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"Blenheim," "Ramillies," "Oudenarde," "Malplaquet," "Dettingen," "Carnatic," "Belleisle,"
 "Hindoostan," "Sholinghur," "Mysore," "Martinique 1794," "Seringapatam," "Cape of Good Hope 1806,"
 "Rolicca," "Yimiera," "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-Courcelette," "Le Transloy," "Ancre Heights," "Ancre
 1916, '18," "**Arras 1917, '18**," "Vimy 1917," "Scarpe 1917, '18," "Arleux," "Messines 1917, '18," "Pillclem,"
 "Menin Road," "Polygon Wood," "Passchendale," "Cambrai 1917, '18," "St. Quentin," "Bapaume 1918,"
 "Rosieres," "**Lys**," "Estaires," "Hazebrouck," "Bailleul," "Kemmel," "Bethune," "Scherpenberg,"
 "Amlens," "Drocourt-Queant," "**Hindenburg Line**," "Havrincourt," "Canal Du Nord," "St. Quentin
 Canal," "Beaurevoir," "Courtrai," "Selle," "Sambre," "France and Flanders, 1914-18," "Dolran 1917,
 '18," "Macedonia 1916-18," "Helles," "**Gallipoli 1915-16**," "Rumani," "Egypt 1916-17," "Gaza," "El
 Mughar," "Nebi-Samwil," "Jerusalem," "Jaffa," "Tell'Asur," "**Palestine 1917-18**," "Tigris," "Kut Al
 Amara, 1917," "Sharqat," "**Mesopotamia 1916-18**," "Murman 1919," "Archangel 1919."

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

"Defence of Arras," "Ypres-Comines Canal," "Somme 1940," "Withdrawal to Seine," "Withdrawal to
 Cherbourg," "Odon," "Fontenay Le Pesnil," "Cheux," "Defence of Rauray," "Esquay," "Mont Pincon,"
 "Quarry Hill," "Estry," "Falaise," "Le Vie Crossing," "La Touques Crossing," "Seine 1944," "Aart,"
 "Nederrijn," "Best," "Le Havre," "Antwerp-Turnhout Canal," "**Scheldt**," "South Beveland," "Walcheren
Causeway," "Lower Maas," "Meijel," "Venlo Pocket," "Roer," "Ourthe," "Rhineland," "Reichswald,"
 "Cleve," "Goch," "Moyland Wood," "Weeze," "Rhine," "Ibbenburen," "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," "Shwell," "Mandalay," "Burma 1944-45."

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The Colonel-in-Chief arriving at the Officers' Mess for dinner on 10th July, and being welcomed by the Commanding Officer.

Editorial

THE ROYAL HIGHLAND FUSILIERS

Regimental Headquarters was filled to capacity on Thursday, 5th December, 1963, when The House of Grant the Publishers of both "The History of The Royal Scots Fusiliers 1919-1959" and Volume IV of "Proud Heritage" the history of The Highland Light Infantry gave a party to officially "launch" both books. Further particulars of these excellent histories are contained on the loose-leaf order forms to be found in this edition of "The Journal."

It is with much regret that we have to report that on the night of 9th/10th December, R.H.Q. was broken into for the third time, but unfortunately this time the thieves enjoyed a measure of success, which eluded them on the previous occasions, and we lost four medals—

- A Peninsular gold medal;
- 2 Seringapatam medals;
- 1 Waterloo Regimental medal.

The police have so far failed to catch the thieves or recover the medals.

Captain Robin Thorburn has presented to the Regiment a very fine set of silver mounted pipes in memory of his Father, Lt.-Col. Douglas Thorburn, who was killed while commanding the 2nd H.L.I. at the landing at Syracuse in Sicily. The presentation was made on the twentieth anniversary of the landing.

Alec Machin, late R.S.F., has written asking that we publish his address. He is now in New Guinea and in his isolation would welcome a word from any of his friends who would care to write to him. His address is:—

NEW GUINEA RESEARCH UNIT,
P.O. BOX No. 419,
PORT MORESBY,
PAPUA,
NEW GUINEA.

We congratulate Brigadier Buchanan-Dunlop on his appointment as an Officer (Brother) of the Order of St. John.

Our congratulations go also to Lieutenant Robin Armstrong on gaining a B.Sc. degree with First Class Honours while on a course at The Royal Military College of Science.

The impending retirement of Major General R. A. Bramwell Davis as Colonel of the Regiment and the appointment of Brigadier H. L. E. C. Leask as his successor is already widely known, and there will be fuller coverage in our next issue from the pen of someone with greater literary gifts than this poor scribe, but we would thank the retiring Colonel of the Regiment for his support so willingly given to "The Journal" and wish him a happy retirement.

Our congratulations go to Brigadier Leask on his appointment, not only as the next Colonel of the Regiment but also as G.O.C. designate of 52 Lowland Division/District.

May we wish all our readers A Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year and express our appreciation for all who have supported the Journal and our hope that they may long continue so to do.

STOP PRESS

The Glasgow Police have just recovered—

- The Peninsular Gold Medal.
- 1 Seringapatam Medal.
- 1 Waterloo Regimental Medal.

Notices . . .

History of The Royal Scots Fusiliers 1919-1959

This history has now been published. A prospectus of its contents with a proforma for ordering copies of the book is contained in a fly-leaf issued with this Journal.

"Proud Heritage" — Volume IV.

This volume, which completes Lt.-Col. Oatts' history of The Highland Light Infantry, has now been published. A prospectus of its contents with a proforma for ordering copies of the book is contained in a fly-leaf issued with this Journal.

Dust Cover — "Proud Heritage" Volume IV

A limited number of extra copies of the attractive dust cover by Haswell Miller can be obtained from Regimental Headquarters, 518 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow.

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Regimental Shop

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R.H.F. Directory

Copies of the 1963 edition were issued in September. A large number of subscribers to previous editions have not yet acknowledged receipt of the booklet and the Manager hopes that those concerned will send him their subscriptions as soon as possible.

Change of Address of the Army and Navy Club

The temporary premises of the Army and Navy Club at 46 Pall Mall, occupied by Members during the rebuilding of the Club, are now closed. The new Club House, rebuilt on the original site on

the corner of St. James Square and Pall Mall (36-39 Pall Mall), will open on the 23rd September.

The Club House will include some 60 bedrooms with private bathrooms at 55/- per night (double) and 35/- (single). A few rooms without bathrooms will be available at 25/- per night.

Subscription rates will remain the same.

Ailsa Pipe Banner

Will anyone who has knowledge of this Pipe Banner, last seen at the Depot, Ayr, prior to its closure, please communicate with Lt.-Col. R. Bromley Gardner, M.C., Commanding, 4/5th Bn. The Royal Scots Fusiliers (T.A.), Churchill Barracks, Ayr.

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School Prospectus

General

The Duke of York's Royal Military School is a boarding School for the sons of soldiers. While it is intended primarily for boys who aim to make the Army their career and whose parents or guardians desire them to do so, it affords every opportunity for boys to proceed to the University or to follow other careers.

The School was founded by Royal Charter in 1801, chiefly through the instrumentality of Frederick, Duke of York, son of George III, and was established at Chelsea in 1803.

In 1909 it moved to Dover, where a School was built on up-to-date lines, with separate boarding houses, school chapel, sanatorium, class-rooms, library, workshops, gymnasium, swimming bath and playing fields within 150 acres.

The School is regularly inspected by HMI of Schools.

Registration of Candidates and Ages of Admission

Any boy is eligible for registration as a candidate for admission to the School who is the legitimate (or lawful) son of a warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or a man who is serving or has served in the Army or of an officer who, prior to being Commissioned, enlisted on a normal engagement in the Regular Army (for a minimum of four years' service).

A boy may be registered as a candidate between the ages of 8 and 11, and early registration is advisable, but apart from certain entries between 9 and 11 years all entries are made annually (in September) at the age of 11. To be considered for admission in any particular year a boy must be registered before 1st November of the previous year.

Selection for Admission

Selection for admission is made by Her Majesty's Commissioners who administer the School. Preference is given to the sons of soldiers who have been killed in action or have died whilst serving, and other family circumstances are taken into account. In making their selections the career and the service of the father are considered as a principal recommendation.

Before being considered for admission candidates are required to undergo educational, general and medical tests.

Expenses

Education and essential clothing at the School are provided free. Parents who can afford to do so are required to provide certain items of games clothing and of school civilian dress. It is also desirable that boys should be provided by their parents or guardians with some pocket money (including contingencies) but this should not exceed 5s 0d per week. The pocket money should be sent to the boy's Housemaster, who will administer it on the boy's behalf. In the case of certain pensionable boys, pocket money up to 5s 0d a week is provided.

For the normal school holidays (Christmas, Easter and Summer) boys return to their parents or guardians who are required to pay their fares from and to school, except in the case of certain pensionable boys whose fares are paid for them.

Organisation of the School

The School is organised into:—

- (a) Four Junior Houses of boys from ages 10 to 13.
- (b) Four Senior Houses of boys from ages 13 to 19.

Each House can take up to 60 boys.

Education

The School is organised into three streams and provides a boy according to his aptitude and abilities with:—

A sound general education, and either

- (a) A normal academic education of the Grammar School type, or
- (b) A curriculum with a technical bias.

Boys following either course are expected to stay at school until they reach the age of 16, and take the General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level, in subjects appropriate to their interests and future careers.

Boys selected as likely to benefit by further education are expected to take a sixth form course for the General Certificate of Education, Advanced Level, for at least two years after Ordinary Level.

The following are subjects taken in the school:—

- English, History, Geography.
- Mathematics.
- Physics, Chemistry, Biology, General Science.
- Metal Work, Woodwork, Engineering Drawing.
- Latin, French, German.
- Art, Craft (including bookbinding, printing, pottery, linoprinting, and clay modelling).
- Music.

In addition all boys are given instruction in Religious Knowledge and physical education. All boys are taught to swim.

Clubs and Societies

All boys are given opportunities, and are encouraged, to join clubs and societies in the following range:—

Clubs—Aeromodelling; Art; Bridge; Canoeing; Chess; Duke of Edinburgh's Award; Gymnastics and Trampoline; Judo; Life Saving; Modelling in wood, plastic and metal; Photography; Pottery; Rock Climbing; Shooting (.22 and .303).

Societies—Archaeological; Astronomical; Cinema; Classical; Debating; Dramatic; French; German; Globe Trotters (Geographical); Literary; Mathematics and Science; Natural History; Philately.

The range of clubs and societies varies from time to time.

Games

The major school games are Rugby Football (Autumn Term), Hockey (Spring Term), Athletics and Cricket (Summer Term).

In addition boys are given the opportunity of taking part in the following:—

Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Fencing, Sailing, Squash Racquets, Swimming, Tennis.

Military Training

Elementary Military Training is given to boys in the junior School. From the age of 14 all boys join the C.C.F.: special emphasis being placed on the training of Sixth Form boys in leadership. After passing Proficiency Test, Lower Sixth Form graduate through the NCO's Cadre and all boys may join one or more of the following sections:— R.E. including Field Survey, Signals, Civil Defence, REME, and take part in Arduous Training. The School has its own 25x .22 (indoor) and 25x .303 (outdoor) Ranges.

Boys who show sufficient aptitude are expected to take their place in the Band or Drums, which form an essential and distinctive feature of the life of the School.

Future Careers

A comprehensive careers service is provided to give boys guidance in following the careers of their choice in the fashion best suited to their abilities, including entry to the Universities. The Armed Forces are given pride of place and there is an excellent record of boys entering Service Cadet Colleges to obtain Regular Commissions in the Army, Navy or Air Force. Those with the necessary aptitudes may also leave to join Service Apprentice Schools or Boys' Units.

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Letters to the Editor

Drill Hall,
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20th November, 1963.

Dear Sir,

We thank you for including our article on Umzintzani in the June issue of the Journal.

The journal has aroused considerable interest amongst those to whom it was shown and as a result, we wonder whether it would be at all possible to obtain a further six copies of your June issue for distribution to a number of interested parties who took part in our Umzintzani investigations. Any assistance you can give us in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

We have received your notification re the December issue and unfortunately whilst time will not allow us to send in a contribution, we will be glad to contribute towards the first issue of the new year.

Yours faithfully,

_____, Comdt.
Commanding Prince Alfred's Guard.

Quinto do Eirado,
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S. Mamede de Infesta,
Portugal.

31/7/63.

The Editor,
The Journal of the Royal Highland Fusiliers.

Dear Sir,

Regimental Group of 3rd & 4th Battalions The Highland Light Infantry

I am particularly interested in the reproduction, in your June, 1963 number, of the 1896 group of the Officers of these Battns., who until 1914 nearly always trained together and had a joint mess.

As you say, it is interesting as showing two V.C.s., Major Maudant Edwards and Captain Hore-Ruthven. The former was in the 2nd Battalion, and was at the time Adjutant of either the 3rd or the 4th Battalion, but I think I am right in saying that Captain Hore-Ruthven was the first Militiaman to win this honour, as he was still in the 3rd Battalion when he was awarded it. He later transferred to the Regular Battalions.

The 1899 group is still more interesting as it contains His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, who became Honorary Colonel of the 3rd and 4th Battalions two years before becoming Colonel-in-chief of the Regiment generally.

I have always heard that His Royal Highness intimated that he wished to become Colonel of a Scottish Militia Battalion, and was informed that at that time the 3rd and 4th Battalions of the Highland Light Infantry were considered to be the "crack" Militia Battalions in Scotland.

Both groups are in the 4th Battalion Regimental Photograph Album which is in the H.L.I. Museum.

I think I must be the last surviving Officer of the 4th Battalion to have been commissioned before the first World War (3rd December, 1908) and to have remained continuously on the Active List until retired in 1947 (39 years). I served in both World Wars, during part of the first of which I had the honour of seeing active service with the 2nd Battalion in France until I was wounded in March, 1918.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

J. G. GRAHAM,
Major,

late 4th Battn., The Highland Light Infantry.

P.S.—For the sake of record, the names shown in your reproduction of the 1896 group of Lieut. Ingles (not Inglis) and Lieut. Gillon have been transposed.

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Telegrams: Milimis Pretoria.
24th October, 1963.

BDLS/240.
Headquarters The Royal Highland Fusiliers,
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Glasgow, C.2.

1. I enclose various annotated photographs which have been passed to me by Dr R. E. Stevenson who is, I think, Chairman of the Natal War Graves board. I hope that these may be of interest to you. Dr Stevenson is a tremendous enthusiast in the business of perpetuating the memory of the British Soldiers who died defending (or creating) Natal; and with his committee has done a great deal for which the British Army should be grateful.

2. Dr R. E. Stevenson's address is:—
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(Sgd.) A. C. W. NOEL,
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2556	J. MOLLOY
2827	THOMPSON
1824	TURNBULL
3—9	— CH
2294	McKENNA
4960	W. M. HARDY
34—	—
248—	T. DALE
259—	J. LEONARD
337—	J. ROSS "

This memorial was moved in 1962 from Colenso Native Location to:—

"CLOUSTON"
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Maj.-General, Retired.
(Colonel, The Royal Highland Fusiliers).
- A. I. BUCHANAN-DUNLOP, C.B.E., D.S.O.,
Brigadier, Retired.
(Associate Colonel, The Royal Highland Fusiliers).
- M. R. J. HOPE THOMSON, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., A.D.C.
Brigadier. The Regular Commission Board
(Retires March, 1964).
- H. L. E. C. LEASK, D.S.O., O.B.E., Brigadier.
The War Office.
- C. W. DUNBAR, M.B.E., Brigadier. B.A.O.R.
- B. S. M. CARSON. Lt.-Col. Civil Defence Staff Coll.
- R. R. C. MATHIE. Lt.-Col. Southern Command.
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- A. W. GRENDON. Lt.-Col. Comd. Bde. Depot.

2. Regimental List.

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- R. BROMLEY GARDNER, M.C.
Cmd. 4/5th R.S.F. (T.A.)
- B. A. STEWART
Cmd. 1 R.H.F.
- W. D. DOUGLAS, M.C. Comd. 5/6th H.L.I. (T.A.)

Majors:

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- J. D. H. WHITCOMBE Inf. Records Office.
- H. P. L. CAMERON D.A.A.G., 53 (Welsh) Div./Dist.
- M. J. L. MCCONAGHEY Inf. Instr., Army M.T. School.
- D. A. LIVINGSTONE H.Q., F.A.R.E.L.F.
- W. N. McN. DORMER T.S.O. II, The War Office.
- A. REID 1 R.H.F.
- D. I. MACKENZIE Ministry of Defence.
- G. C. R. L. PENDER, M.B.E.,
1 R.H.F.
- J. A. R. TAYLOR 1 R.H.F.
- K. L. TODD G.S.O. II, The War Office.
- R. L. S. GREEN 1 R.H.F.
- J. D. DIXON 1 R.H.F.—Jan., '64.
- P. M. LARG D.A.A.G., Lowland Bde.
- J. D. HALSTEAD, M.B.E. I.J.L.B.
- I. A. D. GORDON 3 K.A.R.
- A. G. D. GORDON 1 K.O.S.B. for 1 G.H.—Mar., '64
- E. I. WIRGMAN D.A.Q.M.G., B.A.O.R.
- P. M. OATTS H.Q. Edinburgh Area.
- D. W. ANDERSON 1 R.H.F.
- D. BALFOUR SCOTT Staff Appointment, N. Zealand.
- H. D. R. MACKAY Canadian School of Infantry.
- J. M. R. FLEMING 1 R.H.F.
- J. S. M. EDUARDES, G.M.
Depot (H.S.)
- A. G. INGRAM H.Q. 6 Inf. Bde. Gp.
- J. W. W. STEVENSON Federal Army, Aden.
- W. K. SHEPHERD B.M., 146 Inf. Bde. (T.A.)
- W. I. A. DONNELLY H.Q. Forces Northern Rhodesia
and Nyasaland.
- J. E. STAHELI R.M.A., Sandhurst.

Captains:

- W. W. KERR Staff College Course.
- D. E. CAMERON 1 Recce Flight, A.A.C.
- C. D. CRAIGIE-HALKETT
1 R.H.F.
- D. I. A. MACK 1 R.H.F.
- C. A. F. MACKENZIE Adjutant, 5/6th H.L.I. (T.A.)

Captains—continued.

- A. M. SCRASE-DICKINS H.Q., 5 Inf. Bde Gp.
- G. A. THOM Adjutant, Bde. Dep.—Jan, '64.
- R. H. DUNCAN 1 Cameronians.
- D. J. PALMER Depot (H.S.)
- D. M. ROBERTSON (T/Maj.) R.M.C.S. Course.
- A. J. B. AGNEW Adjutant, 4/5th R.S.F. (T.A.)
- G. B. CAMPBELL Depot (P.S.)
- A. M. POLLOCK 2 Para. Bn.
- J. MCCREADY 1 R.H.F.
- R. N. R. CROSS 1 R.H.F., temp. att., 1 G.H.
- R. F. RAYNER 1 K.O.S.B. for R.H.F.—Feb., '64.
- R. E. M. THORBURN 1 R.H.F.

Lieutenants:

- H. M. S. HOLME 1 R.H.F.
- I. G. S. CARTWRIGHT 1 R.H.F.
- F. Q. E. AGNEW 1 R.H.F.
- A. A. H. FISHER Depot Trg. Sub.
- R. C. ARMSTRONG 1 R.H.F.
- J. D. DRUMMOND 1 R.H.F.
- R. H. DE R. CHANNER 1 R.H.F.
- M. J. E. MEAD 1 R.H.F.
- A. G. BUCHANAN-DUNLOP
Bde. Depot.
- I. SHEPHERD 1 R.H.F.
- C. H. PRENTIS 1 R.H.F.

2nd Lieutenants:

- P. N. DE R. CHANNER 1 R.H.F.
- J. W. LYDE 1 R.H.F.
- I. S. REID 1 R.H.F.
- I. LORIMER 1 R.H.F.

Quartermasters:

- D. F. MCKUE, D.C.M. (Maj.) Q.M., H.Q. Scottish Cmd.
- J. McMILLAN (Capt.) 1 R.H.F.
- R. A. PATON (Maj.) 1 Glasgow Highlanders
(T.A.)
- J. D. COPLAND (Capt.) Bde. Depot.
- T. A. ELLAMES (Maj.) School of Infantry
(Netheravon)
- A. WARD, M.B.E., M.M. (Maj.) 1 R.H.F.
- W. STOBIE (Capt.) 5/6th H.L.I. (T.A.)
- A. MCINTYRE (Capt.) Ox. & Bucks. Sub. Dist.
- D. B. S. MACDONALD, M.B.E. (Lieut.) 2 Div.
- C. ROGERS (Lieut.) Q.M. 4/5th R.S.F.
(T.A.)

3. Short Service.

Majors:

- W. DUNLOP H.Q. Scottish Command.
- W. R. McL. MATHIE Camp Comdt., Kahawa.
- J. BLYTH Federal Army, Aden.
- J. MATTLAND Infantry Records, Perth
- J. GORDON, M.B.E. 2/I.C. M.C.T.C., Malaya.

Captains:

- J. L. HOWDEN-FERME 1 R.H.F.

Lieutenants:

- A. R. R. CHISHOLM 1 R.H.F.

2nd Lieutenants:

- G. IMRIE 1 R.H.F.
- C. C. K. DUNBAR 1 R.H.F.
- I. A. C. DUNBAR Bde. Depot.

OBITUARIES

Lieutenant-Colonel H. A. HOLME

Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Atkinson Holme, O.B.E., J.P., D.L., of High Greenan, Ayr, died suddenly on the 14th September, 1963, while on the boat returning from a holiday in Ireland with his family. A memorial service was held in Holy Trinity Church, Ayr, and the large congregation, which included many of his brother officers, was a touching tribute to his fine qualities and a measure of the deep affection in which he was held by his many friends.

"Jumbo" Holme served in the Royal Scots Fusiliers for over 30 years. He was severely wounded in the First World War and during the Second World War he commanded the 4/5th Battalion before being seconded to the command of a R.A.F. Regiment. Finally he became commandant of the prisoner-of-war camp at Doonfoot. Between the wars he spent most of his time with the 2nd Battalion which included many years in India, and he was a highly qualified instructor in small arms training.



Lieut.-Col. H. A. HOLME,

In the Regiment, "Jumbo" gained the affection of all by his generous and kindly nature and his infectious good humour. He carried these qualities into his retirement when he applied himself to public works, civic welfare and the well-being of those with whom he had served in peace and war. He became a County Councillor, a Justice of the Peace, a Deputy Lieutenant and an honorary Sheriff-substitute of Ayr and Bute — an exceptional distinction for a retired regular officer. For his services he was awarded the Order of the British Empire in the 1963 New Year's Honours List.

He was sustained throughout his married life by an extremely happy family life and to his widow, Kilmeny, and his three children, we offer our deep sympathy and assurance that our happy memories of "Jumbo" will always be with us.

Lt.-Colonel I. B. H. MacLACHLAN, T.D.

The tragic death of Ian MacLachlan came as a severe blow to the Battalion and all who knew him. He enlisted in the ranks of the Glasgow Highlanders (T.A.) in 1938 and became soon afterwards the Mortar Sergeant. He was commissioned into the 5th Battalion H.L.I. in 1941, served with the Battalion throughout the war, and ultimately became the Adjutant. He rejoined 5/6th Battalion H.L.I. (T.A.) in 1947 and took command of the Battalion in 1960-61.

His passing is a great loss to the Regiment — and more than losing a fine soldier we have lost a great friend.

To Mrs MacLachlan, whom we know specially for her cheerfulness and devotion to Ian and their children, we offer our deepest sympathy.

Captain R. H. E. B. BRUNNER

His friends and contemporaries in the Regiment heard with deep regret of the death on 4th June, 1963, after a long illness bravely borne, of Captain Roderick Ernest Henry Burgoyne Brunner, at the age of sixty.

Roddy Brunner will always be remembered by those of us who served with him in the Royal Scots Fusiliers in our younger days for his unfailing good humour and kindness of heart. He was the most generous of men, incapable of any mean action, and the long and painful illness which preceded his death was faced with



RODDY BRUNNER.

the cheerful courage that was typical of him.

A splendid horseman and keen rider to hounds, Roddy was the Battalion Transport Officer *par excellence* in days when the transport was still horse drawn. He was wonderful company, and any junior subaltern who had the good fortune to assist him on the annual three-day trek to Salisbury Plain with the chargers and mules was assured of an excursion vastly more entertaining than that experienced by less privileged colleagues marching with the main body of the battalion.

After the war, Roddy took to schoolmastering, for which (knowing his sense of humour one imagines somewhat to his own surprise) he discovered a real and outstanding talent; and it is good to think that for a considerable span of years some of the very young of this generation have been able to enjoy that lighthearted companionship which those of us who were young with Roddy will continue to recall with affection and gratitude.

He is survived by his sister, Mrs John Morant, to whom the Regiment extends its very sincere sympathy.

A. I. B.-D.

The Late Sir ALASTAIR YOUNG, Bt.

Alastair Young joined the 5th Battalion as a subaltern in 1938 and went to Gailes as his first Camp. Shortly before the outbreak of war the idea of Divisional Liaison Officers (on motor bicycles) was conceived, and Alastair volunteered and was selected for this duty. Shortly after the outbreak of war he was attached to the 51st Highland Division as one of its Divisional Liaison Officers and suffered the fate of so many when he was captured at St. Valery.

During his years of captivity he acquired an interest in staging plays and this experience he carried into civilian life when he became the Chairman of the Glasgow Arts Theatre Trust.

The powers of leadership of which we were deprived by his being taken prisoner are exemplified by the fact that he became Chairman of James Templeton & Co. Ltd., the Glasgow carpet manufacturers. He also made a notable contribution to Scottish yachting; amongst his many other activities in this sphere he was Commodore of the Royal Northern Yacht Club.

All his many friends in the Regiment will mourn the untimely passing of a purposeful yet gay companion.



R.S.M. W. BRAVERY.

R.S.M. W. BRAVERY, Ex R.S.F.

'Jock' Bravery as he was known to many, passed away on Sunday, 17th November, 1963, at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, aged 77 years.

He enlisted into The Royal Scots Fusiliers in May 1904; he served with the 1st Battalion going to France with them in 1914, being wounded in May 1915 he rejoined the 1st Battalion and served as a C.S.M. until his discharge in 1924. He became the Drill Instructor of the O.T.C. of Skinner's School, Tonbridge, Kent, but on the outbreak of War he was posted as R.S.M. to 6th Battalion The Royal Scots Fusiliers and then to 10th Battalion, serving until he was retired on reaching the age of 55 years in 1942.

He took over the tenancy of "The Goat" in Bermondsey but in 1944 his public house was destroyed by enemy action and his wife and only daughter were killed whilst he himself was badly injured. He managed a public house in Luton until 1956 when he entered the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, as an in-pensioner.

R.S.M. Bravery will long be remembered as a staunch Royal Scots Fusilier and anyone who attended his bayonet fighting instruction will be unlikely ever to forget that experience.

Our sympathy goes at this time to his brother.

He was buried at Brookwood Cemetery on 22nd November, 1963 — Mr R. A. B. Clinton piping the lament. The Association being represented by Sgt. Malcolm Masters.

TOM LINARD.

R.H.F. DINNER CLUB (LONDON)

The Annual Dinner was held at Claridges on Thursday, 31st October, 1963. Instead of the usual luncheon on the day of the dinner, there was a tea party in the afternoon and this was attended by 55 officers, their wives and friends.

Major General R. A. Bramwell Davis, The Colonel of the Regiment, at the tea party, made two presentations on behalf of the Regiment to the Authors of the Regimental Histories— Colonel Kemp, the Author of "The History of The Royal Scots Fusiliers 1919-1959" and Lt.-Col. L. B. Oatts, the Author of the four volumes of "Proud Heritage," the History of The Highland Light Infantry.

The Colonel of the Regiment presided at the dinner in the evening and the Regiment was honoured to have as its guest General Sir Richard Hall, Chief of the Imperial General Staff and the son of a former Scots Fusilier.

Present at the dinner were — Lt. Col. A. C. H. Adams, Capt. A. J. B. Agnew, Col. J. F. Armstrong, Major. Gen. E. A. Beck, Col. M. A. Bell, Major D. Bonar, Lt. Col. R. Bromley-Gardner, Brig. D. A. S. Browne, Brig. A. I. Buchanan-Dunlop, Col. C. R. Buchanan, Capt. G. H. C. Balfour-Kinnear, Major J. D. Dixon, Major D. S. L. Dodson, Major W. N. McN. Dormer, Lt. Col. W. D. Doubelbe, Major A. J. Du Sautoy, Lt. Col. M. J. Evetts, Major J. M. R. Fleming, Lieut. A. A. H. Fisher, Capt. T. C. C. Gilchrist, Lt. Col. A. Gordon, Lt. Col. T. G. Galbraith, Major J. D. Halstead, Major H. W. P.

Harrison, Major F. J. Hawley, Brig. R. E. Hobday, Lieut. H. M. S. Holme, Major G. H. Howard, Capt. W. W. Kerr, Col. J. C. Kemp, Major P. M. Larg, Brigadier H. L. E. C. Leask, Capt. A. P. Leslie, Major H. T. Lawden, Lt. Col. Sir Martin Lindsay, Major D. I. Mackenzie, Major D. W. S. Martin, Col. J. L. Maxwell, Lt. Col. P. St. G. Maxwell, Brig. E. J. Montgomery, Major D. I. A. Mack, Brig. F. B. B. Noble, Major P. M. Oatts, Lieut. J. G. L. MacN. Porter, Lt. Col. A. I. G. Ramsay, Lieut. A. S. Robertson, Major D. M. Robertson, Lt. Col. Lord Rowallan, Lt. Col. H. C. Ross-Skinner, Major C. S. B. Thompson-Royds, Major W. K. Shepherd, Capt. J. E. Staheli, Lt. Col. B. A. Stewart, Capt. R. E. Thorburn, Major A. F. Whitehead, Lt. Col. F. A. H. Wilson.

In view of the impending retirement of the Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier A. I. Buchanan-Dunlop, on behalf of the Regiment, presented Major General R. A. Bramwell Davis with an inscribed pair of racing binoculars.

The Colonel of the Regiment, on behalf of the members of the Dinner Club, invited Major H. T. Lawden to become an honorary life member of the Club in recognition of his voluntary services to the Club over the last twelve years.

Next year will be a luncheon and dinner and the date is expected to be in late October or early November, but details will be notified later.

Depot The Royal Highland Fusiliers and Cameronians (SCOTTISH RIFLES)

<i>Commanding Officer</i>	. . . . Major J. C. M. BAYNES, Cameronians (S.R.).
<i>Adjutant</i>	. . . . Lieutenant P. GORDON SMITH, Cameronians (S.R.)
<i>Quartermaster</i>	. . . . Major A. T. QUINN, Cameronians (S.R.).
<i>Regimental Sergeant Major</i>	. . . . W.O.I. H. HUTCHINSON, R.H.F.
Training Company.	
<i>Company Commander</i>	. . . . Captain G. B. CAMPBELL, R.H.F.
<i>Company Sergeant Major</i>	W.O.II. K. JACKMAN, D.C.M., Cameronians (S.R.).

This year's recruiting figures are approximately half those of the comparative period last year. Although this drop is common to the whole Army, there can be little doubt that a major contributory factor to the drop in recruiting for the Royal Highland Fusiliers in particular has been the cross posting of our recruits to other Regiments in the Brigade. With effect from 1st October this cross posting has stopped, but some hard work is required by all members of the Regiment to make up our losses.

The Depot itself is now, in all but name, The Lowland Brigade Depot. Since the 1st October all recruits for the Lowland Brigade are being trained at Lanark, and squads are composed of recruits from all four regiments. This has given rise to a certain amount of head scratching in the subject of Regimental dress regulations. The usual problem of shortage of accommodation has also reared its ugly head, and the Company Commander and C.S.M. have a large gaily coloured chart in their office which depresses them every time they consult it. By the beginning of January, at the present rate, we will be sleeping in shifts.

We have also started a new venture, The Junior Recruits Platoon. This is for boys between the ages of sixteen years and ten months to seventeen years six months. It is designed for those boys wishing to join the Army who are too old for normal boy service and too young for men's service. The rapidity with which it has been recruited shows that it fills a definite gap in the recruiting structure. Boys in the platoon carry out full recruit training and also continuation training normally carried out in the Battalion. The end product is a soldier fit to take his place in the Battalion with no further training. The platoon, composed of boys from all four Regiments, is commanded by Lieutenant Stavert, K.O.S.B.,

assisted by Sergeant Cameron, R.H.F., with one Corporal from each Regiment.

Our other activities have been many and varied. We swept the board at the Lowland District Rifle Meeting, winning the Britannia Trophy, taking first and second place in the L.M.G. pairs and coming second in the S.M.G. cup and the Falling Plate. The team netted a total of £33 prize money which provided a most satisfactory celebration. The Depot Gala day was also a great success, both Regimental Associations receiving £100 from the profits. We must thank the 4/5 R.S.F. (T.A.) for providing a Mortar Display Team and 1 Glasgow H. (T.A.) for the services of Sergeant MacConnachie for the M.M.G. display.

Under the direction of Lieutenant Fisher, Sergeant Popkiss and Corporal Sym have scoured Ayrshire for recruits, with most satisfactory results, especially with reference to boys. It is worthy of note that Ayr produced 30 recruits against Glasgow's 47, and Sergeants McNeil and Slaven must be congratulated on their efforts. Our recruiting team also took part in the big K.A.P.E. displays at Ayr and Glasgow Green and in the Army Display in Lewis's. For this a model of an Infantry Battalion in A.P.C.'s was produced. Possibly more fun was had in the production of the model than at any other time, especially with the consternation caused in a toy shop by the purchase of ninety six A.P.C.'s. The Lewis's display was also remarkable for a visit from the C.N.D., who fared very badly. Corporal Campbell dropped in error a 36 grenade on the sandelled foot of one bearded specimen, the R.A.M.C. captured three very odd looking types and removed a pint of blood from each, and the comment of a Staff Sergeant in the R.A., when asked by a person, possible female, what the Corporal missile model was intended for is best left to the imagination.



Depot P.T. Display Team at Butlin's Camp, Ayr.

The C.N.D. did not return, being obviously baffled by conventional warfare in addition to nuclear. Our P.T. display team has also been touring Ayrshire, with the highlight of its activities being the visit to Butlin's Camp at Ayr. The photograph shows one reason for the enthusiasm, the others were the tremendous hospitality given to the team by the Staff of Butlins. The covering letter with the photo states that these were "A few prints of your boys leaping over my girls" which caused a certain amount of inquiry to be instituted.

A certain amount of work has also been done with the A.C.F. this year. Weekend training has been run for the Glasgow and Ayr A.C.F., and great enthusiasm was shown by the cadets. In addition, N.C.O's were sent to the annual cadet camps as instructors.

The annual Depot Cocktail Party was held on 9th August. We were extremely fortunate in having the Pipes and Drums and the Military Band of the Royal Highland Fusiliers and the Pipes and Drums of the Cameronians in Edinburgh preparing for the Tattoo. Before the cocktail party a combined retreat took place, which was an enormous success and we should all like to thank the members of both bands.

The following Officers have kindly taken Passing Out Parades:—

Sevastopol Platoon, 22nd May, 1963—
Brigadier J. C. Montieth, M.C. (Comd. 155 Brigade).

Mons Platoon, 26th June, 1963—Lieutenant
Colonel M. B. McNabb, M.B.E. (C.R.O.).

Marne Platoon, 24th July, 1963—The
Swedish Military Attache.

Neuve Chapelle Platoon, 28th August, 1963—
Brigadier A. I. Buchanan Dunlop, C.B.E.,
D.S.O.

Somme Platoon, 30th October, 1963—
Colonel D. McQueen, D.S.O., O.B.E.
(Colonel, The Lowland Brigade).

DEPOT SERGEANTS' MESS

Life in the Mess goes on in the usual manner, with various members of both regiments, "passing through," and generally keeping our average strength to 30 members.

At the time of writing, preparations are going ahead for the Annual Admin. Inspection, which takes place on the 22nd November, 1963. One member has had Two keyboards made, marked, "KEYS IN" and "KEYS OUT". Who could it be, and who said he is not with it?

We were pleased to have Bandmaster Cooke and the military band with us for a Retreat programme

on 9th August, 1963, and again whilst they were "shopping" in Lewis's store, Glasgow. In fact, at one stage, we had three bandmasters in the mess, and no bands.

Our social activities are quite regular. After the combined Retreat programme of August 9th, we entertained about 30 Ex-members of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, Cameronians (SR), and Highland Light Infantry, who are patients at the Erskine Hospital. Once a month, either a Social Evening, or Dinner Night, is held, and they are both proving most successful.

The old story of, "There is nothing to do in Lanark," seems disproved by members who have increased their families of late. They are D/Mjr. Wilson, C/Sgt. Fyfe and C/Sgt. Mooney, the latter, keeping strictly to the orderly room procedure, in duplicate. Sgts. McIntyre and Gillespie are spending anxious moments just watching the calendar.

Sgt. Popkiss has been very busy with a recruiting team in the Ayr area, and has done very well. Now, after going out to get recruits, he has the job of training them. Sgt. Gillespie, since the Edinburgh Tattoo, where he was in charge of the highland dancers, doesn't miss them very much. He has been keeping in touch with his "Paddy's Bar."

A few weeks ago "Geordie" Ferrie and wife paid us a surprise visit, and much to C/Sgt. Fyfe's surprise, refused a drink, saying that he was now an abstainer.

On the 14th September, 1963 a notable member left us to take up the threads of civilian life once more. Namely he was Bandmaster Stockham, K.O.S.B. attached to the Jnr. Soldiers Wing. At the end of October, C/Sgt. "Battle of the Boyne" Smith, passed through, on his way to a resettlement course at Catterick. We wish them every success in breaking-in on fresh ground.

The R.S.M. has now found a new hobby, keeping goldfish. Whenever there's sardines on toast served, he can be observed, taking the stairs three at a time, to have a roll-call. The fish, incidentally, are the only new arrivals in the mess.

C.S.M. Daniels is still with the Jnr. Soldiers' Wing and making an attempt to train a suitable football team. He can be seen in various corners of the mess, dressed in track suit, complete with whistle, but if he really wants a tip, here it is — "You need a larger track suit."

The time is now approaching when we change over to the Brigade Depot, and in fact, these notes will be the last as Depot Notes, Lanark. The new Brigade Depot mess looks very promising. It is a new building with sleeping accommodation for about 20 members, above the mess. Already, many members are ordering crates and boxes, packing their bits and pieces, ready for their future moves to B.A.O.R., Malaya, or — What, Another E.R.E. Job?

Members of the Regiment serving at the Depot are as follows:—

W.O./I	H. HUTCHINSON	—	R.S.M.
W.O./II	H. DANIELS	—	C.S.M.—J.S.W.
C/Sgt.	W. FYFE	—	Q.M.s Dept.
C/Sgt.	J. MOONEY	—	Orderly Room.
C/Sgt.	N. HOUSTON	—	Held Strength.
Sgt.	CAMERON	—	Trg. Sgt.
"	GILLESPIE	—	Trg. Sgt.
"	MCINTYRE	—	Trg. Sgt.

Should any members from the Bn. care to visit us, we will be pleased to see them, though the last Week-ends of every month, should be avoided if possible. That is the time when the drill of "Getaway man" comes into its own, the main contestants being the R.S.M. and P/Maj. Bradford-K.O.S.B.

NEUVE CHAPELLE PLATOON.

23930956 Fus. SCANLIN, J. From Glasgow. Formerly an apprentice upholsterer. 9-year engagement. Aged 18 years.

23930965 Fus. PATON, J. From Ayr. Formerly a miner. 9-year engagement. Aged 18 years.

23510828 Fus. MOORE, W. From Glasgow. Formerly a miner. 9-year engagement. Aged 20 years.

23959030 Fus. McNAMARA, A. From Greenock. Formerly a chromium plater. 6-year engagement. Aged 20 years.

Fus. ROSS, W. From Castlemilk. Formerly a van boy. 9-year engagement. Aged 18 years.

HINDENBURG PLATOON.

23959291 Fus. GILLEN, H. From Kilwinning. Formerly a labourer. 6-year engagement. Aged 18 years.

23959290 Fus. DAVIDSON, T. From Dailly. Formerly a labourer. 9-year engagement. Aged 19 years.

23959293 Fus. McLEAN, A. From Pollok. Formerly a butcher. 9-year engagement. Aged 18 years.

23959292 Fus. LOVE, G. From Pollok. Formerly a 9-year engagement. Aged 18 years.

239599301 Fus. CHRISTIE, R. From Maryhill. Formerly a cement finisher. 6-year engagement. Aged 18 years.

23959336 Fus. GILMOUR, H. From Ayr. Formerly a porter. 9-year engagement. Aged 21 years.

23959359 Fus. MORGAN, J. From Glasgow. Formerly a moulder. 6-year engagement. Aged 18 years.

23924459 Fus. FREEMAN, A. From Glasgow. Formerly a British Railways porter. 9-year engagement. Aged 19 years. Ex-5/6 H.L.I. (T.A.).

23959445 Fus. WATSON, J. From Prestwick. Formerly a labourer. 9-year engagement. Aged 18 years.

23959404 Fus. McKEAN, J. From Ayr. Formerly a shop assistant. 6-year engagement. Aged 18 years.

23959444 Fus. McCULLOCH, R. From Maybole. Formerly a labourer. 9-year engagement. Aged 18 years.

GALLIPOLI PLATOON.

23959472 Fus. MITCHELL, A. From Glasgow. Formerly a van boy. 6-years engagement. Aged 18 years.

23909584 Fus. LINWOOD, W. From Ayr. Formerly a storeman. 9-years wngagement. Aged 18 years. Ex-4/5 R.S.F. (T.A.).

23879056 Fus. ADAMS, D. From Glasgow. Formerly a green keeper. 9-year engagement. Aged 21 years. Re-enlistment from Scots Guards.

23959557 Fus. KELLY, G. From Rutherglen. Formerly a salesman. 9-year engagement. Aged 23 years.

23134746 Fus. McLELLAN, J. From Glasgow. Formerly a British Railways fireman. 9-year engagement. Aged 27 years. Served 1 H.L.I. 1955—57.

23959154 Fus. BARCLAY, E. From Glasgow. Formerly a waiter. 9-year engagement. Aged 18 years. Ex-5/6 H.L.I. (T.A.).

SOMME PLATOON.



Back Row (l. to r.): Pte. Mullin, Rfn. Findlater, Pte. McKinlay, Pte. Adams, Fus. Gallagher, Rfn. Kerr, Fus. McAllister.

Centre Row (l. to r.): Fus. Glass, Fus. Clark, Fus. Smith, Rfn. Mannion, Pte. Dickie, Pte. Gray, Pte. Chalmers, Pte. Johnstone.

Front Row (l. to r.): Fus. Pender, L/Cpl. Forsyth, Sgt. Tilley, Lieut. Browne, Cpl. Ramsay, L/Cpl. McNeill, Rfn. Bogan.

SOMME PLATOON.

- 23959211 Fus. DICKIE, C. From Irvine. Formerly an apprentice joiner. 9-year engagement. Aged 18 years.
- 23959210 Fus. MULLIN, A. From Irvine. Formerly a labourer. 9-year engagement. Aged 19 years.
- 23958273 Fus. CHALMERS, J. From Muirhead. Formerly a butcher. 9-year engagement. Aged 18 years.
- 23909388 Fus. McALLISTER, W. From Irvine. Formerly a labourer. 9-year engagement. Aged 18 years. Ex-4/5 R.S.F. (T.A.).
- 23871473 Fus. GLASS, J. From Irvine. Formerly a labourer. 9-year engagement. Aged 18 years. Ex-4/5 R.S.F. (T.A.).
- 23931916 Fus. SMITH, D. From Glasgow. Formerly a apprentice baker. 9-year engagement. Aged 18 years. Brother of Fus. Smith 46.
- 23959257 Fus. JOHNSTONE, R. From Mauchline. Formerly a farm labourer. 9-year engagement. Aged 18 years.
- 23959255 Fus. PENDER, P. From Glasgow. Formerly a labourer. 9-year engagement. Aged 18 years.
- 23871516 Fus. CLARK, T. J. From Junior Soldiers' Wing (Drummer). 9-year engagement. Aged 18 years.
- 23904271 Fus. GALLACHER, J. From Junior Soldiers' Wing (Drummer). 9-year engagement, Aged 18 years.

GRAND GALA DAY, 1963

Early in the year it was decided to hold an Open Day on the same lines as the one held in 1962. This time, however, it was to be called by the somewhat unmilitary title of "The Grand Gala Day."

The day chosen was the 20th June, in the hope that the weather would be kind to the spectators, and this proved true, for although it was a dull cloudy day, the rain held off until the very end.

The scene of the Gala Day was the square which was surrounded with bunting and with gaily decorated stalls. Stall holders had worked to produce eye catching displays and to provide amusements designed to bring in the maximum profit.

The day was also combined with an exhibition of arts and crafts by the boys of the Lowland Brigade Junior Soldiers Wing and their prize giving, and to this end the boys'

parents began to arrive at about 11.30. After their prize giving the parents had lunch in the Dining Hall.

The Gala Day was opened at 14.00 by Jack House, the well known television and newspaper personality. He was accompanied onto the platform by Provost White of Lanark and Mrs White. After the opening ceremony Jack House toured the stalls and tried his luck.

It is well worth mentioning some of the stalls which were really successful. First of all the Clown in the Water which had plenty of custom and was run by Sergeant McIntyre, and then the stall for all those frustrated people who had to take out their spite on something, and hurled cricket balls at crockery. This was a Junior Soldiers Wing effort.

There was a shooting range with targets which were virtually impossible to hit, and this was run with great success by C.S.M. Jackman. Corporal Quinn ran the electric circuit without giving a single prize, and Sergeant Long ran a most successful Auction.

Sergeant Slaven dressed in best Western fashion took the children for a ride literally, on a much patronised pony circuit, and nearby Sergeant Cameron, unrecognizable, probably through a guilty conscience, ran a coconut stand.

L/Corporal Atwell was doing his best to convince customers that it was easy to put golf balls into buckets, and Corporal Roxburgh was doing his best to show people how to put Identity Discs through water and into glasses. If it sounds easy — try it!

S.S.I. Blease and Corporal McCann gave "do it yourself" lessons on the trampoline and should have been exhausted by the end of the day, and Fusilier Hart became the children's hero by driving the Noddy Train, which was a huge success.

The Wives Club must not be forgotten as they provided the Wheel of Fortune and fairly coined the money.

The Gala Day was not, however, only side-shows, and there was a very good Arena Display. This consisted of a programme by the Pipes and Drums of the J.S.W., and one by the Military Band of the J.S.W. There was a M.M.G. display by a combined crew of 1 Glasgow Highlander, 1 Depot Sergeant, 1 Depot L/Corporal and a Depot Rifleman, and there was an excellent 3" Mortar Display by a section from 4/5th Royal Scots Fusiliers (T.A.).

The day was brought to a close by the Beating of Retreat by the combined bands of

the Junior Soldiers Wing, and also by a torrential downpour. The Retreat as well as their other programmes were a huge success for the Junior Soldiers Wing, and an excellent Display.

Altogether the Gala Day provided £100 for each Regimental Association, as well as a large sum for the Army Benevolent Fund, and proved a credit for all those who took part in it.

DO YOU KNOW ? (x)

Answers on page 55

1. Which is the oldest U.S. Regular Army Unit?
2. How many of Napoleon's Marshal's batons fell into enemy hands?
3. Who were the following?
(a) The Sepoy General.
(b) The Soldier's Friend.
4. What was Greek Fire?
5. What is the origin of the term "guerilla"?
6. Which war medal was issued to both sides, who fought in it?
7. What is a "Dukie"?
8. Which Regiment of the British Army was raised in America?

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<i>Adjutant</i>	Major D. W. ANDERSON
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<i>A Coy.</i> Major J. M. R. FLEMING	<i>D Coy.</i> Major J. A. R. TAYLOR
<i>B Coy.</i> Major J. D. DIXON (<i>W.E.F. Jan. '64</i>)	<i>H.Q. Coy.</i> Major A. S. REID
<i>C Coy.</i> Major R. L. S. GREEN	

A great deal has been achieved since the last Journal was produced and the Battalion has gone from strength to strength.

In May and June the Rifle Companies concentrated on platoon and company exercises in the local training area at Schwerte, interspersed with days on the open range. The Battalion Shooting Team practised hard during this period for The Divisional Rifle Meeting, 7th-9th May, and came a good 4th out of 11 teams competing. This was an encouraging result after only a fortnight's concentrated shooting, considering the Irish and Welsh Guards, who came 1st and 2nd respectively, had been in training for over six months beforehand.

Towards the end of May preparations began for The Queen's Birthday Parade, which was held on 8th June in our barracks. The parade was made up from detachments of all units in our Brigade and was commanded by our Commanding Officer. The salute was taken by Lieutenant General K. T. Darling, Commander 1 British Corps.

The major event of the year was Trooping the Colour before Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret on 10th July and her subsequent programme until her departure on 11th July. We were indeed fortunate that the parade was held on a beautiful summer's day. The parade itself was a great success and was voted as one of the best for a long time. Afterwards, The Colonel-in-Chief visited the Wives' Club. In the evening The Princess dined in the Officers' Mess and was entertained later, at a private dance in the Mess until nearly 2

a.m. The Princess stayed overnight at Iserlohn House as a guest of Brigadier D. H. Davies, our Brigade Commander, and Mrs Davies.

The next day Her Royal Highness made contemporary history, as the first member of the Royal Family to pay an official Civic Call in Germany since 1913, when she was received by the Oberbürgermeister of Iserlohn at the Town Hall with the Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier D. H. Davies and the Commanding Officer. In spite of the pouring rain The Princess had a very warm and enthusiastic welcome from large crowds of cheering Germans.

After a visit to Fusilier McFadyen and his family in a quarter, The Princess watched a demonstration by 'C' Company of organisation, weapons and equipment on the Battalion Square. This was followed by a tour of the Men's Dining Hall and Cookhouse.

After group photographs The Princess visited the Sergeants' Mess, and concluded her visit with drinks in the Officers' Mess before lunch, when she said goodbye to the Officers and their Wives. The Princess was accompanied in the Royal Car to the R.A.F. Station, Gutersloh, by the Colonel of the Regiment and The Commanding Officer.

Throughout the visit Her Royal Highness appeared to enjoy everything she saw and did, and she gave much pleasure to all ranks and to all who were presented, by her radiance and charm. Many letters of congratulation on the parade and Royal Visit were received, but the most esteemed is the one written by the

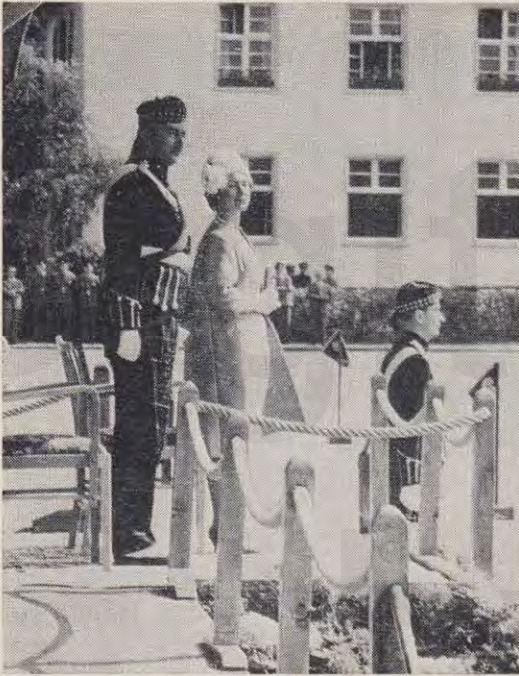
Visit of our Colonel-in-Chief to the 1st Battalion, 10th/11th July, 1963.



Trooping of the Colour Parade, 10th July, 1963, at Mons Barracks, Iserlohn.



The Pipes, Drums, Bugles and Military Band, 10th July, on the Trooping of the Colour Parade.



The Colonel-in-Chief and the Colonel of the Regiment watching the Battalion on parade



The Colonel-in-Chief inspecting the Battalion



The Queen's Colour being Trooped.



The Colonel-in-Chief at the Gutersloh airfield on the 11th July,
before returning to England.



The Colonel-in-Chief signing the visitors' book in
the Sergeants' Mess.

BATTLEFIELD TOUR



The Colonel of the Regiment and the Commanding Officer on board a German Army Landing Craft. Crossing the Rhine.

Colonel-in-Chief in her own hand. This is in addition to the normal typed letter received from Kensington Palace. The visit was well covered by the German and continental TV and Press but had poor general coverage in the U.K.

On 13th July the battalion left Iserlohn for a week's valuable training with 'A' Squadron 10th Hussars, our affiliated armoured squadron, at Vogelsang in the Eifel country near the Belgian border. Some watermanship training was also carried out during this period.

We returned to Iserlohn for a week only and then left for a further ten days company and battalion training with 'A' Squadron at Soltau. This ended in a useful three day exercise with R.A.F. helicopter support against The 1st Battalion The King's Own Royal Border Regiment.

In addition to this training, selected young officers and N.C.O.s have attended courses at the 1 British Corps Outward Bound Training Centre in Norway. German language courses have also been attended; all rifle companies and specialist platoons have carried out initial helicopter training; a signal cadre, N.C.O.'s cadre and two educational courses for A.C.E. 3 have been held. The usual U.K. courses at the School of Infantry have been well attended by officers and N.C.O.s, although the number of vacancies allotted on the Support Weapons Wing courses is very limited in B.A.O.R. compared with Malta. M.T. cadres are a continuous process in order to maintain a sufficient number of drivers and reserve drivers for some 125 prime movers.

At the end of August the battalion provided the British element in the farewell parade at Fontainebleau for General Speidel. The guard was commanded by Lieutenant H. M. S. Holme and the Queen's Colour was carried by Second Lieutenant G. T. Imrie.

The Colonel of the Regiment conducted a very interesting and enjoyable battlefield tour on 11th September for officers and senior N.C.O.s of the crossing of the Rhine by the 10th Battalion H.L.I. on 24th March, 1945; of those present, C.S.M. Seivewright was a carrier driver in this operation.

On the 29th September we went north to the Hamelin area for manoeuvres, which lasted seventeen days and included a battalion test exercise. The exercise was a great success and earned us a lot of praise from the Brigade Commander.

The Bands are probably at their best playing strength since 1959 with the Military Band at

35 strong and the Pipes, Drums and Bugles at 38, including 17 pipers and 3 learner pipers.

The tour of North America now appears to be firm for 1966 by which time the combined Band's strength, including dancers, will have to be, by contract, around 100 performers. It is hoped that the short fall in numbers from the 1st Battalion can be made up from the T.A. Battalions of the Regiment for what should be the tour of a lifetime.

Both Bands have had a busy year and have fulfilled a number of local German engagements including a combined Retreat programme in Iserlohn on 1st May. They have also performed at the 4 Division and 2 Division Massed Bands Displays held in May, and they played at Brigadier C. W. Dunbar's successful 6 Infantry Brigade Group "At Home" on 22nd June.

In preparation for Her Royal Highness's visit several enjoyable evenings of reels and country dancing were held in the Officers' Mess on an average of two a week in June and early July. These will be started again on a fortnightly basis in November.

An Autumn dance was held in the Officers' Mess on 25th October, and an aeroplane was chartered to bring a party of the Regiment and friends out from the United Kingdom.

The Sergeants' Mess has held a number of social evenings and dinner nights, and the Assaye/Inkerman Ball this year is to be held on 15th November.

The first All Ranks' dance was held on 6th July and was well supported by local Canadian Army and Bundeswehr personnel as well as the Battalion. The next dance is to take place on 22nd November.

Owing to the modernisation and redecoration of the Junior Ranks' Club which was only recently completed, the Corporals' Mess activities have been restricted but some social evenings have been held and a dance is to be held on 8th November.

Miss I. Wharton, our W.V.S. lady, is doing sterling work, and the W.V.S. clubrooms are very popular. Several outings have been organised and games nights held with local units.

A weekly tombola evening, organised by the R.S.M. is held every Thursday in the Men's Dining Hall. This has become a popular garrison event and is always well attended.

The Wives' Club meet on an average of once a fortnight. Our newly planned and redecorated Social Centre has attracted quite a number of newcomers since Malta days. Apart from

meetings in barracks and several excursions to local places of interest and for shopping to Holland have already taken place or are arranged. The Club was honoured by a visit from the Colonel-in-Chief, when she was entertained to tea by Mrs B. A. Stewart and members of the Committee. During the visit many wives were presented.

In addition to the Colonel-in-Chief and Colonel of the Regiment's visit with Mrs Bramwell Davis we have been visited by the following V.I.P.s:—

General Sir William Stirling, Lieutenant-General K. T. Darling, Major-General J. V. Allard, Major-General B. O. P. Eugster and Brigadier D. M. Davies.

We were pleased to see Brigadier H. L. E. C. Leask at the Trooping of the Colour on 10th July, as well as Brigadier and Mrs C. W. Dunbar, who have paid us a few visits, and Colonel D. McQueen, the Brigade Colonel, spent three pleasant days with us in May.

We have certainly had a spate of other visitors and attachments. A party of 8 officers, including three D.S. and Major R. L. S. Green from the Joint Services Staff College, stayed for three days in early May. A number of R.A.F. Cranwell and Dorset A.C.F. cadets were attached for ten days training during their Easter holidays, and a party of A.C.F. cadets from Glasgow, Argyll and Perth was attached for ten days in August. Two Glasgow Academy Officers completed a fortnight's attachment over the Saltau training period; Second Lieutenant I. A. G. Brown, Glasgow University O.T.C., a candidate for a regular commission in the Regiment was attached from 27th June to 9th August. In addition to which we have had attached to us, Major Sheikh Habbado Zaffar of the Pakistani Army, Captain J. H. Wheeler, Royal Signals, and a Norwegian Army Captain to reciprocate a visit by Captain R. E. M. Thorburn to the Norwegian Army.

Major D. I. Mackenzie, E. I. Wirgman, P.M. Larg and Lieutenant D. B. S. Macdonald, have also been welcome visitors, while Captain D. E. Cameron often drops in on us in his helicopter.

Captain A. Leslie and a party of eighteen Fusiliers of the 4/5 R.S.F. had a fortnight's attachment with us at Vogelsang, while Lieutenant K. Crawford spent some time with us in October.

There has been the usual change of officers — Major R. L. S. Green, Captains J. L. Howden-Ferme, R. N. R. Cross, D. I. A. Mack, Second Lieutenants C. C. K. Dunbar, I. S. Reid

and I. Lorimer having arrived, while at the same time Major A. W. Grendon has left to command The Lowland Brigade Depot. Captain J. E. Staheli has departed to the Royal Military Academy and Major A. G. Ingram, whom we were particularly sorry to lose to a staff appointment. We are glad however, that he is not stationed far afield!

The Battalion football team has now played two games in the Army Cup — beating The 10th Royal Hussars 3-2, last year's cup winners and the 1st Battalion King's Own Royal Border Regiment 4-0. The next round is to be played on Wednesday, 13th November, when we meet the 1st Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers.

Our Annual Inspection takes place on 26th November and The Colonel of the Regiment is due to pay us a farewell visit at the end of the month.

H.Q. COMPANY

During the month of May some radical changes took place in Headquarter Company. The Pipes, Drums and Bugles, the Recce Platoon and the Assault Pioneers were transferred to 'D' Company. With the departure of these "Stand byes" went the C.S.M.'s fatigue men. However from time to time they provide one or two men to help out when HQ is called upon to mount guard.

The greater part of June was spent indoors sheltering from the rain. Manchester is a dry area in comparison with Iserlohn. The showers however always seemed to stop for rehearsals for Princess Margaret's Parade, and this allowed the Signal Platoon, HQ Company's only representatives to show their paces. The barracks and surroundings during this time were given a face lift — on the outside. If only the programme for internal decoration had been completed with the same despatch!

Her Royal Highness's visit was a great success and is reported in detail elsewhere.

Rheinsehn is a flat, bleak, desolate, unlovely piece of Germany on Luneburg Heath and it was there the battalion bivouaced for three weeks during the July and August training period. On the third Saturday a selected few were allowed out of captivity to visit their old haunts in Luneburg. Some were put in a more closely guarded form of captivity on arrival in camp the following day. It was at Rheinsehn however where the P.R.I. under Major Smith really showed their paces. They certainly kept the Canteen well stocked with all varieties of beer, and no one grudged them their ten per cent on the side.

September was a quiet month for HQ Company except for those who took part in the Guard of Honour in Paris. The Autumn exercises commenced in the Hamelin area on 30th September and the next seventeen days were spent in and around the State Forests, with tanks, assault boats, bridging equipment and mobile baths, some of which worked.

All in all it has been an interesting six months, certainly everyone has travelled many a weary mile except of course those built in "bricks" in the Q.M. Staff and L.O.M.F. Office (who are rapidly

acquiring the status of ancient monuments) who have never been further than the "Ice Bar" at the back gate. Many lessons have been learnt; the main one being that one must not leave a concentration area without permission.

In the near future there is the Admin. Inspection to look forward to and most departments are working on their books and accounts to give them some appearance of respectability and accuracy.

Preparations are now under way for the Farewell Parade to the Colonel of The Regiment and this will be reported in detail on the next Journal Issue.

We regret the departure of A.S.M. Whiting, R.E.M.E. and Cpl. Mitchell (Officers Mess), Fusiliers Docherty and Mills of Coy. H.Q. and Sgt. Atherton, A.C.C. We welcome the arrival of Capt. D. I. A. Mack as Coy. 2 I.C., Capt. J. L. Howden-Ferme to P.R.I., A.S.M. Benyon, R.E.M.E., Sgt. Smith, A.C.C., Cfn Highfield, Fus Reid 47, and Ptes. Laurie and Reid, R.A.P.C. and hope that they will enjoy their sojourn in the company.

It is with regret that we have to report the death of Fusilier and Mrs Kirkbride's newly born child Caroline who was buried on 25th October at Rheindahlen. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved parents.

It is with real regret that we had to say goodbye to Capt. J. P. McConnell R.A.M.C. and his charming wife in July on their return to civilian life. We wish them every success and happiness and cherish the hope that he may yet see the error of his ways and come back to the fold.

We extend our congratulations to Cpl. Roberts and L/Cpl. Girdwood on the good results obtained on the recent medical courses and to the latter on his promotion.

M.T. PLATOON

The Platoon under the command of Capt. McMillan is still providing the Bn. with as much transport as is possible and in general is having a very busy time of it. In fact the time "off the road" for the drivers is very small indeed.

There have been a good number of Exercises throughout the past six months namely Vogelsang (in the German Eifel), Soltau (on the edge of Luneburg Heath) and lastly, but by no means the least, our latest efforts on the Bde. Test Exercises in Hamelin (of Pied Piper fame) which involved the Platoon for sixteen days.

These Exercises have involved a great deal of mileage which, including a vast number of details, amounts to approximately 212,000 miles during which we have had a surprisingly low accident rate. Taken all in all the Platoon has stood the test very well indeed (the comment originates outside the Platoon). Our thanks go to the persons concerned for their few kind words as these make a nice change.

We welcome into the Platoon the following new Fusiliers, Norton, Kirkbride, Collins, Bridgewater and past members of the Platoon who have now returned to the "Pool" namely Cpl. New, Fus. Smith 88 and Regan. Our R.E.M.E. element has also had a few changes and we welcome A.S.M. Benyon, Cpl. Bamford and Cpl. Frazer into the turmoil and hope that their stay with us will be reasonably pleasurable both to them and the rest of the Platoon.

Departures have robbed the Platoon of two popular and hard working members, namely W.O.II Ager to the Q.M.'s department (our loss — their

gain) and a friend of all, Sgt. Davey Jack, who is now employed as a car salesman in Glasgow. We wish them both the very best in their new employment.

The Platoon families in station are going up all the time which helps for peace of mind and the following families have increased — L/Cpls. Kelly, Arnott, Cpl. Bermingham, Fus. Reid, Hunter. They are to be congratulated on their combined efforts.

Various Cadres have been run over the past few months causing a growth of grey hairs among the Platoon's driving instructors and testers. It is said that grey gives a look of distinction (but we think they do well enough as they are).

Things we want to know

Who went to 'C' Coy. woods with all the R.E.M.E. and M.T. Chocolate??

SIGNAL PLATOON

Having just finished our training in the Hamelin area everyone is breathing more easily and we are trying to get back to a sane way of living. It is hoped that we will be able to get on with a classification Cadre and get it over before the end of the year. We have learned a lot during the exercise period, both at Soltau and Hamelin. As a result our dependants in the rifle Coys. will be able to put more trust in us.

We congratulate Sgt. Charlie O'Hara on his promotion and all the best of luck in his new job with Brigade H.Q. Congratulations also to L/Cpl. Simpson (Chief Engineer Penthouse Construction Team) and L/Cpl. McGregor on their elevation to the peerage.

Some of us are off on leave shortly and we will be letting Glasgow know that we are back. It won't be quite like Austria, where you are liable to let all your money part company with you at the Casino (as the story goes from C.Q.M.S. Stewart).

The platoon feel that L/Cpl. McAuley should be told that the engine in a Renault Dauphine is meant to be in the rear of the car.

There is a budding Lonnie Donegan in the platoon in the form of Fus. McBride who tells us he is going to write a hit tune and dedicate it to the washroom.

We would like to close these notes with the burning question — "Who set fire to C.P. 2?"

Q.M. DEPARTMENT

Members of the department led by the Q.M. and very ably assisted by Sgt. Philip have just returned from two weeks training at Hamelin, where we operated smoothly and with the minimum fuss, due mainly, to the amount of practice we have had this year.

What a shock awaited us on our return; utter chaos.

Our R.Q.M.S. (W.O. II Charlie Rogers) is preparing to leave us to take up the appointment of Q.M. at the 4/5 R.S.F. (T.A.). A rear party was left in Iserlohn to try and cope with this event, but failed due mainly to the fact that only one pioneer, one painter, two storemen and two 3 ton trucks were available to the Q.M.'s dept. during the period the Bn. was on training. Now that the whole of the staff are available to assist and the Bn. transport is at our disposal he may yet manage to emplane on the 23rd October, 1963. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the R.Q.M.S. on his promotion and



General Dr. Hans Speidel, Commander Allied Land Forces Central Europe, inspects a Detachment of the Royal Highland Fusiliers, part of the International Guard of Honour, during farewell ceremony at Fontainebleau, France, 29th August, 1963. General Speidel is accompanied by Brigadier General Irzyk, U.S.A., Parade Commander.

to wish him and Mrs Rogers the very best of luck. W.O.II Harry Ager joined the dept. about three months ago and has been busy making notes (on M.T. accident reports) ever since. Unlike our present R.Q.M.S. he hasn't got a worried look, yet. Anyway we wish him success in his new appointment. Staff Sgt. Derek Stokoe (R.E.M.E.), we are glad to say, has completely recovered from his road accident (last journal). Due to his seniority, excellent service to the regiment and the fact that he has managed to survive with us for so long, he has been posted to H.Q. 5 Inf. Bde. Gp. and promoted S.Q.M.S. To him we send our congratulations and sincere thanks.

Staff Sgt. Spiller (R.E.M.E.) has joined the fold as our Bn. Armourer and in the short time he has been with us has shown quite clearly he will be another S.Q.M.S. Stokoe. We hope his stay with us will be a pleasant one.

There have been no other arrivals/departures since the last journal and the foundation stones (McClay, Glen, L/Cpl. Trewin etc.) are beginning to look prosperous. It only needs McCluskey to get a car now and the Q.M. will never manage to park outside the block. Muscles McCluskey has now obtained his educational qualifications and should be well on his way for grade I rates of pay providing he has the further capabilities of Atlas (P.E. Tests) and Davy Crockett (weapon classification).

The pay office have been continually amending (General) Grant's rates of pay since his wife presented him with yet another girl (three now) and his promotion to full Cpl. Congratulations from the dept. to both him and Mrs Grant.

The training period now virtually over for the year the dept. will now enjoy a quiet period returning all the tentage, what is left of it, (break one and call it two) issue out a few items of clothing (Bn. Admin. Inspection) and do our utmost to avoid drill parades (brogue shoes in for repair).

In closing we wish all our readers good fortune and a prosperous New Year.

P.R.I.

Since we last wrote notes for the Journal there have been several changes in the P.R.I. We have acquired the services of Speedy McIntyre and have also gone into the transport business running the Battalion Mini Bus service, subject to periodic unserviceability of vehicle and/or driver.

Fus. Mahon is acting as P.R.I. clerk and we can hear him typing all day sometimes using as many as two fingers at once. The P.R.I. has had its fair share of life at the sharp end with exercises at Vogelsang, Soltau and Hamelin during which slaking the thirst of the Battalion was our main consideration.

Our congratulations go to Fus. Logue and Fus. Boyd whose wife each produced a son, a possible pair of recruits? At the end of October we lose Cpl. Lambie who retires from his superemporium to the more mundane life at the Depot. Major Smith has handed the cash box keys to Capt. Howden-Ferme who can be heard muttering "Ten Per Cent" to himself all day.

The P.R.I. now starts to prepare for the coming Christmas season with all its parties and jollifications. We wish all our customers the compliments of the season and a prosperous (for the P.R.I.) New Year.

TENPERCENT.

'A' COMPANY

We have now seen a year in Iserlohn and elsewhere slip by. There have been various comings and goings in Company H.Q., but by and large it is the same team. Capt. Craigie Halkett left us and went to 'C' Company and his place was taken by Capt. Thorburn. The C.S.M. is still going strong but will be leaving in December to go to the Brigade Depot, we wish him the best of luck, and extend a welcome (?) to his successor.

In the office we lost Gray who went to another company and Erskine arrived from the depot to take over. Cpl. Gibson managed eventually to tear himself away from the office and is now in 2 Platoon. Mackie became the Company Commander's batman in place of O'Connor, who after a prolonged holiday at home now assists in creating disorder in the office. McQuade halves his time between being the 2i.c.'s batman and keeping the C.S.M. happy on exercises. Cpl. McCourt joined us from the M.T. Platoon to look after our transport and we congratulate him on his promotion, also Cpl. Bryson who has taken over the signal detachment, and is our man in goal in the Battalion Football Team. Blackwood exchanged his position in the office to become the C.S.M.'s driver.

At Vogelsang we were joined by Captain Leslie from 4/5 R.S.F. who passed an idle week with us earning his T.A. bounty, and later in the year at Hamelin by Captain Skipness from the Norwegian Army on an exchange visit.

Earlier in the year the company provided a detachment for the Queen's Birthday Parade, mounted in vehicles for a change, and a fairly strong element took part in a visit to Paris for a farewell parade to General Speidel at N.A.T.O. Headquarters — it is understood that other activities also took place.

Our principal social engagement of the year was the company outing to Konigswinter, the result of the company fund reaching bursting point. In the event it was well worth while and enjoyed by all, not least the civil population who must have had a good laugh at us.

After visits to Sennelager, Vogelsang and Soltau (from where the old town of Luneburg was (re)visited our time in the Hamelin area provided a welcome change of scenery — a land of friendly people and spacious farmyards and barns, though we had our share of damp dark woods as well. The Colour Sergeant broke his own record by becoming immobile on several occasions and Welsh driving the Command Post learnt that it was unwise to go into the woods alone.

Finally:—

1. Who is 007?
2. Why does he always wear a Parka when it gets cold? Everyone knows that Parkas are useless!

1 Platoon Notes

The leave after Princess Margaret's Parade was just what we needed. Everybody came back (well, nearly everybody) feeling much better and ready for more schemes.

The highlight of September was our visit to Konigswinter. The Platoon quickly divided itself up into various parties — The Drinkers (by far the largest party!), the eaters, the dancers and the "do anything that's good fun" party. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves and Fusilier Clark can prove it as he was the official photographer. There is very little one can do in the Platoon without getting photographed these days.



Boating at Vogelsang.
Beginners shambles.

The Platoon reckons they are now good on the water. We practised very hard to do silent crossings which were all good except when the Company Commander was watching. Ferryman Trainer tiptoed out of the boat onto a lily pad not realising that these grow in 8 feet of water. The resulting loud laughter frightened the enemy away.

L/Cpl. Nichol has been telling us how he was soaked in an icelcold stream, made to carry wet sandbags and starved on his Outward Bound Course in Norway — He still maintains he enjoyed it.

1 Platoon have now recovered from our exercises at Hamelin. Except No. 2 Section who thought they would stay there for ever due to McDonald's favourite pastime of getting stuck!

Departures and arrivals :

We are sorry to lose : Cpl. Best who has left the Army; Cpl. New, who has returned to the M.T.; L/Cpl. Bryden, who becomes one of the weight-lifting gang (3" Mortar Section); Fus. Robertson, who kept his vehicle so clean that they posted him to another platoon; Fus. Gray to H.Q. Company.

We welcome: 2 Lt. Lorimer as the Platoon Commander's understudy; Cpl. Wood, from 2 Platoon; Fus. Mullen, as a driver; Fus. Tanner, as a rifleman.

Questions that 1 Platoon want to know :—

1. Who gave away their Bayonets as Souvenirs.
2. Why 2 Platoon never gave the Beer after they lost the Boat-Race to us.



Konigwinter.
L/Cpl. Bryden and Cpl. Gibson.



Fus. Fyffe driving on to a Class IV raft at Vogelsang.

3. Whose girlfriend got 6 months in Gaol.
4. Who was Fusilier "Swill Bin" who ate all Platoon H.Q.'s Rations at Hamelin.
5. Who laughed when 2-Lt. Lorimer nose dived into the ditch?

2 Platoon Notes

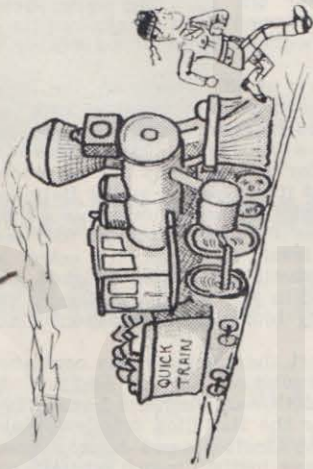
As always there have been some changes in our line up, and there are some more to come. Lt. Mead after commanding the Platoon since 1960 has moved to 'B' Company and we have 2-Lt. Channer in his place. Sgt. Turnbull developed a complicated ailment which ensures maximum rest with frequent visits to hospital when times get hard (If he wants to sell his secret he should get enough to retire on) and Sgt. Brodie has come to take his place (He hasn't tried any of his recruiting patter on us so far).

Laird has left for civilian life and McKinnon nursing an ulcer has gone home to the Depot. We expect to say goodbye to Cpl. Greenshields who is going to the Brigade Depot, when it forms. Turner is going on a posting to the School of Infantry next year, and McCallion has left us for a holiday in Colchester. Cpl. Faulds visited Norway on an outward bound course and has now gone off to Hythe for a W.T. Course with Cpl. Gibson. Our congratulations go to Sgt. Brodie, Fus. Thompson and Fus. Evans who have all had additions to their families.

On the sports field Fus. Barr has been training and playing with the Bn. football team. During



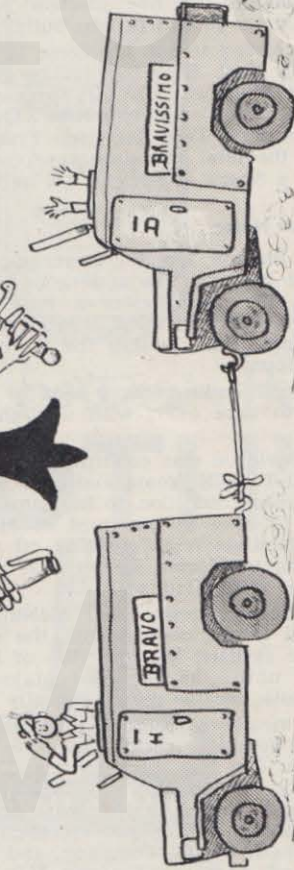
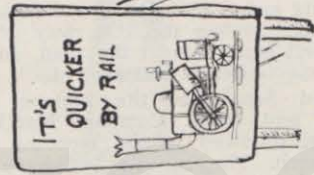
Konigwinter.
Left to right: Fus. Clark, Evans and Best.



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the summer Fus. Benson, Dale and Docherty could be seen stretching their legs round the athletics track.

Fus. Benson, Hodge and Evans have all been on driving cadres and are now the Platoon drivers. Fus. Hodge prefers the U.K. way of driving, i.e., on the left hand side of the road, and "General" Benson specialises in soft ground.

In mid September the Platoon had a Map Reading and Night Compass March Course at Schwerte, followed in the morning by the nine mile march. The nine miles were successfully completed but the map reading was somewhat hampered by such distractions as apple and plum trees. The night compass march was beset with such dangers as live electric fences, herds of inquisitive cows and furious bulls.

The training season has come to an end with the Battalion Test Exercise during the three weeks spent at Hamelin. The last three days were spent attached to 'B' Company 1 King's Own Royal Border Regt. for their Test Exercise. Fried Eggs and Tea during the final morning were cooked at ground zero in a flurry of nuclear fire balls.

4 Platoon Notes

No. 4 Platoon, like the Government, although for different reasons, has undergone a change at the top. Lt. Thorburn, after a long and admirably successful administration, was elevated to the rank of Captain, thus joining the lower ranks of the Upper House.

The Commanding Officer sent for Lt. Holme, who agreed to take over, with a slightly reorganised cabinet.

Sgt. Davidson was confirmed in office as Platoon and Anti-Tank Sergeant and is to be congratulated on the recent addition to his family. Sgt. Kenyon arrived to take up the post of Mortar Sgt., and took immediate fright rushing off to get married. According to Mortar jargon it is now understood that he is well "Bedded In"!

Fus. Gibson and Fus. McNulty were both promoted to the cabinet with the rank of L/Cpl., but were excused the formality of kissing hands—at least until, the Sergeant Major's edict about finger nails, became more generally known.

Some members resigned for the more lucrative looking outside world, and we wish L/Cpl. Hutchison and Fus. Stevenson and McDermott all prosperity. Fus. Banks unfortunately had to leave for medical reasons, and we wish him better health in the future. Miller has transferred his Gorilla like strength to 'B' Company, and Kirkbride now drives (off and on) for the M.T. Platoon. Two former members Robertson and Dempsey have regained their seats and have taken posts in the Ministry of Transport.

The rest of the house is as stolidly loyal and hard working as ever, overcoming the rigours of the training season with aplomb and not a little beer. Vogelsang was interesting mainly as an ex Nazi Love Camp, where we appropriately enough married up with the 10th Hussars, and secondly because Cpl. Barrett misjudged the distance between two boats in the lake, and went for an unexpected swim, just as the C.O. arrived to watch the training. We all learnt a good deal about the parentage of the other boat commander.

The Platoon enjoyed the Company Outing on the Rhine, more than to the full — and it was a

slightly blurred day, but as anon once said:—

"There are several reasons for drinking,

And one has just entered my head;

If a man cannot drink when he's living,

How the hell can he drink when he's dead."

Ex Autumn Double provided many amusements. The anti-tank section under Cpl. Weir built several rafts and were constantly being swept down the Weser, after the monotonous break down of the engines. The padre was persuaded to cross with us at one time, thereby ensuring both success and a less vocal trip than usual.

We still provide a good many of the football team, Kelly, McLean, Cartledge, Robertson and L/Cpl. McNulty all being stars in their own right.

Birrell (transferred from 1 Platoon, since the last notes) on Autumn Double tried to follow the Bhuddhist trend, by falling asleep at the fire with his feet in it. Why it took him so long to wake up remains a mystery — he comes out of hospital shortly.

We are now preparing for winter and wish all and sundry and the R.S.M. a Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year — to put it mildly.

'B' COMPANY

This summer has seen the company taking part in a vigorous training programme — we have trained on the local training area at Schwerte at section and platoon level, fired on the open range and flown around Iserlohn in helicopters.

Early July saw the company practising hard for the Trooping of the Colour, which took place on 10th July in honour of the visit of H.R.H. The Princess Margaret, The Colonel-in-Chief — We formed number two guard and were, according to spectators, quite the best on parade.

No sooner was the parade over, than we climbed into our armoured "pigs" and set off for Vogelsang, where we practised infantry tank co-operation. We had some experience during this period of assault boating and rafting — We feel rather proud that the Commanding Officer and the Adjutant put the lives in 8 Platoon's hands and went for a sail on the lake, sitting in a champ, on a class four raft.

From Vogelsang we returned to Iserlohn and within a week to Soltau for more infantry co-operation. Then after ten days we came home again and we were allowed a few weeks respite — during this period we had a lot of swimming in the local baths.

Late September saw us off to Hamelin, the River Weser and more boating and infantry tank co-operation with the 10 Hussars and for variety, the Fort Garry Horse — We had a practice advance to contact exercise for twenty miles one way, then turned about and did it in reverse, as the Battalion Test Exercise, including a river crossing of the Weser at night, when it was in flood and four feet above its normal level. Some of us acted as umpires to another battalion in the Brigade and we were all involved in the last three days of the manoeuvres as enemy to the third battalion of the Brigade.

In the field of sport the company has continued to maintain its reputation — In addition to providing Corporal McGowan, Fusiliers Logue, Hay, Edgar and Quinn for the Battalion team, we have won the Assaye Day football and hockey competitions — The Assaye football match was against 'C' Company whom we only just managed to beat 3-2 in a very good game.

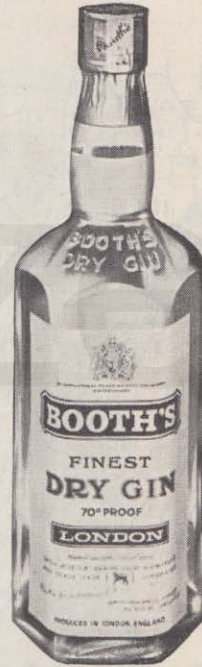


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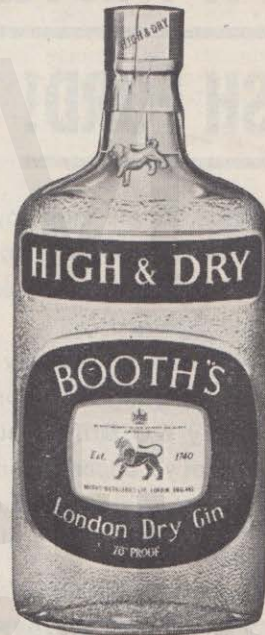
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Sgt. Laird, 'B' Coy., being presented with the Assaye football Cup by the Commanding Officer.

Since our last notes there have been many changes, especially amongst the officers — We lost Captain J. E. Staheli to the Royal Military Academy in August, Major G. C. R. L. Pender to Battalion Headquarters in October and Second Lieutenant R. N. De R. Channer from 6 Platoon to 'A' Coy. New members of the Company are as follows — Captain R. N. R. Cross, Lieutenant M. J. E. Mead, Second Lieutenant I. Reid, Sergeant Baxter and Fusiliers Hay, Turnbull, Stewart and Edgar to whom we extend a warm welcome — we know that they are all indoctrinated with the true 'B' Company spirit.

Fusiliers Hislop and Bird have left the Company stores and are in 5 and 6 platoons. Likewise Fusilier McHardy, the late Company Clerk who had an unceremonious exit through the garage doors. Corporal Anderson is discharged. Fusilier Hamilton is still on leave and Fusilier Moon is going on the next cadre. In the meantime the headquarters is being held together by Fusiliers Crosbie, Boyle, Potts, Bechelli, Laing, Little, Doyle, Fulton and Smith, while the vehicles are being kept running somehow by Corporals Wallace and Waterson, Fusiliers Hamill, Clerk and McKellan struggle with our wireless sets on exercise and the Company Commander's patience.

The Sergeant Major has run some good camping weekends throughout the summer, which have been appreciated by the members of the Company who attended and Second Lieutenant G. T. Imries took a party of the Company on a trip to Holland, which was a great success.

We have had Major Sheikh Habbado Zaffar of the Pakistani Army and Captain J. H. Wheeler, Royal Signals, attached to us at various times throughout the summer and though we learnt a lot from these officers, we are confident that we gave them a good account of ourselves, both in the field and in barracks.

It has been a good training period which we have enjoyed. We reckon that we are a fully integrated company and can turn our hand to anything, whether it be drill, co-operating with armour, assault river crossings, flying in helicopters or playing games.

5 Platoon Notes

Following the parade for Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret, we underwent training at Soltau, learning a great deal of infantry-tank co-operation. The platoon then returned to a more stable existence in barracks, with normal routine administration being the order of the day.

On 6th September Second Lieutenant Reid arrived and 5 Platoon then had a Sunray Minor and a Sunray Minnie Minor. This could have proved very confusing for McLaughlin! Having paid numerous visits to Schwerte during this period we now found ourselves rapidly approaching eighteen days training in the Hamelin area. Our journey there was uneventful, save for a fierce thunderstorm, and we arrived at our concentration area to set up camp.

Frequent visits to River Weser then followed and we practised our boatmanship most assiduously. The method of transferring the boat in a straight

line to the opposite bank requires considerable effort if one is to avoid the embarrassing catastrophe of drifting two hundred yards downstream.

Then came an advance to contact, our likely chance of closing with the enemy being called off at the last minute when it was obvious the company would take the enemy position up in record time.

The Test Exercise itself began with a similar advance back to the River Weser, followed by a night river crossing, where we were to ferry 'B' and 'C' Companies, and then we found ourselves dug in whilst the cold morning mist slowly disappeared. Although we were not engaged in the mortal conflict to our immediate front, few of us will forget the sight of Fusilier Quinn:— head, drooped onto his chest as he stood in a fire trench. The method of rousing him was at the same time unusual and useless, and could easily be judged by his bemused expression on eventually waking up.

With the Test Exercise over we went to a new area and practised village clearing. Sergeant Watson left us to further his education, in which task we wish him all good fortune, and Second Lieutenant Imrie departed for his course in United Kingdom. We wish him the best of luck and look forward to his return in March.

Our final engagement was as enemy to 1st Battalion King's Own Royal Border Regiment and both this and our complete fortnight's training ended on the sad note of told to pack up and go home, just as four enemy heads appeared on a crest during their gentlemanly dawn counter-attack at 0930. Corporal Kerr did distinguish himself

however by claiming victims with his Browning!!

We arrived safely back at Iserlohn and are now amidst preparation for the Administration Inspection. We do however have memories of one attack to spur us on. This was an assault on a railway bridge where we were fortunate to be covered by both smoke and train, only to emerge on the other side and look straight down a tank's gun!!

In conclusion, we wish Corporal Davies an enjoyable leave and look forward to having a complete platoon again.

6 Platoon Notes

The last platoon notes ended with the platoon hard at work preparing for Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret's visit. The only "casualty" of that period was Sergeant Scott who had broken a bone in his hand and was unable to take part in the parade.

The beginning of August saw the platoon on 16 days' hard training at Soltau. This was our second meeting with tanks and convinced us that tanks were never made to carry infantry on — unless it was absolutely essential! Fusilier Davidson never complains these days about 58 pattern webbing. If his yoke had broken he would have come to a sticky end!

On our return to Iserlohn an Armoured Personnel Carrier ran into the back of Fusilier Vaghan's vehicle — smashed the rear doors and a petrol can. Corporal Quate, who was sleeping happily in the back, found himself soaked with petrol and had to travel the rest of the way without his shirt.



'B' Company football team being presented with prizes at the end of the Assaye Day football competition. The Commanding Officer, Cpl. Waterson, Fus. McLaughlin, Fus. Hay, Cpl. Hay, Cpl. Hynd, L/Cpl. Watt, Cpl. McGowan ('B' Coy.), Fus. Black and Fus. Wells ('C' Coy.).

Mid August saw the start of helicopter training. Fusilier Withers, who was then serving with 6 platoon, burnt his hands while leaving a helicopter by rope. Rumour has it that he refuses to repeat this feat without wirecutting gloves!

After leave, the platoon returned ready for Battalion training at Hamelin. The exercises hold many memories, with familiar phrases like "Camouflage nets down and hessian up" and "Army Bath Unit."

The exercises also brought out the advantage of a civilised training area. And the platoon probably feel better than on any other occasion in the field with a plentiful supply of fresh bread and fresh eggs, tinned foods, butter and potatoes. The initial advance to contact route was dotted with apple trees. Fus. Davidson and McKelvie damaged themselves when their Armoured Personnel Carrier had an accident and left the road, but otherwise the platoon seems to have survived the battle. After a successful Battalion Test Exercise the Company provided some umpires for The Royal Welch Fusiliers exercise. A fighting patrol was sent out one morning with the object of stirring up the enemy's echelon areas. Unfortunately truce talks were on at the time so the day was spent in a bitterly cold wood brewing up tea to keep warm, followed by a return to camp. The final few days were spent as enemy (Redland) for the Kings Own Border Regiment test exercise. By sheer willpower the platoon restrained itself from collecting a large amount of G1098 equipment left by the Blueland forces on the last objective. Fus. Hillhouse complained about his sleeping accommodation in a cow byre with all the other drivers, but it is felt that he had the best of it as the platoon spent its night digging slit trenches on a rocky hillside. The counter-attack at 0930 hours ended the exercise and the platoon returned to Iserlohn where they are now preparing for the annual Administrative inspection.

Platoon arrivals and departures :

We welcome Fusiliers Howe and McKelvie from the guardroom. Fusilier Hislop arrived via the Company store but is regretfully now in hospital. Fusilier Gibson 47 is to be congratulated on his marriage whilst on leave. We wish Corporal Bathgate on his Hythe course the best of luck.

Queries :

1. Is it true that Fusilier Hillhouse has been offered a post as cook by Lord Snowdon?
2. Who went hunting with signal wire?
3. Who/what is a "snowball"?
4. When is a platoon fund being started to buy Fusilier Hillhouse his next electric razor?
5. Why does Sergeant Scott dislike Deer?

8 Platoon Notes

Changing rapidly from No. 1 dress into combat clothing we found ourselves flying around Iserlohn in helicopters and landing just too far from all the pubs in the Schwerte training area. All too soon we were packing stores and loading vehicles and were on our way to Soltau. Where we lived under canvas on an old airfield. The bright sunshine and warm weather broke one evening with a very heavy thunderstorm. However, as expected nobody got wet and the free issue of beer was thoroughly enjoyed. Fortunately the rigours of the exercises were not as serious as we had feared — Sergeant Laird and Corporal Robertson found a comfortable bed in a cornfield and the mortars camouflaged

their pits so well that Lieutenant Shepherd walked between them without seeing them. The anti-tank section was just as good as the 10 Hussars found out to their dismay. One tank crew, having dismounted to look for Corporal Johnston's gun, which had engaged them, climbed back into their panzer and drove off shaking their heads.

We returned to Iserlohn to be issued with new circular 81 millimetre mortar base plates. An experimental sand filled bomb shoot was held in the Schwerte area — it was such a success that we removed the bipods and amazed all the local children with a display of wild shoulder shooting.

The weather being good the platoon took up boating and rafting with enthusiasm. A quiet stretch of the Ruhr was soon reverberating to the cries of In! Out! In! Out! as McIntyre and his land rover were ferried across the river. With a lot of practice we became quite proficient at raft building, this was just as well as our next efforts were on the Weser near Hamelin. On the Battalion Test Exercise we crossed a friendly part of Germany and never lacked for potatoes or apples. This was reflected in the cooking of the detachments; each lived on excellent chips and Re'id stewed all the apples he could find. The Platoon provided a night fighting patrol against The Royal Welch Fusiliers. Unfortunately it missed their Battalion Headquarters but was quite satisfied with an attached Sapper troop which provided one prisoner and two ten man ration packs.

On returning to Iserlohn we stood down only to stand to in a hurry. We wonder how much Fusiliers Millar and Hynd remember of it? Corporal Robertson and Lance Corporal Brown managed to find time to sleep under a very comfortable tree. The excitement over, the platoon is preparing for the annual Administrative Inspection and leave. We are sorry to lose McIntyre who is going to the Depot as a storeman. However, Fusiliers Logue and Johnstone have somehow persuaded the M.T.O. that they can drive and thus we can now just spare him.

'C' COMPANY

The big event of the last few months has been the visit of our Colonel in Chief. However, as this will no doubt be fully reported elsewhere it is not intended to describe the visit further, except to say that the Company was again selected to provide the Number One Guard, and Escort to the Colours on the first day, whilst we also gave our demonstration of a mobile rifle company group for Her Royal Highness on the second day.

Both these tasks came as no surprise since we provided The Guard of Honour on the Queen's Birthday Parade, and have mounted two demonstrations in the three months preceding the visit. The first demonstration was for officer cadets from R.A.F. Cranwell and members of the A.C.F. from Devon. The second demonstration was arranged for the Directing Staff and Students of the Joint Services Staff College who were visiting the battalion for two days to gain experience of the organisation and training of selected units in B.A.O.R. We were delighted to see Colonel "Shand" Blair of the Queen's Own Highlanders, Colonel Bruce Bogle (a former battery commander from 28 Commonwealth Brigade days) and Major Stuart Green. As Major Green is to take over 'C' Company on Major Anderson becoming adjutant, this was a suitable opportunity for him to see the Company at first hand.



'C' Company boating at Vogelsang—L/Cpl. Girdwood, Cpl. Devine, Fus. Eaglesham.



"Three Men in a Boat,"

Our training has not been entirely devoted to drill, ceremonial and rehearsing demonstrations. Much of our time has been spent on night training on the Schwerte Training Area. Here we have concentrated on patrolling, radio exercises and small exercises designed to develop the initiative of junior leaders and improve our physical fitness and endurance. In addition we have usually managed to fit in one day a week on the range, as a result of which the standard of shooting has improved noticeably.

Preparation for the Bn. Test Exercise began in earnest when the company went to Vogelsang in July for watermanship and tank co-operation training. The weather was splendid and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves as is evidenced by the photograph of C.S.M. Gilmour.

This period was followed by a two week stay in Soltau when we continued our co-operation with armour and got to know our counterparts in 'A' Squadron 10 Hussars very well. Major Kevin Latchford, who commanded 'A' Squadron was a great source of strength and contributed a great deal to the success of the training.

We also carried out Stage I helicopter training and soon learned to appreciate the mobility and flexibility afforded by this mode of transport.

By the end of August the company was just about ready for the Test Exercise which started at the end of September.

The Test Exercise period lasted from 30th September to 17th October. The first week we spent in practising the advance to contact and assault water crossing over the River Weser. The second period was the actual test exercise, the third we provided the umpire organisation for the Royal Welch Fusiliers Test Exercise and the final 3 days we acted as enemy for the Kings Own Royal Border Regiment. The Test Exercise was a success for the Bn., 'C' Coy. making its usual efficient and reliable contribution. There was one moment of apprehension when the C.L. 4 Raft under command of 2/Lt. Colin Dunbar broke down in mid-stream with the C.O. aboard and started to drift rapidly down to the North Sea. Fortunately disaster was averted by the timely arrival of the safety tug.

Acting as enemy to The King's Own Royal Border Regiment also produced its moments. 'C' Coy. was holding a position which was attacked not very successfully by a company of the Borderers. It was essential that the position should be taken for the exercise to run to schedule (and for 'C' Coy. to get breakfast) so the day was saved when we declared we had 50 per cent casualties as half of us had died laughing. We all returned to Iserlohn very tired but satisfied on 16th October looking forward to a few days stand-down.

The Company has continued to do well in sport. In addition to football and hockey we have usually managed to get to the swimming pool at least once a week and 'C' Company and 'B' Company were in the finals of the Assaye Football Cup. At least two bus trips have been organised by 2/Lt. Lyde to take the company to the Dutch Coast. These trips were enjoyed very much indeed, and our special thanks are due to Mr George Newlove, the N.A.A.F.I. Manager, who has been so helpful in making the necessary arrangements. 2/Lt. Lyde also took a party on a five day expedition to the Hertz mountains which was a great success.

Whilst it has not been easy getting married accommodation, the effort has been well worth

while and we are now in the position where all our entitled families are in station or on the way.

9 Platoon Notes

During the last six months we have been faced, roughly speaking, by two kinds of enemy (the bottle excepted!). Firstly a large and cumbersome pig. During the period leading up to Princess Margaret's visit, these animals — we had four to contend with — were treated with great respect and received many offerings of varying colours of paint. They came with us to Vogelsang where Cpl. Anderson and Fus. McCulloch scored a great victory suffering but few injuries on their side. The pig was later repaired.

At Soltau, a very dirty and at times wet place, the animals lost their shine and, with the appearance of the second "public enemy," became accepted as occupational hazards.

Prince was a handsome hound indeed, and had been brought to Soltau to assist in maintaining security in 'C' Company, a job he relished: his failing, however, proved to be his inability to tell friend from foe. All wounds inflicted have now healed and Prince is no longer with us.

The Hamelin area will no doubt be remembered for its damp dark woods, its equally damp river and a plentiful supply of "tatties," apples and other essential commodities. Of course there was all this business of waiting for dawn attacks and 2 Platoon attacking our position when they were supposed to be miles away: we suspected that they were lost at the time!

Now we're all back in Iserlohn again and on reflection, the Battalion Test Exercise and all that went with it wasn't quite as bad as it "felt" at the time: at least how much better it seems than to be preparing for the Annual Administrative Inspection.

10 Platoon Notes

Last February a battalion of Scottish soldiers arrived in the small garrison town of Iserlohn in Germany and with them came a brand new and very green officer. This unfortunate individual was posted forthwith to a small group of jocks known collectively as 10 platoon.

The first encounter between this rather innocent officer and his men was in a cold, unfriendly, and at that time extremely scruffy barrack room. It was in this room that this officer first put over what he required and in return was told, in no uncertain terms what he was required to do.

With knees trembling he left the room and with this painful procedure over both men and officer tentatively began to probe each others peculiarities and slowly the ice thawed.

Our first real exercise was perhaps the most enjoyable. This was that performed with the "Spearhead" armoured division of the United States Army at Sennelager. This went well right from the start. One of our American drivers was much impressed when he grabbed his rifle, jumped out of his A.P.C. and ran into the attack with us. Having gallantly reached the objective he dropped gasping to the ground and informed us that if ever there was another war he hoped that he would be on our side.

However, our real trials did not really begin until we returned to Iserlohn, and it was the Pig that was sent to try us. After the splendours of the American tracked vehicles our immediate reaction was not to be beaten by our allies from over the

seas, and so off we set for Schwerte to show everybody our capabilities. We had not spent long in this somewhat limited training area before we were forced to realise the considerable shortcomings of the pig. Having learnt our lesson we set about using the pig in its proper role. This was soon perfected and our worried faces once again turned to smiles.

Time moved slowly on and the honourable, newly joined, but not so green officer went home for three weeks leave leaving Cpl. Rodger behind to do platoon commander, platoon sergeant and general dog's body. Off went the platoon to Vogelsang and Soltau in this merry state. At Soltau we were given the slightly doubtful honour of amalgamation with 9 platoon. However even with these difficulties everyone, on the whole enjoyed themselves especially when the training included sitting in a boat paddling for the major part of the day.

Our next port of call was a desolate spot on the river Ruhr with the idea of doing an assault river crossing. This was anticipated with much glee, memories of Vogelsang still fresh in our minds, until 10 platoon realised, much to its horror, that it had been given the task of carrying the boats down to the river. Nevertheless this was accomplished with considerable patience by all.

Somehow the Americans were still in our hair and it was not long before we were off to Dortmund to do guards with a U.S. missile detachment. Work there was hard but our efforts did not pass unnoticed; as one young American soldier was heard to remark, "Gee, man, they sure are combat!" Spirits remained high even though several route marches were done and a number of rectangular — and I believe tactical — pits approximately three feet six inches deep had to be dug.

Following this came the climax to the year — our test exercise. This really set forth to test our initiative and endurance. We certainly passed the first with flying colours. One most enjoyable rest day was spent in a most comfortable farmer's barn. This farm had the added attraction of a most delightful young Fraulein who seemed to take a most peculiar liking to Devlin. It was with difficulty that he was rescued from her passes and dragged off to drive us away.

One would imagine from this last story that all was sugar and honey but this certainly was not the case. By the end of the exercise we were all exhausted. We all felt very satisfied and that we had earned our pay and that our efforts were not all in vain.

So ended another year of hard work and personal endeavour, a year which once again demonstrated to all what could be done by a small body of men with both guts and pride. For here in 10 platoon we have had many tribulations and hurdles have been overcome purely by the wonderful spirit shown by all.

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Early in the year we went to Vogelsang for exercises in infantry tank co-operation and village clearing, the latter satisfying our destructive urges. This exercise was marked by a memorable occasion for on one evening C/Sgt. Walker made fish 'n' chips.

Back in Iserlohn we reorganised and prepared to do Coy. and Bn. exercises at Soltau against a numerous and slippery enemy called Fantasians. This was C/Sgt. Kane's last exercise and we wish

to take this opportunity to wish him and his future bride the best of luck and all happiness.

In his place we have now got Sgt. Cuthbert who was elevated to mess heights earlier in the year. Apart from being platoon Sergeant he is also the backbone of the church and Sunday school.

'C' Company being the most efficient was chosen for guard duties at the S.A.S. site Dortmund where we acquitted ourselves very well. One American officer who commanded the American side of the site was heard to remark "Gee! You're the first soldiers we've seen around here." However we now know about rabbits with their tails tied together.

Next came the battalion test exercise at Hamelin the climax of which was the assault river crossing. An officer who shall be nameless did a very good back twist and landed head first in the river Weser. However, undaunted he then went sailing with the C.O., a landrover and Mobat. Engine failure prevented further use of the Class II raft.

The next stage of the test exercise was doing enemy for the King's Own Royal Border Regiment where we were used as a rifle platoon and now have to have the names of Grt Herschede and Kleine Herschede on our platoon flag, mind you there were no enemy there when we attacked.

So ended the exercise Autumn Double II which brings us up to the present. A good time having been had by all.

L/Cpl. Hawthorn rejoins us from the armoury.

Congratulations to: Fus. Cowan, married in Edinburgh; Sgt. Cuthbert, son; Cpl. Benson, daughter; L/Cpl. McSharry, married; L/Cpl. Hawthorn, promoted September, 1963.

Cpl. Benson joined us from the Gym. We will miss Fus. Gould and Gourlay who went to the Depot and take this opportunity to wish them all the best. One final but very important point. Where is the 3" mortar cup which we won in Benghazi last year and have not seen?

'D' COMPANY

The once upon a time peace and quietude of 'D' (Trg) Company no longer exists. From a handful of some twelve men we have now increased to a strength of 130, having now to contend with the "strains and squeals of the Pipe Band, the "oom pap paps" of the Military Band, the "hammers" of the Assault Chunkies and "R.T. Jargon" of the Recce. Platoon. Life however is still bearable and we still somehow manage to function as a training company. We welcome all these depts. to the company. They have given us a sense of importance and we no longer have to listen to remarks like: 'D' Section on parade. We must take this opportunity to record that Wilkie our clerk ventured from the confines of the office for 17 days during a recent exercise and worked his "type-ridden" fingers to the bone, digging slits, carrying guns, guiding assault boats, erecting tents are only some of the tasks mastered by our versatile button-pusher.

Our robust storeman Martin has passed his T's O.E.T. on the "Cans Rotary Opening" with honours. He's decided to resign if he sees any more boxes of compo.

Incidentally the tale about the Pied Piper of Hamelin drowning all the rats is a load of bunkum. They were all in the C.S.M.'s bed on 15th September.

It may be an odd coincidence or someone is accepting heavy bribes, but whenever there is an inter-company football fixture, both the bands disappear and consequently half our team.

In conclusion we welcome "Mauler McLaughlin" our new Arms Storeman to the company and for his sake hope that we get a favourable report on our next arms inspection.

Reece Platoon Notes

Since the last issue we have welcomed one new member to our happy band of rebels, Fus. Wattie Moore.

Also Cpl. Turnbull and Cpl. Wright have been on an Outward Bound Course up in Norway. They passed out with flying colours.

We have also passed through the trials and tribulations of Vogelsang, Soltau and our test exercise at Hameln, the town of the Pied Piper.

On exercise at Vogelsang much to the disgust of Charlie Company we reverted to a rifle section. Still we showed that we were every bit as fit as they. Cpl. Campbell as usual managed to scrounge a cushy job in charge of the canteen.

The Soltau exercise was notable for lack of sleep. Fus. Logue was heard to say he could make a fortune selling props for keeping eyes open. Cpl. Campbell's section Fus. "Huck" McPhee and Fus. "Tam" English although bleary eyed managed to spot a couple of enemy sentries looking for a shady spot to kip. Sgt. Craft's section Fus. "Joe" Orr and Fus. "Tam" Hosie using great stealth nipped up the road and captured them. A friendly pair they proved to be and turned out to be most helpful to the I.O. As it was the first time the platoon were used in their proper role the results proved most satisfactory.

Our test exercise was a river crossing at Hamelin in which we thought we were getting all the rain due for the year, and where we excelled at the digging of holes and erecting thunder boxes. Also Fus. "Wattie" Marshall was heard seeking the Pied Piper and reported him as being absent. The notable thing about this exercise was the cleanliness as we had mobile baths in use. These proved to be a great novelty and except for proving to be rather a chilly experience are a good idea, but the laundry service could have been better. Apart from Fus. Hosie having an argument with an A.P.C., the exercise went well and even though the platoon were wet outside when it returned to the mobile canteen ably run at a small profit? by Cpl. Campbell. Fus. Norton on loan from the M.T. and our new member Fus. Moore managed to get wet inside also. Camouflaging was another great experience and apparently quite a few woods in the B.A.O.R. have changed their shape. Still a good time was had by all especially when we were non tactical. Now we have returned to the humdrum existence of barracks and are settling down with the approaching winter in mind.

Comments:

- Who parked on a tree stump?
- Who is mister twenty percent?

Pipes & Drums Notes

Since our last notes in the Regt. Journal, we have departed from Bn. life for a short period. We proceeded from Iserlohn to France (by coach) to play at holiday resorts namely — Aix-Les-Bains and Evian-Les-Bains on the banks of Lake Geneva. This proved to be a very entertaining experience for some of the young blood in the band, as possibly "Fanny Forbes" and "Big Gibby" could enlighten readers more, but who wants the Regt. Journal banned, anyway, apart

from all the frivolity we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. On return to Iserlohn (with the duties still to do), we settled down for a week or so licking our wounds and preparing for our tour of Jersey and the Grand Finale "The Edinburgh Tattoo of 1963" as Brigadier Alistair McLean would have said. Jersey was to some of the band a second home, to others like Drummy it was boredom. Anyway, the jobs we had to do were done in the best manner we Scots could, and being the main attraction we had to think of keeping up the standard of the Regiment, and the playing of the band. This was done to the best of our ability and I can assure you was well appreciated by the hundreds of holiday makers from all parts of the world.

Alas! to Edinburgh which we all know very well, although it has changed quite a bit since our last appearance there. We all settled down in Dreghorn Camp and got on with rehearsals for our part in the Tattoo. During our stay in Edinburgh, we beat a combined retreat at the Regt. Depot, Lanark with the Band of the 1st Bn. The Cameronians (Pipes & Drums) all went very well and the Salute was taken by Major-General Bramwell Davies C.B., D.S.O. after which we all enjoyed a first class meal in the respective messes, then on the bus and back to Auld Reekie to carry on with the entertainment on the Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle. We were sorry to see the finish of the Tattoo, as we all met, and enjoyed meeting, old and new friends. But never mind! I believe we have been asked to perform in 1964.

On return to Iserlohn we were supposed to go Barcelona, but unfortunately it fell through and we all proceeded to recuperate on a well earned, three weeks leave, then back as now to duty and preparation for the festive season!

What we want to know:

1. What pair were picking up blonde bombshells?
2. What was the mystery of the shower?
3. Congrats to Bigham on his full dress acrobatics?

In conclusion:

- (a) We would like to congratulate Buglers Barton and Rouse on the addition to their families.
- (b) We welcome with open arms once again Scanlon and for the first time: L/Cpl. Lavery, Fus. Kennedy, McKellar, Murphy, Bennie, Smith and Petrie (Shaky Jackie).

GRACE NOTE.

Military Band Notes

Once again it is time to relate the activities of the Military Band for the benefit of the readers of the Journal.

In our last epistle, we mentioned that we would be undertaking several engagements outside B.A.O.R. Well, we have done them, and we have certainly enjoyed ourselves. I will now endeavour to enlighten everyone who is interested in the S.D.B. (Sittin' doon Baun'!).

The last performance of the Band before leaving for France, was the Dance Band in the Officers' Mess playing for Princess Margaret. This lasted until 2 a.m., and we left for France at 8 a.m. the same morning. We had a very good trip down through Germany, across Luxemburg, and into France. Under French Law, buses are not permitted to be on the roads after a certain hour, so N.A.T.O. kindly made accommodation available to us at Langres, in the Champagne district. Here, we were given beds by a regiment

of French infantry. We set out again the following morning, en route to Aix-les-Bains. After marching through the streets, we were given a splendid reception at the Town Hall, and the Mayor made us very welcome. In the afternoon, we played at a race meeting. We spent that night with the French Air Forces, and we were ready for a good night in bed. Two days in a bus, speeding across Europe, is quite tiring. On the next morning — 13th July — we left Aix, and travelled to Evian-les-Bains. This is a lovely town on the banks of Lake Geneva, and very near to the Swiss Border. I think it is safe to say that everyone in the Band, and in the Pipes and Drums, had a very enjoyable stay in Evian. After we marched through the streets, we were "officially received" at the Casino. This was followed by a concert in the lovely, sunlit gardens. We then moved off to our hotels where we were to spend the night. The Military Band were put into the Hotel le Grand du Parc. It only requires two words to describe that hotel. Absolutely splendid! Once again, the following morning, we climbed aboard our buses. This time, we set out to return to Iserlohn, arriving there in the early hours of the following morning.

On the 24th July we left Iserlohn again, bound for Jersey, in the Channel Islands. Our journey took us to Dortmund, where we boarded a train to Hook of Holland. We sailed overnight to Harwich, where we spent the day. At night, buses arrived to take us to Weymouth, where we were to get the boat to Jersey. Upon our arrival in St. Helier, we found that we had a free day, so we made the most of it for getting to know the Jersey Islanders. At least one Bandsman fell in love with one of the local girls. I will not mention his name. Our engagement on the Island included daily concerts in the Howard Davis Park, and on 1st August, the Annual Battle of Flowers. On this occasion, the Bands were inspected by the Lieutenant Governor of Jersey — General Sir George Erskine. Besides the Bands, there were two other well known celebrities in the presence of Sidney James and Pete Murray! In the evening, we gave a concert, and just managed to get finished when the rain that had been threatening all day, suddenly started. Everything was soaked, except the Band. We managed to escape to our buses just in time! Our summary of the week's work is "hard work, but an enjoyable time was had by everyone."

Our next port of call was Edinburgh for the Tattoo. When we arrived there, we met the Band of the R.A.M.C. with their Director of Music, Lt-Col. L. D. Brown. (No relation to the three in our Band!!). Colonel Brown was the Musical Director for the Tattoo, so we saw quite a lot of him. During the off-duty time, we had many a happy hour with members of the Band. They are indeed, a good bunch of lads. The Tattoo was one of the wettest on record, (weather-wise), but we were kindly loaned capes by the Edinburgh Corporation, so there was no damage done to uniforms. The Festival was closed, as is usual, by a grand Massed Bands Concert in the Princes Street Bandstand. Although it was raining, a huge crowd stayed until the end, so they obviously enjoyed it!

After the Festival, we were sent on a week's leave, before replying to the Depot. We then played during a recruiting drive in Lewis's Store in Glasgow. This job meant meeting quite a few past members of the Band. These included Taffy Howe,

Dennis Walford, Merton Boocock, Bill Wilson, David McHarg, Robert Iannelli, and George Pirie. Thanks to Doctor Beeching's railway reorganisation, George Pirie is once again joining our ranks, and he should be with us quite soon.

We are now back in Germany, had a good holiday, and are settling down to work once more. Now that we are back in the fold of the Battalion, we are preparing for the Annual Administrative Inspection in November. This has meant the moving of the Band Library, and we are indebted to L/Cpls. Jimmy Smart and John Blaikie for their combined efforts in making it look very smart and neat.

We have already had two engagements since our return from leave. These being a trip to Plettenberg to give a concert and to accompany a local choir, and a quick visit to Wuppertal to play during the 1st Round of the Army Football Cup. This task was a pleasure, because we watched the battalion team beat the King's Own Royal Border Regiment by 4 goals to 0.

In the near future, we have only a few engagements — mostly for the Dance Band. These are Assaye/Inkerman Ball for the Sgts' Mess and the Corporals' Mess, and the All Ranks' Dance. We are using the full line up of fourteen musicians for the Regimental functions, so this should cause quite a stir, as they are used to having a band of only six or seven! The other engagements until the end of November, include the Assaye/Inkerman parade, the Admin. Parade, and the Armistice parade.

We have said our goodbye to L/Cpl. Joe McCulloch since last writing, and we will be saying it again in the near future to L/Cpl. Jimmy Smart, who is leaving for civilian life. The Band President — Major Ingram — is also leaving the Battalion to take up another post elsewhere, and we welcome Major Anderson to take his place. Good luck to you Major Ingram, and may your next post be a happy one.

Back to our ranks from Kneller Hall are L/Cpls. Brodie and MacKay, and from the Depot is Bandsman Jones.

There are four arrivals to families to report, these being to the families of Sgt. McTomney, Cpls. Richardson and Brown, and Bdsm. Wilson. In each case a son was born. Congratulations to you all.

The latest promotion in the Band is that of Bryan Briggs-Watson. He is now a Warrant Officer in the appointment of Band Sergeant-Major.

Jimmy Laurent hasn't received any answers to the advertisement in the last issue of notes, so come young ladies, — what about it?!

During the leave, Bandsman Roger O'Neil was married. We extend to him and his wife our sincere congratulations, and look forward to having Mrs O'Neil with us in Germany in the not too distant future.

It would appear to outsiders that the best place to borrow money in the battalion is from the Band. This is not so; we aren't rich — even though there are nine cars adorning the outside of the Band block!!!

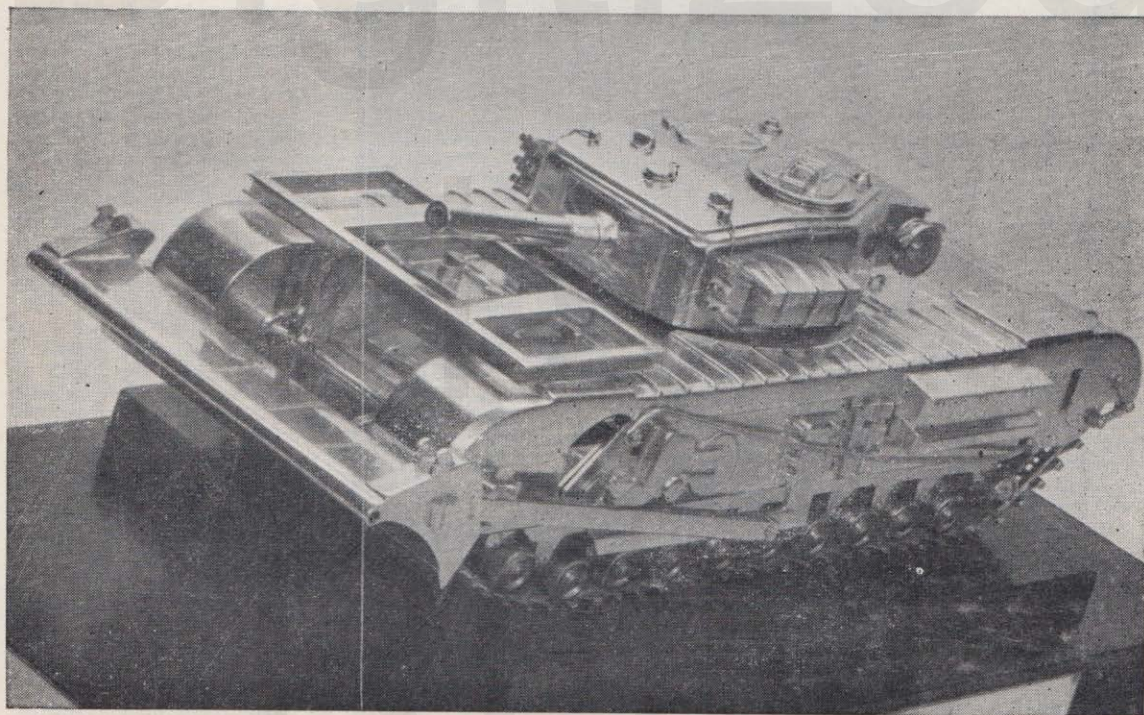
This seems to be all the news from this side of the baton for this time, so in closing, we would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone the Season's Greetings, and good fortune in 1964.

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Third Row: Sgt. W. Thompson, Sgt. T. Scott, Sgt. R. Johnstone, Sgt. R. White, Sgt. D. Howie, Sgt. A. Cuthbert, Sgt. J. Knox, Sgt. D. Whalen, Sgt. W. McCrimmon, Sgt. A. Anderson, Sgt. A. Kenyon, Sgt. A. Tran.

Second Row: Sgt. P. Carroll, Sgt. M. Laird, Sgt. J. Killen, C/Sgt. T. Walker, C/Sgt. A. Stewart, C/Sgt. F. Kane, C/Sgt. D. Barlow, C/Sgt. E. Hendry, C/Sgt. R. Atkinson, C/Sgt. G. Breslin, C/Sgt. E. Luff, Sgt. E. Earnshaw, Sgt. F. Cunningham.

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WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' MESS

Once again, pushed from behind, we turn our thoughts to the business of telling everybody what everybody else has been doing over the past six months.

To continue where we left off, the Retreat which was beat by the Bands as an introduction to the local populace together with the surrounding units, was a huge success, as was the reception in the Mess afterwards. It was during this drinking bout that someone suggested playing the R.W.F. at rugby, but we managed to tone this down to a game of football which the Mess won quite easily. This was combined with a Games Night and a really good evening was held by all — I'm told!

Having successfully got over the first hurdle of a very busy period, we thought we could settle down and enjoy life a bit more placidly, but it was not to be. We were immediately in the throes of preparing for the visit of the Colonel in Chief in July. Parades, paint and other attendant necessities were again to the fore. To give any detailed report on the visit would be superfluous as it will no doubt be adequately covered elsewhere in this issue — by better qualified reporters! However, we did have a Mess Photograph taken with the Princess, and it is a great pity that the Members belonging to the Bands could not be present, but the day after the parade they were en route for the South of France for what, they tell us, was an engagement. I hope that they spent a comfortable night in the cemetery on the way down.

Within three weeks of the visit of the Colonel in Chief, we were away from Barracks again, this time to familiar country — Soltau in the North of Germany. We spent 11 days there, doing one big exercise and a lot of training. We managed to play the Sgts' Mess of 1st Bn. The King's Own Royal Border Regiment at football, again winning quite easily. We hadn't the heart to tackle the Welsh Guards!

Well, now that you have read, or at least scanned, for what must be the tenth time in this issue what the Battalion has been doing for the past six months, it would not be a bad idea if we said something of life in the Mess itself. This is, of course, a bit difficult, as we are never there to see what does go on!

For a period of about four months, bottles of whisky kept appearing on the bar in the evenings. A little investigation brought to light that the inevitable spate of births had arrived. We offer our congratulations to all those "happy" parents and wish them many restful nights. Among those figuring in this list were the R.S.M., Paddy Reehal, "Dick" Davidson, Tony Green (double trouble), Jimmy Killen, Geoff Breslin, John McTomney and George Craft. My apologies to anyone I might have missed, but I'm quite sure that no one wants to read a niminal roll of the Mess in the Journal.

For those lovers of serial stories, "Ken" Kenyon did get married and his wife is now in station. We would like to welcome her to Germany and the Mess, as well as offering her (and him) our congratulations. Well done, Ken!

It is of interest to note that three more cars have been bought by Mess Members than babies have been born to the wives. Anything in this?

Now to the question of older arrivals in the Mess. We would like to welcome our new A.S.M., Mr Beynon, who joined us direct from S.E.M.E. and, despite the language barrier, seems to be

settling down quite well. We would also like to welcome Mrs Beynon. Another arrival was Alec Brodie, back from a tour as a Special Recruiter — we are still trying to find out what was special, but I suppose we will do some day.

Leaving the Mess over the past few months, we said farewell to Charlie Rogers, who has gone as Q.M. to the T.A. Many congratulations! Harry Ager is now firmly in the chair, and the stores are even more firmly entrenched in the Q.M.'s!

Alec Tran has also left us for the quiet life of the U.K. and the T.A. He left us in October, but swears that he will be back for the New Year—if only for a visit. Anyway, we wish him all the best in his new job.

After a very brief stay with the Battalion, which I'm sure he enjoyed, our vehicle expert David Jack left us in July for the rigours of "civvy" street. We hear that he is flogging second hand cars in Glasgow and doing quite well at it. He had plenty of practice whilst in Germany! We wish him all the best of luck and hope that he will try to visit us, at least once, before we leave Germany. I know that the local populace would be highly delighted if he did!

On the promotion side, we would like to offer our congratulations to Brian Briggs-Watson (to W.O.II), and to our two new members, "Cubby" and "Rab" Nimmo on their promotion to Sgt.

All the super-optimists who continually ask when their posting to the T.A. is coming through may get a shock in the near future as the time is fast approaching for the change round. However, more on that subject in the near future.

With the opening of the new Brigade Depot, we are to lose Fred Sievwright and Rab Johnstone who leave very shortly. No doubt more will follow.

At the moment, we are all looking forward to the big night of the year on 15th November when we hold the Assaye/Inkerman Ball. It is to be held in the Alexanderhohe, one of the largest hotels in Iserlohn and the black market for invitations is rife among the other messes!

The final event of the period from which we are still recovering was the Christening Party held for the R.S.M.'s daughter. Well, I don't think I had better go into too many details of this event — something might come out — or I might go in! Suffice it to say, that a really wonderful evening was had by all present — even "Duke"! He left early to pay the milkman! The Hallowe'en dance the next night was a godsend to some who could wear false faces and hide their eyes, that is, those who had any!

So with the Annual Ball and Christmas looking in the near future, we can close these notes with the feeling that the next ones should be better.

On this optimistic note, I would like to close this issue of the notes and to wish all Members of the Mess, and the Regiment, past and present, all the very best of luck in the New Year.

BATTALION ORDERLY ROOM

Despite repeated efforts by all Members of the Battalion H.Q. staff, we have been quite unable to sell our allotted space to any advertiser, so we are once again faced with the memory test of finding out what (or who!) has happened since the last notes.

Firstly, as to who. We have said farewell (finally!) to Cpl. O'Hear who has left us for the Depot Orderly Room, pending an onward move to the new Depot at Glencorse in early 1964. We hear

that he just loves stiletto heels! Get well, soon! Two for the price of one seems to be the answer to these losses and we welcome Cpl. Logie and Fus. Cameron from the Depot. They both seem quite happy and are also welcome additions to the Bn. H.Q. football team.

The Bn. Signals Platoon also very kindly let us have the D.R.s on our strength (?) to ease the load on despatch, thereby causing havoc in the A.P.O.! Ever heard of a place called: The War Office, H.Q. B.A.O.R., Fd. Records, H.Q. 5 Inf. Bde. Gp., R.SVP!? Neither had we until the letter was returned with the A.P.O. comment "Not Known." Was our Despatch Section surprised? The next episode in the "D.R. Dalliances" was in the duplicating room. This was rather neatly executed — when asked to run off skins back to back our hero immediately run off one side, and instead of turning the paper like the true expert he is, he turned the Skin! Result — you know! We often wonder if the Signals inflicted this on us deliberately.

Truth is stranger than fiction! "Poodles" Gray has now got himself married. Towards the end of June, he returned from leave looking rather pleased with himself, feebly waving a thing which looked like a marriage certificate, which indeed it was! (It is worthy of note that this is the ONLY Part II Order publication which has ever come out on time!). Anyway, after recovering his old strength (which they tell me is in his hair), he finally managed to get Mrs Gray over here — and we haven't seen him since! We would like, however, to wish him all the best, wherever he may be, and to extend our congratulations to Mrs Gray and to welcome her to Germany!

Another unusual happening was the copy of "Orderly Room Standing Orders" which the O.R.Q.M.S. received from the Chief Clerk at Bde. This was the "Standing Order" for morning break. I wonder who was responsible for this one? Was it a regular member of the Staff, or just a "Tennant"?

It is becoming quite a habit in these notes to congratulate Sgt. Green on the birth of a child. This time, he has gone one better and we have to congratulate him on the birth of twins! (Never mind, Horlicks are now advertised in England!)

The civilian staff has undergone some changes also. We have had to say farewell to Irmgard because of redundancy, but as she is now an air hostess with B.E.A. at Dusseldorf, she still retains her contact with the Battalion. We welcome back, after her enforced convalescence, Frau Fuhrmann to the helm. We would like to congratulate her on the birth of her son and also to hope that she will enjoy the next couple of years working with the Battalion. (It has been whispered that she is a better typist than Roddie!). It has also been rumoured that she is going to take over the typing of Bn. R.O.s from him. If this does happen, which seems likely, it will be the final blow for the poor chap who will be back licking stamps in the despatch office. Not to worry, he is suitably equipped for such employment!

With the overflow of families in station, and the acute shortage of cups in Bn. H.Q., we thought it might be a good idea if we helped to relieve the unemployment crisis. To that end, we employed the B.I.A.'s daughter, Miss Lupton as a typist — to help Frau Fuhrmann! Well, at least, we have now got cups! It is also understood that she

assists in the distribution of "N.A.A.F.I. Break Orders!"

In the promotion race, we congratulate "Wee Manny" on promotion to Cpl. and "Poodles" on reaching L/Cpl.

It will be noted that no lengthy saga of the Battalion's happenings is included in these notes, as the reader will by this time know them by heart, but we can assure our "faithful" that everywhere the Battalion went we "followed on!"

The last issue of the notes finished on a cautionary note to all drivers coming in contact with our own James Bond. Well, it has happened. On a foggy night he had the bright idea that, as his own eyesight was not all that one might wish for, the chap driving in front of him might have a clue where he was going so he followed. It's a pity that the chap was going home for the "wee man" finished up in his back garden! Twice he has been to Wuppertal and twice he has got the WRONG AUTOBAHN to come home. To anyone knowing Germany, and the Autobahns, they will see that this is almost incredible — but as we said earlier, truth is stranger than fiction!

So comes to an end another episode in the lives of the "Schulstrasse Crazy Gang" and we close these notes by wishing all our readers a Very Merry Christmas and a bright and Prosperous New Year.

STENCILITE.

AUTUMN MEETING OF B.A.O.R. GOLF SOCIETY 1953

The Battalion was represented at this meeting by Major F. T. Brinton, R.A.P.C., and Lieutenant J. D. Drummond, R.H.F. The meeting took place at R.A.F. Golf Club, Broggen, and was attended by eighty competitors from B.A.O.R.

John Drummond was well placed in the single scratch event, and partnered by Frank Brinton in the Regimental Pairs Handicap Stableford event. Our pair received 3 strokes handicap and just failed to win the scratch event by one point. However, they won the handicap event by an equally narrow margin.

ATHLETICS

The Battalion team started training for the Brigade Inter Unit Team Athletics Meeting in mid April. Latterly we managed to train with the Iserlohn Athletic Club at their stadium by the Seiler See. In mid May an informal friendly match was arranged with the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. This provided much needed competition and a most enjoyable afternoon.

The following team represented the Battalion in the Brigade team meeting:

4 x 100 metres.	4 x 200 metres	4 x 400 metres.
	Lt. R. H. De R.	
S.S.I. Bent	Channer	Cpl. Cullen
Cpl. King	L/Cpl. Brown	L/Cpl. McMillan
Fus. Barr	Fus. Barr	Fus. Logue
Fus. Mack	Fus. Mack	Fus. Marshall
4 x 800 metres	4 x 100 metres Hurdles	1500 metres
Lt. A. R. R.	Lt. R. H. De R.	
	Chisholm	Channer
Cpl. Cullen	Lt. J.D. Drummond	L/Cpl. McMillan
Fus. Dale	S.S.I. Bent	Fus. Gray
Fus. Blackwood	Cpl. King	Fus. Benson
		Bsm. McKinnon

5000 metres	Long Jump	High Jump
Fus. Marshall	Cpl. Cullen	Fus. Fleming
Fus. Gray	Fus. Currie	Fus. Barr
Fus. Hosie		
Fus. Dale		
Shot	Javelin	Discus
L/Cpl. Gilmour	S.S.I. Bent	L/Cpl. Gilmour
Cpl. Hill	L/Cpl. Kerr	L/Cpl. Brown
Hammer	Pole Vault	
Capt. J. McCready	L/Cpl. Brown (16)	
L/Cpl. Nichol	L/Cpl. McLaughlin	

Running against us were the 10 Hussars, The Royal Welch Fusiliers and the King's Own Royal Border Regiment. Unfortunately they all proved to be rather better than we were and I fear that the Jocks probably decided that football was really a lot more fun.

Nevertheless S.S.I. Bent won the javelin and our team in this event also won. Capt. McCready did very well and threw the farthest in the hammer.

Although we did not do very well, the match did show that we do have some useful athletes: Cpl. King, Fusiliers Ball, Mack as sprinters and Fusiliers Marshall and Gray at the Mile.

Lt. A. R. R. Chisholm has now announced his retirement from competitive running.

A number of Jocks are continuing to train with the Iserlohn Athletic club and hope to run for them during the season.

It is hoped that next year when we get a little more time to train the team, that we will do a bit better.

FOOTBALL

Since arriving in B.A.O.R. the Bn. XI are so far unbeaten and have been playing against teams of varying nationalities namely, German, Canadian and British Infantry Bns.

Results so far are published below for information. 1 R.U.R. 2, Bn. XI 5; Royal Canadian Horse Artillery 0, Bn. XI 12; Letmathe F. C. (German) 0, Bn. XI 2; Black Watch of Canada 0, Bn. XI 6; N.A.A.F.I. Krefeld (mixed German and British) 0, Bn. XI 5; Bn. XI 9, 1 R. W. F. 2; Bn. XI 3, Iserlohn F. C. 1 (German); Bn. XI 1, Tus Iserlohn 0 (German); Bn. XI 11, Deilinghofen F.C. 0 (German).

Due to the Football season being closed when the Bn. arrived in B.A.O.R. it was extremely difficult to find units willing to play. Hence the reason for the mixed bag of teams above.

During Assaye weekend 21st to 23rd September an inter knockout competition was played off, the standard of football was very good and results are published below.

Ist Round—H.Q. Coy (1) 4, D Coy. 2; A Coy. 0, B Coy. 4; H.Q. Coy. (2) 0, C Coy. 12.

Semi Final Round—H.Q. Coy. (1) 0, B Coy. 6; C Coy. 3, H.Q. Coy. (3) 1.

Final—B Coy. 3, C Coy. 2.

The Football season has now really started and all Coys. have entered teams in the 5 Inf. Bde. Gp. League. I will certainly have some results for the next issue of the Journal showing how companies are progressing.

The Bn. XI are in Division I and have their first league game on Saturday 26th October 1963 against an XI from 14 Regt. R.A. in Dortmund.

The first real game of the year took place on Tuesday 22nd October in the preliminary round of the Army Challenge Cup.

We were drawn against last year's winners of the Army Cup, B.A.O.R. Cup and Cavalry Cup, the

10 R.H. (P.W.O.) quite a year for this regiment, triple cup holders.

The team fielded for this game was: Cpl. Bryson (A); Fus. Hay (B), Cpl. Burns (H.Q.); Fus. Barr (A), Fus. Louden (B), Cpl. Whyte (H.Q.); Fus. Keirs (C), Cfn. Skippen (R.E.M.E. att. H.Q.), S.S.I. Bent (A.P.T. att. H.Q), Cpl. McCowan (B), Fus. Edgar (B)

Result Bn. XI 3, 10 R.H. (P.W.O.) 2.

Goalscorers: S.S.I. Bent 2, Cpl. McGowan 1.

This game will not go down in records as one of our best, at the end of the first half we were two goals up, and in the field of play there was no doubt at all that we were commanding all the play both in attack and defence.

After approx. 15 mins. in the second half the 10th Hussars scored making the score 2-1, but this goal changed the game entirely, the Hussars now took command of the game and were a real danger even after we had scored a third goal and the Hussars a second goal.

All in all the Bn. XI played extremely well, but both wingers and the inside left had a poor game and I don't think we will ever have another game with three players off form.

On going to press we met 1st Battalion The King's Own Royal Border Regiment on Monday, 28th October in the first round of the Army Cup and beat them 4-0.

SHOOTING TEAM

The Battalion partook in the Divisional Shooting Meeting held at Sennelager Ranges from 7-9th May, 1963.

There were 11 Major Units shooting in the meeting. Our results were as follows: S.L.R. (Team of 8 firers) 4th; L.M.G. (Team of 3 pairs) 3rd; S.M.G. (Team of 4 firers) 3rd. Overall placing 4th.

Individual Results: Champion O.R., Cpl. Wright, 3rd Individual S.L.R., Cpl. Wright, 2nd Individual Pistol, L/Cpl. Trewin.

The following were in the final shoot of the top 50 S.L.R. firers for the Individual Championship: Cpl. Wright, C/Sgt. Walker, L/Cpl. Robb, Fus. Fleming.

The teams were as follows:

S.L.R.	L.M.G. (Pair 1)	PISTOL (Individ.)
Lieut.	Major	Capt.
J. D. Drummond	J. M. R. Fleming	J. McCready
C/Sgt. Walker	C/Sgt. Walker	Lieut. A. G.
Cpl. Wright		Buchanan-Dunlop
L/Cpl. Robb	Pair 2	Lieut. I. Shepherd
Fus. Mack (32)	L/Cpl. Robb	Sgt. Taylor
Fus. Fleming	Fus. Adams	Cpl. Greenshields
Fus. Stewart		L/Cpl. Trewin
Fus. Adams	Pair (3)	L/Cpl. Campbell
	Fus. Keirs	Fus. O'Connor
	Fus. McCrimmon	
	S.M.G.	
Maj. J. M. R. Fleming	Lt. C. H. Prentis	
Lt. J. D. Drummond	Cpl. Wright	

All individuals are to be congratulated for the hard work they put in in preparation for this meeting in the 12 days available for practice. This includes those who did the practice but failed to make the team. On the whole, the results were encouraging, and bode well for next year. Mention must be made of W.O.II Reehal, who was the greatest possible assistance to the Team Captain in every way, Sgt. Shaw for his technical efficiency in zeroing the weapons, and general enthusiasm, and Cpl. Cowan who acted as Arms Storeman, and looked after the weapons very well.

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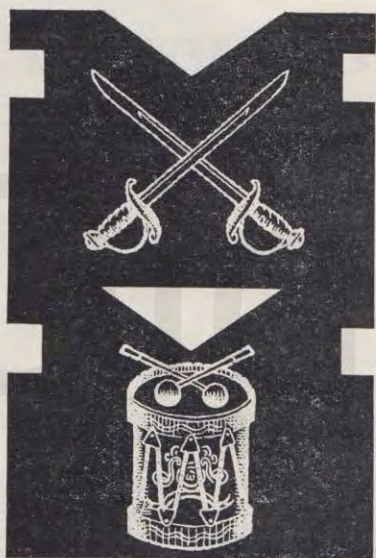
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 Major THE MARQUESS OF AILSA D Coy. (Cumnock).

Amongst our numerous successes this year the most encouraging and rewarding was, once again, to win the Divisional Support Weapons Championship. This reflects very great credit on 'B' (Support) Company and is a fitting prize for Ian Cooper who leaves 'B' Company to become Second-in-Command after 10 years as Company Commander, and for Sgt. Brook, P.S.I. of 'B' Company for the past four years. In addition to winning the Championship the Battalion Mortar Team won, for the fourth year in succession, the Divisional Mortar Competition.



Other successes this year include winning the Divisional League Competition, winning the Divisional First Aid Competition at Lanark in September, and taking 3rd, 6th and 16th (equal) places with our three teams out of the 80 entrants in the Divisional Safe Driving Competition at Lanark in September. A team from the Bn. were second in the Scottish Command Cross Country Championships. At Bisley, while not registering any major triumphs, two members of the Bn. team were chosen for the T.A. Pistol and S.M.G. teams.

This is all very encouraging, and if our winter activities in the boxing ring, football field, indoor rifle range and on the cross country course can keep pace with our summer successes, we shall be in for a bumper year.

Camp last summer at Catterick was a delightful change after the drab surroundings of our previous summer at the Civil Defence camp at Millom. Yorkshire is a lovely and virile country, the training areas were good, the camp comfortable, pubs excellent and big

cities not too far away. Among our numerous visitors we were delighted to be able to entertain in the mess Mr Ramsden who has since become our Secretary of State for War. Next year we expect to go to Otterburn for camp which is likely to be far better than first opinions, since the camp has been completely rebuilt and now consists of really good permanent buildings throughout.

This autumn has been a sad time of year as we have lost three strong supporters of the battalion. First to go was Ian Donnelly, our Adjutant, who benefited from one of those rare flashes of fortune in receiving a staff posting to Northern Rhodesia — his home country. He has been relieved by Blair Agnew from the Depot at Lanark. Next to go was Jimmy Copland, our Quartermaster for the last five years, who has gone as Q.M. to the newly formed Lowland Brigade Depot at Glencorse; he has been relieved by Charlie Roger on commissioning from the 1st battalion. Lastly, Jimmy Steele, after 15 years' service with the battalion retires from the T.A. having been moved in his civilian employment to Shoeburyness; as previously mentioned Ian Cooper relieves him in early December. All these three have been the most loyal and selfless servants of the battalion in their various ways, and are owed more than can ever be repaid by the present members of the battalion. Although we are extremely fortunate in their successors, let it not be forgotten that to lose the Second-in-Command, the Adjutant and the Quartermaster within a space of two and a half months is a fairly telling blow in the solar plexus, not lightly to be repeated. Finally an Officers Mess Ladies Night was held at Culzean on 19th October. This was a great success and it is hoped to be able to repeat it in the future.



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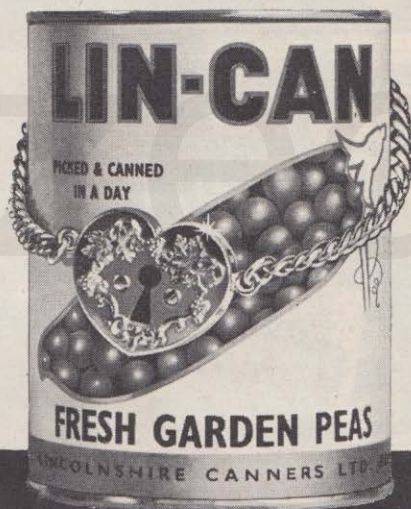
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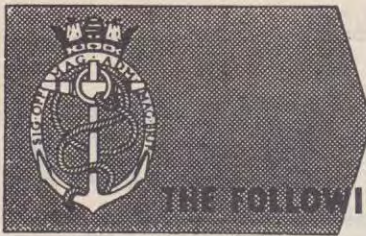
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SERGEANTS MESS NOTES

Camp at Bellerby last July was most successful both military wise and socially. We were fortunate enough to have a large building for a Mess which with the aid of some trellis-work and flowers (and a deal of hard work into the late hours) was soon transformed into a Mess to be proud of. The largest contingents ever from the London and Ayr Branch O.C.A. spent the week-end 20/21st with us and as always depleted our stock of 'hooch' to some tune. I can foresee the day, with our visitors' "Posted Strength" increasing annually at the rate it is, when we will be forced to hold Camp in Hyde Park and have the Albert Hall for a Mess. The Junior N.C.O. visit which was initiated last year turned out to be a Camp high-light. This is now a permanent date. L/Cpl. Glass held the floor for almost fifteen minutes, dressed in a General's uniform and under the name of Lt. Gen. William Broken-Glass had the whole place rocking with laughter. Considering this little act was cooked up at the last minute giving him no time to rehearse, our Wullie played a truly wonderful part.

Our next real get-together was on 19/20 October when a Senior Ranks training weekend enabled us to have a dinner and social evening. The night ended on a musical note when Pipe Major Gordon played us out to the tune of "The old man from Glengarry" resplendent in pyjamas. (The Pipe Major, not The old man from Glengarry).

Our Mess at Kilmarnock continues to flourish and on the 11th May several members and their wives went through to sample, as C.S.M. 'Beef' Neil put it, "How the other half live." I wonder why it is that whenever C.S.M. Scott appears the 'back-benchers' cry out "I spy strangers."

That brings me up to the high-light of the year, our "Inkerman Ball" held on Friday, 8th November. That ancient Drill Hall at Wellington Square took on a fairy land atmosphere for the occasion due to the labours of C.S.M. Weir, C/Sgt. Challis and Sgt. Moffat. This year we invited Mr D. Lauder, V.C. ex R.S.F., to be our 'Guest of Honour.' He and his good lady spent the whole weekend with us and left for Glasgow on Sunday afternoon, 10th November, after Mr Lauder had laid the wreath on the R.S.F. memorial. Reports from all quarters considered the 'Ball' was the best ever. As an added attraction we had mocked up two rooms as a 'Ships Bar' and "Chinese Bar." These proved very popular and were pretty well packed with thirsty revellers from start to finish. Having re-arranged our guest list we were able to invite far more serving members from neighbouring units and this was reflected in the vast variety of dress uniforms worn by members of ten different regiments.

Sgt. David Brook has left for the 1st R.H.F. and will be sorely missed by the Bn., 'B' Company and the Mess. In his place we welcome Sgt. Alex. Tran who is fast settling down to the unaccustomed problems of Support Weapons.

We will end this session by wishing all Mess Members of 1 R.H.F., 5/6 H.L.I., 1 G.H., our Allied Regiments in Canada and all our friends wherever they may be, a Happy Christmas and success in 1964.

H.Q. COMPANY

First, and most important, a number of our Company deserve to be congratulated on some very fine achievements. Sgt. Maxwell and Cpl. McCrindle



set the ball rolling when they won the Volongdis Cup at the Divisional Rifle Meeting. Then Sgt. Coughtrie aided by Fus. McPike, Fus. Ferguson (53) and Fus. Hainey brought the First Aid Cup to Wellington Square while, on the same day, Lt. Tweedie, Cpl. Govan and Fus. McLeod drove their way into 3rd place in the Safe Driving Competition. Well done all!

Promotion congratulations are due also to our new ranks C/Sgt. Hollywood, Sgts. Moffat and Poole, Cpls. Boyle, Govan, Holland and Scoular, and L/Cpls. Boyle (858) and Munro.

Another noteworthy item, and one that took place just prior to going to press, was the attendance at the Inkerman Ball of Mr David Lauder, V.C., and his wife. We hope that Mr and Mrs Lauder will have happy memories of their visit to us. We know we shall.

Our Company Commander is now more "with it" than the Beatles after his Battle Group course at the School of Infantry in October. Rumour has it that he is even going to paint his call-sign on his car! With his girth he almost forms a battle-group all on his own.

We see Lt. Tweedie less frequently now that he has moved to Dumfries but we welcome back 2/Lt. Finnie.

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For the benefit of any of our old hands who may read the journal notes — we still have R.Q.M.S. "Muscles" Christie, C.S.M. "Sammy" Bulloch and C.S.M. "Beef" Neil with us. Not to mention other long serving members like L/Cpl. "Willie" Glass and C/Sgts. Hollywood and McLean. Long may they stay with us too.

'A' COMPANY

Once more we have faced up to the problem of what must be left out of our notes rather than what must be included. Having solved this problem we have spent the last week admiring the sheet of virgin paper lying before us. At last we have received the inspiration we required — a threatening letter from the adjutant — and so our notes take shape!



Camp this year was most successful and very enjoyable. The excellent training areas we were allocated left little to be desired and our battles took place in very realistic settings. In the evenings there were many interesting places to visit so that we found ourselves able to play as hard as we worked. Although many harboured doubts when we heard we were spending our two week's Annual Training in the Catterick

Area we were unanimous at the end of Camp that this had proved to be one of the most successful Camps we have attended.

With Camp and the summer break behind us we settled down to plan our winter activities. Unfortunately we have lost Lt. Allan who has been posted to D Company. We shall miss his interesting lessons on wireless communications and hope that the boys from the Cumnock Area will have legs long enough to keep up with him when he is moving from point A to point B.

Unfortunately the bachelors' club within the Company is rapidly losing members. Fus. Redmond one of the staunchest members fell under the spell of a bonnie lass and on the 5th October, 1963, he signed on for life with the married brigade. To "Dougie" and his bride we extend our very best wishes for the future.

Shooting continues to be one of the most popular forms of training and members of A Company are always to be found in the shooting teams selected to represent the Battalion. At the Lowland Brigade Shoot at Dechmont we "fielded" Major Cameron, Lt. Spence, C.S.M. Scott, C/Sgt. Gracie, Sgt. Gibson and L/Cpl. Gillingham. At Bisley we had Lt. Spence and C.S.M. Scott and in the Ayrshire Rifle Club's meeting we had Major Cameron, Lt. Spence, C.S.M. Scott and L/Cpl. Gillingham. At this point we should like to record that L/Cpl. Gillingham is one of the most accurate and consistent shots we have had for many years.

Soon we shall be bidding farewell to Sgt. Mullholland who will be leaving us at the beginning of 1964. Having spent 5 years with the Royal Navy, he joined A Company 6 years ago and has given faithful service to both A Company and the Sergeants' Mess Bar. We wish him well when he leaves the area on account of his employment.

Lt. Watkins, who injured his left arm in an accident last winter, has undergone two bone grafting operations and is still in plaster which will not be removed for yet a few weeks. Nevertheless he recently became engaged to be married and it is with great pleasure we extend to him our sincere congratulations. Easter, 1964, will see our Bachelors' Club one more member deficient.

'B' COMPANY

A great deal has happened in B Company in the last few months.

Camp, enjoyable as ever, afforded an excellent opportunity to fire our Support Weapons under very favourable conditions. So favourable in fact that the M.M.G.'s fired a year's allocation of tracer in two days!

The period after Camp was devoted to intensive training for the Support Weapons Competition at Garelochhead. The competition itself proved to be yet another triumph for the company. We won the overall competition and the mortar competition, the M.M.G.s 'tho' not winning did better than ever before.

Shortly after this Sgt. Brooks our P.S.I. left us to take up duties with the 1st Bn. R.H.F. in Germany. After four years with the Company in Irvine we lost, not only a very good P.S.I. but also a friend.

We welcome Sgt. Tran to our midst and hope that his stay with us will be enjoyable and not too nerve-racking.

Reorganisation within the Bn. has effected us greatly. Major Cooper, the Company Commander, has left us to take up duties as 2 i/c. of the Bn. and we wish him well in his new appointment.

Capt. Kerr takes on the task in his place and to him, too, we wish good fortune.

Lt. Finnie's short stay in Irvine has come to an end. He moves to H.Q. Company and we welcome Lt. Snodgrass in his place.



B Coy. M.M.G. Platoon firing at Maybole.

With all these changes it will take a little time for everyone to settle down but by the New Year the "transfusion of new blood" should begin to take effect.

In the coming year we plan to send out to the other companies demonstration sections in all three Support Weapons. This we hope will stimulate interest within the Bn. and give everyone at least a basic knowledge of the weapons at their disposal.

With Christmas only a few short weeks away we are now entering our "Quiet Period" which will give our wives and children an opportunity to resume a normal family life with their T.A. husbands and daddies!!

'C' COMPANY

Another training year bites the soaking sods of Renfrew. It has been a very bad year from the water point of view — it has always been there above us, below us and down the back of our necks. In fact we are scared of holding foot inspections in case we find webs forming between our toes.

Our first encounter with the elements was on the Battalion exercise at Garelochhead where we had a pretty fair turn-out supported by a detachment from the Renfrew Army Cadet Force company.

The only exception to the rule was the Brigade exercise held on the hills round Loch Lomond when the sun beat mercilessly and in the evening the midges enjoyed a repast of well baked "Jock" flesh. The weather was so warm that those who chanced (!) could have a comfortable night's sleep without any extra cover.

Summer camp at Bellerby near Catterick saw us back to good old infantry field work with cross country slogs and stirring platoon attacks, a rather more energetic pastime than we experienced at last year's "holiday camp" at Millom. While at camp we held our annual "smoker" in a hotel in Leyburn which was very successful and, as we had our own piper, we treated the hotel patrons to a rousing night of piping and singing! Unfortunately the plan to march back to camp being led by our worthy piper, who more's the pity has since emigrated to the U.S.A., fell through with the appearance of the local constabulary.

Our post camp adventure training is now well under way with our first "limbering up" exercise taking place in early October crossing the Campsie Hills with map and compass. This was a feat accompanied by the losing and finding of muscles — the losing done going up hills, the finding the next morning when we tried to get out of bed. As a point of interest our Company poacher returned complete with fox's tail which now hangs, odourless at last, behind the bar in the Drill Hall.

The first main phase of the company's mountain training took place on the first weekend in November with a trip to Glen Lyon. Here again, as in our last saunter, we suffered continuous drizzle varying from damp to wet. On the Saturday we sallied forth for the hills but as visibility was poor we did not attempt any of the major peaks (Ben Lawyers) but contented ourselves on the lower slopes. Sunday saw slightly better weather and it was considered safe enough to "do" Schichallion, a rather hollow conquest as we could not see much from the top except the way down.

Preparations are at present in hand for our now annual ski-ing weekend in the Cairngorms to be held sometime in February or March.

Finally we would like to extend our best wishes to C/Sgt. Gibney who emigrated to Australia with his wife and family just before summer camp and congratulate C/Sgt. Russell and Sgt. Young on their promotions.

'D' COMPANY

Since the previous Journal date, the Company has had a very enjoyable time at camp in Bellerby, Yorks. We left for camp with a slightly more than average turn-out, and with everyone looking forward as usual to their fortnight's stint.

Bellerby itself will be remembered mainly for one thing—sore feet!! We were continually out either on our own company training, or on the Bn. and Bde. exercises, which proved to be hard going, but of a very interesting type.

Our usual social life at camp went on unabashed, and at the end, although most people went home more than usually tired, the general consensus was that camp had been a success.

Since then we have had two week-end exercises in preparation for one of our main events next year—a week-end hike for the company in full kit between Loch Doon and Glen Trool. The preparatory week-ends have consisted of first of all a general map-reading exercise in our own area, and then a direct recce of our probable start route from Loch Doon. Both of these were very useful and enjoyable, especially the one held at Loch Doon.

Our recruiting figures have shown a slight rise recently, and we are hoping that this continues. With the near stabilisation of the local employment situation we hope to have this rise increase rapidly, but time alone will tell if we are correct.



Picnic

MENU
WELL BAKED
CORNED
BEEF AND
SAUSAGE

Six good things
to eat in
FRY'S
Picnic



5/6th BATTALION

THE HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY

<i>Honorary Colonel</i>	Colonel J. H. C. McLEOD, T.D., D.L.
<i>Commanding Officer</i>	Lieut. Colonel W. D. DOUGLAS, M.C., R.H.F.
<i>Second-in-Command</i>	Major R. M. DUNLOP, T.D.
<i>Training Officer and Adjutant</i>	Captain C. A. F. MACKENZIE, R.H.F.
<i>Administrative Officer</i>	Captain W. I. M. SMITH.
<i>Quartermaster</i>	Captain (Q.M.) W. STOBIE, R.H.F.
<i>R.S.M.</i>	W.O.I. M. MCCALLUM, R.H.F.
<i>R.Q.M.S.</i>	W.O.II. R. GIBSON.

The command of the Battalion was taken over on 31st October by Lieutenant Colonel W. D. Douglas, M.C. — a regular soldier from the R.H.F. He has come to us after a short spell as B.M. in 147 Brigade (T.A.). The experience gained there has no doubt given him all the 'whys and wherefores' of a T.A. Battalion.

With these few words we welcome him into the Battalion and hope his stay with us will be happy and rewarding.

The Battalion at the moment is really quite active. Cadres are being run for O/Cadets, N.C.O.s, M.M.G.s and Mortars apart from normal training. A big day came on Sunday, 10th November. Not only the Remembrance Day Parade but a Presentation Parade in the afternoon, when the 6/11th Association presented to the Battalion a Pipe Banner. Yet another one to our collection. The banner was presented by Colonel Macrae (a former honorary Colonel of 5/6 H.L.I. (T.A.)), on behalf of the Association to the C.O.

OFFICERS' MESS

We must announce here the resignation of two of our long serving officers — Maj. A. A. Nimmo-Smith, T.D., and Maj. Alastair Warren, T.D.

Nimmo was in 'A' Coy. 165 OCTU, Dunbar, in September, 1939. He was commissioned in January, 1940 and came to the 5th Bn. in February of the same year, and it was with the 5th that he served throughout the war years.

Alastair did his training with 13th H.L.I. and was transferred to 5th H.L.I. in 1943-44.

They joined the 5/6th in 1947. Their devotion, loyalty and service to the battalion was great and we are sorry to see them go.

We congratulate Maj. R. Dunlop on his appointment as 2IC. of the Bn. Congratulations are also due to Officer Cadet Paton on his commission. We welcome to the Mess Lt. Leonard and say goodbye to Lt. Fletcher both of that 'English Regiment' which is allowed to wear swords in the Mess — Seems to be on the one for one basis.

Unfortunately for the Mess the needs of the Army Strategic Reserve have first priority and the proposed transfer of Leslie Haynes from the Port Task Force Signals was not agreed. However, we still have Leslie with us as an Honorary Member and his experience with a capital 'E' is most valuable, especially for social occasions.

Our next important event is the St. Andrews Dinner on 30th November. Invitations have been sent to the Lord Provost, the G.O.C. 52 (L) Div/Dist and our own Bde. Commander.

SERGEANTS' MESS

That was the Summer that was or was it? Nevertheless, the social life of the Mess has gone apace and everyone has enjoyed himself.

Only one new face to report — Sgt. Hillon, although Bob Thomson is due congratulations on his promotion to W.O.2. Bob has also taken on the job of Mess Secretary. Members who have departed from the scene since the last notes were submitted are C.S.M. Stubbs, B/Sgt. Hume and Sgt. Kelly.

Our social life at Camp was rather restricted through heavy commitments and we were unable to visit our friends of the 4/5 R.S.F. and the 1 Glasgow Highlanders,

One evening that was really enjoyed by all was the half price night at camp. The R.S.M., Bob McCallum, is very emphatic that the Mess wouldn't pay if they were run every second night, as suggested!

The happy relations between the Mess and the Members of the Corporal's Mess were further cemented when on the 18th October we paid a visit to the Corporals' Mess. A well laid table, soft music supplied by a member of the fair sex, and lots of the cup that cheers all helped to make the evening a great success. Many thanks to Cpl. Stevenson and his Committee for their efforts.

The social evenings on Sundays are still continuing but both the R.S.M. and the P.M.C. feel that more members should be attending these functions.

We are making no excuse for these short notes for we know that the next notes will be more in keeping with our previous efforts.

'A' COMPANY

Since the last Journal we have attended our annual camp which was held at Bellerby in Yorkshire. The main theme of this year being to bring our battlerecraft up to standard, together with getting as many of the Company as possible to fire the 2in. Mortar, Energa Grenade and the 3.5 Rocket Launcher. The climax of the camp being the Battalion and Brigade Exercise in which the Company distinguished itself at all levels.

In the sporting field our football team under C/Sgt. Caldwell won the inter Coy. football cup by defeating B Coy. 9-1 in the finals!

Although a hard and strenuous camp for all, the social side of events was not forgotten, as most of the Company took the opportunity of visiting Blackpool and Morecambe at the weekend and 'hit' the town with great enthusiasm.

On the commencement of our winter training, it was decided to centralise the Support weapons of the Battalion in 'A' Company with the exception of the Mobat. This meant that the Mortar Platoon was joined by the MMG Platoon from H.Q. Company and in doing so we welcome Capt. Naismith and Sgt. Muir together with their platoon to the fold.

We would like at this time to welcome our new O.C. Capt. Hugh Macdonald who has taken over from Major Bobbie Dunlop (on his appointment as 2IC of the Bn.). We hope his stay with us will be a long and happy one.

The Divisional Support Weapons Competition took place on the 27th October at Garelochhead, and this year our M.M.G.'s took 2nd place and our Mortars 3rd place in their respective competitions. Congratulations to both platoons on their fine efforts in the face of a very stiff competition. Our congratulations to the 4/5 R.S.F. on their excellent performance and their winning of the Mortar Shield and The Support Weapons Shield. (Roll on next year!).

Congratulations to C.S.M. Joe Prentice on receiving his Certificate of Merit and to Cpl. McKibbens, L/Cpls. Smith, O'Brien and McAnnany (mor) on their promotions. Also to Cpl. Yule (M.M.G.) on his recent addition to his family.

In conclusion we would wish all our many friends a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year for 1964.

'B' COMPANY

Throughout the Summer 'Bravo' Company has continued its training with success. The highlight prior to camp being undoubtedly the weekend exercises which as well as being instructive from the training side were enjoyed by all.

The Company started out on a new venture during the Summer months by recruiting in the Drumchapel area, with C.S.M. Baker playing a prominent part. Our thanks go to Capt. Nixon of the H.L.I. Cadets for giving us the use of the Cadet Hall. We feel that Drumchapel has much to offer and look forward to greater success next year.

An enjoyable fortnight was spent at Bellerby Camp, Catterick, in which all ranks achieved a very high standard of training, including the newly formed anti-tank platoon under the sole instruction of Sgt. McColm. A signals platoon was also formed under Lt. Shaw, so the Company can now boast of several trained signallers in the ranks. The training at camp culminated in a thirty six hour Brigade scheme during which No. 4 platoon completely overran the enemy platoon who were found to be sleeping in the sun. We shall not mention here to which battalion the sun worshippers belonged for fear of starting a Brigade argument.

Unfortunately however, the attendances since camp have been dropping off, but we look forward to starting the new training year 1964 with more energy and greater success.

'C' COMPANY

Prior to camp, and in preparation for the training there, the company took part in an exercise in the Aberfoyle area. We were in fact the point coy. of the battalion. And took up position on a steep hill above Loch Ard. No one could have worked harder than Maj. Arthur's merry men carrying supplies for twenty four hours up the precipitous slopes, not to mention '62' sets. The food however was excellent as compo goes, much of it prepared by C/Sgt. Ross, the Philip Harben of the T.A. Although patrolling was diligently carried out we made no more than visual contact with the enemy but when the signal for the end of the exercise was given we felt we had played our part in its success just by being where we were.

The Company entrained for camp uncertain as to what it would bring but certain in the knowledge that it would be hard work. It certainly was. The training was arduous but valuable and enjoyable at the same time. Even more benefit would have been obtained had the company been at full strength. As it was two understrength platoons pulled more than their weight. The opportunity to fire the 2in. Mortar, the Energa Grenade and the 3.5 Rocket Launcher was welcomed by experienced soldiers and 'new boys' alike.

As camp progressed the proficiency of all ranks was seen to improve but particularly commendable was the progress of the junior N.C.O.s in their role as section commanders. At lunch time each day the 'Q' side of the coy. Capt. Shade and the "Colour" always managed to find us no matter how hard we tried to avoid the 'stew.'

Seriously though they did a grand job.

Lt. Macgregor showed what appeared to be a most unusual enthusiasm for Regimental Duties! His fellow Subalterns were most appreciative. Lt. McCallum did his first camp with us and proved

to be the bard of the coy., his poetical efforts were appreciated at the coy. smoker which was a rousing success.

This 'Esprit de Corps' was merely one indication of the high level of morale in the coy., largely due to the efforts of Maj. Arthur whose encouragement to all ranks and his own keenness brought 'C' Coy. to its highest level so far and naturally that is pretty high. He is ill at the moment and we trust that his forthcoming operation will enable him to take his place at the head of the coy. very soon.

The end to which we had all been working at camp was the Brigade Exercise in which Charlie Coy. distinguished itself. All of us who took part will never forget the bitter cold of that night on the moors. We survived however and none the worse returned to Glasgow.

H.Q. COMPANY

With the Journal now being published twice yearly it would appear that the T.A. notes now feature — (1) What is going to happen at Annual Camp; (2) What actually happened at Annual Camp. However we can leave these items until later in the notes and concentrate more on personalities.

Our greatest personality is undoubtedly Maj. H. K. Fraser who showed this at the 52 (L) Div. Open Shoot by winning the Open Shoot and also the T.A. Shoot, both with the rifle. No wonder he chases the coy. about on the range. Congratulations are also due to (ex) W.O.2 H. Stubbs on scoring a possible with the Bren Gun during one of the competitions.

The aforementioned Stubbs H. is now an ex having left the coy. along with B/Sgt. Hume and Sgt. Kelly (Ord. Room).

Personnel now climbing the ladder of success, as shown by the new stripes, include L/Cpls. Alexander, Devine (Ord. Room), Devine (Pay), McCann, Leishman and Roberts. Wearing bigger smiles and more stripes are Cpls. Gilhooley, Kenny, McTaggart, Crone, Hampson and Sgt. Hillon. Congratulations are also due to C/Sgt. R. Thomson on being promoted to W.O.2.

A fine performance by Lt. (Q.M.) Joe Goodwin and his team who earned 9th place in the Command Driving Competition. Better luck next year.

Owing to policy, we recently lost the M.M.G. Pl. to 'A' Coy. I hear a muffled cry from the Sig. Pl. — "Who is going to help us out with the fatigues next year at camp?"

See how Camp always keeps turning up! We did spend (Certainly not glorious) days, 15 in number, based on Bellerby, Yorks, but where we actually slept was anyone's guess. Probably the M.T. Pl. were hardest hit in this respect with coy. schemes during most of the camp. There is no truth in the rumour that Lt. Goodwin is petitioning for a 24 hour day at camp, he says 28 hours in a day is just too long.

The Pipe Band with P/M Donald McLean still in command have now risen to 19 pipers and 12 drummers. Various engagements have been carried out throughout the summer and word has now been received that the Pipes and Drums have been engaged to play at the Alhambra Theatre throughout the winter show. There should be no lack of volunteers for this job.

Bandmaster Kirkland, still swinging the baton, has lost several of his bandsmen but has high hopes of replacements in the near future.

Maj. McKay, and his band of would-be Ben Caseys, carried out a very strenuous programme

at Camp and various week-end exercises and no one need fear going near the M.I. room, be it for toothache or ingrowing toe nails. 'Doc' Meiklejohn will have the answer — maybe not the right one, but at least an answer.

Capt. Stobie and R.Q.M.S. Gibson still form a good team but we have never been able to discover whose side they are on. Still there were no complaints about the grub, either at camp or week-ends.

Last of all, the Signallers have been rather quiet lately, perhaps these long journeys are beginning to tell on Capt. Coupar!

STORY FROM CAMP

One private (who must be nameless) was detailed to clear the Waste Paper Baskets. After a fruitless search to find a dump, he reported this to his immediate superior. Trying to be helpful, his I.S. asked if there was not a private incinerator in camp. "What is his last three?" asked the nameless one. Well, as Barnum says . . .

Answers to "Do You Know."

1. The Third Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), which traces its lineage through the Legion of the United States to the first American regiment of 1784. It was formed from the 1st, 5th, 17th, 19th, and 28th Regiments. Actually the 182nd Inf. Regt. and the 101st Engineer Bn., both of Massachusetts National Guard, are the oldest existing military organisations being descended from the North and East Regiments respectively, which were formed in 1636 from the original Mayflower colonists.
2. Only two, that of Marshal Jourdan was captured in his carriage after the battle of Vittoria. That of Marshal Davout was found by a Cossack plunderer in the Marshal's carriage during the retreat from Moscow.
3. (a) The Duke of Wellington. A contemptuous term used by Napoleon, because he had learnt his soldiering in India.
(b) Frederick Augustus Duke of York, Commander in Chief of the British Army.
4. A liquid fire used in a container from about A.D. 650 onward. Said to be invented by one Kallenikos. It was difficult to extinguish. Vinegar sand or wine were suggested as the only means at the time. The composition of the liquid is not known, always being kept secret. It was some composition containing sulphur and naphtha with other ingredients. It was used in a flame thrower and for igniting arrows before shooting them.
5. From the Spanish "Guerilla" diminutive of "Guerra"-War. Literally "little war" carried out by irregular troops.
6. The official American Civil War medal was awarded to the survivors of both sides. The medal is bronze and the ribbon is half Unionist Dark Blue and half Confederate Grey.
7. All boys at the Duke of York's Royal Military School Dover, founded by Royal Charter 160 years ago, are always known as Dukies.
8. The 2nd Green Jackets (The King's Royal Rifle Corps). First styled the 62nd or Royal American Regiment of Foot. It was raised at New York and Philadelphia by an order of the Earl of Loudon, then commanding the Forces in British North America, dated 24th December, 1755.

1st Bn. THE GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS

122 Hotspur Street, Glasgow.



<i>Hon. Colonel</i>	Colonel G. LAIRD, T.D.
<i>Commanding Officer</i>	Lieut-Colonel J. GUNN, M.C., T.D.
<i>Training Officer and Adjutant</i>	Capt. R. N. R. CROSS, R.H.F.
<i>Quartermaster</i>	Major (Q.M.) R. A. PATON, R.H.F.
<i>Regimental Sergeant Major</i>	R.S.M. A. HAMILTON, M.B.E., Scots Guards

Battalion Notes

Despite the changeable weather during the spring and summer of 1963, we have a period of great activity and useful training to report. We had the usual progressive training leading up to Camp, which took place on Tuesday evenings, Sundays and at weekend camps. The latter are always enjoyable and useful, and we have as many as pay restrictions will allow. At the beginning of June "C" Company ran an adventurous and strenuous weekend camp in the Loch Earn area, otherwise reported on in their own Notes, which was most successful, despite changes in the river level which made assault boating tricky! We had a rather damp weekend at Cultybraggan, when we overcame the elements and practised Company Advance to Contact in a very restricted space as almost the whole of the training area was out of use for the benefit of the sheep. The greatly improved facilities in the camp, particularly the Calor-gas cooking systems and newly-decorated canteen, have greatly added to its amenity and helped to counteract the weather. There is also the new system under which we purchase our own rations which has enabled the Q.M., Major Bob Paton, to provide more variety, and the food was really good.

Later in June, we took part with the rest of the Brigade, in an exercise run by Division in the area of Ben Lomond. This was most interesting, our aim being to round up an enemy made up of Commandos, who were not only elusive but recalcitrant on capture! Our main H.Q. was conveniently sited on a road beside a small loch, but as the battlefield was largely unsuitable for vehicles the battalion functioned on foot, and was continuously on the move for 36 hours. It was with some relief that, after covering several smaller hills, we heard that we had not been chosen to attack the Ben itself! Early morning brought a thick mist which caused some confusion, not the least to Battalion Tactical H.Q. which signalled that it was temporarily unable to move — we are glad to report that it subsequently reappeared! The

exercise was a great success and we very much enjoyed it.

We had some success at the Divisional Rifle Meeting in May when we won the Beach Brigade Trophy and the S.M.G. Competition. Our teams, to whom great credit is due, were as follows:—

<i>Beach Bde. Trophy.</i>	<i>S.M.G. Competition.</i>
Capt. Mack.	Lt. Macnab.
Lt. Macnab.	C/Sgt. Doonan.
O.R.Q.M.S. Kerr.	Cpl. Docherty.
C/Sgt. Thompson.	L/Cpl. Hendry.
Sgt. Forbes.	
Cpl. Docherty.	

At the same competition, Sgt. Forbes was fourth in the T.A. individual rifle competition, and we would congratulate him on this as well as on his success as a piper and dancer.

Camp at Wathgill, near Catterick, took place during the Fair Fortnight and was a great success. It was enjoyable and most useful, both from a training and social point of view. The first week was devoted to Company training and the firing of Platoon weapons. The ranges at Feldom were excellent for the latter, and section attacks with live ammunition were carried out. We are glad to say that no casualties were incurred. The Mortar and M.M.G. Platoons also had "live" practice, and although the M.O. and his orderlies were in attendance, they fortunately had no practice. The second week of Camp was mainly devoted to battalion training, with our battalion exercise and a brigade exercise which lasted for 24 hours. Brigadier Bowes-Lyon, whose first camp it was after taking over the Brigade, expressed himself as very satisfied with our state of training.

On the social side at Camp, some of the Companies held very successful smokers, and even the 2 I.C. was heard in full voice on one occasion! Our battalion cocktail party was held as usual in the now famous white Officers' Mess tent, and we entertained Major-General Bramwell-Davis, Colonel of the Regiment, Bragiadier Leslie Dunn, Chairman of Glasgow T. & A.F.A., and Brigadier Bowes-Lyon, among

other guests. We also took part in a Brigade Retreat on the cricket ground at Catterick, followed by a cocktail party in the Officers' Club. The Brigade massed bands consisted largely of our Military Band under Bandmaster Smith, and our Pipes and Drums under Pipe-Major Copeland and Drum-Major Caven, and all concerned are to be congratulated on a very fine turnout and performance, both of which were greatly admired by a large audience. A great deal of the credit is due to Major Bob MacVicar who is in overall control, not only of our own two Bands, but also of the Brigade Bands.

The Sergeants' Mess are congratulated on winning the Annual Officers' and Sergeants' Competition, and particularly on winning the cricket match for the first time. Obviously the Officers require more practice at "the nets" if the trophy is to return to the Officers' Mess.

After Camp we had the usual month's break, and September saw the start of our winter programme. The M.T. have taken part in both the Divisional and T.A. Safe Driving competitions, and while they did not win they did very well, and Captain Robin Riddell and Lieutenant Jim Paterson deserve a "mention" for their efforts. Our First Aid team were not so successful in the Divisional competitions this year, which they won last year, but they did their best, and thanks are due to the M.O. and Sgt. Skelton for their very careful preparatory work. The M.M.G. and Mortar Platoons worked hard for their Divisional Competition under Major Robin Robinson, Captain Colin McKenzie and Lieutenant Charles Orr, and were placed third and fourth. Despite their disappointment that they did not win, they were congratulated by the General on their professional appearance and competent handling of their weapons.

We now look forward to an enjoyable and useful winter's training and to our social functions, and are glad to report that the regimental morale and *esprit de corps* are as high as ever.

HQ COMPANY NOTES

Once again we find ourselves wondering just what to include and what to leave out in our Notes, and having made our decision we go on.

Annual Camp is past and done with for another year. Although the social activities around Richmond in Yorkshire were nothing to write home about, the Company enjoyed their Camp as always.

There were rumours of a "Betting Syndicate" from Bn. Orderly Room clearing the boards at Catterick and York Races, but we are now assured that they left the bookmakers with enough "gelt" to carry on business.

The M.T. and Sigs had their most active camp for some years. Between M.T. and Sigs Exercise, followed a few days later by a Bde. Exercise, they were kept on their toes; the only complaint came from the O.R.Q.M.S. when he found that all the Signallers had left Camp, and he had to dash over the way and operate the Signals Exchange till C.S.M. McElveen took over. The back-room boys always manage to fix it or ——— it somehow.

A highly successful Social Evening-cum-Dance was held in the Drill Hall. It went down well with everyone from all reports, and it is hoped to carry on and make this an annual event.

The Company football team were very good winners of the inter-Coy. Football Cup at Camp (with the help of the C.S.M. at the draw — not that they couldn't have done the job without him).

Now that the winter training period has come, we had hoped to get down to some hard training, but with it came the lack of man-training days. But we hope to keep things ticking over until the spring. Sgt. Johnstone and his cooks will still turn out our pies and peas. C/Sgt. Murray, we hope, will make good use of his new class room, and the M.T. will keep the wheels turning with their cadres.

We would like to finish by congratulating Sgt. Howard (R.A.P.C.) on his promotion to S/Sgt. May his pencil be ever sharp when he is adding up our pay.

"A" COMPANY NOTES

Almost all "A" Coy. 'Jocks' at this year's Annual Camp at Wathgill were raw recruits, so all Officers and N.C.O.s had a full-time job on their hands. However, by the end of camp we were all reasonably expert at Section, Platoon and Company attacks.

Highlights of work at Camp were the camouflage demonstration by Major Ramsay who so cunningly hid a Land Rover from us that even the most corpulent of our ranks took heart at the thought of personal camouflage. As has been mentioned, we were put through our paces at the various levels of attacks, in particular at a certain valley, where "Sunray" provided us with a dogged and somewhat terrifying enemy. We incorporated our memories of this "black-spot" in our own version of "Down in the Valley," which became a sort of Coy. marching song.

At the Brigade Exercise, "A" Coy. were given the honour of providing the vanguard in the Battalion advance to contact. The exercise, with the exception of a horribly cold night, with sentries practically frozen to their posts, was enjoyed by all.

On the Social side, our Company smoker was an outstanding success. Nearly all ranks gave vent to their party pieces. 2/Lt. F. Wood surprised us with a professional-like rendering of several "Hill-Billy" songs, in a convincing "Tennessee" accent, accompanying himself on the guitar. C.S.M.s Black and Campbell produced such melodious noises that it seemed as if they had harps in their hands and wings on their backs. If only we could enjoy such dulcet tones on the parade ground too.

Sgt. Adair's story-telling came to an abrupt halt, much to his embarrassment (if that is possible) on the entry of the Padre, who promptly showed that he too was no mean musician with several rousing choruses.



C.S.M. Campbell in one of his "Lighter Moods"



Sgt. Reid



Cpl. Harris receiving his prizes for the L.M.G. shooting. He also received an award for rifle shooting.



Some of "A" Coy. during a welcome break in the day's training.

In short we had a most enjoyable and useful camp. Since then we have had a Company Range Week-end, so that we now have fired all the Platoon weapons. We look forward to next year's camp, when we hope to have "A" Coy. once more "heavy in numbers," and give the other Coys. a run for their money again.

"C" COMPANY NOTES

Our last notes left our breathless public wondering how our intrepid assault boat paddlers would survive the race down the Highland rapids with a barrel of ale for the first boat home — "see next issue for episode two." Well, here it is.

Between reece and exercise the tension rose but the water level fell. The stretch of river between the Loch and Comrie was a little shallow for the steel boats so kindly supplied instead of the tatty old canvas coracles we asked for, so we laid on two lots of boats. The first was to do the tame stuff on Loch Earn, the second to shoot the wild rapids below Comrie. The gap was filled by our M.T. operating by virtue of its many other duties, to a completely incomprehensible programme. All, however, went almost to plan till the first brave boat-load plunged into the mad flood waters at Comrie. They hit a rock almost immediately and continued to do this at monotonously frequent intervals as the devoted crew hauled their boat down a placid and shrunken river, which had only fallen a foot overnight. Next time, see the Highlands by 'bus! Or read of our exploits in our fabulous national press coverage.

Congratulations to Mr Philip Pendred on his promotion. Well done; we hope you'll be with us a long time and not be stolen by the press-gang man of the Signals. Also to Cpl. Dingwall to Sgt.; we know he'll do well.

Exercise "Odette" also went to plan, as it was so rightly decided by the "High heed yins" that "C" Company was the only one capable, efficient and fit enough to set up a mountain base camp without a track for Company commanders four-wheeled perquisites. Slightly tense and sherpa-like we climbed to the rarified atmosphere of our peaks. From there we surveyed the war and watched it pass us by — obviously we had been heard of. The Royal Marine Officer who was captured was discounted — we caught him last year too.

Camp was good, and in spite of the lack of transport — M.T. having had the temerity to run their own exercises, we became abnoxiously efficient.



"Intrepid rapid shooters, ex Sinbad."

After all, a Land Rover isn't quite the thing on a cross-country run and we were seldom in camp long enough to justify having one sitting outside Company Office doing nothing all day.

We seemed to run everywhere and even at 06.00 hrs. were doing a twisting P.T. before the rest of the Bn. had unstuck their eyelids. Was it because the O.C. was well in with the Catterick Military Police that the swimming baths were continually at our disposal, and was it the C.S.M. who had it filled with WRACs as a reward for the completion of a route march? C/Sgt. Moynes never seemed to be rejoining the Coy. area without a line of coolies carrying his latest "winnings," and was able to supplement all W.D. food on exercises by at least 500 per cent.

Since camp we have soldiered quietly. Our first week-end camp was with "B" Company — notable for us for being allowed to fire the machine guns and for Campuzano for his introduction to the thunderflash — thrown by our Safety Officer. Our record was notable for the rainfall but famous for evermore for Sgt. Johnston's cooking which was fabulous.

Having seen Mr Ferguson "doing" his lecture on "The H.L.I. at Assaye," there is a definite danger of our losing him as a B.B.C. replacement for Sir Brian Horricks, and Sgt. Brannigan would, if he could, have the Company constantly physical jerking itself to a standstill.

Range organisation is to some a chore, but we've cut out all the corners, staffed the butts with mind readers, perfected and modified the procedure laid down beyond recognition, and, on the Divisional Shoot, our guinea pigs, the battalion team, were well up to standard, except for the main event which, not having practised our methods, they won.

Mr Robinson, the darling of the Ski slopes, has won the all-Army Championship. He says we can't expect him to come to the drill hall every Sunday and neither we can. It's not on his route to Glencoe and the time saved will give him a chance to get out ahead of us, hire the skis, carry them up the hill, stake out a claim, stamp the snow flat and prepare his first lesson before our arrival.

Next year, these will be headed "Ski" Company Notes.

Signal Platoon Notes

It was quite a hectic quarter for we poor Signallers — What with Garelochhead and Loch Lomondside. We nearly lost our Colour Sergeant there when his truck overturned. But "nae luck about the house" — he survived it all. Strange to say, we all had a good time.

Annual Camp brought us all together. Exercise time was on again, with various would-be map readers getting lost, not counting the non-runners, and also-rans. Nevertheless, our grography improved, as did the compo rations, thank goodness!

Our main exercise was "Summer Breeze" when for three glorious days we were on our own, far from our Bn. responsibilities. Every man his own Land Rover, a wireless set, a set of encoded grid references, and no way of getting fed unless he did it right. The highlight (apart from that night in Whitby) was Cpl. Traynor welding an aerial base with the help of a No. 2 burner, a hammer and a requisitioned stretch of main road.

As for line parties going out, well, we managed to put up the flag pole at the big white tent successfully.

At the start of the new term, we lost "Big John" to "A" Coy. Best of luck to him in his new field.

Promotion — now there's a thing! Congratulations to Ptes. Alexander, Creighton and Gallagher on their promotion to L/Cpl. Welcome to the N.C.O.s' abode! You don't know what's in store for you with lectures and such!

Sgts. Mess Notes

Looking through the last edition of the Journal, it is interesting to note, in one case, at least, a novel method of choosing a scribe. For our part, it requires no "Mess Meeting." A short, pithy sentence suffices. "It will have to be one of us two — and it's not me" (This from a very large man with a loud voice). And so, to work.

On 7/8 June we had our Brigade Exercise in the Ben Lomond area, and a good time was had by all. A certain C.S.M., who recently left the stewardship of the Officers' Mess, made such a good job of camouflaging his Coy. position that his 2IC, complete with C.Q.M.S. and assorted "hay boxes, food, filled," couldn't find it. He was very popular. The Coys. were pretty well spread out and a stroll round them would have required a good stretch of the legs. Nevertheless the R.S.M. managed it. It is, however, noted that several other people just couldn't tear themselves away from "B" Echelon — perhaps because Matt Hamilton had a vehicle there!

And so to Annual Camp, this year held at Bellerby in Yorkshire. Boxes were packed, P.O.L. drawn, drivers detailed, pies ordered — in short, all arrangements were made when the bombshell fell. The camp is flooded, send a rep. to take over Cameron Barracks in Catterick. The Q.M. departed at a fast rate of knots. It is rumoured that many heated exchanges ensued — that's probably why the original camp dried out quickly because once again it was under canvas for us. After some initial "mudlarks" in the dark collecting kit, we all settled in all right.

Several invitations were received to Social Evenings, including one from the local W.R.A.C. unit. To say that this was slightly over-subscribed is an understatement, but the 40 Mess members and 5 W.R.A.C. young (?) ladies enjoyed themselves.

The annual Challenge Trophy for competition between Officers and Sergeants was competed for on this occasion in two events only — Football and Cricket — there being no range available for the Shooting Competition. The football went the normal way, with a 7-2 win for the Sergeants in spite of sundry interruptions unheard of by the S.F.A. In the cricket, the Sgts. Team captained by C.S.M. McElveen, ably abetted by C.S.M. Black, who took 7 wickets, thrashed the Officers for the first time in many tears.

A dining-in night was held which was voted a great success, especially by a certain P.S.I. i/c M.T. who had at least 3 dinners — although this is nothing new.

On several evenings several mess members visited the Garrison Sgts. Mess and were very well looked after by R.S.M. Evans (ex-Irish Guards). The frequency of visits and numbers of members attending show how well they were received.

On the Brigade exercise the battalion acquitted itself well. One C.S.M., no doubt taking a leaf out

of his Coy. Comdr's book, felt rather cold during the night so he "did a recee" and returned with bread and oil heaters.

The annual Triangular Shoot between ourselves, G.H. Club and Scots Guards Club was held on 15th September, 1963. The G.H. Club supplied the normal buffet which was of its usual high standard. The battalion won the trophy and the Scots Guards Club "won" the Wooden Spoon.

In the Mess shooting competition, Sgt. Forbes won the Cup and Sgt. Buchanan the spoon. O.R.Q.M.S. Kerr won the Cup for the highest score in the Triangular Shoot.

On going to press, we have just (yesterday) had our Annual Admin. Inspection and are confidently awaiting the results.

In conclusion, we wish all past and present members of the Regiment, Regular and T.A., a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Military Band Notes

"Wottinellduzeewantnow?"

The above Bandmasterese can be roughly translated into the vernacular as "Gentlemen, beware!" Your marching/drill/dressing/covering/department/playing (delete where not applicable) is about to be criticized. Not to put too fine a point on it, this crystallizes, quite nicely, most of the slings and arrows of one aspect of a bandsman's life. In addition, one never quite knows who will turn up for what. Given a major engagement where the beady eyes of half of Scotland plus those of the cognoscenti are fastened upon you like burrs to a sheep's back, and what happens? — one bass-player, nine cornets, seven trombones, one saxophone, two clarinets and no drummers side in about three minutes before hostilities are due to commence. But should there be a concert in a hall the size of an East Wisconsin privy, requiring a band of, at most, sixteen, you find yourself falling over anything up to forty-one assorted bandsmen panting like Basenjis to get at it! In fact, one irate young man nearly wrapped his instrument around Tom Hanlon's left ear because we could not find a place for him in the band which was due to play at a particularly cathartic Retreat. 'S a fact!

Camp, however, was the best ever for us. Ivor Riach didn't see much of it; when he was not ferrying the Bandmaster around in his marsh-buggy, he was exercising his acetabula (The M.O. will tell you!) in Middlesborough. In fact, there is a strong rumour that he had quite worn out his epiphyses.

It is understood that at least one young subaltern learned some new words when he, in all innocence, approached Hiznibz the Maestro within about six hours of being in Camp, and informed him that there was to be a Church Service within the hour. No boxes; no instruments; no music; and, when the dust and small stones had settled back into their appointed places **No Hymn-Books! Hail, smiling morn!**

Having disposed of the minor skirmishes, it was decided to get both bands off on a day out in Blackpool, but subsequently the whole thing nearly came unstuck because of unforeseen factors. Anyway, complete with beer and excellent weather (plus a sub from Major MacVicar) a quite lively trip ensued. Where was J.C.S.? YUK YUK YUK! Where there is a theatre there are chorus-girls. And when half of the cast are old friends, what would you do, Sgt. Riach?

And now — what many would like to know — **THE JOB.** In a small mining village in Northumberland there began, thirty-six years ago, the musical career of that tall, slim, handsome teetotaler who is known to the world as the Bandmaster of the Glasgow Highlanders today. A promise was made in 1952 that one day the warning would once more go out that mothers should keep their personable daughters under lock and key, and he would bring along his band to play for them beautiful musics. This year was IT. A recee was carried out, and Ivor Riach and Ian Morrans had their first introduction to brandy-and-dry Martini as dispensed by John Kertland-Smith, Sen. Then all necessary arrangements were made, and a dog-leg journey (Wathgill-Redcar-Northumberland) was plotted. Redcar was most impressed, and we shall very likely take advantage of their offer of a real live paid engagement in the Winter Gardens. Having disposed of Redcar, we piled into the bus (Riach in his car, of which more later) and set off for New Hartley. We have had Sundays in Scotland, Sundays in Wales, but hells bells! you try to get a cup of tea in Durham County on a Sunday! With tongues lolling against our diced hose we arrived in Newcastle and laved our arid pharyngeal mucosa with tea (it was not quite opening time!) and completed the last six miles or so. If Alec MacLennon will tell me the Gaelic equivalent of "Cor Blimey" I'd use it now, for there was a table about fourteen feet square packed solidly with grub, and in the Club itself was a concert room packed equally solidly with Smiths and their offshoots. One small snag: where the hell were Ivor Riach and Ian Morrans? So far as we knew, neither of them even **knew** the name of the village, and were lord knows where between Durham and Berwick. I shall not dwell on the language emanating from that feller with the sword and little white stick as the second hand crept closer to starting time. Then with about a minute and a half to go, they appeared.

The band played magnificently, and the concert was a roaring success. It was noted that some of the lads had to take a compass bearing in order to navigate the five yards from the door to the bus, so it must have been! Again we have a standing invitation to go back at any time, although the Bandmaster still looks slightly puzzled about one phrase in the vote of thanks: "And we in this village are very proud of Mr Clifford Smith **as a musician.**" I wonder what the man meant?

But, please, do not suggest that we beat a Retreat there. As my son says: "Dad didn't the British Army Bands **ever** advance?"

"Ben Marcato"

Pipe Band Notes

Congratulations — about two years overdue — to Sgt. McLennan on his Territorial Efficiency Medal and Meritorious Service Certificate. He will maybe stop worrying the P/M now — as he always insisted that he was naked when they were in an engagement together.

Those of you who know "Big Eck"—"The Laird of Byres Road" — will agree with me that never was a Medal or Certificate better earned. He can still "haud a wee one" and turn many a damsel's head when he gangs his steady gait in full kit, but maybe the Hon. Col. could be telling you more about Alec in regard to the damsels.

The members of the Band join me at this point in sending their best wishes to Mrs Wright (Isabel) who is about to undergo a heart operation in the near future. Don't worry, Isabel, we'll look after Wee Eddie and the bairns O.K. Get well soon, as we'll need you at the Tartan Ball.

The Band itself is still not as strong in numbers as it has been, but it is no weaker in execution.

We have just finished a very arduous season playing at the Rob Roy Hotel on Sundays. But I think the most enjoyable engagements to date have been playing at all the glamour games at Hampden and Ibrox. The P/M was very proud of the Military Band at the Rangers v Real Madrid match and has informed the Bandmaster that he will buy two of his new records if they repeat the "Rangers Chorus" as well as they played it at Ibrox.

We are now settling down to our winter training with our eyes on the competition field next year. So an open invitation is extended to all or any of you old Pipers and Drummers or Buglers — there's a place for you in this fine regiment.

Boxing Notes

With the new boxing season just one month from now, the boxing activity is now in full swing, and we are confident of achieving the major prizes to be won in T.A. events. The battalion has been well honoured in the selection of Sgt. McTaggart and L/Cpl McNair to box against the Army team at Edinburgh on 9th November. It is with pleasure I report to the Journal readers that we now have been affiliated to the Scottish Amateur Boxing Association and will be playing a big part in their Western district Championships this year. We have no fewer than six representing the Glasgow Highlanders A.B.C., namely Sgt. McTaggart, L/Cpl. McNair, Pte. Coyle, Pte. Dyer, Pte. Clarke, Pte. Thompson, who should all do very well.

The battalion is also doing a great deed by running a Charity Show for the Scottish Limbless Association with all our top boxers in action,

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Glasgow University O.T.C.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY CONTINGENT O.T.C.

Glasgow University Officers Training Corps ended its training year with a fortnight's camp in the Stanford Training Area of Norfolk. Afterwards its members dispersed to all parts of the United Kingdom, and overseas, for the long vacation, some to take temporary work at odd jobs such as waiters, barmen/receptionists, some to study, and no doubt some to play. The O.T.C. was virtually closed until the new academic year opened at the end of September when the Drill Hall in University Avenue received its visitation of freshmen recruits, some definite and keen to join, others taking the opportunity to "have a look."

The O.T.C. has two masters—The University and the War Office. For the University, the Corps provides an opportunity of work which is at once recreation and public service. At the

same time, those who so desire it can get a preliminary view of a possible career in the Army, regular and territorial, they can see and follow the road leading to a commission. Since the last Journal the Corps has secured three Regular and four T.A. Commissions — very satisfactory figures. We have about seven further applicants in the pipe line.

Since the new term began recruits have been coming forward rather slowly, about twenty-two up to now. Our target is seventy-five a year, though "standard" is much more important than "numbers."

The War Office have abolished the W.R.A.C. Platoon but thanks to the assistance of 52(L) Signal Regiment (T.A.) in reserving vacancies, the W.R.A.C. Platoon has been transferred in mass to that Regiment and will continue to train with us as heretofore. The W.R.A.C. is such an effective and keen sub-unit that we are all delighted with this friendly arrangement.

A Certificate "B" Part I Course was held in September for fifteen of our own Cadets and twenty-five from other Universities. All except one passed the Exam. which followed the Course — another satisfactory result.

Next year we camp at Cultybraggan, the first week being devoted to special arm training, the last week we plan to have a three day exercise which may include a manoeuvre on Arran — if permission can be secured from owners of land and if the services of a military ferry prove available. In addition during the winter we look forward to three visits to the Cairngorms for ski-ing and winter-warfare training — and behind this the normal training goes on with range days, driving instruction, map reading, watermanship; and, of course, an Officer Cadets Dance before Christmas,

The Scots Fusiliers of Canada

Kitchener, Ontario.

Commanding Officer	.....	Lt.-Col. F. H. SNYDER, C.D.
Second-in-Command	.....	Major L. MARKS, C.D.
Adjutant	.....	Capt. KEITH RAE
Quartermaster	.....	Major E. A. GARTUNG, C.D.
R.S.M.	.....	W.O.I. KENNETH GAWTHORN, C.D.
O.C. Headquarters Company	.....	Major E. A. GARTUNG, C.D.
A Company	.....	Major N. L. NEVILLS, C.D.
B Company	.....	Major W. W. BROWN, C.D.
C Company	.....	Major H. D. SCHMETZER, C.D.
Support Company	.....	Major J. B. SHILLINGTON, C.D.



R.S.M. Retires.

Hugh Cuthbertson (right), who has retired as R.S.M. of the Scots Fusiliers of Canada, toasts his successor, Kenneth Gawthorn. (*Kitchener-Waterloo Record Photo*).

The Scots Fusiliers of Canada have set their sights on two provincial championships next spring.

Two competition squads, set up in September, have been training strenuously in an effort to capture Ontario titles in combat patrol and rifle contests.

The 35-man patrol platoon, being formed for the first time by Waterloo County's oldest regiment, will vie for laurels with other units from the Central Command throughout the province next July. The competition at summer camp will be an eight-hour test over rugged terrain and distances ranging up to 20 miles.

Captain E. H. Weichel was moved from the position of adjutant to head the platoon. Replacing him as adjutant was Captain Keith Rae.

The 10-man rifle team, also a first for the Fusiliers, will face an all-day test in its competition at Camp Borden next spring. Supervising the training is Major Leslie Marks, second-in-command of the unit.

In their bid to get into top physical shape for the competition, the patrol platoon is looking to another branch of the service for assistance. The R.C.A.F.'s world-known 5BX plan for physical training has been selected as the best program for conditioning the troops.

The training for competition next year has been fitted into an already busy syllabus which also includes summer camp and out-of-town trips for firing infantry weapons.

In September the unit travelled to Camp Ipperwash on Lake Huron for its annual rifle firing. In a weekend of firing in which every member present qualified, L/Corporal George LeBlanc was the top marksman, winning the Captain the Rev. Peter Graf Trophy, set up by the Sergeants Mess in memory of the unit's R.C. padre who drowned in a boating accident in 1960.

A recruit, Keith Macpherson, was the top private on the ranges and Major Marks paced all officers in firing.

In November the regiment made its second trip of the year to Camp Borden to fire support weapons, including .60-millimetre and .81-millimetre mortars, the 3.5-inch rocket launcher and the .30-calibre machine gun.

All courses are being offered in driver training under Lieutenant Brian Kirkham and signals with Captain Harold Russell instructing. An innovation in training for all ranks are monthly lectures on military history, the unit's background and analyses of various Canadian battles dating to 1759.

For their fall program the Fusiliers have a new regimental sergeant-major, former C.S.M. Kenneth Gawthorn, a veteran of the Second World War and Korean Wars. He replaces R.S.M. Hugh Cuthbertson, a Second World War veteran and R.S.M. for 12 years.

Both men, holders of the Canadian Forces Decoration in addition to eight other battle ribbons, have a total of nearly half a century of military service.

In other fall activities, the unit was visited by Brigadier K. H. McKibbin, Western Ontario Area commander, and witnessed a demonstration of a platoon in the attack presented by the 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment.

Three officers represented Western Ontario

militiamen at the annual meeting of the Canadian Infantry Association in Newfoundland. They were the commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. Snyder and Major E. A. Gartung, president and secretary, respectively, of the association's western Ontario branch, and Major Marks.

At summer camp in Niagara-on-the-Lake the regiment repaid a debt of 20 years. During a church parade to St. Mark's Anglican Church the Fusiliers presented a \$100 cheque to the congregation in appreciation for service to Fusiliers stationed at the camp during the Second World War.

The cheque, presented during a service marking the parish's 171st anniversary, was used to buy a credence table for use in the church sanctuary. Travelling to Niagara to make the presentation was Lieutenant-Colonel W. E. Macklin, Fusiliers' commanding officer at the camp in 1943.

While some 70 Fusiliers spent a week under canvas at the camp area which formed a battleground during the War of 1812, other members of the unit participated in summer courses and training programs from as far west as Banff, Alta., to Camp Gagetown, N.B.

And in co-operation with the 48th Field Engineers Squadron, the Fusiliers sponsored summer student militia training for some 25 youths. Under Lieutenant Paul Weisbrod, the students took five weeks of instruction in military drill, physical training and instruction in weapons and infantry and engineer skills.

The youths also participated in the search for a Waterloo boy who disappeared from his home during the summer and has not been seen since.

Socially the mess has entertained some high-ranking military officers and has held several receptions and mess dinners.

At the annual St. Andrew's Night, guest speaker was Major-General George Kitching, C.B.E., D.S.O., C.D. General Kitching, a veteran of the Sicily, Italy and Northwest Europe campaigns in the Second World War, is general officer commanding Central Command.

Earlier in the year Colonel Bradley M. Webb, national secretary of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs and a former member of the U.N. truce commission in Kashmir, was honored at a reception.

About 100 members of the Officers Mess attended the first mess dinner and ladies' night in the unit's new home, the Victoria Street Armory. Providing dinner and dance music that night was one of Canada's top military units, the Royal Canadian Regiment Band of London, Ontario.

Nearly 200 attended a get-acquainted party in the Sergeants Mess to open the mess' new quarters in the Victoria Street Armory.

Earlier this year S/Sergeant W. H. Holt was elected president of the Sergeants Mess. S/Sergeant J. R. Schlieman is vice-president; Sergeant Richard Wideman, secretary;

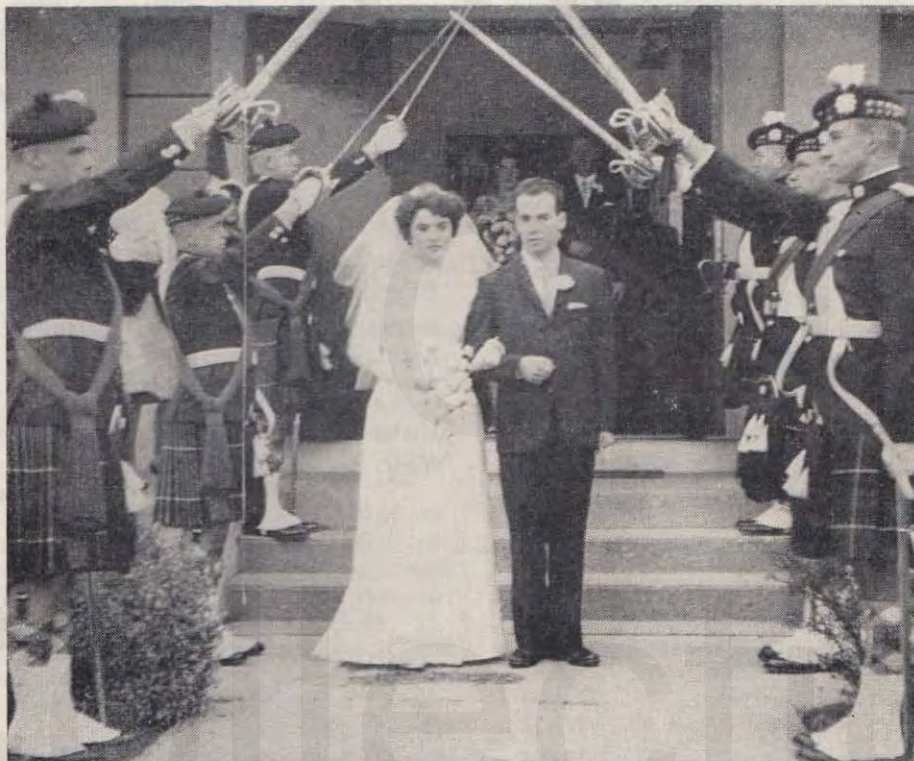
S/Sergeant J. H. Hannusch, treasurer.

Mess committee members are Sergeant B. R. Baetz, Sergeant T. J. P. O'Drowsky, C.S.M. N. C. Heinbuch, Sergeant L. J. Hallman and Sergeant J. E. Littlefield. Harry Dunham and S/Sergeant C. W. Craig are auditors and R.S.M. Gawthorn is scribe.

The Highland Light Infantry of Canada

Galt, Ontario.

Commanding Officer	Lt.-Col. A. P. GRAHAM, C.D.
Second-in-Command	Major D. S. BARRIE, C.D.
Adjutant	Capt. R. F. STUEMPFLE
Quartermaster	Lieut. J. McF. BROWN
R.S.M.	W.O.I. J. W. CRAIG
Headquarters Company	Major C. D. WHITTINGTON, E.D., C.D.
"A" Company and Training	Major D. GREEN
"B" Company	Major A. L. ROBERTSON, C.D.
"C" Company	Major D. H. STRUCK, M.C., C.D.
"D" Company and Operations	Major B. E. BRYANT, C.D.
Support Company	Capt. R. WHITE
Training Adjutant	Capt. T. A. WILDER



Officers of the Highland Light Infantry of Canada formed a guard of honor for brother-officer Lieut. W. C. Wastell after his marriage on November 9th to Miss Doreen Guy. They are both of Kitchener. In the guard were (from the left) 2/Lieut. S. Parker, Lieut. D. Oliver, Capt. R. F. Stuempfle (H.L.I. of Canada Adjutant), Capt. T. A. Wilder, Lieut. J. McF. Brown (Unit Quartermaster) and 2/Lieut. P. Czerkaski.

Once more we bring you greetings from Galt, Ontario, the Canadian Riviera. How so? Well, and we beg your forgiveness for talking about the weather, but it's been, on the whole, glorious.

The forecast for this Sunday exercise date has been miserable. Snowflurries, blowing and be blowed. But it's sunny, cool and rather pleasant. All this three weeks after the date when the countryside normally turns to white.

The H.L.I. of C. has been busy as ever, engaged in four-front training; Leadership and Initiative Training, under Capt. T. A. Wilder and Lieut. D. Oliver; support weapons under C.S.M. T. T. A. Weddington; Recruits under 2/Lieut. S. Parker; and national survival reconnaissance troop under Major C. D. Whittington and Major D. Green. In addition, a junior officers' course, begun here early in the fall, has been brigaded at Brantford.

Training emphasis, so long on national survival, has swung back a bit to our corps purpose, to the pleasure of everyone, but our survival function is not forgotten, as shown by the work of the recce troop which serves an entire target area.

Summer camp was held at our dear old stamping grounds of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Either age or some restrictions on what militia can do nowadays palled some of the pleasure but we had fun and activity nonetheless. The activity was multi-faceted; trades training for some, courses in intelligence, patrolling and other subjects, a unit recruit-cum-survival course for the bulk of our men joined by a few bodies from the Scots Fusiliers. Field officers

attended a senior tactics course which was very well run. C.S.M. Art Houghton was acting regimental-sergeant-major at camp in the absence of R.S.M. James Craig.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, Major D. S. Barrie kept our student militiamen busy. We were allowed only 30 this year, but the lads were enthusiastic and the results satisfactory.

Training mantle for the fall fell to Capt R. White, with Capt Wilder remaining as his adjutant.

A high point has been firing of support weapons at Camp Borden. Another outing of this sort will be held in spring and a trip to the Ipperwash ranges for rifle classification about the same time. Last classification was fired at Winona, which the unit hasn't visited in about 10 years.

Major Hugh McKay of the R.H.F. was guest speaker at the Sergeants' annual Remembrance Day banquet. As usual, he made a most favourable impression in his last appearance before our regiment prior to his return to the Old Country. The Pipe Band dance of November was a great success and the committee even had to turn away would-be patrons at the door. Officers' highlight is the Feast of St. Andrew at which Brig. Haldenby, who commanded 9th Canadian Highland Brigade, speaking. The men's Christmas party comes in December with the end of training until the New Year.

We leave you at this point until '64 with best wishes for a happy Christmas and a bonny New Year.

FIDEL FUDDLE.

INSIDE THE ARCTIC CIRCLE

A large uncompromising stone set at the side of the railway track and a notice in several languages, flashed by the window of the dining car as I sat at breakfast, and we were now north of the Arctic Circle. Outside the sun shone on a rather bleak piece of green moorland with occasional patches of scrub and stunted silver birches. There was no snow, neither was it cold as it was still early September.

We had come by train from Oslo, where during a day's stay we had visited various parts of that city and made lucrative call at the Embassy where an obliging warrant officer had paid us 1 N.R.T.A. (Oslo rate) and where we resupplied ourselves with duty free necessities for travel.

It had come as a pleasant surprise some weeks earlier when I was asked if I would like to go to Norway on an exchange visit with the Norwegian Army. I now found myself with five other officers from various parts of B.A.O.R., bound for a place called Finnesness even further north than we already were, with a fairly hazy idea of what would happen to us once we got there.

The journey continued and we arrived at Bodo where the railway ended. After a short stop we set off again on board the M.S. Ragnald Jarl and after a day and a night, sailing through some beautiful coastal scenery, and despite engine trouble which delayed us for four hours in one of the various ports of call, it was time to don service dress prior to disembarkation. We were met by an officer from the headquarters of Brigade North to which we were all assigned and taken by Volkswagen bus to Bardufoss, the brigade headquarters and also an airfield. Here we separated, being met by representatives of the various units and I found myself with another officer who by coincidence had been a contemporary at the R.M.A.S., in the hands of the Adjutant of the Third Battalion.

In a short space of time we had been sat down to an excellent meal, whisked off to the Quartermaster stores, equipped to scale with Norwegian combat clothing, boots, etc., the whole contained in a Bergen Rucksack, and bundled into a Volvo $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck which took us to the training area, where the battalion was already in camp prior to Exercise Bar Frost II a large autumn exercise involving Brigade North complete, 43 Commando Royal Marines, a British Gunner unit, and some helicopters of the U.S. Army.

The exercise lasted for 10 days and took place in the area around Nordreisa. A detailed

description of it has no place here save to say that it gave us a very interesting insight into the equipment, methods and men of the Norwegian Army, provided us with an opportunity to remove any surplus fat (through exercise and not starvation as we were fed very well) and the chance to admire a very beautiful part of the world at close quarters.

The weather was fine, the sun warm and the air pure and clear. Nights were cold but inside the excellent sleeping bags with which we were provided this was of no consequence. One incident stands out above the others; after a sleepless night we climbed to a pass with "A" Company to reinforce the platoon which was holding it. It was a hard climb and the Norwegian soldiers being very sure footed in the dark had us at a disadvantage. As dawn broke we reached the top some five minutes before an enemy company attempting to cross the pass from the opposite side. There was just time for quick orders and deployment in the existing lightly held positions before the assailants were met with a hail of fire which no umpire could deny was devastating.

As they tried a weak outflanking movement another company which had followed us up the pass appeared over the skyline and taking up a position on a shoulder above us, ensured that the day was ours. No film director could have found a better setting for the whole affair which stirred the imagination not a little.

On the final day the weather deteriorated and we were glad to take to the road for a long journey back to Harstad on the island of Hinnoy where the battalion was based. Here we spent a week in barracks, something of an anticlimax to what had gone before. During this period we paid a visit to Narvik, now a modern new town, bursting with activity. Its importance as a port is as great as ever, and the railway brings iron ore from Sweden to be shipped to all parts of the world.

Of the battle that raged there, little remains save the military cemetery which contains the graves of the fallen from both sides and various national memorials. In the fjord the hulk of H.M.S. Hardy can still be seen as yet untouched by the salvage teams.

At length it was time to begin the return journey. We embarked at Harstad on the M.S. Hakon Jarl where we found that our already sleeping companions had taken the best cabins having boarded at the previous port of call. This time we spent two days on the boat, leaving it at Trondheim to catch the train for Oslo. A further call at the Embassy renewed

our wallets and our spirits, and these were demolished as we went south to Copenhagen. From there a further train took us through to Germany, via a ferry between Denmark and Puttgarden. For those who may travel by this

route I strongly recommend a visit to the boat's restaurant where for D.M. 7.00 per head it is possible to eat as much as one wants or is able, from a cold and hot table groaning with a spread of gargantuan proportions.

REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

The last notes were concluded by saying that work on the new Museum was expected to start in the near future. The work has now started and it is hoped that it will be completed by the end of January or early February 1964.

Many letters have been received during the past year from people interested in the history of the Regiment and from collectors of items of uniform. These letters certainly keep us on our toes and we always try to give the writers the information they are looking for. One such letter was recently received from Rear Admiral (Rtd) W. J. Whiteside, U.S.N., regarding the identification of an H.L.I. shako which he has in his collection. We were able to supply the information he required and received in return a very nice letter of appreciation which is reproduced in these notes. Also reproduced is a photograph of a cabinet containing part of Rear Admiral Whiteside's collection.

The following members and friends of the Regiment have visited the Regimental Headquarters during the past year and it always gives us great pleasure to show them round and it is quite amazing the number of stories that are recalled on seeing the various exhibits in the Museum.

January—Capt. & Mrs W. Stobie, R.S.M. & Mrs Kisbee; 2/Lt. J. W. Lyde, 2/Lt. P. N. De R. Channer, Major A. G. Ingram; Lt.-Col. G. McMurtrie.

February—Major D. Balfour Scott.

April—Major D. McIvor, Major P. P. Kelly, 2/Lt. J. B. Lorimer, Capt. J. W. Stevenson, 2/Lt. I. S. Reid.

May—Capt. H. Dadswell, Brig. M. R. J. Hope Thomson, Major A. G. D. Gordon.

June—Mrs H. S. Stevenson.

July—Mrs H. Mackenzie, Lt.-Col. A. Gordon, Lt.-Col. G. H. R. Laird, Brig. C. W. Dunbar, 2/Lt. C. C. K. Dunbar, Lt.-Col. B. S. M. Carson.

August—C.Q.M.S. R. Bennett (H.L.I. of Canada), Mr D. C. Angus (ex 6th H.L.I.), Mr D. C. Angus, Jnr., Master D. C. Angus.

September—Mr J. H. Smith (H.L.I. Club, Edinburgh).

October—Mrs B. G. Thackeray, Mrs G. L. Boyd.

November—Mr James Lawrie.

The following are the items of interest gifted to the Museum during the past six months:—

Presented by Major General R. A. Bramwell Davis

"The Golf Chain"—being a record of golf matches played from October, 1892, to July, 1926, in connection with the Swinton Golf Chain.

Purchased by R.H.F. Trust

"The 74th Highlanders 1787-1914."
A water colour by A. E. Haswell Miller, M.C., R.S.W., M.A.

Presented by British Railways

The name plate taken from the old Highland Light Infantry Railway Engine.

Presented by Mrs Helen Stuart Stevenson

Silver Cigarette Box.
Table Lighter.
Pottery Jug inscribed "Sir David Baird will win the day—Huzza boys—Huzza!"

Presented by Mr G. R. Grant

Sporran.
Dirk.
Sgian Dubh.
Plaid Brooch.
I Pair Shoe Buckles.
All items engraved "1st Vol. Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers."
Worn by the late Pipe-Major Grant—circa 1900.

Bequeathed by the late Colonel J. H. Mackenzie, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Peninsula Medal with 9 clasps.
Waterloo Medal.
These medals belonged to Paymaster Captain Hugh Mackenzie who served with the 71st from 1780-1824.
Already in the Museum there is Hugh Mackenzie's Sword, Cross Belt Plate and Epauettes, so these medals are indeed a most valuable addition to this collection.

Presented by Mr K. Cleland

Indian General Service Medal 1854-95 with clasp "Burma 1885-7."
Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and a Gold Medal inscribed "Armourer Sgt. W. Cleland 1881-1899" which was presented to him on leaving the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

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Captain A. J. Wilson,
Regimental Headquarters,
The Royal Highland Fusiliers,
518 Sauchiehall Street,
Glasgow, C.2.

Dear Captain Wilson,

Thank you very much for your kind and informative letter of 13th May. I'm always pestering busy soldiers like this—and your unfailing kindness, understanding, and willingness to go to any amount of trouble sometimes makes me ashamed of being a nuisance over these extremely minor matters. Occasionally I hope that I may offer a sort of a challenge which might prove interesting to someone gaited to this sort of stuff.

There is enclosed a photograph of a cabinet in my office which displays some of the showier things. You'll see that the extreme upper left hand corner and the lower right have to do with your parent Regiments—including the blue Wilson shako which you have identified so neatly.

You are very kind to keep the Regimental Dress Regulations in mind. I quite understand the difficulties involved and that a set may not be forthcoming. You've already done much more than I could hope for.

With thanks.

Yours sincerely,
W. J. WHITESIDE,
Rear Admiral, U.S.N. (ret.).



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ASSOCIATION NOTES

R.S.F. (EDIN. CLUB) JOURNAL NOTES DECEMBER, 1963

We again submit our contribution, and, as in the past through these columns, we have come in contact with forgotten comrades and friends.

Cpl. A. Mair, R.H.F. at present serving in Dreg-horn found, on reading the journal, he was able to get in touch with Joe Osprey with whom he served in the 2nd Bn. R.S.F.

Joe is slowly recovering from a serious set back in health; since early this year he has been in and out of hospital and has had two major operations during this time. We are pleased to say he is now able to visit us at weekends for a couple of hours. We wish him a speedy recovery to his old self.

We have also learned that Charlie Syme (Polly) has had to have part of his leg amputated due to bad circulation. We sincerely hope he will quickly adapt himself to his misfortune. Most of us know him as a keen swimmer and exponent of the game of Water Polo.

Since our last write up, business at the Club has been on par with last year with a Silver Wedding thrown in to swell the kitty.

A bus outing was organised in September, a total of forty-two attended; destination being Ayr. After lunch our party were invited to the Headquarters of the 4/5th Bn. R.S.F. Jackie Christie and company contributed in no small way in making our day so successful; the weather also contributed by remaining fine. Thanks Jackie for your efforts and please convey our thanks and best wishes to your assistants.

The new fire regulations now in force, have altered the status of our premises from residential to non-residential. This deprives our members of the privilege of bed and breakfast. It also confines our numbers to 60 persons on each floor making a total of 120 persons on the premises at any one time, hence the hire of the 8/9th Bn. R.S. (T.A.) Drill Hall for our re-union in April, 1964.

For the hire of the hall, we are indebted to Major D. McKue, R.H.F., who negotiated with the T.A. on our behalf, obtaining hire charges at very small cost to the Club. The Hall is central and only a few doors from the Club, which is convenient for our re-union.

The 1964 re-union will be the main event in our club calendar, and we in Edinburgh are determined to make it a success. By adverts in the local papers we hope that a large number of Old Comrades residing in and around the city, will respond by writing to our Club Secretary for details of tickets, timings etc. We hope, also, that by this contact many more Royal Scots Fusiliers past and present, will become members of our club. Mr G. Suthern will be glad, as will his committee, if London and Ayr Branches of our Old Comrades Associations could let them know of their numbers who will be attending. Most of our arrangements are well in hand, but the question of accommodation is all important, and we appeal through these pages for all Fusil Jocks who will be attending, to send in to their respective secretaries by the middle of February 64, their requests for accommodation and the numbers in their party. This will be of great assistance to our committee who have to book

accommodation as near as possible to the club. So, Comrades, do your best and let us have your details in plenty of time please; this is most important. If Capt. J. Copland and Tom Linard get your details we know they will pass them on to us with all speed.

Here is a list of ordinary members of the club, also a list of ex Fusil Jocks living in and around Edinburgh:—

Jake Ronaldson	Geo. Hathaway (1915)
Jackie Robertson	Wattie Mason
Jock Fiddler	R. Brown
Geo. Conway	T. McArthur
G. Holland (Wee Duchy)	Louis Taylor
Dave McKinley	Geo. Ferris
Dan Bryce (P.M. 1914)	T. McVeigh
Peter Collins	Alex (Pedlar) Palmer
Billy Wakefield	Alex Wilkie
Jimmy Burns	Chas. O'Neil
Jake Campbell	Mark Chisholm
Geo. Arthur	R. Hare (1915)
Freddy Byman	Geo. Suthern
Paddy Atkinson (P.M.)	J. Calder
Davie Armour	Malky Drummond
Charles Whitelaw	Joe Harrison
Hughie Mearns	Harry McLaughlin
Geo. Scott	(1915)
Ted Wakelin	Tommy Alexander
W. Mitchie	Tommy Ingram
Walter McGinley	Charlie Syme
Archie Guthrie	Joe Osprey
Dan McLeod	Alex Imrie
Kipper Simpson	J. Carracher
In and around Edinburgh—	
Jimmy Muir	Tam Peffers
Denis Tierney	A. Hay
Bill Smith	Geo. Stevens
Joe Fortune	Rab Richardson
T. Connelly	S. Thomson
A. Finlayson	Bdsmn. Tom Finney
W. Gordon	Jack Macpherson
Major D. McKue	Tam Russell
W. (Boiler) Thompson	G. Crombie
Dmr. J. Phillips	J. Hamilton
Geo. Smith	Cpl. A. Mair

A number of members of the 1st Bn. Military Band paid us a visit while they were in the City for the Military Tattoo. This gave us great pleasure indeed, as we know they had very little time to themselves during the three weeks of the Festival. Thank you boys, it was nice seeing you, and we hope to see you again soon.

We now move on to our usual end of the year programme. Childrens' Xmas Party, Darts and Domino handicap. Our committee are in the process of organising an occasional Friday dance. These should see us into the New Year.

"Kipper" and Mrs Simpson gave us the pleasure of their company after their holiday on the Continent. Hannah seemed to have benefitted from it and "Kipper" looked his usual self. The other side of the family, Heather, sent a card from Spain to the clubmaster's wife which told us all how much they were enjoying themselves. From the number of cards received from members on holiday, it would seem that everyone remembers the good times they have in the club.

At the moment there is a stack of some 2,000 bricks outside our door, this has prompted the following queries:—

- (a) 'Are they a "Kerry Oot" for members in the building trade.'
- (b) 'If ye dinnae win a hoose, then tak enough to build yin.'

In fact they are there for repairs to the chimney stack, which has developed a fracture.

To conclude we wish all Comrades overseas and at home a VERY MERRY XMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

"Remember" — April 1964. Annual Re-Union R.S.F., London.

"Ayr and Edinburgh Old Comrades Associations to be held in the Drill Hall, 89 East Claremont Street, Edinburgh, on 11th April, 1964, the day of the Football International.

Further details can be obtained from Capt. J. D. Copland, 4/5th R.S.F., Ayr and Tom Linard, 45 Cumberland Road, Acton, London and Geo. Suthern, R.S.F. Club, 77 East Claremont Street, Edinburgh.

Make This a Date.

THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS (LONDON BRANCH) OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

14th November, 1963.

Dear Friends—

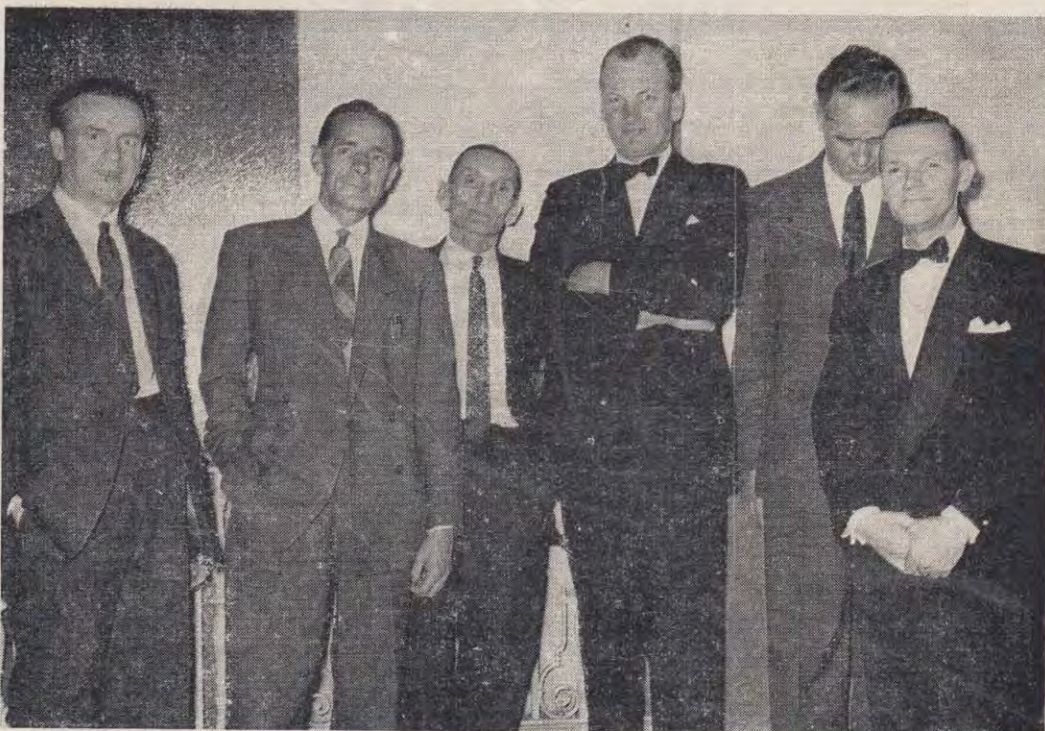
A very Happy and Prosperous New Year to one and all. 1963 was a very good year for our Branch many happy Reunions have taken place, and I hope that 1964 will be even better than 1963. Herewith are the latest functions of London Branch and I know these will evoke happy memories for many.

Friday, 19th July, Dicky Jenkins, his son Roger, with Sam Pope travelled up to Bellerby Camp, Yorks. Dicky, George Hardy, with Sam, who was a guest, joined 4/5 Bn. Old Comrades, 1939-45 War, at a Reunion Dinner at Scotch Corner Hotel. The numbers present were fewer than in the past, but a very enjoyable evening was spent. Saturday 20th, Jimmy and Mrs Joyce Young, their daughter, Ned Cummings, Tom and Mrs Linard were received by R.S.M. F. Wilson and members of W.O.'s and Sgts.' Mess. After introductions, the party awaited the R.S.M.'s parade; this was followed by an invitation to the Officers' Mess where we were received with a hearty welcome. Time, of course, caught up with us, and we adjourned to the Sgts.' Mess for lunch. On returning to Mess our old friends Kipper and Mrs Hannah Simpson, Tom and Mrs Betty Ingram and Malcolm Drummond, Dave Watts from South Shields, had arrived, and were heartily welcomed. After a very good lunch we all joined each other in the ante-room for drinks and nattering. Ned Cummings—Maley Drummond meeting again for the first time since 1941. Tommy Ingram—Rab Gilmour since 1932. Tommy Mooney—Kipper Simpson since 1943. Sam Pope and R.S.M. Bob McCalum since 1945. There were many other such meetings of various old friends. We were very pleased to see Ayr Old Comrades who came down as a party. They were—L. Gillan, W. Gillan, W. Hetherington, E. Dunlop, R. Underwood, J. Underwood, D. Dyer, W. Tait, J. Bryson, P. Ryan, J. McGuire, D. Rodie, A. Murphy, A. McKechnie, D. Campbell; one can gather how they enjoyed each

other's company with the members of Sgts.' Mess, C.S.M.'s Tommy Craig, Jimmy Black came in from Glasgow Highlanders, also Stewart Hyde, with other two R.H.F., P.S.I.s from 5/6 Bn. H.L.I.; the evening ended with a sing-song. Our ladies, with their hubbies, were accommodated at an hotel for bed and breakfast, everything laid-on. There couldn't be any complaints—everything was tip-top. Transport was available 10.30 a.m. Sunday, to convey them to camp, where again, members of the Mess were waiting to receive them. Elbow exercise came into being, followed by lunch. Just before lunch Jimmy and Mrs McFeat, their daughter and son-in-law from Stockton-on-Tees, joined us, also Poppa Henry who had been with us Saturday. Poppa asked to be remembered to old friends. During the afternoon a series of photographs were taken, but we are still waiting for the results. The guests gradually left in small parties. It was grand to see the send-off each had for London members. They loved every minute of their visit. To 4/5 Bn. we say Thanks! How pleased were Ned Cummings and Maley Drummond to meet Willie Glass and to natter about Shanghai, 1931. I am not kidding—the members of our Branch and other ex-Royal Scots Fusiliers again, who were asked after, were too numerous to name. There were enquiries regarding 1st Bn., 2nd Bn., 4/5 Bn., 6th Bn. and 11th Bn. boys and those still serving. Last but not least, the 4/5 Bn. London members who unfortunately couldn't be present. The week-end was another great success in every respect, thanks to everyone concerned. Special thanks to the cooks, sgt.s' Mess, Barman, Beef Neil, and the Duty Drivers. Members of the Mess, I know, will forgive me for not mentioning them by name for their grand parts played. They will be remembered by all. Thanks!

Saturday, 7th September, 1963, second social and dance was held. Twenty-three were in the party; it was a small one, but everybody enjoyed the evening. The dance-floor was more than well supported. Mrs Asals and Mrs Alderman rendered songs during the evening; ladies present were not lost for partners. Bill Thomas and Mrs Alderman gave an exhibition tango. Our Bill seems to retain his old passion for dancing. He says his dancing days are over, but one doubts that! Then, of course, there were those who made various dances a gentleman's 'excuse me,' this all went to make the great fun we all enjoyed. The moral is, we carried on regardless, making each other happy. Sammy Pope did great service during that dance session. I did ask a question once, when will Sammy Pope take the floor? His effort at this social was very good. We were all asked to join in 'Auld Lang Syne' around 'The Little Man' and 'Wee Laddie,' followed by 'The Queen.' Present were—Capt. and Mrs C. H. Asals, Tom and Mrs Linard, daughter and son-in-law, Harry Steward and five friends. Joe and Mrs West, Fred and Mrs Linard, Messrs Sammy Pope, Chalky Whiting, Jock McAtee, Bill Thomas, Bill Staines, Jock Durie and Rab Clinton.

Saturday, 12th October, 1963, the Combined Annual Dinner and Dance, the Royal Scots Fusiliers (London Branch) Old Comrades Association and Highland Light Infantry (London) Association, was held at Chatham Rooms, Victoria Station, London, S.W. Philip Eliot, Mrs A. Mills (H.L.I.) Dicky Jenkins, Sammy Pope (R.S.F.) are to be commended for organising this function. Parties from both Branches arrived from 6 p.m. onwards. During the



The Royal Scots Fusiliers (London Branch) Old Comrades Association.

Annual Dinner and Dance, 12th October, 1963, Chatham Rooms, Victoria Station, London, S.W.1.

1st Battalion (Burma), 1944, Old Comrades.

3245300 Fus. Jimmy Young, 3129622 Sgt. Fred Forman, 3126745 Fus. Harry Steward, Lieut.-Col M. J. Evetts, m.c., 60180 Fus. Sam Hudson, 3129577 Fus. Sammy Pope.

Reception, it was grand to see old friends meeting once again. At 6.55 we made our way to tables, and our Chairman for the evening, Major-Gen. R. A. Bramwell Davis, C.B., D.S.O., Colonel of the Regiment and his daughter, were piped in. Dinner commenced promptly at 7.5, our Toastmaster, Dicky Jenkins, calling on the Revd. R. S. Pitt-Kethley, to say grace. Dinner was acclaimed by many to be very good indeed. Capt. Asals, Chairman of Royal Scots Fus. (London) Branch, O.C.A., proposed the Royal Toast, Mr P. H. Eliot, Acting Chairman of Highland Light Infantry Association (London Branch), proposed toast of Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret (Colonel-in-chief of The Royal Highland Fusiliers (Princess Margaret's Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment). Major-Gen. Bramwell-Davis proposed 'The Regiment.' Toasts were heartily responded to. During his speech the General mentioned how well our Regiment was progressing, and announcing that this year he would be retiring as Colonel of the Regiment; he wished us every success in the future. 'Bring on the Tartan' was called, and the Chairman was piped out. 116 of R.S. Fusiliers and 89 Highland Light Infantry sat down to dinner. A list of Royal Scots Fusiliers present and a list of apologies for absence, were displayed on all tables. The Hall was got ready for dancing, which commenced at 8.25. Then the parties began to meet each other in jovial spirit. Mrs A. Bellmains, her son, daughter-

in-law, and daughter, were accompanied by John Bright (Selby), Jimmy Bedford (Osterley) and Mary, daughter of ex-R.S.M. Billie Home (Harrow). Incidentally, Billie and Mrs Home celebrate their diamond-wedding anniversary on 12th January, 1964. May they spend many more happy years of wedded-life together. Other pre-1914 Royal Scots Fusiliers present were—Maj. A. E. Harrison (Aveley) accompanied by Mrs Harrison and their party. Alec's father was Captain Q.M. with the R.S. Fusiliers. Arthur Rippinton (Devon) leaving the Regiment with the rank of R.Q.M.S. Arthur came round to my house and audited the accounts up to the end of June, 1963, on Saturday morning. Good show, Ripp! Harry and Mrs Steward and friends joined them; Fred and Mrs Gorman (Haywards Heath), Bert and Mrs Cole, Len and Mrs Burrows, daughters and friends, George and Mrs Dafter, Jimmy Halliday (Kilmarnock), with friends and Mrs K. Kennealy, widow of R.S.M. Kennealy, who many were pleased once again to see, Bert and Mrs Roe, son, daughter, and friend, Len and Mrs Bradford and friends (Oxford), Jimmy and Mrs Young, Tommy and Mrs Terrell, Bill and Mrs Staines, Jigger and Mrs Riley (son of the late C.Q.M.S. Joe Riley) and sister-in-law (from Cheshire), Joe and Mrs West, George Woodhouse and friend (Sheffield), Len and Mrs Sackville (Sheffield), Tommy and Mrs Ingram (South Shields), Bill Thomas, John Stevenson (New Cumnock), brother

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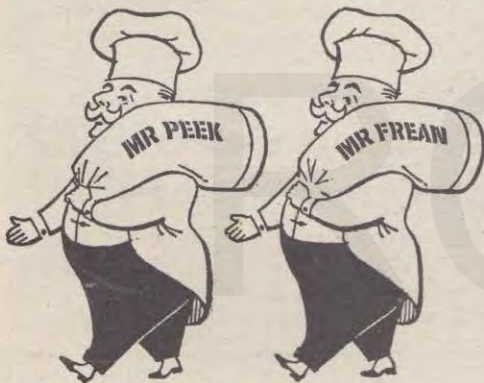
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and sister, who honoured us as his guests for the evening; Lt.-Col. and Mrs M. J. Evetts (Worcester), Maj. J. Steel (Westcliff) and friend, Hector and Mrs Wilson, Arthur and Mrs Lowe (Sheffield), Bill and Mrs Brooker, brother and sister-in-law (Grays), George and Mrs Jenkins (Slough), with friends; Tommy and Mrs Muldoon and friends (guests of Jock Durie), Tommy and Mrs Barclay, Capt. and Mrs C. H. Asals, daughter and friends; Bill and Mrs Greatrex and friends; Ken Payne, Jimmy Newbiggin (Oxford), Tommy Welsh (Oxford), Frank and Mrs Dunne, Rab Clinton (who gave us a display of Highland dancing twice during the evening, Busty and Mrs Callan, Masha Hemings, Mrs Tyrell (widow of the late Alfie Tyrell) and friends; John and Mrs Meikle, Ben Sansum, Jock McAtee, Sam and Mrs Hudson, Tom and Mrs Linard. For the first time at one of our gatherings we had the pleasure of both Frank and Mrs Dunne, Fred and Mrs Gorman. We know they enjoyed themselves, and we trust that this is the first of many more functions they will attend, all things being equal. The same is applicable to Jigger and Mrs Riley, hoping they may get Jimmy and Mrs Allen down the next time; also Tommy and Mrs Ingram, Billy Brooker and Mrs Erooker.

One can gather how, in the short time available—5 hours—one was running around meeting old friends. One can also figure how the elbow-

exercise was going on, plus the dancing. The Eight-some Reel, the Gay Gordons, Waltz, Quick-step, Foxtrot, the Twist, old time dances came up to par. How we all enjoyed the 'Hokey-kokey,' the young and the elderly. During the reception and dance, Mrs A. Mills (H.L.I.) and Mrs A. Linard, disposed of tickets for the raffle on behalf of the Highland Light Infantry. Mrs Mills wishes me to thank the Royal Scots Fusiliers for contributing towards the raffle—it was a great success. Several of our members and their friends won prizes. During the evening The Little Man, Wee Laddie, and 4/5 Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers Cigarette Box were displayed, also the Highland Light Infantry Association (London Branch) Shield. I am pleased to thank Nobby Hall on behalf of our Branch for making our Branch a similar shield. It is a very great gesture on Nobby's part, and I am sure, will be greatly admired. Thanks Nobby!

As at all these functions, time passes all too quickly, seeing that 'time waits for no man.' Auld Lang Syne was sung with gusto around the Branch Trophies, followed by 'The Queen.' Then came goodbyes, cheerio, and 'see you at the next one,' which, I believe was expressed in all sincerity. One could write all night at length about those we met and what they said, but the most encouraging phrase was 'we have spent a wonderful evening.' One can gather by reading the names of those



Old Comrades Re-Union with 4/5 Bn. The Royal Scots Fusiliers, 21st July, 1963, at Bellery Camp, Yorkshire.

Back row (l. to r.): Jimmy Black (Glasgow Highlanders), Jimmy Young (London) Tommy Craig Glasgow Highlanders), Dicky Jenkins (London), Sammy Pope (London), Dave Watts (South Shields), Tommy Ingram (Glasgow Highlanders), C.S.M. McLean (4/5 Bn.), Tom Linard (London), Maley Drummond (South Shields), Kipper Simpson (South Shields), Ned Cummings (London).

Front row (l. to r.): Mrs. Betty Ingram, Mrs. Joyce Young, Miss J. Young, R.S.M. F. Wilson (4/5 Bn.), Jack Christie (4/5 Bn.), Mrs. Hannah Simpson, Mrs. Alice Linard.

present, that those who were unable to be there, were well remembered. May I suggest you read through the names once again and figure out who you may know. The following may assist you.

List of those who wrote tendering their apologies for being absent—

Lt.-Col. R. Bromley Gardner, C.O., 4/5 Bn., Ayr; Mr Alick Sweeney, Feltham; Mr Ted Burgess, Broxburn; Lord Rowallan, Kilmarnock; Maj-Gen. W. E. Clutterbuck, Yorkshire; Mr Ernie Pye, Basingstoke; Mr Archie Duncan, Campbeltown; Mr Tom Pickering, Worcester Park; Major R. D. Maule, Ayr; Brig. R. C. Cooney, Dorset; Mrs M. Thorne, Farnborough; Mr John Steward, Swindon; Mr Jimmy Ramage, Edinburgh; Mr Harry Smith, Norfolk; Mr Jimmy Rae, Kilmarnock; Major A. F. T. Shapland, Appledore; Capt. G. A. Thom, H.Q. Coy. 1st R.H.Fus.; Brig. R. E. Hobday, Oxon; Mr Charlie Thorne, Coventry; Mr Stan Parker, Blyth; Mr Jimmy Augustus, Isle of Wight; Lt.-Col. E. P. O. Boyle, Windsor; C.S.M. W. Bravery, Chelsea Hospital; Sgt. Malcolm Masters, Chelsea Hospital; C.S.M. H. Ager, 1st Bn. R.H.Fus.; Mr Jimmy Byrnes, East Ham; Mr Alex. Thomson, Dundee; Col. C. R. Buchanan, Haslemere; Mr John Stevenson, New Cumnock; Mr Charlie Francis, Hillingdon; Mr Jimmy Patterson, Mortlake; Mr Hookey Walker, Paisley; Mr Chalky Whiting, Barnet; Mr George Noble, Richmond; Mr Pedlar Palmer, Edinburgh; Capt. J. D. Copland, 4/5 Bn. R.S.F., Ayr; Mr Kipper Simpson, South Shields; Mr Gene Allan, Greenford; Maj. H. W. P. Harrison, St. Leonards on Sea; Mr Jimmie Cearns, Glasgow; Mr Ted Griffiths, Walthamstow; Mr Harold Moulden, Manchester; Mr Freddy West (Byman), Finsbury; Mr Jimmy McDonald, Glasgow; Brig. A. I. Buchanan-Dunlop, Edinburgh; Major D. W. Ness, Sanderstead; Mr Alec Davie, Cricklewood; Mr Fred Sawyer, Birmingham; Mr Len Jennings, Bow; Mr Jimmy McFeat, Stockton on Tees; Mr Bill Knight, Hornsey; Mr Chris Griffiths, Putson; Mr Freddy Wilmott, Hanover; Mr Owen Duffy, Birmingham; Mr Ron Fullick, Bristol; Mr Bob Satterley, Stockwell; Mrs K. Maloney, Tottenham; Mr Maley Drummond, South Shields; Capt. F. E. Rayner, St. Leonards; Mr Ted Hare, Redhil; Mr W. Mackey, Oxon; Mr Neil Blair, Coventry; Col. J. F. Armstrong, Tenterden; Mr Duncan Yuill, Dorking; Maj. H. T. Lawden, Roehampton.

The following is a list of ex-Royal Scots Fusiliers who were present:—

Rev. R. S. Pitt-Kethley, Ealing; Mr Harry Steward, 2nd and 1st Bn. Stepney; Mr Ben Sansum, 2nd Bn. Stockwell; Mr Bert Cole, 1st Bn. Bethnal Green; Mr Sam Pope, 1st Bn. White City; Mr Len Burrows, 6 Bn. Hornchurch; Mr George Dafter, 2nd Bn. Dagenham; Mr Tom Linard, 1st Bn. Acton; Mr Jimmy Halliday, 2nd Bn. Kilmarnock; Mr Bert Roe, 1st Bn. Putney; Mr Len Bradford, 2nd Bn. Oxford; Mr Jimmy Young, 2nd Bn. Lower Sunbury; Mr George Woodhouse, 1st En. Sheffield; Mr W. G. Brocker, 2nd Bn. Greys; Mr Jimmy Newbiggin, 2nd Bn. Oxford; Mr Hector Wilson, 2nd Bn. Brondebury; Maj. A. E. Harrison, 1st Bn. Avaley; Mr Tommy Terrell, 1st Bn. Virginia Water; Mr John Meikle, 1st Bn. Brentford; Mr F. Dunne, 2nd En. Clapham; Mr Tommy Barclay, 2nd Bn. London, N.W.5; Mr Bill Thomas, 1st Bn. Islington; Maj. J. Steel, 4/5 Bn. Westcliff; Mr P. F. Callen, 2nd Bn. Westwinster; Mr Tommy Ingram, 1st Bn. South Shields; Mr Arthur Ripington, 2nd En. Tawton; Mr Joe West, 1st Bn. Fulham; Capt. C. H. Asals, 1st

Bn. Hammersmith; Mr Dicky Jenkins, 4/5 Bn. Ealing; Mr Sammy Hudson, 1st Bn.; Mr John McAtee, 4/5 Bn. Grove Park; Mr Geo. Jenkins, 2nd Bn. Slough; Mr Len Sackville, 1st Bn. Sheffield; Mr Jigger Riley, 1st Bn. Cheshire; Mr Bill Staines, 2nd Bn. Fulham; Mr Bill Greatrex, 2nd Bn. Bushey Park; Mr Ken Payne, 1st Bn. Enfield; Lt. Col. M. J. Evetts, 1st Bn. Worcester; Mr John Bright, 1st Bn. Selby; Mr Jimmy Bedford, 1st En. Osterley; Mr Tommy Welsh, 2nd Bn. Oxford; Mr Arthur Lowe, 4/5 Bn. Sheffield; Mr Masha Hemings, 4/5 Bn. Stockwell; Mr R. A. B. Clinton, 2nd Bn. Holloway; Mrs A. Bellmaine, 1st Bn. Heston; Mrs L. Tyrell, 2nd Bn. Walthamstow; Mrs K. Kennedy, 2nd Bn. Wanstead; Mr F. Gorman, 1st Bn. Haywards Heath; Mr Tom Linard, 1st Bn. Acton.

10.15 a.m. Sunday, November 10th, 1963. Dicky Jenkins, Sammy Pope, Sam Hudson, Jock McAtee, Tom and Mrs Linard met at the Horse Guards Parade. We marched behind the Police Band on to Whitehall. After the Memorial Service and the Two Minutes Silence we marched past the Cenotaph. Jock McAtee placed the wreath on the steps of the Cenotaph—a wreath of poppies, with blue ribbon, gold lettering, 21st Foot, Royal Scots Fusiliers and a card with the words "We shall remember them." Then we proceeded to the Field of Remembrance and paid our respects at Plot 37—the Royal Scots Fusiliers. All Crosses were in place, 1st, 2nd 4/5th, 6th, 11th Bns., the Royal Scots Fus. (Edinburgh) Club, the Royal Scots Fus. London Branch) O.C.A., plus 20 personal Poppy crosses, as under — W. Pomroy, 6th Bn.; Ernest George Norris, three to 4/5 Bn.; Geo. Finnie, 2nd Bn.; I/C Victor Davis, 1st Bn.; Sgt. E. P. Linard, 6th Bn.; W. Chassell; E. Eisenger; Jock McCallum; Four Blanks, A.T., I.T.L.E., James Gold, From Sam to 1st Bn. Burma Boys; from Sam P. to 1st Bn. Boys. Bert Roe was at the Memorial Service, with the Burma Club contingent. Capt. C. H. Asals was also present. Later, we all adjourned to the Star Hotel, Broadway, S.W., and spent an hour going over old times. The main purpose of the day was to remember those who failed to return. We shall remember them!

On 7th December we shall have held our last social function for 1963 (7.30 p.m. at the Chevrons Club, 4 Dorset Square, Baker Street, London, N.W.1., an account of which will be given in our next Newsletter to the Regimental Journal.

The following are the functions for London Branch for 1964—7 p.m. Saturday, 1st February, Annual General Members' Meeting, to be followed by a Social and Dance, 8.15 p.m. at Chevrons Club, 4 Dorset Square, N.W.1. We ask that you may be present if possible, and bring your ladies and friends, so that they can meet each other whilst we are at the Meeting. We also request you to be prepared to nominate members for 1964 Committee. Do try to make this Meeting a bumper one so that your Committee may go away with a solid mandate for 1964, because fundamentally it is the members who control and manage our Branch. To those members who are not within travelling distance may we ask them to submit any matters they would wish discussed. We look to all for support for the good of London Branch, feeling that we shall go from strength to strength. I have every confidence that our A.G.M.M. and Social and Dance will be successful.

Friday, 3rd April, 1964, we shall leave London for the Grand Reunion with Edinburgh Club and Ayr Branch Old Comrades in Edinburgh 4/5 April, 1964.

We have made enquiries of British Railways and they have quoted £6 1s 6d return per person. Birch Coaches have quoted £3 per person return. Time taken travelling approximately 12 hours each way. All in all, that would be similar to travelling by train, and much cheaper. If you are interested in attending this function, I should be pleased if you would let me have your Regimental No., name, Bns. in which you served, also names of those accompanying you — members, their wives, sons or daughters will be the guests of the Royal Scots Fusiliers (Edinburgh) Club whilst in Edinburgh, 4/5 April, 1964. Friends and other relatives will be expected to cover all costs of functions they attend, as will be quoted by Edinburgh Club; the member will be responsible for friends of his party. We are hoping for a bumper attendance by London Branch members. Would members making their own way please let me have their particulars and approximate time of arrival in Edinburgh in order that the necessary arrangements may be made in advance to receive them and their parties. I am sure there are many you will be pleased to meet. I am informed that Edinburgh Club are going 'all out' to make the 1964 Grand Reunion the best ever, and with your unstinted support I think they will. Why not join the happy throng of Royal Scots Fusiliers? Remember it is never too early to send in your names. Why do I want Regtl. Numbers? So that I may give a list to Edinburgh Club which they can circulate to their members. It has happened so often at our functions. Several have attended and have missed meeting other who were actually there; even at our Dinner and Dance Ben Sansum and Fred Dunne 'B' Co. 2nd Bn. India, 1923, did not meet. Even I myself have met those who served with me yet I would not have recognised them, so make up your minds, letting us have the pleasure of your company on 3, 4, 5 April, 1964. I shall be pleased to answer any points not covered already on this subject.

1963 DERBY DRAW for the London Branch was the most successful yet. We have to thank the bookholders for this. Statement of accounts has been sent to all members. We are hoping to run another for 1964. We call again on your support to dispose of books. This Draw is a great financial help to us; it does much to keep the cost of functions which we hold to a minimum. Statements of account are sent out to all bookholders and members; result sheets are sent to all bookholders, as stated on the tickets. There are 5 tickets in each book; each brings in a donation of 6d. Bookholders return tickets and counterfoils and money less cost of postage incurred in returning same. Prizes are — £30 1st; £20 2nd; £10 3rd and £1 other runners. We rely on each and everyone to do his best. 1964 Draw will outshine 1963. One thing is certain, if we don't aim at the target we shall not hit it. Then again, each year the 'Pool Bull' must be higher. The shots taken at the target, the higher the Pool Bull. We ask you to take some 'target practice.' We may figure another incentive for the Draw, because 1964 MUST BE THE BEST EVER.

We can only state for second half of 1964 that we may have a function or functions (Function Tam's on again, Machine Gunners) between April and Saturday, 5th September, 1964. We don't know yet. 7 p.m. Saturday, 5th September, 1964, is a Social and Dance. All are welcome!

In October, 1964, we hope to hold our Annual Dinner and Dance. As each year goes by we in-

crease in numbers of actual ex-Royal Scots Fusiliers attending; this year reached the 50 mark and that is very good for a single Branch attendance. The enjoyment given in 1963 makes me optimistic for 1964. Speaking for myself I cannot meet sufficient ex-Royal Scots Fusiliers, their ladies and friends. I feel sure there are many more with similar views.

Our last function for 1964 will be a Social and Dance, at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, 5th December, at Chevrons Club, 4 Dorset Square, Baker Street, N.W.1.

Congratulations, Edinburgh Club on your write-up in June, 1963, in The Regimental Journal. As was stated some time ago, London Branch will have to watch out or they will be looking at their laurels. You are certainly on the right road; let the other chap know what you have been doing and what you hope to do, then you will definitely get a following. We can only say, how pleasing to read about events and your members. You will be pleased to know we are pushing the 1964 Grand Reunion in Edinburgh.

Highland Light Infantry Association (London) are holding a Social and Dance at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, 29th February, 1964, at the Duke of York's H.Q., King's Road, Chelsea, London, S.W.3. They extend a hearty welcome to our members, their ladies and friends.

Our members send their regards to all ex-Royal Scots Fusiliers, their families, 4/5 Bn. R.S.Fus., 1st Bn. Royal Highland Fus., The Lowland Brigade, and sister organisations.

Since our last issue we are pleased to welcome into our Branch, hoping to see them at functions whenever possible:—312817 Fusr. Fred Dunne, 1st and 2nd Bn., 1919-39. Asgs for Fusr. Ives, Elie; C.Q.M.S. Sartwright.

14437456 Sgt. Tom Groombridge (Groomy), 4/5 Bn. 2nd, 1st Bn., 1944-52. Asks for D/M. George Bell, Sgt. Jack Haslam, Dusty Miller, George Harris and Tommy Allen.

3131523 St. George Hardy (Big Idle), 4/5 Bn., 1939-46. Asks for every one in general.

3127994 Cpl. Leonard Sackville (Sacky), 1st and 4/5 Bn., 1930-45. Asks for Jock Lowe and George Woodhouse.

3125991 L/C. Edie Cummings (Ned), 1st, 2nd and 6th Bn. Asks for Maley Drummond.

3129622 Sgt. Fred Corman (Flash), 2nd and 1st Bn., 1936-48. Asks for Fred Tann.

W.O. II, Harry Mooney, was cook in 2nd Bn., pre-1939. Asks for old Muckers.

Sgt. T. Mulholland 4/5 Bn. still serving T.A.

It still goes, if any addresses of ex-Royal Scots Fusilier are sent to me, I promise to write to them with a view to joining our Branch.

With all good wishes to you all for the New Year.

A. C. LINARD.

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H.L.I. ASSOCIATION (LONDON BRANCH)

On October 12th, 1963, the combined Dinner and Dance took place. It was very well supported by members and friends of both the H.L.I. and R.S.F. Associations.

Major General Bramwell Davis, C.B., D.S.O., was guest of honour, and gave a very interesting account of the activities of The Royal Highland Fusiliers.

The London Branch of the H.L.I. Association meet regularly at Caxton Hall, Westminster. The next meeting is on January 4th, 1964, at 7 p.m. and any ex-member of the Regiment would be made very welcome.

We also are holding a Social Evening on February 29th, 1964, at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, at 7.30 p.m.

OBITUARY

Since the last issue of "The Journal," it is with great regret that I have to report the death of Mr N. Senglaw. He was well known as a sportsman in both the 1st and 2nd Bns, H.L.I., and he was a regular attender at all meetings—travelling from Oxford in all weathers. Mrs Senglaw has the condolences of all members of the London Branch.

J. DEWAR, Hon. Secy.

HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY CLUB EDINBURGH

Since the last publication of The Journal many further improvements have been made in the interior decoration of the Club.

The Billiard Room has been changed and the old Billiard Room has been redecorated in a pleasing shade of blue and the floor covered with red and grey linoleum. The chairs have been reupholstered in red and, to complete the room, curtains of Mackenzie tartan. The entrance hall has also been redecorated and the Club is now probably the most comfortable Regimental Club in Edinburgh. As the saying goes, it is "Fit for a Princess," and a visit from our Colonel-in-Chief, Princess Margaret, would be greatly appreciated by all our members.

To all soldiers, past and present, of The Highland Light Infantry and The Royal Highland Fusiliers a hearty welcome awaits you in what is, after all, your own Club.

On April the 14th we had a visit from some seventy members of the Glasgow Club. They arrived in two coaches at 11.30 a.m. and the Club Steward was kept busy serving one and all, and when they left for Port Seton we were sorry to see them go.

In June our bowling team travelled to Glasgow to defend the Bowling Challenge Cup against the Glasgow Club. The match was played at Kelvin-grove Park Bowling Green and, after a very exciting match, Edinburgh retained the cup winning by two rinks to one. We were then entertained to a very nice high tea in the Glasgow Club and filled the Cup more than once, I am afraid. The evening was rounded off by the appearance of a number of excellent singers and other artistes, and Jerry Boyle of the Glasgow Club made a very nice speech which was replied to by Andy Millan. We thank the Glasgow Club for such a great outing and for all they did to make our stay such a pleasant one.

Our coach outing this year was to Whitley Bay in mid July and we were very fortunate to have a lovely summer's day for it. The draw for the half bottle was won by Murray on a re-draw, as no one could produce No. 3 the ticket first drawn. Later on, Mr Donaldson, the Club Steward, found ticket No. 3 but, alas! by that time the prize had been consumed.

We pulled into a lay-bye for some fresh air and when it was time to leave, a V.I.P. member of the Club was missing. A patrol was about to go in search of him when he turned up fifteen

minutes late — very hot and bothered — but we will spare his further blushes by not mentioning his name! We arrived at the Rex Hotel, Whitley Bay, for lunch, which was excellent, and then the afternoon was at the disposal of the individual. Tea, once more, at the Rex Hotel and it was again first class, and I must record our appreciation to the Manager and Staff of the Rex Hotel who did so much to make our stay a pleasant one. On our way home, we stopped at the Progressive Club, Ashington, and were given a warm welcome and had a marvellous sing-song, but after two hours we regretfully had to take our leave, arriving back in Edinburgh eventually at 1.30 a.m.

Many congratulations to Andrew Mullan, Chairman, Bob McLeish, Secretary, J. Anderson, Treasurer, and Mr Donaldson, Convener, for the excellence of their arrangements.

There has been an increase in membership since our last report, among our new members being Cpl. Angus McKenzie who enlisted in 1904 and was a piper with 1st and 2nd Battalions.

I am sorry to have to report that Jimmy Pringle is under the weather but we all hope that he will make a speedy recovery.

In conclusion, we wish to all Branches of the Association and to all ex Highland Light Infantry and Royal Highland Fusiliers the Compliments of the Season!

J. H. SMITH.

"THE PIED PIPER OF HAMELIN"

or ...

"THE BABES IN THE WOOD"

A pastoral-comical Extravaganza by
Divers Authors.

Correlated by D.I.A.M.

Dramatis Personae.

Tom Tom, a Bush Telegraphist.

Jimmy, a Big Wheel.

Leslie Howden, an Old Established Ferme.

Cisk, a Sleeping Warrior.

Uncle Brian, a Sleepless Uncle.

Uncle Gordon, a Fierce Uncle (especially after
2359 hrs.).

Sandi, a Voice on the Air.

007, an Egyptian P.T. Instructor.

Saladin the Paladin, the Man with the Tent.

The Bottle Major, a Purveyor of Fire Water.

D.I.A.M., a Fire-Proof Warrior.

Ronnie de Renzie, the Chinagraph King.

Shimf and Nark, two Umpires.

Big Chief Yellow Piping, The Chief of the
Iserlohn Petrolfeet.

Say Again, an Unknown Station.

Also soldiers, villagers, irate farmers, umpires, tanks, batmen, cups of tea, rain, policemen and Unknown Stations who seem to have taken the Wrong turning at Ape House.

Scenes:

Scene I A Wood near Hamelin.

Scene II At the Motor Rally.

Scene III A Wood near Detmold.

Scene IV Alarums and Excursions.

Scene V Down by the Riverside.

Scene VI Wild Wales on Wheels.

Scene VII The Bridge at Hess Oldendorf
(a Painful Scene).

Scene VIII ... Night on the Bare Mountain.

Scene IX Down on the Farm.

Scene X Last Home's a Sissy.

It has been decided not to publish the text of this Extravaganza. Half of you have acted in it already and the other half simply wouldn't believe it anyway.

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BIRTHS.

- 23660585 Fus. KERR, A.
A son, Andrew, on 26th April, 1963.
- 23686203 L/Cpl. WRIGHT, R.
A son, John Hugh, on 20th March, 1963.
- 23405946 Cpl. JOHNSTON, C.
A son, Patrick, on 10th May, 1963.
- 22806945 Cpl. NEW, A.
A son, James Simpson, on 9th May, 1963.
- 2348835 Fus. WELLS, J.
A son, Findley Andrew James, on 15th May, 1963.
- 23481354 Cpl. O'HARA, C.
A son, Keven, on 15th May, 1963.
- 23682491 L/Cpl. ARNOTT, J.
A son, William Paul, on 30th May, 1963.
- 23716485 Fus. YOUNG, A.
A son, George, on 18th May, 1963.
- 23254285 Fus. LOGUE, W.
A son, Gary William, on 9th June, 1963.
- 23734937 Fus. ROUSE, M.
A daughter, Monica, on 2nd May, 1963.
- 14724282 W.O./I KISBEE, N.
A daughter, Sandra Jane, on 14th June, 1963.
- 14452652 W.O./II REEHAL, P.
A daughter, Sharon, 8th July, 1963.
- 23472352 Sgt. CRAFT, G.
A daughter, Denise Ann, on 11th July, 1963.
- 19099447 Cpl. GRANT, J.
A daughter, Alison, on 4th July, 1963.
- 23491266 Sgt. GREEN, A.
Twins, Michael Andrew and Shaun Alexander on 18th July, 1963.
- 23661491 Cpl. ROSS, G.
A son, Alan, on 3rd July, 1963.
- 23712350 L/Cpl. GILMOUR, D.
A son, David, on 1st August, 1963.
- 23515678 Fus. THOMPSON, W.
A son, William, on 3rd August, 1963.
- 22549450 C/Sgt. BRESLIN, G.
A son, Stuart Geoffrey, on 15th August, 1963.
- 23531931 Fus. WILSON, D.
A son, Eric Iain, on 20th May, 1963.
- 23510909 Fus. BARTON, J.
A son, Noel, on 13th August, 1963.
- 23443275 Fus. MCEWAN, J.
A daughter, Linda, on 21st August, 1963.
- 3328828 Cpl. RICHARDSON, C.
A son, Michael Paul, on 10th August, 1963.
- 21017088 Cpl. BROWN, J.
A son, Michael, on 21st August, 1963.
- 23533359 L/Cpl. BIRMINGHAM, C.
A daughter, Sandra, on 24th August, 1963.
- 21125040 Sgt. DAVIDSON, R.
A daughter, Nicola Jane, on 9th September, 1963.
- 23462914 Fus. DALZELL, J.
A son, John, on 16th September, 1963.
- 23744747 Fus. ROBERTSON, T.
A son, Gary Andrew, on 19th August, 1963.
- 23512062 Fus. SMITH, S.
A daughter, Susan Irene, 17th August, 1963.
- 23716621 Fus. GOVAN, A.
A son, Alexander, on 12th August, 1963.
- 23701227 Fus. REID, J.
A daughter, Deborah, on 18th September, 1963.

- 23547669 Fus. BOYLE, J.
A son, John, on 23rd September, 1963.
- 23681465 Fus. CURRIE, T.
A son, Michael, 8th October, 1963.
- 23736356 Cpl. BENSON, W.
A daughter, Maureen, on 20th October, 1963.
- 23453652 Cpl. MCGOWAN, W.
A son, Richard Mark, on 26th October, 1963.
- 23716548 Fus. KIRKBRIDE, J.
A daughter, Caroline, 18th October, 1963.

BIRTHS (Officers).

- Capt. J. L. HOWDEN-FERME.
A daughter, Helena Catherine, on 14th July, 1963.
- Major D. M. ROBERTSON.
A son, Jonathan Charles, on 1st August, 1963.

MARRIAGES.

- 23549737 Bds. MITCHELL, A.
Married on 1st June, 1963, at Lanark.
- 23904804 Fus. LAMOND, J.
Married on 25th May, 1963, at Glasgow.
- 23706986 L/Cpl. GRAY, G.
Married on 22nd June, 1963, at Ayr.
- 23708947 L/Cpl. KELLY, J.
Married on 13th September, at Glasgow.
- 23673321 Fus. TODD, J.
Married on 29th June, 1963, at Ayr.
- 23863443 Fus. MILLOY, T.
Married on 20th July, 1963, at Glasgow.
- 23742188 Fus. HAMILTON, C.
Married on 20th July, 1963, at Lennoxton.
- 23736312 A/L. Cpl. MCSHARRY, L.
Married on 5th August, 1963, at Glasgow.
- 23734364 Fus. CLARK, F.
Married on 20th July, 1963, at Glasgow.
- 23697041 Fus. MCKAY, W.
Married on 3rd August, 1963, at Glasgow.
- 23836644 Fus. GALLACHER, M.
Married on 20th July, 1963, at Glasgow.
- 22837379 Sgt. KENYON, A.
Married on 1st August, 1963, at Lanark.
- 23785481 Fus. MACKIE, H.
Married on 7th August, 1963, at Glasgow.
- 23871587 Fus. CRAIG, D.
Married on 2nd August, 1963, at Glasgow.
- 23686105 Fus. GRIMLEY, J.
Married on 26th July, 1963, at Stevenston.
- 23782050 Fus. PRIOR, J.
Married on 17th August, 1963, at Glasgow.
- 23743478 Fus. COWAN, J.
Married on 28th August, 1963, at Edinburgh.
- 23863580 Fus. McDOUGALL, D.
Married on 10th August, 1963, at Glasgow.
- 23904190 Fus. DICKSON, L.
Married on 16th August, 1963, at Glasgow.

DEATHS.

- 23716548 Fus. KIRKBRIDE, J.
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THE ROYAL HIGHLAND FUSILIERS

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT—Year to 31st December, 1962.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
Royal Highland Fusiliers Regimental Association.		Royal Highland Fusiliers Regimental Association.	
Subscriptions from Battalions	£276 16 0	Grants in relief	£45 6 3
Donations from Army Benevolent Fund	250 0 0	Royal Scots Fusiliers Benevolent Association.	
	£526 16 0	(Period 1/9/62 to 31/12/62)	
Royal Scots Fusiliers Benevolent Association.		GENERAL FUND No. 1:	
(Period 1/9/62 to 31/12/62)		Grants in relief	£170 10 0
GENERAL FUND No. 1:		Administrative Expenses	46 17 0
Dividends and Interest (gross)	186 10 4		217 7 0
GENERAL FUND No. 2:		GENERAL FUND No. 2:	
Subscriptions	£8 4 0	Grants in relief	£15 0 0
Interest	2 10 8	Administrative Expenses	3 10 0
	10 14 8	Transferred to Capital Account ...	2 10 8
WAR MEMORIAL FUND No. 1:			21 0 8
Dividends and Interest (gross)	£168 18 8	WAR MEMORIAL FUND No. 1:	
Donation from Army Benv. Fund	100 0 0	Grants in relief	£176 15 6
	268 18 8	Administrative Expenses	69 9 0
WAR MEMORIAL FUND No. 2:			246 4 6
Dividends and Interest (gross)	265 2 7	WAR MEMORIAL FUND No. 2:	
	265 2 7	Grants in relief	£117 7 6
Highland Light Infantry Regimental Association.		Administrative Expenses	67 14 0
(Period 1/9/62 to 31/12/62)			185 1 6
BENEVOLENT FUND:		Highland Light Infantry Regimental Association.	
Dividends and Interest (nett)	£167 14 0	(Period 1/9/62 to 31/12/62)	
Feu duties (nett)	87 15 6	BENEVOLENT FUND:	
Donation from Army Benv. Fund	100 0 0	Grants in relief	£267 14 8
Donation from H.L.I. Club	300 0 0	Administrative Expenses	100 8 8
	655 9 6		368 3 4
GENERAL FUND:		GENERAL FUND:	
Sundries	0 10 6	Highland Light Infantry Club ...	£12 10 0
	0 10 6	Administrative Expenses	21 10 6
	£1,914 2 3		34 0 6
BALANCES ON HAND:			£1,117 3 9
Royal Highland Fusiliers Fund at 1/1/62	Nil.	BALANCES ON HAND AT 31/12/62:	
Royal Scots Fusiliers Benv. Assoc. at 1/9/62:		Royal Highland Fusiliers Fund	£481 9 9
General Fund No. 1	£1,624 7 6	Royal Scots Fusiliers Benv. Assoc.:	
General Fund No. 2	277 12 1	General No. 1	£1,593 10 10
War Memorial Fund No. 1	1,071 3 10	General No. 2	267 6 1
War Memorial Fund No. 2	1,289 8 3	War Mem. Fund No. 1	1,093 18 0
Highland Light Inf. Assoc.	0 0 0	War Mem. Fund No. 2	1,369 9 4
	4,262 11 8		4,324 4 3
	£6,176 13 11	Highland Light Infantry Regimental Assoc.	
		Benevolent Fund	£287 6 2
		Less: General Fund—	
		Overspent	33 10 0
			253 16 2
			5,059 10 2
			£6,176 13 11

CAPTAIN HUGH MACKENZIE—71st

Extract from Colbourn's United Service Magazine, Part III of 1854.

"Captain Hugh Mackenzie, formerly Captain and Paymaster of the 71st Regiment. Entering the Army in 1780 he was with his Regiment, the 73rd now 71st, at the Siege of Gibraltar, and, after its successful defence, proceeded to India, where he was engaged in seven of the sieges and actions which ended in the defeat and death of Tippoo Sahib. Twice he led the "Forlorn Hope," and one of these occasions, the storming of the strong fortress of Nundydroog, is still spoken of in India as the most desperate of the war.

Accepting afterwards the Paymastership of his Regiment he was present at the capture of the Cape, and of Buenos Ayres, and returned to Europe in time to bear a part in the first expedition to Portugal, and in the Battle of Roleia and Vimiera. He was in the retreat to Corunna and the disastrous Walcheren expedition, and returning to Portugal was present in no less than 13 of the different sieges and actions in the Peninsula and France, from the retreat of Massena from Portugal to the Battle of Toulouse. He finally closed his services in the field by being present at the crowning victory of Water-

loo: we say in the field, for although his duties as Paymaster would have exempted him from much of the danger of the war, yet when there was a prospect of his Regiment being in action, the old spirit of the soldier came upon him and he was constantly in the habit of joining and charging with it. Two of his nephews were killed in the Peninsula, but singular enough, although so often and so much exposed, he, like the great Captain under whom he served so long, was never wounded. Being afterwards with his Regiment in Canada, he completed a service of 44 years, in all quarters of the globe (sharing in more battles and sieges than perhaps any living man), by retiring from the Army in 1824. Among the heirlooms left to his family are a splendid gold snuff-box presented to him by the officers of the 71st, inscribed with the names of 26 sieges and actions in which he was present; also a Peninsular Medal with nine clasps and a Waterloo Medal. No officer was ever more beloved and respected in his Regiment and many of the Officers who joined in presenting the testimonial did so with the most grateful recollections of the kind advice

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION.

BALANCE SHEET OF CAPITAL FUNDS—As at 31st December, 1962.

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Royal Highland Fusiliers Regimental Association.		Royal Highland Fusiliers Regimental Association.	
Balance of Funds at 1/1/62	£582 9 8	Balance in Bank	£1,782 9 8
Donation of Capital	1,200 0 0		
	£1,782 9 8	Royal Scots Fusiliers Benevolent Association.	
Royal Scots Fusiliers Benevolent Association.		GENERAL FUND No. 1:	
GENERAL FUND No. 1:		Invested in Trustee Stocks	£18,415 0 6
Balance of Funds at 31/12/62	18,432 1 7	Balance in Bank	17 1 1
			18,432 1 7
GENERAL FUND No. 2:		GENERAL FUND No. 2:	
Balance of Funds at 1/9/62	£328 1 10	Balance in Bank	330 12 6
Added in year	2 10 8		
Balance of Funds at 31/12/62	330 12 6	WAR MEMORIAL FUND No. 1:	
WAR MEMORIAL FUND No. 1:		Invested in Trustee Stocks	£6,859 12 5
Balance of Funds at 31/12/62	6,878 12 0	Balance in Bank	18 19 7
WAR MEMORIAL FUND No. 2:			6,878 12 0
Balance of Funds at 31/12/62	11,206 5 2	WAR MEMORIAL FUND No. 2:	
		Invested in Trustee Stocks	£11,173 13 1
		Balance in Bank	32 12 1
			11,206 5 2
Highland Light Infantry Regimental Association.		Highland Light Infantry Regimental Association.	
BENEVOLENT FUND:		BENEVOLENT FUND:	
Balance of Funds at 1/9/62	£18,803 8 5	Invested in Trustee Stocks	£11,164 5 8
Accrued Charges	93 6 8	do. Feuduties	2,550 10 2
Balance of Funds at 31/12/62	18,896 15 1	do. Heritable Property	3,910 4 6
	£57,526 16 0	Balance in Bank and on Hand	£17,625 0 4
			1,271 14 9
			18,896 15 1
GENERAL FUND:			£57,526 16 0
Balance of Funds at 1/9/62	£50 18 8	GENERAL FUND:	
Deduct:		Deduct: Capital Fund overspent	33 4 10
Cost of Conveyance of Properties	84 3 6		
Overspent	33 4 10		
	£57,493 11 2		£57,493 11 2

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

GLASGOW, 22nd July, 1963. I have audited the books and accounts of the Royal Highland Fusiliers Regimental Association for the year to 31st December, 1962, including the various Funds earmarked for the Royal Scots Fusiliers and the Highland Light Infantry for the period from 1st September, 1962, to the 31st December, 1962, and beg to report that I have found these to be correctly stated and sufficiently vouched and instructed. In my opinion the foregoing Abstract of the various Funds, together with the Income and Expenditure Accounts, correctly show the position of the Association affairs as at 31st December, 1962, according to the best of the information and explanations given to me and as shown in the books of the Association.

I have accepted a letter, dated 21st May, 1963, from Messrs. Grant & Wylie, your solicitors, certifying that the Titles to the Heritable Securities and Properties belonging to you are in their possession and are in order. I have verified that the Stock Exchange Investments are held by the Bank of Scotland and the Bank Balances are in the name of the Association.

R. DOUGLAS GOURLAY, *Chartered Accountant,*
AUDITOR.

and often substantial assistance they had received from him. In 1801 he married Miss Murray, sister of John Murray, Esq. of Livilands, and on retiring from the Army he settled in Stirling, but, soon after, the death of a beloved wife who had shared in many of the eventful scenes of his life, cast a gloom over some of the years in which he hoped to enjoy a rest before his own summons. That summons, however, was long protracted, and his latter years were spent in cheerful retirement, interrupted only occasionally by the deaths of his old friends, nearly all of whom preceded him to the grave. His own death was from no disease, but simply a decay of nature, and, although for several years afflicted with blindness, yet his Christian cheerfulness never forsook him. The last, but not the least, thing to be said of him is, that he died a humble believer in his Saviour."

The funeral of Captain Hugh Mackenzie took place in the old churchyard, St. Ninians, near Stirling.

The above was discovered by chance in the R.A. Library Officers' Mess, Meerut, N.W. Provinces, India and copied on 29th August, 1872, by his great-nephew, Captain H. L. Mackenzie, R.A.

The Peninsula and Waterloo medals mentioned in the text were bequeathed to the Regiment by his great-great nephew, the late Colonel J. H. Mackenzie, C.M.G., D.S.O., The Royal Scots, and were sent to us by Mrs J. H. Mackenzie, Heather Brae, Seale, Near Farnham, Surrey.

These valuable medals join Captain Hugh Mackenzie's Cross Belt Plate, Sword and Epauettes already on display in the Museum.

Paymaster Hugh Mackenzie served with the Regiment from 5th October, 1780 to 19th May, 1824, during which period he was present at the following actions and sieges and commanded the Forlorn Hope at Nundyroog, October 18th, 1791.

Siege of Gibraltar, Siege of Policataherry, Siege and storm of Bangalore, General action at Carrigate Hills, Storm of Nundyroog, Storm of Savendroog, Storm of Tippoo's Camp at Seringapatam, Surprise of Tippoo's Horse Camp, Capture of the Cape of Good Hope, Capture of Buenos Ayres, Roleia, Vimiera, Retreat to Corunna, Walcheren, Massena's Retreat from Portugal, Arroyo de Molinos, Almaraz, Retreat from Madrid, Vittoria, Pyrenees, Nive, Nivelles, Bayonne, Orthes, Tarbes, Toulouse, Waterloo.

MARYHILL BARRACKS AND THE WYNDFORD ESTATE

Maryhill Barracks were built just on a hundred years ago, not long after the Crimean War, for the purpose of housing troops whose role was to repel any invasion that might occur on the West side of Scotland. The possible enemy was not mentioned, but the French or the Americans must have been starters in the minds of the Government in Whitehall.

There was approximately room for one large sized unit and a few minor ones. During its history at varying times it has had alternatively a Cavalry Regiment, a Regiment of Artillery and an Infantry Battalion—the latter practically always being Scottish. There were also detachments from the Administrative Corps.

The Highland Light Infantry will long remember it as the location of their Depot for just over the last 50 years. Amongst other things, it saw the mobilisation of the two world wars. With the reduction of the Infantry and the amalgamation of Regiments in 1957/58, the War Department decided there was no further use for the barracks, and that it should be handed back to the City of Glasgow Corporation to whom the land belonged. The H.L.I. Depot were the final occupants. The last passing out parade for recruits took place on 26th September, 1958. The Depot Commander, Major Charles Dunbar, carried out the inspection. Subsequently the Depot moved to the home of the Royal Scots Fusiliers in Churchill Barracks, Ayr, as part of the Regimental amalgamation.

The Glasgow Corporation lost no time in making plans to demolish the barracks and to convert it into

a new housing area to be known as the Wyndford Estate—named after a pub close by. The estate is to consist of a number of multi-storey skyscrapers containing flats for a total of 1,900 families. The only building of the old barracks to remain is the church and the proposal is that it should be reopened for worship when the estate is completed.

The first of these large buildings was opened ceremonially by the Lord Provost, Dame Jean Roberts, D.B.E., J.P., on 25th April. It was signified by the unveiling of a large bronze plaque which had the following inscription underneath the H.L.I. crest and the Arms of the City of Glasgow:—

**These Flats opened by
Dame Jean Roberts, D.B.E., J.P.,
The Rt. Hon. The Lord Provost of Glasgow
on the 25th April, 1963,
were built by the Scottish Special Housing
Association Ltd., on the Site of the
Maryhill Barracks which for over fifty
years was the Depot and Home of the
Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow
Regiment).**

The Colonel of the Regiment was present and was accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel B. S. M. Carson, A.A. & Q.M.G., Lowland District, and who had been the last but one Depot Commander. Before, during and after the ceremony, the combined pipe bands of the 5th/6th Battalion The Highland Light Infantry and Glasgow Highlanders played in the vicinity of the new block of flats. One of the personnel in the Band was Pipe-Sergeant Wilson who had been born in the barracks when his father, Danny Wilson, had been the Quartermaster.

During the demolition and uprooting of the barracks foundations and close to the site of the old hospital, a fifteen foot muzzle-loading cannon weighing around twenty-five tons and cast in 1880 was unearthed. Its origin remained a mystery for a few weeks until an informant appeared in the person of Colonel Godfrey Barber, aged 71 (now Editor of "The Old Contemptible") He related that when he was a bombardier in an Artillery Regiment how in 1910, that, as it was a somewhat offending sight, close to the Kelvindale entrance, and with a General's inspection in the offing, it was decided to get rid of it. However, as no contractor had equipment capable of moving it, the only alternative was to bury it. A ten foot deep hole was dug, and the cannon was levered from its pedestal by 30 men, using planks. Pit props were used as rollers, and 50 men pushed it to the hole in easy stages. Once in the hole the barrel was covered with about three feet of earth. The whole operation took a fortnight. The bulldozer took four minutes to unearth it, but to move it is still a problem, and it is probable that it may remain as an ornament on the children's playground.

The old names embossed in stone of the barrack blocks—Abercrombie, Napier, Crawford, Lynedoch, Ramsay—have been presented to the Regiment, and will be erected near the new entrance to Regimental Headquarters from Renfrew Street when it is completed





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