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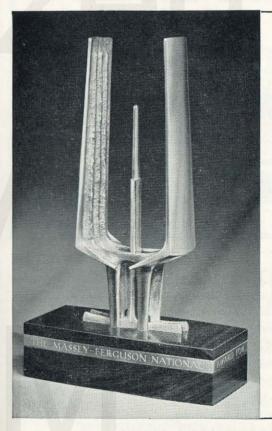


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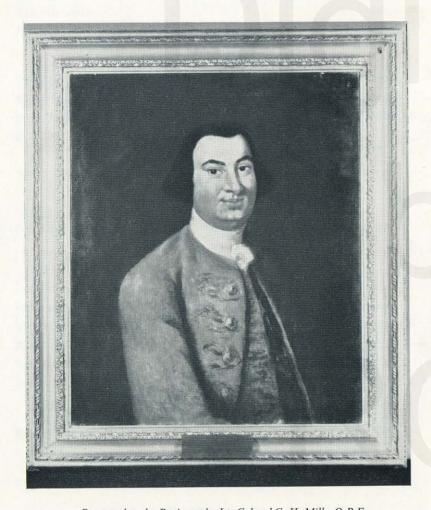
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VICTORIA RIFLES OF CANADA			Montreal, P.Q.
THE ROYAL RIFLES OF CANADA			Quebec, P.Q.
THE BROCKVILLE RIFLES		, 1	Brockville, Ont.
THE REGINA RIFLE REGIMENT			Regina, Sask.
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SYDNEY UNIVERSITY REGIMENT		W	. Newtown
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Presented to the Regiment by Lt. Colonel G. H. Mills, O.B.E.

Brigadier-General Henry Bouquet, 60th Royal American Regiment, by Herbert Holt, R.P. After the original by John Wollaston

Hung in the Regimental Museum while the Battalion is overseas

#### REGIMENTAL NEWS

#### The Battalion

The Battalion remained at Colchester all 1964 but left towards the end of January 1965 for Penang.

Before leaving, Giles Mills handed over Command to Dwin Bramall and Raymond Nelson took over Adjutant from Patrick Mitford-Slade.

#### The Depot

On 21st April 1964, the Depot once again occupied the Depot Barracks which have now been named Peninsula Barracks.

They are to be officially opened on 28th May 1965 by H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief 3rd Green Jackets, The Rifle Brigade.

#### Obituary

It was sad news the day that it was announced that Major-Gen. "Squeaker" Curtis had died. He was Colonel Commandant 1946 to 1954. An obituary appears elsewhere.

Another who died on 31st December 1964 was Field-Marshal "Jumbo" Wilson, well known and liked by many in the Regiment, particularly in Egypt in the last War.

He was Colonel Commandant of 2nd Battalion The Rifle Brigade, 1939–1951.

#### Celer et Audax Club

The Offices of the Club together with those of The Riflemen's Aid Society and The Regimental Association moved from 32 Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1 to Peninsula Barracks, Winchester on 27th July 1964. The lease of 32 Eccleston Square which was the property of The Riflemen's Aid Society has been disposed of.

#### The Museum

The Museum opened in its new and permanent accommodation on 21st May 1964. It is housed in one large room together with the Museums of The 43rd and 52nd and The Rifle Brigade.

More suitable accommodation, new lighting and magnificent new show cases has made it one of the best, if not the best, Regimental Museum in the country.

#### National Service Officers Presentation

On 18th January 1964 a short ceremony took place in London when a silver clock was presented by our National Service Officers. Details and a photograph appear elsewhere.

Members of the Regiment will be most grateful for this generous and kind thought, and the clock, which will be in the Officers' Mess of the Battalion, will serve as a reminder of those Officers who did their service with the Regiment, amounting to about one hundred and fifty.

#### The Regimental Dinner

The dinner in 1964 was held at Grosvenor House on 17th June. It was a very pleasant evening and 176 attended.

#### The Regimental Association

Apart from the usual re-unions in May and October, a visit to Winchester took place on 30th August 1964 to mark 50 years since the First World War and 25 years since the Second. About 150 people attended. After a short service at the Regimental Memorial, a visit was made to the Barracks and Museum.



Members of the Regimental Association at the Service.

A day trip to Calais on 22nd May 1965 has been arranged, to commemorate 25 years since the Green Jacket Defence of Calais.

#### Remembrance Sunday

The usual short service was held around the War Memorial in Winchester on 8th November. Wreaths were laid by The Regiment, The Association, The Depot and the Green Jacket Scouts.

#### Congratulations

Dwin Bramall is to be congratulated on receiving the O.B.E. in the recent Honours List.

Many friends of Mr. Rodgers who for years was Bandmaster of 2nd Battalion and lately the Brigade Bandmaster, will be delighted to hear that he received a commission on 28th April 1964. Reg is now serving on a short service commission as 2nd in Command of the Junior Soldiers Company at the Depot.

Raymond Nelson and Michael Dunning are to be congratulated on winning the Army Raquets. The Regiment also won the Army team Squash Raquets.

#### APPOINTMENTS OF SERVING OFFICERS OF 2nd GREEN JACKETS THE KING'S ROYAL RIFLE CORPS

Rank and Name	Appointment	Forecast
Major-Gen. E. A. W. William C.B., C.B.E., M.C.	ms,	M.O.D. Special Committee. Retires 1/65
Brig. T. H. Acton, C.B.E.		Comd. 126 Inf. Bde. (T.A.)
Brig. H. R. W. Vernon, M.B.E.	3.	Comd. 147 Inf. Bde. (T.A.)
Brig. R. C. Gibbs, D.S.O., M.C.		Comd. 16 Para Bde.
Col. J. H. P. Curtis, M.C.		G.S. (D.S.) Royal Naval College, Greenwich
LieutCol. P. Pardoe		G.S.O. 1 (B.L.O.) Combat Development Comd. B.A.S. Washington
LieutCol. G. H. Mills, O.B.E.	C.O 2 Green Jackets 3/63	For G.S.O.1 S.D. M.O.D. after Admin. Staff College
Major J. R. C. Radclyffe, M.B.E.	2 Green Jackets 9/6	
Major C. A. Humphreys, M.C.	Bde. Adjt. 5/62	For Staff 6/65
T. & Bvt. LieutCol. E. N. W. Bramall, M.C.		For C.O. 2 Green Jackets 1/65
Major The Hon. R. M. Parker	D.A.A. & Q.M.G. H.Q. 3 Commando Bde. 11/63	For Bde. Rec. Offr. 11/65
L/LieutCol. T. N. Thistlethwayte Major J. A. Molesworth- St-Aubyn, M.B.E.	G.S.O. 2 (D.S.) Staff College 12/62 3 Green Jackets 11/64	For 2 i/c. 1 Green Jackets 12/65
Major M. M. V. W. Beak	2 Bn. Para. Regt. 3/63	For Staff 4/66
L/LieutCol. R. K. Guy, M.B.E.	Staff College, Camberley 11/63 (G.S.O. 2 (D.S.))	

Rank and Name	Appointment	Forecast
Major R. C. Nightingale		For Staff 1/65
Major P. M. Welsh	2 Green Jackets 1/64	2 01 000011 1/00
Capt. V. F. West		For Staff 1/66
Capt. A. E. K. Karslake	Shrivenham 1/64 to 4/66	
Capt. R. P. Montgomery, M.B.E.	2 Green Jackets 9/64	
Capt. C. J. Holroyd	Staff Capt. A.G. (S.P.) M.O.D. 9/64	
Capt. A. T. R. Shelley	G.S.O. 3 12 Inf. Bde. Gp. 12/62	For 2 Green Jackets 9/65
Capt. I. H. McCausland	Staff College 10/64 Staff College 10/64	
Capt. C. J. Adami Capt. J. V. Keyte	Bde. Rec. Team	For C.B.G.L.O.
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Capt. J. W. Mason	Staff Capt. (A.)	For 2 Green
	H.Q. 3 Div. Bulford 3/63	
Capt. R. C. F. Leach	2 Green Jackets 8/63	
Capt. C. J. H. Gurney		For 2 Green
	Bn. Oswestry 4/64	Jackets 12/65
Capt. C. L. G. C. Henshaw	Adjt. Q.R.R. 1/64	For 2 Green Jackets 8/66
Capt. P. B. Mitford-Slade	Adjt. 2 Green	For Coy. Instr.
	Jackets 5/63	R.M.A.S. 4/65
Capt. J. R. E. Nelson	2 Green Jackets 10/63	
Capt. G. B. C. Hopton	2 Green Jackets 1/64	
Capt. P. Treneer-Michell	O.C. Jnr. Rfn. Coy.	
	Bde. Depot 8/64 to	
	8/66	
Lieut. A. E. Berry	2/2 G.R. 6/62	For A.D.C. to
		Major-Gen.
		Mogg, R.M.A.S. 3/65
Lieut. J. A. F. Graham- Wigan	S.A.S. 7/64	
Lieut. A. S. G. Drew	2 Green Jackets 7/64	
Lieut. M. H. Eustace	2 Green Jackets 7/64	
Lieut. C. J. H. Bullock	2 G.R. 1/63	For 1 or 3 Green Jackets 1/66
Lieut. D. H. Mead	2 Green Jackets 8/60	

Rank and Name	Appointment	Forecast
Lieut. R. M. Gamble	2 Green Jackets 2/60	For Adjt. Inf. Jnr. Ldrs. Bn. 12/65?
Lieut. D. C. Gascoigne Lieut. R. B. Browne-Clayton	2 Green Jackets 7/64 Inf. Jnr. Ldrs. Bn. 1/64	For 2 Green Jackets 12/65
Lieut. D. E. W. Colville	A.D.C. to GovGen New Zealand 8/64	
Lieut. M. L. Dunning Lieut. R. H. Ker Lieut. C. J. P. Miers	2 Green Jackets 8/61 2 Green Jackets 8/64 1 Green Jackets 3/64	
Lieut. C. R. Hill Lieut. D. E. Rowland-Jones	2 Green Jackets 1/62 Bde, Depot (P.S.) 7/64	Jackets 1/65
Lieut. M. E. I. A. Wells Lieut. C. B. Q. Wallace 2/Lieut. N. H. H. Adams	2 Green Jackets 9/63 2 Green Jackets 1/63 Bde. Depot (P.S.) 10/64	For 2 Green Jackets 8/65
2/Lieut. M. J. C. Robertson 2/Lieut. T. R. Winwood 2/Lieut. C. W. Brinkley Lieut. R. F. Rodgers, M.B.E.	2 Green Jackets 9/63 2 Green Jackets 9/63 2 Green Jackets 1/64	R.O.D. 4/68
(S.S.C.) 2/Lieut. J. P. O. Beddard	Bde. Depot (P.S.) 4/64 1 Green Jackets 7/63	
(D.S.S.C.) For Reg. Commission 3/65	T Green ruckets 7705	6/65
2/Lieut. A. D. McGrigor (D.S.S.C.)	A.A. Jnr. Ldrs. Regt. 8/64	R.O.D. 11/65
2/Lieut. S. G. M. St. Aubyn (D.S.S.C.)	2 Green Jackets 8/63	I punt ( 1979)
2/Lieut. P. J. W. Harrison (D.S.S.C.)	2 Green Jackets 2/64	
2/Lieut. M. M. K. Yasa (S.S.C.)	2 Green Jackets 10/64	R.O.D. 10/67
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Major (Q.M.) L. P. Grout		Remains till R.O.D. 12/65
Capt. (Q.M.) A. J. Lamb	2 Green Jackets 4/61	For Q.R.R. 10/65
Capt. (Q.M.) G. E. Slater	H.Q. Fd. Records B.A.O.R. 7/63	
Capt. (Q.M.) G. R. Shreeve	2 Green Jackets 7/60	

# THE BATTALION 2nd GREEN JACKETS THE KING'S ROYAL RIFLE CORPS

#### LIST OF OFFICERS—1964

	Joined	Left
Rank and Name	Battalion	Battalion
LieutCol. G. H. Mills, O.B.E.	21 Mar. 1963	
Major D. M. Stileman (3 Green Jackets)	1 May 1963	**************
Major G. R. W. Carter, M.B.E. (3 Green Jackets)	15 Feb. 1964	
Major M. P. Hills	19 Apr. 1961	7 Feb. 1964
Major J. A. Molesworth St. Aubyn, M.B.E.	7 Sept. 1963	22 Mar. 1964
Major W. S. C. Chevis (1 Green Jackets)	31 Jul. 1962	8 Apr. 1964
Major P. M. Welsh	17 Jan. 1964	
T/Major R. A. Pascoe	13 Dec. 1963	
(1 Green Jackets)		
Capt. R. P. Montgomery, M.B.E.	26 Aug. 1964	
Capt. C. J. Holroyd	18 Oct. 1961	7 Sept. 1964
Capt. I. H. McCausland	2 Jan. 1962	5 Oct. 1964
Capt. J. V. Keyte	10 Nov. 1961	
Capt. G. P. R. Crossman	29 Mar. 1962	7 Feb. 1964
Capt. R. C. F. Leach	20 Aug. 1963	
Capt. C. J. H. Gurney	1 Apr. 1963	8 Apr. 1964
Capt. C. L. G. G. Henshaw	9 Apr. 1962	22 Mar. 1964
Capt. P. B. Mitford-Slade	6 Apr. 1961	
Capt. J. R. E. Nelson	21 Jul. 1963	
Capt. G. B. C. Hopton	2 Dec. 1963	
Capt. P. Treneer-Michell	30 Mar. 1961	15 Sept. 1964
Capt. (Q.M.) A. J. Lamb	19 Apr. 1961	
Capt. (Q.M.) G. R. Shreeve	19 Jan. 1957	
Lieut. J. A. F. Graham-Wigan	19 Aug. 1962	31 Aug. 1964
Lieut. A. S. G. Drew	5 Aug. 1964	
Lieut. M. H. Eustace	3 Jul. 1964	
Lieut. R. M. Gamble	22 Aug. 1960	
Lieut. D. H. Mead	22 Aug. 1960	
Lieut. D. C. Gascoigne	15 May 1964	20/2 / 122-
Lieut. R. B. Browne-Clayton	4 Feb. 1961	30 Oct. 1963

Rank and Name	Joined Battalion	Left Battalion
Lieut. D. E. W. Colville	7 Sept. 1963	15 Jul. 1964
Lieut. M. L. Dunning	26 Aug. 1961	
Lieut. R. H. Ker	30 June 1964	
Lieut. C. R. Hill	24 Jan. 1962	
Lieut. D. E. Rowland-Jones	4 Aug. 1962	31 Jul. 1964
Lieut. M. E. I. A. Wells	23 Nov. 1963	
Lieut. C. B. Q. Wallace	21 Dec. 1962	
2/Lieut. N. H. H. Adams	7 Sept. 1963	4 Oct. 1964
2/Lieut. M. J. C. Robertson	7 Sept. 1963	
2/Lieut. T. R. Winwood	1 Oct. 1963	
2/Lieut. C. W. Brinkley	20 Jan. 1964	
2/Lieut. A. D. McGrigor	6 May 1963	2 Aug. 1964
2/Lieut. P. J. W. Harrison	15 Feb. 1964	
2/Lieut. S. G. M. St. Aubyn	7 Sept. 1963	

#### **Attached Officers**

Capt. W. R. Plimbley	R.A.M.C.	2 Sept. 1962	30 Nov. 1963
Capt. J. C. G. Carmicha	aelR.A.M.C.	15 Feb. 1964	6 Sept. 1964
Capt. P. W. B. Scott	R.A.M.C.	28 Aug. 1964	
Capt. D. P. Bassil	R.A.P.C.	1 Jan. 1963	
Major S. Jackson, C.F. I	II,		
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#### 31st October 1964

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R.Q.M.S.	W.O. II	F. A. Williams
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O.R.C.	Sgt.	T. A. Chappell
Bugle Major	Sgt.	C. W. Green
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C/Sgt. H.Q. Company	C/Sgt.	R. S. Squirrell
Provost Sgt.	Sgt.	D. G. Yeatman
Officers Mess C/Sgt.	Sgt.	R. R. Taylor
Medical Sgt.	Sgt.	J. Barwick
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M.T. C/Sgt.	C/Sgt.	N. K. Woodcock
M.T. Sgt.	Sgt.	E. C. Chuard
Fitter Sgt.	Sgt.	A. J. Buckingham,
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Sigs. C/Sgt.	C/Sgt.	A. R. Hayden
Radio Sgt.	Sgt.	K. R. Wallace
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S/Sgt.	S/Sgt.	C. N. Roberts, (R.A.P.C.)
Sgt.	Sgt.	J. R. Dutton, (R.A.P.C.)
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G 1098 Sgt.	Sgt.	J. A. Wood
G 1070 Bgt.	ogt.	J. A. Wood
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Band W.O.	W.O. II	A. G. Barker
Band Sgts. 1.	Sgt.	G. Washington
Band Sgts. 2.	Sgt.	D. White
Band Sgts. 3.	Sgt.	R. Ashby
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C.S.M.		D. R. Baird
C/Sgt.		P. Pope
Platoon Sgts:	Sgt.	R. F. Fry
		K. J. Granby
		R. F. Jenkins
	Sgt.	Mark
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W.T.W.O.		L. E. Airey
C/Sgt. A.P.T.C. Instr.	C/Sgt. S.S.I.	R. D. Mason W. H. Hodgson
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Platoon Sgts:	Sgt.	T. Lloyd
	Sgt.	C. F. Wheatley
	Sgt.	R. V. Smith
	Sgt.	F. W. Robbins

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C/Sgt.	C/Sgt.	F. G. Lerwill
Platoon Sgts.	Sgt.	P. J. Batey
	Sgt.	J. A. Gazzini
	Sgt.	L. J. Stevenson

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London	Sgt.	J. J. Baker
Liverpool	Sgt.	B. J. Wells
Bournemouth	Sgt.	T. G. Clark
South Shields	Sgt.	G. J. Egan
Nottingham	Sgt.	J. D. Copping

#### BRITISH GUIANA—THE FINAL PHASE

#### Training

The narrator of the Battalion's doings recorded in the last edition of the *Chronicle* signed off at a time when the political and electoral structure of British Guiana was being thrashed out at the Constitutional Conference held in London on 22nd October 1963. It will be remembered that both 'C' and 'D' Coys. were victorious, within the framework of Brig. Ken Trevor's Internal Security Drills Competition, by defeating their opposite numbers in the Grenadier Guards. 'A' Coy. under Major David Stileman completed the hat trick a fortnight later. Thus it was with sober confidence that the Battalion was poised to face an explosive reaction resulting from the London Conference. As it turned out Georgetown and country districts remained comparatively quiet.

On completion of our jungle training, we turned our attention to the Savannah country. The three Rifle Companies each in turn held a 48 hour exercise some fifteen miles South East of Atkinson. The minor tactics employed in open formation, the long range night patrols and the skirmishing encounters proved a welcome

change from I.S. Drills and jungle techniques; the evacuation of an Amerindian bitten by an alligator lent variety.

The climax of our field training was Exercise "Pork Knocker", the name given to diamond and gold prospectors who stake their all on finding a fortune in the vast rivers of the country. We were operating against a "live enemy". The tireless opposition was found from Inkerman Company of the Grenadier Guards and our own Recce Platoon. The continual clearance from white-sanded jungle tracks of spirited enemy ambush parties was tough going in the extreme heat. Lightning hook tactics, which necessitated plunging into thick jungle in order to cut off the enemy from his transport was an admirable test of stamina. Major "Mole" St. Aubyn was terrifying in the extreme as he charged through the undergrowth.

Skirmishing in the savannah, night defence and dawn attacks were all included in the four day exercise. The night-long cross country march by which Major Bill Chevis and his warriors cut the enemy's withdrawal route, having traversed jungle creeks and scrub, was a major feature of the battle. This horror march made up for the easy river trip and assault landing from the motor vessel "Powis", by which 'C' Coy. was launched into the fray.

The bombing of the enemy camp at dawn on the last morning was a sight long to be remembered. Bags of flour were dropped with devastating accuracy by a most sporting and co-operative crew of a B 50 belonging to the United States Air Force.

This exercise was entirely the creation of Lieut.-Col. Giles Mills. It is only right to record that the infinite pains and pleasure he took in its preparation, presentation and control made it the success it was. The Riflemen crowed with self-satisfaction for days afterwards, not least the Buglers who were used to maintain bugle contact in the bush with our flank guards. A 35 mile cross-country advance in 90° F was a creditable achievement by any standards.

#### **Adventure Training**

Detailed accounts of re-opening the Lethem Cattle Trail and the overland journey to the Kaieteur Falls have already appeared in last year's *Chronicle*. Right up to the time we left the country various private enterprise trips took place. Parties flew to the remote savannah country of Orinduik and the Rupununi on the Brazilian Border. Localised excursions continued in "Yellow Bird", the thirty foot garrison boat.

#### Showing the Flag

Rifle Companies continued to make their presence felt by visiting in strength the sugar estate areas. It was necessary to demonstrate to would be trouble makers that the far distant country districts could be visited at any time completely unannounced and what was more important that the military was perfectly prepared to do so. A ring of fixed swords silently formed earned the respect of potential bad-hats as they opened their shutters at dawn. On these trips it was customary to take along our four piece rhythm band and play in the police compounds in the evening. This was immensely popular with respectable young and old alike.

#### The Georgetown Tattoo

The Tattoo was held in the Test Match Cricket ground on 30th November and 1st December. It was a triumvirate effort by the Grenadier Guards, the British Guiana Police and ourselves. Our contribution was as follows:

Platoon Attack 'A' Coy. Drill Squad 'D' Coy.

P.T. Display Mainly 'C' Coy., who also did

the stage management.

Massed Bands Bugle section

Free Fall Parachute Descent Lieut. Graham-Wigan.

The drill squad reached an unusually high standard due to the tireless efforts of C.S.M. Williams. In the platoon attack Capt. Jeremy Keyte, perfectly cast, appeared on the scene riding a donkey. He was dressed in every detail as an Arab Sheikh, and followed by his wives, "Icee" and "Juicee" named after popular fizzy drinks. The P.T. Display was a combined Grenadier and 60th effort. The high horse work would have done credit to the Royal Tournament at Earls Court. Our buglers added bite and sparkle to the massed bands. Lieut. Alastair Graham-Wigan thrilled the crowds by his free fall parachute descent in low cloud and high wind. His narrowly missing high tension cables and the ornamental spiked roof of the cricket pavilion all but caused the managerial cell of the Battalion to suffer an instantaneous coronary. After all expenses had been paid a handsome sum was given to charity.

#### Christmas

Although nothing can compare with a Christmas at home, we did ourselves very well. Owing to the size of the dining hall Companies held their own Christmas dinners. These were a great success. The team of cooks with S.Q.M.S. Williams, Corporals Windle and "Alfy" Walker at the helm produced an abundant supply of superbly cooked turkeys and plum puddings.

A really well attended Carol Service was held on the Sunday before Christmas. The British Guiana Police Band provided the music and the Archbishop of the West Indies gave a first class address. The singing was outstanding.

After morning service on Christmas Day, a fun fair was held on the surrounds to our now famous orange football pitch. Much original thought had gone into the production of various stands. One worthy of mention was the tent of the fortune teller in which Lieut. Alastair Graham-Wigan, fiendishly disguised, resided. Distinguished married men left, shaken by the forecast of fantastic family increases. At midday the decorated three tonners appeared. All four company contestants produced some most original floats, including a corner of "Laddies' Bar". The blow-pipe shooting gallery and the ant and cockroach races were an unusual feature.

On Boxing Day the three hour Battalion Concert Party was most enjoyable and extremely funny, although some uninvited females left early in dismay. Capt. Peter Treneer-Michell as always excelled as the producer.

The Battalion flew home between 2nd-13th January 1964 laden with blowpipes, fish arrows, stuffed alligators and tanned crisp. Thus the curtain came down on our six month tour in B.G. which has been aptly likened to a splendid scheme which went on for far too long.

Before leaving the Colonel received the following letter of appreciation from H.E. The Governor Sir Ralph Grey:

"As you are about to take your Battalion back to the United Kingdom after completing a six month tour of duty here, I write to thank you for all that 2nd Green Jackets have done in and for British Guiana during your time here.

"You came to us at very short notice, when we were in unhappy difficulties and the Battalion showed their quality at once in their immediate readiness for duty in aid of the civil power. On the same afternoon that the first troops arrived, they were on duty on the East Coast Demerara. In spite of strange conditions all ranks quickly adapted themselves and exercised a wise, calm and helpful influence in restoring calm in a troubled area.

"In all parts of the country where Riflemen were deployed on duty they made themselves quietly useful; but I should specially mention the success in impartially keeping the peace that was achieved on the West Coast Demerara. Communities at odds with one another quickly learned to respect and to value the unifying influence of the Green Jackets.

"I am grateful to you personally and to all officers and other ranks for your help. I share your relief that it was never necessary for the Battalion to fire a shot here save in training; but there were many instances in which an obvious quiet readiness for duty was effective and I must pay tribute to the discipline and efficiency that have been maintained in months of standing by when boredom and the effects of peacetime service far from home might have dulled the Battalion's edge.

"Please give my grateful thanks to all and my best wishes for happiness and success in your next duties.

"I am sending a copy of this letter to the Hon. Minister of Home Affairs."

The seal of official approval on the Battalion's work in British Guiana was finally set by the award of the O.B.E. to the Commanding Officer in the 1964 Birthday Honours.

#### Colchester-Barrack Life

The Battalion re-assembled at Roman Barracks, by 10th February, having enjoyed a well earned month's leave. With few exceptions we managed to exhaust our South American anecdotes by this time. Even so the temptation to refer to life in B.G. is still strong, particularly in earshot of the uninitiated.

On return from leave priority was given to individual training and the reactivation of Support Platoons within Rifle Companies. A series of Battalion Tests was produced which embraced Weapon Training, Fieldcraft and Drill and were standard throughout the Battalion. This gave Platoon Commanders a constant individual training syllabus from which to draw. The Riflemen for their part were appreciative of being offered an incentive and a fresh approach to what is so often considered a dreary subject.

Physical Efficiency Tests were taken in their stride. There are a lot worse ways of keeping warm in East Anglia during February. The Battalion classified on the S.L.R. and L.M.G. during the latter part of February and March.

Our first official encounter with Brig. David Fraser, the newly appointed Commander of 19 Infantry Brigade, was on 3rd April, the day of the Administrative Inspection. Those of us who had previously read his Training Directive, sent to us in British Guiana, accurately appreciated that we were to meet an interesting and refreshing individual whose ideas were truly "on net" with the Green Jacket wave length. Both he and his staff were generous in their remarks at the end of an axacting day. The steadiness of the

Battalion on parade in Arctic conditions was particularly noteworthy. The Riflemen spoke up well during the frequent individual exchanges with the Brigadier on the square. The entire inspection had a realistic Spearhead flavour. The Battalion paraded as if it was to set off on an immediate overseas mission. Combat dress with full battle order was the form of dress for the parade itself, and all stores were laid out in close proximity to newly painted packing cases as if for an imminent move.

#### Allied Mobile Force Land A.M.F.(L)

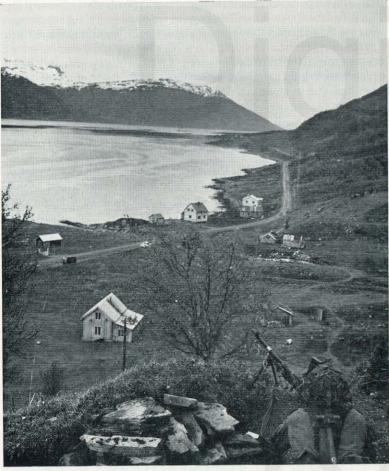
It was in mid March that Col. Giles Mills heard that the Battalion had been earmarked as the British contribution to the Allied Mobile Force Land A.M.F.(L), in short the N.A.T.O. Fire Brigade. We were to take the place of 1 Inniskillings who had previously been assigned to this force for two years but had been sent at short notice to Cyprus.

During April we devoted our energies to section and platoon training. It was very soon realised by all ranks that only the highest standard of field training was acceptable if we were to work alongside other nationals.

The Colonel had booked the major part of the Stanford Practice Training Area for the first nine days in May. Deployment drills embracing the main phases of war were practised at Company level within a Battalion setting. These were the greatest fun and of immense value. The highlight of this period was the assembly of the whole Battalion Group which was to work together in Exercise Northern Express. Our own Officers and Warrant Officers and those of the Supporting Arms and Services foregathered for drinks in a pleasant wood and got to know each other. Thereafter followed Exercise Counter Point, a three-day exercise which was a splendid workout for all components of the Battalion Group.

#### Exercise "Northern Express": 30th May-17th June

The aim of Exercise "Northern Express" was primarily to show N.A.T.O. solidarity in a possible trouble spot North of the Arctic Circle. The exercise itself centred around the Lyngenfjord, some seventy miles North of Narvik and thirty miles East of Tromso. On either side were round snow-capped mountains falling steeply through birch scrub to the icy waters of the fjord. Lapp herders with their reindeer were moving towards the area from Sweden and Finland.



An 'A' Company Rifleman looks over the enemy approaches along Lyngen Fjord.

Besides ourselves, the Belgians and Italians provided contributions comparable to our own in size. The Belgians were represented by the 3rd Parachute Battalion, the Italians by the glamorous Susa Alpini Battalion. All ranks were to make many friends from among their numbers. It was the Norwegians, the host nation, who really won our deepest respect and affection. The Norwegian Brigade North provided an admirable and gallant enemy, and the Troms Land Defence Battalion commanded by the vast and delightful Col. Lund, who operated on our right flank, were most impressive.

Our vehicles and heavy equipment were delivered to Tilbury on 22nd May, where they were loaded into the ultra-modern Norwegian

cargo ship, S.S. "Sunda". They sailed to the tiny and picturesque landing stage at Sorreisa, some thirty-five kilometres from Bardufoss, the airfield to which the Battalion was to fly.

The advance party, consisting mainly of drivers, flew between 29th–31st May. Their task, successfully achieved, was to offload the ship if possible before the bulk of the main body arrived.

The rest of the Battalion flew from Colerne and Lyneham in Wiltshire between 2nd-5th June. Everyone arrived at Bardufoss in good heart but soon realised that the reports of shirt sleeve order as a suitable dress for the Arctic Circle in June were well wide of the mark. To be honest, we did have two gloriously sunny days, but we could have all done with a few more during the actual exercise. The majority of the Battalion had five clear days based in our staging area before the exercise proper took place.

We were allotted a delightfully wooded staging area in which to pitch our bivouacs and igloos. Fast-flowing salmon and trout streams ran nearby and these were offset by snow-covered mountains in every direction, to whose peaks the sun just descended at midnight.

Hill climbing helped maintain our fitness during this period. Rifle Companies spent an extended morning in trying out the Colonel's special delaying tactics on steep, wooded slopes similar to those we would encounter during the actual battle. The plot for a Rifle Company operating in this role was for two platoons to conceal themselves in skirmishing order on the slopes while to the rear the third provided a formidable road block on the bends of the extremely narrow roads in the valleys. The aim was to force the enemy as high up the mountainside as possible. When it was apparent that a flank was about to turn, then was the time for the Company to fall back and occupy a further delaying position.

One day was devoted to sightseeing and parties visited either Narvik or Tromso. It was of the greatest interest for those that visited Narvik actually to see the scene of the gallant Naval action of 1940 for which Commander Warburton Lee was awarded the Victoria Cross.

The day before the exercise started a special drumhead service was held in a perfect setting adjacent to our staging area.

At 1800 hours on 8th June the Battalion moved forward from the staging area towards the "threatened" area of the Lyngenfjord. 'A' and 'C' Coys. were to operate East and West respectively of the fjord, with elements of the Reconnaissance Platoon under command. The Assault Pioneer Platoon and Sapper Sub-units were also used to the full by either Company for the purpose of creating demolitions.

'D' Coy., with Battalion Headquarters close by, was situated at the head of the fjord.

Both 'A' and 'C' Coys. maintained close liaison with the Norwegian Home Guard. Ere loug the presence of two enemy destroyers and a submarine, operating in the waters for which we were responsible, was reported. It was thrilling to have the real thing pitted against us and for anti-tank crews to watch the periscope tracks.

At 3 a.m. on the 9th (broad daylight, don't forget) it was reported that an enemy parachute battalion had landed in the vicinity and that two platoons of enemy had landed by assault craft. These latter were elements from the U.S. Marine Corps. Major Gerald Carter, with 'A' Coy., who had not been spotted, gave this Corps d'elite an ultra warm reception. The Riflemen were all highly "chuffed" with the success of this brisk engagement.



Men from the AMF (L) Force sit round a camp fire. L to R: U.S.A., Italy, Belgium, Norway, U.K.

'C' Coy. in their sector had to contend with armour. A flood of descriptive messages wafted over the Battalion Command net. Raymond Glendenning had nothing on Major Peter Welsh at this stage. Meanwhile, 'D' Coy. were preparing some formidable defences

at the head of the fjord and a joint Recce Platoon/Norwegian screen protected the flank from ski troops.

As the enemy pressure increased so various sub-units fell back. Battalion H.Q. and Q Battery 5 R.A. were the first to withdraw, to selected sites in the Overgard valley.

By 10 a.m. on 10th June the three Rifle Companies occupied a really strong defensive position just South of a right-angled valley as it led into the main axis. This was known as the Mortendalen position; it was based on a wire barrier which forced patrols out of the thickest birches. It was at this narrows, with 'C' Coy. left, 'D' Coy. centred astride the road and 'A' Coy. right, that ceaseless activity took place. The main feature of this part of the battle was our domination of Nomansland by extensive patrols which took place in thick cover on extremely steep slopes. A number of prisoners were sent back to Battalion Headquarters for initial "treatment" by Sgt. Baker, our Provost Sergeant.

During 11th-12th June the enemy massed in very great strength against our lines but were unable to turn our flanks, which were locked into the rock above tree level. The line still held. It was now time for Gen. Fitzalan-Howard, the A.M.F.(L) Commander, to order the encirclement of the enemy and destroy him in the valley. A classic pincer movement using the Italian Alpini Battalion, the Belgian Parachutists and the ever-dependable Col. Lund with his right flank Battalion was put into operation. To effect this, helicopters were used to the full, which yet again reminded one of the lavish scale on which the whole exercise was planned.

Hostilities ended at 2 a.m. on Saturday 13th June. It is impossible for the writer to do justice to such an admirable scheme in which everyone was proud to have taken part.

A most impressive parade was held the following day in which sizeable contingents of all participating national units took part. The huge figure of Capt. Ian McCausland marching at a brisk Riflemanlike pace at the head of our contingent, represented by 'D' Coy., was greatly admired by the multi-national onlookers. That very afternoon the Battalion started to fly home, laden with reindeer skins and cleansed by sauna baths.

#### Two Months Breather

July saw the start of the various cadres in order to train up replacement specialists and potential junior N.C.O.'s. The bulk of the Battalion underwent an initial introduction course to the G.P.M.G. (General Purpose Machine Gun). At Bisley under the competent guidance of Lieut. David Mead our team performed prodigiously.

On 24th July the Battalion went on block leave until 17th August. A small administrative rear party of C/Sgts., Company Storemen and the M.T. Platoon loaded the vehicles in preparation for Eastern Express. This was to be the second of the two A.M.F.(L) Exercises due to take place in Turkey between 25th August–11th September. Throughout the leave period it became increasingly apparent that the worsening situation in Cyprus might well cause Eastern Express to be cancelled.

Our fears were confirmed by signal on 28th August. This was a big disappointment at the time as the majority of us were greatly looking forward to the second N.A.T.O. exercise. Training-wise this was a blessing in disguise, as we were immediately earmarked to provide the enemy in Phases One and Three of Exercise "Storm King". This was the major enterprise of 19th Brigade for 1964. At last the Battalion would have an opportunity of working with Armour, Artillery and the Air.

## Exercise "Storm King" (Phase I: Salisbury Plain 14th–19th September Phase III: Stanford 28th September–3rd October.)

For this Exercise the Colonel acted as Chief Umpire and the Battalion was commanded by Major David Stileman. We concentrated just West of the School of Infantry on Monday, 14th September. As the battle was not due to start until the Wednesday, we spent an admirable morning as guests of 'B' Sqdn., The Royals. Dim memories of infantry/tank target indication drills were revived and the uninitiated had a thorough introduction to the capabilities of the modern tank.

For the First Phase of "Storm King" the Battalion, along with the King's Own Border Regiment, was required to adopt delaying tactics and occupy a series of temporary defensive positions. The Reconnaissance Platoon under Lieut. Michael Eustace working with the armoured screen passed back a flood of useful information.

Major Gerald Carter and Major Peter Welsh, commanding 'A' and 'C' Coys. respectively, occupied some admirably camouflaged positions behind the screen. The highlight of this phase was the timely arrival of 'D' Coy. complete, flown into battle by helicopters of 848 Naval Air Squadron. The flight was not quite long enough to warrant Capt. Ian McCausland taking his customary Quell. The weather could not have been worse during the early morning with blinding rain reducing visibility to a few yards. It was a great pleasure to have our Colonel Commandant, General Erskine, visit us during the day. He was collected by Capt. Raymond Nelson from

the School of Infantry and was then taken on a personally conducted tour of the Battalion deployed in the field. Raymond had to both drive and map read, no easy matter on Salisbury Plain. The sight of a lone Land Rover pursuing a somewhat interesting course surprised Redland and Blueland alike.

The final reverse slope defensive positions were dug by the Sappers' mechanised digger in the case of 'A' Coy. and manually by 'C' Coy. From the well sited weapon slits withering cross fire was brought to bear on the attacking infantry as they breasted the sky line.

A highly successful *coup de main* night assault by Sgt. Smith (Bisley Queen's Medal) on a bridge over the River Avon and a fighting patrol from the Assault Pioneer Platoon led by Cpl. O'Hara against H.Q. 19th Brigade deserve special mention.

'D' Coy. provided the infantry element of an admirable armoured counter attack and learnt a great deal as a result.

Phase III of "Storm King" at Stanford was infinitely more enjoyable. The Battalion alone provided enemy for this phase and it was our turn to be on the offensive. Each Rifle Company was given individual company and platoon tasks which they executed with great zest. A dawn attack by 'A' and 'C' Companies using the road through the village of Tottington as the Start Line will long be remembered for the exploits of Cpl. Perry, one of Lieut. Robin Gamble's tape men. Perry, convinced one end of the tape was secure, thundered off down the road at an astonishing rate and disappeared into the night. Some time later he was retrieved by the Chief Umpire from a point 100 yards beyond enemy Company H.Q. The tape had been 300 yards long instead of 100, but a dense mist saved him and his precious burden.

A Battalion attack against Frog Hill held by 43 Royal Marine Commando was a spirited and impressive engagement. A silent approach was made undetected to 100 yards from the enemy and our skirmishers were into the position like beagles. 'D' Coy. commanded by Major Bob Pascoe had the toughest nut to crack but reached Commando H.Q. Finally all three Companies successfully withdrew at night when a heavy enemy counter attack was launched by 1 Foresters on the Frog Hill position.

From both Phases of "Storm King" a number of useful tactical lessons were relearnt, and not least the realisation and subsequent cheerful acceptance that tasks given to a controlled enemy on a major exercise are not necessarily in harmony with those expounded at seats of military learning.

#### **Centralised Training**

From mid-October until our Far Eastern advance party goes on leave on 20th November, the final drive on Individual Training has been centralised. A high proportion of the young officers are away on courses at Warminster and Netheravon. The pattern has been to run three progressive courses for Trained Riflemen, two Continuation Training courses to cater for the encouragingly large drafts, and specialist training. Major Gerald Carter has borne the burden of organising and controlling the fortnightly courses of up to 150 Trained Riflemen. Both these and the Continuation Training under Captains. Geoffrey Hopton and David Gowdy have been well worthwhile.

Lieut. Michael Dunning has run a successful Mobat and 3 inch Mortar Cadre. The accuracy of the final night shoot of white phosphorous bombs held on the local Fingringhoe Ranges was most impressive. Capt. Raymond Nelson and Lieut. David Mead have run Wireless and Driving cadres. A senior N.C.O.'s cadre to train up those individually who might well find themselves as Platoon Commanders or Platoon Sergeants on detachment has been patiently organised by Capt. Robin Montgomery. There can be no doubt of the importance of educating militarily senior N.C.O.'s, which has been the most difficult task to achieve in recent years.

On 20th November training will cease. Technical inspections will precede packing up and already a large Advance Party will go on embarkation leave.

For two and a half years Colchester has been our base. During this time we have often been away on exercises, and were in South America for 6 months.

Britain's oldest recorded town, a military garrison since Roman days, has always been a welcoming home on our return and we shall miss our many kind local friends and the visits from our Territorials, Cadets and other Riflemen. During this period the Battalion has become Regular and has matured; it is now right that our young and energetic team should move overseas to the Far East where the reputation of many an earlier Rifleman was won.

#### OFFICER CHANGES

Once again there have been many changes in the major appointments in the Battalion, but this year it has been mainly the Company Commanders who have been involved. Major David Stileman handed over 'A' Coy. to Major Gerald Carter, who has once again joined us from 3 Green Jackets. David became Second-in-Command when Major Ralph Stewart-Wilson left us to command 1 Staffords.

Major Peter Welsh rejoined us on our return from British Guiana and took 'C' Coy. when Major Bill Chevis, 1 Green Jackets, left us for a staff appointment in B.A.O.R.

'D' Coy. has changed hands twice. Major "Mole" St. Aubyn left to go to J.S.S.C. and thence to be Second-in-Command of 3 Green Jackets. Capt. Ian McCausland then took the Company until leaving for the Staff College Course in October. Finally Major Bob Pascoe, 1 Green Jackets, who had taken over Headquarter Company from Major Mike Hills on retirement, came across, and will command the Company for the next year.

Major Jim Radclyffe has just joined us after several years at the Depot and has taken over Headquarter Company where his influence is already being felt in all quarters.

Capt. John Holroyd has left us for an appointment at the Ministry of Defence and Capt. Robin Montgomery whom we welcome into the regiment from the King's African Rifles, now commands 'B' (Training) Coy.

Amongst others whom we were sad to see depart were Capt. Guy Crossman on retirement, Capt. Clinton Henshaw to be Adjutant of Q.R.R. and Capt. Carol Gurney to be Adjutant of the Junior Leaders Battalion, Oswestry.

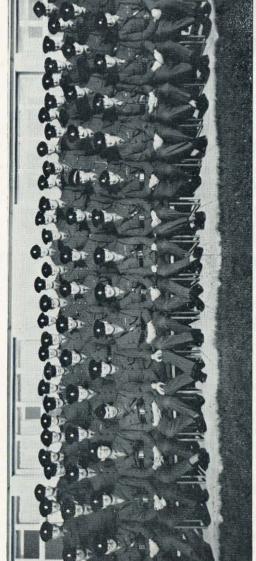
#### WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' MESS

The last two months of 1963 should go on record as the "longest months ever". They certainly seemed that way as we wished the weeks away.

During this period we had the pleasure of entertaining the following visitors: Gen. Lathbury (Quarter Master General), Brig. Stainforth (Brigadier A.Q. Southern Command), Brig. Trevor (our Brigadier in British Guiana) and Col. King, who took over command from him in British Guiana. Finally just before Christmas, the Governor, Sir Ralph Grey, who in turn invited the Warrant Officers to cocktails at Government House on 6th January.

We had several football and cricket matches against the Officers and Corporals. These were hard fought games and were a great source of entertainment to the Battalion. Games nights in the Mess v. Officers and Corporals were a great success and much enjoyed.

The Sergeants' Mess organised a Battalion Dance at the "Hotel Carib" in Georgetown. The top band of British Guiana was engaged, "The Rythmaires", and although it entailed getting the Battalion 26 miles each way, it was tremendously well supported. This was the "Single Man's" night, married men providing the many duties back at Atkinson Field, drivers of the convoy, barmen, waiters etc.



SENIOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS OF THE WARRANT OFFICERS OFFICERS. SENIOR

After leave in the second half of January, on 1st February we had our first party in the Mess since May 1963—almost a reunion. On 24th March we had a Mess Dinner as a farewell to Bandmaster Swanwick, C.S.M. Eves, C.S.M. Skinner and C/Sgt. Tidmarsh. The ladies came in at 9 p.m. and with the Regimental Dance Band in top form, it was a memorable night.

Much difficulty is experienced in Colchester when one wants to have a major function. A good hall or ballroom is not available at any price. However, on 17th April we held the "Ladysmith Ball" in the gymnasium of Roman Way Camp. A wonderful night, when many old friends came many miles to join us.

We were very sorry that a Brigade exercise prevented us going to the May Reunion in force (our last chance until 1968 when we return from Penang). We were represented by the R.Q.M.S. and a few of the rear party who took with them our very best wishes.

Immediately after our two weeks at Stanford, we held another Mess Dinner, on 14th May; another splendid meal under the direction of S.Q.M.S. Hamilton and Sgt. Owen. It was also a farewell to R.Q.M.S. Rimmer who was leaving to take over R.S.M. of the Q.R.R.

The first two weeks in Norway and a mess party in the last week, brought June to a close.

It was a pleasure to have a visit from our Colonel Commandant, Gen. Erskine, in early July. He was looking extremely well, and before leaving spoke some very kind words on what he thought of the standard of the Battalion and how fit he thought it was for its next tour. Two other visitors we were pleased to have visit the Mess were Major-Gen. Carver on 22nd July, just back from the more recent emergency in Cyprus and Lieut.-Gen. Sir Kenneth Darling, who has taken over G.O.C. in C Southern Command.

The Bisley successes! How pleased we all were. To celebrate the occasion, we gave a cocktail party in the Mess for the whole Bisley team and their ladies. All the silver was on display and what a lovely sight it was. Our congratulations to Sgt. Ron Smith for winning the Queen's Medal 1964.

Block leave in July and August, and exercises in September left little time for mess functions.

In early October we had our last Mess Dinner for this station, and on 30th October the annual Mess Rifle Meeting was held, this time on slightly different lines. Members had to fire the rifle allotted to them on the firing point, on moving back to 300 yards they were given a different rifle, target and detail. Two sighters were allowed

at each range. At the end of each detail the scores were placed in envelopes and sealed by the butt N.C.O. These were not made known until the following Friday, 6th November, at the Rifle Ball. C.S.M. Harper won the Kennedy Trophy, C/Sgt. Woodcock was second and C/Sgt. Wigger third. There was only one point between each. Sgt. Ashby (Band) won the Wooden Spoon, and made a thorough job of it, having got a "wash out" on each practice.

The Ball was also our farewell to Colchester. Cadres and packing up prevented us having it later. There was a good crowd of about 250, some of whom had come from as far away as Winchester, Warminster, Liverpool and many from London. We were happy to have a good number of the Rifle Brigade Mess come down from Felixstowe. It is difficult to assess one Ball from another, but from the many letters and telephone calls received in the following week, this one seems to have been well up to standard, and left our mark in Colchester.

At the time of writing, we have just had our last function in the Mess, as the advanced party go on leave next week. It was a Christmas and farewell party combined, and restricted to the Mess and any relations who were on holiday, and a few other friends. It was a farewell to those who are not going to the Far East, with us, and with the most expensive drink costing 1/-, with certainty it can be recorded as being a wonderful evening.

#### CORPORALS CLUB

The Corporals have been patient and long suffering in the way they cheerfully accepted their sub-standard club room in British Guiana. This room was nothing more than a small annexe to a totally inadequate N.A.A.F.I. This lack of facilities has in no way diminished the vigour and character of the club.

Two excellent Corporals' Club Dinners, arranged at Company level, took place in Georgetown. The Corporals, on two occasions, were hosts to members of the British Guiana Police Band when they came to play for us at Atkinson Field.

In the field of sport hotly contested encounters with the Officers drew large crowds.

On our return to England the Corporals re-opened their club room—"The Green Man". This is a hut which has been decorated by members and in which there is a bar and a television. The hardy regulars find that although the facilities are limited, and the club building not very beautiful, the club is a quiet place, with a pleasant atmosphere in which to enjoy a glass of beer and a game of darts.

Our activities in Colchester have included the holding of fortnightly socials and a large dance in July. Under Cpl. Clarke the dance committee worked extremely hard to decorate a very bare gymnasium. With music provided by the Battalion dance band, buffet by the well-tried team of Cpls. Walker and Oliphant and decorations by L/Cpl. Dalton, the dance was voted a great success. Including Officers and Sergeants we had over three hundred guests. Our thanks go to the Committee for their hard work.

When we next write we shall be in Penang where we hope to start a really go-ahead club.

The movement of Corporals is too great to record. However, some of the older characters deserve mention. Cpl. Joe Windle, our last serving member in the Battalion of the Calais days, is still with us and doing a good job as i/c Sergeants' Mess kitchen. Cpl. Alfie Walker (now A.C.C.) can still be heard doubting every Rifleman's ancestry, if they arrive late for a meal at the dining hall. Cpl. Joe Oliphant (A.C.C.) who has been with the Battalion since Derna Christmas 1955, is still with us. These two are of course the "terrible twins" of the cookhouse, and are worth their weight in gold, especially in the field where it counts most. Cpl. McDermot has left us for civilian life and has got a job at the Bank of England on the security side. Cpl. Williams has left to go to the M.C.T.C. in Colchester. Cpl. Bill Dix also left for civilian life, having done a very good job as Messing Storeman with Capt. Lamb for the past two years. We welcome on transfer Cpl. McFarlane from the Queen's Own Highlanders and Cpl. Turner from the Sherwood Foresters.

#### **FAMILIES**

Our 6 months emergency tour in British Guiana from July 1963 to January 1964 fully tested the ability of our families to meet sudden separation and of our Battalion organisation to help them in the task.

Capt. Lamb, as the Home Q.M., earned the gratitude of scores of families in his role as "father figure".

Other active members of the Families Committee were the Padre, Major Jackson, Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Fowley, who with willing helpers from among the other wives dealt with each problem and prevented it growing into a crisis.

Many others did splendidly, and it was above all heartening that the Regiment as a whole could prove its strength to those younger families who turned to it for help for the first time. In return, the courageous way in which many wives sorted out their own problems and bore the difficulties caused by separation was admirable.

In particular the value of the Ladies Club in bringing wives together was shown to many who attended for the first time.

A steady round of activities has continued since our return. The children's party at Easter was as popular as ever, and the club outing to "The Black and White Minstrel Show" was excellent. Mrs. Stileman has been a most efficient Secretary, helped by a group of admirable volunteers, and we are happy to know that she will be staying in the family by her move to the Depot.

In October Col. Bramall, the future Commanding Officer, came down to give a crowded Club meeting a full and realistic briefing on Penang, based on his visit there. All this Autumn advice on the Far East and forms to be completed have poured in. As evidence of the care that the Regiment always takes over its families, the first to leave for Penang are Capt. and Mrs. Lamb and Sgt. and Mrs. Alsop and their families, to complete the quarters and hirings plan.

As this account closes we say goodbye to Mrs. Mills, who has been active in the Club since Sennelager in 1952 and who has presided over its activities with her own light touch in Ballykinler, Berlin and Colchester. She has been untiring in her efforts to help our families and we wish her all good luck. A splendid supper party with record attendance was held to allow members to say goodbye to her.

#### SHOOTING

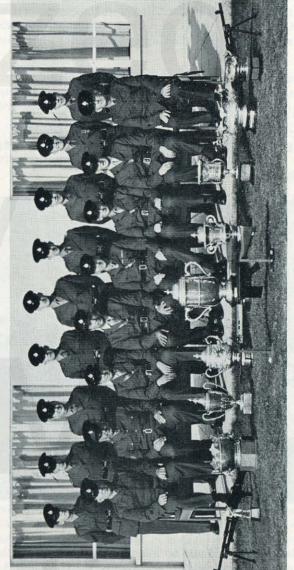
#### **Bisley**

After a very encouraging shoot-off of the 1964 King George and Royal Irish Non-Central matches and S/Sgt. Tuttiett winning the R.E.M.E. championship, the team settled down to three weeks' practice for Bisley.

The first of the central matches was the S.M.G. Parachute Regiment Cup, in which we have never done well, but this year we came second. C.S.M. Airey and Sgt. Jenkins both got in the S.M.G. XXX, the former coming overall second.

This set the tone for the rest of the meeting. Cpl. Winkworth of 'D' Coy. surprised us all by winning the Roupell Cup, the Class "B" Whitehead Cup, and becoming Class "B" Champion Shot and winner of the Manchester Regiment Cup—a very fine performance.

Major Welsh won the Class "A" in the Roupell and, with the remainder of the team close behind, we totalled a record score for the first stage of the Army Championship and won the Northamptonshire Cup.



THE BISLEY TEAM

Sgt. R. Fry Cpl. A. Witham Cpl. R. Stanger E. Airey S.Sgt. Tuttiett Lt. D. C. Gascoigne Major P. M. Welsh, Lt. Col. G. H. Mills, O.B.E., Hill, WOII Coram L. Jenkins Cpl. P. Clarke Winkworth Rfn. K. J. A. Child V. Smith (Queen's Medal), Rfn. S

The 3rd Battalion the Parachute Regiment, who were running second to us in the K.R.R.C. Cup Stakes just beat us in the Britannia, and this almost evened the score with everything then dependent on the Small Arms Cup to decide the Champion Unit as winners of the K.R.R.C. Cup. Under very tricky wind conditions the team shot brilliantly and retained both the Cup and the title of Champion Unit.

With the march of progress, the R.U.R. Cup falling-plate competition has given way to a field firing competition on electronic targets. Out of a total of 70 teams entered the Regiment took second and fourth places.

The crowning triumph for the Regiment was Sgt. Smith winning both the Army 100 Cup and the Queen's Medal—the most coveted individual trophy in Army shooting.



Sgt. R. V. Smith, Winner Queen's Medal, Bisley, 1964

The Green Jackets Brigade was no less successful in winning the Methuen Cup against the remainder of the Army, the Navy and Air Force, not easily done when shooting against the more accurate but obsolete .303 rifle still in use in the other two services. The last time we won the Methuen was in 1936.

Major Welsh, C.S.M. Airey, Sgt. Smith and Sgt. Jenkins were invited to shoot for the Army in the National Meeting and between them won the Hamilton Leigh, made a record time in the Cheylesmore, came second in the Canada Cup, and Major Welsh won the Green Jackets Cup.

#### Results

Para Cup	2nd
S.M.G. XXX	2nd (C.S.M. Airey and Sgt. Jenkins)
Worcester and Lindley	4th (C.S.M. Airey and Sgt. Jenkins) 5th (Sgts. Fry and Smith)
Roupell Cup	1st Cpl. Winkworth 1st Class "A", Major Welsh
Whitehead Cup	1st Class "B", Cpl. Winkworth
Northamptonshire Cup	1st
Britannia Trophy	2nd
Small Arms Cup	1st
R.U.R.	2nd and 4th
Manchester Regiment Cup	Cpl. Winkworth
Army 100 Cup	1st Sgt. Smith
Queen's Medal and Army Champion	Sgt. Smith
K.R.R.C. Cup	1st
Methuen Cup (with the Depot)	1st
Hamilton Leigh	1st
Canada Cup	2nd
Green Jackets Cup	Major Welsh

On return to the Battalion, R.S.M. Fowley organised an excellent cocktail party in honour of the team in the Sergeants' Mess, and Col. Mills held a Battalion lunch with all the trophies on display and gave a short account of each. He congratulated the team on what was probably our best all-round performance in the history of the Regiment, while teasing Northern and Midland Riflemen with the fact that all team members came from a line South of Bristol to London. He ended by thanking Lieut. Mead, who was ending two very successful years as W.T.O.

#### Non-Central Matches, 1964

As we go to press, we have just received good news of the results for 1964:

Trophy	1st Place	
King George V	Home and Abroad	
Royal Irish	Home and Abroad	
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Queen Victoria Trophy
Home
Hopton Cup
Company Shield
1st Army Cup
Duke of Connaught
Home
Home
Home

This successfully concludes the gradual build up of shooting, from Ballykinler and Berlin to Colchester. Although there will be strong competition from our Gurkha friends in the Far East and little time for practise, the foundations for future teams are there.

#### **FOOTBALL**

Since the last *Chronicle* was written, we have returned from the sand pitches of British Guiana to the playing fields of Colchester. In British Guiana, despite the heat, every game of football was so oversubscribed that there were never enough pitches to go round. The Company Shield Competition was fiercely contested, and a feverish state of excitement developed among both players and spectators alike. 'C' Coy. emerged as the eventual winners after many anxious moments.

The result of all this football was that many hitherto unrecognised "stars" came to the fore, and the nucleus of a good battalion side began to take shape, ready for our return to England.

On our return however enthusiasm for football began to wane. Players were no longer so readily available and attendances dropped. But under the captaincy of Cpl. Pallett and the management of the evergreen Sgt. Barwick ten battalion matches took place and all were won. It must be admitted though that the opposition on the whole was not very strong, though encouraging victories were recorded against the Foresters, the last margin of victory being a resounding 8–2. Unfortunately this year we have not been able to enter any competitions, due to exercises and the move to Penang. It is hoped, however, that once we have settled into Penang, football will resume the popularity it had in British Guiana and with most of the present battalion team still available, it is intended to enter into as much competitive football as possible.

#### 60th United

On returning to Colchester, a group of enthusiasts mainly from 'B' and 'C' Coys., formed their own football team, under the title "60th United". This team was expertly managed by L/Cpl. White, who made all the match arrangements and was responsible for gathering his team in the right place at the right time. This was no mean feat. They competed against local civilian sides playing during the long summer evenings and at weekends. They had many successes and made many friends in the area.

The 1964 season has ended in grand style with the presentation of a trophy to each member of the team, and a match against Colchester United Reserves under floodlights.

#### CRICKET

Although the 1963 cricket season in England was interrupted by our being flown to British Guiana, we continued to play until after Christmas. All the Companies' teams played matches against the local sugar estates on both the West and East bank of the Demerara with varying success, and with capacity crowds watching! A few Battalion representative matches were played, the highlight being a team taken by the Commanding Officer to St. Cuthbert's Amerindian Mission in the depths of the Savannah. This match produced the very fair result of a tie! Having seen the West Indian performance in England the same year we were very lucky to have been able to see how cricket is enjoyed and appreciated in the Caribbean area.

On our return to England the Battalion side won the Div/District Knockout Competition against the 2nd Regiment R.A., with good contributions by Lieut. Dunning and Major Pascoe on the batting side, and with Capt. McCausland and Lieut. Wallace taking most of the wickets. We then played the R.A.S.C., winners of the London District Competition, in the semi-final of the Army Competition. Due to some poor fielding and rather careless batting we lost this by 25 runs. We look forward to the cricket in FARELF as although we have lost Capt. McCausland we will of course be able to call upon the services of Lieut.-Col. Dwin Bramall.

#### **HOCKEY**

The Season proper started in September under the energetic control of our Paymaster, Capt. D. P. Bassil. Unfortunately, due to the various exercise commitments of the Battalion during the summer, very little time could be afforded for training and selecting

our team. Our first match therefore fielded, in the main, our stalwarts from British Guiana and the always strong element from the Band. This team has proved most satisfactory having had only minor changes necessitated by duties, the one major loss that of Capt. Ian McCausland to Shrivenham.

The Battalion has won four of its five matches and the results are given:

v. Military Hospital	Won 2-1
v. 1 Foresters	Won 7-0
v. M.C.T.C.	Won 1–0
v. 1 Foresters	Lost 2-3
v. H.M.S. Ganges	Won 4-2

Hockey is becoming a more popular game than in the past and its basic skills have been included in our Continuation Training Syllabus. This should enable us to bring on some younger players which hockey always seems to lack.

The present team has settled down and played well together and is getting a good grounding for our Far East tour where we hear the standard of hockey amongst civilian sides is high. We shall have with us our present mainstays of the team in Major Bob Pascoe, Capt. Peter Bassil, Sgt. White and Cpl. Simms of the Band and Cpl. Jennings, all of whom have played well and supported the team to their utmost.

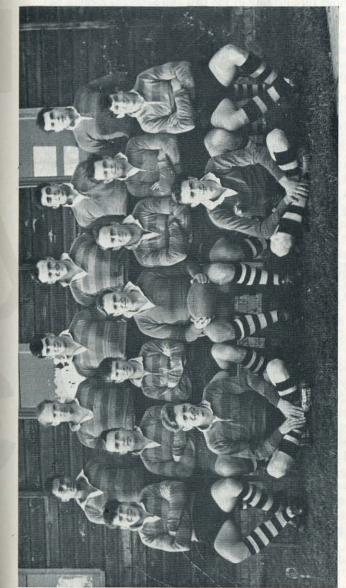
We look forward to a further three games in this country and thence to Penang 1965.

#### RUGBY FOOTBALL

The Battalion fixture list started in earnest in mid-October. Prior to that date the Rugger enthusiasts, which are for ever on the increase, gathered together for two evening practices each week.

We enlisted the help of S/Sgt. Hodgson (A.P.T.C.) to get the players match fit in the shortest possible time. Under his vigorous and goodnatured guidance our aim was achieved.

Our XV has largely been built round those players who derived so much by regular fixtures in British Guiana. Special mention must be made of L/Cpl. Buliciri, our Fijian, who has baffled many opponents' threequarter line by his hard snake-like running and Cpl. Evans the regular scrum half. Both of them have played for 3 Division. Rev. Bill Crawte and Capt. Robin Montgomery have made a tremendous contribution to ensuring the Battalion plays attacking rugger.



2nd GREEN JACKETS, THE KING'S ROYAL RIFLE CORPS Rugby Football XV L/Cpls. Wright, Lowther and Cooper have been a tower of strength in the pack. The find of the season has been L/Cpl. Howes at full back whose sure fielding of the ball and accurate kicking has saved our line being crossed on many occasions.

Major David Stileman, Capt. Robin Montgomery and Cpl. Evans attended a first class coaching course at Aldershot where no less than ten past and present Internationals passed on their unique knowledge of the game.

Now that such a firm and enthusiastic foundation has been laid by Major Stileman's devoted efforts it is very much hoped the game will continue to thrive when the Battalion arrives in Penang.

Our match results to date are:-

v. 8 Inf. Wksps. & 1 Coy.	
R.A.S.C. combined	Lost 5-17
v. R.A.M.C. Colchester	Won 32-3
v. The Panthers (H.Q. 19	
Inf. Bde.)	Won 16-0
v. 2 Lt. Regt. R.A. (2nd XV)	Won 29-0
v. 8 Inf. Wksps. & 1 Coy.	
R.A.S.C. (return fixture)	Won 29-0
v. The Panthers (H.Q. 19 Inf.	
Bde.) (return fixture)	Won 46-6

#### **ATHLETICS**

The 1964/65 Company Shield Competition began with the inter-Company athletics meeting. This was won by 'B' Coy., who monopolised the field events with good wins from Capt. Raymond Nelson (javelin and discus), Cpl. O'Hara (shot putt and hammer) and L/Cpl. Jennings (high jump and long jump). These were well supported on the track by Cpl. Steward (second in the mile and 880 vards), while L/Cpl. Jennings came second in the hurdles and Rfn. Tuvey (hurdles) and Rfn. Astill (220 yards and 440 yards) provided more well-earned points on the track. 'D' Coy. came second and had Rfn. Powell and Rfn. Lyons to thank for their high position. Powell won the mile and three miles, while Lyons beat Lieut. Michael Dunning ('A'), last year's winner, in the 100 yards and 220 vards. Powell, incidentally, was awarded the Victor Ludorum Cup. Other good individual performances came from 2nd Lieut. Andrew McGrigor ('C'), the winner of the 880 yards and 440 yards, and Capt. Geoffrey Hopton ('C'), who showed his class when easily winning the 110 yards hurdles. The final placings were: 'B' Coy, 1; 'D' Coy., 2; 'C' Coy., 3; 'A' Coy., 4; H.Q. Coy., 5.

C.S.M. Williams of 'D' Coy. had a fitting end to his tour in the Company when 'D' Coy. won the inter-Company tug-of-war for the second year running.

Having won the 54 Div/Dist. Athletics meeting fairly comfortably, some members of the Battalion team competed in the A.M.F.(L) meeting in Germany. Here the team came third out of six. Cpl. O'Hara was our only individual winner in the shot putt. Special mention should be made of Leiut. Robin Gamble (H.Q.) and his team of Cpl. Impey ('C'), Rfn. Brown ('D'), Rfn. Powell ('D'), Rfn. Gillen ('D'), Rfn. Cooper ('A') and L/Cpl. Howes (H.Q.). They came third in a most exhausting 10 km. cross-country race in full battle order. They should have been placed second; however, the cause of N.A.T.O. solidarity got the better of the judges and so no action was taken about an elementary breach of the rules elsewhere.

#### COMPANY SHIELD COMPETITION

The final result of the 1963/64 Competition was:

Coy	Ath- letics	Cricket	Foot- ball	Basket- ball	Volley- ball	Swim- ming	X Country	Tot
'C'	6	10	10	2	3	10	6	47
H.Q. 2	8	4	6	5	2	5	8	38
'A'	10	4	6	4	5	5	2	36
H.Q. 1	2	8	6	1	4	8	4	33
,D,	4	4	2	3	1	2	10	26

#### RACKETS

After a number of years spent abroad with our pair dashing home and taking part in the competition comparatively untrained, the prospect this year looked a good deal more promising. Our pair, Capt. Raymond Nelson and Lieut. Michael Dunning, had reached the final two years ago and lost after a disappointing performance.

This year they took their training seriously, playing matches at Cambridge and Sandhurst and practising at Queen's on four occasions.

We were seeded first, with our opponents of 1962, the K.O.S.B., at the other end of the draw. In the first round we played the Sandhurst pair we had played in a match only a week before. A rather dull, one-sided match resulted in a 4–0 win for the 60th.

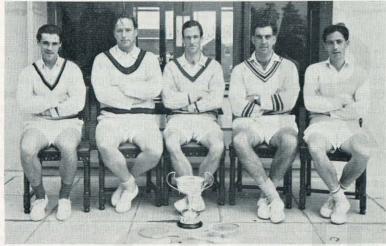
The second round was a sterner struggle against the Coldstream Guards which we again won 4–0.

The final dawned, and we found ourselves playing not the K.O.S.B., as we had expected, but the 9/12 Royal Lancers, represented by Capt. Peto, last year's champion, and Lieut. McConnel.

Having lost the first two games, closely contested though they were, we were somewhat unnerved and a trifle despondent. At this stage, as often happens in rackets, the balance of the match was dramatically altered by the sudden development of Raymond Nelson's service and the general tightening up and improvement of our pair's performance. To the delight of the packed gallery, the match was levelled at 2–2 and we quickly took the last two games to give us the cup, last won by Coulman and Welsh some eight years ago. Regrettably we will not be able to defend our title in 1965.

#### **SQUASH**

Having been granted a walkover for the District Competition, the team played the first round of the Army Squash Championship at Chelsea Barracks against 17 Coy. R.A.S.C., whom we beat 5–0 without conceding a point. Our next round took us to Chester, where we beat 17 Trg. Reg. R.A. 5–0. This brought us to the final, played at R.M.A. Sandhurst against the School of Artillery. Very much against popular opinion, we won 3–2 after two marathon matches played by Major Peter Welsh and Capt. Ian McCausland, whose superior fitness had the final edge on the result. This win was, in fact, the result of a lot of practice at Colchester and also the first time the Regiment has won the competition. The other members of the victorious team were Capt. Raymond Nelson, Capt. Geoffrey Hopton and Lieut. Michael Dunning.



ARMY SQUASH RACKETS 1964
Winners of the Team Event
Left to Right: Michael Dunning, Peter Welsh, Raymond Nelson, Ian McCausland,
Geoffrey Hopton.

#### STAFF LIST

#### as at 10th November 1964

Commandant & Brigade Colonel: Col. H. D. G. Butler, psc.

D.A.A.G. (Brigade Adjutant): Major C. A. Humphreys, M.C., psc. (Game Shooting, Fishing)

A./D.A.A.G.: Lieut.-Col. A. G. D. Palmer, M.C. (Retd.)

Bde. Recruiting Officer: Major T. D. R. D. Byrne, psc.

Recruiting Warrant Officer: W.O. II R. Balls

29 Army Youth Team: W.O. II K. Churcher

Deputy Commandant and Depot Commanding Officer: Lieut.-Col. R. R. W. Workman, jssc., psc.

Depot Adjutant: Capt. S. W. B. Dereham (Security)

Quartermaster & M.T.O.: Major F. Wakefield, M.B.E. (Salvage, Rodent Control, Fuel Economy)

Paymaster: Col. R. A. Macgeorge (Retd.) (P.R.I., Central Bank, Civilian Staff)

R.S.M.: W.O. I F. Massingham (Fire, Gardens)

Superintending Clerk: W.O. I R. S. Robbins (Printing Press)

R.Q.M.S.: W.O. II S. Solomon

Depot Pay Clerk: S/Sgt. B. McRoberts, R.A.P.C.

#### Headquarter Company

Officer Commanding: Major B. W. Balls (P.M.C., O.I.C. Sgt's. Mess, Messing, Depot Sports Officer)

Administrative N.C.O.: Sgt. A. Allistone (President of Junior Ranks Club)

#### Junior Riflemen's Company

Officer Commanding: Capt. P. Treneer-Michell (Band President)

2 i/c: Lieut. R. Rodgers, M.B.E.

Subaltern: Lieut. N. E. Shaw (Basketball, Athletics)

Bandmaster: W.O. I D. Snowden C.S.M.: W.O. II J. McGrady

#### Training Company

Officer Commanding: Major C. G. Wemyss (Winchester College Liaison)

Training Officer & 2 i/c. Training Company: Capt. M. W. Festing (Depot Publicity, Savings, Tennis)

Subalterns: Lieut. D. E. Rowland-Jones (Football, Squash, Cross Country)

Lieut. M. M. Pettigrew, 2nd Gurkha Rifles (Hockey)

Lieut. N. D. Mitchell (Parachuting) 2/Lieut. N. H. H. Adams (Civil Defence)

Lieut. H. P. E. Dumas (Boxing)

C.S.M.: W.O. II F. Clarke

O.M.S.I. (S.A.S.C.): W.O. II A. Beasley (Shooting)

C.S.M.I. (A.P.T.C.): W.O. II P. Barrington

R.H.O., 1 Green Jackets: Lieut.-Col. J. Granville (Retd.)

Major H. P. Patterson (Retd.)

R.H.O., 2 Green Jackets: Brig. R. A. T. Eve, C.B.E. (Retd.)

Major C. J. Wilson (Retd.)

R.H.O., 3 Green Jackets: Col. W. P. S. Curtis, O.B.E. (Retd.)

Brig. F. Stephens, C.B.E., D.S.O., (Retd.)

#### **Attached Officers**

Medical Officer: Brig. T. I. Dun, D.S.O., M.C. (Retd.) Dental Officer: Major D. H. Hayes, R.A.D.C. Padre: Rev. J. H. M. Llewellyn, M.A., C.F. (T.A.)

Education Officer: Capt. H. I. Rudge, R.A.E.C. (Senior Edn. Officer,

Resettlement, Swimming)
Capt. A. Clarke, R.A.E.C. (Rugby)

#### DEPOT LETTER

The main Event of the year has been the move in April, of the Depot back to our renovated and renamed, Peninsula Barracks. The actual facade of the barracks is very little altered, though there are a few changes. The Officers Mess has been banished to the seclusion of lower barracks; the Depot Headquarters is now near the guardroom with the museum immediately above it. There is a smart, Cafeteria Type Dining Hall opposite the Headquarters and the Regimental H.Q.'s live in a quiet hollow, beside Mons Block.

1964 has been a good recruiting year, given an extra stimulus by allowing recruits to join the Depot at 17. 517 recruits have joined direct from civilian life this year, of which 87 have been between  $17-17\frac{1}{2}$  years of age.

A Green Jacket recruiting exhibition was held at John Lewis's in Liverpool in August. The exhibition was closed by a staunch Green Jacket supporter, Mrs. Bessie Braddock M.P. A similar exhibition is being held at Selfridges next summer.

Great credit for this successful recruiting year must be given to all Green Jacket Special recruiters scattered throughout England. Their efforts have been energetically controlled by firstly Lieut.-Col. Tommy Wallis, and lately by Major David Byrne, from Winchester.

#### **Training Company**

Life in Training Company has proceeded as serenely as ever, even though the increasing number of recruits has been causing some accommodation problems. Major Graham Wemyss continues to control events with a sure hand, despite losing numbers of his Training Staff for Aldershot and Bisley rifle meetings.

Despite our spring move to the new Barracks the Depot achieved excellent results in the Aldershot District and Bisley meetings. It was unreasonable to expect the Depot to repeat its successes of the previous two years in the Aldershot meeting, but even so the results were splendid.

Results at Bisley were as follows:

Team

The Small Arms Cup (Minor Units)

1st. The Green Jackets Brigade Depot.

The Staff & Schools Cup (Minor Units)

1st. The Green Jackets Brigade Depot.

Individual

The Whitehead Cup-1st. Cpl. Notley

The Army Championship—4th. Cpl. A. Notley

6th Major G. C. Wemyss



The Methuen Cup 1964 Winners: Green Jackets

Lt. C. R. Hill (reserve), Sgt. Fry, Sgt. Jenkins, Cpl. Notley, Major C. G. Wemyss, Sgt. York, Sgt. Smith, Lt. Col. J. R. Baker, M.C., C.S.M. Airey, Major P. M. Welsh (Team Captain)

#### Junior Riflemen's Company

The Junior Riflemen's Company continues its wide range of activities. Highlights being the Summer Camp at Penhall in Cornwall and the inclusion of the Junior Riflemen's Platoon on an exercise in Norway carried out by the Battalion. The annual camp was a great success, helped by glorious weather and included a week-end in the Scilly Isles, while the fortunate boys who went to Norway thought it a wonderful experience.

The week-end activities have included Pot-holing expeditions led by Capt. Christopher Adami; Rock-climbing with Lieut. Nicholas Shaw; Canoeing with Capt. Pat Clark, R.A.E.C. A most successful Canoeing Trip took place along the River Loire during the summer.

However the most exciting double event of the year was the well deserved award of the M.B.E. and the granting of a Commission to the Brigade Bandmaster. Lieut. Reg Rodgers is now firmly in the chair as second-in-command of the Company, and he even has time to listen to the band occasionally.

Examination results have been better than ever this year, thanks largely to the unstinting efforts of Capt. Ivor Rudge, R.A.E.C., and his two assistants.

#### Sergeant's Mess

The Depot Sergeant's Mess has had a very good year the highlight being, the move back to Pensinula Barracks and consequently into our new mess.

The Mess was well and truly warmed in June with two parties, one a lunchtime affair and then, on the next evening, another less formal "session". We entertained nearly three hundred guests for our house-warming and then later (in July) the Battalion Mess visited us separately. (They were unable to attend our official "house-warmer".)

The comings and goings at the Depot are too numerous to mention but the 60th are well represented in the Depot Mess with, R.S.M. F. Massingham, W.O. I. R. Robbins, R.Q.M.S. S. Solomons, C.S.M. R. Balls, Sgt. D. York and Sgt. Paddy McCann.

One notable move during the year was the "elevation" of Bandmaster R. Rodgers but as he is now an honorary member of our Mess we still see him quite often.

The Mess as always was well represented in the Depot Shooting Teams (reported elsewhere), and we all look forward to another successful year in all Depot activities.

#### **Comings and Goings**

The Brigade Colonel, Col. "Gris" Davies-Scourfield has left us for higher things and we welcome, in his place, Col. Hew Butler

Major Jim Radcliffe having organised the move into the new Barracks and found himself in the smallest office in the place, has left to take over H.Q. Company of the Battalion in Malaya. Major Brian Balls, 1st Green Jackets has taken over H.Q. Company.

Capt. Christopher Adami has gone to the Staff College and Capt. Peter Treneer-Michell has taken over the Junior Riflemen's Company.

Lieutenants Roger Ker, Robert Browne-Clayton, Ian Bayley and Robert Hay-Drummond-Hay, have all returned to their Battalions and David Mitchell, David Rowland-Jones, Nicholas Adams and Nicholas Shaw have arrived in their places.

#### **OUEEN'S ROYAL RIFLES (T.A.)**

#### Honorary Colonel:

The Rt. Hon. Richard Wood, M.P.

#### Officers

#### 31st October 1964:

Lieut.-Col. K. N. Loudoun-Shand, T.D.Capt. D. A. H. Beddard (Commanding Officer)

Major The Viscount Eden

(Second-in-Command)

Major J. J. N. Wyatt

(O.C. Buckingham Gate)

Major R. J. Scott (O.C. H.Q. Cov.)

Major J. H. Hanscombe, M.B.E.

(O.C. 'A' Coy.)

Capt. D. C. Pitman (O.C. 'B' Cov.)

Major A. S. Templeton (O.C. 'C' Coy.)

Major P. D. C. Richards, B.E.M.

(W.T.O.)

Capt. R. F. Somerset

Capt. M. A. C. Drummond

Capt. The Hon. J. P. F. S.

Grenfell

Capt. A. J. T. Eve

Capt. J. W. Hayter

Capt. D. M. Brindle-Wood-

Williams

Lieut. A. C. N. Brand

Lieut. The Hon, J. F. Byng

Lieut. G. E. Pattie Lieut. M. G. Bodin

Lieut. R. A. Daniell

Lieut. J. R. L. White

Lieut. D. I. Mitchell-Innes

Lieut. J. P. Grove

Lieut. M. C. Swann

Lieut. The Hon. M. C. W. J.

Baird

Lieut. A. L. Campbell

Lieut. M. N. White

#### Attached Officers:

Capt. C. L. G. G. Henshaw (Adjutant)

Major L. P. Grout (Quartermaster)

Major D. L. J. Bilbey, T.D.

(Medical Officer)

The Rev. B. G. B. Fox, M.C. T.D.

Lieut. T. Hunter

(Sydney University Regt.)

2/Lieut. R. D. Mainstone

(Paymaster)

2/Lieut. M. Lee-Warner

(4 Royal Norfolk Regt. T.A.)

#### **Detached Officers:**

Major J. R. Trustrum-Eve (D.A.A. & Q.M.G.-H.Q.56 Inf. Bde. T.A.)

#### Warrant Officers:

W.O. I V. Chudley W.O. II C. Alderton (Bandmaster) (C.S.M. 'A' Cov.) W.O. II G. Moss W.O. II D. Napier (R.O.M.S.) (C.S.M. 'B' Cov.) W.O. II J. Madden W.O. II P. Bishop W.O. II G. F. Hallett (C.S.M. 'C' Cov.) W.O. II E. F. Harris W.O. II D. T. Woodman (C.S.M. H.Q. Coy.) (O.R.Q.M.S.)

#### **Detached Warrant Officer**

W.O. II D. S. Stephenson (att. H.Q. 56 Inf. Bde.)

#### Permanent Staff:

W.O. I. B. Rimmer	C/Sgt. D. Smith
(R.S.M.)	Sgt. R. E. Cox
W.O. II H. J. Butler	Sgt. R. Fowler
W.O. II W. G. Price	Sgt. I. H. Dykes
W.O. II B. Manchester	Cpl. E. A. Gowen

The end of the first training cycle gives the chronicler an opportunity to recall briefly the events since the formation of Q.R.R. In 1961 The Regiment went to its first Camp in Norfolk to do battalion training. This was followed in 1962 by our Civil Defence Camp at Millom, Cumberland. The year after we had a Brigade Camp in Norfolk and finally the cycle was completed this year with a Brigade Group Camp on Dartmoor.

It has involved a steady build-up of the Regiment both in efficiency and in numbers. After Camp this year our Brigadier was complimentary about our performance, and was pleased not only with the handling of the Brigade out also with the individual work of our Battalion. Meanwhile at the time of writing our numbers have reached 410; this is of course an all time high.

Lieut.-Col. Keith Loudoun-Shand's enthusiasm and energy are responsible for this coming about. It is a pleasant duty to be able to record that Dartmoor, scheduled to be his final camp, was most successful and an excellent tribute to his hard work.

#### **Annual Camp**

This year we went to Plasterdown Camp near Tavistock. It is a comfortable hutted camp but without many facilities except hot water. The aim was to spend a great deal of the two weeks out of camp and on the bleak training area. This we all knew was the right idea, but had little faith in the weather and all thought up wet weather programmes. In the event we were blessed with a fine fortnight, which did much to make the camp both pleasant and worthwhile.

Three notable absentees put a heavy strain on Battalion H.Q. and H.Q. Company organisations. Major Leslie Grout, our experienced quartermaster, was ill and unable to attend. His place at Camp was taken by our W.T.O. Major "Gordon" Richards, whose unruffled charm and efficiency coped smoothly with the work. Capt. Maldwin Drummond, 2 I.C. of H.Q. Company, missed his first camp in over 10 years with the T.A.; he was involved in the yacht racing world and had to be in the United States. The third absentee was Capt. the Hon. Julian Grenfell, the intelligence officer, who was also ill.

His place as I.O. was taken by Capt. Robin Somerset who worked marvels, particularly in time and motion studies for night movement. It is good to record that both Leslie Grout and Julian Grenfell have totally recovered and are now back in harness.

The first week of camp was devoted to Company training ending in a scheme for the Companies set by Battalion H.Q. Under Major John Hanscombe, 'A' Coy. proved itself most capable in the field. There was one difference of opinion on the sighting of a latrine; an R.E. officer objected to it being upstream of his water purifying plant. As the Riflemen later refilled their water bottles from the plant, perhaps he was unduly fussy. Major Alaster Templeton's 'C' Coy. managed to provide the most work for the M.O.'s. Vehicles were constantly returning to camp to fetch 'C' Coy's. men out into the field from what was described as the Doctor's too tender care. Meanwhile Battalion H.Q. under the Adjutant, Capt. Clinton Henshaw, and the R.S.M. W. O. I. B. Rimmer, sorted itself, practiced putting up Command Posts, making route tables, signing and finding out the best place for the drink, handy but unbreakable.

The second week started with an exercise set for the Battalion by the Brigadier and ended with an exercise set for the Brigade by our Divisional Commander, Major-Gen. Dick Fyffe. By a process of sending Riflemen up the steep tors of Dartmoor, then moving them by R.A.S.C. transport to new areas, both the sharp end and the staff side of the Regiment were well occupied. Plenty of Harbour parties tested the 2 I.C. and R.S.M., whilst the Echelons went forward and backwards under both O.C. H.Q. Company, Major Richard Scott, who looked after 'A' Echelon, and W.O. II Butler, who looked after 'B'. The Recce Platoon under Captain John Hayter moved with great dash, and was always on its way in one

direction or the other. We came out of both exercises with credit, or so said all the Generals.

Two opposites helped to entertain us on the exercises, horses and helicopters. On the first exercise Dartmoor ponies were used to carry 62 sets. This proved to be practical. The Battalion Tac H.Q. Signals Corporal did amazingly well to maintain communications, hold on to the pony and avoid its hoofs, whilst the Signals Sergeant revved his motorcycle. "Hullo two, Sorry I was off the air, it bolted again". The picture of Sgt. Charkham, our 'I' Sergeant, trotting off down the hill after the exercise was worth remembering.

The helicopters were organised by our C.O. for the Divisional exercise but were jealously guarded by our seniors. Fortunately the Brigadier got captured by dropping behind the lines; but more sadly the craft which was to take one of our platoons into the assault broke down at the critical moment. It was, however, a splendid diversion.

We had a section competition again. This year it was efficiently organised by Major John Hanscombe. It was won by a section of 'B' Coy. Indeed 'B' Coy. under Capt. David Pitman had a most successful camp winning the Company Cup as well.

Besides training, there was time for a Battalion parade and for social activities. Problems of the parade, such as no barrack square and the band getting out of breath if they marched too far, were miraculously overcome by the Adjutant. He mentioned a double past and regretted it. The officers all fancied themselves at the double with the result that double past the Battalion did. We were first inspected by our Hon. Col., The Right Hon. Richard Wood M.P. and then marched past with the band stationery at the saluting base. We returned uphill at the double. It was all great fun and more or less successful.

In the Officers, Mess there was a guest night on the first Friday. The Honorary Colonel attended, as also did our Brigadier and four other C.O.'s. We were particularly pleased to welcome Col. Chris. Gregory, Majors Stephen Gibbs, Mike Hills and Roger Underhill. The latter hitchhiked down in the Honorary Colonels helicopters.

A complimentary letter was written to the Commanding Officer and is reproduced below:

Dear Sir.

During recent operations by the troops of Queen's Royal Rifles on Dartmoor, it was my fortune to have to give way to a convoy of lorries belonging to that Regiment.

I say "fortune" because of the courtesy shown by the men in the convoy. Also I was unfortunate enough to lose a bunch of keys while reversing into a gate to allow the convoy to pass. On going to the guard room at Plasterdown Camp my keys were returned to me. I would certainly like to thank the soldier who picked them up, and you Sir for the courtesy and honesty of your men.

Yours faithfully, M. L. R. Rose.

Indeed a remarkable camp.

#### Weekend Training

During 1964 we were particularly lucky to have our Regular Battalion at Colchester. They have given us much help. We are also thankful to the Depot at Winchester for allowing us to trespass on their time.

The Battalion lays on nine training weekends in the year. They are split between Colchester, Winchester, Lydd, Bisley, Crookham and Capt. Maldwin Drummond's estate at Cadland, near Fawley.



Ready for a T.V. rehearsal. B.B.C. Channel II took a film of our activities at Fawley for their "Leisure Time" feature

Besides these, there are separate M.T. Platoon, Signals, 3-in. Mortar and Intelligence Section weekends. Also there are Division and Brigade T.E.W.T.'s and our own Senior N.C.O. and Junior Leader training.



Cpl. Brogal on wireless, Cpl. Barnes relaxed with" B" Coy's mortars

The shooting team make the lodge at Bisley almost their second home. They arrange about two weekends a month there in the Spring. Excellent results published elsewhere prove the value of this. One important aspect not mentioned yet is the Annual Rifle and L.M.G. Classification. Last year we won the inter-Brigade Cup for the best results achieved and have repeated this success again, our figures being about 5 per cent. better than the runners-up.

#### The Drill Halls

At our Headquarters, 56 Davies Street, are housed H.Q. and 'A' Coys. The building is a hive of activity. The St. Georges Club has been redecorated and continues to prosper. The Officers, and Sergeants, Messes as well as the Drill Hall are used to the full. The Messes are the meeting places in London for many Riflemen, and the Drill Hall is of course the setting for the Cup Final reunion night. In a routine week, Monday evening is an administrative evening for the Battalion, with .22 shooting practice for H.Q. and 'A' Coys. and training for the 'B' Cadet Company. Tuesday is the day for lunch in the Officers, Mess. Wednesday is the Battalion drill night and every lecture room is occupied. Thursday night is the Old Comrades night in the St. Georges Club. Friday is usually spent loading trucks for one weekend activity or the other.

At our Buckingham Gate drill hall are housed 'B' and 'C' Coys., the Band, the W.T.O., the 3-in. Mortar cadre and, of course, the

Portcullis Club. The opening in August of a now thriving Corporals' Club deserves mention. Also, under Capt. David Pitman's guidance, the Portcullis Club has had a specially good year, they have run a series of "with it" dances employing such groups as The Pointers Beat Trio and the Nocturnes. Here on Monday nights the parachute club practices and 'A' Cadet Company trains. On Tuesday is Band practice night, at home night for the Regimental Association, administrative evening for 'B' and 'C' Coys. and .22 shooting. Wednesday night is the Battalion drill night here too. On Thursday and Sunday the Band is again at practice. Thursday night is also the second Cadet training night. In August we were sorry to lose W.O. II Airey. He has spent much time and energy at the Buckingham Gate drill hall with excellent results.

It was decided to move our Recce Platoon up to our garage at 27 Lymington Road, N.W.6 in October of this year. This is of historical interest because at one time the drill hall belonged to the Q.V.R. Supported by the Territorial Army Association we were able to give the building a face lift and on Monday, 26th October the building was formally opened.

#### Opening of Lymington Road

The Mayor of Hampstead, Councillor Luigi Denza performed the ceremony. Amongst the guests present were the Right Hon. Henry Brooke, the local M.P. and Dame Barbara Brooke, Lieut.-Col. Dick Knight and Councillor Mrs. Knight, who looks after a neighbouring ward, Col. Peter Earle, Sir Neil Shields, an old friend of the T.A. and Brig Pugh, our valuable liaison with the John Lewis partnership.

When the Mayor arrived accompanied by the Mayoress, he was greeted by the C.O. The buglers blew a fanfare and the Regimental Flag was hoisted. After a short tour of the building the Mayor then cut a tape and opened the O.R.'s canteen styled the Delhi Club. During a short speech he revealed that he had joined up and served as a Rifleman in the Queen's Westminsters in the first world war, afterwards being commissioned in the Kensingtons. In the new year the borough of Hampstead comes to an end, being replaced by Camden. We hope to receive as cordial a welcome within the new borough as was extended to us by Hampstead.

#### **Church Parade**

In June the Regiment held a special service at St. Margarets, Westminster. It was attended by a large contingent from the Regimental Association of the Queen's Westminsters and Civil Service Rifles, and a good representative party from the Old Comrades Association of the Queen Victorias Rifles. After the service conducted by our padre, The Rev. George Fox, M.C., T.D., the Regiment paraded and marched back to Buckingham Gate. The band led the parade, followed by a contingent from the Regiment, a strong group from the Cadet Battalion and the Old Comrades. Afterwards tea was provided for all under the able arrangements of Major Leslie Grout, our Quartermaster.

#### Remembrance Sunday 1964

In the morning the Commanding Officer laid a wreath at the ceremony held at Buckingham Gate by the R.M.A. of the Queen's Westminsters. C/Sgt. Elliott sounded the last post. At the same time, the Second-in-Command laid a wreath at a service held at Somerset House by the R.M.A. of the Civil Service Rifles. The Band was present and the Bugle-Major, Sgt. Carter, sounded the last post.

In the afternoon the Regiment held a service at St. George's, Hanover Square. There was an excellent congregation present and the church was filled. The Rector, The Rev. W. M. Atkins conducted the service. The lessons were read by the Commanding Officer and Col. Peter Earle who, besides being President of the Q.V.R. Association is also a Church Warden at St. George's. The padre, George Fox, preached a moving and eloquent sermon; news has recently been published that he is to be promoted Archdeacon and to leave London. This therefore was his last sermon to us as our padre. The Regiment wish him and Mrs. Fox every happiness in the new post.

After the service a parade formed up under Major Hanscombe and marched back to Davies Street. The band preceded, followed by a contingent from the Regiment and from the Cadet company. The C.O. and Col. Earle took the salute. The parade was followed by tea for all present and their families in the Drill Hall, where the Band gave a concert.

#### **Band and Bugles**

Mr. Chudley, our new Bandmaster, has had a rewarding first year. The band has improved immensely and is now a part of the Regiment of which we are proud. The Bugle-Major C/Sgt. Elliott decided to retire and has handed over to Sgt. Carter. C/Sgt. Elliott continues to support the band as drummer and also to help train the young



C/Sgt. (ex Bugle Major) A. J. Elliott receiving the T.A. Meritorious Certificate from F.M. Earl Alexander of Tunis, K.G.



Band and Buglers led by Bandmaster Chudley marching past the Hon. Colonel at Plasterdown Camp, Dartmoor

buglers. It is good news that he has been awarded the County of London's T.A. Meritorious Certificate. He has given the Regiment a great deal of time and most loyal service.

In the Spring the Band had a number of engagements in London. At the request of the Mayor of Westminster they played at the unveiling by the late Miss Diana Wynyard of a statue of Shakespeare in Leicester Square. They played in Trafalgar Square during the Courage Trophy competition, and also took part in the Leytonstone Carnival.

At Camp, the band gave a most rewarding concert at the new theatre on Plymouth Hoe. They played too on the square at Tavistock.

The winter months were given over to two band competitions. The first was run by the County of London T.A. Association and took place in Sloane Square. The bassoon solo was much complimented by the judges but had to compete against the London Buses.

The second competition was the Divisional Band contest. Here we did exceptionally well in the turnout and marching display, but disappointingly in the music section. The band came third out of five in the re-entry competition. Major-Gen. Dick Fyffe complimented us on the result, but we shall hope to do better next year.

#### **Ever Readies**

The T.A.E.R. scheme continues to be well supported by the Regiment. It is an added incentive to the Rifleman and to the new recruit. We have now split our rather large platoon into two, and have been allowed a second officer. The idea is to form a platoon at each drill hall.

We have, however, suffered disappointments through the year all on account of the Cyprus situation. It was most disappointing that the Ever Readies were not called out when the Regular Army was so stretched. It would have been excellent training and a justification of the scheme.

More specifically it was arranged in February for our Ever Readies, in association with L.R.B./R to go to Cyprus to be attached to 3 Green Jackets, the Rifle Brigade. The timing turned out to be tricky and at the last moment the War Office cancelled the visit. We heard later that the Rifle Brigade would have welcomed our visit, particularly as the extra bodies would have been useful for their extensive policing duties.

At the end of August it was discovered that the Regular Battalion was off to Turkey on a N.A.T.O. exercise. Col. Giles Mills was

approached and once again the idea of extra bodies seemed welcome. War Office authority was given, the M.O. performed with his needle, the Q.M. drew the kit and the Ever Readies embarked on a get fit programme. Once again we were frustrated, this time only a week before the off. Turkey at the critical moment was either withdrawing or returning its troops to N.A.T.O. so the exercise was cancelled.

Capt. Dominic Beddard has handed over command of the Ever Readies to Lieut. Josceline Grove.

### Recruiting

Our efforts in September won us second prize in the Burberry Trophy. The trophy was awarded for the best recruiting and publicity campaign during this period. Out of all the Regiments in the County of London we were pipped by three points into second place. It was a good result supported by the Regiment going from a strength of 338 volunteers in January to 402 at the end of October.

The trophy was given by Burberrys (the Haymarket Store) plus a cash prize of £100 as a specific gesture of good will towards the Territorial Army. The Trophy, together with the cash prizes for



The C.O. receiving second prize from Lord Mancroft, K.B.E., T.D., for the Burberry Trophy awarded for recruiting in the County of London

### Officers, Mess

Officer changes have been fewer than usual. Lieut. David Mitchell-Innes has joined us from civvy street. Lieuts. Michael Swann and Jeremy Palmer-Tomkinson have come to us on leaving the Regular Battalion. Our Paymaster, Capt. Reg Frost has retired; he is well known to many readers as a loyal Green Jacket. After serving with the K.R.R.C. in the war, he joined the Queen's Westminsters as Paymaster and on the formation of Q.R.R. became Paymaster of the new Regiment. His successor, Lieut. Ray Mainstone was pay sergeant of Q.V.R. on amalgamation. We are pleased to welcome him to the Mess. Douglas Bilbey has rejoined us as M.O. and is now putting our medical section into shape.

In the promotion field, O.C. 'C' Coy., Alaster Templeton received a well-earned majority. His company has been most successful in the recruiting field. John Hayter and Digby Brindle-Wood-Williams have both been promoted Captain to be 2 I.C. H.Q. and 'B' Coys. respectively.

Our Adjutants have changed. Capt. Michael Calvert has left us and the Army to take up farming. His enthusiasm for training and his charming company in the Mess are missed. We wish him well in civvy street. His successor, Capt. Clinton Henshaw, has made a first class impression and is now well settled in. As his Father commanded the Queen's Westminsters after the last war, Clinton has found a warm welcome in T.A. circles.

Lieuts. Guy Nicolson and Walter Prideaux have left us during the year; the former because of business pressure, the latter as he is moving to Winchester to carry on a legal business, also because of marriage. Walter perhaps deserves special mention. In a short period with Q.R.R. he has made a real impression. He came to us with the record of being Brigadier (then Lieut.-Col.) Freddie Mellor's driver/signaller in Germany, then a Signals Corporal. He was quickly commissioned and became our Signals Officer. Since he took over, the Signals Platoon has greatly improved and our communications have been much praised by the powers that be. We shall miss him, not only as Signals Officer, but also as Q.R.R. opening bowler and member of the bridge team.

### Officers Mess, Annual Dinner

The past and present officers held their Annual Dinner in November at the Goldsmiths Hall. It is a really superb setting and the Regiment is most privileged to be allowed to dine there. This year over one hundred officers attended. The guest of honour was Viscount Boyd of Merton appropriately the Prime Warden of the Company. Lord Moynihan, the Past Master of the Haberdashers Company and Mr. W. A. Prideaux, the Clerk of the Goldsmiths Company were also present. Our Divisional Commander, Major-Gen. Dick Fyffe and our Brigade Commander, Brig. G. A. White, attended the dinner, both for the last time in their official capacities. New appointments await them.

The Honorary Colonel presided at the dinner and proposed the toast of the Regiment. Col. Keith replied. Both speeches were of high quality and very accomplished.

Amongst the other guests who came were Col. H. D. G. Butler, Lieut.-Cols. Giles Mills, Dwin Bramall and Roly Guy, as well as a number of other officers from the Regular Battalion. We were particularly pleased to welcome them on this occasion just before their Battalion's departure overseas.

The private guests included Col. Keith's father, Col. E. G. Loudoun-Shand, Major John Hanscombe's uncle, Col. E. A. Shipton and Major Richard Scott's brother, Lieut.-Col. J. M. Scott; also most welcome was Mr. James Ramsden, M.P. From past members who support these occasions so well, we had Major-Gen. Alick Williams, Brig. Bill White, Brig. Freddie Mellor and a very impressive number of past Commanding Officers of both the old Q.V.R. and Q.W. regiments.

# Sergeants, Mess

1964 has been a good year for the Mess. It started with an excellent Ball. Well attended, the evening developed rapidly and was acclaimed by all as a great success.

As in previous years, Camp was a wonderful two weeks. A very full Brigade training programme naturally curtailed our social programme; nevertheless, we found time to entertain the Officers and members of other Messes. Also, in a crash programme we elected Miss C/Sgt. of 1964. This doubtful honour fell on "Nobby" Bottley with Denis Smith a close second.

The usual change of officials took place and C.S.M. Danny Napier was elected President and a very worthy choice he has proved to be.

Unlike last year, the Rifle Meeting was held in wonderful weather, and consequently turned out to be a remarkable success. The champion shot was Sgt. Kakouli and, surprisingly, John Butler (P.S.I.)

came a very good second. The spoons, very appropriately, was won by our youngest member, Sgt. John Bowden. Many of our friends joined us on the Sunday and one deserves a special mention, Bill Hedges, on leave from Rhodesia. He won the visitors prize.

The annual dinner was a most enjoyable function. Our Guest of Honour was Col. Keith, our Commanding Officer. This being the last major occasion during his Command, we thought it appropriate that he and his good lady be given the honour. Premature though it may seem, we wish him well when he finally leaves us.

There has been the normal change in the P.S.I. ranks. We have lost Dick Clarke (R.S.M.), Les Airey, Dennis Smith and John Butler, all of whom gave of their best. In return we gain Basil Rimmer (R.S.M.), Bernard Manchester and two old hands, Bill Price and Ron Cox. We wish them a very pleasant tour.

Finally, we wish the 60th a safe and enjoyable stay during their tour of duty in Malaysia.

### Shooting

Once more the shooting team can report a successful year and it is particularly pleasing to see the younger members of the team moving steadily forward to replace the old soldiers who (in one way or another) are fading slowly away.

At the Divisional meeting in April, L/Cpl. Brady was Champion Young Soldier on the rifle and L/Cpl. Smillie was Champion in both open and Young Soldiers classes on the S.M.G. with Rfn. Hutchins and L/Cpl. Gilbert second and third in the Young Soldiers class. Amongst the older members, W.O. II Airey was Open Champion and 1st P.S.I. class on the rifle, 1st P.S.I. class on the S.M.G. and (with Sgt. Dykes) 1st P.S.I. class in the L.M.G. Pairs. To make a clean sweep of the individual championships Sgt. Kakouli and Cpl. Touhey were Open Champions in the L.M.G. Pairs.

On the team side we did equally well, winning the team events for rifle, rifle and L.M.G., L.M.G. and S.M.G.—four out of the five team events. Despite this we only came second in the Major Units Championship to L.R.B.R. (who did not win a single team event) owing to the unfortunate "crash" of our Young Soldiers Team who were not placed in their event.

At the T.A. Rifle Association Central Meeting in July the younger element were again well to the fore with L/Cpl. Gilbert winning the Bronze Medal for Class III (Rank and File), being placed 3rd in the T.A. Rifle Championship, and being selected as a member of the T.A. Team in the United Services Challenge Cup. L/Cpl. Robertson

was also prominent in the prize lists winning the Silver Medal for Class IV (Recruits and Young Soldiers) and Rfn. Ross was selected to shoot for the T.A. in the Whithead Challenge Cup. Once again we were the mainstay of the T.A. team in the inter-services S.M.G. match providing four out of the eight members, with the team achieving a new record score for the T.A. and beating the Royal Marines by 50 points. Team results were steady but not spectacular in the early stages but we rose to the occasion in the China Cup Competition and won this vast trophy with a new record score.

At various "local Derbys" we also maintained a record of success winning the Visitors Team Match at the 5 Middlesex Rifle Meeting for the fourth year running; Rfn. Knewstub, another of our up and coming young soldiers, won the Visitors Spoon at the London Scottish Rifle Meeting and in our own local meeting between the Q.V.R. O.C.A., Q.W. C.S.R. R.M.A. and Q.R.R. Society we provided five out of six firers for the Q.R.R. Society who won the three cornered match, and also won five out of six individual prizes provided by the Society.

At the Big Six Match in early September we won back the trophy with a clear margin of 100 points over our nearest competitors (L.R.B.R. again) and the top three scorers in our team C/Sgt. Witts, L/Cpl. Gilbert and Sgt. Kakouli, won the individual top three prizes for the whole field.

We ended the season with more successes at the London & Middle-sex with another young soldier, Rfn. Garlick winning the Tyres Cup, C/Sgt. Witts winning the S.M.G. Cup by one point from Sgt. Isaacs, and these two together winning the highest scoring L.M.G. Pairs prize. In the team events we won the Pryke Memorial Trophy, were placed second in three other team events and made a good finish to the season by winning the Small Arms Efficiency Trophy (for aggregate of Rifle, L.M.G. and S.M.G.) for the second year running. The *Times* of London reporting the meeting stated "The Queen's Royal Rifles were, as usual, well to the fore". We hope to justify this comment in future years also.

# Parachuting

Our Parachute Club has had its most successful season to date and is now well established with no fewer than six British Parachute Association qualified instructors, a keen nucleus of helpers who have graduated to Free Falling, and a wealth of equipment. Our students made 94 jumps this season and the Club are proud to have taught 63 members to jump.

The idea that a Green Jacket and a civilian at that should make the British Team for the World Championships in the face of the near-professionalism of the R.A.F. and S.A.S. was unthinkable; but "Griff" did it! Cpl. Ron Griffiths, Q.R.R., ex 43rd and 52nd 3 year serviceman and Corporal-instructor at the Depot, came 4th in the British Championships (mainly run, by the way by Roy Eve) and so the first civilian in the British Team since the "early days". His kind firm gave him 8 weeks holiday after a little Q.R.R. prodding and in Germany he came 63rd out of 165, all told a very creditable performance.



Cpl. Ron Griffiths, Q.R.R.

Three years ago we offered a Queen's Royal Rifle Cup for the best non-airborne forces unit in the Army Championships. This year we were the first such unit ever to enter a team and so we had to buy the cup itself in order that we could win it back. Unfortunately "Griff" did not dare to ask for another two weeks holiday and Rfn. "Spud" Murphy was knocked off his motor-bike on arrival, so we were unable to give a true account of ourselves. Nevertheless results included: 1,000 metre individual accuracy—3rd Rfn. Brian Angell; 4th Sgt. Ted O'Gorman; Individual Style—7th Rfn. Des Smythe; Novice Accuracy—6th L/Cpl. Caygill.

Again without some of its best performers, our team came 5th out of 10 in the Scottish Championships beating some distinguished rivals.

### Conclusion

The results of 1964 have been most rewarding and the *Chronicler* is happy to be able to report such good news. Queen's Royal Rifles is a flourishing unit with the traditions of a volunteer spirit. The turnover of Officers and Riflemen remains high, but a net gain of one hundred in one year is a great achievement. Even those that leave the Regiment do so grudgingly. The following is an extract from a letter written to his Company Commander by a Rifleman, a civil servant, who has now been posted to Newcastle.

"After a lot of consideration I decided to bale out because I couldn't see how I could fulfill my obligations to the Regiment living nearly 300 miles from H.Q.... I do wish that I could have stayed with the Regiment because the lot I am with now are a shower... Please give my regards to all my friends."

# 1st CADET BATTALION

Battle Honour: South Africa 1900–02

Honorary Colonel: Col. R. G. H. Sutton, O.B.E.

Officers:

Lieut-Col. G. R. B. Hanson

Capt. J. H. L. Burke
Capt. M. F. Cox
Lieut. A. Holland
Lieut. H. Maxim
2/Lieut. C. Thomas
Capt. P. W. Bell (S.E. Area,
A.C.F. Staff)
Capt. J. Holland (N.W. Area,
A.C.F. Staff)

Adult Warrant Officers:

W.O. II S.M.I. J. McCormack, B.E.M.

B.E.M.

(R.Q.M.S.)

W.O. II S.M.I. A. Edmed

W.O. II S.M.I. J. Warner

W.O. II S.M.I. G. Westlake

W.O. II S.M.I. G. Holt

C/Sgt. S.I. A. Donoghue

C/Sgt. S.I. R. Collett

W.O. I R.S.M. W. Smeeton

(N.W. Area, A.C.F. R.S.M.)

### Activities of the Battalion

This year has seen an increase in the general activities of all three Companies and in the last quarter of the year both 'A' and 'B' Coys. have engaged in successful recruiting campaigns. The total strength still remains around the eighty mark for Cadets which is about the same as last year and the difficulty of retaining both the older Cadets and finding new recruiting areas still remains. It is very difficult to break into the large London Comprehensive Schools where so many activities engage the young people and there is still a certain reluctance on the part of Headmasters to form units within their schools. The general standard of recruit is still good and a number travel quite considerable distances to serve with their companies.

June 1964 saw the transfer of Lieut. Denehan to the Cadet Company of the London Scottish, who were in sore need of assistance. Cliff Thomas, a senior master of St. Michael's Secondary School, Sloane Square, was commissioned to serve with 'A' Coy. after helping them for some two years. This is a good break through since with a sympathetic Headmaster many of the Company come from the School. To join 'A' Coy. also comes C/Sgt. Collett himself an ex-Cadet and now a London Policeman.

The Autumn also saw the promotion of Jim Holland to Captain and his appointment as Staff Officer N.W. Area County of London A.C.F. 'C' Coy., the only one not housed within Q.R.R. accommodation find life extremely hard and have no assistance in the way of S.M.I.s except the friendly visits of C/Sgt. Hughes and ex-members when available. Nevertheless they have kept a very gallant shooting flag flying and are making strenuous efforts to recover their strength.

Officers and A/W.O.s sat down to a very pleasant dinner on 10th November and had as their guests Colonels Mills, Loundoun-Shand and Workman, Major Stileman, R.S.M. Rimmer and the Chief Youth Officer for Westminster & St. Marylebone. Company dinners have been in evidence and 'A' Coy. asked 'C' Coy. to join them at Davies Street in the first combined dinner for a number of years.

All three Companies received good efficiency reports from Brig. White the Affiliated Formation Commander who has paid several visits to all companies during his tour of duty.

### Training

On this side the year has been both adventurous and arduous. All companies visited the Depot. 'A' and 'C' Coys. were well quartered and excellently looked after, receiving help in their training



Leaving Headquarters

In early August a composite section of older Cadets from 'B' Coy. undertook a week's arduous training in Snowdonia using the County Minibus for transport to and from the area. The object of the exercise was to practise the Recce Section in two groups in map reading, bivouacking, and field cooking. Each Cadet Rifleman carried all his food and gear, etc. for seven days in his metal pack carrier. The rendezvous was just outside Capel Curig, North Wales, some 650 ft. above sea level and the ultimate objective Mount Snowdon at 3,560 ft. During the week the group met Sir John Hunt, who was delighted to find Cadets of his old Regiment so actively engaged. None of the lads had been involved in this sort of adventurous training before and the standard of map reading was undoubtedly high. The whole exercise was voted a great success and much credit is due to Frank Cox for its organisation and execution.



1st Cadet Battalion 'B' Company in Wales

Annual Camp for the County of London A.C.F. was held at Thetford, Norfolk, this year. Members from all Companies were present and much interesting training was carried out and the overall standard was good. A qualifying course for Range Officers was held by Geoffrey Hanson, County W.T. Officer, with the able assistance of Chris Gregory and Roy Thorn, of 'P' Cadet Battery, 254 Regiment, R.A. Needless to say all Green Jacket members attending passed with credit. It was most useful to have Q.R.R. transport with us throughout camp and enabled R.Q.M.S. McCormack to lift all heavy baggage, etc. direct from Company locations.

Late Autumn saw the first of the Q.R.R. Cadet Weekends when Major Nick Eden ran a two day training and shooting camp at Crookham for the affiliated C.C.F. and A.C.F. Units. This proved most popular and is to be repeated in February 1965. The assistance of our T.A. Regiment is always most welcome and we are indeed fortunate in the help and interest we receive.

### Shooting

How pleasant it is to report a much more satisfactory year especially in .303 shooting. Although we have not had the support of 'B' Coy. in this activity, 'A' and 'C' Coys. raised a Green Jacket Team which far outshone our greatest hopes. Coached throughout by Col. Chris Gregory they attended some twelve practices at Bisley and Pirbright and made a place in the County of London teams for the Cadet National Weekend.

# **Competition Results**

London & Middlesex Cadet Shoot-11th place out of 25 entries.

Watts Bowl Competition—13th place out of 20 entries.

A number of the higher places were filled by school units with considerable range opportunities at hand. Mention must be made of the Oratory Cadet Corps, who were second in each of the above competitions and who, through their shooting prowess and practice, succeed in keeping their older lads fully interested.

At the National Cadet Weekend the untiring efforts of coach and team were rewarded. Three members of 'C' Coy. and one of 'A' Coy. made up the team for 1st Cadet Battalion K.R.R.C. The weather was excellent on the Saturday but heavy mist on the Sunday morning cancelled the Frankfurt Shield Competition.

#### Results:

Cpl. J. Bennett, 'C' Coy. gained 8th Place for the A.C.F. in the Inter Cadet Force Challenge Cup won by the A.C.F.

Cadet 100s. Cpl. J. Bennett 'C' Coy., gaining 13th place; L/Cpl. J. Berry, 'A' Coy., gaining 71st place.

All are to be congratulated upon a well deserved success.

### .22 Shooting

In the County of London A.C.F. .22 Competition the 'A' Team of 'B' Coy. 1st Cadet Battalion, K.R.R.C., took third place.

### Sport

With the many unit activities athletics play a less important role than in former years but the success of 'A' Coy. both at County and National Level is quite outstanding. At the County Sports eight medals were gained, members of the Company winning the first three places in the High Jump and 100 Yds. Rfn. W. Berry then went on to win the High Jump at the National Cadet Athletics A.C.F. The Company Team also won the County A.C.F. Relay Race.

# Certificate "A"

Passes by all three Companies have been very satisfactory and 'A' Coy. retains its unbroken record of the past five years in again having 100 per cent. pass.

### General Comment

Some seven members have enlisted in Junior Leader Regiments and are destined for 2nd Green Jackets. It is hoped that 1965 will see more of our members joining Queen's Royal Rifles.

A small party from 'A' Coy. laid a wreath on the Memorial at Calais in September and it is hoped that we shall have a representative party at the twenty-fifth anniversary in May next year. At both Q.R.R. Church Parades the Companies have been represented and, as ever, all appreciate the help and encouragement given by all members of the Green Jacket family.

# 1st BATTALION 2nd K.E.O. GOORKHAS (The Sirmoor Rifles)

Commandant: Lieut.-Col. J. B. Clements, M.B.E., M.C.

In common with other battalions in the Far East, 1964 has been an exacting and interesting year for us. We have served in four separate areas and we have twice been on active service with a taste of peace time soldiering in between.

The battalion, minus 'B' Coy., left Sarawak in February after six months of arduous but successful operations in the 3rd Division. Having been relieved by the 1st Battalion 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles we sailed from Kapit, high up on the Rejang River, in the tiny troopship Auby. 'B' Coy. remained in Sarawak working hard under 42 Commando, Royal Marines until the beginning of March. We then began the laborious process of a peacetime move, families and all, from Singapore to Hong Kong, exchanging barracks with the 2nd Battalion whom we were delighted to see again, albeit so briefly. The sea and air move took about a month to complete with another two weeks for shakedown before we had to begin rehearsing for the Queen's Birthday Parade, which is held in Hong Kong during April before the real hot weather begins. The parade over, every company was given five days holiday in Kowloon Leave Camp before we began to train in earnest for our return to operations in Borneo.

It was difficult to plan our training properly for several reasons. No one could tell us when we should be off to Borneo again. At first it was said we should not go until the New Year. This then became December, then October, then August or September. In the end it turned out to be July which was what we had cynically guessed anyway! Despite the fact that we were destined for operations, we could not escape the irksome tasks of a peacetime garrison; the parades, the picquets, the Internal Security exercises and the myriad chores which defeat smooth training plans. However everyone set to with a will and we went through one of the most intense periods of individual training we can ever remember. More than four hundred men were under training simultaneously on fourteen different cadres. These included platoon and section commanders' cadres as well as those for specialists and for education. It was a major effort on everyone's part which we hope will pay dividends. This individual training was rounded off by putting everybody in the battalion through a sausage machine organisation to fire the annual classification with the Self-loading Rifle.

The area we took over and which we still have is quite different from our previous haunts in the 3rd Division. Here we have only one useful river, the Limbang, which we chiefly use for transporting men and stores in small boats from B Echelon in Brunei Town to Battalion Headquarters, forty-five minutes away in Limbang Town. Our three forward rifle companies and a defence platoon can only be reached by air, two by helicopter only and two by small fixed wing aircraft. The furthest is about an hour's flying from battalion headquarters and the nearest about thirty minutes. In a good camp on a delightful beach near Tutong, where 'C' Coy. fought in the original Brunei revolt, is our fourth rifle company in Force Reserve.

Our area is on the whole sparsely populated. Several tribes live in the up river districts, the chief of whom are the Muruts. There are few Europeans but we are lucky to have as Resident of the 5th Division Malcolm McSporran who was adjutant of our 4th Battalion in 1947.

We have had our moments of excitement and drama in the time we have been here. Our first casualties were caused in 'D' Coy.'s base camp when a grenade exploded in the hand of a young rifleman. Mercifully he died of his terrible wounds shortly afterwards but fortunately the other eight men who were wounded will all recover without any permanent ill effects. Our second lot of casualties were, however, the result of an exciting little action.

'A' Coy. was patrolling with company headquarters and two platoons near the Indonesian border on the 6th September when the leading scout was seen and fired on by an Indonesian sentry. Fire was returned smartly and the sentry killed. From the firing that then broke out it was obvious that 'A' Coy. had bumped into a strongish force and it later transpired that they were in a well sited and protected but temporary camp. One platoon was ordered to outflank the position whilst fire support was collected in front. But although the enemy had been surprised they fought well for nearly an hour and a quarter, wounding four of our men with mortar fire in the process. 'A' Coy. advanced through the thick undergrowth in short rushes in small groups. As they moved they threw grenades ahead of them causing a lot of damage. The surviving Indonesians

eventually withdrew taking their wounded and most of their equipment with them over the border. They left behind five bodies including those of two officers but it is thought that perhaps up to twelve were killed and perhaps as many again wounded. There were heavy blood trails everywhere which 'A' Coy. were not permitted to follow up. A 60 mm. mortar and four Sten guns were amongst the booty which 'A' Coy. brought back and later examination of the battlefield showed that as many as fifty Indonesians had taken part. These numbers, which were about the same strength as 'A' Coy. in the action, undoubtedly allowed them to make a reasonably skilful withdrawal without being completely overwhelmed by our men.

On the 1st October in the misty half light of dawn in the Borneo hills a section ambush belonging to 'C' Coy. saw a few shadowy figures near the Indonesian border and opened fire. Not only was shooting light extremely poor but part of the section ambush was moving into position when the contact occurred. In the brief but confused fight which followed our section killed an Indonesian, probably killed another and wounded three more at the cost of having one of our own men lightly wounded. One Indonesian body complete with modern automatic rifle and equipment was recovered.

Since then our area has been fairly quiet and our only casualty has been a soldier who was unfortunately accidently drowned whilst swimming in the sea at Tutong.

The Regimental Band has been with the Battalion since March and as usual has been in great demand. It stayed with us in Borneo from August to October when it did much to help in the "Hearts and Minds of the People" campaign. It won a special place in the heart of the Sultan of Brunei who loved it dearly and who, so it was rumoured, would like to have bought it!

We have had a mass of visitors to the Battalion in Borneo. Amongst the more important have been the Colonel of the Regiment, the C-in-C Far East, the Director of Borneo Operations, the Chief of the Australian General Staff and the Duke of Devonshire.

We look forward very much to seeing the 60th out here soon. It is twenty years since we last served alongside a Battalion of the 60th in Greece and we hope to cement our ties more closely than ever during their stay in the Far East.

### 2nd BATTALION 2nd K.E.O. GOORKHAS

Commanding Officer: Lieut.-Col. D. F. Neill, M.B.E., M.C.

After moving from Hong Kong to Singapore, we had less than a month to settle ourselves and our families before we were off again in early May; this time for an eagerly awaited operational tour to Sarawak.

One forgets that most readers of this newsletter will not be familiar with this country where the Battalion is spending six or more months and may find a short description interesting.

In 1841 Capt. James Brooke, R.N. took "local release" and acquired the right to rule Sarawak. He quelled the pirates and established a paternal but popular rule under the Brooke family (The White Rajahs) till 1946. The Brookes then voluntarily handed over the country to the Colonial Office because of lack of revenue for development. In 1963 the country became part of Malaysia but had until then no internal political problems.

The Battalion is responsible for security over an area of some 20,000 square miles including a long stretch of frontier with Indonesia. The country has variety. The flat waterlogged coastal areas are cut by large serpentine river estuaries; mud and brown water everywhere; dense Nipah palm and jungle come right down to the waters edge. The whole coastline is vulnerable to infiltration by small parties of Indonesian agents. Minesweepers of the Royal Navy check and search the myriad fishing vessels but the first news of infiltration usually comes from local information. Further inland are large areas of secondary jungle; the result of hundreds of years of nomadic rice cultivation by the Ibans. This gives way to thick primary jungle in the hill areas of our parish—thicker than anything we encountered in Malaya. The hills in some places are 4,000 feet high but they follow no clear geographical pattern. Someone has described them as like a lot of eggs piled in a basket.

The country has only just been properly surveyed and the maps we use have no information other than the courses of streams and rivers: no indication of height or natural features. On the other hand our opponents have first class maps of Indonesian Borneo surveyed by the Dutch pre-1939. The Colonial Office refused the Dutch offer to survey Sarawak at the same time.

Rivers are the arteries of trade and supply here and are navigable in native Iban longboats right up to their headwaters. Some of our companies now have their own W.D. longboats: locally made for about £30 each and with a 40H.P. outboard engine from R.E. stores. These long narrow boats can carry up to a section each and are piloted by locals hired for 10/- a day. We also have Gurkhas who are trained to drive these boats. They capsize easily in fast flowing rivers and all men must be able to swim. Rivers can rise 10 to 20 feet in an hour after heavy rain. As you can imagine troops moving in this way are very vulnerable to ambush and there is a constant quest to perfect an anti-boat ambush drill.

Of course one must not forget the human element in this conflict—The Iban. Ibans are the original native inhabitants of the country and the largest section of the population. They are found on both sides of the border with relatives on each side. The conflict really resolves into a bid for the loyalties and sympathies of the Ibans by the Malaysians and Indonesians respectively. They live in "Longhouses"—containing twenty or more families in rooms but all under one long roof with a communal covered passageway. All aspects of life go on under one roof and this includes pigs, dogs and chickens. Ibans are extraordinary hospitable to the traveller and a liberal cup of Tuak (sweet rice wine) is a snare for many an unwary sahib. There is a great official drive to capture the hearts and minds of these people. However our companies find the nature of the Gurkha soldier is a far more effective tool than the torrents of paper projects unleashed at us by distant Headquarters.

Two of our Company bases are established in remote jungle on a semi-permanent basis. They give security to many Ibans living in the area and act as secure bases from which patrols and ambushes enable us to identify and contain incursions and retain a measure of initiative. The men live in reasonable comfort—wooden huts constructed with local Iban labour, tin roofs, camp beds for all. Each base has an ingenious water supply system devised by the Gurkha Engineers including shower baths. Clothes are washed and pressed under contract by local Iban dhobinis. Rations, N.A.A.F.I. supplies, and aviation fuel for the helicopters are air dropped by fixed wing aircraft. There are even paraffin refrigerators (flown in by helicopter) in these remote bases. The correspondent of a certain national newspaper eager for a taste of a grim and rugged life was very shattered when Capt. Henderson-Peal entertained him with a bottle of chilled Moselle. He also has live chickens air dropped to get over lack of a "deep freeze".

As you have read elsewhere we could not fight, live or move in this country without the help of helicopters. At first we had both R.N. (Wessex) and R.A.F. (Whirlwind) helicopters in support but our ever willing sailors from 845 Sqdn. were deployed elsewhere. Since then we have had a flight of 225 Sqdn. R.A.F. at Battalion

H.Q. in support and a remarkable degree of inter-Service co-operation has been achieved. They are no longer surprised at any of our ways and have flown cats (for rat catching) to rifle companies and a special 7 ft. 9 in. bed for Major Joy was sent suspended beneath a Whirlwind over 40 miles of Jungle! In return we provide "Bhat" and Ghurka breakfast timings. Flying conditions in this country are often difficult and dangerous but have never deterred our "own" Detachment of pilots from completing a mission for us so that we are perhaps, wrongly, inclined to take their services for granted.

On the other side of the border the "enemy" consists of a framework of regular Indonesian units dispersed in section, platoon and occasionally company strength. These act as the training and command element for I.B.T.'s (Indonesian Border Terrorists). The latter are largely local Ibans and Chinese of Sarawak origin who have found a political and military home in Indonesia. From time to time these forces in platoon or company strength make raids into Sarawak to attack outposts near the frontier or to dominate a remote area.

Our problem is to get wind of a raid and locate the enemy. We rely very much on local reports from Ibans. But the latter have no word for measures of time and distance and are very prone to pipe dreams and vivid imaginations. It is only by thinking like an Iban that one gets anywhere near the truth. Capt. Berry our I.O. should certainly be schizophrenic by now!

In general, operations here are a matter of ceaseless patrolling and ambushing and much patient hard work. Very occasionally information matures into an enemy contact. Unfortunately a return to base does not mean a rest as there is endless maintenance work to be done on defences of trenches and covered emplacements. We have also some field artillery deployed in our area for both defensive and offensive roles and an Auster aircraft for spotting. There are few roads but there is always the threat of ambush as they run close to the border and organised convoys are the order of the day. Not all operations are against a conventional enemy! A platoon of 'D' Coy. returning to base found its way barred by a party of 5 belligerent Orang Utans who would not respond to threats and replied with a volley of sticks and stones. The platoon was forced to open covering fire with a section and move around a flank to get away.

Although the bulk of the Battalion is in Sarawak we still have a Rear Party in Slim Barracks to look after our 240 or so families, heavy stores and regimental property—all commanded by Denis Meakins, our Paymaster. Men with families in Singapore are allowed to spend two weeks' leave there in six months, being flown

each way by R.A.F. Transport Command. We are apprehensive of the effect on family morale if Borneo operations continue indefinitely. This applies as well to keeping up our training and educational standards.

I apologize for the absence of news of the usual sports and shooting activities as there have been none. Instead I have tried to present a brief picture of Battalion life here.

We have two K.R.R.C. Officers seconded to us—Capt. Berry and Lieut. Bullock. Unfortunately we lose Berry in December when he goes to be A.D.C. to the Commandant. R.M.C. Sandhurst.

# THE QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES OF CANADA

Colonel of the Regiment Col. J. G. K. Strathy, O.B.E., E.D.

Commanding 1st Battalion (R) Lieut.-Col. H. C. F. Elliot, c.D.

Commanding 2nd Battalion (R) Lieut.-Col. S. F. Andrunyk, C.D.

Commanding 3rd Battalion (M) Lieut.-Col. M. I. Jackson, C. D.

Commanding The Depot Major J. L. McCulloch, C. D.

Early in the New Year 1st Battalion settled into their new home at Work Point Barracks, Victoria, B.C., after serving three years with N.A.T.O. Forces in Germany. While the commanding officer and his staff planned the coming years training programme on the island and preparations for summer camp at Wainwright, Alberta, the sports enthusiasts were busily buying up boats and fishing gear and trying out their luck in the bountiful waters of the Pacific. Some of the original barrack buildings remain today at Work Point, one of which is the guard house, a solid and substantial ediface patterned along the lines of the infamous "glass house" at Aldershot. Many a recruit in the 30's was kept on the path of righteousness by being told in gruesome detail by the Sgt.-Major of the torturous machines located within.

During Easter the 1st Battalion was called out in aid to the Civil authorities following the Alaska Earthquake and resultant tidal wave damages on Vancouver Island. After two months of summer training at Camp Wainwright the Battalion was detailed as standby battalion and warned for duty in Cyprus with U.N. Forces.

Meanwhile the 2nd Battalion stationed at The Home Station, Calgary, was saddened by the sudden illness of their commanding officer when on 12th May, Lieut.-Col. E. D. Price suffered a heart attack which prevented him from attending the annual Home Station Feu de Joie parade and summer camp. He was relieved of his duties after only one year in command and turned over his battalion to Lieut.-Col. S. F. Andrunyk who at the time was Brigade Major, 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade Group.

In Eastern Canada at Toronto, the 3rd Battalion, settled in temporary accommodation as a result of the demolition of University Armouries last year, continued their active existance with military band and battalion bugles taking part in most major events in the City of Toronto not the least of which was the ceremony at the laying of the corner stone of Moss Park Armouries, the new home of the battalion.

At the Home Station, The Regimental Depot continued to train recruits, the cadet corps and members of the Garrison static units. During the illness of Lieut.-Col. Price, the Depot Commanding Officer, Major J. L. McCulloch, supervised the operation of the institutes at the Home Station, as well as the Home Station activities. Probably the most important changes at the Depot during the year were; the transfer of 'Q' responsibilities for the Garrison to 17 Regional Ordnance Depot, Calgary Section; the centralization of Pay Services and records. These moves resulted in the reduction in Depot staff by 13 military and 12 civilians.

During the year the regiment supplied officers and other ranks to the United Nations for service in Indo-China, Ghana, Cyprus and Egypt; to the N.A.T.O. Force in Germany and to branches of the reorganised Canadian Forces Headquarters in Canada. One officer, Lieut.-Col. L. A. Beourgeois was promoted to Colonel and appointed Director of Public Relations.

The Regimental museum located in the Cosens Building at the Home Station received from his father the coveted Victoria Cross, won posthumously by Sgt. Aubrey Cosens at Mooshof, Germany, on the night of 25th February 1945. A documentary movie film of the events leading up to and during the incident was received from the Regimental Association.

A few years ago the museum located a 9 pdr. muzzle loading artillery gun used during the North West Canada Rebellion of 1885 in which the Regiment took part. This item is now on display alongside a 13 pdr. muzzle loading gun of the same Rebellion.

During the past year the Royal Canadian School of Infantry found it necessary to disperse the items in their museum. The Regimental Museum was again fortunate in obtaining 26 weapons, 11 flame-throwers, two rangefinders, telescopes and other pieces of military equipment.

# THE HALIFAX RIFLES R.C.A.C. (M.)

Officer Commanding: LIEUT.-COL. R. F. HUBLEY, D.F.C., C.D.

The past year has given us many rumours concerning the Proposed Re-organization, Disbandment and Amalgamation of the Armed Forces; we are happy to say that these rumours have had no effect upon the Unit and the troops continued to work in the fine spirit that they have been known for in the past 104 years of our history.

A large recruiting campaign was organised and the unit strength brought up to 250 all ranks, a number of courses were conducted within the unit with all ranks taking an active part and tradesmen being qualified.

The unit conducted a "Hal-aRosa" Square Dance in the Militia Group Mess which was very successful and attended by many Officers and their guests.

During the Christmas Season our Regular Turkey Shoot was held and this year a Turkey Dinner was given by the unit at which the Officers and Senior N.C.O.'s served as waiters, it was during this dinner that our new Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel J. G. Quigley, M.S.M.., E.D. msc. was introduced to the unit by the Militia Group Commander Brig. G. B. H. Robertson, C.D.

Armoured training was conducted this year and a number of weekends were used both for driving and wireless exercises along with an interesting infantry Night Attack.

Again this year two Scholarships were presented for attendance at University. One to Lieut. W. Raine of our unit and the second to Mr. R. Harvey the son of Major C. Harvey a former member of the unit.

Summer camp was fully attended; although the numbers allowed to attend this year were limited it is felt that this will change in the near future and a larger percentage will be allowed to attend summer camps.

Our Student Militiamen attended camp this year under special active force instructors and we are very proud and happy to announce that they are on the top six prizes out of sixteen.

The unit is presently preparing to receive our new "Guidon" from our Honorary Colonel, H. P. MacKeen, Q.C., C.D., Lieut.-Governor of Nova Scotia on 10th January, 1965.

# VICTORIA RIFLES OF CANADA

Commanding Officer
Lieut.-Col. E. P. McGovern, e.d.

The Regiment has completed a very active period of training and has begun a new programme between 1st November 1963 and 31st October 1964.

Last autumn the "Vics" started their weekly training parades in early September and by December had completed a recruit and trained militiaman course. Although there were relatively few candidates, virtually all those that took tests were successful. Another recruit course and a Junior N.C.O. course were completed between January and May of 1964; again the results were very gratifying and eight out of ten Riflemen who took the N.C.O. course won their stripes. To acquaint the riflemen with their personal weapon as well as with certain support weapons, the Regiment spent an average of about one week-end a month at Camp Farnham. Although there was no summer camp for Militia regiments in 1964, a considerable number of "Vics" Officers and N.C.O.'s attended courses on battalion support weapons, methods of instruction and Unit Administration. All Candidates were successful, as were the boys that attended a five week student militiamen course during July and August.

In the Fall of 1964, a change in Defence policy vis-a-vis the Militia considerably altered the training of all ranks. Once again the Militia is to serve as a "back-up" force for the Regular Army, and the Militia Role in National Survival, while still important, has become of secondary importance to Corps training. This change in emphasis has in general been welcomed by all active members of the Regiment and will give the Militia a new impetus and enthusiasm for training.

Unfortunately, the re-organisation of the Militia will very likely see in theory the "dormantised", in practice the disbandment of the Victoria Rifles of Canada after 103 years of service. While there is still a very slight chance that the "Vics" will be able to continue their active tradition of service, the future of Canada's second oldest regiment looks very bleak at the time of writing this résumé.

Despite the pall cast over the Regiment, we are pleased that the "Vics" have strengthened their stranglehold on local rifle marksmanship trophies in the past year. The Rifle Team won well over a dozen awards; among them, the Carlslake Trophy for the high aggregate in the S.R.B. matches and emblematic of the Provincial Championships, the Powell Trophy for the service rifle and open only to the

Militia, the Kirkpatrick Cup for the highest aggregate score for three matches, the Martin Challenge for the Provincial tyro championship, the Royal Canadian Hussars and the Gazette rapid fire matches, and the Major Watson Match, the MacDonald Cup, and the Hiram Walker trophy—the latter being won for the third consecutive year. Some individual statistics; Sgt. Richardson won a second Governor General's Bronze Medal and the Gazette Match, Rfn. Doak was the high tyro in the National Matches and won the R.C.A.F. Trophy which the "Vics" have held ever since it was first presented, Captain Hogue won the Montreal Star and Old Chum Trophies, Rfn. Bekessy extended our tenure of the M.M.R.A. Cup to three years and R.Q.M.S. Penticost won the Club Championship (M.M.R.A.) which the regiment has held for the past four years, and R.S.M. Adams won the Molsom Trophy.

The social highlights of the year came on 22nd October 1964 when an Officers' Mess Dinner was held to honour those members of the Regiment who went overseas with the 24th Battalion exactly fifty years before. Officers of the 24th came as far as Winnipeg and Boston to attend this dinner. Active "Vics" and his comrades observed a silence in memory of Major R. Redpath, President of the 24th Battalion Association who died recently.

For the first time in the history of the "Vics", the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes held a combined Mess Dinner. This experiment was hailed as a complete success and we expect to hold another some time in the future. A Regimental Dinner, perhaps the last the "Vics" will hold is planned for 14th December 1964.

#### Editor's Note

Since the above was received, news has come in that, unfortunately, the Victoria Rifles of Canada has been transferred to the 'Supplementary Order of Battle' and therefore ceases to be an active unit. The Regiment sends its deep sympathy to the Victoria Rifles but hopes and believes that the close liaison between our two Regiments will still continue.

### THE BROCKVILLE RIFLES

### ROYAL CANADIAN INFANTRY CORPS BROCKVILLE, ONTARIO, CANADA

LIEUT.-COL. R. C. TIVY, C.D., Commanding Officer

The past year has been one of the most significant in the history of the Militia in Canada and certainly one of the most significant in the history of the Brockville Rifles. Early in the year, the Minister of National Defence announced that an extensive study and reorganisation of the Militia would be carried out. The aim was to increase efficiency and cut the strength of the reserves by about 30 per cent. During the months of suspense when the enquiry was being conducted, many organisations and individuals in the City and District of Brockville expressed their faith in the Regiment to the various authorities. The results of the Militia study were announced on 3rd November 1964—The Brockville Rifles continue to be a major unit in the Militia Order of Battle. While this decision is



Below zero temperatures were encountered by 60 men of the Brockville Rifles when they carried out "Exercise Frostbite" an overnight tactical manoeuvre L to R: Lieut. D. Mott, Sgt. J. P. Bouchier, Capt. Hugo Grout, Rfn. G. M. Robson, Sgt. R. Kirby



Pride in Possession: For the second successive year the Trumpet Band of The Brockville Rifles gained premier honours in the grand parade at the Annual International Seaway Festival. Band Conductor WOII R. F. Elliott displays the best band on parade trophy to L/Cpl. A. Boisvert and S/Sgt. D. Merriman

justified by the military competence and efficiency of the Unit, it must have been strengthened by the great demonstration of respect and support for the Regiment that was expressed by the community.

The Fall of 1964 finds The Brockville Rifles engaged in an active training programme aimed at producing an even greater level of efficiency and skill, particularly in infantry corps training.

The Command of the Regiment passed from Lieut.-Col. J. D. Cooper, c.d. to Lieut.-Col. R. C. Tivy, c.d. on 1st September 1964. Lieut.-Col. Tivy has been with the Regiment for 13 years joining as a subaltern in 1951.

The Regiment continues to be fortunate in being able to attract an adequate number of young men of high calibre to participate in junior officer training. The future of the unit appears to be ensured by the quantity and quality of the subalterns and captains that are serving.

Members of the K.R.R.C. or members of any of the allied or associated units will find a warm welcome waiting for them at the Brockville Ontario Armouries.

# THE REGINA RIFLE REGIMENT

Commanding Officer: Lieut.-Col. D. E. Williams, C.D.

(to 16th October 1964)

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Commanding Officer:

Lieut.-Col. J. A. Jameson, C.D.

(from 17th October 1964)

Honorary Colonel:

Brig.-Gen. A. Ross, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.,

C.D.

Honorary Lieut.-Colonel: Lieut.-Col. R. M. Crowe, M.C., D.D.

### Training

The Regina Rifle Regiment completed a very successful training year. Training began early in October 1963 after a successful summer camp and participation by the Regiment during July and August in Sunset Ceremonies at the Legislative Building grounds.

The years' training consisted of corps training and National Survival. A practical application of survival training was effectively carried out during the move to summer camp. Numerous personnel of the Regiment took advantage of Junior, Senior and Officer training courses and the Regiment conducted courses in support weapons and trades training as well as normal corps subjects.

The Regiment continues to sponsor two cadet units: one at Local Headquarters and one connected with 'B' Coy. which is located at Fort Qu'Appelle.

# **Special Events**

Officers of the Regiment held their annual D-Day Dinner on 6th June to commemorate the Normandy landing, one of the Regiments' most notable engagements.

Remembrance Day services were held on 11th November.

Capt. Beck, Capt. Wood and Sgt. Millen spent a week of attachment with the 2nd Battalion, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, at Wainwright Summer training Camp.

For the opening of the Legislature, with Capt. Wood in charge, on 13th February 1964, the Regina Rifle Regiment supplied the Guard of Honour.

This year during the months of July and August, under Lieut. Armsworthy and Lieut. Botkin, the Regiment participated in Sunset Ceremonies at the Legislative Building grounds. This proved to be a major tourist attraction.



### THE REGINA RIFLE REGIMENT MESS DINNER 1964

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Front Row, L to R: Major H. McIntyre, C.D., 2 i/c; Brig, G. J. H. Wattsford, C.D., Area Commander; Hon. R. L. Hanbidge, Q.C., Lieut.-Governor Sask; Lt. Col. J. A. Jameson, C.D., Commanding Officer; Lt. Col. D. E. Williams, Past C.O.; Brig, A. Ross, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., C.D., Hon. Colonel; Lt. Col. R. M. Crowe, M.C., C.D., Hon. Lt. Colonel Second Row, L to R: Major R. W. King, C.O. S. Sask, R.; Major L. J. Wood; Lieut. G. A. Armsworthy; Capt. H. Beck; Capt. A. Cormack, C.D., Adjutant; Capt. M. M. Piller, C.W.A.C. Officer; Major D. G. Scott-Calder, E.D., Hon. Historian; Major L. A. Kyle; Lt. Col. J. G. Baird, D.S.O., C.D., Aide de Camp to Lt. Gov.; Capt. R. Y. Nakamura Third Row, L to R: 2/Lt. A. E. Zelmer; Lieut. D. R. Botkin; Lieut. L. G. Burnard; Lieut. A. D. MacDonald; Lieut. R. G. Price; 2/Lt. D. J. Reiter; Lieut. V. Nimetz; 2/Lt. D. A. Allen; Lieut. E. A. Gladwell; Capt. R. J. McAdam, C.D., Quartermaster

of the Regiment to Lieut.-Col. J. A. Jameson.

To culminate an interesting year on 31st October, the Regiment had a special ceremonial parade in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Mobilisation of the 28th Battalion, one of the First World War Battalions which Regina Rifles perpetuate. Surviving members of the 28th participated in the ceremonies, and renewed acquaintances after many years of separation. On this same occasion Lieut.-Col. D. E. Williams formally handed over command of the Regiment to Lieut.-Col. J. A. Jameson

### SYDNEY UNIVERSITY REGIMENT

Commanding Officer: LIEUT.-COL. K. R. MURRAY

Two events, more than others, marked the passage of 1964. The first was the opening of the new Regimental Training Depot. The second was a change in Command.

Since 1959, when the old Depot was destroyed by fire, S.U.R. has occupied a variety of premises—some shared with other units, none satisfactory. On 4th April 1964 His Excellency, the Governor of New South Wales opened the new Depot in City Road within the environs of the University—a deeply satisfying culmination of five years of planning and striving. The building is the most striking Service establishment of its type in Australia.

The Honorary Colonel, Major-Gen. The Rt. Hon. Sir Victor Windeyer, K.B.E., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D., received the Regiment's guests.

On 30th June 1964 the former Commanding Officer, Lieut-Col. R. I. Grant relinquished command and was succeeded by Lieut.-Col. K. R. Murray. Col. Murray, a barrister-at-law, joined S.U.R. in 1948 and is the first post-war soldier to command the Regiment. He joins seven of our former Colonels who rose from private soldier to command the Regiment.

S.U.R. continues to carry out its role as a producer of officers for the Citizen Military Force. During 1964 fourteen officers—now graduated—were transferred to the Corps appropriate to their academic training. Eighteen officers are at present seconded to Staff appointments on various Formation Headquarters. With the expansion of the Australian Army, S.U.R. expects to be asked to produce more officers and looks forward with interest to the problems inherent in the re-introduction of National Service.

The Regiment is now nearly 400 strong. A strength of 500 is anticipated by the end of 1965. The present organisation comprises H.Q., Administration Company (including specialist platoons) a Rifle Company, an Officer Training Company and a Recruit Training Company. In addition there is a composite Company established within the New England University at Armidale 350 miles from Sydney.

Annual Camp 1964/65 was held in January 1965 near Cessnock, a mining city 130 miles North of Sydney. The training was devoted to anti-insurgent tactics, principally on platoon level and culminating in a successful company exercise which tested the platoon training and exercised the command structure. To conform to the role, the

camp was set up in the State Forest at Pokolbin—a break with the traditional occupation of a hutted camp. Pokolbin provides both primary and very dense secondary forest growth, and a terrain from cultivated creek bottoms to vertical escarpments.

Over the last few years our only visitor from an affiliated Regiment was Lieut. Fergus Reid of The Queen's Own Canadian Rifles—a school teacher who taught in Sydney for a short time late in 1964. We very much enjoyed his visit to S.U.R. On the other hand quite a number of our officers visited the United Kingdom.

Lieut. Brian Dickey spent some time with 2nd Green Jackets at Colchester in 1962.

The Honorary Colonel visited Winchester early in 1964. Col. Alan Lilley—a former Commanding Officer—and Brig. (now Major-Gen.) John Broadbent dined with The Queen's Royal Rifles in 1963 and 1964.

Lieutenants Kevin Hassey and Terry Hunter and Major Tom Crawford served with Q.R.R. between 1960 and 1964.

Capt. Ian Stanwell is in London at present.

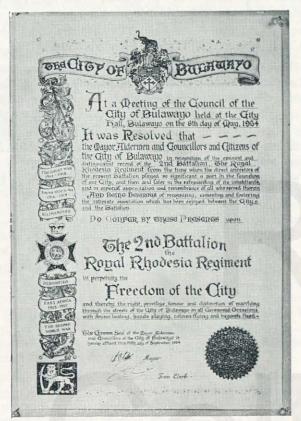
All these officers pay tribute to the strength of the affiliation as expressed in the warmth of their reception.

When Q.R.R. dined Tom Crawford out last August at Buckingham Gate he spoke for us all when he said how much we regret that circumstances preclude our seeing more members of K.R.R.C. in Sydney. May the situation improve.

Any member of our group of affiliate Regiments will be most welcome at Sydney University Regiment at any time.

### THE ROYAL RHODESIA REGIMENT

Following on the dissolution of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland in December 1963, The Royal Rhodesia Regiment found itself divided into two parts. The 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th and 10th Battalions, and the Depot, under the Southern Rhodesia Command, and the 3rd and 7th Battalions under command Northern Rhodesia. When Zambia gained its independence on 24th October 1964, the two Northern Units then became respectively the 6th and 7th Zambia Rifles. In an exchange of signals with the Northern Units we recalled with pride past associations and sent warmest good wishes for their future. In reply they sent us their warm thanks and felt confident that traditions established during their associations with The Royal Rhodesia Regiment would stand them in good stead in the future.



The Scroll presented to the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Rhodesia Regiment, on the occasion of their obtaining the Freedom of the City of Bulawayo

In the new Order of battle of the Southern Rhodesia Defence Force, the 4th (Rural) Battalion was disbanded and re-formed in the Province of Manicaland with headquarters at Umtali. A new Battalion, the 10th, was formed in the Midlands Province with headquarters at Gwelo.

In March 1964, we learned with deep regret of the death of Col. N. S. Ferris, C.B.E., E.D., so well beloved by all who knew him. A tribute to him appears elsewhere in this issue of the *Chronicle*.

#### 1st BATTALION

Lieut.-Col. N. G. Jardine, T.D., Commanding

The high standard of training continued throughout the year, culminating in a successful and instructive exercise during September. Many valuable lessons in ground/air co-operation and anti-terrorist operations were learned.

Despite the demands of the training programme, the Battalion provided for the Opening of Parliament its traditional Guard-of-Honour, which this year was commanded by Major V. J. Lewis. In addition, the Battalion paraded three companies on the occasion of Her Majesty's Birthday.

The last two weeks of October presented an excellent opportunity for the troops to practice their initiative and self-reliance when they were widely dispersed throughout Mashonaland at static posts protecting rural families in the Tribal Trust areas, while Chiefs and Headmen attended an Indaba to consider the independence issue. This operation proved a valuable exercise in communications, supply and in the training of junior leaders.

#### 2nd BATTALION

Lieut.-Col. K. G. Harvey, D.S.O., M.B.E., E.D., Commanding

This year has been a very full and active one for the Battalion, and, in one instance in particular, an historic year.

This was the granting of the Freedom of the City of Bulawayo to the Battalion on the 5th September 1964. In the course of the same ceremony a like honour was bestowed on the 1st Battalion The Rhodesian African Rifles, a unit of the regular Defence Forces, also stationed for many years at Bulawayo.

In a most impressive ceremony in the Market Square, the illuminated Freedom Scroll, prepared in accordance with traditional practice, was presented by His Worship the Mayor, Councillor A. C. Dold, together with the City's gift of Regimental silver—a pair of inscribed candelabra. In giving the reasons for the bestowal

of this honour on the Battalion, His Worship described the Regiment as "the cradle from which virtually all branches of the Southern Rhodesia Defence Forces have sprung" with the link between it and Bulawayo dating back to the first Pioneer Column, and he pointed out the particularly close association of the City with the Battalion which has been based at Bulawayo since 1926. In presenting a silver water jug to the City on behalf of the Battalion, Lieut.-Col. Harvey paid tribute to these close bonds.

After escorts from both Battalions had come forward to receive the scrolls, His Worship took the salute at a march past, while jet aircraft of the City's adopted squadron, No. 1 Squadron R.R.A.F., roared low in a fly-past. To complete the ceremony both Battalions exercised the newly conferred privilege by marching through the streets of Bulawayo with "drums beating, bands playing, colours flying and bayonets fixed".

A truly wonderful and memorable day in the life of the Battalion was brought to an end with a Ladies Dining-in-Night at which His Worship the Mayor and the Lady Mayoress were the Guests of Honour.

While this proved to be the highlight of the Battalion's year, it was called on for sterner duty, being mobilised on two occasions. Operation "Roulette" only involved a two-day call up, but Operation "Phoenix" lasted for 16 days.

The latter involved widespread deployment of the Battalion over virtually a third of the country's area. The purpose of the exercise was to assist in the protection of the homes, family and property of the Chief's and Headmen while they were assembled at the Indaba relating to the Country's negotiations for independence. A mammoth undertaking it proved to be with 3 to 4 men detachments spread far and wide, but an exceedingly interesting and worthwhile exercise.

With sections often commanded only by riflemen, the oft-vaunted ability of the Rhodesian soldier was very much in evidence and it gave officers a unique opportunity to assess the men under their command. In the result there was very little activity and boredom became the greatest enemy to be faced, an enemy which was successfully kept at bay by many ingenious stratagems on the part of detachments.

For the first time in some years a camp of 8 days continuous training of the Battalion was held in September. This took the form of an exercise named "Break Through" in the mountainous area South of Lake Kariba and had as its lesson A.T.O.P.S. (Anti-Terrorist Operations). The country was gruelling, the heat intense, and the Battalion suffered heavily from heat exhaustion casualties, which

finally prevented the completion of the planned exercise. Despite this or, more correctly, because of this, very valuable experience was gained and many lessons learnt which will stand us in good stead in the future.

Normal training with weekend exercises continued throughout the year and, in the course of one, Exercise "High Wire", the Battalion suffered its first fatality since the Nyasaland Emergency in 1959. During the course of troop movements one rifleman lost his life in a vehicle accident.

The Annual Territorial Week was celebrated with the usual functions, but with one departure from the pattern of former years. In a most successful break with tradition the Dining-in-Night was devoted to the Ladies, who entered fully into the traditional ceremonies, even to braving the port.

At the Queen's Birthday Parade, the Battalion as usual provided six guards. This was the first occasion on which the Battalion paraded in the green patrols of the 60th, which have now been adopted for ceremonial dress.

The General Officer Commanding the Southern Rhodesia Defence Forces, Major-Gen. J. Anderson, C.B.E., was the Guest of Honour at the Regimental Ball. The Church Parade next day concluded "The Week".

The Battalion sent a team to the Army Weapons meeting in Salisbury during October. This gave the Battalion the distinction of being the only Territorial Battalion represented at the meeting, but alas this was the only distinction achieved!

Our congratulations go to Major M. S. Williams, who was awarded the Efficiency Decoration, and to Rifleman J. Gibson who represented Rhodesia at the Olympic Games in Tokyo. It was unfortunate that 2/Lieut. R. A. Gibbons who was also chosen could not attend but nevertheless he represented Rhodesia with distinction at the South African Boxing Championships.

Throughout the year the Battalion was honoured by visits from many distinguished personages, who included His Excellency the Governor, Sir Humphrey Gibbs, K.C.M.G., O.B.E., the Prime Minister, the Right Hon. I. D. Smith, Air Marshal Sir Lawrence Darval, K.C.B., M.C., Lieut.-Gen. Sir Charles Harington, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. M.C., C-in-C Middle East, and Brig. C. V. Halden, M.B.E., T.D., British Defence Liaison Officer.



The Prime Minister of Rhodesia, the Rt. Hon. I. D. Smith, inspecting a detachment of the 10th Battalion, commanded by Lieut. E. Deane-Williams, at the Queen's Birthday Parade in Gwelo on the 13th of June, 1964

Amongst the numerous changes that have taken place in the Battalion must be recorded the appointment of Major W. R. L. Stuttaford to Second-in-Command on the loss of Major D. J. Rowland, E.D., who was transferred in his civilian employment. During the year too, the Battalion at a farewell parade made a presentation to W.O. I A. W. J. Butler in appreciation of his services as R.S.M. W.O. I K. R. Hampson has now taken over as R.S.M. of the Battalion.

### THE DEPOT

Lieut.-Col. S. B. Comberbach, Commanding

Since the dissolution of the Federation Depot training is now only for the young men of military age in Rhodesia. A new syllabus was devised which is tougher, more practical and entails a higher percentage of training in bush warfare, individual battle and initiative tests, plus the fact that each intake now culminates in an arduous patrol, of company strength, of between 80 to 100 miles across country. Included in the curriculum as well is a greater amount of training in supply and movement by air and water.

Sports teams have taken part in all major activities and the most exciting "near success" was in the Army Unit Championships when Depot won the Field events highest aggregate cup but missed overall first place by a mere half point in the final event.



"C" Company The Depot embarking at Lake Kariba after a cross country march of 80 miles

Competitive shooting brought most success this year, topped off by a splendid effort in the Army Inter Unit Competition matches when the team took all L.M.G. awards.

The "new look" Depot is a focal point for recruiting and contributes a steady flow to the Regular Army of potential officers and other ranks.

#### 4th BATTALION

Lieut.-Col. W. W. S. Smart, Commanding

On the 1st January 1964, the 4th (Manicaland) Battalion was formed.

Although only in being for a short period, great strides have been made, not only with the conversion of the Umtali Drill Hall, Headquarters of 4 R.R.R., but also with training and administration.

The City Council have adopted the Battalion as Umtali's own and we now have the distinction of wearing a blue and white hackle, depicting the armourial bearings of Umtali, in both bush hat and beret. The adoption ceremony took place immediately after Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday Parade in the first year of the Battalion's formation, thus making it possible for the Battalion to march through Umtali with bayonets fixed, after this most auspicious parade.

#### 5th BATTALION

Lieut.-Col. K. J. Coker, M.M., E.D., Commanding

#### 6th BATTALION

Lieut.-Col. C. R. A. Blackwell, O.B.E., E.D., Commanding

The year has been a quiet one taken up largely by the enormous amount of administrative work which seems to characterise the day-to-day operations of a reserve Battalion in the country today. No legislative authority exists to compel members of the unit to parade during the year, save in emergency or annual training camp. Happily we were free from the former, contrary to what "informed" opinion outside the country may say, and, as to the latter, a successful camp was held at the end of September.

These circumstances make it very difficult to keep "tabs" on personnel posted to the unit and only when the unit is called up can it be accurately ascertained who is available and who is not.

Week-end exercises were held during the year for volunteer officers and N.C.O.'s and were commendably well attended.

The finale of the training year was a seven day camp which was compulsory. This afforded an opportunity for the administrative staff to get up-to-date, and a welcome training refresher for everyone.

The Battalion carried out a three-day internal security exercise in the rural area to the West of Bulawayo, in close co-operation with the police and their Air Wing with a R.R.A.F. Helicopter.

#### 8th BATTALION

Lieut.-Col. S. A. Stokes, M.C., M.B., Commanding

The Battalion as such was virtually inoperative for the year ending 30th September 1964, due basically to the economy as the result of a tight Defence budget.

However, we made up for this by holding as many officer and N.C.O. training week-ends as possible. They took the form of lectures and instruction followed by rural exercises covering a full week-end of day and night operations. These were entirely on a voluntary basis and the turn-out was in every case very good.

In addition, a week-end exercise, involving the entire Battalion, was carried out in June. Considering that this was possibly the coldest week-end of the year, it was extremely gratifying to see the large number of personnel who volunteered, and did in fact turn out.

The use of helicopters for the rapid moving of troops added considerable interest to the proceedings.

#### 9th BATTALION

Lieut.-Col. G. K. M. Potts, Commanding

#### 10th BATTALION

Lieut.-Col. C. M. Hayes, Commanding

# THE ZAMBIA RIFLES

At midnight on 23rd October 1964 the 3rd and 7th (Northern Rhodesia) Battalions, The Royal Rhodesia Regiment, became the 6th and 7th Battalions, The Zambia Rifles. Col. F. B. Canning-Cooke, O.B.E., T.D., has been appointed Honorary Colonel of the Regiment. Commanding Officer of the 6th Battalion is Lieut.-Col. J. M. Arnott; Acting Commanding Officer of the 7th Battalion is Major R. N. Boyd.

In January 1964, when the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland was dissolved, we became the Territorial element of the Northern Rhodesia Defence Force. Now, we provide the same element in the Army of the Republic of Zambia.

We retain our identity and dress as Rifles, though with a rather startling change of lanyards—from black to scarlet.

At the beginning of the year recruiting was opened to all races, and we now have a majority of African "other ranks", who, under our new voluntary system of training, are showing great keenness.

Each Battalion sent two Guards to the Independence Parade at Lusaka. Much to his delight, the Honorary Colonel was told by two visiting General Officers that they had been unable to distinguish between the Territorials and Regulars on parade.

(Editor.—The Zambia Rifles are not at present Allied to the Regiment. No new Regiments are being accepted until after the formation of the "Large Regiment".

### THE FIJI INFANTRY REGIMENT

There have been three very important events in the history of the Regiment this year. The first being the presentation of Colours to the 2nd Battalion F.I.R. by His Excellency the Governor of Fiji and our Commander-in-Chief Sir Derek Jakeway, K.C.M.G., O.B.E., in September. The second being the highly successful tour of our band to Auckland, New Zealand, and the third the band tour of Western Samoa and the Kingdom of Tonga.

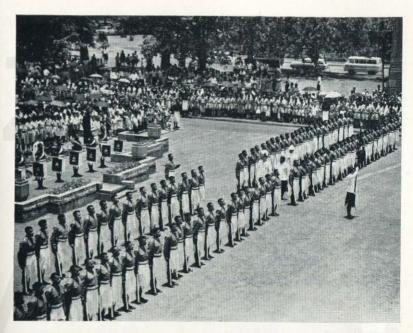


Presentation of the Colours to 2nd Bn. F.I.R. The Senior Chaplain blessing the Colours.

#### 'A' COMPANY 1st BATTALION F.I.R.

Throughout the year the company has been employed on guard duties at defence installations and Government House in Suva. Infantry training was carried out in sections and platoons culminating in adventure training and live target shooting of wild deer and wild pigs on the island of Wakaya, which is approximately 8 hours by road and sea from our Headquarters. By arrangements with the Agriculture Department, the company assisted this department in the eradication of destructive wild cattle on the main island of Viti Levu.

The Company plus selected N.C.O.'s and men from the 2nd Battalion 2 F.I.R. formed a Guard of Honour on the occasion of the swearing in of the new Governor of Fiji, Sir Derek Jakeway, K.C.M.G., O.B.E., in front of the Government Buildings, Suva, on 18th January this year.



His Excellency the Governor of Fiji, Sir Derek Jakeway, K.C.M.G., C.B.E., inspecting the Guard of Honour accompanied by the Guard Commander, Captain A. L. Masai, M.C.

Capt. R. J. B. Ackland attended the Australian Staff College at Queenscliff in 1963/64 and was successful in passing the course. He is the first F.M.F. officer to attend an overseas Staff College.

In March and April the Band took part at the New Zealand Easter Show in Auckland. The Band left Fiji on 9th March and returned on 3rd April. Before the Show the Band marched through the main street of Auckland and were given a mayoral reception by the Mayor and Councillors and Citizens of Auckland. Gifts were exchanged.

On 27th July the Band once again left Fiji this time for a goodwill tour of Western Samoa and the Kingdom of Tonga. This tour of the Pacific is the first of its kind and judging from reports the tour was a great success.

# 2nd BATTALION F.I.R. (T.F.)

The Battalion has had a most successful year, highlighted by the presentation of Colours on 5th September by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Derek F. Jakeway, K.C.M.G., O.B.E.

Training, including a small recruit intake, was carried out as planned with emphasis on individual skills, company and platoon exercises, internal security duties, and ceremonial drill. The Battalion had a fair share of the latter, having provided about half the Guard of Honour for the arrival of the Governor, two detachments and the Saluting Battery for the Queen's Birthday parade, and finally the Presentation of Colours at the end of Annual Camp.

The parade for the Presentation of Colours was a most colourful ceremony. The Commander Fiji Military Forces, Col. W. R. K. Morrison, D.S.O., O.B.E. and the Honorary Colonel of the 2nd Battalion F.I.R., Col. Ratu E. T. T. Cakobau, O.B.E., M.C., E.D. attended the parade. Following the inspection, the Colours were consecrated by the Senior Chaplain to the Fiji Military Forces, the Reverend Setareki Tuilovoni, M.B.E., and presented by His Excellency. The parade then marched past in slow and quick time, watched by a crowd of several thousands. After the parade which was commanded by the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. G. S. Mate, M.C., M.M., the Battalion marched through Suva with the Acting Mayor taking the Salute.

### General

The principal interest in 1965 will be on the projected visit by the Band of the Fiji Military Forces to the Royal Tournament in London and to the Military Tattoo in Edinburgh. A party of 60 including spear dancers and the Band will make the Tour. We look forward to meeting members of the K.R.R.C. when we are in the United Kingdom. We are hoping for an Indian Summer that year!

# THE INDIAN MUTINY, 1857

#### BUGLER H. KINGSLEY

Amongst the medals presented to the Museum during the past year were the Indian Mutiny and L.S.G.C. Medals of Bugler H. Kingsley. These were presented by Mrs. Lucy Kingsley, the widow of Bugler Kingsley's grandson. She also sent a cutting from *Lloyds News* of 1911 which reports an interview with Mr. Kingsley then aged 74.

His father was a Sergeant in the 60th and he himself enlisted as a boy in 1851 and served in the Regiment for 25 years. When the reporter spoke to him in 1911 he was in receipt of the magnificent pension of 1s. 1d. a day.

He served all through the siege and capture of Delhi and in the Rohilkund and Oudh campaigns of 1858 and 1859.

As regards the start of the Mutiny at Meerut on Sunday, 10th May, 1857, he is quoted as under:

"The first sign that something was wrong came from the native lines on Sunday evening, when the 60th Rifles and other European regiments were forming up for Church parade.

"It was the custom at that time for the men to go to church wearing sidearms only, and without their rifles. We had heard some firing and noise from the native lines, but the first sign we had that anything serious was wrong was when Captain Williams, of the 60th, galloped up and shouted out to me—I was bugler of the guard at the time—'Bugler, sound the assembly!'

"That was an historic bugle-call, the first alarm sounded by bugle in the Mutiny."

Also in *Lloyds News* was an account of an interview with Mrs. Mildenhall whose father was a Rifleman in the 1st Battalion, Moses Joyce; she was born in Kurachi in 1847 and so was only 10 years old when the Mutiny broke out. She stated that her father during his service in India was in 21 engagements which shows that the 1st Battalion was kept pretty busy during the Mutiny.

According to her account a lot of the children of the Regiment went down by themselves to the native bazaar on the very evening on which the outbreak took place and she realised something unusual was going on but had no idea what it was. She luckily got back to her very anxious mother in time but this goes to show how utterly unprepared and surprised all the British were by the outbreak.

# THE ZULU CAMPAIGN OF 1879

The following account was written by Col. J. de L. Thompson, Honorary Colonel of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Rhodesia Regiment, who served with the 60th in the Desert Campaigns of 1939–43.

The battlefields of Natal in the Republic of South Africa are being restored and converted into historic reserves. In July 1964, a special tour of the battlefields was organised by the Natal Provincial Administration and they invited Representatives from as many of the Regiments as possible which took part in the Campaign. Among the British Regiments that took part in the Campaign was the 3rd Battalion, The King's Royal Rifle Corps.

I was honoured by being asked to represent the Regiment for this historic occasion and my wife and I motored down from Bulawayo to Pietermaritzburg in Natal. The tour lasted two days—it was most interesting and I was very impressed by the detailed knowledge of the various battles and skirmishes possessed by our guides from the Natal Provincial Administration. These men all seemed dedicated to re-vivifying the thrilling history of Natal into something more tangible than can be got from history books. The last battlefield visited was that of Isandhlwana where in a very moving ceremony a diorama—relief model—of the Battle was opened in a Pavilion of Remembrance erected on a koppie directly overlooking the sphinx-like hill which was the scene 85 years ago of the British Army's crushing defeat at the hands of Cetewayo's impis.

The Pavilion of Remembrance is an impressive triangular building of fine-grained wood and dressed stone construction. Its concept is simple but inspired. Raise one's eyes from the moulded diorama and all of the battle's key positions are immediately before one, dominated by grim Isandhlwana Mountain. The fibreglass diorama shows the site of the ill-fated British camp, the dispositions of the troops and guns, and the awesome curve of the Zulu "chest" and "horns" advancing to crush the ill-prepared redcoats. Even in dioramic relief it is impossible to look upon the massed Zulu horde without a shudder.

4,000 men died at Isandhlwana within the space of one hour on 22nd January 1879. The British forces lost 858 men and their native levies 471. On the Zulu side at least 3,000 were killed. Not more than 40 Whites escaped to Rorke's Drift and Helpmakaar. 5 Victoria Crosses (all posthumous) were earned during the battle

which was the most disastrous in the long history of British arms up to that time. The battle led directly to the heroic defence of Rorke's Drift. Only the sheer bravery of the pitifully small garrison prevented the Zulus from invading and over-running Natal. 11 Victoria Crosses were won overnight by the heavily-outnumbered defenders. It was a glorious victory.

The Battle of Rorke's Drift forms the theme of the currently highly-successful Stanley Baker motion picture "Zulu". After 18 hours of relentless onslaught the fierce Zulus roar acknowledgment of their enemy's die-hard courage and withdraw from the field, their rawhide shields raised in frank tribute to valour, tenacity and honour among men.

The details of these two battles make fascinating reading.

#### LADYSMITH MEMORIALS

During the tour an opportunity was taken to visit a church in the little Natal town of Ladysmith. Around the walls of the church are numerous memorial tablets bearing the names of those who were killed or died in the Siege of Ladysmith during the Anglo-Boer War. These tablets also include the names of those killed in the actions leading up to the Siege and the actions which took place during the relief operations. There are altogether 237 names shown. I am enclosing photostat copies of the tablets of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions, The K.R.R.C. I regret that my pen is not able enough to describe how beautifully executed and how well preserved these tablets are. They are made of white marble, the lettering is in black and there is even appropriate colouring in the badges, the detail of which is quite perfect. I also visited the Cemetery near-by where there are headstones and memorials erected to correspond with the tablets in the church. Like the tablets in the church. the graves in the Cemetery are in a wonderful state of preservation and all of the visitors representing the various regiments paid unstinted praise to the Natal Provincial Administration Officials and the very many other South Africans responsible for the care of these memorials.

One of the thoughts that struck all of us representatives of the British Regiments was the fact that whereas in various countries of the Commonwealth, memorials to Queen Victoria, famous soldiers and others have been removed with unseemly haste, in South Africa which resigned in time to save itself from being evicted from the Commonwealth, its people, both English and Africaans speaking, are preserving the graves of British soldiers in such a

wonderful way. We all of us expressed the wish that people in Britain could, by some means, be made aware of this.

The tour ended with a visit to the Umfulosi and Hluhluwe Game Reserves where we enjoyed both the hospitality of the Natal Provincial Administration and some wonderful game viewing.

(Editor.—The Photostat Copies of the Tablets have been placed in the Regimental Archives at R.H.Q.)

# THE RIFLE BRIGADE LETTER

Conditions in Cyprus during the past year of the Battalion's tour of duty were much as usual. In May, 1964 the Battalion returned from peace-keeping operations on the Island and settled down to the normal run of training, sport and administration.

In June and July they were detailed for the particularly frustrating and irritating job of guarding the "pipe line" which carried the water supply to the Sovereign base area. Leaving out the question of whether it is possible ever to guard a pipe line efficiently (and experience shows that it is **not**), the job was particularly hot, dusty and generally enervating, but the riflemen stuck it out as usual with unfailing cheerfulness in a way which did them great credit.

By August the pipe line was said to be safe and the Battalion was able to start some more rewarding training once more. They took the opportunity of celebrating the Regimental Birthday on 25th August. The Sergeants Mess ball given at about this time was organised by Sergeant-Majors Webb and Sainsbury. Those who attended it pronounced it the last word in local entertainments, and we can well believe it.

By the beginning of September everyone's thoughts had turned to packing up and the time was spent profitably in praying that the local Cypriot would not start another convulsion, and taking avoiding action over the urgent question of barrack damages.

The move took place between 2nd and 10th October and was carried out in the finest tradition of military moves, all but two of the aircraft leaving Cyprus at a different time and place to that planned.

The Battalion were fairly settled in at Felixstowe by the 28th November and had taken stock of their surroundings.

First impressions were not too bad: barracks and married quarters appeared to be adequate, and sporting facilities promising. As one writer remarks, "On the whole it seems a nice sort of place". But it was not to last long. Early in the New Year the Battalion was ordered to Hong Kong, and at the time of writing, have taken off for that distant and sunny spot. No news of them is as yet available, and one is left to wonder idly why it is that if the Ministry of Defence wish to send a unit from Cyprus to Hong Kong they must send them via—of all places—Felixstowe. It is a question that may never be answered.

# THE NATIONAL SERVICE PRESENTATION

On 18th January 1965, a small dinner took place at the Queen's Royal Rifles Mess in Buckingham Gate, at which Lieut.-Col. Giles Mills received, on behalf of the 60th officers, a gift from those officers who did National Service in the Regiment. The donors felt that, as most of them had served in one or another of the Battalions, they would like their gift to be kept in the Battalion, although the present was intended for the Regiment.

The idea of a present arose when National Service ended in 1961 after 13 years. Many a subaltern feels to this day considerable gratitude to his regular counterpart for the extreme kindness and tolerance with which he was received and with which he still is for that matter!



The small committee formed to raise the finance found themselves forced to use some fairly military methods, particularly as the 155 undisciplined civilians concerned all had very fixed ideas as to the form the gift should take. It need hardly be said that any future Rifleman-like handling that it might receive was kept in mind

when choosing the present. Eventually a modern silver mantle clock was decided upon which was believed to be unusual and a new departure in presentation silver.

The selection of the present and of its designer was only possible because of the close association which exists between the Queen's Royal Rifles and the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths. The committee were most grateful for the help, advice and encouragement which was always willingly offered. Robert Welch, a prominent young industrial designer and gold and silversmith accepted the commission, describing it as an exciting task. Both the Victoria and Albert Museum and the Museum of Modern Art in New York have examples of his work in silver. As a visiting Tutor for the Royal College of Art and having designed clocks and stainless steel ware for various leading firms both in England and abroad, it was apparent that his reputation was already well founded and likely to increase to even greater eminence over the years. The range of his designs includes such diverse projects as new sanitary ware for British Railways, the Duke of Edinburgh's inter-University Tiddlywink Trophy and an electric alarm clock which won him another of his many Design Centre awards.

The choice of a clock, executed by a distinguished modern designer, was intended to symbolise the civilian influence that National Service Officers hope to exert in their close relationship with the Regiment. The passage of time will not dim the pleasant memories of people who were fortunate enough to be commissioned into the 60th.

### THE REGIMENTAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner of the Celer et Audax Club was held at Grosvenor House on 17th June. Gen. Sir George Erskine, Colonel Commandant, was in the Chair and 169 members attended.

The Chairman read the text of the telegram sent to Her Majesty, our Colonel-in-Chief, and her gracious reply. He was, he said, delighted to see so many of our Allied Regiments represented here to-night.

Brig. Pleasants, Colonel, Fiji Regiment; Col. Canning Cooke, Honorary Colonel, 3rd Battalion Royal Rhodesia Regiment; Lieut.-Col. Johnson and Lieut. Gowdy, Queen's Own Rifles of Canada; Lieut. Hunter, Sydney University Regiment; Capt. Burlison and our old friends 2nd Goorkhas and a special mention for Col. Tod Sweeney, 1st Green Jackets 43rd and 52nd.

It was always a great pleasure to see Bill Channing representing the American Honorary Life Members.

The Chairman said that he was so glad to see so many present from the Battalion at Colchester, still with Norwegian snow on their shoes! The Battalion have had a very busy 12 months. Their many successes are recorded on the cards on your table. It is a great story and you are justified in feeling very proud of them.

Giles Mills is, of course, here and we are delighted that he has been awarded the O.B.E. Good luck to them in their future foreign tour. I am so glad to see that we have a strong representation from the Queen's Royal Rifles, the Queen Victoria Rifles and the Queen's Westminsters; also delighted that their Honorary Colonel, Richard Wood, and their Commanding Officer, Keith Loudon Shand, are both here.

The Queen's Royal Rifles are in excellent form, recruiting well and doing well in every way. I think I can say that the liaison between the Regular Regiment and the Territorial Army has never been closer.

I am glad to say that recruiting for the Regiment is still most satisfactory—the Green Jacket Depot continues to do well and again recorded most satisfactory results at the Aldershot District Rifle Meeting.

The Chairman then gave the toast of "The Regiment".

Apart from a few items in the Museum the Regiment possesses nothing to mark our formative Royal American period. This was inevitable since by Act of Parliament our first sixty years were devoted to active service in North America—Canada and the Caribbean after the War of Independence. Constant moves and extremes of climate forbade any building up of property until after the Peninsular War. A Royal American picture seemed necessary to fill this gap.

By Regimental tradition Bouquet, the first Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, would best typify our fresh approach to Infantry problems. To confirm this belief a brief examination of Bouquet seemed necessary. Page 160 of Volume I of the Annals with its admirable training directive, as useful for British Guiana or Malaysia today as for North America then, led to the study of Volume II of the Bouquet Papers; the Papers, left by Bouquet to his Swiss friend, Haldimand, first Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion and afterwards Governor of Canada, are now in the British Museum. Volune II deals with the expedition to take Fort Duquesne in 1758 and is the only one to be published so far.

All the efficiency, humanity and flexibility to which the Regiment has dedicated itself for 200 years come out in this correspondence between Bouquet, George Washington, General Forbes and the Colonial contingents during the successful expedition to capture Fort Duquesne.

Bouquet was clearly the man, and the next step was to find an original portrait of him, if it existed. The attractive picture on Governor's Island, New York, turned out to be of uncertain origin and the Army Museum assessed the uniform as of later date.

Perusal of an article on Bouquet in *American Heritage*, which reproduced a portrait of Bouquet obviously connected with the one facing Page 168 of Volume I of the Annals, led to an introduction to Mr. Donald Kent. He is Director of the Bureau of Research of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, at Harrisburg, U.S.A., and edited the Bouquet Papers when published.

He is recognised as the foremost authority on Bouquet in a country, whose appreciation of the services of that Officer is more well-founded and generous than in Great Britain. He was the greatest possible help. He told me that Bouquet was engaged to Ann Willing, daughter of a friend who was a prominent Philadelphia citizen.

The engagement was broken for reasons unknown and she married a Philadelphian. Her portrait is held by her descendant, Mrs. Robbins, of Ambler, Pennsylvania, who also owns a companion portrait, obviously by the same artist at the same date and which family tradition states positively is of Bouquet. All genuine portraits of Bouquet are derived from this picture, including the one attributed to Benjamin West in the Annals. That Bouquet was still a friend of the Willings is shown by the leaving of land grants to the Willings in his will, which is in the British Museum.

John Wollaston, to whom the original is attributed, was an English artist. He was painting in most of the cities of the American colonies at exactly the period when Bouquet was there. The slightly oriental cast to the eyes and the treatment of the nose are typical of his style and the attribution was approved by Mr. Kerslake of the National Portrait Gallery, when shown coloured photographs of the portrait. The latter pointed out that the red coat is civilian dress with embroidered button holes, and not a uniform jacket.

Mr. Kent sent over a copy of the print used as frontispiece to Volume II of the Bouquet Papers and a large coloured transparency of the original portrait. The National Portrait Gallery put me in touch with Mr. Bradshaw, Secretary of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters. He advised me to commission a Member of the Society, Herbert Holt, who specialises in this work; the bright colour of the coat is Holt's best estimate of that of the original before dirt, fading and other chemical action set in.

Thus exactly 200 years after Bouquet's victory over the Indians at Bushy Run in 1763—"one of the best contested actions ever fought between White men and Indians" according to the American historian Parkman—his portrait (opposite) was hung in the Officers' Mess of the Battalion he founded. The writer of this article, closely connected with America by birth and marriage, hopes that the picture will remind future Riflemen of their Regiment's origin; it may lead them to read more about a man whose fresh approach to ageless problems set the pattern for the alert and inquiring mind which we believe is the hall-mark of the good Rifleman.

G. H. M.

# THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

Undoubtedly the most important event as far as the Museum is concerned during 1964 was the move back from Bushfield to its new home in Peninsula Barracks, Winchester.

As readers will know, up to this time the Regimental Museum has been shared with the Rifle Brigade. Now that we are in what we hope and believe is a permanent home, which is the large room over the new Brigade and Depot Offices (late the Dining Hall), the 43rd and 52nd have moved some of their Museum from Cowley to join us. Thus in one large room we now have all three Museums of the Green Jackets Brigade, divided up of course by Regiments.

The Army has really done us proud as regards lighting, show cases etc. and the final result appears to surprise visitors by its magnificence. At least they all seem most impressed and often say it is the best kept and best laid out Museum they have seen and I think they mean this and are not just being polite!

A lot of the credit for this goes to the two Attendants, Mr. Robinson who took over from Mr. Vic Cook just over a year ago and has worked like a beaver ever since and, for the Rifle Brigade, Mr. Edie.

We managed to get the Museum ready for the "Open Day" of the Barracks (21st May) when something like 2,000 or more people



came along to see the new barracks about 1,000 of whom came round the Museum. In fact since this date up to the end of October (just over 5 months) we have had about 5,000 visitors to the Museum.

In addition to the days on which the "Old Comrades" of the three Regiments came down, during the summer we had a great many American visitors who include Winchester in their (usually somewhat hurried) tour of England. They are invariably very surprised and interested to find that the Regiment was originally the Royal American Regiment and was formed in America.

Every recruit squad is shown round during their training at the Depot and it is very noticeable how much more intelligent interest is shown in the exhibits by the present Regulars than was by the National Servicemen.

We have not had very many new acquisitions during the year and the vast majority have been gifts of Medals.

There were however two very interesting items:

The first was a collection of articles which belonged to Gen. "Squeaker" Curtis and were bequeathed by him to the Museum and presented by Jean. The collection consists of:—

- (a) The King's Emperor's Cup which is a fine Silver Cup and was won by Squeaker as a subaltern on his pony Sir John at the Delhi Durbar in 1911. This Cup was for the Ponies Point-to-Point and was presented to him by Queen Mary.
- (b) His Medals which are a very fine collection including not only his C.B., D.S.O., and M.C. but also the Distinguished Service Medal of America.
- (c) A letter signed by President Roosevelt from The White House, Washington, in connection with the last named Medal.
- (d) The original sketch from which the diamond brooch of the Regimental Badge was made and presented to the Queen.

The second very interesting acquisition is:

(a) An old Powder Horn with Silver Mountings which was offered to the P.M.C. of the Battalion in a shop at Colchester where he had taken some Mess Silver to be mended. On the Silver Mounting is inscribed "Captured by Lieut.-Col. C. N. North, 60th at the Siege of Lucknow, 1857". This was purchased.

Amongst Medals presented were the following fine collections: Major-Gen. Gerald Dalby, Brig. Seymour Mellor (on loan from his son) and C.S.M. A. Sheriff. The 9 Medals of the last named includes the D.C.M. and the St. George of Russia Silver Cross for Bravery.

We also received the Indian Mutiny and L.S.G.C. Medals of Bugler H. Kingsley who sounded the first "Alarm" for the Indian Mutiny in 1857. This was at Meerut where our 1st Battalion was stationed and where the Mutiny started.

In addition to these exhibits we also got a most splendid gift, from a donor who insists on remaining anonymous, of £100. The Museum Committee has decided to use this most generous present—which had no strings attached to it at all—to buy exhibits and not for maintenance.

It is hoped that during the coming year many more members of the Regiment, whether serving or past, will come and see what we like to think is one of the finest Museums in the Country. The times of opening are: Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 12 noon. It is shut on Sunday but if previous notification is given we can arrange to have it open at most times when it is normally shut.

### GREEN JACKET CRICKET

Before going into details of Green Jacket Cricket this year the most outstanding feature of the Season must be mentioned and that was the beautiful weather. Apart from the match v. R.M.A. Sandhurst at St. Cross which was ruined by rain almost before it began, and the one v. Band of Brothers in which it came on to rain after tea, none of the other games were held up at all. Nearly every game was played in sunshine and for the home ones St. Cross was looking at its best. I think therefore that the players must have enjoyed their cricket very much—certainly the spectators did—although the results which are shown below, were not very good on paper:

PLAYED 17 WON 3 DRAWN 9 LOST 5

It seems that the large number of drawn matches was partly due to the wonderful wickets provided at St. Cross by Mr. Passingham and Mr. Collins; but I'm afraid that in addition some of our Captains might have been slightly bolder in their declarations and our batsmen might have tried to force the pace a bit more when we were in a good attacking position.

Funnily enough although the lovely weather should have made batting easier, the batting averages (shown at the end of this account) were not quite as good as in the wet Season of 1963 whilst the bowling

were much better.

As far as the latter is concerned it is slightly disturbing that easily the best averages were those of two distinguished members whose combined ages must be getting on to the 80 mark. Anyway we heartily congratulate them and also our newest player Christopher Wallace who in his first year of playing for the Club took the most wickets at a very reasonable cost.

Peter Delisle must also be congratulated on his wonderful batting average of over 80 and on making three centuries (two not out)

in his last 4 innings.

We played much the same opponents as in 1963, starting as usual with Eton which again ended in a draw. We were set to make 247 in 126 minutes, a pretty swift rate, but after Gerald Carter had scored a remarkably fast 45, we reached the 150 mark in 96 minutes for the loss of 3 wickets. At this point with Robin Peppiatt and Peter Delisle both going strong we looked like winning. Unfortunately the former was shortly out for a very fast 73 in 71 minutes and Peter Delisle followed fairly shortly for 60. We then could only reach 238 for 5 wickets by the time stumps were drawn.

Rather to our surprise, as they have beaten us several times lately, we defeated the Hampshire Hogs fairly comfortably by 4 wickets. All our bowlers bowled steadily and we got them out for 162. In our reply Charles Williams was top scorer with 51 not out.

We managed to keep our next opponents (Old Wykehamists) score down to 200 for 9, Christopher Wallace bowling very well to take 5 for 51. But even this somewhat modest total was too much for us as Jefferson, from his great height of about 6 ft. 7 ins., bowled too quickly and accurately for us and we were all out for 152.

Our match v. the Gunners was played at Woolwich this Season and was a triumph for our bowlers (and particularly for Peter Welsh who took 7 wickets for 36) as we got them all out for 136.

Unfortunately it was a disaster for our batsmen as we were all out for 121 and so lost a match we ought to have won as we had a good batting side. The only one to do himself justice was Mike Dunning with 41.

We looked as if we were going to beat our next opponents, Harrow Wanderers, as after we had declared for 210 for 9 (Peter Shaw 67), we had 7 of them out for 70 but by then our bowlers had run out of steam and the Wanderers easily saved the match. It was nice to see John Bendit bowling almost up to his old form again taking the first 3 wickets for only 11 runs.

It is better not to say too much about the next two matches. Anyway there is virtually nothing to say about the first  $\nu$ . R.M.A.S. because of the rain, and in the next  $\nu$ . I.Z. we disgraced ourselves by getting out (with a reasonable batting side too and on a good wicket) for 94. We thus lost the match with ease.

Our next match at St. Cross was a new Fixture against the Arabs who turned out a very useful side. We also had one of our better sides out and a most amusing game resulted.

We actually got their strong batting side out for 191, Bendit, Stevens and McCausland all bowling steadily.

We had less time in which to make these runs but fell rather behind the clock as we started badly losing 7 wickets for 113. Luckily Jim Swanton, who was captaining our opponents then put his slow bowlers on (including himself) in a sporting attempt to try to entice us to hit out and make the runs. In this he was extremely successful (from our point of view) as Wells, Stevens and Welsh our numbers 8, 9 and 10 all made around 30 with incredible speed and finally the match was won by 2 wickets in the last over. This really was a good victory and exciting match.

We also managed to notch another of our few wins in the next match which was against the Staff College whom this year we were delighted to entertain at St. Cross and to repay some of the hospitality we have received at Camberley over the past years. I believe they considered they had a good side and had done very well during the season but we got them out for 188, Nick Dawson and Ian McCausland both getting 4 wickets, and then made the runs fairly easily for the loss of only 4 wickets. Peter Delisle made 75 and Ian had a good match as in addition to his 4 wickets, he made 54 not out.

This brings us to the week which started on Saturday, 11th July, with the Old Regimental Cup Tie, 60th  $\nu$ . R.B. As our Battalion was at home and the R.B. one wasn't we had the better side and won the match very easily as may be seen from the scores at the end of this article.

As we can't play at St. Cross on Sunday the 43rd and 52nd and R.B. played a drawn match the next day at Worcester College, Oxford and this innovation seems to have been successful. The Regiment is therefore playing the 43rd and 52nd at Oxford on the corresponding Sunday in 1965.

Another innovation this year was having no cricket on the Monday and Tuesday owing to the difficulty of raising sides. It was sad to have to give up our last two day match, that against the Free Foresters, but we played a one day game against them on the Friday and it was certainly very much easier to raise decent sides under the new conditions.

Our Regimental side on the Wednesday v. 43rd and 52nd consisted practically entirely of officers from the Battalion. This was very satisfactory especially as we won the match, but as 9 of the side will be in Malaya next year it behoves all good men and true to come to the help of the party in 1965.

The next two matches against Winchester College on the Thursday and Free Foresters on the Friday show the delightful uncertainty of the game of cricket. We turned out two quite useful sides of what ought to have been roughly equal strength: in fact 6 people played in both matches.

Against the College, who were definitely *not* a good side this season, we were beaten and disgraced whilst against a pretty strong Forester side we performed very much better and in fact when we had 8 of them out for 177 looked like winning the match but our (not so young) bowlers couldn't quite go through with it, although Stuart Symington bowled extremely well and steadily to take 5 for 40.

Again two very good sides turned out on the final Saturday for the Past  $\nu$ . Present game which was most exciting. The former usually seem to win this match but this year, after declaring, they allowed the Present to get up and snatch a Photo-finish victory with 1 ball

to go. The final run was only accomplished by Peter Welsh producing some pretty smart "fire and movement" drill—the final movement being what might be termed a slithering prone position: anyway as far as could be ascertained he was adjudged to have got home in time and in the score book the Present are shown to have won by 4 wickets.

As far as the Social side was concerned I think the week may be said to have been a really successful one chiefly of course on account of the wonderful weather. The usual large crowd of guests came to tea on the Thursday and Green Jacket Members and friends came along in fine force on the Saturday.

The Massed Bands of the Battalion and Depot were even better than usual in their beating retreat display after the Cricket on the Thursday and Saturday while the dance in the new Mess was adjudged to have been a huge success owing a great deal to the hard work put in by the P.M.C., Mr. Pierce and their Staff.

The matches after the week must be dealt with very shortly; on the whole they were not too successful as we failed to win any of them, drawing 5 and losing 1.

We looked as if we would win the match v. Household Brigade as we made 185 for 6 (Peter Delisle 112 not out) and had 8 of them out for 125 but we failed to dislodge the last two men. Symington with 4 for 58 and Guthrie 3 for 34 both bowled well.

The match in Kent v. the Band of Brothers was stopped early by rain after our opponents had made 269 for 8 (Bendit 4 for 60) and we got 108 for 4 wickets.

The match v. Eton Ramblers was remarkable for a stand of 154 between Delisle and Charles Williams who made 105 and 73 both not out for the 3rd wicket. Unfortunately a sense of urgency was rather absent in this stand and perhaps the declaration was somewhat delayed. At any rate our opponents never looked like getting the runs and finished with 165 for 6 after rather a dull match.

The Royal Hampshire Regiment once again nearly defeated us but we were saved by our number 9 and 10 (Roly Guy and Mike Thompson) making 34 not out and 30 out of a total of 150 for 9. *Not* a successful game.

Another dull draw ensued against the Gemini. I'm told we did not really give our opponents enough time to make the runs after our declaration of 220 for 7 wickets (Delisle 103).

Finally our usual defeat by Henley finished the season. This was rather a disgrace as we could only get 2 of them out for 239 and then were skittled ourselves for 137—our top scorer being also our oldest player Charlie Mott-Radclyffe with a very good 35.

Thus ended a very pleasant, but slightly disappointing season. Our heartiest thanks are due not only to the two groundsmen, Mr. Passingham and Mr. Collins, but also to Mr. and Mrs. Bryant who umpired and scored so well in most of our matches.

# GREEN JACKET WEEK, 1964

### 60TH RIFLES v. RIFLE BRIGADE

# 1st Innings (RIFLE BRIGADE)

J. R. R. Holmes, b. Wallace		200			0
G. W. R. Carter, ct. McCausland, b.	Symi	ngton			12
G. P. S. Delisle, b. McCausland					10
J. R. Cornell, b. Wallace					25
J. M. S. Thompson, ct. McCausland,	b. Sy	mingto	n		5
A. L. Robinson, l.b.w. Symington		. ,			0
C. Mott-Radelyffe, not out					20
H. D. G. Butler, b. Wallace			1		0
R. Parker-Jervis, b. Welsh					3
C. C. Dunphie, ct. Tillard, b. Welsh					2
J. D. Bendit, b. Wallace					2
Extras					2
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Total	• •		• •		81
1st Innings (60)	TH RIF	LES)			
					24
J. R. Tillard, not out					34
E. N. W. Bramall, l.b.w. Bendit		* *			3
M. L. Dunning, not out			14.15		44
Extras					4
T - 1 (6 - 1 - 1 )					85
Total (for 1 wkt.)			• // • //	•:•	03

G. B. C. Hopton, S. J. Symington, M. C. Swann, T. P. Shaw, P. M. Welsh, I. H. McCausland (Capt.), A. S. G. Drew (W.K.), C. B. Q. Wallace did not bat.

### 43RD AND 52ND v. RIFLE BRIGADE at Oxford

# 1st Innings (43RD AND 52ND)

D. R. Peppiatt, ct. Hughes-Onslow, b. I	Dawson	 	83
J. N. B. Mogg, ct. Fiennes, b. Dunphie			73
A. L. Ambrose, ct. Wemyss, b. Dunphie	e	 	37
J. P. Raison, not out		 	7
O. R. W. Wynne, not out		 	1
Extras	0.00	 	6
Total (for 3 wkts. dec	lared)	 	207

M. N. Harbottle, H. W. A. Ruck-Keene, R. A. Martin, P. G. Thompson, H. J. Mogg, J. Sheppard did not bat.

# 1st Innings (RIFLE BRIGADE)

 		11
		40
		49
 		12
		19
 		18
 	- 1	13
 		1
 		163

C. C. Dunphie, T. N. S. Blake, J. D. Bendit, G. C. Wemyss did not bat.

### 60TH RIFLES v. 43RD AND 52ND

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1st Innings (43RD AND 52ND)

# Total .. .. .. .. 14

# Ist Innings (60TH RIFLES)

Extras .. ..

E. N. W. Bramall, b. Peppiatt			 	 60
D. C. Gascoigne, b. Shepherd			 	 11
M. L. Dunning, b. Shepherd			 	0
C. A. Humphreys, ct. Ambrose	, b. Pe	ppiatt	 * * 1	 54
G. B. C. Hopton, b. Peppiatt			 	 0
C. W. Brinkley, run out			 	 2
I. H. McCausland, not out			 	 8
M. E. I. A. Wells, not out			 	 10
Extras			 	 2
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Total (for 6	wkts.	)	 * *	 147

P. M. Welsh, A. S. G. Drew, C. B. Q. Wallace did not bat.

# THE GREEN JACKETS v. WINCHESTER COLLEGE

# 1st Innings (WINCHESTER COLLEGE)

D. A. Oldridge, ct. Wynne, b. Welsh				26
A. R. D. McArthur, b. McCausland				13
N. C. D. Craig, st. Drew, b. Peppiatt				109
R. L. Burchnall, ct. McCausland, b. Raison		7.		2
P. J. Priestly, b. Peppiatt				29
H. W. Magan, b. Dawson				8
J. P. Dancy, ct. Mogg, b. Peppiatt			11.1	1
D. J. E. Nesbitt, ct. Drew, b. Peppiatt				0
N. D. Sinker, not out				8
M. H. Jay, not out				5
Extras				1
Total (for 8 wkts. declared	d)			202

T. M. Verity did not bat.

# 1st Innings (GREEN JACKETS)

O. R. W. Wynne, ct. Oldridge, b. Verity		 	8
J. N. S. Mogg, b. Verity		 	33
M. L. Dunning, ct. Sinker, b. Verity		 	16
I. H. McCausland, b. Verity		 	19
A. J. N. Dawson, ct. Priestly, b. Sinker		 	12
D. R. Peppiatt, l.b.w. Sinker		 	3
J. P. Raison, ct. Oldridge, b. Verity			6
P. M. Welsh, b. Sinker			8
A. S. G. Drew, l.b.w. Sinker		 	0
C. A. Cutforth, not out			1
C. C. Dunphie, l.b.w. Sinker		 	0
Fytras			3
LAUGS		 	
Total	272		109

# GREEN JACKETS v. FREE FORESTERS

# 1st Innings (GREEN JACKETS)

C. M. Mallett, b. Waddy				 	12
J. N. B. Mogg, ct. Bloy, b. W	addy			 	12
M. L. Dunning, ct. Robinson,		itching		 	112
A. L. Ambrose, ct. and b. Go				 	9
D. R. Peppiatt, l.b.w. Lomax				 	6
I. H. McCausland, not out				 	76
J. M. S. Thompson, not out				 	13
P. M. Welsh, b. Kitching				 	11
Extras				 	11
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Total (for 6	wkts	. declare	ed)	 	262

# S. J. Symington, A. S. G. Drew, A. L. Robinson did not bat.

# 1st Innings (FREE FORESTERS)

R. Featherstonhaugh, b. Peppiatt			 116
R. Thomas, ct. McCausland, b. Sym	ington		 6
N. Bloy, ct. Symington, b. Welsh			 22
I. Lomax, l.b.w. Robinson		 	17
J. Russell, b. Symington		 	 5
N. Pretzlik, ct. Drew, b. Symington		 	 3
A. Collins, ct. Welsh, b. Symington		 	2
M. Kitching, b. Symington			 0
K. Goodall, not out		 	14
R. Robinson, not out			 15
Extras		 	 3
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Total (for 8 wkts.)		 	 203

# B. Waddy did not bat.

# PAST MEMBERS v. PRESENT MEMBERS

# 1st Innings (PAST)

C. M. Mallett, ct. Drew, b. Dunphie			22
J. R. Tillard, ct. Dunning, b. Dunphie			5
C. C. P. Williams, ct. Delisle, b. McCausland	100	*2*	20
M. R. Coulman, b. McCausland			17
A. L. Ambrose, ct. Humphreys, b. Welsh			50
P. R. Stevens, not out			60
A. L. Robinson, ct. Welsh, b. Wallace			12
T. P. Shaw, not out			0
Extras	• • •	111 555	7
Total (for 6 wkts. declared)			193

J. R. B. Holmes, S. J. Symington, J. D. Bendit, M. C. Swann did not bat.

# 1st Innings (PRESENT)

J. R. Cornell, b. Bendit			 6
I. H. McCausland, ct. Robinson, b. William	S	***	 5
M. L. Dunning, ct. Holmes, b. Bendit			 27
G. P. S. Delisle, ct. Robinson, b. Williams			 59
C. A. Humphreys, b. Bendit			 4
A. S. G. Drew, b. Swann			 9
G. Hopton, ct. Stevens, b. Williams			 34
G. W. R. Carter, not out			 31
P. M. Welsh, not out			 19
Extras			 0
			1000
Total (for 7 wkts.)			 194

C. G. Wemyss, C. B. Q. Wallace, C. C. Dunphie did not bat.

#### **BATTING AVERAGES**

Name	Runs	Innings	Not out	Highest score	Average
G. P. S. Delisle (R.B.)	642	11	3	112	80.25
C. C. P. Williams (60th)	224	7	2	73*	44.8
M. L. Dunning (60th)	289	8	1	112	41.28
P. R. Stevens (60th)	147	6	2	60*	36.75
J. N. B. Mogg (43/52)	221	7	0	73	31.57
P. M. Welsh (60th)	117	6	2	39	29.25
J. M. S. Thompson (R.B.)	85	5	2	32	28.33
I. H. McCausland (60th)	246	12	3	76*	27.33
D. R. Peppiatt (43/52)	186	7	0	83	26.57
C. A. Humphreys (60th)	96	5	0	54	19.2
J. R. Tillard (60th)	113	7	1	34*	18.83
A. L. Robinson (R.B.)	83	6	1	30*	16.6

#### **BOWLING ANALYSES**

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
S. J. Symington (60th)	53	10	162	14	11.5
J. D. Bendit (R.B.)	58	16	173	13	13.3
C. B. Q. Wallace (60th)	117	18	386	22	17.54
P. M. Welsh (60th)	83	11	364	20	18.2
A. J. N. Dawson (RB)	28	4	112	6	18.6
A. C. Guthrie (R.B.)	32	2	129	6	21.5
J. P. Raison (43/52)	29	5	124	5	24.8
I. H. McCausland (60th)	188	40	508	19	26.7
P. R. Stevens (60th)	70	16	223	8	27.8
D. R. Peppiatt (43/52)	60	12	230	8	28.7
C. C. Dunphie (R.B.)	110	12	439	14	31.3

The following also played during the season: A. L. Ambrose, B. W. Balls, T. S. Bathurst, D. W. R. Bedford, J. I. Bell, C. W. Brinkley, E. N. W. Bramall, H. D. G. Butler, M. J. Calvert, G. R. W. Carter, M. R. Coulman, J. R. Cornell, C. A. Cutforth, T. M. E. Dawson, A. S. G. Drew, N. T. A. Fiennes, D. C. Gascoigne, J. G. C. Goodwyn, T. C. Gore, W. S. C. Gurney, R. K. Guy, M. N. Harbottle, C. L. G. Henshaw, J. R. R. Holmes, J. N. Hogg, G. B. C. Hopton, P. Hudson, F. E. Hughes-Onslow, P. S. Maclure, D. R. McCarthy, C. M. Mallett, R. A. St. G. Martin, H. J. Mogg, C. Mott-Radclyffe, R. Parker-Jervis, B. L. Reed, L/C. H. C. Ross-Hurst, H. W. A. Ruck-Keene, T. P. Shaw, J. Sheppard, M. C. Swann, F. J. B. Taylor, P. G. Thompson, M. E. Wells, C. G. Wemyss, O. R. W. Wynne.

### GREEN JACKETS GOLFING SOCIETY

### Green Jackets Golf Meeting at Littlestone 9th and 10th May

There was an entry of twenty-eight for the Annual Meeting in 1964, which took place in proper summer weather once again after the two previous cool and windy meetings. Five out of the six serving officers came from the 60th at Colchester, but as they were not released from a Battalion exercise until dawn on Saturday their arrival, somewhat bleary-eyed and battle stained, was delayed until lunch time. The morning Bogey Foursomes competition had by this time been played, resulting in a win for Matthew Harker, who is a member of the Littlestone club, and Neil Hughes-Onslow, who had spent much of the previous month practising on the course for this important event.

In the singles in the afternoon the board was swept by Christopher Wallace, who made light of the rigours of war in East Anglia, and went round in seventy-eight. With this score he won all the competitions for which he was eligible. He was chased home by Matthew Harker who took second place and the T.A. Cup. Since Adrian Gore and David Clive were absent, the Rifle Brigade Scratch Cup was more open than usual and Neil Hughes-Onslow won this easily. Brig. O'Brien was as steady as ever and won the Veterans' Cup with a return which was bettered by only six others. The qualifiers for the match play sections were hard to sort out, and several breathless recounts had to be held before Simon Bradley was awarded the last Rifle Brigade place over Rodney Holmes by 1/8th of a point.

At the Annual General Meeting Guy Earle resigned as President at the end of his two-year term. His arthritis once again prevented him from competing, but he proved tireless as well as invaluable to the Secretaries in acting as voluntary Chancellor of the Exchequer, leaving no debts uncollected. Lord Aldington was elected in his place and whilst being acclaimed played himself into office by drenching Guy Earle with the Secretary's whisky and soda. The resultant ex-presidential fragrance was widely appreciated, the loss of alcohol was immediately made good, and we all wished the new President a happy term of office.

Those who stayed at the Dormy House found the routine practically unchanged. Mrs. Harker asked many of the players to her cocktail party, which has now become a feature of the meeting. This year's gathering was as enjoyable and stimulating as ever and it may have been this which induced Neil Hughes-Onslow to declare himself a bridge enthusiast after dinner. Enthusiasm and superficial

patter are however poor substitutes for experience, but it was not until the following day that Pat Curtis discovered that he had been in partnership with a complete beginner.

In the match play competitions on Sunday Christopher Wallace overcame two experienced opponents with very good golf to win the Colonel Commandant's Cup, whilst Neil Hughes-Onslow had a closer match with Simon Bradley, who hit the ball hard, high and surprisingly straight in the final of the Rifle Brigade Statuette. The 43rd/52nd section was a sudden death affair in which Riley Workman beat David Vansittart with the help of a handicap which he will be fortunate to receive in full when he defends his title.

The Littlestone Cup was won by Ian McCausland and Tony Davies who easily led the Green Jacket pairs, but whose score only just beat the best of the Littlestone Club pairs, thus regaining the Cup which the club won in 1963. Green Jacket hopes had been pinned in advance upon the chances of Dudley Trench and the new President. This partnership went with its traditional bang, but they could only achieve fourth place overall.

Next year the 60th will be abroad, so we shall have to look elsewhere for a numerically strong serving officers' entry, although we are probably unlikely to have a group of such talented players from one Battalion for some time. It was a pity that they were unable to enter for the Argyll and Sutherland Bowl at the Army Meeting, as they must have stood an excellent chance.

Results of the meeting were as follows:

### Saturday morning

Bogey Foursomes

Winners	T. N. Hughes-Onslow and M. J. W. Harker	30 1	ooints
2nd	D. Vansittart and Hon. D. O. Trench	29	,,
3rd	B. C. Baylay and F. E. Hughes-Onslow	28	

### Saturday afternoon

Medal		
Name	Handicap	Points Prizes Won
C. B. Q. Wallace	5	35 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> (Medal, Serving Officers' Cup, 60th Scratch Cup
M. J. W. Harker	14	35¼ T.A. Cup
T. N. Hughes-Onslow	8	33 R.B. Scratch Cup
J. F. Whitfield	5	$31\frac{3}{8}$
N. J. C. Hanbury	8	31
N. F. Althaus	9	307

Name	Handicap	Points Prizes Won
B. P. T. O'Brien	15	30½ Veterans' Cup
P. M. Welsh	16	30
B. C. Baylay	8	30
M. Bowyer	9	297
G. B. C. Hopton	11	$29\frac{3}{8}$
S. H. M. Bradley	12	281
J. R. R. Holmes	15	$28\frac{1}{8}$
R. F. Nixon	9	2778
Lord Aldington	3	275
I. W. Lynch	11	$26\frac{5}{8}$
L. E. O. T. Hart	12	$26\frac{1}{2}$
D. Vansittart	10	$25\frac{3}{4}$
I. H. M. McCausland	1 6	251
R. R. W. Workman	18	243
W. P. S. Curtis	14	$24\frac{1}{4}$
F. E. Hughes-Onslow	8	24
Hon. D. O. Trench	9	$23\frac{7}{8}$
H. P. Patterson	13	$23\frac{3}{8}$
A. L. Davies	14	231/4
P. A. D. Boden	15	221/8
Hon. N. G. Bligh	15	Scratched

### Sunday

Match Play Competitions

a) 60th R	ifles Colone	l Commandant's Cup	
Sem	i-Finals: C.	Wallace beat J. Whitfield	5 and 4
	N.	Hanbury beat M. Harker	6 and 5
Fina	1: W	allace beat Hanbury	3 and 2

(b) Rifle Brigade Statuette

Semi-Finals: T. N. Hughes-Onslow beat M. Bowyer
3 and 2
S. H. M. Bradley beat B. C. Baylay 3 and 2

S. H. M. Bradley beat B. C. Baylay 3 and 2 Final: Hughes-Onslow beat Bradley 2 and 1

(c) 43rd/25nd Cup

Final: R. R. W. Workman beat D. Vansittart

### Littlestone Cup

Winners: I. H. McCausland and A. L. Davies 33 points Equal 2nd: Hon. D. O. Trench and Lord Aldington 25 points Hon. N. G. Bligh and F. E. Hughes-Onslow 25 points

## **GREEN JACKET GOLF MATCHES IN 1964**

We had an unusually successful season, and our match managers were helped by being able to call on the 60th contingent who travelled long distances and played with skill. The Rifle Brigade drew with the 60th on an unbelievably foul day in April, play being suspended at lunch time. In the opinion of the more senior members it was the coldest April day since 1894, and this opinion was subsequently confirmed by the weather authorities.

Highlights of the season were our first victories at Huntercombe and Rye against the respective clubs, both matches being managed by David Clive. We also beat the La Moye Club in Jersey, largely by building a good lead on the first day, which all but disappeared by Sunday evening at which point the victorious Green Jacket side was poured into an aeroplane bound for London. We have, however, been asked to play La Moye in 1965.

# RESULTS

Date	Opponents	Course	Result	
21st March	Bar G.S.	New Zealand	Won	$4\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$
12th April	Jokers	New Zealand	Won	$5\frac{1}{2} - 4\frac{1}{2}$
19th April	Wine Trade	Pulborough	Won	5-3
25/26th Apri	l La Moye, Jersey	La Moye	Won	$8\frac{1}{2} - 7\frac{1}{2}$
13th May	Lloyds	Berkshire	Won	6-2
14th June	R.M.A.S.	Huntercombe	Won	5-3
8th July	Household Brigade	Swinley	Lost	2-6
10th Sept.	Artists Rifles	Swinley	Won	5-3
13th Sept.	Huntercombe G.C.	Huntercombe	Won	6-4
14th Oct.	Ladies Parliamentary	Swinley	Lost	2-6
-th Oct.	Winchester College	Hockley	Lost	1-3
31st Oct./				
1st Nov.	Rye G.C.	Rye	Won	17–11
7th Nov.	Staff College	Blackmoor	Won	7–1

# Summary

Played 13 Won 10 Lost 3

# ARMY RACKETS CHAMPIONSHIP

After a gap of 11 years the Regiment has again won the Inter-Regimental Doubles Championship. This took place at Queen's Club during February and our pair consisted of Raymond Nelson and Michael Dunning who managed to put in some hard practice in the short time available after the Battalion returned home from British Guiana. I'm sure all our members would like to send them congratulations.

The Inter-Regimental Doubles are nowadays more difficult to win than they were as the two players may now be drawn from any Regiment in a Brigade or Corps (e.g. the R.A.C.). As it happens neither the Rifle Brigade nor the 43rd and 52nd have produced many players since the War and the Regiment has done well to win the Championship four times (1946, Val. Wilson and A. J. Marsham; 1952 and 1953, Mike Coulman and Peter Welsh). It is sad that the Rifle Brigade have not won the Doubles since 1938 as between the Wars they had some magnificent players and won it no less than 10 times.

This year there was a good entry of 11 pairs, and our pair was "seeded" first. After a bye in the 1st Round we had a pretty easy victory in the Second against the Light Infantry Brigade.

The Semi-Final against the 17/21 Lancers who were represented by Broomfield (an ex Squash Champion) and Strang-Steel was a good match for two games but after we had won both our opponents collapsed and the last two games were easy money.

Score: 15-8, 15-9, 15-1, 15-1.

There was a good crowd on the Saturday to watch the Final which was a somewhat peculiar match. Our opponents were the R.A.C. represented by Peto, who was the holder of the Army Singles, and McConnel. The pair was a somewhat unbalanced one, Peto being very much the stronger. After we had lost the first two games, the faces of the Regimental supporters were somewhat glum. Up to this point the court had been dominated by Peto and especially by his service which he delivered viciously and to a good length.

Suddenly in the third game Raymond Nelson got on to his service and, as is so often the case when one is serving well, the rest of his game improved enormously. Thus, ably backed up by Mike Dunning, our pair won the next three games with great ease.

The last game was rather nerve-wracking for our supporters as, after we had got a long lead, Peto suddenly came back to his best service and the lead was gradually whittled down. At last we got to game-ball but even then it took us several hands to get the winning



Rackets 1964. Army Inter Regimental Doubles Champions Michael Dunning and Raymond Nelson with the Cup

point whilst our opponents caught up to 12, so that when we finally won there was a gasp of relief!

Both our players played well up to form. Dunning was very steady while I've never seen Nelson play so well as not only was his service very severe and to a good length but he also made some magnificent kills in the rallies.

Score: 13-16, 12-15, 15-0, 15-1, 15-3, 15-12.

The final of the Inter-Regimental Doubles was of a very good standard but was outshone both in this respect and in excitement by the Final of the Combined Services Doubles in which any one who has served in the Armed Forces can compete. Any of the four pairs who got into the Semi-Final might almost win the Amateur Doubles and as two Green Jackets were in the Final it says well for our Racket Players.

The pairs were: Michael Coulman (late 60th) and Myrtle who won the Public Schools Cup for Winchester about 12 years ago, and Atkins (the present World Champion) and Dick Bridgeman (late R.B.).

Atkins who is sometimes a poor starter did not play well in the first 3 games and Mike Coulman, who was taking service brilliantly, and Myrtle won them fairly easily. Atkins then took charge of the court for 3 games, ably backed by Dick Bridgeman. Thus at 3 games all it was anybody's match.

The last game was intensely exciting as the pairs were pretty well level all the time and the final score of 18–16 in favour of Coulman and Myrtle could not have been closer.

# **Army Singles**

Nelson and Dunning were a little unlucky in the Army Singles as they both came across pretty good players in the second round and were beaten by 3 games to 1, Dunning by Edwardes (1/10 Gurkhas) and Nelson by Bolton (R.E.).

# **OBITUARY**

# MAJOR-GEN. HENRY OSBORNE CURTIS,

C.B., D.S.O., M.C., D.L.

Died 28th January 1964. Aged 75 years

Henry Osborne Curtis was the eldest son of Osborne Sargent Curtis, of Fakenham, Norfolk. Educated at Eton and Sandhurst, he was commissioned into the Regiment in October 1908 and at once went to India to join the 2nd Battalion at Jubbulpore. In 1909, when the Battalion returned home, he transferred to the 4th Battalion at Meerut and was with it when it left India in 1914.

In these years in India he became "Squeaker", as he was always affectionately known, and also made his name as a first-class shot with gun and rifle and as an excellent horseman. A keen big-game shot he was particularly successful with tiger and leopard. He also developed, like so many good shots, a great love of and interest in natural history, which continued to grow as the years passed. At the Delhi Durbar in 1911 he won the Allcomers' Steeplechase and in the same year, and again in 1912, the Pony Hoghunters Cup.

With the 4th Battalion, "Squeaker" joined the B.E.F. in the 80th Infantry Brigade of 27th Division in December 1914. In March 1915 he was wounded in the fighting at St. Eloi, but later that summer rejoined the 4th Battalion as a Company Commander. He went to Salonika with the Battalion in November and remained with it until May 1916 when he was appointed Staff Captain of the Highland Brigade in the Division. A year later he became a Brigade Major in the 10th Irish Division and with them went from Salonika to Palestine in September 1917. Here he was promoted to G.S.O.2 of the 52nd Lowland Division in February 1918. Shortly afterwards the Division was sent to France, and "Squeaker" served with it for the rest of the war and until July 1919, acting a good deal of the time as a first grade staff officer. He saw a lot of fighting, was wounded three times and was awarded the D.S.O. and M.C., three Mentions in Despatches and a brevet majority.

In the autumn of 1919 he joined the 4th Battalion again and went with it to Belgaum in Southern India and in May 1920 to Quetta. At the end of that year he became a student at the Staff College there. This was followed from 1922 to 1926 by appointments in Egypt as Brigade Major and G.S.O.2. Next, after a short time with



the 2nd Battalion at Aldershot, he was an instructor at the Camberley Staff College for three years until the end of 1929. He then went back to the 2nd Battalion at Tidworth as second-in-command and 18 months later in June 1931 was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel to command.

Though a fine staff officer and instructor "Squeaker" excelled as a Regimental officer and commander and in these years he left his very definite mark on the Battalion and the Regiment. His practical commonsense, his humour, his straightforwardness, his sympathy and his infectious enthusiasm at work, sport and everything else will always be remembered by everyone who served with him.

In 1918 he married Jean, daughter of John Low, of Butterstone, Perthshire. With four young sons the family played a great part in Regimental life.

All this time "Squeaker" rode regularly in point-to-points, winning the King's Cup at Tidworth in 1931, just before he took over command and he continued to be a very keen shot.

In April 1934 he was promoted Colonel and for 18 months commanded the British Troops in Palestine, until he returned to the Camberley Staff College as a G.S.O.1 in January 1936. Two years later he became commander of 3rd Infantry Brigade at Bordon, and next year took it to France with the B.E.F. This Brigade was the first to serve with the French in the Maginot Line in 1939. In January 1940 he was promoted Major-General to command 46th Infantry Division. This formed the rearguard at Dunkirk and "Squeaker" received the C.B.

When the Army reorganised he took over 49th Infantry Division and with it went to Iceland, remaining there until 1942. As G.O.C. in Iceland he had a difficult and most responsible task. In the event nothing happened there, but the danger was always present. Finally he handed over a well organised island to the Americans with his customary tact. Their appreciation was shown by a Presidential Citation and the award of the Distinguished Service Medal.

Back in England, he commanded Districts in Hampshire, Wiltshire and Dorset for the next three years, Boundaries and titles were changed several times, but in effect he was responsible for the greater part of the area in which the invasion of June 1944 was prepared and launched. During this time two of his sons were killed in action; in 1943 Philip serving, as was also his eldest brother Peter, in the 2nd Battalion in Italy and in 1944 Richard in France in the R.A.F.

When the war ended "Squeaker" was nearly 57 and so early in 1946 he retired to live in Dorset. Soon after his retirement he was appointed Colonel Commandant of the 1st Battalion. While he devoted himself wholeheartedly to maintaining standards and traditions, he welcomed the inevitable changes of the post-war period and was determined that the Regiment, as always, should take the lead in adopting fresh ideas and trying new methods. Among the more important activities of this time the organisation of the War Memorial Fund and the planning and unveiling of the memorial at Calais were largely "Squeaker's" work. To all this he added the responsibility of editing the Regimental Chronicle which he continued with great success for nearly ten years. This brought him close contacts with our Allied Regiments in the Commonwealth and he worked hard to ensure that all these were a real part of the Regimental family and that their members coming to England were welcomed at Winchester or London. Early in 1954, with Mrs. Curtis, he visited Rhodesia and on the way was able to see the Kaffrarian Rifles at East London. In Rhodesia at the request of the Colonels of the Royal Rhodesia Regiment he unveiled a plaque at Bulawayo to those who fell while serving with the 60th in World War II. This visit did much to strengthen ties with our Allied Regiments and set an example which has been followed whenever possible. When he got back he voluntarily, in the summer of 1954, handed over so that both Colonels Commandant should not change together. During all these years he played a prominent part in local affairs in Dorset, took up sailing with his usual energy and made many new friends.

"Squeaker" will be greatly missed by all his friends, old and new. In the Regiment, to which he gave so much, his charm, his enthusiasm and his example will not easily be forgotten.

# ACLAND-TROYTE, C.H.G., D.S.O.

Died 27th April 1964. Aged 87 years

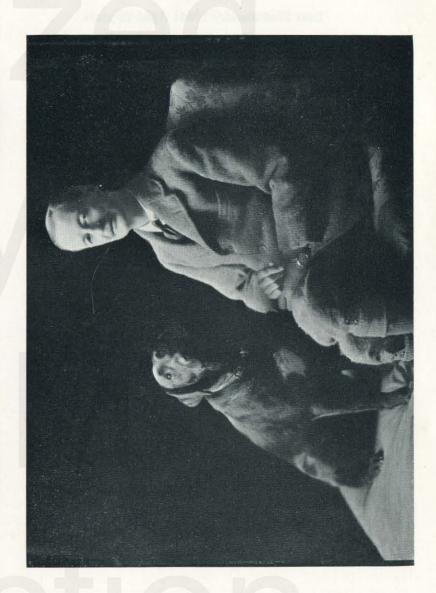
Acland-Troyte was born in 1876 and was educated at Eton and Trinity Hall, Cambridge. In 1899 he was gazetted to the King's Royal Rifle Corps. He served with the 4th Battalion during the South African War and was severely wounded near Brugspruit, Transvaal, on 25th October 1901. He also served in the 1903–4 Somaliland Campaign.

He married in 1909 Gwladys Quicke, daughter of E. H. Godolphin Quicke of Newton St. Cyres, Devon. During the Great War 1914–1918 he served on the Staff, was promoted to T/Lieut.-Col. 1915 and Brevet Lieut.-Col. 1919. He was mentioned in despatches seven times, awarded the D.S.O. in 1916, the C.M.G. in 1917 and the French Croix de Guerre in 1919. He retired from the Army in May 1919.

In 1923 Acland-Troyte began a political career which was to include 21 years at Westminster as the Tiverton division Conservative Member of Parliament. In 1945 he received a knighthood in the New Year's honours for political and public services. Always a sportsman and a fine shot, Sir Gilbert was for many years a keen follower of Tiverton Foxhounds and was for four years the Joint Master, and for many years Chairman of the Hunt Committee.

Sir Gilbert and Lady Acland-Troyte celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in 1959.

All members of the Regiment extend their heartfelt sympathy to his widow.



# LIEUT-COL. HOWARD MONTAGUE BULMEN DE SALES LA TERRIERE, M.C.

Died 22nd January 1964. Aged 75 years

De Sales la Terriere was commissioned into the Regiment on 14th October 1908. He joined the 3rd Battalion the same year and saw service with them in the Mediterranean and India. He was promoted Captain, May 1915, and Major, August 1916.

During the 1914–18 War he saw service with the 7th Battalion in France, being awarded the M.C. in 1916. On 21st October 1917 he was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel and was given command of a Service Battalion of the Essex Regiment.

The Regiment extends its sincere sympathy to his widow.

# NUGENT HEAD, M.C.

Died 16th June 1964. Aged 66 years

"Bunny" Head was educated at Radby. After passing through the R.M.C. Sandhurst he was gazetted to the 60th Rifles on 1st May 1917, and was posted to the 6/K.R.R.C. at Sheerness. He was then posted to the 2/K.R.R.C. B.E.F. in France in June the same year and served with this Battalion until the termination of the Great War. He was awarded the M.C. in the Autumn of 1918.

"Bunny" was posted to the 3/K.R.R.C. in November 1919 just prior to its departure to India to resume its tour of foreign service. On the disbandment of the 3rd and 4th Battalions of the 60th at the end of 1922, he transferred to the 4th Hussars, then stationed at Mhow, India.

When the 4th Hussars left India in 1930 he retired from the Army, but returned again on the outbreak of the 2nd World War. He held a number of Staff Appointments at Home and Abroad, between 1939–1945 and finally retired with the rank of Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel in September 1945.

"Bunny" was a first class sportsman. He won the Kadia Cup (Pigsticking) when serving with the 4th Hussars in India. He was a wonderful companion always full of enthusiasm, there is no doubt that he will be greatly missed not only by his many friends who have shared the fun of hunting a boar with him or of shooting in hill or jungle but also by the younger generation with whom he took such pains to inspire in them enthusiasm for ski-ing.

# LIEUT.-COL. G. K. WELLS, D.S.O., M.C.

# Died 1st June 1964. Aged 75 years

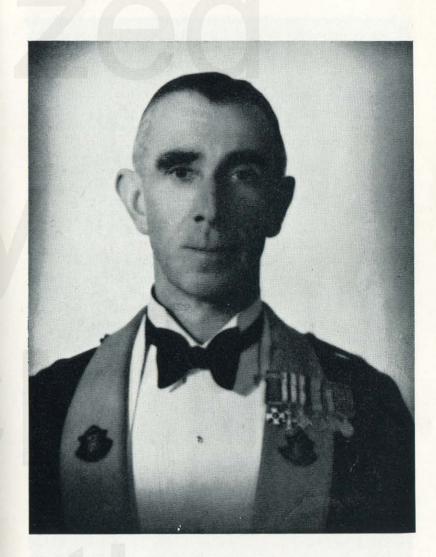
George Wells enlisted on 31st December 1907 and served in the 4th Battalion for the next twelve years. With the Battalion he went to India in 1909 and as a young sergeant came home in October, going on to the B.E.F. in France at the end of the year.

After the fighting at St. Eloi in March 1915 the Battalion had heavy losses at the second battle of Ypres in April and May, and George was promoted Company Sergeant Major. His excellent work during these months was recognised by the award of the Military Cross and a mention in despatches.

In the autumn the Battalion moved to Salonika and there in March 1916 he was commissioned as 2ndLieutenant and for the next two years was a platoon commander in Macedonia.

When the Battalion went back again to France in April 1918 he was 2 i/c of a Company and became a Company Commander early in October. At the battle of the Selle later that month he was commanding a support company at the beginning of the attack. During the morning a large gap appeared between ourselves and American troops on our right, who had lost direction. German counterattacks were being mounted and nearly all the officers of our leading Companies were casualties. George led his Company forward with great dash and skill, took it on to the Battalion objective and continued to command this very exposed part of the area for the next thirty-six hours, beating off several German thrusts. He received a very well deserved D.S.O.

At the end of the war when the 4th Battalion was reformed he joined it as a subaltern and went to India, but shortly afterwards, in 1920, transferred to the Indian Army Ordnance Corps, with which he spent the rest of his service. He remained, however, a very keen Rifleman and after the last war came regularly to Association reunions, where he could meet old friends of the 4th Battalion. He will be greatly missed by them all.



# CAPT. C. N. BARLOW

# Died 10th March 1964. Aged 70 years

Neild Barlow was educated at Charterhouse and Pembroke College, Cambridge. He joined the 11th Battalion in September 1914 and went with it to France in July of the following year. First wounded at Hebuterne in July 1916, he rejoined in March 1917 and soon after took over command of 'A' Coy. which he continued throughout the summer and autumn, including the fighting during the 3rd Battle of Ypres.

After the successful British attack at Cambrai on 20th November, the Battalion was at the extreme point of the Salient near Crèvecourt when the Germans counter-attacked at dawn on 30th. The division on the right was overrun and the front line companies were attacked simultaneously from the front and both flanks. During the confused fighting Neild's leg was shattered and he was taken prisoner. It was at first thought that there was no hope of his recovery, but a German surgeon of great skill amputated the leg and continued to take care of him. The result was considered so miraculous that he was shown to the Kaiser as a surgical marvel.

Between the wars he was at first in the Motor Industry and later on the Stock Exchange. In spite of his physical handicap he was a good golfer, but his favourite hobby was salmon fishing, about which he had a wide knowledge and went nearly every year to his property in Norway.

During the 1939–1945 war he devoted himself to food production in which he took a leading part at his home at Pershore. In 1947 he moved to Milcombe in Oxfordshire and it was not long before he was again involved in local affairs, becoming Chairman of the Parish Council from 1956 until his death.

In 1920 he married Dorothy, younger daughter of the late Lord Emmott.

Brig.-Gen. J. F. R. Hope who was Adjutant of 11th Battalion on its formation, and later Commanded, says of him, "I found him always, and under all circumstances, a most cheerful, conscientious and steady officer who had the respect and affection of his men and was most popular with his brother officers. He was recommended for a regular commission before his last wound made that impossible. No one could have borne his disability with greater courage and good humour. He leaves a widow and a son and daughter to whom the Regiment will wish to give their deep sympathy".



# COL. N. S. FERRIS, C.B.E., E.D.

### Died 13th March 1964

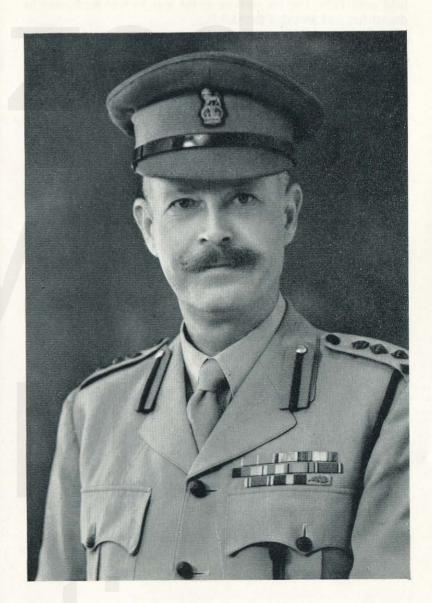
Southern Rhodesia lost one of its leading personalities by the death of Col. N. S. Ferris, C.B.E., E.D.

Col. Ferris earned for himself the reputation of being a journalist of the highest skill and integrity. As editor of one of the country's leading daily newspapers—the *Rhodesia Herald*—for no less than twenty-five years, from 1931 to 1955, Col. Ferris played a large part in moulding public opinion in Southern Rhodesia. He set for himself high standards in his profession and would be satisfied with nothing less. In recognition of the esteem in which he was held, his professional colleagues paid him their highest tribute by appointing him an honorary life member of the Rhodesian Guild of Journalists. The O.B.E. (Military Division) awarded him some years previously was superseded by the award of the C.B.E.

Col. Ferris' service as a Territorial soldier was no less distinguished.

During World War I he joined The East Surrey Regiment and was commissioned into The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment with which he served in France. He came to Southern Rhodesia in 1920 and on arrival joined the local volunteer unit and, later, on the formation of The Rhodesia Regiment in 1927 became one of the original company commanders in the 2nd Battalion at Bulawayo. On his transfer to Salisbury a few months later he commenced his long association with the 1st Battalion of the Regiment. He became Commanding Officer in 1933 and was in command when the 2nd World War broke out in 1939.

On the outbreak of war, Col. Ferris was given command of the Colony's No. 1 Training Camp in Salisbury. Selected leaders for African Regiments in other parts of the continent left from there early in October 1939 and, in April of the following year, Col. Ferris left for Mid-East in command of the first main contingent of Rhodesians to go to that theatre. This contingent provided sub units of differing sizes for various Regular Army units there, Col. Ferris himself going to the 1st Battalion, The King's Royal Rifle Corps with a number of Rhodesians. He was attached for a time to the Headquarters of 7th Armoured Division (the Desert Rats) and later held commands in Palestine and Cyprus. He was recalled to the Southern Rhodesia Forces and became Military Liaison Officer in East and West Africa and in South East Asia before being demobilised in 1946. At the end of that year he succeeded Col. the Hon. Sir Ernest Guest, K.B.E., C.M.G., C.V.O., E.D., as Honorary Colonel of



the 1st Battalion, The Rhodesia Regiment, an office which he held until 1958. For his services in the war he was mentioned in despatches and awarded the O.B.E.

The affiliation of The Royal Rhodesia Regiment, arranged by his predecessor in command of the Battalion, Sir Ernest Guest, was a matter of the greatest pride at all times to Col. Ferris, who never lost an opportunity of bringing its historical importance, its value and its great significance to the attention of the Battalion and the Regiment.

The fine turnout for his funeral, which was semi-military, testified to the esteem in which he was held by all. His ashes are interred in The Royal Rhodesia Regiment Bay in the Cloisters of the Salisbury (Rhodesia) Cathedral, where a bronze plate will record his outstanding service to the country he loved and served so well.

The sympathy of the Regiment goes out to his widow, son and daughter.

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