 23555917 Fus. Magliocco, S., from 1 R.H.F.
 23513784 Fus. Harper, A., from 1 R.H.F.
 14184477 Sgt. Conway, C., from 1 R.H.F.
 22840313 Sgt. Nicholson, M., from 1 Glasgow H (T.A.)
 23443324 Fus. Baillie, J., from 1 R.H.F.
 23456358 Fus. Leonard, H., from 1 R.H.F.
 23448669 Fus. McNab, R., from 1 R.H.F.
 14489253 Sgt. Ager, G., from Y2 List.
 14984371 Fus. Rae, D., from 1 R.H.F.
 23443322 Fus. Wallace, A., from 1 R.H.F.
 22522106 Fus. Howden, A., from 22 S.A.S. Regiment.
 2821652 WO.I McDonald, D., from 1 R.H.F.

DEPOT POSTINGS—DEPARTURES

22295698 Cpl. Quate, J., to 1 R.H.F.
 22812148 Cpl. Kennedy, J., to M.D.C. Millam
 19101997 Cpl. McKinnon, R., No. 2 H.E.C. Aldershot.
 22531612 Sgt. Mitchell, E., H.Q. Neeson Garrison, Singapore.
 23700764 Fus. O'Hear, I., H.Q. Lowland Brigade.
 14189453 Fus. Wilson, A., to 1 R.H.F.
 22771419 A/Cpl. Mills, T., to 1 R.H.F.
 22261173 A/Cpl. McGee, D., to 1 R.H.F.
 3130335 Cpl. Cooper, W., to 1 R.H.F.
 23695346 Fus. Crawford, R., to 1 R.H.F.
 2764144 Sgt. Ives, E., Transfer to M.P.S.C.
 22704138 Cpl. Wilson, W., to 1 R.H.F.
 22845832 Cpl. Sweeney, H., to 1 R.H.F.
 2256589 A/Sgt. Moores, T., to H.Q. 1 Div. Colchester.
 6977435 WO.II Cadden, W., to 6 Kar Dar-es-Salaam.
 23706591 Fus. Ryland, G., to 1 R.H.F.
 14146994 Sgt. Greevy, J., to 1 R.H.F.
 22412360 Fus. McMenemy, R., to 1 R.H.F.
 23103022 Fus. Phelan, J., to H.Q. Highland Brigade.
 23233215 Fus. Hynd, T., to 1 R.H.F.
 22772635 Sgt. Schofield, K., to 1 R.H.F.
 21124500 Cpl. Best, J., to 1 R.H.F.
 14187991 Sgt. Killen, J., to 1 R.H.F.
 14899655 Sgt. Dummelow, J., to 1 R.H.F.
 22838531 Cpl. Prow, S., to 1 R.H.F.
 3137806 Sgt. Langton, B., to R.M.S.M. Knellar Hall.
 22295664 Cpl. Killow, J., to 1 R.H.F.
 14400599 C/Sgt. Fyfe, G., to H.Q. Edinburgh Area.
 22540985 Fus. O'Hare, T., to 1 R.H.F.
 22248607 Sgt. Brook, D., to 4/5 R.S.F.
 22201125 WO.I Wilson, F., to 1 R.H.F.
 23687433 Fus. Smith, A., to 1 R.H.F.

DEPOT BIRTHS

- 23233215 Fus. Hynd, T., Son, George Robert, born at Kilbirnie, Ayrshire on 14th May, 1959.
 23236796 Cpl. McColm, A., Son, Alexander Mathew, born at Ayr on 23rd September, 1959.
 14187856 L/Cpl. King, R., Son, James, born at Irvine on 30th October, 1959.
 14451618 Cpl. Brown, E., Son, Michael William, born at Irvine on 25th October, 1959.
 14184477 Sgt. Conway, C., Son, Ronald, born at Edinburgh on 26th September, 1959.

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- 23504711 Cpl. Clutterbuck, A. Married at Ayr on 1st August, 1959.
 22934413 Fus. O'Harney, A. Married at Fleetwood on 29th August, 1959.
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Nil

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| 23709477 Fus. Ramage, W. | 23732686 Fus. Wetherall, W. | 23716621 Boy Govan, A. |
| 23709478 Fus. McCormack, D. | Discharged 3/11/59. | |
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| 23716193 Fus. Forbes, A. | 23733243 Fus. Moore, D. | Discharged 26/10/59. |
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| Discharged 16/6/59. | 23716485 Boy Young, A. | Discharged 21/10/59. |
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| 23716273 Fus. Watt, J. | 22366674 Fus. Ferguson, J. | 23736314 Fus. Cullen, N. |
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| 23710616 Fus. McBride, G. | 23734519 Fus. Rutter, M. | 23736635 Fus. McCorgray, W. |
| 23710615 Fus. Weir, R. | Discharged 9/10/59. | 23711001 Fus. Wrethman, J. |
| 23710495 Fus. Donnelly, J. | 23716511 Boy Malloch, P. | 23549380 Fus. Quinn, W. |
| 22589520 Fus. Bulger, H. | 22218663 Fus. Wilson, L. | 23681625 Fus. Rooney, D. |
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| 23710658 Fus. Knight, A. | 23735125 Fus. Green, J. | 23742085 Fus. McMillan, P. |
| Discharged 21/9/59. | 23735335 Fus. McFadzen, R. | 23742084 Fus. Brannigan, G. |
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The following letter to the Brigade Colonel from Major H. V. DAWSON, Camerons, H.Q. Scottish Command, may be of interest to retired officers resident in Scotland.

DEAR COLONEL,

R.O.s POSTS.

At the present time we are having considerable difficulty in finding replacements for R.Os. as very few officers seem to wish to live in Scotland when they leave the Army.

At this moment there are vacancies for Staff Capt. 'A' at this H.Q. and for an R.O. III at Glasgow Garrison Administrative Unit who will become Staff Capt at Lowland District on 1st April, 1960, when the G.G.A.U. disbands.

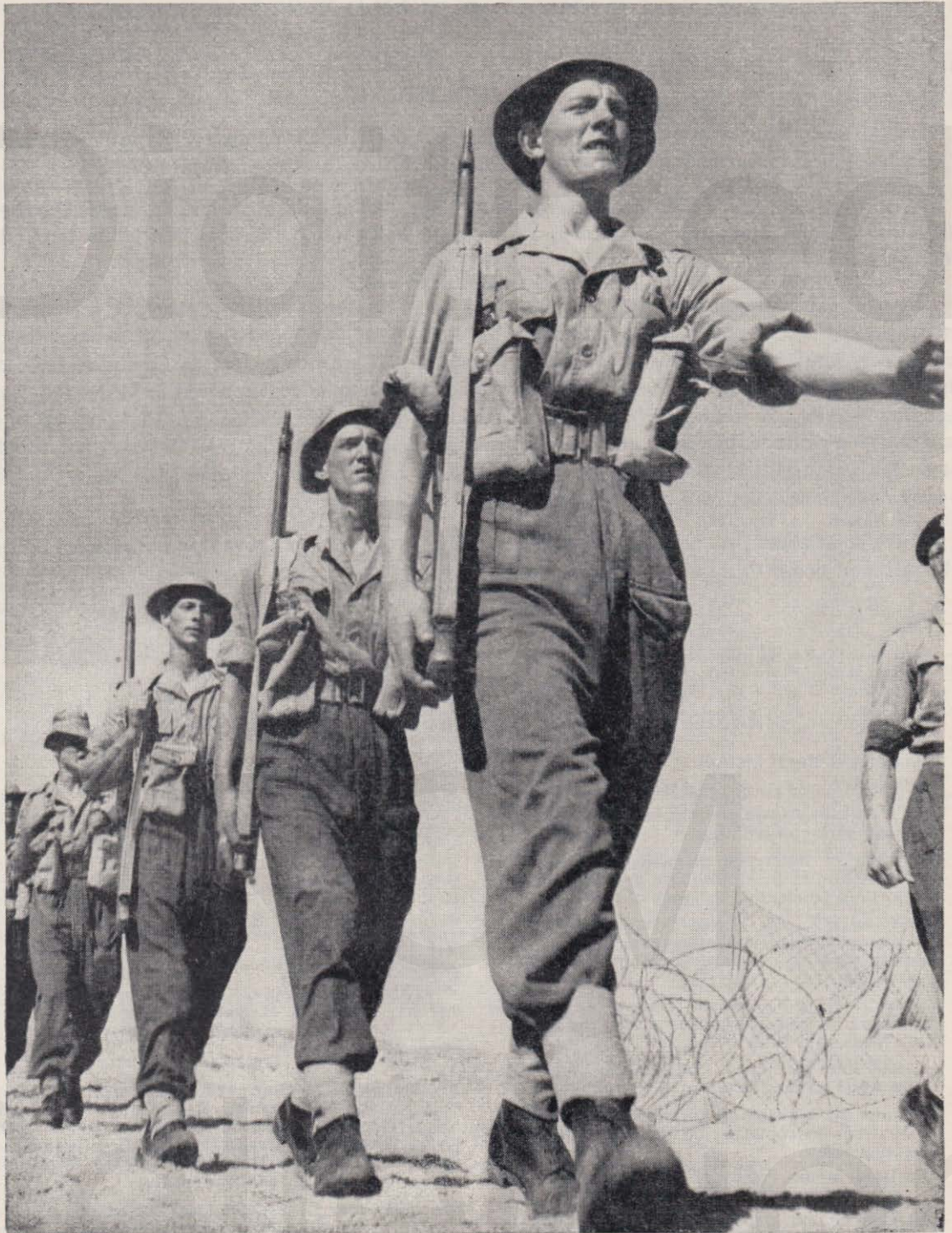
We feel that many officers when they leave the Army do not know about the R.O. scheme and that they have never applied to be considered for R.O. posts. It may be that you or your depot commanders know of officers who have recently retired and are living close to a military H.Q. or establishment where R.O.s are employed, who would be willing to be employed as R.O.s for want of anything better. If you hear of anyone who might be interested in an R.O.s job I would be most grateful if you could let me know and I will try and get him posted by the War Office, or at any rate put on the waiting list for Scotland. We will, of course, have to abide by the provisions of ACI 44 of 1959 and the selection will have to be done by C.5/RO in the War Office.

There is, of course, no necessity for a retired officer to accept a post even if he is selected by the R.O. selection board to fill it.

(Sgd.) H. V. DAWSON.

ANSWERS TO "DO YOU KNOW?" ON PAGE 58

1. The Corps of Royal Marines.
2. (i) The Airborne Forces from their maroon berets.
(ii) The Chasseurs Alpins of the French Army from their dark blue uniforms.
3. A system of telegraphic signalling invented by Professor Sam F. B. Morse, born in 1791 in Massachusetts, a painter and sculpture of repute.
4. I. Samuel XX. 40. "And Jonathan gave his artillery unto his lad, and said unto him—Go, carry them to the City." In early days artillery meant bows and arrows.
5. Marshal Ney for his brilliant handling of the rearguard and his personal bravery during the retreat from Moscow in 1812.
6. Literally from the French "point blanc" referring to the white spot in the centre of a target.
7. They are all euphemisms for the removal of an officer from his command or appointment for inefficiency or age.
 - (i) Used in the Peninsular War. Belem was a reinforcement camp in Portugal.
 - (ii) Used in the French Army in World War I. Limoges was also a reinforcement camp in France.
 - (iii) Used in the Boer War. Stellenbosch was a place on the Lines of Communication.
8. (i) Hindustani Khushi, pleasant.
(ii) From an old French word meaning curtain. Hence, a curtain of fire or line of bursting shells.
(iii) From the French word cantine, a cellar or small shop.
(iv) From the Bohemian German Haubitze, a type of cannon.
(v) From the Hindustani Degchi, a cooking pot.
(vi) From the Hindustani Patti, a bandage.
(vii) Derived from the Danish Knappen, to eat and Sak, a bag. Originally used for rations—later it carried the soldiers' spare clothes and small kit.
(viii) From the French cadre, meaning a frame.
(ix) It is the Hindu word Vilayati or Bilati; an adjective meaning provincial, or removed at some distance, hence adopted by the soldier abroad for England. It came into prominence in World War I, but was used by the old soldiers in India Long before.
(x) From General Shrapnel's invention, a hollow shell with round bullets inside, which were shot forward when the nose end of the shell flew off in flight. These shells were not used after World War I. Shell splinters now are frequently incorrectly referred to as pieces of shrapnel.



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(Boots, boots, boots, boots, movin' up an' down again)
There's no discharge in the war!

RUDYARD KIPLING'S description of the PBI in his poem *Boots* describes—in words a soldier might have used—the tremendous strain of a sustained route march and how well the British soldier and his boots, have always stood up to it.

Next to his rifle, a soldier's boots are his most precious possession. The Duke of Wellington's axiom still holds good: "The most important item of equipment for a soldier is, first, a good serviceable pair of boots; second another pair of boots; and third, a pair of half soles."

Without his boots, a soldier loses mobility and becomes a sitting pigeon for the enemy. Even without an enemy, he wouldn't last long bare-footed. Arctic cold would give him gangrene and frostbite; jungle depths would find his feet and ankles smothered with filthy clinging leeches; a mountain climb would leave him with feet bleeding and incapacitated.

Of course, no soldier has any illusions about his job. It is to go anywhere and do anything. War is full of the unexpected and not even the most detailed planning can provide for the unpredictable. But in facing these hazards, every soldier is entitled to expect that any hazard which can be foreseen should be minimised by the provision of the best and most hard-wearing equipment possible.

Only leather, it is justifiably claimed can meet the variety of conditions and strains for which a soldier must be prepared. There are good scientific reasons for this. The fibre of leather, as the microscope shows, are three dimensional, and interlock in the most intricate way, combining pliancy and strength in a way no other natural material can equal and which no synthetic material can even begin to imitate.

Woven fibres criss-cross in two directions. Try to imagine the weave not only horizontal, but vertical as well, and you will have some idea of how tough leather is. No known method of weaving can duplicate the qualities of leather.

In other respects, too, synthetic materials, ingenious though they are, cannot do what leather does. Leather combines opposite qualities. It can be made to resist moisture—and yet retain its porosity and absorbent qualities. If leather weren't absorbent, perspiration from the foot would not be able to escape; perspiration which cannot be absorbed by the shoe causes the foot to become inflamed, with resultant skin troubles such as athlete's foot.

Repelling moisture and absorbing perspiration, the leather army boot does two opposite jobs at once, but it does another—it ventilates the foot as well. Leather "breathes," for it is actually porous. Here again no synthetic material has this quality. The Leather Manufacturers' Research Association has proved that the feet of a active man on a warm day give off an average of

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six ounces of perspiration in 12 hours—two pints in a week. But the soldier is more active than any civilian and it is easy to see that he would soon be in a state if he were ever compelled to wear boots with anything but leather soles.

The British Army Boot has a long and honourable history. It has stood up to every imaginable climate, to every possible condition. It has been abused, outraged, misused and overworked and come through with flying colours.

Leather has been the soldier's friend for thousands of years. Sandals of leather from the tomb of Tutankh-Amen can still be seen in Cairo Museum. Sir Leonard Woolley, in his excavations at "Ur of the Chaldees" found proof of their extensive use of leather. There is in the Turin Museum a fragment of leather 7,000 years old, while flints used for scraping hides have been estimated by archaeologists and geologists to be at least 18,000 years old.

From classical statuary it would seem that sandals were the most popular type of footwear in ancient times, but boots were known to the ancients too. Homer mentions them about 907 B.C. and so do Roman historians.

Haydn, in his Dictionary of Dates—a standard reference work—says that boots "are said to be the invention of the Carians and were made of iron, brass or leather." I don't know who the Carians were, for even the Encyclopaedia Britannica is silent on the subject, but I'm willing to wager that the Carian soldiers had something to say if they were forced to go on long marches in iron boots!

The ancestor, one might say the Adam, of all Army boots is the Army Ankle Boot, which was introduced in 1913. Until then the handsewn Blucher was issued, but these, it was realised, could never be produced in sufficient quantities for a modern army. It was clear that Britain would need a million pairs and that a revolution in manufacturing techniques was called for.

And so the First World War saw the triumph of the machine-riveted seam against the old hand-sewn welt and the widespread use of full or semi-chrome leather for uppers. Chrome tanned leather can be given any surface colour required,

but can be recognised, by a cross section, by its bluish tinge.

The poor old quartermaster is usually accused of handing out any old pair of boots which comes to hand, with sadistic indifference as to whether they fit or not. In fact an immense range of sizes is made, ranging from size 3 to 22!

Even before 1914, immense research had gone into the designing of the Army Ankle Boot. Measurements of whole regiments were consulted and averaged, it was thought that the boot produced could never be improved and under the most terrible conditions it proved equal to every ordeal. The scrape of gravel and rock, the impact of flying metal, the endless squelch of mud, left the boots wearable and sound.

The research, however, continued. By 1938 the orthopaedists (who understand the bone structure of the body and the stresses which they can sustain) and scientists had combined to design a new type of ankle boot which saw service in every field in the Second World War.

The complexities of modern war have, of course, increased the range and the specifications of the sort of Army Boots required. More than 150 different varieties of footwear had to be designed and manufactured in the last war. The Arctic Boot, which saw service in Norway and other cold climates, had to be specially treated so that the hide wouldn't set hard in extreme temperatures. The Climbing Boot had a reinforced toe and metal sole fittings to give grip in climbing rough surfaces and the Assault Boot was made to withstand anything—sand, gravel and rock.

Then there were the Jungle Boots worn during the Burma Campaign. Red ants leeches, snakes, termites, torrential rain, all-enveloping mud—it had to resist them all. The loathsome leech was excluded by a leather tongue sewn right across the "throat" of the boot to the top of the upper and tightly laced. And it had double soles. No use looking for a boot repairer in the heart of the jungle! Without boots the jungle would soon get you if the enemy didn't.

A soldier will put up with most things, but not with boots which don't fit him, or cause him discomfort in wear—and quite rightly too!

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