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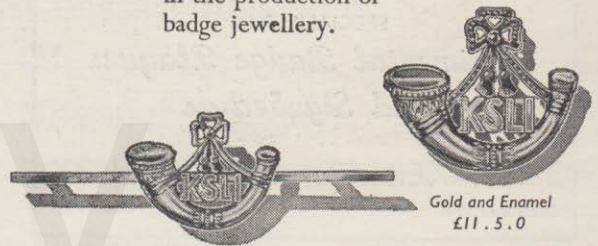
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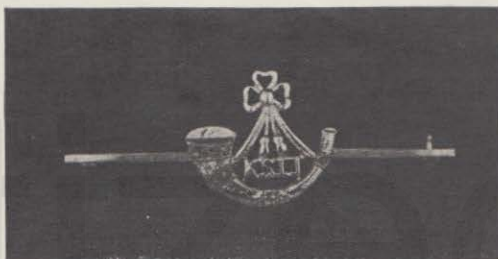
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EDITORIAL

Three very important political events have recently taken place which will have considerable effect on Army life in the future.

The Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the evacuation of Egypt by British forces and on the maintenance of a military base in the Canal Zone was signed on 19th October.

The British Government retain a lien for seven years on the base, which has been reduced in size. The installations in the base are to be maintained and operated by commercial firms.

British forces are to be withdrawn from Egypt over a twenty month period, and transfer of responsibility for security, or maintenance of the base installations, to Egyptian control is to be carried out progressively.

On 3rd October, 1954, the Nine Power Final Act was signed whereby Western Germany is to have an army of 500,000 men, a tactical air force of 1,350 planes, and a navy of ships not exceeding 3,000 tons each. Germany is, however, not to be allowed to manufacture atomic or germ warfare weapons, poison gases or long range bombers. She is allowed to make tanks and planes. Britain, France and the U.S. declared at the same time that they intend to end the occupation of Western Germany as soon as possible; this has to be approved by their respective parliaments. Mr. Eden had previously declared that Britain was prepared to keep four divisions in Germany for the next fifty years.

Britain and the U.S. have undertaken, under the Trieste Pact, to withdraw their forces from Trieste, where they have been stationed since the end of the war. Britain's forces only amount to two battalions plus some other arms. Italy and Yugoslavia signed an agreement on 5th October, 1954. The evacuation has started.

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The decision in Egypt has already changed the future movements of the 1st Battalion, which is now expected to remain in B.A.O.R. until sometime next summer, and then stage in England on its way to some other part of the world.

The Presentation of New Colours to the 1st Battalion took place, as planned, on 15th October, 1954, and a special supplement covering this important event is enclosed with this issue. The ceremonials to commemorate the Bi-Centenary of the Regiment will, however, now be postponed until the 1st Battalion stages in England. It is hoped to hold a reunion of the Old Comrades, and the Regimental cricket week at the same time.

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We wish Brigadier G. R. D. Musson, C.B.E., D.S.O., every success with his new command, the Commonwealth Forces stationed in Korea, and believe that this is only a stepping stone to even higher commands. Brig. Musson's last appointment was D.D.S.D. at the War Office, which must have entailed very hard work. We hope that he will enjoy shooting the Korean pheasants, and that this is the only shooting he will have there.

Two senior N.C.O's., Colour Sergeant Hill and Sergeant Cottey, have recently been awarded their Long Service and Good Conduct Medals. This medal is an award of which any Other Rank may be proud; the standards required for it have been fully maintained and, therefore, it is by no means easy to win. The careers of these two N.C.O's., which are recorded briefly elsewhere in this issue, are an inspiration to younger regular soldiers, for whom the winning of this award should be an ambition.

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We would like to thank wholeheartedly the kind co-operation of all those firms, both big and small, who have given us in the past, and who still continue to give, their valuable support. The production of a magazine is an expensive undertaking these days, and funds are, therefore, more than ever necessary. Should we be forced to discontinue the publication of this *Journal* we should lose a valuable chronicle of the Regiment's achievements that could not be recounted in any history, besides an intimate record of regimental soldiering in our day, to which we may refer from time to time to revive old and pleasant memories.

REGIMENTAL AND DEPOT NEWS

On the 25th June, the Officers had the honour of having Councillor J. E. C. Leach, J.P., the Mayor of Bridgnorth, to lunch with them. He kindly took the salute at the passing-out parade which followed.

On 3rd July the Light Infantry Club cricket team played the Green Jackets at Cowley Barracks. Lt.-Col. Thornycroft played a fine innings after driving all the way from Castlemartin, where he was in camp with his Battalion. General Grover, and Major Tuck and Capt. Handley, gave their support to the side.

The T.A., Home Guard, and Cadets of Shropshire held a rifle meeting at Llansilin on 11th July in remarkably good weather. The Depot provided the staff to man the firing point and butts. Major-General the Viscount Bridgeman presented the prizes. It was a most successful, if rather long, day.

Rev. C. J. Lawson, our Officiating Chaplain, took a drumhead service on the Square to open Light Infantry Day. This was followed by a sports meeting in the morning, freedom in the afternoon, and a gay evening dancing in the gym.

Colonel Preston brought his new Adjutant, Major Jasper Ogilvie, of the Somerset L.I. with him when he visited the Depot on 23rd July, and stayed the night. They were able to see the start of the Depot Day, an "At Home" to the public on the following day. We were blessed with a fine day, except for one shower in the middle of the afternoon, for this important and happy occasion. Lt.-Col. Mansell kindly lent the 4th Bn. Band, and also many of his larger pieces of military equipment for display. The recruits provided a first class P.T. display, under S.I.P.T. Newman; there were also displays of other aspects of recruits' training, and

Bugler Wood blew a selection of calls, which may have brought back pleasant memories to many of the "Old and Bold" who were there. The Officers' Mess dining room drew a gasp from the visitors, laid out for a banquet with more silver than usual, and the Museum, Sergeants' Mess, and cookhouse also attracted interested guests, who completed their tour fortified with apple pie.

The Shropshire Branch of the Red Cross Society had new Colours presented to them at St. Chad's on 25th July, by H.R.H. Princess Royal; an account and photograph appear elsewhere in this issue. R.S.M. Furr was largely responsible for advising, assisting, and drilling the contingent, which paraded so well on the day.

Brigadier Gosselin, D.S.O., O.B.E. (late Royal Scots Fusiliers), Deputy Commander Mid West District, did us the honour of lunching with the Officers on 30th July, and then taking the salute at the Passing Out Parade. He presented the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to C/Sgt. Hill. This was his last visit to the Depot before handing over to Brigadier A. S. Shaw Ball, D.S.O.; he has now retired and is living in Ayrshire.

On the 4th August we were visited by Major General J. Y. Whitfield, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., the Inspector of Recruiting, who was on a tour of units in this part of the country. There is no doubt that we sadly miss to-day recruits from both South Wales and Liverpool, which were, before the last war, probably the two most important recruiting areas for the Regiment. However, we are fortunate in having C.S.M. Donnelly as the local recruiting sergeant, and there is no doubt that he does well for the Regiment, in spite of strong opposition from the Welsh Guards, whose local recruiting sergeant lives with us. We publish a photograph elsewhere of C.S.M. Donnelly and a party of his recent recruits.

A revival of pre-war sporting activities was begun with a triangular athletic meeting at Wrexham, on 28th August, when the Depot The Royal Welsh Fusiliers defeated the Cheshire Regiment and ourselves in a very spirited contest. Our hosts were most hospitable, and the Royal Welsh Fusiliers Band helped to make the party go. This, we hope, will be the first of many such meetings between the three Depots.

Captain Grundy disappeared on a District Signals exercise early in September and found difficulty in realising that he wasn't back in B.A.O.R.

It was another Officer from Scotland who kindly lunched with the Officers and took the salute on the Passing Out Parade, on 10th September; he was Brigadier C. W. P. Richardson, D.S.O. (late K.O.S.B.), Commander 158th Infantry Brigade (T.A.). He looked extremely smart in the new pattern bonnet worn by his regiment to-day, and some of the sound advice he gave to the recruits is recorded elsewhere. Brigadier Richardson also commands Lichfield Garrison, as he did when the 1st Bn. were there in the winter of 1952/53, staging between Korea and B.A.O.R.

We were very pleased to welcome Brigadier A. S. Shaw Ball, D.S.O., back to these barracks when he inspected us on 17th September for our annual Administrative Inspection. Brigadier Shaw Ball commanded in these barracks when the establishment was a Primary Training Centre just after the war; he left to take command of the 1st Bn., which was then in Bury, in the spring of 1948.

We accepted a kind invitation from the R.A.F. Association for a detachment of the Permanent

Staff to take part in the Battle of Britain parade on Sunday, 19th September, which included a service in St. Chad's, followed by the laying of wreaths on the War Memorial, when Major Barton laid one on behalf of the Regiment. This service was most impressive.

Accounts of most of our sporting events are included elsewhere. This summer was a horribly wet and cold one, which caused the cricket season here to finish earlier than planned, and denied us that important fixture, the Officers versus the Sergeants. Football and hockey are now in full swing and, as we go to press, we are able to report that the Depot have beaten the C.A.D. Nesscliffe in the District Cup, in a replay. We next play an R.A. regiment from Oswestry.

We say good-bye and good luck to Capt. R. G. Handley, who has handed over to Capt. J. F. St. C. Ballenden, M.C., whom we welcome as our new training officer. Capt. Handley has joined the 1st Battalion. We have had Lt. N. J. Monk here for a short time on his way from the Military College of Science to the 1st Bn., and have had the pleasure of meeting 2/Lts. B. J. Lowe, D. M. L. Grover, G. Simpson, P. Madeley, R. F. H. Longe and P. L. Parsons, who have all been with us for short spells on their way to join the 1st Battalion; also 2/Lts. J. K. Sacré and K. R. Alexander on their way to West Africa.

We are very sorry that our officiating Chaplain (C. of E.), Rev. C. J. Lawson, has decided that he must leave us owing to his heavy commitments in his parish. We welcome Rev. F. A. R. Chapman, Vicar of St. Chad's as his successor. The Rev. Chapman's previous service was with the Royal Navy. We also welcome 2/Lt. C. A. Roberts, R.A.E.C., to the staff of the Depot.

We have said good-bye to C/Sgts. Felton and Carswell and Sgt. Calderley R.A.E.C. and Sgt. Newman A.P.T.C., to whom we wish the best of luck in civilian life, and welcome Sgt. Duffy and Cpl. Howells, who have joined our Training Staff from 1st Battalion.

Colonel J. R. Welchman, D.S.O., Officer-in-Charge of Records, and Colonel B. L. Clay, O.B.E., A.A.G. War Office (O.D.O.), have paid us visits. We have seen Major Heard on his way to Canada, and Colonel Marsh has kindly visited us to make arrangements for the Old Comrades' visit to the 1st Bn. for the Colours' Presentation.

Brigadier G. R. D. Musson, C.B.E., D.S.O., called before going off to Command the Commonwealth Forces in Korea, and we congratulate him on not only hitting the headlines in the papers, but also on getting a special mention in the BBC news.

Major W. H. Waistell, of the D.L.I., has joined H.Q. Mid West District Staff as G.S.O. 2, Training, and lives on The Mount.

DEPOT SERGEANTS' MESS.

THE past three months saw us arrive at the awkward period of the year, when nothing ever seems to happen, at least so we thought. When our thoughts were turning to having the first two weeks in August or the second week in September off they were rudely shattered by the annual spectre of Adm. Inspection. Only the Mess Caterer managed to achieve his ambition by enjoying the first three weeks in September away from the Depot.

A very successful Dinner Night was held on Wednesday, 18th August, when all members attended in full force. This night gave us the opportunity to say good-bye to C/Sgt. Ivor Carswell, who has served the Regiment so well for so long. At the same time we also said our "Au Revoirs" to Sgt. Calderley, R.A.E.C., Sgt. Newman, A.P.T.C., and also Sgt. Martin of the 1st Bn., who was passing through on demob. at the time. As this was purely a "bachelor's night" quite a lot of local talent was unearthed. Both Carrol Levis and Al Reade have a gold mine of material at their disposal which has never yet been tapped.

The annual Adm. Inspection this year was done by Brig. A. S. Shaw Ball, D.S.O., who is no stranger to the Depot Sergeants' Mess. He was more than pleased with the appearance and furnishing of the Mess in general. It is to be hoped that during his tour as Deputy Commander Mid West District we shall have both the honour and pleasure of seeing more of him.

With the arrival of the winter months a Mess Dance has been arranged to take place on the 19th November, the first of the season, so we shall all be hoping for a bumper attendance.

Our thoughts will be going out to members of the 1st Battalion Mess on October 15th, when the Battalion will be presented with New Colours for the first time in living memory. To all those taking part in this historical ceremony we wish the very best of luck and a very successful day.

No doubt both Sgt. McWilliams and Sgt. Small, together with their families, are now settled down to a life of soldiering in B.A.O.R. We hope that their memories of their stay at the Depot are both pleasant and happy ones. In their places we welcome Sgt. and Mrs. Cottey, and also Sgt. and Mrs. Duffy.

As this will be the last issue of the *Journal* in 1954, we should like to wish all members of the Light Infantry Brigade a very happy Xmas, and all the best for 1955.

HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE.

CORPORALS' CLUB.

Corporal Worthen still continues his good work for the benefit of the members, and his efforts in this respect are much appreciated by all concerned.

He organised another very successful dance on 20th October, which was well supported by the Officers, Sergeants and O.R.'s at the Regimental Depot; many local civilians also joined in to make a most enjoyable evening. About 250 danced to the music of Manhatton's Band.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES.

CAPTAIN A. BORWICK AND MISS S. OWEN HUGHES.
The engagement is announced between Captain Andrew Borwick, M.C., younger son of the late Frank Borwick, and of Mrs. Borwick, of Westcott, Colyton, Devon, and Susan, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel H. Owen Hughes, O.B.E., E.D., and Mrs. Owen Hughes, of 402, The Peak, Hongkong.

MR. M. F. ELLIS AND MISS J. M. HOBBS.

The engagement is announced between Martin, only son of the late Mr. H. H. Ellis, and of Mrs. Ellis, of 90 Sandford Road, Bromley, Kent, and Jacqueline, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hobbs, of 49 Downs Hill, Beckenham.

OBITUARY.

Captain C. C. Abraham.

ABRAHAM.—On 22nd July, 1954, at the Bridgnorth Infirmary, Captain C. C. Abraham.

Capt. C. C. Abraham was commissioned in to the Northamptonshire Regiment (S.R.) in 1915, having previously served as a private in the Canadian Scottish in 1914. In 1916, whilst serving in France he received a Regular Commission in the K.S.L.I.

From 1917 to 1924 he was seconded to R.F.C. and then to the R.A.F.

Captain Abraham served with the 1st Bn. K.S.L.I. from 1925—1926 in India before retiring. During the 1939—45 war he served successively on Holding Bn. duty and at the I.T.C. at Shrewsbury, and the Post Office Bn., Shrewsbury H.G.

Captain Abraham took up farming in Shropshire after he retired and was still farming when he died, though he had only recently moved from near Bridgnorth to Shifnal. He will always be remembered for his good cheer. He was a keen sportsman and was particularly fond of racing and shooting. He leaves a widow.

Extract from the "Rifle Brigade Journal" :—

Bandmaster R. R. Stevens.

The death took place at his home in Portsmouth at the end of February, 1954, of Bandmaster Stevens, at the age of 82.

He enlisted in the King's Shropshire Light Infantry as a Band Boy on September 10th, 1886. He was appointed Bandmaster on May 17th, 1900, and was posted to our 3rd Battalion, where he remained until his discharge on March 21st, 1921. He served in India, Aden and Ireland, and was in possession of the India Coronation Medal Durbar 1902, the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Within a few months of his retirement from the Regiment he was appointed Bandmaster of the R.A.O.C. Band at Hilsea, where he remained until January 31st, 1939.

VISITORS.

JAMES WATKIN GRIFFITHS, who enlisted in the King's Shropshire Light Infantry on 24th July, 1885, at Hereford, kindly called on us here on the morning of 24th July, 1954, to pay his respects. He appeared to be in good health and pleased to see us.

He was living at Upton Bishop, Ross, when he enlisted. His family came from Weobley, Herefordshire. He finished as a C/Sergeant in 1908.

MR. F. BURNELL.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to confer on Mr. F. Burnell, as a reward for his long and highly meritorious service in the Army, an annuity of £10 a year, from 1st January, 1954. Authority has been given for this sum to be increased to £16 14s. 3d. a year under the provisions of the Pensions Increase Warrants.

Mr. Burnell recently featured in a television show at Kneller Hall; this coincided with his 78th birthday. During the broadcast the "spot light" was turned on to Mr. Burnell, the commentator remarking that "one of the oldest surviving Bandmasters of the British Army is seated, in the



ANTWERP PLATOON, JUNE 1954.

Top Row—Clack, Campbell, Creswell, Brownless, Leigh, Griffiths, Bowen, Pearson, Payne.
 2nd Row—Thomas, Smith 39, Cripps, Wiggins, Harrison, Lewis, Spencer, White, Bowers.
 3rd Row—Field, Pratt, Young, Dougal, Lowe, Batty, Gibbons, Lidyeart, Roden, Rudge.
 4th Row—James, Moore, Webb, Winter, Green, Bourne, Deans, Palister, Harfield, Gogerty, Avery.
 Front Row—Cpl. Ashley, Sgt. Small, Lt. Hibbert, Major Barton, The Mayor of Bridgnorth, Capt. Handley, C.S.M. Townend, Cpl. Williams.



PAARDEBERG PLATOON, JUNE 1954.

Top Left—Owen 35, Walton, Pink, Clough, Darrall-Jones, Patrick, Jones 34, Jones 14, Cavell.
 2nd Row—Evans, Knight, Green 10, Foxall, Allbutt, Wright, Teggin, Davies 52, Jones 15.
 3rd Row—Dyke, Everett, Swanborough, Tapley, Ankers, Thomas 55, Atkins, Depledge.
 4th Row—Heath, Ringstead, Gretton, Watkin, Lane, Matthews, Kynaston, Morgan, Cox.
 Front Row—Cpl. Roger, Sgt. French, Lt. Hibbert, Major Barton, Mayor of Bridgnorth, Capt. Handley, C.S.M. Townend, Cpl. Thomas.

audience, next to the youngest appointed Bandmaster". Many readers of the *Journal* no doubt witnessed the occurrence on their television screen.



MR. F. BURNELL

Mr. Burnell served in Malta, Bermuda, Canada, Barbadoes, Gibraltar and India, and Germany, Ireland and England. He served initially with the K.S.L.I., but in 1902 he was posted to Kneller Hall. In 1904 he was one of the selected conductors for the Royal Visit to Kneller Hall of King Edward VII. In 1905 he was posted to 2nd Royal Irish Regiment, but in 1922, on the disbandment of the Irish Regiments, he was reposted to 2nd Bn. K.S.L.I. who were then in Dublin. He conducted the Band at Cologne, when it was the last British band to play the National Anthem in that city at the end of the British occupation of Cologne in 1926.

He played his last programme at the Alexandra Palace in 1931, when he retired. He then took over the London Fire Brigade Band.

"NICK" CARTER.

WE are very sorry to report, at the time of going to press, that Mr. A. (Nick) Carter is ill in Morda Hospital, Oswestry.

Our readers, and many old members of the Regiment, will recall that "Nick" retired after 50 years' service, and at a special parade at Cophorne Barracks, on 23rd November, 1950, he was presented with an Illuminated Address and a Silver Tankard, as a token of the Regiment's high esteem and appreciation of his exemplary loyal and devoted service.

Mr. George Plant visited him recently; "Nick" said, "Remember me to all old friends".

BI-CENTENARY CEREMONIALS.

THE ceremonials previously arranged for the 2nd and 5th December, 1954, have now been cancelled, owing to the changed plans for the future moves of the 1st Battalion.

The Ceremonials in honour of the Bi-Centenary of the Regiment will now be held when the 1st Battalion is next home, which will be sometime during the summer of 1955.

A FEATHERED RECRUIT.

ONE day in September a new "recruit" suddenly appeared on the square at Cophorne Barracks—it was a "Great Skua" (or brown gull). It appeared slightly lame. Under the leadership of Major A. A. Tuck, M.B.E., the gull was surrounded and caught after circling the square several times at half tree height.

These gulls have very powerful bills and are, in fact, a type of sea hawk, catching fish in mid air which have been dropped by other gulls they have frightened. They have a four-foot wing span in flight. They inhabit the seas around the north coast of Scotland, and further north. It seems that this bird must have been storm borne into the Shrewsbury area.

As the new "recruit" could not be placed on the ration strength, we found him too expensive to keep, as he had a large appetite for herrings. However, the Chester Zoo has now given him a good home.



Major A. A. TUCK, M.B.E.
with the "Great Skua".

(Photo by Express and Star).



COL.-SGT. A. E. HILL.

SGT. A. COTTEY.

C/SGT. A. HILL.

C/SGT. HILL enlisted in the King's Shropshire Light Infantry in June, 1934, and he spent the next twelve years with the 1st Bn., serving with them in India, with the B.E.F. in France, in this country, North Africa, Italy and the Middle East. In October, 1946, he returned to this country and spent the next 18 months at the Depot as Orderly Room Sergeant. He rejoined the 1st Bn. on their return to the U.K. in 1948, and did not leave the Bn. again until he was posted to 1st Hereford L.I. (T.A.) as a P.S.I. in July, 1953. During this period he served with the Bn. in this country, including the period of Guard Duty in London in 1948-49, and in Hong Kong, Korea, and B.A.O.R. After spending about nine months with the Herefords he was posted to the Depot, where he is now employed carrying out the duties of C.Q.M.S.

SGT. A. COTTEY.

SGT. COTTEY enlisted in the King's Shropshire Light Infantry in May, 1933, and after doing a period of training at the Depot, he was posted to the 2nd. Bn late in 1933. In early 1935 he joined the 1st Bn. in India and served with them for the next eleven years without a break. During this time he served with the Bn. in all their actions and he was among those evacuated from Dunkirk. He was also present at the battle of Anzio.

In early 1946 Sgt. Cottey left the Army but, after 18 months in civilian life, he re-enlisted and was employed at the Depot as a recruit instructor. After a year in an E.R.E. job, he rejoined the 1st Bn. and served with them at Chelsea and in Hong Kong and Korea; after about six months in Korea he returned to Hong Kong as an instructor at the Battle School. On returning to this country he was again posted to the 1st Bn. and, having spent a year in B.A.O.R., he has now returned to the Depot as an instructor.

PEMBROKE AND PEMBROKE DOCK.

K.S.L.I. FELICITATIONS.

Extract from "Pembroke County Guardian".

MAJOR-GENERAL GROVER, C.B., M.C., who paid a visit to Captain Frank E. M. Owen, Brightside, Water Street, on Wednesday morning, wishes to extend felicitations to all ex-members of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry living in the borough. The General, who is the Honorary Colonel of the K.S.L.I., has been visiting the regiment during its annual training camp at Castlemartin. Among the many former members of the Regiment living locally are: Ald. George Burton, Mr. Bill Johnson, Dimond Street (one time regimental boxing champion), and Mr. Tom Smith, D.C.M., Upper Meyrick Street.

Capt. Frank Owen is the honorary representative for this area of the Officers' Association.

DONATION TO THE MEMORIAL CHAPEL FUND.

WE wish to thank Mr. G. E. Roberts and the Committee of the Frankwell Carnival for their generous donation of £30 to the K.S.L.I. Memorial Chapel Fund.

We also wish to thank ex-Sgt. Hughes (who was so long on the R.P. Staff at the I.T.C.) for kindly making a donation to this fund when he visited the Depot on 10th September, 1954.

REGIMENTAL PRESENTATION.

LADY SYBIL GRANT has very kindly returned the gold cigarette case which all ranks of the Regiment presented to the late General Sir Charles Grant, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., when he retired from the appointment of Colonel of the Regiment in 1936.

The case now bears the following inscription:—

"A KEEPSAKE."

This treasured gift to
CHARLES GRANT
is returned by Sybil Grant
to the Regiment he looked upon
with so much pride and affection.



BLIGNY PLATOON, JULY 1954.

Back Row—McNall, Meadows, Cole, Jenkins, Catley, Wood, Coombey, Price 30).
2nd Row—Green, Redfern, Higgs, White, Williams, Hall, Pitt, Phillips.
3rd Row—Edwards, Trow, Bourne, Ellis, Hancock, Foster, Robson, Westcott, Davies (92).
4th Row—Breakwell, Bradley, Dalling, Greenwood, Rowberry, Redfern, Brown, Roberts, Blackwell.
Front Row—Sgt. Small, Lt. Hibbert, Major Barton, Brigadier Gosselin, Capt. Handley, C.S.M. Townend, Cpl. Ashley.



SULVA PLATOON, JULY 1954.

Top Row—Price, Dyke, Hill, Warrender, Bayliss, Podmore, Wise, Mitchell.
2nd Row—Frances, Richards, Probert, Howard, Merrick, Pope, Judson, Mullock, Griffiths.
3rd Row—Davies (89), Waters, Hadley, Mansell, Campion, Tomkinson, Brett, Cox, Hickman.
4th Row—Haycock, Burton, Davies (91), Wilson, Pugh, Tincello, Jones, Tonks, Brasnell, Bailey, Gale.
Front Row—Cpl. Hulme, Sgt. French, Lt. Hibbert, Major Barton, Brigadier Gosselin, Capt. Handley, C.M.S. Townend, Cpl. Thomas.

MUSEUM.

We wish to thank the following for kindly presenting exhibits to the Museum :—

COLONEL SIR JAMES L. SLEEMAN, K.T., C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., M.V.O., T.D., D.L., M.A. (Knight of Justice), who commanded the 1st Bn. Herefordshire Regiment from 1927 to 1931 kindly presented the mess jacket, which he wore during this service, to the Regimental Museum. (Colonel Sleeman has the distinction of being the only officer who has served in both the 35th and 36th Regiment of Foot.)

Other donations include :—

LT.-COL. R. F. ARDEN-CLOSE, on relinquishing his command, 4th Bn. K.S.I.I.: British Army Service Medal 1793-1814, with clasps Nive, Nivelles, St. Sebastian (Cpl. Sharp, 85th Foot).

MRS. HALL. Bayonet, scabbard, white belt of the late Armr./Sgt. D. Hall, K.S.I.I., 1914-1919.

MRS. WRIGHT. Scarlet tunic, "Shropshires," worn by a relative 1898-1900.

MR. A. AXTEN. Afghanistan Medal, 1878-79-80; Victoria L.S. & G.C.S. Medal of his late father.

LATE LT.-QM. GRIFFITHS. A collection of framed illustrated cards, colours, etc.

LT.-COL. N. M. HUGHES-HALLETT. Two groups of photographs of the Officers of the 7th (Service) Bn., The K.S.I.I., 1915.

COL. SIR PHILIP DE GREY EGERTON, BART. Photographs of the old 3rd Bn. K.S.I.I., taken at Llangollen, in 1906.

BY PURCHASE. MEDALS OF 23799 Cpl. M. SULLIVAN Indian Mutiny (with clasps Relief of Lucknow)—silver. China, 1857 (with clasps Taku Forts); L.S. & G.C. (Victoria).

EXTRACTS FROM LONDON GAZETTE.**Regular Army.**

K.S.I.I.

2nd Lt. T. A. Whitmore (420954) to be Lieut., 13th May, 1954.

Lt. Keith Lawrence Stewart Blockley (425582) from Nat. Serv. List, Oxf. & Bucks, to be Lieut. 8th September, 1954, with seniority 18th July, 1954.

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION.

Lt. R. Cook (410461) from Active List to be Lieut., 1st September, 1954, retaining his present seniority.

Emergency Commissions.

K.S.I.I.

Lt. H. W. Marshall (357499) relinquishes his commission, 17th June, 1954, on enlistment in the R.A.A.F.

Reserve of Officers.

Capt. (Hon. Major) R. W. Circus (156696) relinquishes his commission 14th July, 1954, retaining the hon. rank of Major.

Lt. O. R. Tetley (403573) from Reserve of Officers Nat. Service List (Class III), to be Lieut. 6th July, 1954, retaining his present seniority.

CLASS III.

Lt. R. J. Moore-Stevens (406245) from T.A. Res. of Officers Nat. Service List, to be Lieut., 3rd September, 1954, retaining his present seniority.

Territorial Army.

K.S.I.I.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the undermentioned decorations on the following officers :—

The Territorial Efficiency Decoration :—

Major W. J. Cottle, D.S.O. (now Reg. Commission).

The Efficiency Medal (Territorial) :—

Capt. (Hon. Major) A. G. L. Roberts.

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Clasps to the Territorial Efficiency Decoration :—

Lt.-Colonel H. H. Lanyon, T.D.

Captain (Actg. Major) W. P. Cox, M.C., T.D., to be Major, 23rd June, 1954, with seniority 23rd June, 1950.

2nd Lieut. R. T. Goolden (425256) is granted the acting rank of Lieut., 27th June, 1954.

2nd Lieut. B. J. S. Stocken (425253) is granted the acting rank of Lieut., 4th July, 1954.

Lieut. (Acting Capt.) P. E. Pharo (370000) to be Captain, 31st July, 1954, with seniority 26th May, 1952.

2nd Lieut. (Acting Lieut.) M. J. A. Mortimore (423806) from T.A. Nat. Serv. List, to be 2nd Lieut. (Acting Lieut.) 26th July, 1954, retaining his present seniority.

2nd Lieut. J. A. Rimmer (426226) from T.A. Nat. Service List to be 2nd Lieut. 19th July, 1954, with seniority 10th January, 1953.

2nd Lieut. J. A. Rimmer is granted the acting rank of Lieut., 5th September, 1954.

HEREFORD L.I.

2nd Lieut. (Acting Lieut.) G. S. J. Ogden (425224) from Nat. Service List to be 2nd Lieut. (Acting Lieut.) 29th June, 1954, retaining his present seniority.

2nd Lieut. A. G. Quinn (418687) to be Lieut., 26th July, 1954.

National Service List.

K.S.I.I.

The undermentioned Cadets to be 2nd Lieuts., 12th June, 1954 :—

John Simon Hopton (435595).

Dick Anthony Herbert Jones (435599).

Richard Edwin Goddard Sachs (435617).

2nd Lieut. M. W. Summers (424055) is granted the acting rank of Lieut., 24th August, 1954.

The undermentioned Cadets to be 2nd Lieuts., 14th August, 1954 :—

James Kingdon Sacré (436570).

Kenneth Roy Alexander (436545).

HEREFORD L.I.

2nd Lieut. M. W. Power (429921) from Reg. Army Nat. Service List, Cheshire, to be 2nd Lieut. 28th June, 1954, with seniority 25th July, 1953.

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

BRANCHES :

ALDERSHOT.—Mr. C. Thompson. (Meetings 1st Wed. each month, "Frickers Hotel").

BIRMINGHAM.—Mr. W. Parry, 12 Delhurst Road, Great Barr, Birmingham, 22. (Meetings—Woodman Inn, Easy Row, last Tuesday each month, 8 p.m.).

BRIDGNORTH.—Col. C. R. C. March, M.B.E., Greenhouse Dingle, Bridgnorth. (H.Q. "Swan Hotel").

- CHURCH STRETTON.—Mr. J. Beaumont, 82 High Street, Church Stretton.
- CARDIFF.—Major A. V. Marment, M.C., 115 Cathedral Road, Cardiff.
- ELLESMERE.—Mr. W. J. Berwick, 17 Beech Grove, Ellesmere. Meetings, Black Lion Hotel, 1st Tuesday in each month.
- HEREFORD.—Mr. I. J. Hall, 19 Frederick Ave., College Hill, Hereford.
- LONDON.—Major W. R. Morgan, K.S.L.I. Room 311, The War Office, Whitehall, S.W.1. (H.Q. "Westminster Arms", Page St., S.W.1.).
- LEOMINSTER.—Mr. A. S. Williams, 21 Hereford Road, H.Q., The Drill Hall, Leominster. Meetings last Tuesday each month.
- MERSEYSIDE.—Mr. M. Power, 40 Greenbank Road, Liverpool 15. (Meetings 1st Friday in each month, "Shakespeare," William Square).
- MANCHESTER.—Mr. J. B. Knox, 26 Royal Avenue, Old Trafford, Manchester.
- OSWESTRY.—Mr. M. Ryan, 6 Castle Square, Oswestry. (Meetings last Friday in each month, "Old Vaults").
- PEMBROKE DOCK.—Mr. T. S. Smith, D.C.M., 54 Meyrick Street, Pembroke Dock.
- PRESTEIGN.—Mr. A. J. Turner, 8 West Wall, Presteign.
- SHREWSBURY.—Mr. R. Williams, 27 Cromere Green, Cherry Orchard, Shrewsbury. (Meetings last Friday in each month, "Old Post Office Hotel").
- WREKIN.—Mr. G. Austin, The Mount, Wombridge, Wellington, Salop. (Meetings, "Duke of Wellington", Wellington, 1st Monday each month).
- WHITCHURCH.—Mr. R. R. Howell, 35 High Street, Whitchurch, Salop. (Meetings, last Friday in each month, "Black Bear Hotel").

The O.C.A. is open to all Officers and O.R.'s who have served in the K.S.L.I. or Hereford L.I. Life membership is 2/6.

Application should be made to any Branch Secretary, or the Hon. Sec., K.S.L.I. and Hereford L.I. Old Comrades' Association, The Barracks, Shrewsbury.

Regimental Reunion.

There will be no Old Comrades' Reunion until the Bi-Centenary of the Formation of the Regiment is celebrated in 1955.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH.

Through the good services of Mr. J. Harrison, Hon. Secretary Somerset Light Infantry O.C.A., we are hoping to get all Light Infantry Associations in the Birmingham area interested in forming one Association, at the same time retaining their own identity. As a first step we are looking forward to seeing members of the D.C.L.I. O.C.A. at our September meeting. It is unfortunate that attendance at the monthly functions has fallen to present average of 25 from the combined Somerset Light Infantry and our own Association, and this includes ladies.

We were pleased to see O.C.A. members from Stoke and Hereford on Saturday, 11th September, and trust they enjoyed their short visit enough to come again. Those of us who attended the dinner at Stoke and the Reunion at Hereford considered it all worth while, even if the number attending at both functions was below expectation.

It is regretted that we have no member available to attend the Presentation of Colours Parade on 15th October. Time off, etc., does not permit.

N.B.—Annual Dinner, Saturday, 18th December.

BRIDGNORTH BRANCH.

It was my privilege to attempt to organise what has turned out to be one of the most memorable occasions in the life of the O.C.A., the parade for the Presentation of New Colours to the 1st Battalion.

Before giving the actual account of the proceedings, I offer my thanks to the local secretaries of the Shrewsbury, London and Birmingham Branches who had the courtesy to reply to the original notice sent to all local Branch Secretaries by the O.C., Depot.

It must be realised that it is not possible to notify individually every member of the Association, who now number some 4,150 (one circular alone would cost about £25), as we have not got the funds. It is therefore up to the local secretaries to notify their members; by not doing so they have done both the Regiment and the O.C.A. a great dis-service. I am sure that many members, had they known about it, would have wished to join the party, which at the invitations of Lt.-Col. P. de C. Jones, and the Officers, and the W.O.'s and Sergeants of the 1st Battalion, attended the parade.

The high light of the visit was, of course, the actual ceremony, which from the critical eye of the Old Soldiers, was perfect in every detail and I am sure, will be recorded elsewhere in this *Journal*.

Liverpool Street Station saw the assembly of the party, where the following members reported to me, as organiser: Major and Mrs. A. W. Perry, Mr. A. Gough, Mr. F. H. Beavan, Mr. and Mrs. P. Browne, Mr. D. Canham, Mr. F. W. Head, Mr. C. C. B. Huff, Mr. A. W. Jones, Mr. W. A. Jones (father and son), Mr. A. A. Jarratt and Mr. F. Thompson, Mrs. Laidler and her daughter, Mrs. Simpkins, also travelled with the party.

From the moment the Old Comrades arrived in Border Barracks on Thursday evening, until their departure at mid-day Sunday they were treated with unbelievable hospitality.

The first event was a visit to the Corporals' Club, where they were given what might almost have been a royal reception, so wonderful was the solicitude for their well-being; this was followed by a more or less family gathering in the W.O.'s and Sergeants' Mess.

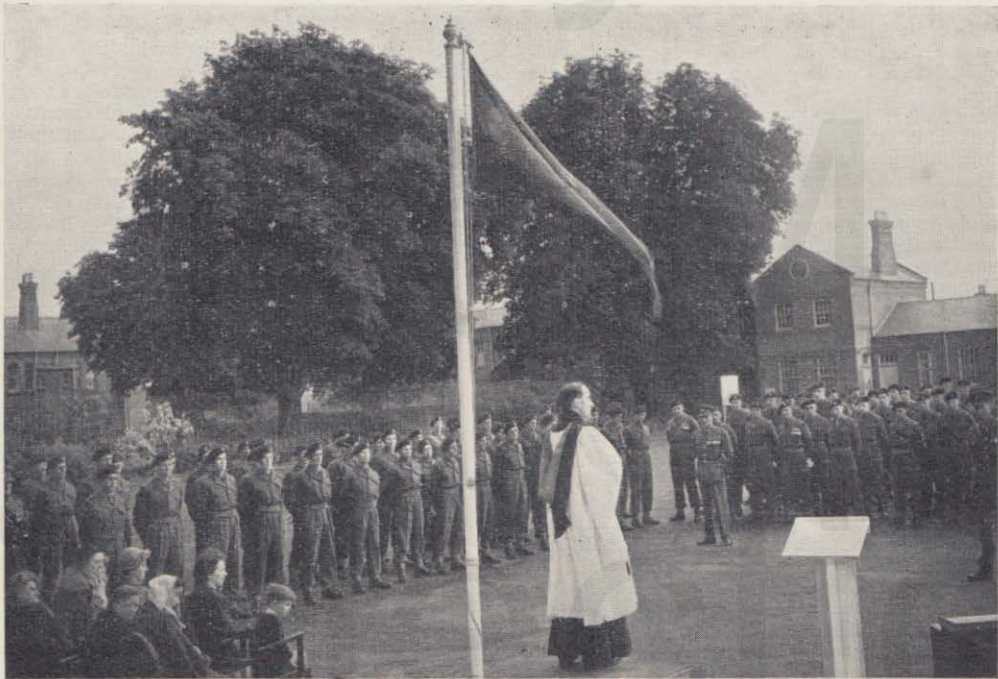
Friday, the great day, the O.C.A. were in the front row to witness the most perfect parade; all our hearts were most deeply touched as the Old Colours were marched in slow time off the Parade Ground, to be held in safe custody until they are finally laid up in their respective resting places.

Luncheon parties in the Messes followed immediately, when, no doubt, the New Colours and the Regiment, were suitably if silently, toasted. After the departure of the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, by helicopter, from the hockey ground, those who were wise snatched a short rest; others made their way into the town.

Supper parties, followed by a Ball in the W.O.'s and Sergeants' Mess, made a grand finale to a most memorable day. It speaks well of the O.C.A. that some saw the whole party through and were among the last to leave. Saturday, members were free to do just what they liked; many went shopping and it is well that H.M. Customs Officers did not see their purchases. In the evening more parties, which



S/I. Newman, A.P.T.C. and the P.T. Display Team on "Depot Day", 24th July, 1954.
(Photo by Shrewsbury Chronicle).



DRUMHEAD SERVICE ON "LIGHT INFANTRY DAY" AT THE DEPOT.
(Photo by Shrewsbury Chronicle)

carried on well into Sunday morning; it was close on 04.00 before the last crawled to bed.

At mid-day the party assembled to say their farewells and to be photographed before starting the journey home. 09.30 Liverpool Street Station saw the final break-up of the O.C.A. contingent. May we all meet again at the ceremony of the Laying-up of the Old Colours.

To Lieutenant-Colonel P. de C. Jones and All Ranks of the 1st Battalion—"Thank you".

C.R.M.C.

RECRUITS PASSING OUT PARADES.

25th June, 1954.

Councillor J. E. C. Leach, J.P., the Mayor of Bridgnorth, took the salute at the Passing Out Parade. There were 75 recruits on parade and a very good attendance of relatives were present. The Mayor presented medals and certificates to the following:—

Best recruit of the Intake : Pte. Lipyeart.
Best recruit of Antwerp Platoon : Pte. Bowen.
Best recruit of Paardeberg Platoon : Pte. Jones.
Best rifle shot : Pte. Creswell.
Best L.M.G. shot : Pte. Kynaston.
Inter-Platoon Challenge Cup : Paardeberg Pln.
30th July, 1954.

The Inspecting Officer on 30th July was Brigadier A. N. Gosselin, D.S.O., O.B.E., Deputy Commander Mid West District & 53rd Inf. Div. (T.A.). He presented the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to C/Sgt. Hill. There were 81 recruits on parade and the following received medals and certificates:—

Best recruit of the Intake and best rifle shot : Pte. Hadley.

Best recruit Bligny Platoon : Pte. Edwards.
Best recruit Suvla Platoon : Pte. Mullock.
Best L.M.G. shot : Pte. Price.

Inter-Platoon Challenge Cup was won by Suvla Platoon.

10th September, 1954.

Brig. C. W. P. Richardson, D.S.O., Commander 158 Inf. Brigade took the salute on this occasion. In his address to the recruits Brigadier Richardson gave the following advice: "Strive for promotion; go all out to get a stripe. If you become a sergeant you are doing splendidly, and if you are made a full corporal you are doing very well.

"If you fail to gain great proficiency as a shot or a games player, one thing you can be is a *cheerful soldier*."

"Go through your service doing your best with a smile and you will find your two years will be of benefit to you. Moreover, and more important, you will thoroughly enjoy them."

Brigadier Richardson, who took the salute at the march past, congratulated the men on their turn-out and drill. He was sure their parents felt extremely proud.

He presented the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to Sergeant A. Cottey, 1st Bn. K.S.L.I., who has completed 20½ years' service.

Medals and awards were also presented to:—

Best recruit of the Intake : Pte. Abbott.
Best recruit Anzio Platoon : Pte. Parker.
Best recruit Antwerp Platoon : Pte. Langston.
Best rifle shot : Pte. Nickless.
Best L.M.G. shot : Pte. Howell.

Inter-Platoon Challenge Cup : Anzio Platoon.
There were 71 recruits on parade.

REGIMENTAL DEPOT "OPEN DAY."

24th July, 1954.

How the National Serviceman trains, eats, sleeps and is cared for spiritually and recreationally were demonstrated at the K.S.L.I. Depot, Copthorne, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, when the Depot was thrown open to public inspection.

Many people toured the barracks. They saw drill demonstrations, heard bugle calls, were shown assault course, physical training and infantry arms and equipment displays.

The Regimental Museum, officers' and sergeants' messes, with the Depot's silver plate, were on view. Visitors also saw the ground floor of one of the men's blocks, their cookhouse and mess room, and the Depot Chapel.

UNIFORMS DISPLAYED.

Displays were given by recruits undergoing their ten weeks' "intake training" course, and another feature was a display of the varied uniforms worn by the regiment now and in recent years. The Band of the 4th Battalion played during the afternoon.

In charge of the day was Major R. G. L. Barton, who commands the Depot, and among others taking an active part were Major A. A. Tuck (Quartermaster), Captain R. G. Handley (Training Officer), and Captain C. B. Grundy (Adjutant).

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

P.T. Display.—Lasted 20 minutes. Took the form of: Opening out, tableaux, Box work.

Star performers: Pte. Birkhead, recruit of the Junior Intake; L/Cpl. Bellis, training instructor; Cpl. Lockett, P.T.I. Other performers were: Ptes. Tincello, Campion, Haycock, Gale, Mansell, Hickman, Hadley, Brett, Roberts, Blackwell, Warrender, Wise, Edwards, Mullock, Bayliss, Catley.

Assault Course.—Won by Suvla "Y" team. Runner-up, Bligny "A".

Teams of 4 competed in taking an L.M.G., stripped, and a tripod over normal assault course obstacles. "Y" won on both occasions.

TEAMS:

BLIGNY PLATOON.—"A", Redfern, White, Pitt, Brown. "B"—Foster, Jenkins, Davies (92), Dalling
SUVLA PLATOON.—"Y", Davies (89), Davies (91), Tomkinson, Mitchel. "Z", Howard, Tonks, Wilson, Pope.

Drill.—Took the form of a short demonstration of instruction by Sgt. John (Squad A). He was followed by C.S.M. Townend (Squad B).

Squad A—3 weeks; Squad B—9 weeks.

Both Squads were clapped furiously.

Drill Display.—Ellis, Breakwell, Hall, Higgs, Hancock, McNall, Hill, Green, Bradley, Rowberry, Robson, Wood, Phillips, Judson, Pugh, Radford, Bourne, Meadows, Probert, Price, Podmore, Brasenell, Jones (42).

LIGHT INFANTRY DAY.

14th July.

THE following telegram was received from the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General J. M. L. Grover, C.B., M.C.:—

"Best wishes to All Ranks for Light Infantry Day, 14th July.—John Grover".

SPORTS.**Light Infantry Day. Athletic Meeting.**

100 Yards Final.—1st, Cpl. Lockett (P.S.), 11.5 secs.; 2nd, Pte. Keep (Ant.).
 880 Yards Final.—1st, Pte. Perrin (P.S.), 2m. 56.5 secs.; 2nd, Pte. Rudge (Ant.).
 220 Yards Final.—1st, Cpl. Lockett (P.S.), 26 secs.; 2nd, L/Cpl. Clarke (P.S.).
 Long Jump.—1st, Pte. Birkhead (Ant.), 16 ft. 1 in.; 2nd, Pte. Spiers (Ant.).
 High Jump.—1st, Pte. Catley (Anz.), 4 ft. 8 in.; 2nd, Pte. Lloyd (Anz.).
 One Mile.—1st, Pte. Perrin (P.S.), 5 m. 35 secs.; 2nd, Pte. Carter (P.S.).
 440 Yards Final.—1st, Pte. Hinton (P.S.), 65 secs.; 2nd, Pte. Crisp (Ant.).
 Obstacle Relay.—Antwerp.
 Mile Medley.—Permanent Staff.
 Tug-of-War.—Anzio.

CRICKET.

DEPOT K.S.L.I. v. DEPOT R.W.F.

Result: Depot R.W.F., 59 for 10 wickets; Depot K.S.L.I., 51 for 10 wickets.

The return match of the season v. R.W.F. was played at Cophthorne Barracks, on August 10th. The R.W.F. won the toss and elected to bat first on a wicket that was almost waterlogged. Albutt and Simpson, however, bowled aggressively and, apart from Powell who made 22, no one reached double figures, the visitors being all out for 59.

In reply, the K.S.L.I. had made 41 for 5 when, as so often happens, the tail collapsed completely, and the team was all out for 51.

TRIANGULAR SPORTS MEETING.

On 28th August a triangular sports meeting was held at Wrexham, against the depots of the R.W.F. and the Cheshire Regiment.

It was won by the Depot, R.W.F., with 103 points, second, Cheshires with 88 points, and third, this Depot with 63 points. Our nly individual successes were R.S.M. Furr, 2nd in the hammer, and Cpl. Lockett, 2nd in the 220 yards.

However, as the majority of our team was taken from the recruits, we feel fairly happy with the result. We did not appear to have the talent in the Permanent Staff and once again it was a case of the "good big 'uns beating the good little 'uns".

The meeting was very well laid on and the band of the 1st Bn. the R.W.F. played and the day ended with supper for the teams.

The Depot gave the cup for the tug-of-war, which was won by the R.W.F., and is to be competed for annually.

The meeting was a revival of those held before the war and we hope it will become once again a permanent feature in the Depot year.

Depot teams are appended:—

100 Yards.—Cpl. Lockett, Pte. Spiers.
 200 Yards.—Cpl. Lockett, Pte. Picken.
 440 Yards.—Pte. Harris, Pte. Powell.
 880 Yards.—Pte. Speak, Pte. Davies.
 One Mile.—Pte. Mason, Pte. Fellows.
 High Jump.—Pte. Catley, Pte. Eggerton.
 Long Jump.—Cpl. Lockett, Pte. Birkhead.
 Shot.—2/Lt. Roach, R.S.M. Furr.
 Javelin.—L/Cpl. Stone, Pte. Birkhead.
 Hammer.—R.S.M. Furr, Sgt. Hodge.

Mile Medley.—440 Yards, Pte. Harris; 220 yards, Cpl. Lockett; 220 Yards, Pte. Picken; 880 Yards Pte. Mason.

Tug-of-War.—L/Cpl. Price, Sgt. Wagstaffe, L/Cpl. Brooks, Pte. Woolley, Pte. Ellison, Pte. Lilliey, Pte. Bishop, Pte. Farr, Pte. Kirkham, Pte. Godwin.

THE SHROPSHIRE TERRITORIAL AND AUXILIARY FORCES RIFLE ASSOCIATION.**FIRST RIFLE MEETING.**

More than 250 members of the Shropshire Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Rifle Association took part in their first annual rifle meeting at Llansilin Ranges, near Oswestry, on Sunday, 11th July, when some excellent performances were achieved.

Shooting started at 9 a.m. and went on all day in ideal weather. Among spectators, who were much impressed by the organisation of the event, were the Lord-Lieutenant, Major-General the Viscount Bridgeman, Lord Forester, the Earl of Powis, and the president of the Association, Colonel A. W. Turnbull.

Shooting on the whole was of a very good standard despite the fact that for many it was the first time they had fired under Bisley conditions. The success of the gathering was largely due to efficient control of the firing points and butts by officers, warrant officers and sergeants of the Depot, K.S.L.I. and to the markers supplied by the 206 Company, R.P.C., from Nesscliffe Camp.

Prizes were presented by Lord Bridgeman, who congratulated competitors on their enthusiasm and hard work.

They were as follows:—

Match 1.—*T.A. Individual Championship.* 1st, Capt. A. G. Haystead, Adj. 1st Salop Home Guard Bn. (score 107); 2nd, Captain S. A. G. Cox, 4th K.S.L.I. (95); 3rd, C.S.M. Skelton, 4th K.S.L.I. (84).

Match 2.—*Home Guard Individual Championship.* 1st, Sgt. A. G. Evans, 4th Salop Home Guard Bn. (score 103); 2nd, C.S.M. Page, Wrekin College (100); 3rd, Pte. J. Waite, 1st Salop Home Guard Bn. (87).

Match 3.—*Sea Cadets, A.C.F. and A.T.C. Individual Championship.* 1st, L/Cpl. Watson, K.S.L.I. A.C.F. (score 41); 2nd, C/Sgt. Chidlow, K.S.L.I. A.C.F. (40); 3rd, Cadet Turner, A.T.C., Albrighton (36).

Match 4.—*C.C.F. Individual Championship.* 1st, L/Cpl. Wilton, Wrekin College (score 42); 2nd, Cadet Bean, Ellesmere College (42); 3rd, Cadet Wood, Ellesmere College (40).

L/Cpl. Wilton and Cadet Bean tied for first place. First place was awarded to L/Cpl. Wilton for highest score in snap-shooting, in accordance with the rules.

Match 5.—*Sten Gun Open Championship.* 1st, Capt. A. E. Woods, 1st Salop Home Guard Bn. (score 110); 2nd, Capt. A. G. Haystead, Adj. 1st Salop H.G. Bn. (107); 3rd, Pte. Ramsey, 4th Salop Home Guard Bn. (99).

Match 6.—*Falling Plate Team Match.* Winners 4th K.S.L.I. Bn. "A" team; runners-up, Wrekin College.

Match 7.—*County Individual Championship.* 1st, Capt. A. G. Haystead, Adj. 1st Salop Home Guard Bn. (score 116); 2nd, C.S.M. Page, W.O./Inst., Wrekin College (108); 3rd, Capt. T. R. C. Marshall, Adj. 2nd Salop Home Guard Bn. (96).

Best Individual Cadet.—L/Cpl. Wilton (Wrekin College).



R.S.M. D. FURR being presented to H.R.H. THE PRINCESS ROYAL. B/M. Dennett, C.S.M. Potts and Mrs. V. H. Crane. *(Photo by Wellington Journal).*



REGULAR RECRUITS WHO JOINED THE 19TH AUGUST, 1954 INTAKE.

Top Row—Green (Ironbridge), Chidlow (Market Drayton), Cox (Coalbrookdale), Duckers (Whitchurch), Gethin (Worthen), Bailey (Ketley), James (Shrewsbury), Gibbs (Prees).
Bottom Row—Reeves (Ellesmere), Mansell (Pontesbury), Lineton (Oakengates), L/Cpl. Thomas (Ludlow A.C.F.), C.S.M. Donnelly, Cooke (Upton Magna), Bray (Wellington), Jones (Shrewsbury).
(Photo by Shrewsbury Chronicle).

Three of these recruits have signed on for 22 years—two of the three are former K.S.L.I. Army Cadet Force members—whilst the rest are on three or four year engagements. The two former cadets who are "in" for 22 years are Alan D. Thomas (17), of Ludlow, and 19-years-old Derek Chidlow, of Market Drayton.

RED-CROSS PARADE—HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS ROYAL.

THE Shropshire Branch of the Red Cross Society held a parade on Sunday, 25th July. The R.S.M. of the Depot, W.O.I. D. Furr, was largely responsible for the ceremonial preparations for this parade, including the Colour Party. The service was held in St. Chad's, at 3 p.m., and the Princess Royal presented the new Colours to the contingent.

Prior to going into the Church, Major Barton showed Her Royal Highness round the K.S.L.I. Memorial Chapel, in which she showed great interest. After the service the Contingent marched into the Square, where the Princess Royal inspected them and gave them an address. After this there was an excellent tea party, which all those who took part in the parade attended.

EMPIRE MEMORIAL IN ST. PAUL'S.

COMMONWEALTH people of all creeds and races who lost their lives in two world wars are to be commemorated by an Empire war memorial in St. Paul's Cathedral.

It is proposed that a new high altar and baldachino being built in the cathedral shall be dedicated to their memory.

The form of the memorial—behind which, in the apse, will be the American memorial chapel—will be in keeping with Sir Christopher Wren's original conception; for he intended that the high altar should be covered by an ornate canopy and should dominate the building. His idea was that there should be an uninterrupted view from the west end, along the nave and choir, to the high altar. The main structure of the baldachino, surmounted by a figure of the risen Christ with four angels at the corners, will be of oak, but tassels on a pelmet and the finer carvings are to be of lime.

The total cost of the high altar and baldachino will be about £90,000. General Grover has sent a subscription on behalf of the Regiment.

Subscriptions should be addressed to the Empire War Memorial Fund, care of Lloyds Bank Limited, 16, St. James's Street, London, S.W.1.

EXTRACT FROM "THE INFANTRYMAN," JULY, 1954.

NO. 1 DRESS (CEREMONIAL).

The War Office Dress Committee have recently authorized a number of Regiments to wear the black line interwoven in the lace of the officers' shoulder cords of No. 1 Dress (Ceremonial).

The history of the black line is as follows:—

From the middle of the 18th century, various coloured stripes, which included black, were introduced into the white lace of the rank and file of Infantry regiments. This was for the express purpose of distinguishing the various Regiments.

With the linking of Regiments in 1881 an attempt was made to standardise Officers' lace. New patterns were introduced embodying the rose, thistle and shamrock. In certain cases, Regiments (including The Somerset Light Infantry) which had a black line in their lace were permitted to continue wearing it. In some cases where one of the linked Regiments had had a black line, the new Regiment was allowed to adopt it. At the same date officers of The Norfolk (9th) and East Yorkshire (15th) Regiments were authorized to wear a black line in their lace, the former "in consideration for the part

taken by the late 9th Foot at the burial of Sir John Moore," the latter "to commemorate the death of General Wolfe".

The following Regiments in addition to all Light Infantry Regiments are now permitted to wear the black line:—

- The Royal Norfolk Regiment.
- The East Yorkshire Regiment.
- The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.
- The East Surrey Regiment.
- The Loyall Regiment.
- The York and Lancaster Regiment.
- The Gordon Highlanders.

TRANSFER TO R.A.O.R. CLASS III OF NATIONAL SERVICE LIST OFFICERS TO THE A.E.R. OF O AND T.A.

METHOD OF TRANSFER.

Infantry.—Officers posted to the Monmouthshire Regiment, the Hertfordshire Regiment and the Herefordshire Light Infantry will be transferred to the South Wales Borderers, the Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Regiment, and the King's Shropshire Light Infantry respectively.

PASSING THROUGH PADDINGTON.

It is three years since I contributed my previous article, so after several requests, I thought I had better do something.

The awful summer, I imagine, was responsible for the absence of the many I used to see on their way to "Lord's" for cricket.

Colonel N. M. Hughes-Hallett. Just prior to his marriage; he appeared very fit. I hope he has been able to obtain the house he desired and, as my wife remarked, settled down now with someone to take care of him.

Major and Mrs. C. Walke. They have now settled in London where Charles is employed with the Ministry of Supply. I am sorry to relate he has recently had a set back in health, due no doubt, to his strenuous activities during the war. I am sure all his old comrades will join me in wishing him a speedy recovery. Hoping I will see him at the London Branch Dinner on the 26th November.

Major R. C. H. Armitstead. Had relinquished his command of the Herefords and had been posted to the Canal Zone. Now the troops are being withdrawn, perhaps he may get a posting at home.

Lieut. & Q.M. G. Price, R.A. Remembered as a sergeant with the 2nd Bn. and P.S.I. with the Herefords at the outbreak of war. A pity to see such a smart little fellow had changed his cap badge.

Major and Mrs. Archie Perry. I had not seen Mrs. Perry since she left the "Ettrick" at Kingston in February, 1939. Those fifteen years had not made much difference—perhaps a little greyer. Archie, although he had been ill, looked much his old self. He has now joined the band of "Highwaymen" (Inland Revenue). Herne Bay must agree with him.

Major A. T. Targett. On his way to Plymouth, where the Boys' Battalion with which he is Q.M., is moving. He is now a grandfather. Peter, his son who is a schoolmaster, is married and has two children.

Lieut.-Col. Guy Thornycroft. Now O.C. Herefords. If he is as popular as he was with the 2nd Bn., his tour of duty will be a very happy one. He

sent his regards to that "wee Scotsman," Jock Aitken.

Captain Jimmy Archbutt. Known to those of the 2nd Bn. from Bermuda to Boroughbridge, where he left to join the 1st Bn. in N. Africa, and later taken prisoner at Anzio. Doing very well and living at Shortlands, Kent, with his wife and four children, including twins.

"Nobby" Pearce. Ex-C.S.M. of the 2nd Bn. He has done very well since he left us. Employed at H.Q. R.E. (Pay) Chester. He still resides in Shrewsbury, where I expect he is seen occasionally in the Sergeants' Mess having a hand of bridge. Some people do not change with the years.

Captain J. A. Aitken, M.C. Has been on leave with his wife and family, one wee daughter. He is the same as ever, up to his tricks as Bob Rylands will remember from the experience at Selsey. With the able assistance of his wife, Moira, he has done very well in Malaya during the past six years or so. Now District Officer at Temerloh.

Capt. R. R. Rylands. Still at the Maidstone Grammar School. Now the proud father of two sons and a daughter.

Capt. Bill Heatley. An accountant at Wolverhampton. So sorry I was too busy to accept your kind invitation to a liquid refreshment. I was pleased to hear his next door neighbour, the one and only "Nobby" Clarke (O.M. 2nd Bn.) is now fit again. I can still hear that voice—"Remember the Bugle, Up the Bits".

Harry and Mrs. Bowler. Both remembered by many with the 1st, 2nd Bn. and Depot. Was on the staff of the R.A.O.C. at Donnington, but for the past three years has been in the Canal Zone, to where they have returned after leave in England. Thanks for the mango, it was delicious.

Major Sam Ward. Now Public Relations Officer at the War Office, a post to which I should imagine he is well suited.

Charles and Mrs. Huff. Now settled in Gravesend and doing very well with a tobacconist and confectionary business. He has cut out the newsagent side. Arising so early in the mornings was getting too much for him, poor old chap.

Lieut. Donald MacLachlan. Has now transferred to the R.A.F., and serving as a Flight-Lieutenant.

Francis Johnson. A son of C.S.M. Johnson, later R.S.M., Welch Fusiliers. Francis joined the 2nd Bn. and served with the Band in Bermuda. Now with the Police at Tring, Herts.

Sergeant Paddy Browne. Remembered by those of "D" Company, 1st Bn., from Poona to Dinapore, also with the 2nd Bn. and for many years was with the Bisley team. Still looking very well in spite of a recent severe illness and employed at the R.A.O.C., Depot, Feltham. He and Mrs. Browne are travelling to Germany to see the presentation of colours to the 1st Battalion.

I also had the pleasure of meeting the late Tony Pack whilst on leave. I can understand why his death in Korea was such a sad loss to the Regiment.

Major A. E. G. Moger, too, had passed through on two occasions, and had left a message of regards. I hope to be on duty when he passes this way again. It is many years since we met.

"Spot" Edwards—I met in the Strand—with one leg and crutches he was travelling in and out the crowds at two hundred and forty to the minute—he wears very well.

The above are as far as my memory or notes permit.

BILL SEAGER.

LIGHT INFANTRY CLUB.

B.A.O.R.

K.O.Y.L.I. CRICKET WEEK.

1st K.O.Y.L.I. had a most successful and enjoyable cricket week from 28th June to 2nd July, 1954.

Throughout the whole week the bat dominated the ball and the average rate of scoring was nearly 100 runs an hour. During the week Col. Pope scored 289 runs for once out, with a top score of 125 not out, and was the despair of every bowler. He was in superb form. Cpl. Hirst, 165 for twice out, with a top score of 141 not out; Cpl. Poulford got 109 against 1st K.S.L.I.

It was remarkable that three members of the K.O.Y.L.I. should score centuries during the week. Pte. Cooper bowled well during the whole week and took 20 wickets. The ground fielding was good and the catching, with one or two sad and expensive errors, was up to standard.

Results.

1st K.O.Y.L.I. beat 1st K.S.L.I. on 28th and 29th June.

1st K.S.L.I.—108 (Col. Vickers 4 for 31), and 66 (Pte. Cooper 5 for 19, Pte. Smallwood 4 for 13).

1st K.O.Y.L.I.—310 for 5 declared (Cpl. Poulford 109, Col. Pope 54, Pte. Dewes 50).

1st K.O.Y.L.I. won by an innings and 136 runs. 1st K.O.Y.L.I. v. 1st Oxf. & Bucks.—Match drawn.

1st K.O.Y.L.I.—184 for 4 declared (Col. Pope 76 not out, Col. Vickers 66 not out) and 172 for 6 dec. (Major Cook 35, Col. Pope 34 not out).

1st Oxf. & Bucks.—177 (Mr. Wynne 95 not out, Col. Vickers 4 for 55), and 167 for 9 (Mr. Graffy-Smith 40. Pte. Cooper 6 for 68).

COMBINED SERVICES BERLIN v. THE LIGHT INFANTRY CLUB.

Played on No. 1 Ground in perfect weather on 30th June, 1954.

The Light Infantry Club won the toss and opening with Mr. Ford (D.L.I.) and Mr. Hinchcliffe (K.O.Y.L.I.) made a sedate start but both were out with the total at 36. This brought together Capt. Fawcus (K.S.L.I.) and Col. Pope (K.O.Y.L.I.). The Berlin bowling before lunch was accurate, runs were difficult to get and by 1.30 p.m. the Light Infantry Club had only scored 102 for 2 wickets. Capt. Fawcus, who was short of practice, batted with extreme caution and Col. Pope, who was clearly seeing the ball, batted safely but very well. Once again refreshed by the lull interval Col. Pope set about the Berlin bowling to such an extent that he scored 125 not out by 3 p.m. He only gave one difficult chance. He drove and cut with great power and played his best innings on the Berlin ground. Capt. Fawcus made a chanceless 50 and played the role of junior partner to Col. Pope. The Light Infantry Club declared at 232 for 3 wickets. This left Berlin 2 hours 55 minutes in which to get the runs.

The Light Infantry bowling was indifferent and Berlin, with Mr. Gordon-Lennox and Cpl. Hirst (K.O.Y.L.I.) got away to a flying start with 86 runs in the first hour. Mr. Gordon-Lennox was out at 110 for a very well made 45, but Cpl. Hirst (no doubt torn between loyalty to Berlin and the Light Infantry Club) went on to make a splendid 141 not out and Berlin won the game with 20 minutes to spare. Departing from normal custom, the Light Infantry Club fielding was good.

It is possible that the Light Infantry Club made a tactical error in batting first, there being some suggestion that the slow rate of scoring before lunch was due to the eclipse of the sun.

During the tea interval the Light Infantry Club gave an "At Home" and the band of the Green Howards played.

OBITUARIES.

Mr. ARTHUR (NICK) CARTER.

It is with great regret that we have to report the death of "Nick" Carter, who retired in January, 1951, after completing 50 years unbroken service in the Regiment. He died in Cross Houses Hospital on 5th November, and was buried in the General Cemetery, Shrewsbury, on 10th November.

Officers and O.R.'s from the Regimental Depot, K.S.L.I., 4th Bn. K.S.L.I., 1st Bn. The Hereford L.I. and members of the Old Comrades' Association attended. The bearing party was found by the Regiment, and a bugler sounded the Last Post and Reveille.

Private (Nick) Carter joined the Regiment on the 4th January, 1901, at Cophorne Barracks, Shrewsbury. His first Ceremonial Parade was in connection with the late Queen Victoria's death.

In July, 1901, he joined the 2nd Battalion, The King's Shropshire Light Infantry in South Africa, serving there until early 1903, and being awarded the Queen's South African Medal.

He served with the 2nd Battalion in India until November, 1906. He then came home, visiting Cape St. Vincent, Portugal, on being posted to the 1st Battalion in the United Kingdom, where he continued to serve with that Battalion until the outbreak of the 1914—1918 War.

In August, 1914, he was posted to the 3rd Battalion, with which he remained throughout the War, first at Pembroke Dock, and later in Ireland.

Between August 1914 and 1916, he went to France six times on draft conducting duties.

In July 1919, he rejoined the 2nd Battalion, and served continuously with that Battalion until 1942, including periods of service with the Army of Occupation in Germany, the evacuation of Cologne, and in Jamaica and Curacao.

On his return to England with the 2nd Battalion in March, 1942, by way of New York and Canada, he was posted to the Regimental Depot, at Shrewsbury, where he continued to serve until the date of his discharge.

Throughout his service, Private Carter was distinguished for his fine example to many hundreds of young soldiers who have passed through the Units with which he served. He was specially selected for duty with the Colour Escort on the occasion of the presentation of New Colours to the 2nd Battalion The King's Shropshire Light Infantry, at Shrewsbury, by His Majesty King George VI. (then H.R.H. The Duke of York) in 1935.

In 1937 he was specially selected as one of the party representing the Regiment in the Coronation Procession.

During the latter years of his service he was invariably selected for such duties as this, and was a member of the Colour Party which received back from the Governor of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, in 1947, the American Colours captured at Bladensburg. He also acted as Personal Orderly to the Colonel of the Regiment at the ceremony of the Amalgamation of the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Regiment in June, 1948.

This was a really enjoyable match and a good victory for Berlin.

Scores :—

The Light Infantry Club.—232 for 3 declared. (Col. Pope 125 not out, Capt. Fawcus 50).
Combined Services, Berlin.—234 for 3. (Cpl. Hirst 141 not out, Mr. Gordon-Lennox 45).

Thursday, 23rd November, was a sad but memorable day, not only in the history of the Regiment, but for the whole Army, for on that date, our old comrade, Nick Carter, the oldest soldier in the Army, holder of two Long Service and Good Conduct Medals, was presented with a silver tankard, and an Illuminated Address, on his retirement, on the completion of 50 years unbroken Colour Service.

The presentation was made by Major General Grover, the Colonel of the Regiment at a Special Parade of the Staff of the Regimental Depot, and in the presence of a score of Nick's former Officers, Members of the Old Comrades' Association, the Press, and the B.B.C.

It was a unique ceremony, which will live long in the memories of all who were able to be present.

This address was presented to Private A. Carter on a special parade at Cophorne Barracks, Shrewsbury, on 23rd November, 1950, in the presence of many of his former Commanding Officers and Comrades by Major General J. M. L. Grover, C.B., M.C., Colonel The King's Shropshire Light Infantry, in token of the Regiment's high esteem and appreciation of his exemplary, loyal and devoted service in the Regiment.

PRESENTED TO

No. 4026186 PRIVATE A. CARTER,
THE KING'S SHROPSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY
IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF HIS UNBROKEN
50 YEARS COLOUR SERVICE
IN THE REGIMENT
FROM JANUARY, 1901 TO JANUARY, 1951,
AND OF HIS UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENT IN MERITING
THE AWARD OF
A SECOND LONG SERVICE AND GOOD
CONDUCT MEDAL.

DR. C. R. YOUNG.

Dr. C. R. Young was born in 1886, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Young, at Guelph, Ontario, on 26th October, 1954. He attended Guelph Public and High Schools and graduated in Medicine at the University of Toronto in 1911, and thereafter practised with Dr. Torington in Sudbury, and as Medical Officer on Canadian National Railway Construction in the North.

He enlisted in the Army in the Spring of 1915 and went Overseas as Captain and Medical Officer with the 1st Battalion K.S.L.I. in France and remained on Active Service until he was discharged in the summer of 1919. In October 1918 he had been severely gassed while evacuating wounded. During his service with his Regiment he was awarded the following decorations: Military Cross on November, 1916; a Bar to M.C. on July 26th, 1917; a Second Bar on September 18th, 1918; and was decorated by King George V with the D.S.O. at the Court of St. James on March 8th, 1919.

After demobilization he practised his profession at Little Current, Ontario for thirty-one years.

He is survived by his sister, Miss Mabel Young of Guelph and his wife, who was previous to her marriage, Miss Marjorie Patten of Little Current, Ontario.

1st BATTALION K.S.L.I.

EDITORIAL.

ON October 15th, 1954, Field Marshal Sir John Harding, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Chief of the Imperial General Staff, presented, as Her Majesty's representative, our New Colours. In the wider sphere, this was the climax of 77 years in the life of the 1st Bn., since the last presentation in 1877, and of 19 years in the life of the 2nd Bn., since 1935. In the narrower sphere this parade made a wonderful climax to the end of our second training season in B.A.O.R.

It is sufficient to say here that it was a very moving and memorable occasion, to which all ranks of the Battalion contributed in full measure, and which, we believe, would have satisfied the keenest critic from the past.

It was witnessed by many members, past and present, and many friends of the Regiment, including a large contingent who made the long journey from England by air and sea, and for whose presence and support we were very grateful.

In his message to the Battalion the Colonel of the Regiment said:—

"Yesterday was a very great day in the annals of the Regiment, and I wish to congratulate, most sincerely, all ranks of the Battalion on achieving such perfection in the magnificent parade for the Presentation of the New Colours, and in all the complicated administrative arrangements.

"The highest tributes have been paid to me, on behalf of the Regiment, from Field Marshal Sir John Harding, and the many other distinguished spectators. In the C.I.G.'s own words: 'I have seen very many such parades but I have never seen a better'. There could be no higher praise.

"It was a very proud and happy occasion for the many past and present members of the Regiment who were privileged to attend as visitors, and on their behalf, and my own, I thank you all most sincerely."

For most of the Battalion the collective training season ended with the Infantry/Tank exercises, which we carried out in early August, with our affiliated armoured regiment, the 3rd Royal Tank Regiment. The combined training we have done this year with 3rd R.T.R. has proved completely that this is the bedrock on which the efficiency of the armoured division rests, a fact too often forgotten.

Earlier in July we had crossed three rivers on a Brigade exercise, which was great fun and very instructive. Later we escaped the final Divisional exercises owing to the state of the harvest. This was, perhaps, just as well, as more time could be given to the preparation for the Colour Presentation.

In late September the greater part of the Officers, Signallers, and M.T. were out as umpires for the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade on exercise "Battle Royal," which is reported more fully elsewhere.

With the initialling of the agreement with Egypt we were relieved from an early move from Göttingen to the Canal Zone. It was good news that we shall have another winter here, with the prospect of more skiing. It is likely that we shall move in the spring of next year to the Middle East, but firm details have not yet been received.

When the Commanding Officer was the Army representative on the Committee of the Road

Walking Association of Great Britain in 1948, he was asked if the Regiment would take part in the Dutch endurance marches at Nijmegen. This year 2/Lt. R. M. Paterson and a "B" Company team took part in these goodwill non-competitive marches, along with many other British unit teams, and had a very enjoyable—and strenuous experience.

Games are now in full swing and the R.S.M. is searching for talent for the football team. In the racing world, Beau Jest was second in the Mounted Infantry Cup, and his jockey, Lt.-Col. P. de C. Jones, was awarded the Light Infantry Cup for the first Light Infantry rider past the post.

It may interest older members of the Regiment that the latter has been made a member of the Mounted Infantry Club, of which Major R. L. Surtees, and the late Colonel John Hooper were founder members.

We congratulate Captain A. Borwick on his engagement and we welcome a vast influx of 2/Lieuts., namely, D. M. L. Grover, B. J. Lowe, G. Simpson, R. F. H. Longe, P. Madeley, and P. L. Parsons.

2/Lieuts. David Lanyon and George Wightman have completed their National Service with us, and have served the Battalion well.

We welcome also Capt. R. G. Handley, who has joined us from the Depot, and Capt. G. M. Benson from Eaton Hall, Capt. H. A. B. Gahan from the Staff, and Lt. N. J. Monk, who has arrived from the Military College of Science.

We say farewell to Major K. A. Heard, M.C., T.D., who is going to a Staff appointment in Canada, Major M. C. A. Vallence, who has joined the staff of the Light Infantry Brigade, and Captain J. P. Corry, who has retired.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

July

14—Light Infantry Day.

23—H.R.H. Princess Margaret visited 11 Armd. Div. at Sennelager. Guard of Honour provided by "B" Company.

25-30—Brigade Bridging Gallop. Exercise "Triple Bar".

August

2—Inf/Tank training with 3rd Royal Tanks in camp at Topingen.

13—Bank Holiday.

14—Inter-Platoon hockey.

17—

22-29—Div. Exercise "Red Flag" (this was cancelled owing to the weather).

September

1—Officers' v. Sergeants' Mess tennis tournament.

4—Hockey v. "H.Q." 91 Brigade.

4—Light Infantry Cup won by C.O., at Bad Lippspringe.

14—Final of 30 yards range Inter-Coy. knock-out competition. "H.Q." first team beat "S" Company 1st team.

20—Umpiring on Army Manoeuvres.

29—Exercise "Battle Royal".

October

6—Football. Battalion v. 4th Armd. Wksp. Draw, 3-3.

15—Presentation of New Colours by C.I.G.S. Sergeants' Mess Ball.

VISIT OF H.R.H. PRINCESS MARGARET TO 11th ARMoured DIVISION.

ON Wednesday, 14th July, 1954, 11th Armoured Division were visited by H.R.H. Princess Margaret at Sennelager. H.R.H. was received by the Divisional Commander, Major-General H. E. Pyman, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., and then inspected a Guard of Honour provided by 1st Bn. The King's Shropshire Light Infantry, with the Queen's Colour of the Old 2nd Battalion and the Band and Bugles



PRINCESS MARGARET INSPECTING HER
GUARD OF HONOUR.

Major D. C. Clapham is the Guard Commander. H.R.H. is followed by Maj. Gen. H. E. Pyman, C.B., C.B.E. D.S.O., G.O.C. 11 Amrd. Div.

drawn up on the airstrip in front of the Royal Stand. The Guard of Honour was commanded by Major D. C. Clapham, and consisted of 2/Lt. R. J. Cock, R.S.M. Williams, C.S.M. Green, C.S.M. Worster, C/Sgt. Clarke, M.M., C/Sgt. Mahoney and 100 rank and file. The Queen's Colour was carried by 2/Lt. P. R. Churchill, Sgt. Baines and Sgt. Lewendon forming the escort.

After inspecting the Guard of Honour, H.R.H. inspected 33rd Armoured Brigade on parade and took the salute at a march-past in mounted order, grouped tactically. The Centurian tanks and other armoured vehicles which passed the saluting base in threes, were a most impressive sight.

Princess Margaret was entertained to lunch in the

Officers' Mess at Sennelager, before which Lt.-Col. P. de C. Jones, O.B.E., was presented to H.R.H. After lunch the Regimental Sergeant-Majors of the Division, including R.S.M. Williams, were also presented.

In the afternoon Princess Margaret attended a demonstration of an attack by a battalion of infantry, supported by a squadron of tanks, organised by 91st Lorried Infantry Brigade.

PRESENTATION OF BATONS.

THE following letter was received from Miss Murphy, daughter of the late Bandmaster John Murphy, who has kindly presented two of his batons to the Battalion.

18 SUTTON COURT ROAD,
CHISWICK,

LONDON, W.4.

25th Aug., 1954.

DEAR SIR,

I am enclosing herewith two batons that belonged to my father, the late Mr. John Murphy, who was at one time Bandmaster of the 1st K.S.L.I. He was the first Military Bandmaster (that is from Kneller Hall) that was ever appointed to the Shropshires, which was in 1880. As both these batons bear the badge of the Shropshire Regiment, I thought it just possible that they might be of use to you and, if not, then perhaps to a band-sergeant leaving to go to Kneller Hall...The "Trial by Jury" baton was presented to him while the Regiment was stationed in Malta, after a production of that opera, out there, but I do not know the date.

You may, perhaps, wonder why they were never sent before, as my father died in 1912, but they were in the possession of my mother, who only died very recently, in her 89th year.

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One of these batons is now used on parade; the other is kept in the Sergeants' Mess.

EXERCISE BATTLE ROYAL.

EXERCISE BATTLE ROYAL was the culmination of this year's training season in B.A.O.R. It was a long climb from the primitive Coy. field firing schemes of the early summer, through Battalion and Brigade affairs, up to this highly publicized and very expensive super-manoeuve; and in a way we were disappointed that our own role was only that of umpires. However, we had had some, as the saying goes, in September, 1953, notably in the stupendous night attack in which we took part; and the comparative comfort of an umpire's life promised well—though it was known that some of the responsibilities would be distinctly aggravating.

The great point about Battle Royal was, of course, that it was to include a limited number of atomic incidents. With this in view, most of us who were to act as umpires, had to go to Sennelager some five days before the exercise started to be instructed in the intricacies of atomic umpiring. This period concluded with a very clear address from General Gale, in which he outlined the probable course of the manoeuvre. Our side (Southland—believe it or not) was to be numerically inferior but atomically slightly superior, and was charged with the task of delaying an enemy invasion for seven days while the big reserves were mobilized. 1st K.S.L.I. was to umpire 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade, which was on the left wing and consisted of the 2nd P.P.C.L.I.,



THE GUARD OF HONOUR PRESENTING ARMS TO H.R.H. PRINCESS MARGARET.



6 PLATOON ON THE DUTCH MARCH.

the 2nd Royal Canadian Regiment, and the 2nd Bn. of the Vingtdeuxieme.

The job was an interesting if exacting one and some of the Canadian methods at first surprised and then rather impressed us. The celebrated "bug-out" for example. This is a jazzed-up version of the more stately and intricate withdrawal; badly executed, it would be a nightmare, but with some care and a little luck it means a retreat so swift and sudden that the enemy is entirely unaware that any movement has taken place. And then there were the sensational dispositions on the Ems line: three battalions up, four companies up, three platoons up, and not a dog or a perambulator to give depth. But then again, the Ems was a considerable obstacle to the enemy, the line was very stretched, and it was known that any retreat would be no matter of a yard here and there, but a complete scuttle right back to the Lippe. So there was method in our friends' apparent madness, and both entertainment and instruction resulted.

In many ways, however, from the low-level point of view, the exercise was a disappointment. No doubt the employment of atomic shells will give considerable, and perhaps rather indigestible, food for thought to the higher income brackets of the profession, but to us it merely meant that whenever a promising build-up developed, it was apt to be decimated by nuclear methods. This, and the obvious fact that the Commanders were in any case very shy of allowing big build-ups, meant a slow-moving and continually frustrating seven days. Indeed, something of an impasse has been reached. On one hand, big build-ups are promptly discovered and decimated; and on the other, General Horrocks, writing in the *Sunday Times*, insists that attacks cannot succeed on a wide front, with the evident corollary that they must have depth and, presumably, mass as well. Is the answer to be more camouflage, or swifter methods, or total reorganisation? All three would seem to be in the wind. But, per General Horrocks, surely one form of reorganization could be the equipment of small, mobile and hard-hitting units, self-sufficient enough to mount independent attacks and penetrate deeply on the Rommel principle; and a number of such attacks over a wide front. . . . Here, however, we enter the realm of speculation. To be concrete, let us say that an uncomfortable and rather slow seven days were largely redeemed by the friendliness of the Canadians and the interest of their techniques, and that very solid matter for thought was carried away by a lot of (very damp) umpires.

6 PLATOON ON THE INTERNATIONAL FOUR-DAY MARCH.

We think now that a 100 mile march in four days is not so much after all. But when I told 6 Platoon a few months ago that we were going to do that very thing, there were not a few horrified faces. The previous day we had marched high on twenty miles and crawled the last five on our hands and knees.

However, when various schemes and a Guard of Honour for H.R.H. Princess Margaret had finished, we got down to some really hard work. It had to be hard because we only had two weeks before the event. We started with about 34 people and having marched 180 miles in ten days, we found our team down to the right number of twenty, and ourselves getting ready to go off to Holland.

We arrived at Nijmegen at 2100 hours on 27th July, where we found that 61 Bde. had organised transport, and before we knew where we were, we found ourselves in barracks with a hot meal inside us and making our beds. We discovered to our horror that we started next day at 1520 hours, which meant arising at 0415 hours. How we managed it I don't know, but we did. We arrived at the start with our rifles and 25 lbs. of equipment



MEDAL FOR THE DUTCH MARCH.

and still rather sleepy after our long journey. However we got our cards and left, the last of our group.

We soon passed the Royal Sussex, the Green Howards, the Gunners and dozens of Dutch, Luxembourg, French, Swiss and Danish troops, and many others. As we marched we were somewhat surprised to see someone marching at our pace. It was 61st Bde., of whom we were to see so much. After about two hours they kindly gave us tea—real tea—none of this Dutch stuff. On we marched and all along the way groups of people cheering, clapping, or just staring. Soon we passed two Guards' detachments—a tremendous cheer from them, followed by remarks about salts! We marched almost to the

outskirts of Arnhem, then turned south again to Elst, where we got a tremendous welcome. By now we had passed the 60th and the 43rd and I noted that not a few of the former were limping.

We stopped just outside Orsterhout for lunch and milk, and shortly after resuming the march we were asked to open ranks. This we did—only to find ourselves being sprayed from head to toe in Eau de Cologne. It was most refreshing. We then marched on through Lent back over the famous Nijmegen bridge and into the city, where we were cheered and clapped for the last few miles. We marched into the finishing pen at our 140, finishing just six hours twenty minutes after starting. It was fortunate for us that a detachment of Coldstream, who had started 45 minutes before us in another group, finished at the same time, for we had arrived 1½ hours before the officials.

However, Captain Breunese, of the Royal Netherlands Army, took our finishing cards, while pointing out that the march was not a competition. We had little trouble with sleep that night, and next morning we found ourselves on the road at 0700 hours and marched round in about seven hours. 61st Bde. were most kind and collected some milk for us and produced, at twenty miles, a hot "compo" lunch. This was a terrific tonic and I feel that we owe a great debt to 61st Bde. for their kindness and help.

It rained—and the more and the harder it rained the more and harder we sang and spirits rose higher and higher. Several bodies of Dutchmen and Belgians clearly thought that we were quite mad. However, the sun came out at lunchtime and we arrived home more or less dry. Again the Eau de Cologne, the pretty girls, the crowds and the cheers, but as I handed in our finishing cards, an official told me in an awed voice, "Tomorrow you have got to march through the mountains," and when I inquired as to whether they were very big he replied, "Yes, some of them are almost 80 metres (250 feet) high."

By the third day we had got one or two blisters but we treated them and they gave no more real trouble. We were in the last group to start and, after a few miles, we came on to one of those long straight roads that one finds in Holland, and there, for miles upon miles, one could see a marching mass of people; it was a staggering sight. The mountains produced no difficulty, although at one stage we had to spend forty-five minutes getting a toe strapped up, which put us right behind. However we set about the remainder of the journey with such vigour that we finished some distance ahead of our group. This day had taken us 8 hours but this was not so bad considering we had marched 28 miles that day instead of the normal 25 miles.

So we arrived at the last day, the final lap. Enormous crowds cheered us on our way, and having marched through Grave and Wijk, we found not only the usual Eau de Cologne, but various drinks, bands, the local mayors—in fact, everything and everyone. Over the last 15 km. we were given bunches upon bunches of flowers and welcomed and cheered by one solid mass of people. It was splendid, although we felt considerable strain marching to the slow Dutch bands. However, we finished all intact with the twenty we started with. Very few teams did that, in fact out of 11,000 starters, 2,500 odd fell out.

The British Military Attaché gave us our medals and the team medal, and we marched out of the

finishing arena very pleased to have finished. Nijmegen went mad that night and we were given a splendid time. Traffic came to a standstill, for I should think the entire population of Holland was in Nijmegen. Saturday morning we rested, and Saturday afternoon as well, but the evening brought the same scene as on Friday, and it was a very weary British contingent that boarded the train on Sunday morning.

In conclusion, I would like to say "thank you," to the Dutch for their very genuine hospitality; to 61st Lorried Inf. Bde. H.Q., who produced such welcome sustenance and without whom we should have felt the pinch; and finally to the team who were just that—a team. After all, 100 miles in four days in not so very far—at least not in retrospect.

The team:—2/Lt. R. M. Paterson, Sgt. Hanlon, Cpl. Brown, Cpl. Williams, L/Cpl. Donnelly, Ptes. Barnfield, Ralphs, Lynall, Mountford, Leeke, (20) Davies, Jennings, White, (09) Jones, Francis, Birch, Newton, M.M., (31) Davies, Davison, (63) Evans.

CRICKET.

OUR short season has produced some good fun with varying results, due to the lack of match practice. Before the first match we managed a fortnight's nets, so that everybody was well loosened up. We went to play 2 R.H.A. at Hildesheim on 26th and 27th July. There was no play until tea time on the first day, but between the start and close of play we dismissed nine of our opponents for 118. This was quite satisfactory. The wickets were shared—Sgt. Dyer taking 2 for 32, Cpl. Lawrenson 2 for 12, Cpl. Portman 2 for 29, and 2/Lt. Churchill 3 for 41. At the start next day, 2 R.H.A. declared and we were soon in trouble. When Capt. Fawcus was joined by Lt. Raven the score was 24 for 4, but some spirited hitting took the score to 56, then further collapse until Cpl. Heiron joined Capt. Fawcus at 65 for 7. Cpl. Heiron opened with a straight six and this pair took the score to 120, of which Cpl. Heiron played well for 37. We declared at lunch with our score at 140 for 9, Capt. Fawcus being undefeated for 58. The R.H.A. scored 198 for 7 in their second innings, setting us 177 to get in two hours. In our effort to score quickly we lost wickets and never recovered, eventually being dismissed for 87, of which 2/Lt. Cock contributed 24. No doubt we could have saved the game, but having been set the task, we accepted the challenge with disastrous results. Unfortunately 2/Lt. Churchill was unable to accompany us to Berlin for the next match v. K.O.Y.L.I. in the Light Infantry week.

The K.O.Y.L.I. had a good side, all of whom were in excellent practice. Our batting completely failed and we were soon 71 for 9, but Cpl. Heiron was still there and, with Sgt. Dyer's help, managed to push the score up to 108, his own contribution being a fine 41. The K.O.Y.L.I. declared at 310 for 5—Cpl. Portman got two wickets and kept up his pace for a long time. We were very badly handicapped by 2/Lt. Churchill's absence, as we had no slow bowler. Even Capt. Fawcus introduced himself into the attack to remedy this and was rewarded with a wicket, the opposing captain being very beautifully caught by 2/Lt. Lanyon in front of the score-board. Our second innings was a little better; we were all out for 66, the top scorer being 2/Lt. Lanyon with 16. Cpl. Lawrenson, at number 10, hit a splendid six

The King's Shropshire Light Infantry



Special Supplement to Commemorate the

Presentation of Colours

TO THE

First Battalion

BY

FIELD MARSHAL SIR JOHN HARDING

G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.

Chief of the Imperial General Staff

at Göttingen, Germany — 15th October 1954

The Chief of the Imperial General Staff's Address to the 1st Battalion The King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

" Colonel Jones and all ranks of 1st Battalion, The King's Shropshire Light Infantry. It is a high honour for me to have been commanded by Her Majesty The Queen to present you with new Colours to-day. And as a brother Light Infantryman it is a great pleasure for me to be with you on this historic occasion.

These new Colours which have just been solemnly consecrated have emblazoned on them the many battle honours your Regiment has won. Those names of famous battles and campaigns fought in different parts of the world contain your Regiment's history—a splendid tale of service to Sovereign and Country, of devotion to duty, and of courage and comradeship. In it you will always find great inspiration and encouragement for the future, whatever it may hold.

The 1st Battalion of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry which was then known as the 53rd Regiment was raised in 1755. The 2nd Battalion, known as the 85th Light Infantry, was raised in 1759, and was the first Light Infantry Regiment ever formed in the British Army. The Regiment has fought with distinction in almost every war in which the British Army has been engaged in the past 200 years.

This is a splendid record of which all who have ever served in or been associated with the Regiment have every reason to be very proud. From what I have seen of the Battalion to-day, and from the reports that have reached me, I am confident that the great name the Regiment has made for itself will always be upheld. The people of the Counties of Shropshire and Herefordshire can also take great pride in the fame of their Regiment, and I am delighted to know that they are represented here to-day.

In years gone by when Colours were carried on the battlefield, no sacrifice was deemed too great to bear them forward to victory, or to preserve them from capture. Now they are symbols of that same indomitable spirit; they are to remind you of your splendid inheritance of fame and glory; they are to encourage you to emulate the deeds of your forbears; they are to inspire you in your duty to your Sovereign and your Country.

I have been very impressed by your fine soldierly bearing to-day, and I congratulate you all most heartily on an excellent parade, and the high standard of general military efficiency that you have achieved. Well done, The King's Shropshire Light Infantry, well done indeed—and may good fortune and great success attend you in the future wherever you may serve.

Guard your new Colours closely; preserve the great spirit and tradition of your Regiment that they symbolise; and may they always be to you a source of strength and courage, and a constant reminder of your duty to your Queen and Country."

The Commanding Officer's Reply to the Address by the C.I.G.S.

" SIR,

On behalf of all Ranks of the 1st Battalion, The King's Shropshire Light Infantry, I thank you for your moving and inspiring words to us. We are very honoured and proud that Her Majesty's Representative to-day should be the Chief of the Imperial General Staff and the senior Light Infantryman.

In this, the 200th year of our Regiment's history, we, who have the honour to represent it on parade to-day, are very mindful of all who have served the Regiment in the past, and who by their endeavours and by their example have created the Regimental traditions and spirit which we are proud to inherit.

We are very grateful to all serving members and Old Comrades of the Regiment and to the representatives of our two T.A. Battalions and our County Cadets and to the many representatives of the counties of Shropshire and Herefordshire who have made the long journey from the United Kingdom to be with us on this great day, making it truly a Regimental family occasion.

Sir, We pledge Her Majesty that we will bear forward our New Colours as the symbols of our duty to our Queen and Country and as the symbols of the traditions and spirit of our Regiment".



FIELD MARSHAL SIR JOHN HARDING, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.
CHIEF OF THE IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF



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MAJOR-GENERAL J. M. L. GROVER, C.B., M.C.
Colonel, The King's Shropshire Light Infantry.



LT.-COLONEL P. DE C. JONES, O.B.E.
Commanding 1st Bn. The King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

PARADE STATE.

Colonel.—MAJOR-GENERAL J. M. L. GROVER, C.B., M.C.

Commanding Officer.—LIEUTENANT-COLONEL P. DE C. JONES, O.B.E.

Field Officers for the New Colours.—MAJOR J. C. LONG, MAJOR P. T. D. PHILLIPPS.

Officers for the Colours.—

Old.—LIEUT. K. L. S. BLOCKLEY, 2nd LIEUT. R. M. PATERSON, 2ND LIEUT. D. M. L. GROVER,
2ND LIEUT. R. J. COCK.

New.—LIEUT. T. A. WHITAMORE, 2ND LIEUT. P. R. CHURCHILL.

Adjutant.—MAJOR M. P. CARR.

Quartermaster.—CAPTAIN J. R. ROBERTS, M.B.E.

No. 1 Guard (Escort to the Colours)—MAJOR J. C. LONG, CAPTAIN J. D. WHITAMORE.

No. 2 Guard.—MAJOR D. C. CLAPHAM, 2ND LIEUT. C. G. BALLENDEN.

No. 3 Guard.—CAPTAIN R. J. FAWCUS, T.D., CAPTAIN N. C. ROWE.

No. 4 Guard.—CAPTAIN J. J. B. BETTINGTON, LIEUT. J. R. HASZARD.

No. 5 Guard.—CAPTAIN R. G. HANDLEY, LIEUT. N. J. MONK.

No. 6 Guard.—MAJOR P. T. D. PHILLIPPS, 2ND LIEUT. B. J. LOWE.

Regimental Sergeant Major.—H. F. WILLIAMS.

Bandmaster.—G. R. HALL, A.R.C.M.

Bugle Major.—B. J. T. LAIDLER.

Warrant Officers carrying the New Colours.—R.Q.M.S. J. R. T. PEALL, M.M., O.R.Q.M.S. A. E. GOFF, B.E.M.

The Consecration Service was conducted by The Reverend R. J. F. MAYSTON, M.B.E., M.A., Q.H.C., Assistant Chaplain General Northern Army Group.

Assisted by: The Reverend E. GIBBS, M.C., S.C.F., The Reverend O. G. HUMPHREYS, C.F. (Chaplain to the Battalion).

In Attendance: The Reverend R. WOODS, C.F. (R.C.).

THE PRESENTATION OF NEW COLOURS PARADE.

On the morning of 15th October, 1954, the 1st Battalion K.S.L.I. paraded at Border Barracks, Götingen in Germany, to receive New Colours from Field-Marshal Sir John Harding, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Chief of the Imperial General Staff, on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen.

The parade ground made a perfect setting for this parade and the sun, which broke through the clouds early in the programme, added to the brilliance of the spectacle. All Officers, Warrant Officers, Sergeants, and the Band and Buglers were in their No. 1 Dress Uniform, the remainder wore battle dress with green berets. The spectators, who were mostly in No. 1 Dress Uniform, were seated in stands decorated with bunting in the Regimental Colours, and red, white and blue.

The C.I.G.S. arrived with the Colonel of the Regiment and, after being received with a General Salute, inspected the Battalion. The Trooping of the four Old Colours, and their Farewell March off the parade ground to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne," was a most moving ceremony.

A stand, specially constructed for the occasion, was used for the Service for the Consecration of the New Colours. This stand was made of highly polished walnut; on its base were placed two side-drums, and on its top the two bugles presented to the Regiment by the Borough of Shrewsbury and the County of Salop. The New Colours were placed on the stand for the Service.

The stillness of the spectators added to the pageantry of the Presentation of the New Colours, when attention was fixed upon the C.I.G.S. and those officers of the Battalion who took part in this. The stirring address of the C.I.G.S. and the Commanding Officer's reply are published in full on another page.

The Battalion, having reformed line, the Officers carried the Colours into their place in the line in slow time, to the tune of the National Anthem. A slow, stately and impressive movement.

The Advance in Review Order which followed the March Past was executed with masterly precision, and the parade finally dispersed, leaving the Commanding Officer alone in the centre of the parade ground before he took his leave of the C.I.G.S.

The parade had been a most spectacular and moving ceremony, besides a fine display of Light Infantry drill. The performance of the Band and Buglers was throughout particularly noteworthy.

After the parade the Officers entertained 300 guests in their Mess, followed by a luncheon in the roller skating rink, which had been transformed into a gay banquetting hall with bunting and flowers. Groups of Officers and Sergeants were then photographed, and after a visit to the Sergeants' Mess, the C.I.G.S. left by helicopter to three rousing cheers from the Battalion, which encircled his plane.

Besides the many guests from B.A.O.R. who attended the parade, about sixty came over from England, including past and present members of the Regiment, and representatives of the County of Salop, the Borough of Shrewsbury and the Press of Shropshire and Herefordshire.

Major M. R. Robinson, D.S.O., 2nd in Command of the Battalion, was responsible for the administrative arrangements for the parade and the festivities that followed.

THE OLD AND NEW COLOURS.

On 15th October, 1954 two old stands of Colours were trooped for the last time before retirement, and one new stand of Colours was presented by command of Her Majesty the Queen.

The Colours retired were :—

Old 1st Battalion Colours.

Those presented to the 53rd (Shropshire) Regiment by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn in Ireland on the 5th April, 1877. That Regiment, in 1881, became the 1st Bn. The King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

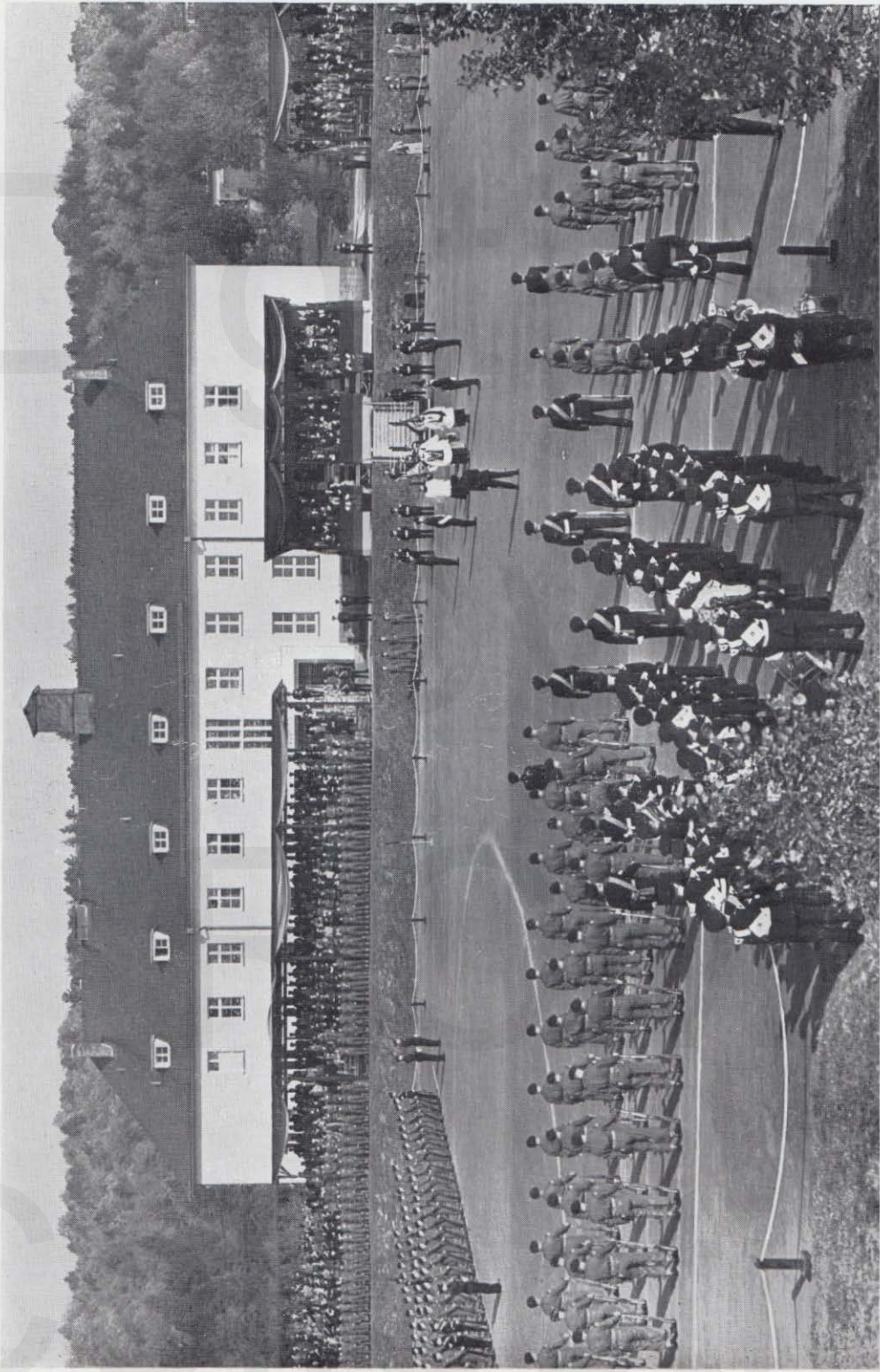
These Colours are now much worn, and little of the original fabric remains. They differ considerably in design from the New Colours as shown in the illustrations on the centre pages. Among the many ceremonial occasions when these Colours have been carried are included Royal Guard Duty in London in 1909 and again in 1948-49, the Victory Marches in Paris and London in 1919, and in the Victory Parade in London in 1946. The Queen's Colour was carried at Her Majesty the Queen's Coronation last year.

Old 2nd Battalion Colours.

Those presented at Shrewsbury on the 25th April, 1935, to the 2nd Battalion The King's Shropshire Light Infantry—formerly the 85th, The King's Light Infantry—by H.M. King George VI, then the Duke of York. These Colours were also carried on Royal Guard Duty in 1948-49, and the Regimental Colour at Her Majesty the Queen's Coronation last year. They are identical in design with the New Colours, except for the Roman Numeral denoting the number of the Battalion

In 1948 the former 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Regiment were amalgamated to form the present and new 1st Battalion. Both the old stands of Colours then became due for retirement—thus the New Colours which were presented on 15th October, 1954, are the first to be borne by the present 1st Battalion in its own right, and they will proudly carry forward the spirit and traditions of the two old Battalions.

It is hoped next year, as part of the Regiment's bi-centenary celebrations, to lay up the old 1st Battalion Colours in the Regimental Chapel in St. Chad's Church in Shrewsbury, and the old 2nd Battalion Colours in Hereford Cathedral.



THE CONSECRATION SERVICE.

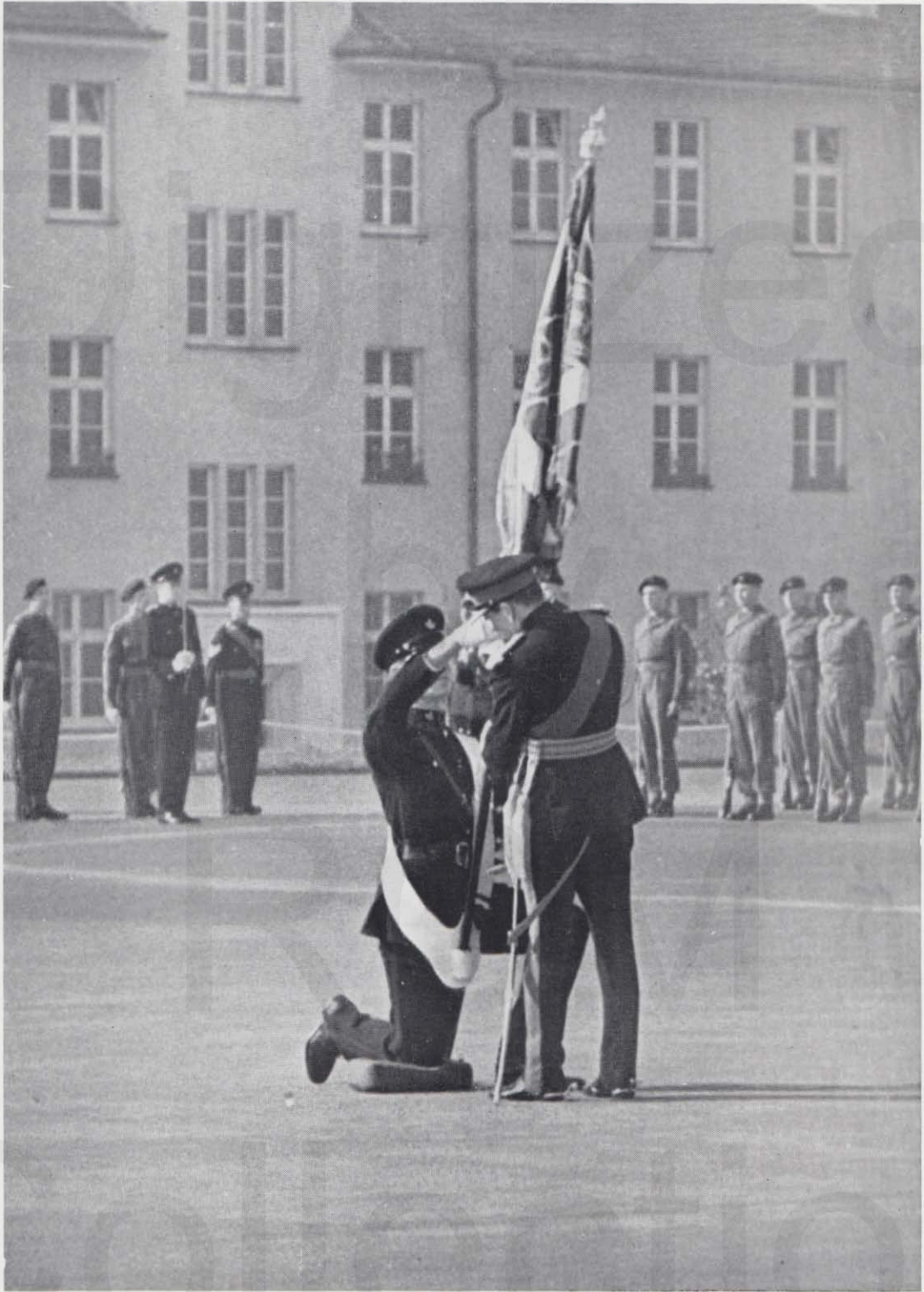
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THE OLD COLOURS



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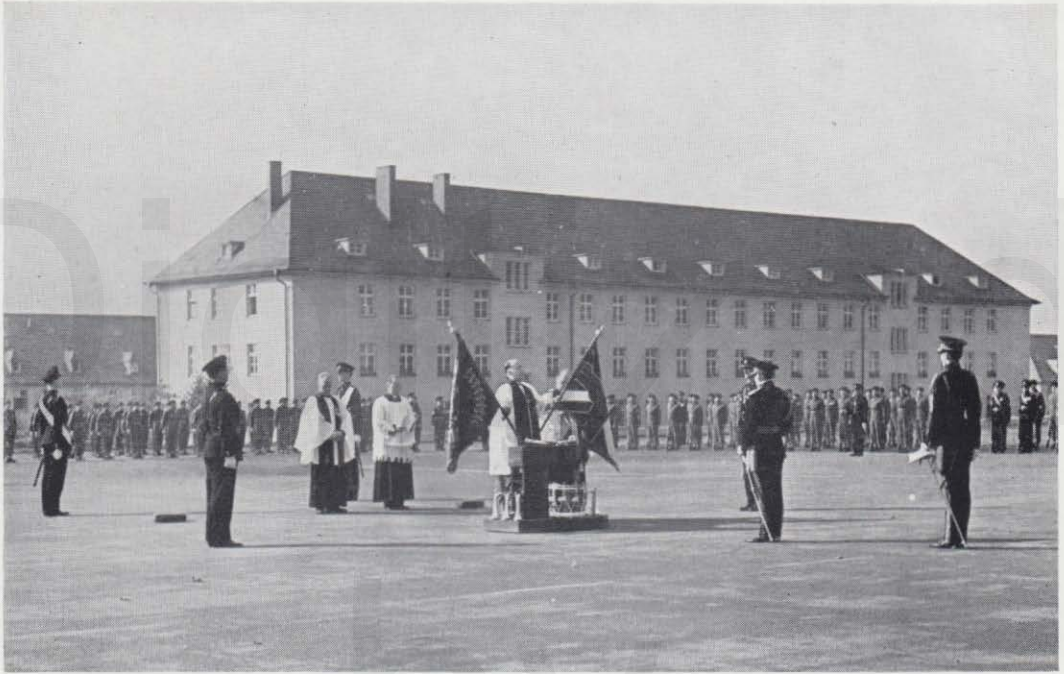


THE PRESENTATION OF THE NEW QUEEN'S COLOURS

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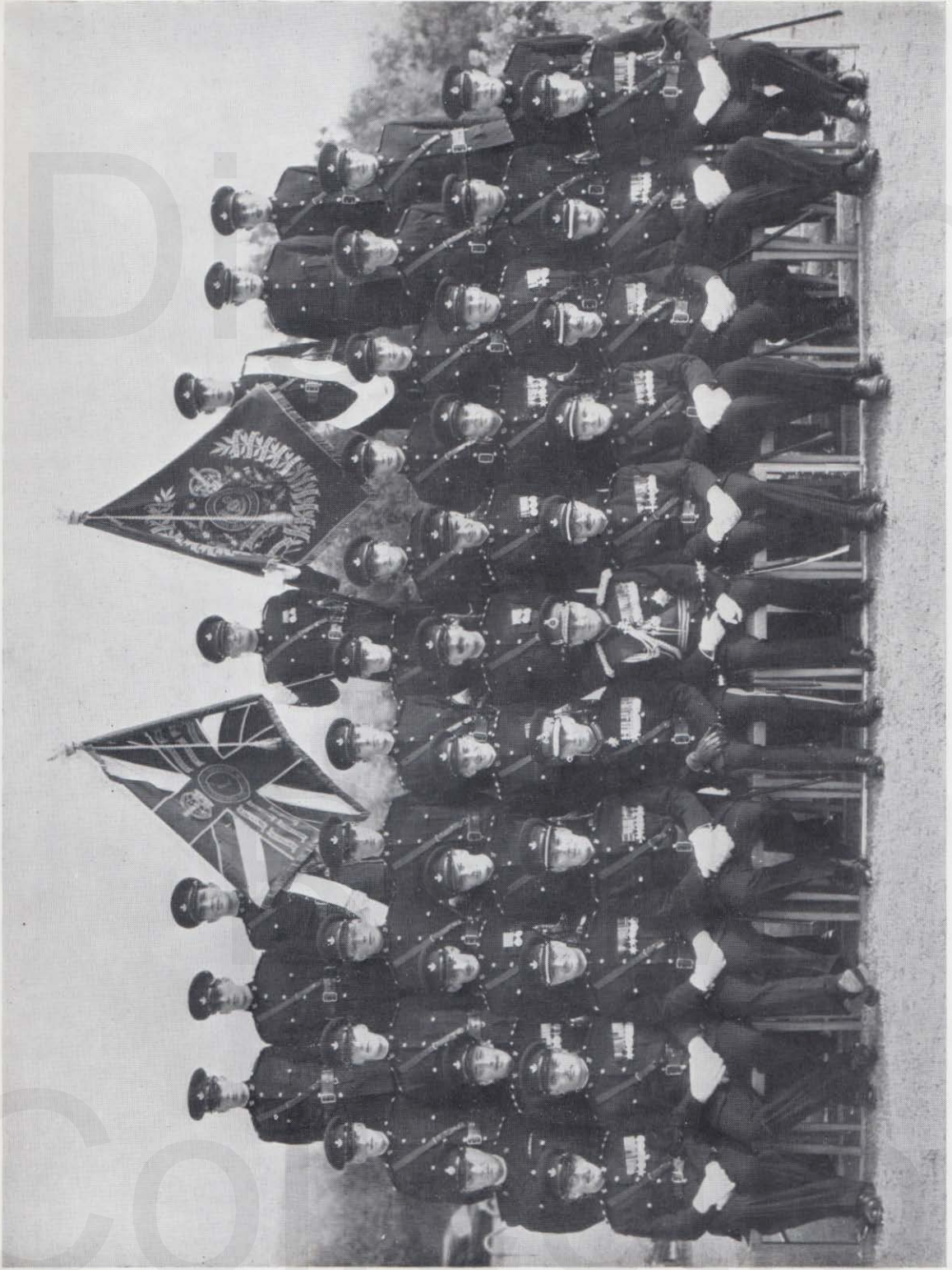
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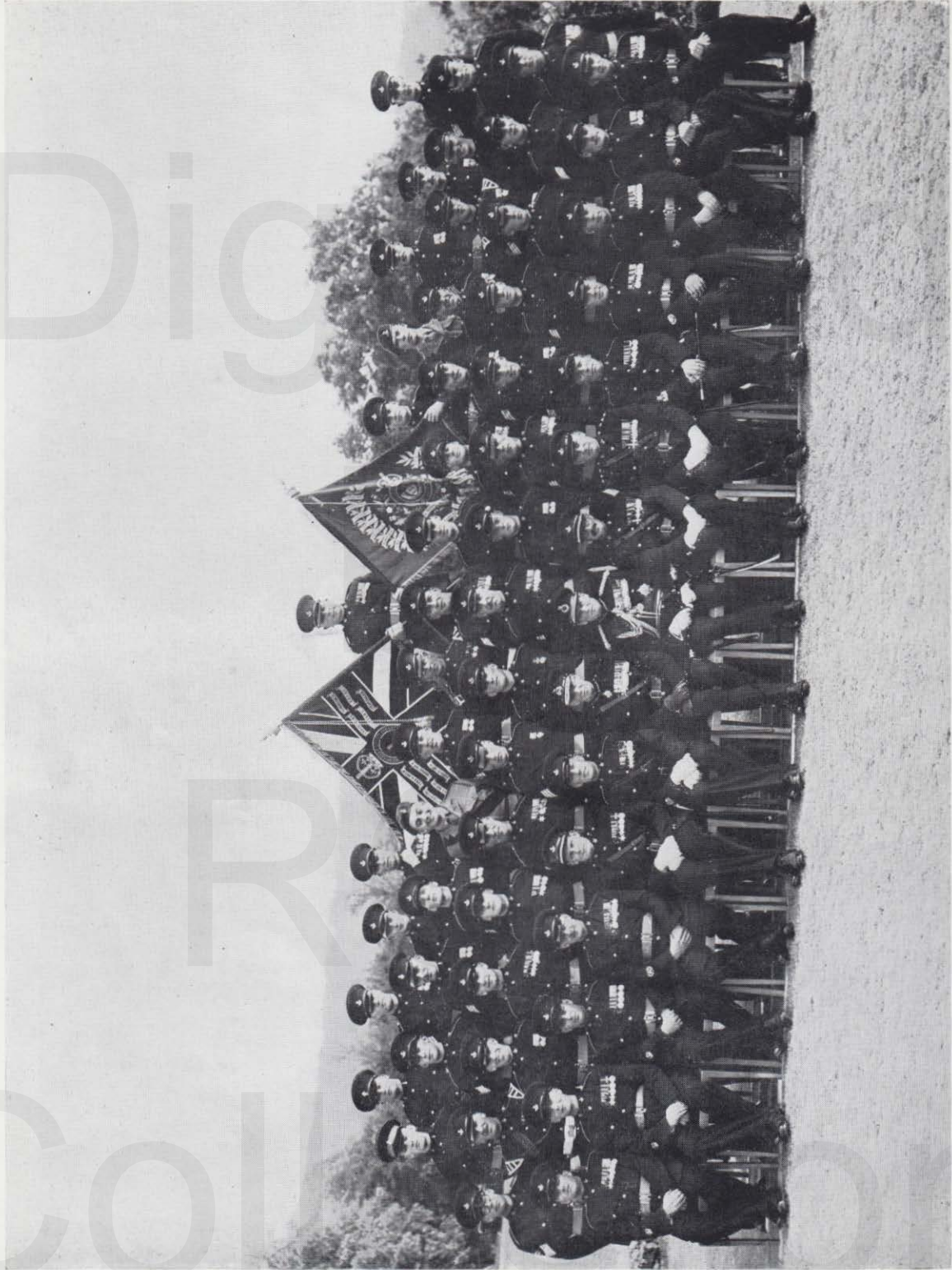
CONSECRATION OF THE NEW COLOURS



THE COMMANDING OFFICER REPLYING TO THE C.I.G.S.



OFFICERS 1ST BATTALION K.S.L.I.



WARRANT OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS, 1ST BATTALION K.S.L.I.

FORM OF THE PARADE.*(Reprinted from the brochure issued for the Parade)***The Assembly.**

1. The Band and Bugles march on. *"La Ligne"*
2. The Battalion marches on in threes and forms line. *"Hark Forrard"*
3. The Old Colours are placed on the left of the line and the Officers for the Old Colours fall in with the Escort to the Colours (No. 1 Guard).
4. The Quartermaster's party bring on the New Colours (cased).

The Arrival of the Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

5. The Chief of the Imperial General Staff is received with a General Salute *"53rd Salute"*
6. The Inspection. *"Brigadier"* ; *"Presentation"* ; *"With Colours Flying"*

The Trooping of the Old Colours.

7. The Buglers sound a fanfare and the Band and Bugles march and counter march in slow and quick time. *"Shrewsbury"* *"Marching thro' Georgia"*
8. The Commanding Officer's Bugler sounds the Regimental Call and the Buglers Call.
9. The Ensign takes command of the Escort to the Colours (No. 1 Guard) and the Band and Bugles take post.
The Escort to the Colours advance and wheel, halting in front of the Old Colours. *"British Grenadiers"*
10. The R.S.M. hands the Old Colours to the Officers for the Colours.
11. The Escort salute the Colours. *"National Anthem"*
12. The Old Colours are now trooped. This ceremony is part of an old guard mounting ceremony and its object to provide an opportunity for all soldiers of the Regiment to see their Colours and the Battle Honours inscribed on them. *"Raglan"*
13. The Farewell March of the Old Colours. *"The 53rd"* *"Auld Lang Syne"*

The Consecration of the New Colours.

14. The Battalion forms three sides of a square, and the stand for the Colours is prepared. On this stand are laid the two bugles presented to the Regiment by the Borough of Shrewsbury and the County of Salop.
15. The New Colours, cased, are brought up from the rear by the Quartermaster's party. The senior Major and the senior Lieutenant of the Colour Party take charge of the Queen's Colour and the next senior Major and the junior Lieutenant of the Regimental Colour. These Officers uncase the Colours and place them on the stand. *"Land of Hope and Glory"*
16. The Battalion is ordered to stand easy.
17. The Chief of the Imperial General Staff moves to a position in rear of the stand facing the parade. The Assistant Chaplain General moves to a position in front of the stand facing the Chief of the Imperial General Staff.
18. The Consecration takes place.

Form of Service.

19. *The Commanding Officer shall say :*

Reverend Sir, on behalf of the Regiment we ask you to bid God's blessing on these Colours.
CHAPLAIN-GENERAL ; We are ready so to do.

The Chaplain-General shall then say :

Forasmuch as men at all times have made for themselves signs and emblems of their allegiance to their rulers, and of their duty to uphold those laws and institutions which God's providence has called them to obey ; we, following this ancient and pious custom, and remembering that God Himself led His people Israel by a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day, are met together before God to ask His blessing on these Colours, which are to represent to us our duty towards our Sovereign and our Country. Let us, therefore, pray Almighty God of His Mercy to grant that they never be unfurled, save in the cause of justice and righteousness ; and that He may make them to be to those who follow them a sign of His presence in all dangers and distresses, and so increase their faith and hope in Him, who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Let us pray :

CHAPLAIN-GENERAL : Our help is in the Name of the Lord ;

ALL : Who hath made heaven and earth.

CHAPLAIN-GENERAL : The Lord be with you ;

ALL : And with Thy spirit.

Almighty and Everlasting God, we are taught by Thy Holy Word that the hearts of kings are in Thy rule and governance, and that Thou dost dispose and turn them as it seemest best to Thy Godly Wisdom : We humbly beseech Thee so to dispose and govern the heart of Elizabeth, Thy Servant, Our Queen and Governor, that in all her thoughts, words and works, she may ever seek Thy honour and glory, and study to preserve Thy people committed to her charge in wealth, peace and godliness. Grant this, O Merciful Father, for Thy Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord our God, who from Thy throne beholdest all the kingdoms of the earth, have regard unto our land, that it may continue a place and a people who serve Thee to the end of time. Guide the Governments of our great Commonwealth and Empire and grant that all who live beneath our flag may be so mindful of that three-fold cross, that they may work for the good of others, according to the example of Him who died in the service of men, Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Remember O Lord what Thou hast wrought in us, and not what we deserve, and as Thou hast called us to Thy service, make us worthy of our calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Chaplain-General proceed to the Consecration :

CHAPLAIN-GENERAL : To the Service of God and the Hallowing of His Holy Name ;

ALL : We dedicate ourselves afresh.

CHAPLAIN-GENERAL : To the maintenance of honour and the sanctity of man's plighted word ;

ALL : We dedicate ourselves afresh.

CHAPLAIN-GENERAL : To the protection of all those who pass to and fro on their lawful occasions ;

ALL : We dedicate ourselves afresh.

CHAPLAIN-GENERAL : To the preservation of order and good government ;

ALL : We dedicate ourselves afresh.

CHAPLAIN-GENERAL : To the hallowed memory of our comrades, whose courage and endurance add undying lustre to our emblems ;

ALL : We dedicate our Colours.

CHAPLAIN-GENERAL : In continual remembrance of our solemn oath and in token of our resolve faithfully and truly to keep it to the end ;

ALL : We dedicate our Colours.

The Troops shall be called to attention, and the Chaplain-General laying his hand on the Colours, shall say :

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do consecrate and set apart these Colours, that they may be a sign of our duty towards our Queen and our Country in the sight of God. *Amen.*

Let us pray :

ALL : Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil ; For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory. For ever and ever. *Amen.*

CHAPLAIN-GENERAL : O Lord, who rulest over all things, accept we beseech, our service this day. Bless what we have blessed in Thy Name. Let Thy gracious favour rest on those who shall follow the Colours now about to be committed to their trust. Give them courage, and may their courage ever rest on their sure confidence in Thee. May they show self-control in the hour of success, patience in time of adversity ; and may their honour lie in seeking the honour and glory of Thy great Name. Guide the counsels of those who shall lead them and sustain them by Thy help in the time of need. Grant they may all so faithfully serve Thee in this life, that they fail not finally to obtain an entrance into Thy heavenly kingdom, through the merits of Thy Blessed Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing.

May God who has called you to this service enable you to fulfil it ; may the Father make you strong and tranquil in the knowledge of His love ; may the Lord Christ bestow upon you the courage of His gentleness and the steadfastness of His brave endurance ; May the Holy Spirit grant you that self-control which comes from the gift of His wisdom ; and may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, now and always. *Amen.*

The Presentation of the Colours.

20. After the Consecration the Officers for the Colours kneel. The senior Major hands the Queen's Colour to the Chief of the Imperial General Staff from whom the senior Lieutenant receives it. The Regimental Colour in like manner is handed by the next senior Major and received by the junior Lieutenant. Both Lieutenants then rise.
21. **The Chief of the Imperial General Staff addresses the Battalion.**
22. The Commanding Officer replies.
23. The Battalion reforms line.
24. The Colours are turned towards the centre of the line and are given a General Salute.
" Bugle Salute "
25. The Colours are carried in slow time to their place in the line. " National Anthem "

The March Past.

26. The Battalion marches past in column of Guards in quick time. " Old Towler "
27. The Battalion reforms line.

The Advance in Review Order.

28. The Battalion advances in Review Order. " British Grenadiers " " 53rd Salute "

The Dispersal.

29. The New Colours are marched off. " The Daughter of the Regiment " " Old Towler "
30. The Battalion marches off. " Light Infantry "

MESSAGES EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT AND THE C.I.G.S.

The following telegram was sent from Gottingen by :—

MAJOR-GENERAL J. M. L. GROVER, C.B., M.C., Colonel, The King's Shropshire Light Infantry, on 16th October, 1954,

FIELD MARSHAL SIR JOHN HARDING, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Chief of the Imperial General Staff :

" On behalf First Battalion K.S.L.I. and all past and present members of the Regiment wish to express our very sincere appreciation and thanks for great honour and inspiration of your special visit to present New Colours yesterday.

In this we would particularly include Lady Harding.

(Signed) JOHN GROVER."

The Regiment received the following telegram from Field Marshal Sir John Harding, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Chief of the Imperial General Staff :—

THE WAR OFFICE/SIR JOHN HARDING.

MAJOR-GENERAL GROVER.

" I much appreciate your kind message just received. It gave me particular satisfaction to have the honour to present New Colours to the Battalion on 15th October, 1954. I was most impressed by the excellent parade and by the hospitality of everyone concerned.

(Signed) JOHN HARDING."

GUESTS OF THE 1st BATTALION WHO ATTENDED THE PRESENTATION OF NEW COLOURS PARADE AT GOTTINGEN, ON 15th OCTOBER, 1954.

Field-Marshal Sir John Harding, C.I.G.S., and Lady Harding ; H.E. Sir Frederick Hoyer-Millar, The British High Commissioner, and Miss Hoyer-Millar ; Major-General The Viscount Bridgeman H.M. Lord Lieutenant of Salop ; General Sir Richard Gale, G.O.C.-in-C., N.A.G., and Lady Gale ; Lt.-General Sir Hugh Stockwell, G.O.C.-in-C., 1st Corps ; Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., Chairman Salop C.C., and Lady Wakeman ; Major-General H. E. Pyman, G.O.C. 11 Armd. Div., and Mrs. Pyman ; Mrs. Graham Peddie (Brigadier Graham Peddie Comd, 91 Inf. Bde. was unfortunately not able to be present) ; Brigadier G. C. Hopkinson, Comd. 33 Armd. Bde. and Mrs. Hopkinson ; Brigadier W. A. B. Anderson, Comd. 1 Canadian Inf. Bde. Gp. and Mrs. Anderson ; Mrs. R. H. Cock, representing the Mayor of Shrewsbury ; Brigadier A. G. Kenchington, British Resident, Göttingen, and Mrs. Kenchington ; Lt.-Col. J. R. Holden, Comd. 3 R.T.R. (affiliated Armd. Regt.) and Mrs. Holden ; Lt.-Col. J. R. Cleghorn, Comd. 16/5th Lancers, and Mrs. Cleghorn ; Lt.-Col. A. W. A. Llewellyn Palmer, Comd. 9 Lancers, and the Hon. Mrs. Llewellyn Palmer ; Lt.-Col. P. G. F. Young, Comd. 1st Bn. The Oxf. & Bucks. L.I. ; Lt.-Col. K. W. M. Leather, Comd. 2nd Bn. The D.L.I. ; Lt.-Col. J. H. M. Hackett, Comd. 2nd Bn. Foresters (Brigaded with 1st Bn. K.S.L.I. 1939-45), and Mrs. Hackett ; Lt.-Col. J. A. d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, G.S.O., 11 Armd. Div. ; Lt.-Col. R. A. St.G. Martin, A.M.S., N.A.G., and Mrs. Martin ; Lt.-Col. J. V. Corbet, C.R.E., Hanover District, and Mrs. Corbet ; Lt.-Col. R. H. Ripley, A.Q.M.G., Hanover District, and Mrs. Ripley ; Major J. J. Ogilvie, Brigade Adjutant Light Infantry Brigade ; Colonel Freyling, Belgian Army, and Mme. Freyling ; Lt.-Col. Gaudet, French Army, and Mme Gaudet ; Lt.-Col. T. Plummer, Comd. 3rd Bn. 14 Armd. Cavalry ; and Officers of the Rocket Troop, 2 R.H.A., 26 Fd., Engr. Regt. ; 3rd Bn. R.T.R., 13/18th Hussars ; 2nd Bn. The D.L.I. ; 1st Bn. S.W.B. ; 1st Bn. Oxf. & Bucks L.I. ; 1st Bn. R. Berks. ; 1st Bn. K.R.R.C. ; 91 Lorried Inf. Bde.

Serving and Territorial Officers of the Regiment.

Mrs. Grover, Lt.-Gen. Sir Ernest Down and Lady Down, Lt.-Col. G. M. Thornycroft, Lt.-Col. I. G. Mansell, Major and Mrs. D. Colville, Major H. H. Barneby, Major R. G. L. Barton, Major and Mrs. C. Brooke Smith, Major T. J. B. Hill, Major R. J. Evans, Major and Mrs. A. A. Tuck, Major and Mrs. Delmé-Murray, Major and Mrs. H. S. Corbett, Capt. J. C. F. Evison, Capt. B. V. Houghton-Berry, Capt. C. B. Grundy, Capt. G. M. Benson, Capt. J. H. M. Percival, Capt. and Mrs. P. M. Chambers, Capt. and Mrs. B. N. L. Fletcher, Capt. and Mrs. L. A. Sturley, Capt. and Mrs. P. Shaw, Capt. J. A. Bovill.

Retired Officers of the Regiment.

Colonel W. P. Careless, Lt.-Colonel V. H. Crane, Col. C. R. C. Marsh, Colonel L. H. Torin, Major and Mrs. A. W. Perry, Capt. and Mrs. G. Clapham, Mr. A. Gough.

Old Comrades.

Mr. F. H. Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. P. Brown, Mr. D. Canham, Mr. F. W. Head, Mr. C. C. B. Huff, Mr. A. W. Jones and Mr. W. A. Jones (father and son), Mr. A. A. Jarrat, Mr. F. Thompson, Mr. I. Hall (representing Hereford Old Comrades), Mrs. Laidler and Mrs. Simpkins also travelled with the party.

Other Guests from England.

Major J. R. Burgess (M.A. to C.I.G.S.), Capt. The Viscount Melgund (A.D.C. to C.I.G.S.), Major H. Stewart (Comd. Hereford Bn. A.C.F.), Mr. and Mrs. Godber, Col. and Mrs. Malcolm Aley, Mr. and Mrs. Peacock, Mr. Ireland and other members of the Shropshire and Herefordshire press.

Representatives of Other Services,

The British Frontier Inspection Service, Intelligence Office, Göttingen, B.F.E.S., Y.W.C.A., and W.V.S.

German Guests.

General Hossbach, Major Hein, Dr. Kellner, Dr. Gleitze.

LETTERS WHICH PASSED BETWEEN THE C.I.G.S. AND THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT.

WAR OFFICE,
WHITEHALL,
LONDON, S.W.1.,

18th October, 1954.

To :

MAJOR-GENERAL J. M. L. GROVER, C.B., M.C.,
COLONEL, THE KING'S SHROPSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY,
33 MARRYAT ROAD, WIMBLEDON COMMON,
LONDON, S.W.19.

It was a great honour and a particular pleasure for me to present New Colours to the 1st Battalion of your Regiment last Friday, and I am most grateful to you for having invited me to do so. I was most impressed by the whole ceremony and have written to congratulate Percy Jones on a really excellent parade. I would be grateful if you would convey my congratulations to the whole Regiment, and my appreciation of the honour you paid me by asking me to present your Colours. It was a very proud and happy day for me and one which I shall always remember.

I hope you enjoyed the rest of your visit and had a good journey home. Please give my kindest regards to your wife.

With all good wishes for the future to you and your Regiment.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN HARDING.

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21st October, 1954.

To :

FIELD-MARSHAL SIR JOHN HARDING, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.,
CHIEF OF THE IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF,
THE WAR OFFICE,
WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W.1.

On my return home, I have just received your letter of 18th October, and also the message which you very kindly sent to me in Germany.

I know that everyone in my Regiment will wish me to express their warmest thanks for these extremely kind messages, and I also know how delighted they will be to feel that the actual Presentation Ceremony and the arrangements at Göttingen had merited such high praise from you. I can only repeat how much we all appreciated the honour which you did us by accepting our invitation to present our New Colours, entailing as it did a special journey from home for yourself and your wife. Your visit has proved a very real inspiration, not only to the 1st Battalion, but to the many past and present members of the Regiment who came over from England and elsewhere in Germany to attend.

May I also thank you for your good wishes to the Regiment and for your kind message to my wife. I hope that later on we shall be able to send you some photographs of the parade.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN GROVER.

THE FOLLOWING LETTERS PASSED BETWEEN H.M. LIEUTENANT OF SALOP AND THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT.

SHIREHALL,
SHREWSBURY,
20th October, 1954.

To :
MAJOR-GENERAL J. M. L. GROVER, C.B., M.C.,
COLONEL, THE KING'S SHROPSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY,
33 MARRYAT ROAD, WIMBLEDON COMMON,
LONDON, S.W.19.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

I am sure that all those representatives of Shropshire who had the privilege and pleasure of witnessing the Presentation of New Colours to the First Battalion, the King's Shropshire Light Infantry at Göttingen, by the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, on 15th October, will wish to join with me in sending you, as Her Majesty's Lieutenant for Salop, my warmest congratulations to the Regiment and in particular Lt.-Col. Jones and all ranks of the 1st Battalion on the outstanding success of the parade on that occasion.

It will long be remembered by all who saw it as evidence of the high quality and spirit of the Battalion and of the part it is playing in maintaining its best traditions in the British Army of the Rhine and of the excellent impression it must surely make on Allied units and on the German people.

We, in Shropshire, look forward proudly to the day, we hope not long ahead, when we shall be able to welcome the Battalion home for the laying up of its Old Colours in St. Chad's Church in Shrewsbury.

Yours very sincerely,
BRIDGEMAN.

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To :
MAJOR-GENERAL THE VISCOUNT BRIDGEMAN, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C.,
H.M. LIEUTENANT FOR SALOP,
THE SHIREHALL, SHREWSBURY.
DEAR LORD BRIDGEMAN,

22nd October, 1954.

I am writing, on behalf of all ranks of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, to thank you most warmly for your letter of 20th October, 1954, and for your very kind remarks about the ceremony for the Presentation of new Colours to the 1st Bn. of the Regiment by the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, which took place in Germany on the 15th October. I shall be very pleased and proud to convey your own and the County's congratulations to Lt.-Col. P. de C. Jones and all ranks of the 1st Bn.

I should like to take this opportunity of expressing the great pride and appreciation which all past and present members of the Regiment felt at the wonderful support given to the Regiment on that occasion.

It was for us a particular honour that you, as Her Majesty's Lieutenant for Salop, Sir Offley Wakeman, as Chairman of the County Council, and other distinguished members of the County should have made the long journey to Göttingen solely to show the County's interest in the County Regiment, and to share in what to us was a great County and family occasion.

We now look forward to the opportunity, which I hope may occur early next year, when the Regiment may be able to celebrate its Bi-centenary Anniversary by the laying-up of our Old Colours in St. Chad's Church in Shrewsbury.

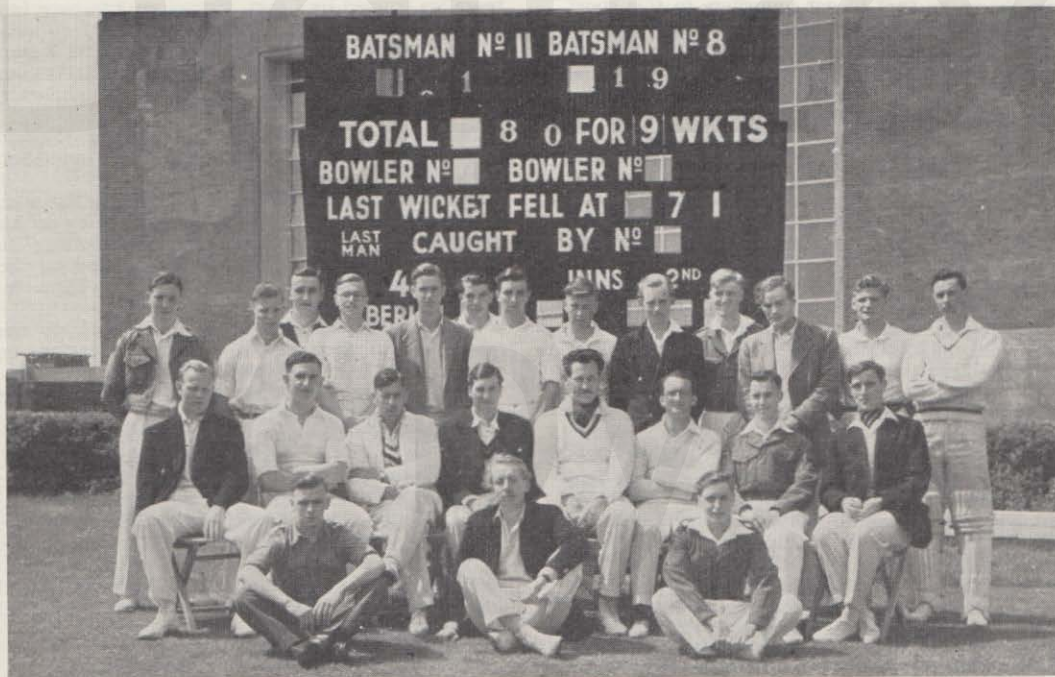
Yours sincerely,
J. M. L. GROVER,
Colonel, The King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

into a car park full of fine cars, whose owners were attending a nearby conference.

Our last fixture was against the Brigade XI on the final day of the 91st Lorrried Infantry Brigade cricket week. The Brigadier had selected his best side of the week and, owing to our rather sketchy form, we were not too confident. Four of his batsmen had made fifties during the week and one had made two hundreds. We started brightly, with Cpl. Portman bowling at a fine pace and with

ATHLETICS.

THE Brigade Inter-unit athletics team championships were held once again at the Hindenburg Stadium in Hannover on July 1st, on a very damp track, which made the runners look much slower in their pace than they actually were. Nevertheless, some remarkably good times were achieved and the whole match was very keenly contested. The standard was much higher this year, especially in the sprint events—where we did very badly,



1st BN. CRICKET TEAM at Berlin during match v. K.O.Y.L.I., with the K.O.Y.L.I. Team.

accuracy. He bowled both the openers for 24, and then Cpl. Lawrenson got rid of number three, and at 30, Cpl. Portman produced a world-beater to bowl out number four. Two balls later the Staff Captain's off stump went cartwheeling out of the ground. 30 for 5 was a good start, and they were all out for 87. Cpl. Portman had taken 4 for 33, Cpl. Lawrenson 1 for 15, 2/Lt. Churchill 3 for 22, Bassett 1 for 14. Cpl. Lawrenson at one time was bowling so accurately that he had three short legs, a slip, two gulleys and a silly point.

88 to win seemed easy, but knowing our previous failures we were not over-confident, as our opponents although lacking variety, had four good bowlers. But there was no need to worry, as 2/Lt. Churchill and Cpl. Jones put on 52 in a very comfortable start. 2/Lt. Churchill, who made 19, was brilliantly caught in trying to finish the match before the next shower. 2/Lt. Lanyon and Cpl. Jones took the score to 67, the latter making 37 good runs. Finally Capt. Fawcus and 2/Lt. Lanyon (29) made victory certain before the rain came. We were very proud of our surprising but convincing victory. This was the first occasion on which we all came off together and no doubt if the season had been longer, several members would now be on their way to Australia.

running last in the 100, 200 and 400 metres. This was nearly a repeat of last year. However, while we seem completely unable to produce any good runners in these sprint events, over the longer distances we did well, winning the 800, 1500 and 5000 metres.

The day started with the pole vault 2nd strings, where we came second to 1st S.W.B. S.I. Perry, who was jumping for us, did very well indeed, considering what little practice he had had, and so did our first string, Sgt. Robinson. In this event we came 2nd, in all which was gratifying, considering that it is a very difficult event in which to perform.

This event was followed by the 1500 metres, where we had the very strong team of Capt. Borwick, Cpl. Turrell, L/Cpl. Donnelly and Pte. Higgins. It was not surprising that we won easily, as they were all members of the cross country team. Pte. Higgins was the individual winner of this event, just beating Lieut. Fielder (2nd R.H.A.), the Brigade cross-country champion, in 4 mins. 20 secs.

We then had a series of unfortunate disasters. The 200 metres firstly, where we had Ptes. Parker, Millward, L/Cpl. Beavan and Cpl. Bradley doing their best. However, having drawn the outside lane to start with, we never recovered and had a

disastrous baton change in the middle, which we could not make up. Following this was the javelin, where all the competitors were under the disadvantage of using new, slippery javelins. Here we finished fourth out of five, which was not very encouraging, and this led us on to the 100 metres, where we were represented by Ptes. Parker, Cox, Fletcher, and Cpl. Bradley, who did their best but just were not quite fast enough.

I think that this taught us where we went wrong in our training. Certainly British athletes this year have shown us that to get anywhere in this sport these days you have got to be very highly trained indeed in the correct manner to produce the extremely fast times being recorded all over the world.

After lunch Sgt. Robinson and Pte. Still did well to come second in the hammer, another hard event; and S.I. Perry and Pte. Welling came second in the high jump. The main long distance race, the 5000 metres, came in the middle of the afternoon. 2/Lt. Churchill, L/Cpl. Donnelly, Cpl. Harlow and Pte. Griffiths got an easy win over the 13/18th and 2nd R.H.A., their only really serious competitors.

The 120 yards hurdles came after this, where there was a keen contest between 2nd R.H.A. and 1st S.W.B., the latter just winning, with our team of S.I. Perry, 2/Lt. Churchill, Pte. Welling and Pte. Harris, an easy third.

The discus, long jump, and shot events terminated the afternoon, except for the traditional last event, the 400 metres.

Our team of 2/Lt. Ballenden, Pte. Clark, Pte. Gilbert and Pte. Collins went to the starting line hoping for two things. Firstly, that 26th Fd. Engineer Regt. would not win, and secondly that we would not be last. This would have brought us into the Divisional Championships, but somehow things did not go according to plan.

Brigadier Peddie gave the team prizes away at the conclusion of the last race. The final placings were: First, 1st S.W.B.; second, 2nd R.H.A.; third, 26th Fd. Engr. Regt.; fourth, 1st K.S.L.I., and fifth, 13/18th.

The individual events resulted as follows:—

100 metres: 1st S.W.B.; 200 metres: 26 Fd. Engr. Regt.; 400 metres: 26 Fd. Engr. Regt.; 800 metres: 1st K.S.L.I.; 1500 metres: 1st K.S.L.I.; 5000 metres: 1st K.S.L.I.; Hammer: 1st S.W.B.; Pole Vault: 1st S.W.B.; 120 yds. Hurdles: 1st S.W.B.; Discus: 2nd R.H.A.; High Jump: 2nd R.H.A.; Long Jump: 13th/18th.

The Band of the 1st Bn. The Royal Berkshire Regiment beat the Retreat to finish a most enjoyable day's athletics.

COMPANY LETTERS.

"H.Q." COMPANY.

During the rather disappointingly wet summer season we have seen the usual amount of exercises in which the members of this Company played their part to the full.

The recess between exercises saw a swimming gala held on the coldest day available, taking into account also the fact that the pool had just been refilled with cool, sparkling water from the local hydrant. This did not deter the spartans of "H.Q." Company, for after breaking the ice, they walked away with sufficient events to have a comfortable win over the other Companies. An incident during the plate-diving competition:—Pte. (72) Francis

not only brought up fifteen plates, but also a hydro-burner and other articles of G.1098 stores, which had been hidden by the C/Sgt. prior to a check. Outstanding swimmers noted were: Cpl. Ryall, L/Cp. (55) Smith, Ptes. Suff, Fingland and (78) Edwards.

In hockey the opposing teams, as usual, proved no barrier to the H.Q. eleven, who emerged the victors.

In soccer it seems as though "H.Q." will fill most places in the Battalion team, and our Company team, as trained by C/Sgt. Husselbee, has been forecast champions for the season.

We have had our numerous arrivals and departures to note. We welcome to the Battalion our new R.Q.M.S., W.O.II. Peall, and Bandmaster, W.O.I. Hall.

From other Companies we welcome Captain Bettington, our new O.C., Sgt. Egan and Sgt. Carroll.

We wish the best of luck to R.Q.M.S. Rowe on return to civilian life; to Bandmaster Hey on his appointment in East Africa with the Police; to S/Sgt. Barclay (R.E.M.E.) on his posting to the Lancers, and last, but not least, to all the chaps who have left after their National Service.

So much for the past. We now look to the future, and particularly to two great occasions on our calendar. Firstly, on October 15th, we have the Colour Presentation, an event that takes place only once in a soldier's lifetime. We practice daily with pride for the pomp and ceremony when Old Colours of the 1st and 2nd Battalions K.S.L.I., emblazoned with Battle Honours (hard won by our ancestors) on the faded fabric, are trooped and we are presented with New Colours. Secondly, we look forward to the celebration of Christmas Day.

The Concert Party have met and are putting into production an extravaganza. We have no lack of support from the ladies in the unit, so we may excel ourselves this year.

ORDERLY ROOM.

The time which has elapsed since last we made a contribution to the *Journal* has been filled with many and varied events, it being nearly twelve months since we were to be found in print.

There have been many additions to the staff and many old friends have departed. We have said good-bye in turn to Ptes. Jones, Meadows and Roberts, who have now become "sober" citizens, we hope, and no longer do we see the smiling face of L/Cpl. "Jim" Portman, who has been attached to Field Records.

New faces in the office are those of Ptes. Ashley, Allbutt and Watkin, and we also welcome back an old friend in L/Cpl. Johnny Beavan.

We must congratulate Cpl. Fletcher on being promoted to sergeant. There have been rumours that he is married to his work, but we in the office know better.

As usual we have had our representatives on the various schemes and, again as usual, they have been hard put to to keep pace with the Adjutant's super-human efforts. In one case the stationery depot could not supply us with sufficient paper for a truly magnificent achievement in tautology.

Recently, too, we have had a spate of work from the Asst./Adjt., who has caused "chaos and confusion amongst the ranks of the Phillistines" in the Despatch Office. Poor George Robbins has been

working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in order to roll off Battalion Standing Orders.

At the moment 50 per cent of our staff are trying to recall their early days of training on the square, in an attempt to produce a smart turnout for the Colour Presentation Parade. We wish them all possible success, if only to escape the wrath of the R.S.M.

Worthy of Mention.

It will be seen by all those who witness the parade, that the Orderly Room is well represented in that our "Chief," O.R.Q.M.S. Goff, carries out a major operation on the square. The office staff have now started a subscription list for salve to put on his blisters.

" A " COMPANY.

Training during July and August has again been fairly intensive. Towards the end of July Ex. Triple Bar gave us some much needed practice in river crossing. We found the instruction we received at Bienenbuttel stood us in good stead, but it was a bit disconcerting when, having crossed the Aller, we landed to find ourselves stranded on a false bank with a considerable width of water between us and dry land! Fortunately, it was not deep and we landed without mishap.

Our few days at Toppingen were instructive and enjoyable. Once again we renewed acquaintances with 3 R.T.R. and it was a change to train in such congenial surroundings, very different from the sandy wastes of Sennelager.

There was much speculation about Exercise Red Rag, and a few days before it was due to start the authorities postponed it for a week to allow the farmers to gather in the harvest. That week was about the wettest of the summer and the exercise was indefinitely postponed.

The following week the weather took a turn for the better and the Platoons took full advantage of the sun to spend three days training in the Harz. This was our first summer trip to the Harz and we were pleasantly surprised to find an abundance of lakes and, human nature being what it is, we were unable to resist the temptation thereby provided.

We learnt much during these few days and can now appreciate the difficulties of compass marches through heavily wooded country; and realise that where fuel is plentiful, a well managed open fire compares very favourably with any form of army cooker.

The Regiment was honoured in being asked to provide a Guard of Honour for Princess Margaret on her visit to Sennelager on July 14th, and a number of the Company were selected. In spite of the appalling weather the parade was a marked success.

Drill parades are very much the order of the day at the present, but nevertheless we have still found time for sport. Our congratulations to Sgt. Jones, Cpl. Hulme, Cpl. Finnigan and Pte. Vallack, who have played for the Battalion at cricket and hockey.

1 Platoon did well to reach the final of the inter-Platoon hockey, losing to 8 Platoon, by 1 goal to nil.

Company soccer and hockey are not yet fully under way, but we appear to have considerable talent and ought to be able to field very useful teams in both games, besides providing our fair share of Battalion players.

We offer our congratulations to C.S.M. Mahoney, Sgt. Oliver, Sgt. Jones, Cpl. Finnigan, Cpl. Hulme

and Cpl. Rogers on their promotion, and to I/Cpls. Tabberer, Currie and Saunders on their success on the recent cadre.

Our congratulations also to C.S.M. and Mrs. Worster on the birth of their first child—a daughter, Anne Marjorie.

The Company has seen many changes during this quarter, and we are very sorry to lose Major K. A. Heard, M.C., T.D., who has left us for Canada. We wish him the best of luck and feel confident that after his experiences in Norway he will be well prepared to face the rigours of a Canadian winter.

Our 2 i/c, Major Carr, has left to become Adjutant. Mr. Ballendon has left for "C" Company and in his stead we have been joined by Mr. Johnston, who for a short while commanded 1 Platoon and more recently, since Major Heard's departure, has been commanding the Company.

We welcome Mr. Lowe from Sandhurst, and Mr. Simpson from Eaton Hall, who take over 1 and 2 Platoons.

" B " COMPANY.

Quite a lot of water has passed under quite a few bridges, bringing with it 2/Lts. Grover and Longe, and Sgt. McWilliams, and taking Sgts. Hanlon and Hawkes, the former to 1st Hereford L.I., T.A. We wish him luck—both from the Company and 6 Platoon. Congratulations to Lieut. Whitamore, Lieut. Paterson, Sgt. Astley, Cpls. Hendy, Rogers, Brown, Williams, Davis, and Sgt. Pentreath on their promotion, and of course, C/Sgt. Clarke, M.M., who appeared in detail as B.O.W.O., which to those of us who know our S.D., means Brigade Ordnance Warrant Officer. Before we pass on we must say farewell to the D.C.L.I. draft, who left their mark (several of them, in fact), and to the other N.S. men; and welcome to the other drafts who have come to replace them.

The Company was well represented at Princess Margaret's Parade by the Company Commander, who commanded the Guard of Honour, C.S.M. Green, C/Sgt. Clarke, M.M., and many others.

When we came back from the Guard of Honour we found 6 Platoon disappearing in the morning and returning in the evening, seemingly missing all training. What new racket was this that they had got on to? When we discovered that Sgt. Clarke, M.M., went out in a 3-tonner on the very same days that 6 Platoon went out, we feared the worst—where was the potheen still—for had not we seen them staggering back in the evening. However we discovered the reason via the M.I. room. They were marching and practically every day too. Indeed in ten days they covered 180 miles!

They disappeared to Holland and reappeared some time later in the last stage of decrepitude—was it the marching we wondered. However, that story appears elsewhere in this issue. Meanwhile the rest of the Company rushed off to the rigours of the Bridging Gallop. The less said about this the better, for we can all remember how it rained continually. The heavens opened and we were just soaked.

The Soltau tank training period was better, for it only rained while we were out. However we learned a lot from both periods of training.

At the end of August the Company went out under platoon arrangements on a three-day march through the Hartz. The beautiful scenery and the swimming in a lake were both very much enjoyed by all.

We stayed in Hahnenklee that night, and next morning we marched to Buntenbock and, in spite of rain on the last day it was much enjoyed by all.

The remainder of the time has been spent in looking forward to the Colour Presentation, although Major Clapham, Lt. Whitmore and 2/Lts. Banfield and Grover and others had to rush off and umpire in Battle Royal. However, great strides have been made in drill and general bearing and we have high hopes for the Presentation.

We hear that Major Clapham is to leave us in November and both he and Mrs. Clapham—Sandy, too, will be missed by many members of the Battalion. However, good luck at the Staff College.

Captain Corry, too, has left us and we wish him luck in his new venture. So, to the stamping of feet and the roar of wrath from the Sergeant-Major, we must say farewell and look to our kit for the Colours.

"C" COMPANY.

"C" Company has emerged from its second B.A.O.R. collective training season unbowed, but slightly bewildered as to where the summer has gone. It has also succeeded in collecting what practically amounts to a new draft of Officers, unfortunately losing a few in the process; the result is an almost unrecognisable Company office, and at least an embryo seven-a-side team of Officers v. the rest.

Major Vallance has left us for Strensall—taking with him our good wishes and, we fear, two pamphlets on atomic warfare. Captain Pawcus, ex-P.R.I., and 2/Lt. Cock have done a one-for-one exchange; so have 2/Lts. Johnston and Ballenden; Lt. Monk has joined us from Shrivvenham (and so has been appointed Company Gas and Atomic officer); and 2/Lts. Sachs and Madeley have joined us from Eaton Hall. Which leaves Major Long and 2/Lt. Churchill as the only "old sweats".

We have had two births, one marriage and one third stripe, with C.S.M. Bailey, L/Cpl. Piercey, Pte. Turner and Sgt. Morgan responsible respectively.

As trained soldiers we duly crossed our bridges on Triple Bar, and co-operated with our tanks at Soltau, and were no wetter than anybody else; and we thoroughly enjoyed umpiring 2 Royal Canadian Regiment on Battle Royal. On a less exalted plain, we remedied the loss of a fortnight's training at Sennelager by marching off as platoons into the Harz Mountains; the combination of almost our only genuine summer weather, the scenery and some really very competent map-reading, made for two days of unusually pleasant and instructive training. Nobody got lost. (Indeed we gather that the only member of the Battalion who did come from the Intelligence Section!).

As square-bashers we are, barring accidents, providing a full complement for No. 1 Guard on the Colour Parade, and a No. 3 Guard, which looks at least no less impressive than Nos. 2, 4, 5 and 6. For the last month Company Office has been filled between nine and ten every morning with Officers executing peculiar movements in the air with their arms. These, we are assured, though reminiscent of Yoga, Swan Lake and the Magic Circle, constitute practice for sword drill.

And, finally, as sportsmen we have taken those few opportunities left us by the combination of the

weather, the schemes and the fatigues for the Colour Parade, and 8 Platoon has won the inter-platoon hockey competition. The Company was defeated by the winning team from "H.Q." Company, and by a creditably narrow margin, in the shooting competition.

You were wished in our last notes a happy summer; that was, we fear, an optimistic phrase. But, nevertheless, we now wish you a happy autumn.

"S" COMPANY.

A/TANK PLATOON.

A less exacting three months than the last, this quarter has seen the end of the B.A.O.R. training season and the start of a very vigorous preparation for the Colour Presentation.

Congratulations to Sgt. Prescott on his marriage; to Cpl. Lamb and L/Cpls. Bradbury and Weston on promotion, and to Pte. Reynolds, late of this Platoon, but now Company Clerk, on the birth of a son, Robin James.

After the Colour Presentation we set off to fire at Hohne. We are not anxious to sleep in tents...

We are sorry to say good-bye to Cpl. Williams and Cfn. Wall, and in a few days time to L/Cpl. Weston, and Ptes. Hartley, Barnett and Harwood.

Welcome to Cfn. Malone, and to Ptes. Morgan, Matthews, Blackwell and Campion.

MORTAR PLATOON.

Since the last edition, life has been rather on the quiet side, with the emphasis on Platoon training, this being mainly due to the cancellation of exercises because of inclement weather. At the time of writing we are hard at it preparing for the presentation of the New Colours.

We welcome new members to the Platoon in Ptes. Warrender, Bourne, Cox, Gee, and Manall; we lose Sgt. Egan to the Signal Platoon, and wish him all the best for the future. His place has been taken by Sgt. Sullivan, who has recently returned from a course in England, full of knowledge, and the latest information regarding the mortars. Our friend, Cpl. Norton, is now undergoing the same treatment and also devouring quantities of mild and bitter—we hope!

We are sorry to have lost the following to the hardships of civilian life: Cpl. Lawrenson, "Tiger" Ayres (the John Arlott of the Platoon), also Pte. Biddick, "Romeo" Fisher, and last but not least, "Squire" Rawlings, who has returned to the unchartered lands of Cornwall.

Once again our Platoon Commander is representing the Battalion in the Pentathlon in England. He has taken the opportunity of getting engaged. Many congratulations; everyone looks forward to the arrival of his wife in Göttingen.

ASSAULT PIONEER PLATOON.

The Platoon is now settling down to another winter after a very successful training season, the highlights of which were the Padres jeep crossing the river Aller on our C.C.R., and the map reading on the Demolition Gallop.

In sport we congratulate L/Cpl. Kershaw, Ptes. Ryan, Pond, Rock, and Hall (ably captained and trained by Sgt. Stewart) on their superb basket-ball, and wish them the best of luck in the finals.

Congratulations to Weaver and Tapley selected for Battalion football trial teams.

We welcome to the Platoon Cpl. Gill, Ptes. Walton, Tapley, Tomkinson, and Hall.

We wish the best of luck to Sgt. Webber, L/Cpl. Skinner, Ptes. Burge, Pond, and Davies in civilian life.

M.M.G. PLATOON.

Our best wishes go to Capt. Bettington on his posting to command "H.Q." Company, and we welcome back Capt. Whitmore after his spell as Adjutant.

We welcome back also Sgt. Lewendon after his brief taste of civilian life, and to newcomers:— Ptes. Jones, Norris, Patrick, Foster, Trow, Phillips, Moxon, Holding and Moran.

During the latter part of this year's exercises we were able to go more technical by firing blank, which at least, made our presence more noticeable. Although more hitches occur when firing blank, we kept up a steady rate of fire when asked for, which was very impressive on occasions.

Training is progressing well, as well as preparations for the Colour Presentation and the annual Administration Inspection.

In sport the Platoon is strongest at hockey, but at present we are concentrating on basket-ball for an Inter-Platoon competition.

BAND.

Many and varied have been the events of the last few months, the most auspicious of these being the visit to B.A.O.R. of H.R.H. Princess Margaret. The Band and Buglers had the honour and privilege of forming part of the Guard of Honour for this occasion. Despite the miserable weather throughout rehearsals and alas! the day itself, the parade was a great success.

Bandmaster and Mrs. Hey recently left the Regiment for further service to their country in Northern Rhodesia. We wish them health and happiness in their new venture. Their departure was eclipsed by the arrival of Bandmaster G. R. Hall A.R.C.M., who in double quick time, has earned the admiration and respect of us all, if only for marching the whole Battalion on to the square on his very first drill parade, at a speed of 180 plus. We sincerely wish his stay with the Regiment will be both long and happy.

Also swelling the ranks of new arrivals are Bdsms. Davies, Hammond, Harris, Hill, Hinsley, Holden, Morris, Owens, Tolley, Waters, Whale, White and Wood. With but one exception these bandsmen were selected from intakes at the Depot as being interested in music and, of course, keen to learn. Great efforts are being made to have them groomed in sufficient time in order for them to take part in the Presentation of New Colours' Parade. Results to date are quite heartening.

Congratulations are due to Cpl. Sisley, L/Cpl. Northwood and Bdsms. (51) Edwards on their recent marriages, and L/Cpl. Northwood and L/Cpl. Williams on their recent promotion.

Band work is, at present, regulated at top pressure to accord with preparations for the parade on which the Battalion receives New Colours. Rehearsal

parades, often twice daily, are an accepted day-to-day routine, and on each parade the Band seeks to correct many of its own faults. A very high standard of drill and musical efficiency is expected and it is to be hoped that there is at least a grain of truth in the adage, "practice makes perfect".

Leave in U.K. looms pleasantly on the horizon and it is expected that we sail, *en masse*, from the Hook, on 17th October, 1954. More of this, and news of the Presentation of Colours Parade will appear in the next issue.

In the sporting life of the Regiment the Band continue to deal out thrashings to all and sundry at hockey, the latest gluttons for punishment being "B" Company, who bear the brunt of our attacks with monotonous regularity. The basket-ball trophy still adorns the Band office and will, no doubt, through the years, become part and parcel of Band property.

Things we would really like to know.

Has the award of the B.A.O.R. Star been indefinitely suspended?

Is the battle-cry of the Band's Saddle Club members, "To the Woods," quite above board?

SERGEANTS' MESS.

In this quarter the Mess has been far more settled, for only during the Topping training period in August did it revert to its "tent among the pines" type. So, until 1955, we shall be between four walls and finding our way to bed without the aid of a torch.

Membership in the last three months has been subject to continual change. We have lost B.M. Hay (N. Rhodesia), R.Q.M.S. Rowe, C.S.M. Owen, Sgts. Robinson, Martin, Webber and Perron (civilian life), Sgt. Duffy (Depot), Sgt. Brayshaw (K.O.Y.L.I.) S/Sgt. Barclay (9th Lancers), Sgt. Morrey (Berlin), while even C.S.M. Smeaton has decided to go back to his own Army in Australia.

Filling the gap we have welcomed B.M. Hall, R.Q.M.S. Peall, M.M., and Sgt. MacWilliams, while we have congratulated C.S.M. Mahoney, C/Sgt. Lewendon, Sgts. Hawkes, Jones, Oliver, Morgan, Lewendon, Ashley and Fletcher on their promotion.

Entertainment has covered a pre-exercise dance on August 20th, a barbecue by the waters of Seeburger See, and a Sergeants *v.* Officers tennis afternoon on September 10th. Our link with the U.S. Army was strengthened by the exchanges of sergeants with the 14th Cavalry, which have been social, if not military, successes. The Xmas Draw has already been sold out once which augurs well for a bumper festive season.

We hear less of our anglers of late but some good catches have been taken at Norheim and on the River Werra, particularly by C.S.M. Rudd.

Dominating activities in recent weeks have been the forthcoming Presentation of the New Colours Parade and consequent festivities. Many a Mess head has recently been crammed into a "peaky" hat for morning rehearsals, which have produced some members in public who were formerly to be seen only on pay parades. Readers will receive a full account of the Mess side of these celebrations in the next issue.

4th Bn. THE KING'S SHROPSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY (T.A.).

Order of Battle.

Commanding Officer: Lieut.-Col. I. G. Mansell,
D.S.O., E.R.D.

Second-in-Command: Major H. S. Corbett, T.D.

Training Officer: Major R. Evans, M.C.

Adjutant: Captain J. H. Percival.

Asst. Adjutant: Lt. B. N. Hone.

I.O.: Lt. R. Bratton.

M.O's.: Capt. A. W. J. Houghton, R.A.M.C.

Capt. P. D. Hooper, R.A.M.C.

H.Q. Company:

O.C.: Major S. Davies, T.D.

Sig. Pl. Comd.: Captain P. E. Pharo.

Adm. Pl.: Q.M.: Capt. S. A. G. Cox.

M.T.O.: Capt. F. R. P. Boughey.

"Sp." Company:

O.C.:

Mor. Pl.: Comd.: Capt. G. E. Millward, M.M.

2nd i/c: Lt. A. H. Twist.

M.M.G. Pl. Comd.: Lt. J. B. Darlington.

A.-Tank Pl. Comd.: Lt. R. T. Goolden.

Asst. Pnr. Pl. Comd.: 2/Lt. M. W. Summers.

"A" Company:

O.C.: Major W. P. Cox, M.C., T.D.

2nd i/c: Lt. R. V. Marston.

Pl. Comds.: Lt. W. S. Asbury.

Lt. M. J. A. Mortimore.

Lt. C. M. Lawson.

"B" Company:

O.C.: Major J. F. L. Bailey.

2nd i/c: Capt. I. E. W. Mulholland.

Pl. Comds.: Lt. E. P. Lee.

Lt. N. J. Cunningham.

Lt. R. L. Cave.

Lt. C. S. Cotterell.

Lt. J. A. Rimmer.

"C" Company:

O.C.: Capt. D. H. Mulholland.

2nd i/c: Lt. G. M. Ellwood.

Pl. Comds.: Lt. J. H. McWilliams.

Lt. R. W. G. Gray.

Lt. D. M. Jeans.

2/Lt. D. H. Lanyon.

"D" Company:

O.C.: Capt. J. A. Bovill.

2nd i/c: Lt. J. G. Pearce, M.C.

Pl. Comds.: Lt. P. H. Byrt.

Lt. B. S. J. Stocken.

2/Lt. P. R. Tombling.

As will be seen from the ensuing Company and Platoon notes, very little activity has taken place since our return from annual camp in July.

This does not mean, however, that we have been completely idle during this period. For the first fortnight or three weeks after camp we were very busy counting our losses (mercifully very small) and generally overhauling the administration after a hectic fortnight's training.

Having completed the "post mortem" on the deceased—namely, the late camp, 1954—the permanent staff departed on a period of leave, which they themselves consider hard-earned.

Returning, rested and refreshed, the P.S.I's then departed for a fortnight's camp at Kimmel Park, where they assisted in the running of the 1/2 Shrews-

bury Bn. Cadets camp. Unfortunately, the weather was most unkind and it is believed that R.S.M. Marshall had almost a full-time job keeping his boots up to standard.

The next major event to take place was the Western Command Rifle Meeting, held at Altcar Ranges, from 9th to 12th September. The Bn. was represented by the following members:—

T.A. Team Match.—Capt. P. E. Pharo, C.S.M. Jones, C/Sgt. Jones, Cpls. Oakley, Allen, Davies, Wanless, Caswell, L/Cpls. Rowlands and Jones.

Permanent Staff Match.—Captain S. A. G. Cox, R.S.M. Marshall, C.S.M. Rosser, Sgt. Hall.

The Permanent Staff Falling Plate team did very well in getting to the final, where they were narrowly beaten by the Eaton Hall O.C.S. team. Unfortunately there was some sort of "technical hitch" in C.S.M. Rosser's rifle. May we congratulate both teams on their efforts.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at Llansilin Range on Sunday, 26th September. At 8 o'clock in the morning the event looked as though it might be "washed out" literally, but fortunately the weather cleared up and the sun shone between showers for the rest of the day.

The meeting was reasonably well attended and approximately 120 officers and men of the Bn. took part. The event was extremely well organized and the credit for this must go to Captain Cox, the Q.M., and his small body of hard-working officials.

Twelve teams took part in the Invitation Falling Plate Match; these were drawn from Regimental Depot, K.S.L.I.; Shropshire Yeomanry; 18 Trg. Bde., R.A.; Home Guard, and Cadet Units. Once again the Bn. Falling Plate team won its way to the final and succeeded in defeating the Shropshire Yeomanry.

Detailed results of the meeting are given below:—

Match 1.—Officers (T.A.). 1st, Capt. P. E. Pharo; 2nd, Capt. J. A. Bovill.

Match 2.—W.O's Sgts. (T.A.). 1st, Sgt. Richards; 2nd, C/Sgt. Cross.

Match 3.—Cpls. Ptes. (T.A.). 1st, L/Cpl. Bound; 2nd, Cpl. Oakley.

Match 4.—Best shot all ranks (T.A.). 1st, L/Cpl. Bound; 2nd, Cpl. Oakley.

Match 5.—P.S.I. Match. 1st, Capt. (Q.M.) S. A. G. Cox; 2nd, Sgt. Hall.

Match 6.—Coy. Team Match (best six All Ranks). Winners: "H.Q." Coy. (Capt. Pharo, Cpl. Wanless, Cpl. Oakley, Sgt. Richards, L/Cpl. Jukes and C.S.M. Williams).

Match 7.—Company Falling Plate. Winners: "D" 1st team: (Capt. Bovill, C/Sgt. Jones, L/Cpl. Jones and Pte. Potter).

Match 8.—Invitation Falling Plate. Winners: 4th K.S.L.I. (Capt. Cox, R.S.M. Marshall, C.S.M. Rosser and Sgt. Hall).

W.O's and Sgts., Mess. Best Shot: Sgt. Hall. *Wooden Spoonist:* Sgt. Williams (32).

So much for the major events of the past three months.

Winter training commenced on September 1st and Companies have been busy organizing themselves for the forthcoming training year, the subjects for study this year being "The Attack and Withdrawal".

Great efforts are being made by everyone to ensure that the training is varied and interesting, as only in this way can we maintain the high rate of attendance that prevailed last year.



4th Bn. COLOUR PARTY, BLIGNY DAY, 1954
 Lt. R. Bratton. Lt. R. T. Goolden.
 C.S.M. R. Williams. C/Sgt. R. A. Gough.
 C/Sgt. P. Downward.



4th Bn. K.S.L.I. (T.A.) BAND : BLIGNY DAY, 1954.

" A " COMPANY.

After a very long period of inactivity, that is to say from the end of camp in early July to the 7th September (the date of our first drill parade), we are once more in harness again.

Owing to circumstances we have concentrated, up to the date of going to press, on administration and we must freely admit that we have been grateful for the opportunity. We must not forget that during the recess our P.S.I., C.S.M. Holland, has, in company with other P.S.I.'s attended the Cadet camp and has also managed to squeeze in his annual leave.

About 15 personnel of the Company took part in the Bn. shoot on Sunday, 26th September, on the Llansilin Range and, although individually we were unable to make any particular impression, we considered we were unlucky not to, at least, become the runners-up in the Falling Plate competition. When firing against an " S " Coy. team in the semi-final, our team had disposed of seven out of the eight plates when our opponents tally was only three. This seemed a certainty, especially as in the three rounds previous the team had knocked down their plates quicker and with less expenditure of ammunition than any others in the competition, including the winners—but both teams knocked over their last plates together and the decision was given to the " S " Coy. team on the number of rounds unexpanded, namely 7 and 8 respectively. Hard luck and well done! Sgt. Rancecroft, L/Cpl. Caswell, Pte. (36) Cole, and Pte. Bursnell.

We hope to have more news of our activities in the next issue.

" B " COMPANY.

Back to normal with our usual Thursday evening at the Drill Hall, with a satisfactory attendance and, of course, up go the bar takings. It will be a big event when our mobile cinema completes a programme—maybe it doesn't like our faces and refuses to work.

Quite a lot of our Company chaps have got M/Cs, and we would like to see Charlie Edwards and Jim Davies competing in next year's T.T.

We would like to offer our congratulations to C.S.M. Ryan on completing thirty years' service with 4th K.S.L.I. and still quite capable of taking a few coppers off the poor old Sergeants when behind the bar. (Keep it up, Mick). I think it is a good record when four Oswestry members, who are still serving, can muster about 115 years' service between them. C.S.M. Ryan, C/Sgt. Cross, Sgt. Rogers and Sgt. Hughes.

Our Company Commander has gone into the catering business and we wish him every success, and from the report I had from the R.A.O.B., he is the tops. I expect the R.Q.M.S. will have a check on the mugs and plates!

Ted Potts will soon be leaving us—but not Oswestry—as he is going into business, also as "boots". We hope to have a social evening and members who attended the last one, which reminded them of the "good old days"—beer 6d. a pint, whisky 1/- a tot, port and sherry 6d. a tot—well, just roll up when you get your invitation.

What we would like to know is how did C.Q.M.S. Gough enjoy his initiation in sharing a tent with Bob Williams and Harry Cross? I believe he was fortunate in just getting his bed inside the tent away from all the rubbish.

" C " COMPANY.

Since our last notes, which gave details of our annual camp, the Bn. has had a long recess from the usual drill nights but, I am pleased to say, not from the social side.

We are sorry to report that in the recess period we have lost our Company Commander, Major H. S. Corbett, T.D., and we wish him the best of luck in his new job as Bn. 2nd i/c. We welcome our new Coy. Commander, Captain D. H. Mulholland, who was Coy. 2nd i/c. He can be assured that he will have the same support and co-operation from the Company as Major Corbett had.

We started training again at the beginning of September with an administration and social night; just so that training would not come as too much of a shock to the Company, and we are looking forward to a few more of the same kind of evenings.

Since camp we have been saying "cheerio" to a few of our old stalwarts—National Servicemen who have completed their training—but we hope that it is not a too definite good-bye, as they can rest assured that any time they like to drop in they will be made welcome, and we hope that they will not forget that the Volunteers are still open for them.

The Company has been losing a few old ones but we are also welcoming a considerable number of new N.S.M., whom we are pleased to say, are mostly signing on as Volunteers. (Someone must have been telling them about the advantages of bounty at camp).

We hope to hold a few dances during the winter months, and all will be welcome to them—but we will report on them in a later issue—as we will the Xmas festivities, which we expect to be as good, and hope to be better, than previous years, if that is possible.

" D " COMPANY.

There is little to report from " D " Company since camp, which was reported in full in the last issue.

Training started again at the beginning of September and so far, little training has been done, since the first two evenings have been devoted to administration, etc.

At the time of going to press, we were visited by the Brigadier, on Wednesday, 22nd September, so were able to lay on an interesting evening's training of .22 shooting, followed by a film called "Tunisian Victory".

We welcome the newcomers to the Company and hope to see them often on Wednesday or Tuesday evenings. We hope to be able to produce some interesting films and other training during the coming months.

Authority has been granted to enlarge the canteen, so we hope to produce some improvement in that direction very shortly.

" S " COMPANY.

Now that we are between camp and a new training year it is hoped that all ranks of " S " Company had an enjoyable holiday.

With the evenings drawing in there is no time left for outdoor training on drill nights, but these drill nights will be put to good use in exercising the finer points of training—including cloth model exercises, map reading, compass work, etc.

For our out-door training we have at our disposal Aftam Airfield and Haughmond Hill, both of

which will give us ground and scope for deployment drills, etc.

Congratulations to C.S.M. Jones on his recent promotion and welcome to all newcomers to the Company returning from National Service.

SIGNAL PLATOON.

Our activities since camp have been curtailed by the rest period, but we have now recommenced our training cycle which, this year, will consist of more advanced work—including the morse code which has now been re-introduced.

Stores accounting and general administration continue apace and we are now straight after the upheaval of camp.

Captain Pharo and Cpl. Wanlass were in the Battalion team for the Western Command Rifle Meeting at Altcar, at the beginning of September. The Platoon was well represented at the Battalion Rifle Meeting at Llansilin on 26th September. This was a most interesting meeting, and we were fortunate enough to win both the T.A. Officers' prize and the T.A. Sergeants' prize, by Captain Pharo and Sgt. Richards respectively. L/Cpl. Cookson did well in the pool bull and, in fact, at one time nearly won the whole amount—but the Home Guard put paid to his hopes in the afternoon.

We must congratulate the P.S.I.'s team which won the Open Falling Plates competition from some very keen opposition.

Since camp there has been a steady influx into the Platoon of new members and we look forward to seeing them during the coming months.

An N.C.O.'s cadre went to Worcester on 18th/19th September to attend a course run by a team from the School of Signals. This was a very interesting and valuable experience from which we all benefited very much. We hope to have more of these in the future.

M.T. PLATOON.

In most pursuits there is a close season and the greater part of the period covered by this edition of the *Journal* has been nullified, for most practical T.A. purposes, by the post-camp recess. Training, however, recommenced on the 7th September and all our energies have since been concentrated on general administration and planning for the coming winter and spring months.

Members of the M.T. who took part in the Bn. Rifle Meeting at Llansilin, on the 26th September, had a most successful and enjoyable day, Sgt. Hall being the proud recipient of the cup for the highest score in the W.O.'s and Sergeants' Mess, a medal as runner-up Best Individual Shot, and a glass-bottomed tankard (alas but only of half-pint capacity) for his share in the Bn. Falling Plate team's resounding victory over all comers.

Changes in personnel are already beginning to be evident and we learn with regret that L/Cpls. Johnson and Medlicott have completed their terms of engagement. Rapid re-adjustments in the so far unbeaten M.T. football team will be necessary as a result.

BAND.

Here we are again, back to our cold weather programme. It has been a busy season for us. We are always sorry to get back inside and start the winter training. However, it gives us time to try and build up the Band, both in personnel and in practice. Since our last notes we have lost a few members, namely Titmarsh, Jones and Murrell. We would like to thank them for their past services,

especially Titmarsh, who was one of the oldest members of the T.A.

We forgot to welcome in the last *Journal* a most important and very respected officer, namely Major R. Evans, M.C. May we take this opportunity to give you that welcome now, sir, and would like it to be publicly known what a great part you played in getting the Bn. Band started again in 1949, when you were the Adjutant. We trust your stay will be a long one and that it will be our privilege and honour to seek your aid and advice once again.

We are glad to report that all Band engagements were successfully carried out, which was reported last time in advance. Perhaps the most important one was the visit of H.R.H. The Princess Royal to Shrewsbury for which the Band provided the musical duties. This was a most pleasing duty for the Bandmaster to perform, as Mrs. Crane, wife of his old Band President, Lt.-Col. V. Crane, commanded this particular parade in one of her many roles—namely that of County Commandant of the Shropshire Branch of the Red Cross. Information has been received that the Band was unanimously chosen to play for next year's West Midland Show. This is indeed most gratifying and encouraging and seems to point a moral something reminiscent of "a prophet is never honoured in his own country".

It was not so very encouraging to note the absence in the "Order of Battle" at camp in the last *Journal*. Perhaps we will catch the eye next year.

In conclusion, we send greetings to all members of the K.S.L.I. wherever they may be.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

I am very thankful that in our last issue of notes I did not conclude by promising more next time. It so happens that very little of major importance has occurred since our last publication.

After our safe return from annual camp the Battalion went into what is known as "Post Camp Recess". This expression must not be taken at its face value, because the Staff went on leave—"Well deserved"—who said that? They attended our cadet camp at Rhyl and thoroughly overhauled the machinery in preparation for the forthcoming winter training programme.

Our one major event was the Western Command Weapon Meeting at Altcar on September 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th respectively. The following Mess members represented the Bn.—R.S.M. J. Marshall, C.S.M. W. Jones, C.S.M. Rosser, C/Sgt. Jones and Sgt. Hall. Whilst our T.A. team did not really excel themselves, it was very gratifying to find our Permanent Staff team runners-up in the Falling Plate match. Our team was only beaten by one plate by the O.C.S., Eaton Hall. Afterwards we discovered that C.S.M. Rosser's rifle had almost disintegrated after the first round had been fired. Bad luck! The team consisted of Capt. (Q.M.) S. A. G. Cox, R.S.M. J. Marshall, C.S.M. Rosser and Sgt. T. Hall.

In our next issue of notes we shall include a full report of the Bn. Rifle Meeting being held at Llansilin on Sunday, 26th September.

Everyone is wondering at the moment who the Sergeant was who, after a night out, came on the range at Llansilin with eyes all puffed and red and was heard to murmur that he thought he was suffering from myxomatosis.

Before closing we would very much like to wish the 1st Bn. all success in their Presentation of New Colours.

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EDITORIAL.

With the autumn notes a new phase starts in the life of the Territorial soldier. His camps, rifle meetings and outdoor evening training have to give way to steeling himself against cold winter nights, and the hopes that the P.S.I.'s have lit boilers in good time to enable him to get his instruction at least in warm surroundings. They are a problem, these evening drills; with a varying population from one week to the next, the difficulties of continuity in instruction needs no emphasis. A variety of training films, cloth models and shooting matches seem to fit the bill best, and this year we hope to arrange a series of visits from specialist platoons to relieve the rifle companies from their narrower choice of subjects.

Our main events of the past months have been on the ranges. Detailed accounts of the Battalion and Western Command Rifle Meetings appear elsewhere, so suffice it to say that whilst the Battalion Meeting gained fame for its success as a social event, tempered by shooting prowess, the Western Command Meeting's highlight was the shooting results, tempered by the social side in the shape of a visit to Blackpool.

Our population remains much the same, showing a slight leaning towards the volunteer side, which is a healthy sign. The Band, still very much in its embryo stage, is making itself heard a little louder each week. It is an uphill struggle starting from scratch, but with Mr. Hughes's patience and enthusiasm, we are still confident that it will make the grade. There are now over twenty persons interested and, although differences in age and musical skill span a wide gap, it is all moving steadily forward.

The officers entertained some fifty friends to a cocktail party earlier in the month—a successful night that, for certain members, left very little time for sleep. Our next major social event is the Suvla Bay Ball, which is to be held early in October, and where it is hoped to entertain many of the Regiment's friends.

And so, on with the winter—the spate of .22 shooting and other activities that can take place in the stronghold of drill halls.

May we end by wishing 1st K.S.L.I. every success for their Colour Presentation on 15th October, when we are glad to say that we shall be represented by past and present members from both Officers and Sergeants messes of the Herefordshire Light Infantry.

"H.Q." COMPANY.

During the official closed season the Company managed to remain active, not, as originally planned without the aid of the P.S.I., Sgt. Whyte—but this

is one of the disadvantages of living too close to the job.

Those of the Signal Platoon who have managed to put in some practice, have discovered that the music that baffled them was coming from next door and not from the sets. Mr. Hughes has admitted responsibility and hopes that with the present rate of progress, his merry musicians will soon be practising outside with the drums and bugles.

At the Battalion Rifle Meeting, Sgt. Oakey, as runner-up for the Battalion Champion Shot, proved that though the pen is mightier than the sword in



Hereford L.I. (T.A.) Regimental Police Section at Camp 1954.

the Orderly Room, the rifle is still the best friend on the range.

Congratulations to "S" Company on their win in the Falling Plate competition. What was it, H.Q., lack of practice or old age?

A good show to "Dasher" Ayres, on winning the one and only pool bull of the day.

The .22 shooting got off to a good start on 31st August. With plenty of practice and regular attendance at the range a good team should be produced for the Divisional and Brigade Competition.

The H.S.R.A. League shooting starts soon. Some of the match rifles have been won back from "D" Company, and the City folk must prove good use of these rifles if they are to keep them.

A far call back to camp, but as it was such a success, both as regards training and the number of National Servicemen who volunteered, it is well worth recalling. The mystery of the missing Band kit box, that was found after the railway containers had been despatched, and the Pte. soldier who was lost until the Company arrived back in Hereford, have both been settled to everyone's satisfaction; needless to say—many sighs of relief from the poor old P.S.I.

Congratulations are extended to Cpl. Chambers on his promotion to Sgt. in the M.T. Section. Welcome to "H.Q.". Sgt. Chambers. Also to L/Cpl. Shaw

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on his promotion to Corporal in the Band, and to Pte. Pring on his appointment as I./Cpl., and additional congratulations to Pte. Pring for his magnificent effort in coping with "H.Q." filing system.

Sgt. C. G. Knight and Pte. H. Hill both deserve congratulations for, with complete disregard for the rising cost of living, they have introduced into this world extra mouths to feed.

Is it true that Sgt. "Nibby" Vaughan is having a new suit with a "two-way stretch" built in?

"S" COMPANY.

Having returned from a very successful camp, we had just about got our stores and offices "ship-shape" only to be given the order of the boot, owing to the fact that the ground they stand on at the moment is required for the new Drill Hall, so once more we are "on the move". This time, however, it is only across the road into what used to be the old Sergeants' Mess. However, we do not mind as it means that at least a start is going to be made on the new building, and when that is up we do expect to see a lot of new members joining our ranks.

Camp was enjoyed by all, but on one occasion the Brigade Commander must have thought the 3-inch mortars a little too keen when they started to use his position for a target, but we are informed that it was caused by a bomb which parted company with its tail unit. However, on one scheme, no transport was allowed, so the Mortars, who had a long carry, looked somewhat like Sherpa porters—he who laughs last, laughs longest.

The Assault Pioneer Platoon did a very good job blowing up a tank on the Company demonstration. Then, on a night exercise, when they were the enemy they nearly blew up a private car; car and owner vanished in a cloud of smoke and have not been seen since.

Since camp we have had the Battalion Rifle Meeting, which was well attended by members of the Company and, luckily, can say we did not come away empty handed, Lieut. Buckley being first in the Officers' shoot, and I./Cpl. Jeffrey first in the Corporals. In the Falling Plate the Company team came second.

We had several members in the Bn. team which went to Altcar on 10th September, for the Command Rifle Meeting, and once again I./Cpl. Jeffrey received a prize, this time a silver spoon, for being in the Battalion team, which came third.

Congratulations to the following:—Corporal Nicholson to Sgt., and Ptes. Rawlings and Bedford to L./Cpls. We have lost Cpl. Chambers to "H.Q." Company, and congratulate him on promotion to Sergeant in his new Company.

ASSAULT PIONEER PLATOON.

The year's training reached its climax during annual camp, when we successfully simulated the battle noises for the demonstration of a Company attack. Particularly high praise was given for the way in which we "brewed-up" an enemy tank with gun cotton and flame thrower liquid to give the impression of an exploding magazine.

At camp the first week's training was under R.E. supervision—it was most enjoyable and beneficial. Training later reverted to Sgts. Cole and Lynes (who is to be congratulated on his promotion), and

they were mainly responsible for the success of our battle noises.

It is a great pity, but it is doubtful if we will have Cpl. Williams and Ptes. Amos with us at our next camp. They just cannot be persuaded to "sign on." But on the brighter side we have two very promising recruits to the Platoon—Ptes. Baugh and Wargent. There is, also, of course, that excellent solid core of the Platoon which consists of Ptes. Sabel, Brown (99), Evans and Ptes. Gilbert, Havard, Brown (28), Prout, Yarwood, who we don't see quite so often. Pte. Pstans seems to be on the balance of joining the steady core—we hope that he decides to do so.

ANTI-TANK PLATOON.

Our most important activity at Camp was the Cadre, which was run by us, during the first week, for the A/T. Platoons of the Brigade. We spent a very full week, learning, revising, practising the lessons on fire control and tactics. If the second week was something of an anti-climax, it was probably because this second week was spent in revising more elementary work—work which the pressure and nature of the first week had pushed out.

The platoon was small and, generally speaking, fairly inexperienced. We had three detachments on the ground, one of which was almost completely untrained. The really well-trained gunners had left us before camp, and we had no real demonstration detachment. However, everyone was keen to learn, and after one week most people were ready for the live firing on the Friday of the first week.

The cadre itself was concerned mainly with battle procedure, theory and practice, and we had three small exercises to follow each theory lecture. We were fortunate in the weather, and our outdoor lectures were, as a result, as comfortable as it is possible to make that kind of thing. We were able to show the new B.A.T. 120 mm. gun and emphasise the simplicity of the changeover when this gun comes eventually to the T.A. battalions.

As a whole the Platoon was seeing Castlemartin for the first time, and seemed to enjoy the mixture of sun and sea-air. The one thing which did not please was reveille, when called by the sea-gulls at dawn. One sea-gull, which had broken its wing, we had to destroy; the reminder of the "Ancient Mariner" did not worry the soldier who pulled its neck.

The most important event for the immediate future will be the choosing, and the training, of N.C.O's, and the organisation of week-ends when the Platoon, as a self-contained sub-unit, can get away and train, thus gaining some kind of continuity between camps.

"A" COMPANY.

(THE "FORESTERS").

Once again the time has come to send our notes for the *Journal* and, despite kindly reminders to maintain a diary of events, we have to search the dark recesses of memory. For those incidents and events worthy of inclusion but inadvertently omitted, we must, therefore, offer apologies in advance.

First of all we must, with regret, say farewell to C.S.M. Jones, who has returned to the flesh-pots of Ross, lured, we suspect, by the Guinness available

at the Club there! In his place we welcome Sgt. Lewis, as P.S.I., and we hope he and his family will really enjoy their stay in the Forest.

We started with the usual preparations, both administrative and training, for camp. At the beginning of June we were busy on section training, and we must also mention an evening when Lt.-Col. D. A. Smith, M.C., of the Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers, gave us an excellent lecture on mines and the work of the R.E. May this liaison continue. Eventually we moved into Hereford and before entraining for camp on 19th June, took part in the Battalion march through the streets of the City.

We soon settled in at Castlemartin and, generally speaking, the weather was kind to us throughout camp and training was soon in full swing.

For us the main event was a demonstration of an attack by a Company supported by 3-inch mortars, M.M.G.'s, Anti-Tank guns and 25-pounders (well simulated by the Assault Pioneers). Throughout the first week our training led up to this, and by the end of it there was hardly a blade of grass which was not known intimately by every member of the Company. The constant practice, however, brought us up to a good pitch of training and its worth was proved in the demonstration itself. When it was all over we felt that the tears and sweat were worth while, in view of the kind remarks which were made, particularly by Major-General J. M. L. Grover, C.B., M.C., and other senior officers. We would like to place on record our thanks to the Ledbury Platoon, who brought us up to full company strength and to our friends in Support Company, for supporting and not slaughtering us! This is also the place to thank C/Sgt. Wood and Sgt. Hickey for their help while on attachment to us.

We would like to know, however, what happened to the prisoners who were taken—are they still on the training area waiting for transport home?

It was a great pity that our "afternoon off" was on a very cold day but, nevertheless, some brave members of the Company did actually enter the sea, but soccer seemed more appropriate than bathing. In this we certainly have the making of a good team and our friendly matches against other companies came to a successful conclusion, and we provided five members for the Battalion team, which lost by a narrow margin to the Worcesters in the Brigade finals.

The last major item of camp was Exercise "Stack Rock" and, perhaps because we had had a pretty strenuous time, we were left practically alone by the enemy. Several aggressive looking patrols went out in search of them but only the usual rabbits were to be found. We were reminded, however, that map reading is still an essential part of our training—perhaps instead of Light Infantry we should now call ourselves Marines, since at one time Company "H.Q." was reported a couple of miles out to sea! It was generally agreed that this was an enjoyable and successful camp, and we came back from it with our tails well up in the air.

We have just started-up again with our winter training, but before that we must mention the Battalion Rifle Meeting on 29th August. There are plenty of good shots in the Company but, in spite of the excellent prizes available, we had difficulty in raising a team and we were unfortunately soon eliminated from the Company competition. This is something we must try to put right by next year.

During the winter we have a varied programme and we are looking forward to seeing the cine-film taken by Cpl. Payne at camp, which should provide several good laughs. We are also running a dance at Ross to raise funds for amenities, and on 18th December we shall be holding our Company Christmas Dinner at the White Hart. This was an excellent show last year and we hope to double the numbers.

We welcome the following to the Company: Ptes. M. Wyatt, B. R. D. Bird, C. A. Harris, M. A. Goulding, D. George, R. C. J. Haffenden, B. B. Kibble, G. R. Parry.

Looking back, we like:—Lieut. Henson's appearance as a typical gunner, complete with dirty great map case; Pte. Kibble's jazz version of Reveille; the look on Sgt. Cole's face when the tank blew up, and Pte. Treasure's attempt to confuse the enemy by giving orders on their 88 net!

We must end our contribution on a sad note. On 23rd September, Pte. D. S. A. Malsom died suddenly at Cinderford. Arrangements have been made for a wreath to be sent and the Company to be represented at his funeral, and we offer our deep sympathy with his relatives and with his pals in the Company.

"B" COMPANY.

Once more winter is nearly here and everyone is planning to train again. However, before this business starts, we will recount some of the more pleasant episodes since our last notes. Camp finished up with everyone, in reality, having enjoyed themselves, although it was so perishing cold. Plenty of work was done and done well, especially the digging, when a pint of beer was found at the bottom of the weapon pit when it was finished. The recreational side was spoiled by the weather to a great extent, but the members of "B" Company enjoyed their trip to Plymouth in the Sunderland Flying Boat.

Since camp things have been quiet officially, but the Club, in sporting events, has done quite well. The cricket side won the Ross knock-out cup, defeating Bream in the final. Played on one of the few really decent days we have had this summer, there was good cricket throughout, and Cpls. Matthews and Druce were very consistent with bat and ball on many occasions.

At the Battalion Rifle Meeting we were represented by 15 members from which the following made up our team to enable us to win the Inter-Company Cup:—

Major R. V. Webb, T.D., C/Sgt. C. G. Weaver, Sgt. E. Griffiths, Cpl. T. Evans, Pte. C. A. Powell, Pte. Lewis.

In addition to the Cup, the following members did their stuff in other competitions, viz.:—

Privates Individual Competition.—Pte. Powell, 2nd; Pte. Margrett tied for 3rd place.

W.O.'s. and Sergeants' Match.—Sgt. E. Griffiths, third.

Battalion Champion Shot.—Pte. C. A. Powell third.

Pte. Powell followed up his success by proceeding to Altcar and there represented the Bn. at the Western Command Rifle Meeting, where he more than did justice to himself and the Company, by bringing back a half-pint tankard and a silver spoon, plus 28/6 in pool bull money—congratulations!

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C.S.M. Gallagher, the one and only "Skeets," has now finally packed his kit bag and gone into civilian retirement after serving for 22 years, the last four of these being employed as P.S.I. to the Company, where he did his level best to earn a silver medal for attending four camps in a row. What big sighs of relief went up when he was seen making his way to the "Volunteer" for the last time as a member of the Staff, there to "Stir it" for the last time. "H.Q." Coy. claim that in the shape of "Slogger" they have the biggest "stirrer upper," but I'm afraid to say he is really "small fry" for "Skeets" was king of them all and, even now, whenever the door of the "Paper Jungle" opens, "Bill" thinks it is his ghost walking in to taunt him once more. We understand that he does not intend to forsake the profession altogether, for he knows of a tiny drill hall at Bridgnorth, where a P.S.I. keeps a lonely vigil, and who knows nothing of the silver medal. However, we have heard that he has found employment with the R.A.F. Training Establishment at Bridgnorth as Range Warden. We wish both him and his wife "Happy Days," and trust they will pop in to see us if ever down this way.

Saying "good-bye" to one means saying "hello" to another, and we welcome C.S.M. Jones back once more into the fold of "B" Company. Everyone is more than pleased to see him again and, although somewhat larger in girth, he is more agile than ever on the skittle alley, where his main sporting interests will be this winter. He is captain of the Club skittle team and is hoping to do his job properly and win the cup this year.

"D" COMPANY.

Let us start with our camp activities and try to recall some of the more amusing, or what may now appear amusing, incidents of those exhilarating fourteen days. To begin at the beginning we immediately cribbed at "Seagull Reveille 0400 hrs".

We got off to a grand start on the first morning when we found we had no absentees. The first week was devoted to simple revision exercises. To many of us it appeared a little boring but everyone pulled their weight and it went off well. We firmly believe that "Tommy Atkins" prefers practising hand traffic signals strolling across peaceful Welsh valleys, than doubling up and down the barren wastes of Yorkshire.

The training programme was drawn up with unwavering skill. How many members of the Coy. realised that N.A.A.F.I. always appear just when we had half an hour of nothing to do.

Our second week was more amusing and, although we would never dream of admitting it, even to ourselves, the end was in sight.

By now certain members of the Company had dug with great difficulty three excellent weapon pits, devised to withstand atomic and Napalm penetration; also, and much more important, rain and wind. They were eventually inspected after great persuasion by all who qualified for the wonderful heading of "The Brass".

Our night exercise created plenty of room for scope and the prize was duly seized, after much crashing about in the undergrowth, by the Kington Platoon, under the command of Lieut. K. Marx.

At the close of camp the Leominster Platoon

distinguished itself, under the leadership of Lieut. A. W. D. Wilson, by winning the Brigade Tac Competition, a prize they richly deserved, despite whatever anyone else thought. We also won the Brigade Cup for small bore shooting before camp. Those taking part were: Lieut. W. R. P. Rollings, C.S.M. A. J. Greenhouse, Sgt. Lloyd, Pte. Scandrett, Cpl. Bray, Cpl. Warburton, L/Cpls. Williams and Walker.

We only operated once as a combined unit, and then under ponchos, very successfully, to the dismay of 4th K.S.L.I., who were completely led astray by a patrol of ours which got lost.

Votes of thanks are due to various members of Coy. "H.Q.". To C.S.M. Greenhouse, for his hard work in the training area and for his interesting and high class demonstration. To C.Q.M.S. "Bodger" Jones for all he got through in the week he was with us. To Sgt. Lloyd, who as usual filled every gap, including a bed in the M.R.S. Fortunately he was out in 24 hours, so we didn't have to toss up for who told Mrs. Lloyd that he was ill. To our Storeman and Coy. Clerk, Ptes. Evans and Godfrey, for the amount of "overtime" they put in without even a moan.

We were sorry that Lieut. Rollings was unable to attend camp. We congratulate him on the birth of a daughter, also Cpl. Warburton on the birth of a son. We also congratulate Cpl. Bray on the birth of a son. We congratulate C.Q.M.S. Jones on his promotion.

We bid a sad farewell to Sgts. Griffiths and Dykes, L/Cpls. Band and Agnew, and Pte. Burton. We are sorry to see them go but we will know where to find them if we want them. At Leominster there are only 15 members who are not volunteers and we hope that Kington will soon be the same.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Association for redecorating our Club whilst we were at camp. We are glad to report a steady increase in patronage. We welcome the O.C.A. back to the Club, and are glad to see that they are once again using the Club for their activities.

Three things to remember:—

- 1.—Stirrup pump activities seldom pay.
- 2.—Market gardening certainly does.
- 3.—"Housey-Housey" can pass time.

Since camp two interesting events have taken place. First, the Battalion Rifle Meeting. Let us congratulate C.S.M. Greenhouse on gaining the honour of being Battalion champion shot—good shooting, Jack. We also commend the Company team on winning the "Falling Plate" competition.

Secondly, the annual Western Command Weapon Meeting at Altcar (plus the usual trip to Blackpool). This week-end is always enjoyed immensely by all who are chosen to attend. This year the Company provided two of the team of four who were fortunate enough to come second in the T.A. team competition.

Finally, may we take this opportunity of saying "cheerio" to Sgt. Lloyd who has left us, and wish both him and his wife every success and happiness in Germany. We would like to thank him for the great service he did for the Company during his period with us, and I'm sure he will be sadly missed by all. However, we welcome to the Company our new P.S.I., Sgt. Hanlon, who, I am sure, will prove to be as great a help to us as his predecessor.

BATTALION RIFLE MEETING.

The Annual Rifle Meeting was held at the Ross Ranges, on Sunday, 29th August. Rain kept off and the range attendance of 250 to 300 thoroughly enjoyed the day.

In the morning matches for the champion Company and for the Battalion champion shot took place. "B" Company, from Ross, won the first competition with a total of 365 points, and were followed by "H.Q." Coy, Hereford, and "D" Coy., Leominster, who tied for 2nd place with 341 points.

From this shoot the ten best individual scorers competed in Match 2 to decide the champion shot. C.S.M. Greenhouse (107), from Leominster, gained a narrow victory over Sgt. Oakey (104) from Hereford. Sgt. Griffiths of Ross (97) was third.

The afternoon programme commenced with an invitation shoot. This was a keenly contested shoot between teams provided by our two local Home Guard Bns. and civilian and O.C.A. members of the Company Clubs. This shoot was won by a Home Guard team from the Northern Battalion.

The final shoot was an open falling plate competition, a contest which always provides interest for firers and spectators alike. A total of sixteen teams took part and in the final, "S" Company was very narrowly beaten by "D" Company.

Mrs. G. M. Thornycroft presented the prizes at the conclusion of a very successful and enjoyable day.

Results were as follows :—

Inter-Coy. Challenge Cup.—Winners, "B" Coy. (Ross).

Match I.—Individuals. Officers: 1st, Lieut. C. N. Buckley ("S" Coy., Hereford); 2nd, Lieut. W. R. P. Rollings ("D" Coy., Leominster). *W.O's and Sgts.*—1st, C.S.M. A. J. Greenhouse ("D" Coy., Leominster); 2nd, Sgt. W. Oakey ("H.Q." Coy., Hereford). *Cpls. and Ptes.*—1st, L/Cpl. J. W. Jeffrey ("S" Coy., Hereford); 2nd, Pte. C. Powell ("B" Coy., Ross on Wye).

Match II. Bn. Champion Shot.—1st, C.S.M. A. J. Greenhouse ("D" Coy., Leominster); 2nd, Sgt. W. Oakey ("H.Q." Coy., Hereford); 3rd, Pte. C. Powell ("B" Coy., Ross on Wye).

Match III. Invitation Shoot.—1st, Home Guard North "B"; 2nd, Home Guard North "A";

Match IV. Falling Plates.—1st, "D" Coy. (Leominster); 2nd, "S" Coy. (Hereford).

"Frank Dale" Trophy (for best shot in "D" Coy.)—C.S.M. A. J. Greenhouse.

WESTERN COMMAND WEAPON MEETING.

The Western Command Weapon Meeting was held at Altcar Ranges, near Liverpool, from 9th to 12th September, 1954.

The Battalion entered for the two T.A. team events, the Bangalore Cup and the T.A. Challenge Cup.

The Bangalore Cup called for a most exacting series of four shoots. This was a particularly tense battle, as the final shoots took place some few hours after the first shoots. At half-time we were fairly well up amongst the leading teams but in the final two shoots (300 yards and rapid) we forged ahead and gained second place.

We were 12 points behind the winners, 5th S. Staffords, with the third team 20 points below us.

In the T.A. Challenge Cup we were third, having 21 points less than the winners, 4th Cheshires.

In these two events the Regiment was represented by Lieut. W. R. P. Rollings ("D" Coy.), C.S.M. A. J. Greenhouse ("D" Coy.), Sgt. W. L. Oakey ("H.Q." Coy.), L/Cpl. J. W. M. Jeffrey ("Sp." Coy.), L/Cpl. T. E. Williams ("D" Coy.), Pte. C. A. Powell ("B" Coy.).

Sgt. Oakey (101) and Lieut. Rollings (92) both qualified for the final 18, chosen as the top scorers from some 500 competitors. Sgt. Oakey was 2nd in the W.O. & Sergeants' match, and Lieut. Rollings was 5th in the Officers' match.

Lieutenant-General Sir Lashmer G. Whistler, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Western Command, gave away the prizes and congratulated members of the Battalion team in finishing so near the top in both shoots.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Now that the whirl of the past few months is slowing down in momentum, your scribe will endeavour to record the interesting news since the last notes.

With camp being the main feature of the past season we will deal with that first.

From reports received this year camp was very successful. No adverse reports have been received from the stable lads, so we must take it for granted that their mangers were well looked after. This was due to Sgt. Whyte and his staff, who looked after us very well indeed.

It is difficult to get organised social life in the evenings, due to the heavy night commitments. We did manage to have the officers over for one evening, which proved to be a great success. Sgt. Rees excelled himself by putting on an extremely good buffet, which was enjoyed by our guests. We also had the 4th Bn. K.S.L.I. W.O's and Sgts. over for one evening, which again was very successful.

The Mess paid a visit to the British Legion at Pembroke Dock, which consists mainly of ex-K.S.L.I. personnel on the second Sunday in camp, and they paid us a return visit later in the week. On both occasions there was long discussions on what we used to do in the good old days.

It has been the custom during the past years for certain members to enlarge on their normal pastimes, *i.e.*, "stirring," but this year they refused to be brought out of their shell, and all led a quite normal life, with the exception of those younger members, who found that Tenby was an ideal place to carry out evening training. Efforts were made to cover up their activities by offering "hush-hush" money to those old cronies left behind, when they returned to camp. This would not be accepted and the threat forever remains over their heads.

The Vaughan tent resembled a test bench in a jet factory at night time. We all wonder how the Vaughan family puts up with it for the other fifty weeks of the year.

We are now preparing for the winter social evenings. We start off by holding the "Suvla Bay" Ball in the Shire Hall. This being the first time that we have endeavoured to put on such a large show, we are all hoping that it will go with a big swing.

Again the permanent staff have changed over. C.S.M. Gallagher has retired to civilian life and taken over as range warden at Bridgnorth. He must have learnt a few tips from "Old Joe" at Ross during his stay there. Sgt. Lloyd has gone back to the Battalion to carry on with Regimental

soldiering. We wish them both the best of luck in their new surroundings. In their places we have Sergeants Lewis and Hanlon, whom we welcome and hope their stay will be a happy one.

CRICKET.

Once again it is my sad duty to record the end of another cricket season; a season that will live in memory, if only because of the awful weather we

The captaincy this season has been more or less shared between Col. Thornycroft and Major Webb, both of whom have rendered all possible assistance to the club, both on and off the field.

Several of our players, including Col. Thornycroft (captain), Major Webb, Lieut. Buckley and R.Q.M.S. Healey assisted the K.S.L.I. during the Regimental cricket week, and in addition Col. Thornycroft was selected to represent the County versus Shropshire.

Our congratulations are due to our Ross T.A. Club on winning the Ross Knock-out Cup. This



1 HEREFORD L.I. (T.A.) CRICKET TEAM 1954.

Back Row—Sgt. Warren, W., Pte. Preece, I. W., Pte. Keyte P., Pte. Harris, R., Capt. J. C. F. Evison, Mr. D. Parrott (Scorer).

Centre Row—R.S.M. Jones, J. O., Lieut. W. J. Jones, Major R. V. Webb, T.D., R.Q.M.S. Healey, W. V. (Hon. Secretary), L/Cpl. Cotterell, D. J.

Front—Cpl. Quartermain, R. M.

(Photo by Alderson, Hereford).

were called upon to endure in match after match.

We are proud to record, however, that we completed all our Hereford Evening League fixtures, although this sometimes entailed playing as many as three games in a week and, on one occasion, two games on successive evenings.

My thanks as secretary are due to the hard core of our players, who were always willing to turn out, often at great personal inconvenience to themselves.

In completing our week-end friendly fixtures we were not quite so fortunate, the weather man beating us on five occasions, including, we are sorry to say, our annual game against 4th Bn. K.S.L.I.

On the whole the season was quite enjoyable. Although we did not top the 2nd Division of the League, we did at least avoid relegation to a lower sphere.

In the League knock-out cup we reached the quarter finals, the highest we have ever got.

has, we know, long been an ambition of Major Webb, who so ably captained the side to victory.

As a final note we are glad to say that interest in cricket within the Battalion seems to be on the up grade, and we look forward to next season with the hope that at least the weather will be kinder to us than it has been this year.

FOOTBALL.

Our July "write-up" ended by expressing the hope that we should be able to give good news in this issue regarding the start of our 1954/55 league campaign.

However, since camp it has been decided not to run a team in the Herefordshire League this season owing to lack of support, but to concentrate on raising a really representative Battalion team for participation in the Divisional soccer competition.

To this end we are hoping to play several friendly matches against neighbouring Service teams on Sundays. By adopting this method we are hoping to sort the "wheat" from the "chaff", and also to develop a high standard of team-work—that all-important commodity which wins 90 per cent of all matches played—from the top flight downwards.

The R.S.M. and his committee spent a considerable portion of their spare time at camp "talent spotting," particularly amongst the personnel of the "country" Companies ("A," "B," "C," "D") and it is thought that if we can get this "talent" organised, the 53rd (Welsh) Infantry Division soccer cup is likely to find its way back to Hereford once more (we carried off the trophy two years ago).

We played 7th Worc. Regt. in the final of the Brigade Competition at camp and went down to defeat by 3-1. This was not really surprising, as this was the first time our lads had played together in serious competition and, naturally, that important commodity referred to earlier, was conspicuous by its absence.

In conclusion, our decision not to enter the league this season is by way of being a real wrench, as we had been in continuous membership since the Battalion was reformed in 1947. We have never set the "Wye on fire" with resounding success, but always managed to meet our commitments (the sleepless nights of our successive "pilots," ex-C.S.M. Dunford, L/Cpl. G. Baldwin (1st K.S.L.I.) and Mr. Hughes can testify to what a herculean task this could be), and I think we can say in all truth that we earned a rare reputation for good sportsmanship from our opponents. Your scribe found this to be an encouraging fact on many occasions last season.

SHROPSHIRE ARMY CADET FORCE.

RAIN and mud has been the order of the day in most unit camps this year, and the quota allotted to the Cadets at Kimmel Park was no exception. Even so, one can look back on the fortnight with every satisfaction. In spite of the conditions quite a lot of useful training was carried out and we suffered only one serious casualty—Captain Wilkins of Bridgnorth, while leading his company on to the parade ground on the very first morning, capsized in the mud and broke his ankle—otherwise, except for an average of two cadets per morning on the sick list, the health of all ranks was far above the average, in spite of the weather.

Altogether 22 officers, 10 adult warrant officers and 220 cadets were present. It was obvious that our average age and height standard was lower than ever before, and the lack of experienced cadet N.C.O's was felt very much in all activities, throwing an even greater strain and responsibility on the few officers who were able to attend. This led to an amusing incident during an inspection by a senior officer, who remarked upon the diminutive stature of many of the boys, and said he was sure that many must be under 14 years of age. On his way to visit dinners he met one of the rather smaller ones carrying a plate almost as big as himself, who saluted him smartly, and then the following conversation took place:—

"Good morning, Tommy. Had a good dinner?"

"Yes, sir, very good indeed."

"Are you enjoying camp?"

"Very much, sir."

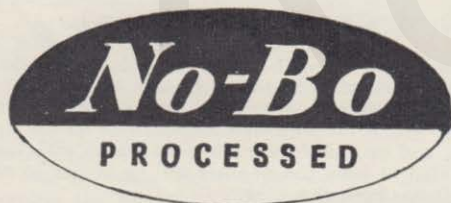
"How old are you?"

"Fourteen, for camp, sir."

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Visitors were more numerous than ever before and helped very much to keep up our spirits. Among them were Major-General The Viscount Bridgeman, Gen. Sir Lashmer Whistler, and Brigadier Grazebrook, who as usual carried out his annual inspection, Colonel The Earl of Powis, Brigadiers Dix Perkin, "Algy" Heber-Percy and Ben Walton of Mid.-West District. Colonel Turnbull and Colonel Ridley also braved the elements, the latter showing us some very useful tricks after dinner in the mess. In addition, a surprise visit by the Director of Military Training coincided with one of the worst wet days and found everyone esconced in a hut in the gunner lines watching training films.

The final stages of the Lucas Tooth Shield competition were fought out, and ended in a win for Shrewsbury, with Oswestry as the runners-up. The seven-a-side football competition was won by Boreatton Park School, who beat Ludlow in the final by five goals to nil. It is interesting to note that, although every match in the competition was played in pouring rain and each team had at least three-quarters of a mile to walk to get to the ground, not a single Company scratched.

As usual, full support was given by 4th K.S.L.I. R.S.M. Marshall and three P.S.I's were in camp throughout the period and gave most invaluable assistance, whilst Major Dick Evans and Captain Mike Percival each spent a night with us, the latter judging the inter-section exercise of the Lucas Tooth Competition.

There is little doubt that had the weather been anything approaching good, it would have been one of our best camps since the war. All the arrangements made by higher authority were first-class, whilst the food was voted by the Cadets as the best ever.

The Command Rifle Meeting at Altcar was not such a happy hunting ground for us as usual. Unfortunately the .22 competition, which the county won last year, had been abolished. The .303 team was young and inexperienced and, although it well held its own at 200 yads, it came a bad cropper at 500 yards, firing in what was described as half a gale—however it gained experience for future years.

The Rifle Meeting on the Wrekin Range was blessed with one of the few fine days and was a great success. Both the 1st Bn. Home Guard and 4th K.S.L.I. sent large contingents to compete and it was not until 5-30 p.m. that the last shots were fired. Cpl. Rollason, of the Wellington Sqdn., won the cup for the best aggregate, and it is satisfactory to record that three of the pool bulls were won by cadets, in face of opposition from such stalwarts as C.S.M. Jones and Sgt. "Scroggins" Jones, both of the Oswestry Coy., 4th K.S.L.I., and both old regular N.C.O's of the 2nd Battalion. The latter will be remembered as the driver for several years of "Kitty" and "Dolly" in the old days of the Regimental Transport. The former also won the cup for the best aggregate of 4th K.S.L.I. and Home Guard.



"The question marks, I assume, frame the thoughts of a man whose time in the Service is nearly up. 'Where do I go from here?' 'What sort of job can I do best?' and 'How much will I get?'" That is how a journalist recently referred to the above symbol in a West Country newspaper.

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Leaving the service and making a start in civil life is rather like jumping over a fence, and no one likes to do that without having some idea of what's on the other side. Quite a lot of men don't know how to find out what is on the other side and so jump into a job which doesn't fit. So whichever side of the fence you are on, you may well be faced with a fourth question: "How can I find out from someone actually on the spot just what my chances are?" and the answer to this one is easy. Go and see the local National Association Jobfinder. You will find his address in the telephone directory or on the notice board of your district post office.

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**Presentation of New Colours by
His Grace the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos
to
Her Majesty's 85th (Bucks Volunteers).**

*Lucknow,
10th January, 1877.*

His Grace the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos, with the Ladies Grenville and *suite*, arrived in Lucknow on Monday afternoon at 4.35 o'clock, by special train from Delhi, and were received at the Charbagh Railway Station by Colonel Reid, the Commissioner, whose guests the Ducal party are during their short visit. Shortly after arrival at the Commissioner's residence the Duke and Ladies Grenville, accompanied by Colonel Reid, who acted as *ciceroni*, visited the Residency grounds, and spent the remaining half-hour prior to darkness setting inspecting the various objects of interest amid the venerable and time-honoured ruins. The distinguished party had with it an escort of Native Cavalry.

At noon yesterday, His Grace presented new colours to the 85th Regiment (the Bucks Volunteers) a full account of which interesting ceremony we must leave in abeyance until our next. We may state, however, that the sight was a most charming one and replete with interest from whatever point of view regarded. Two shamianas on the ground afforded comfortable accommodation for the large number of ladies and gentlemen who were present to witness the spectacle, and the variety of costumes and uniforms lent no inconsiderable pleasing tints to the picture, with the splendid regiment parading in review order in the immediate foreground. The marching past of the troops was exceedingly good, and particularly remarked by those who are better able to form a correct judgment in such matters than ourselves—the military officers present on the ground. Their position under arms, too, was extraordinarily steady, and the Band excellent. The old colours having been trooped, and the last bar of *Auld Lang Syne* played, the regiment formed three sides of a square, the regimental drums made an appropriate altar for the religious ceremony of consecrating the new colours, and the Cantonment Chaplain, in full canonicals, advanced to the front preparatory to reading the office for the benediction of colours, which we shall reproduce on Saturday. His Grace, supported by Colonel Douglas, the Officer in officiating Command of the Division, and attended by a brilliant Staff, then rode from the saluting point, where he had taken up his position, and the benediction at once was proceeded with, this being not by any means the least interesting part of the ceremonial.

His Grace the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos then addressed the regiment in a clear, sonorous voice, as near as we could gather to the following effect:—"Colonel Appleyard, and soldiers of the 85th. It afforded me great pleasure to receive the invitation to be present on this occasion to present New Colours to the Regiment. During the various discussions on Military matters and localization schemes in which I have before now taken part, I always upheld the advantages of connecting the Regiment with the people of its County, and now

say, as Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, how proud I feel to be here this day. It is 80 years ago since your regiment was raised in the County of Buckingham, and in its formation my ancestors took a lively and deep interest. Since which time you have taken part in not a few hard-fought fields, in the Peninsula, America, and, in fact, wherever duty took you, as your well-worn colours testify".

His Grace was pleased to learn that the Regiment maintained their ancient character for steadiness and soldier-like qualities, which he trusted they would ever maintain. Some of the young soldiers, under the short service rules, would soon be returning to civil life, and he felt confident that they would never forget the impressive ceremony in which they were then taking part, and that they would always remember with fondness and pride the gallant regiment in which they had served, and would endeavour, as well in their homes as when with the colours, to uphold the honour and character of the Bucks Volunteers. He also assured them that many friends at home and abroad took a deep interest in the welfare of the Regiment, and were personally concerned to hear everything creditable of it. "Many of you," said His Grace, "has a lass that's left behind you, who will be proud to hear of your welfare in distant lands, and who will be glad again to meet the County corps." And he hoped that the honour of the flag would never be tarnished, nor the colours leave the field except with victory."

The foregoing is necessarily but a *résumé* of His Grace's speech, and must, with any inaccuracies, entirely owing to our being in the rear of the noble speaker, be accepted as such by our readers.

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Re-printed from "The Regimental Journal." June, 1935.

The following extract from an article on "The Vicissitudes of Regimental Colours," is published by kind permission of the Editor of the "Royal United Services Institution Journal." It was previously published in January, 1895.

"The actual ceremony of consecrating banners and colours is one of great antiquity. The old *Ordo Romanus*, in the tenth century, contains a form, much resembling the prayer at present in use, for the consecration of a knight's gonfalon, as an essential feature in the ceremonial of his investiture. The earliest ceremony of a regular consecration in the British Army which I can find is that observed on the presentation of colours to the 85th Light Infantry (Royal Volunteers), at Shrewsbury, on 2nd January, 1760. During the prayers and sermon, the Colours were held over the heads of the Lieut.-Colonel Commandant and the Lieut.-Colonel. The Regiment was then marched to the Quarry, where the colours, held by these two officers, were saluted and kissed: the regiment was raised in 1759, and disbanded in 1763. But the consecration of the colours of a regiment prior to their being taken into service was not systemically adopted until the commencement of the present century. And, even after the change, the Authorities, in 1824, ordered the colours of the 96th Regiment to be taken into use without any ceremony of either presentation or consecration, though, fortunately, the general who inspected the regiment in the following year thought a ceremony advisable, and ordered one to be held.

Between 1849 and 1853 the colours of, amongst others, the 27th, 57th, 71st (3), and 82nd Regiments (4) were taken into use without any ceremony ; and it is curious that the colours of the Foot Guards are treated in a similar manner, being issued like ordinary stores every five or seven years.

(Reprinted by courtesy of the "Shrewsbury Chronicle")

The following account of the presentation of the first Colours to the 85th in Shrewsbury appeared a few years ago in "Shropshire Notes and Queries" —

Major Holden, in his article on "The Vicissitudes of Regimental Colours" (Journal of the United Service Institution, January, 1895), says : "The earliest ceremony of a regular consecration in the British Army which I can find is that observed on the presentation of colours to the 85th Light Infantry (Royal Volunteers) at Shrewsbury on 2nd January, 1760. During the prayers and sermon the colours were held over the heads of the Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant and the Lieutenant-Colonel. The regiment was then marched to the Quarry, where the colours, held by these two officers, were saluted and kissed. The regiment was raised in 1759 and disbanded in 1763.

On turning to the Army List of 1763, John Crauford appears as Colonel, 21st July, 1759, and William, Viscount Pulteney, as Lieut.-Colonel same date. The latter died shortly before the regiment was disbanded and the senior Major, William Skinner (Major 11th February, 1761) promoted. The regiment seems to have been very fully officered for besides two colonels and two majors, there were in 1763 no less than 12 captains, one captain lieutenant, 29 first Lieuts., 12 second lieutenants, one chaplain, two adjutants, one quartermaster, and one surgeon, a total of 63, or a greater number of officers than in any of the 124 regiments on foot, except the 42 Regiment of Royal Highlanders

(Black Watch), 60th Regiment, or Royal American Regiment of Foot, now the King's Royal Rifle Corps, and the 1st or Royal Regiment of Guards of Foot, which regiment had two battalions. The number was even greater than in two out of the three regiments of Foot Guards, viz., Coldstreams and 3rd Regiment. The above particulars may be of interest, especially as the present 85th Regiment, raised in 1793, is now the 2nd Battalion of the 53rd or Shropshire Regiment, with headquarters at Shrewsbury."

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The following letter has been received from Brigadier M. H. Hussain :—

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From Brigadier M. H. Hussain,
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Ankara.

To The Commandant, Depot,
King's Shropshire Light Infantry,
Shropshire, U.K.

Sir,

I learnt the other day that the 1st Battalion K.S.L.I. received their New Colours. I would be grateful if my congratulations are conveyed to the Commanding Officers and the rank of the Regiment.

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Your obedient servant,
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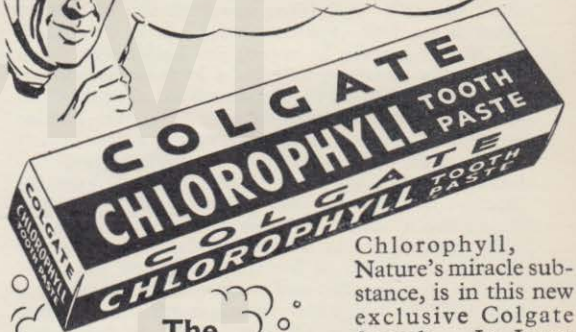


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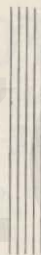
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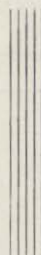


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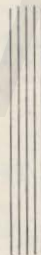
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