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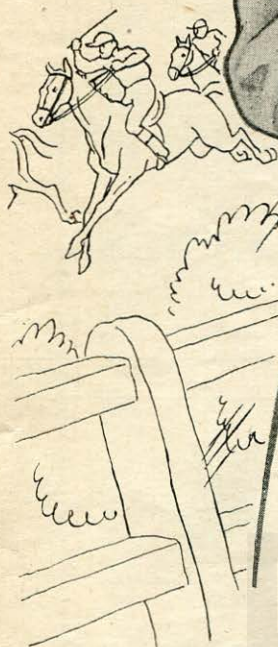
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EDITORIAL

The 1st Battalion, in its six months of active service in Korea, has upheld the high traditions of the Regiment. It has distinguished itself in two major actions. The first took place on the night of 3rd-4th January, which is so well described in these pages, and the second occurred on 24th-26th April, 1951.

The Colonel of the Regiment sent the following telegram to O.C. 1 R.U.R. after the second action:

"All other Units and Associations of the Regiment send you and all Ranks our thanks for the way you acquitted yourselves recently—good fortune."

A letter dated 29th April, 1951, from Brigadier T. Brodie, Commanding the 29th Infantry Brigade, to the Colonel of the Regiment, reads:

"I wish to tell you of the gallant show put up by the 1st Bn. and how terribly upset I am at this second long casualty list.

"The Brigade was struck by the main enemy effort and whilst I cannot give you the whole story, the R.U.R. held their ground all the time. The troops were magnificent and the R.U.R. can never have put up a better performance.

"It was again a case of the Brigade being in the stickiest place and a large number of the casualties were suffered during the pulling out process. I am sorry I cannot tell you more."

We heartily congratulate those officers and men who have been decorated or awarded for the part they played in the earlier action. Many stirring reports of bravery and determination by officers and men of the Battalion have been received and published. It is impossible to print them all in these pages and it would be invidious to make a selection.

We regret to report that the Battalion has suffered heavy losses mostly during these two actions. Up to May, 1951, the casualties amounted to 18 killed, 237 missing and 99 wounded. Relatives of these men have our deepest sympathies.

The greater part of this issue is given up to the 1st Battalion's letter and to photographs taken in Korea. We are indeed grateful to the Battalion for finding time to write such excellent accounts which enable us to get a really clear picture of its activities. The photographs are, for the most part, published without captions or names since most of them have been received from various sources, without comments. However, they give us some idea of the country and conditions.

The response to the call for comforts for the men in Korea has been magnificent, and many hundreds of parcels of all kinds have been dispatched to Korea. We learn from the Battalion that similar contributions have come from Australia, thanks to General Evetts, and from Singapore and Hong Kong. Many letters of appreciations have been received, which is most gratifying to the ladies who have done so much knitting and work. To show just how much these comforts mean to those in Korea one of these letters from a rifleman is published in these pages.

No news has come through from either the Irish Regiment of Canada or the South African Irish. Major Dingle, who saw the 1st Bn. off to Korea has most kindly procured two black bear skins for the bass drummer of the Band. We are indeed grateful to him for they will add much distinction to the Band.

The Battalion have expressed regret that it was not the Irish Regiment of Canada which had been sent to Korea with the forces recently dispatched from Canada.

The "Bonnet," the Journal of the Irish Regiment of Canada, has been received. The last issue is most interesting. An article on our history commences:

"It was with great interest that the Irish Regiment of Canada heard recently that the Royal Ulster Rifles were to take an active part in the United Nations' Military Forces in the East. Our affiliation with this Regiment is one in which we take great pride, and we wish them all success in this new chapter in their long and renowned military career. Recently the Green Bonnet was supplied with a copy of the Regimental History of the R.U.R., and it is from this text that we glean the following information . . ."

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The Officers and other Ranks of the 1st Bn. mentioned below have been awarded for their bravery in action while serving in Korea.

Citations from the London Gazette of 17-4-51 for these decorations are as follows:—

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER

Major JOHN KIRKPATRICK HAY SHAW, M.C. (69180),

The Royal Ulster Rifles.

At Chaegunghyon, Korea, on the night of the 3rd/4th January, 1951, during the withdrawal of his Battalion, Major Shaw, Support Company Commander, was with his Company when the enemy opened very heavy fire in a defile. He attempted to extricate his column which consisted of carriers and wheeled vehicles, at great personal risk. After vain attempts to get the column through the defile, he organised the men in the vicinity into a party, and by skilful handling extricated them from a very dangerous position, leading them over the hills into our own lines.

Throughout the action, which took place in darkness, at close quarters and in great confusion he acted with great courage and resourcefulness, and was an inspiring influence on all men under his command. It is considered by responsible members of the party that but for the presence of Major Shaw many of those who escaped from the defile would not have survived.

THE MILITARY CROSS

Second Lieutenant HUSTON MARK SHAW-STEWART (406701),

The Royal Ulster Rifles

At first light 3rd January, 1951, 2/Lt. Shaw-Stewart was commanding a platoon in an exposed position on some paddy field, at Chaegunghyon, Korea.

The platoon was attacked by a number of Chinese whose leading men were disguised in Korean Peasant dress. 2/Lt. Shaw-Stewart successfully and coolly held off this attack inflicting several casualties on the enemy.

Later on the enemy, in strength, occupied the foothills dominating his platoon in the paddy below and he was ordered to withdraw. As the platoon withdrew it came under very heavy machine gun fire and was pinned down. 2/Lt. Shaw-Stewart, completely disregarding the enemy's fire, got his platoon moving section by section and successfully extricated them. He made several journeys back to the abandoned position under heavy fire personally to ensure that no men or equipment had been left behind.

On the night 3rd/4th January, 1951, 2/Lt. Shaw-Stewart's platoon was with the rearguard company when the Battalion was ambushed in a defile. The platoon came under very heavy machine gun and mortar fire and a number of men were killed or wounded.

2/Lt. Shaw-Stewart, again completely ignoring the enemy's fire stood up and coolly reorganised his platoon; he then fought his way forward killing several of the enemy in hand-to-hand combat.

2/Lt. Shaw-Stewart's complete disregard for his own safety and his extraordinary coolness under heavy fire was such an inspiration to his men and to all who saw him that a very dangerous situation was avoided and a large number of men who would otherwise have been cut off were enabled to fight their way out to safety.

THE MILITARY MEDAL

No. 22243358 Sergeant HARRY CAMPBELL, The Royal Ulster Rifles

During the night of 3rd/4th January, 1951, at Chaegunghyon, Korea, Sgt. Campbell was with the rearguard Company of his Battalion, when it withdrew through a defile from defensive positions. The force was ambushed at close range in a river bed and in the confusion of the attack men and vehicles were scattered. Sgt. Campbell displayed great coolness and leadership, organising and controlling his men throughout the action.

He personally stalked two Light Machine Gun positions which were blocking the escape and put them out of action with hand grenades.

He later gathered together a party of men, and led them to break out of the ambush.

His coolness and courage throughout this action, which took place at night, at close quarter and in considerable confusion, undoubtedly contributed to the escape of a large part of the trapped force.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

200407 Major SIR CHRISTOPHER J. NIXON, Bart., M.C.

3651482 L/Cpl. WATKINSON, J.

4127146 A/Cpl. HUNT, N.

6847575 Rfn. VARLEY, A. E.

The King has been graciously pleased to confer "The Efficiency Decoration and Clasp" upon the following Officers:—

Major J. K. CANTOPHER (G. M.) 73931.

Hon. Major R. GIBSON (7210) Retired.

The King has been graciously pleased to confer "The Third Clasp" to the "Territorial Efficiency Decoration" upon the following Officer:—

Major C. A. BOWEN (16131) Retired.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

Casualties of 1st Bn. The Royal Ulster Rifles (83rd and 86th) in Korea.

The casualties, listed below, have been officially reported to Commanding Officer, The Regimental Depot, up to and including 31st May, 1951. It is possible that relatives have different information to that shown as they are informed immediately and much in advance of O.C. Depot.

OFFICERS

Wounded

Date	Rank	Name	Inls.	Date	Rank	Name	Inls.
4-5/1/51	Major	Gaffikin	H. M.	4-5/1/51	Lt.	Benson	—
4-5/1/51	Lt.	McCallan	A. J.	25/4/51	Major	Nixon	Sir C.

Missing

Date	Rank	Name	Inls.	Date	Rank	Name	Inls.
4-5/1/51	Major	Blake	C. A. H. B.	25/4/51	Capt.	Docker	P. G.
4-5/1/51	Lt.	Prescott-Westcar	C. V.	25/4/51	Major	Shaw	J. K.

Missing—Believed P.W.

Date	Rank	Name	Inls.	Date	Rank	Name	Inls.
4-5/1/51	Major	Ryan	M. D. G. C.	4-5/1/51	Lt.	Bruford Davies	E.R.
4-5/1/51	Capt.	Majury	J. H. S.	4-5/1/51	Capt.	Ferrie (R.A.M.C.)	A.M.

attached R.U.R.)

OTHER RANKS

Killed

Date	No.	Rank	Name	Inls.	Date	No.	Rank	Name	Inls.
3-4/1/51	3712417	Rfn.	Ostle	T.	3/4/1/51	7013336	Rfn.	Wright	T.
3-4/1/51	4469395	Rfn.	King	A.	19/2/51	22289926	Rfn.	Doyle	J. T.
3-4/1/51	22307187	Rfn.	Ramsey	C.	19/2/51	22202007	Rfn.	O'Gorman	J.
3-4/1/51	6980733	Rfn.	McCain	R. J.	25/4/51	22523389	Rfn.	Doran	J.
3-4/1/51	2251192	Rfn.	Austin	D. S.	25/4/51	22287499	Rfn.	McCartan	J. P.
3-4/1/51	7020094	Rfn.	Johnston	D. H.	25/4/51	5383778	Cpl.	Lewis	J. O.
3-4/1/51	3857019	Rfn.	Porter	R.	25/4/51	5598562	Rfn.	Washer	R. S. W.
3-4/1/51	14187325	Rfn.	Kennedy	T.	25/4/51	14008061	Rfn.	McGivern	T. J.
3-4/1/51	7012989	Cpl.	Wheeler	E.	25/4/51	3909362	L/C.	Smith	J.

Wounded

Date	No.	Rank	Name	Inls.	Date	No.	Rank	Name	Inls.
23/11/50	22219932	Rfn.	O'Keefe	W.	3-4/1/51	3770892	Rfn.	Woods	E. F.
5/12/50	5437535	Rfn.	Davis	E. W.	3-4/1/51	22511805	Rfn.	Hughes	J.
7/12/50	3600477	Rfn.	Hankinson	C.	3-4/1/51	3712554	Rfn.	Cannon	H. W.
—	22511752	Rfn.	Mainwaring	V. D.	3-4/1/51	1609805	L/C.	Grimble	I. M.
12/12/50	321528	Rfn.	Gales	H. W.	3-4/1/51	21029074	Rfn.	Edwards	A.
31/12/50	3450092	Rfn.	Newton	I.	3-4/1/51	3314511	Rfn.	Clarke	H. G.
3/1/51	19034405	L/C.	Smith	R. J.	3-4/1/51	5674078	Rfn.	Tague	G.
3/1/51	14435094	Rfn.	Robb	D. L.	3-4/1/51	5049205	Rfn.	Fitzpatrick	J. D.
14/1/51	3965660	Rfn.	Barnett	T.	3-4/1/51	3531647	Rfn.	Horan	J.
19/2/51	4538460	Rfn.	White	H.	3-4/1/51	21187826	Rfn.	McCloskey	J.
15/2/51	22099361	Rfn.	Smith	E. R.	3-4/1/51	21012085	Rfn.	Sinclair	W.
20/2/51	5120061	Rfn.	Bayliss	J. L.	3-4/1/51	3188874	Rfn.	Carlyle	A. T.
20/2/51	22305806	Rfn.	Moore	J.	3-4/1/51	7012158	Cpl.	Pierce	F. J.
20/2/51	19030458	Rfn.	Pollock	G.	3-4/1/51	22309882	Rfn.	Brown	T. W.
13/4/51	4803756	Rfn.	Green	A. C.	3-4/1/51	3197359	Rfn.	Hope	H.
15/4/51	14190018	Cpl.	O'Neill	E.	3-4/1/51	4196026	Cpl.	Cunningham	S.
25/4/51	22233140	L/C.	Hennessy	P.	3-4/1/51	7019896	Sgt.	Copping	G. S.
25/4/51	14453199	Rfn.	Brown	S.	3-4/1/51	5672225	L/C.	Masters	G. C.
25/4/51	6980044	Rfn.	Day	E.	3-4/1/51	3857092	Rfn.	Heath	H.
25/4/51	3530495	Rfn.	Riley	T.	3-4/1/51	21187572	Rfn.	Tosh	G. E.
25/4/51	5437854	Rfn.	Smith	L.	3-4/1/51	22511757	Rfn.	McClelland	S. J.
25/4/51	14044588	Rfn.	Carr	R.	3-4/1/51	22511765	Rfn.	Cain	R.
25/4/51	22273808	Rfn.	Law	S. J.	3-4/1/51	874030	Cpl.	Hyndman	C.
25/4/51	3385679	Rfn.	Walsh	G.	3-4/1/51	3531681	Rfn.	Jones	E.
25/4/51	14463239	Sgt.	Stewart	J.	3-4/1/51	4866540	Rfn.	White	S.
25/4/51	22249349	Rfn.	Ryan	A. C.	3-4/1/51	14194115	Cpl.	Daly	J.
25/4/51	14452980	Rfn.	Hannon	T. J.	3-4/1/51	22231234	L/C.	Greene	P.
5/6/51	22294763	Rfn.	Forbes	J. J.	3-4/1/51	4127146	L/C.	Hunt	N.

Wounded—continued

Date	No.	Rank	Name	Inls.	Date	No.	Rank	Name	Inls.
3-4/1/51	3599035	L/C.	Carter	J.	25/4/51	2051392	Rfn.	Pole	E. I. A.
3-4/1/51	14218335	Rfn.	Clancy	S. P.	—	21182116	Rfn.	Callaghan	J. P.
3-4/1/51	1469638	Rfn.	Johnson	W.	—	3393270	Rfn.	Fleming	E.
3-4/1/51	19030458	Rfn.	Pollock	G.	—	4279145	Rfn.	Gerrens	W.
3-4/1/51	6143268	Rfn.	Rea	R.	—	7043193	Rfn.	Martin	P.
3-4/1/51	14452927	Rfn.	McArdle	K. B.	—	6284458	Rfn.	Bowers	E.
3-4/1/51	3864530	Rfn.	Timmons	H.	—	1980334	Rfn.	Knox	R.
3-4/1/51	22308423	Rfn.	McKinley	T. J.	—	4052637	L/C.	Johnston	F. R. C.
25/4/51	6980336	Rfn.	Berry	P. T.	—	3605709	Rfn.	Partlow	D.
25/4/51	7013983	Sgt.	Buckley	T. J.	—	14187658	Bglr.	Taylor	S. S.
25/4/51	22201953	Rfn.	Charters	F. J.	25/4/51	22230754	Rfn.	McLaughlin	R. F.
25/4/51	5437590	Rfn.	Colbourn	G. F.	25/4/51	7015182	Rfn.	Whiteside	W. J.
25/4/51	14184572	Rfn.	Greer	J.	25/4/51	22511804	Rfn.	Shute	J. F.
25/4/51	7022921	Rfn.	Henderson	J. B.	25/4/51	22202546	Rfn.	McKinley	G.
25/4/51	7015174	Rfn.	Hooke	J.	25/4/51	14474675	Rfn.	Fletcher	W. J.
25/4/51	691647	L/C.	Kearsley	S.	25/4/51	22294725	Rfn.	McBurney	W. J.
25/4/51	653362	Rfn.	McColl	W.	23/4/51	5438726	Rfn.	McKenna	H. F.
25/4/51	22032747	Rfn.	McDonald	F.	23/4/51	6980896	Rfn.	O'Connor	W.
25/4/51	22034304	Rfn.	McIntyre	J. P.	23/4/51	19034406	Rfn.	Byrne	T. J.
25/4/51	14466929	L/C.	Massey	R. F.	23/4/51	3772090	Rfn.	Dean	V.
25/4/51	14113342	Rfn.	Meehan	F.					

Missing

Date	No.	Rank	Name	Inls.	Date	No.	Rank	Name	Inls.
4-5/1/51	7013974	Cpl.	Adair	W.	4-5/1/51	3655126	Rfn.	White	T.
4-5/1/51	7020881	Rfn.	Aicken	A.	4-5/1/51	1439092	Rfn.	Wilcox	W.
4-5/1/51	4915090	L/C.	Ashton	W. J.	4-5/1/51	22243665	Cpl.	Williams	P. F. P.
4-5/1/51	3857697	Rfn.	Bell	L.	4-5/1/51	5672255	Rfn.	Woodhouse	W. J.
4-5/1/51	14466141	Rfn.	Bustard	J. C.	4-5/1/51	5437816	L/C.	Smith	R. A.
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4-5/1/51	14417408	Rfn.	Tice	A. F.	25/4/51	3909598	L/C.	Hardacre	S. J.
4-5/1/51	6460598	Cpl.	Turner	A.	25/4/51	22305897	Rfn.	Hassett	J.
4-5/1/51	22306871	Rfn.	Waide	J.	25/4/51	4691197	Rfn.	Hinchcliffe	A.
4-5/1/51	7043334	Rfn.	Wallace	S. G.	25/4/51	22511760	Rfn.	Hobson	G. L.

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25/4/51	4127149	Rfn.	Hull	J.	25/4/51	22306116	Rfn.	Neeson	P.
25/4/51	3387126	Sgt.	Hunter	J. R.	25/4/51	22511833	Rfn.	Nelder	J.
25/4/51	22511772	Rfn.	Hurren	V. P.	25/4/51	22511859	Rfn.	Oakley	S.
25/4/51	888356	Rfn.	Jones	L.	25/4/51	19031778	Rfn.	O'Connor	T. A.
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25/4/51	4125575	Rfn.	Kay	J.	25/4/51	19041502	Rfn.	Orr	J.
25/4/51	4468247	Rfn.	Kay	J.	25/4/51	3606891	Rfn.	Parkinson	S.
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25/4/51	22307082	Rfn.	McMillan	F.	25/4/51	14412324	Rfn.	Shaw	A.
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25/4/51	19033341	Rfn.	Maher	D.	25/4/51	22372596	Rfn.	Short	L.
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25/4/51	19035551	Rfn.	Montgomery	P.	—	22243062	Rfn.	Monaghan	A. J.
25/4/51	22511786	Rfn.	Montgomery	S.	—	22366119	Rfn.	Fitzgerald	F. G.
25/4/51	19030933	Rfn.	Mooney	A. F.	—	6976676	Rfn.	Magee	J.

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4-5/1/51	7012253	Sgt.	Balfour	N. E.	4-5/1/51	7043376	Rfn.	Morgan	P.
4-5/1/51	6290618	Rfn.	Bunby	M.	4-5/1/51	3712359	Rfn.	Moxham	F.
4-5/1/51	6914122	Rfn.	Burton	J. C.	4-5/1/51	7013525	Sgt.	Nugent	F.
4-5/1/51	1438925	Rfn.	Cartlidge	R.	4-5/1/51	7014134	Rfn.	O'Hanlon	F.
4-5/1/51	21127508	Rfn.	Craig	R.	4-5/1/51	14456352	Sgt.	O'Hara	W. P. M.
4-5/1/51	14190507	Cpl.	Davidson	W.	4-5/1/51	3530903	Rfn.	Oates	H.
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4-5/1/51	14471610	Rfn.	Elliott	L.	4-5/1/51	22204446	Rfn.	Ryan	P.
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4-5/1/51	3130672	L/C.	Flanagan	T.	4-5/1/51	3449284	Rfn.	Swindells	V.
4-5/1/51	6967874	Rfn.	Green	R.	4-5/1/51	14470450	Rfn.	Taggart	A.
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4-5/1/51	3857040	Rfn.	Horrobin	J.	4-5/1/51	14412184	L/C.	Vance	M.
4-5/1/51	14190918	Sgt.	Kavanagh	L.	4-5/1/51	2889823	Rfn.	Heaney	W.
4-5/1/51	7043349	Rfn.	Kelly	T. J.	4-5/1/51	3712482	Rfn.	Moore	F.
4-5/1/51	6846356	Rfn.	Kerr	J. J.	4-5/1/51	14190213	Rfn.	McConaghy	T.
4-5/1/51	3530122	Rfn.	Langan	J.	4-5/1/51	6979731	Rfn.	Shelley	R.
4-5/1/51	14187870	Cpl.	Lavery	J. S.	4-5/1/51	3599213	Rfn.	Bartlett	J.
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4-5/1/51	22271061	Cpl.	McHaffey	T. B.	4-5/1/51	6980675	Rfn.	Fulton	D. G.
4-5/1/51	22275061	Rfn.	McKenzie	S.	4-5/1/51	3450830	L/C.	Gill	A.
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4-5/1/51	19032664	Rfn.	McNabb	A.	4-5/1/51	3654393	Rfn.	Spencer	E. F.
4-5/1/51	22307155	Rfn.	Maguire	R. W.	4-5/1/51	3857105	Rfn.	Traynor	R.
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4-5/1/51	2219701	Rfn.	Megoran	J.	4-5/1/51	21188152	Rfn.	Lorimer	T. W.
4-5/1/51	3772061	Rfn.	Peach	E.	4-5/1/51	22305359	Rfn.	McNally	J. N.
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4-5/1/51	21038124	Rfn.	Small	A. S.	4-5/1/51	22246875	Rfn.	Parker	J.
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4-5/1/51	4691329	Rfn.	Harper	F.	4-5/1/51	4698637	Rfn.	Pinder	C. A.
4-5/1/51	7013478	Rfn.	Agnew	T.	4-5/1/51	6914267	Rfn.	Roberts	R. F.
4-5/1/51	4546387	Rfn.	Alexander	J. T.	4-5/1/51	14471238	Rfn.	Stephens	W. J.
4-5/1/51	14446447	Rfn.	Anderson	W. C.	4-5/1/51	21181083	Rfn.	Stevenson	J.
4-5/1/51	22271021	Cpl.	Barbour	H.	4-5/1/51	864660	Rfn.	Street	W.
4-5/1/51	3386814	Rfn.	Brodie	F.	4-5/1/51	22308131	Rfn.	Sullivan	J.
4-5/1/51	4127206	L/C.	Buxton	W.	4-5/1/51	3856975	Rfn.	Sutton	W.
4-5/1/51	21181051	Rfn.	Clifford	R. S.	15/2/51	14465525	Rfn.	Lyons	E. B.
4-5/1/51	22204982	Rfn.	Crilly	F.					

Miscellaneous (Accidentally Killed)

Date	No.	Rank	Name	Inls.	Date	No.	Rank	Name	Inls.
27/11/50	3530798	Rfn.	Cruickshanks	C. R.	29/11/50	7011783	Cpl.	Gibson	J. D.

Previously Reported Missing or P.W. Now Re-joined Unit

Rejoined	No.	Rank	Name	Inls.	Rejoined	No.	Rank	Name	Inls.
9/2/51	780018	Rfn.	Akid	E.	9/2/51	3655261	L/C.	Harris	S.
9/2/51	3386862	Rfn.	Griffiths	E.	9/2/51	7021345	Sgt.	Rankin	S. J. H.
9/6/51	19034957	Rfn.	Fany	J. J.					

The information concerning personnel shown as Believed P.W. is subject to confirmation and was obtained from the six men who were returned by the Chinese in mid-February.

1st BN. THE ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES (83rd and 86th)

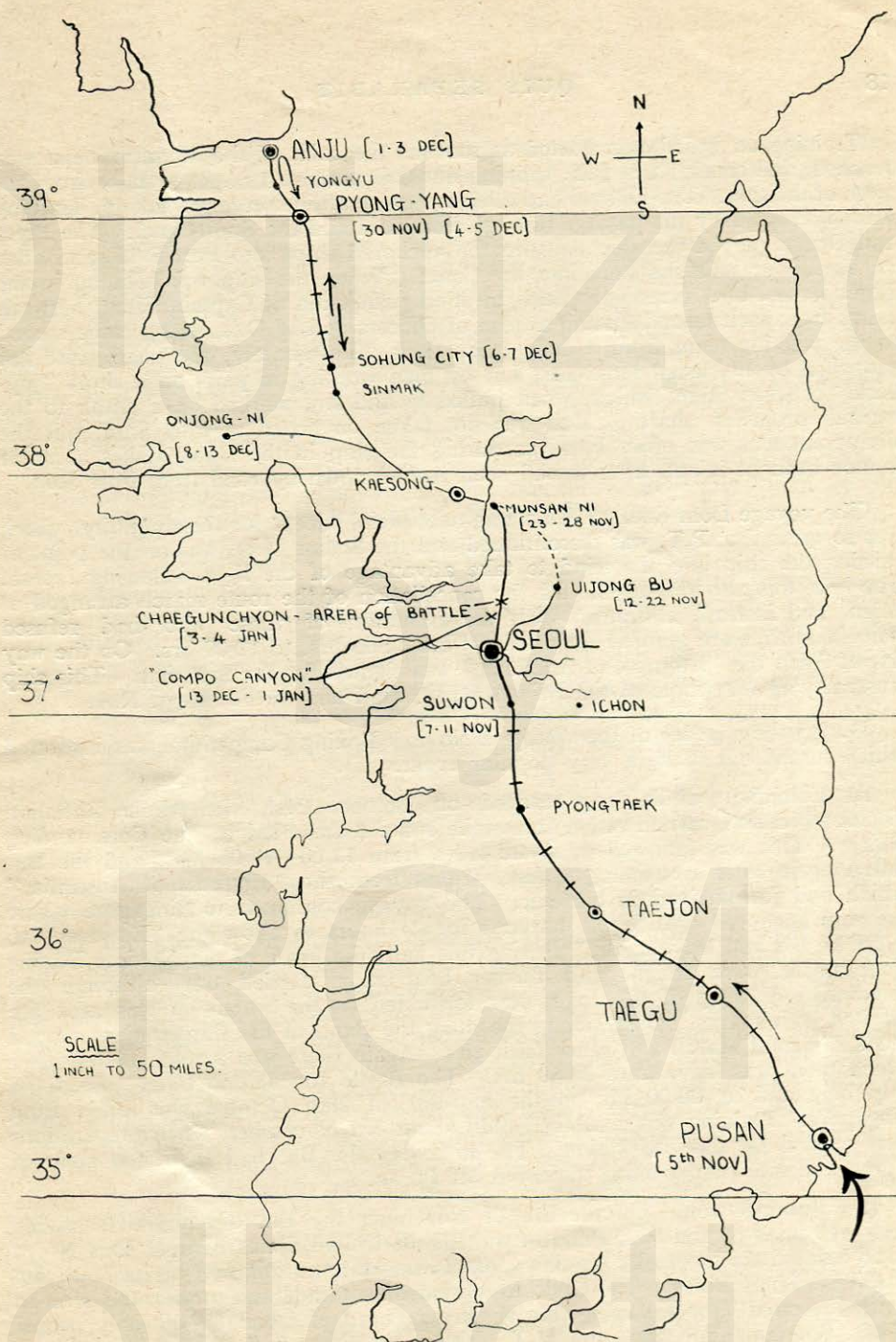
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PHASE I—THE PRELIMINARIES

(a) **Liverpool to Pusan.** At 19.45 hrs. on 1st October, 1950, H.M. Empire Pride left Princes landing stage, Liverpool, bound for Korea with, on board, the 1st Bn. The Royal Ulster Rifles, 31 C.P.O., 10th Infantry Workshops, R.E.M.E.; Elements of 4 Ordnance Base Depot and 26 Field Ambulance.

The ship was seen off by the Secretary of State for War, the Rt. Hon. John Strachey. While the embarkation was taking place he spoke to many of the men, and when all were on board, delivered a speech of God-speed over the ship's Tannoy system. On the quay was the Band of The Royal Ulster Rifles, which played Irish airs, alternating with the Pipes and Drums, who played from the deck of the ship while the final preparations were made for departure.

For the first few days of the voyage all personnel were allowed to find their sea legs and settle in for the long voyage. An unfortunate incident occurred early on when a member of the 26th Field Ambulance was lost overboard in rough weather off Land's End, and in spite of continual search by the ship for 1½ hours, only the original lifebelts thrown overboard were seen.



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Training on board was started as soon as the calm of the Mediterranean was reached, and consisted of P.T. training films, lectures and target practice from the stern of the ship. The Officers had a lecture every afternoon in the saloon. Training was interrupted by the passage through Port Said and the Suez Canal. The Pipes and Drums played the ship between the anchored ships into Port Said, and after an eight-hour wait she went into the Canal. When the ship was held up in the Bitter Lakes, boat races were held, by kind permission of Captain Fitch, between teams from each troopdeck and a team of Officers and W.O.'s, which came second to the winning team from 3 main troop deck. Fortunately, the boats were not propelled by the usual long oars, but by men working in pairs on a short "joy-stick" between them, which, when pulled to and fro, worked on a crank to the central propeller shaft. Mail was not taken on board at Port Said, but the disappointment was offset later, as during the stop in the Bitter Lakes a motor launch brought it out, after it had been rushed down by road from Port Said.

The voyage from Suez to Aden was uneventful except for the humidity, which was so great that P.T. was discontinued and the Senior M.O. was on the point of turning the ship into the wind to take advantage of the light following breeze. The heat was also responsible for the cancellation of the route march arranged at Aden, and instead, all ranks, with the exception of those who had refused inoculations, were granted shore leave from 10-00 hrs. to 12-00 hrs. On the way out of Aden the "Empress of Australia" was sighted for the first time. This ship was carrying the whole of the Brigade H.Q. Staff and 45 Fd. Regt. R.A.

During the next leg of the voyage a Novices Boxing Competition was instituted which turned out to be a very popular event.

At Colombo, which was reached on October 21st, the whole Battalion disembarked and carried out a three-mile route march, led by the Commanding Officer. This was followed by shore leave from 13-00—17-00 hrs., and the Bn. sailed again after welcoming a few visitors from the "Empress of Australia," which had just arrived in harbour. The voyage continued to Singapore where the ship anchored outside the harbour for 24 hours to allow the "Empress" to overtake her and leave again. During this halt, the finals of the Novices Boxing Tournament were fought and further boat races carried out, although the ceremonial ducking of the coxes was forbidden as the waters in this area are infested with sharks. On reaching the quay the Band of the Cameronians played the Regimental March and other Irish airs. Again there was a route march after which there was leave until 23.59 hrs. The Battle Inoculation Party joined the ship here and at 08.00 hrs on the morning of 28th October she sailed from Singapore. Training was continued until about 3rd November, when preparations were started for disembarkation. The next day the Bn. had their first sight of Korea and late that evening anchored off Pusan.

(b) **Pusan-Suwon.** On the 5th of November the Bn. disembarked, having been welcomed by the 56th Band of the Eighth United States Army. This Negro Band amused the troops by playing some Souza Marches followed by its rendering of the St. Louis Blues. The Civic Reception of garlands and apples and Korean belles "misfired" the following day as, being ahead of schedule, the only people of the Bn. remaining were the M.T. drivers who stayed the night aboard.

The Bn. entrained on the night of the 5th, with rations, cooks and water sufficient for the next day, with hopes of getting some more en route. The journey

was very slow, and whenever the train stopped, the cooks made frantic efforts to get a meal hotted up, and on several occasions vital equipment and personnel were nearly left behind by the erratic progress. Eventually kitchens were built on the train and things went more smoothly.

The Bn. arrived at Suwon on November 7th, where the advance party, including Captain (Q.M.) Smith, met us and marched to the billets in a silk worm factory to the west of the town, headed by the Pipes and Drums. Here the Bn. spent its time training, mainly by climbing every hill in the area, and inspecting the G1098 equipment as and when it arrived; the transport was coming from Pusan by road. During this period the Bn. was put "in the picture" concerning the operations in Korea as a whole and while in Suwon "C" Coy. and the Pipes and Drums were Televised marching through the North Gate.

On 11th November the Battalion was ordered to Uijongbu, North of Seoul, to prevent infiltrated and guerilla forces of the enemy marching on Seoul, the Capital. The Battalion, less Rear H.Q., moved off the same day.

PHASE II—THE ANTI-GUERILLA WAR

(a) **Uijongbu, 12th Nov.—23rd Nov.** The column arrived in the early hours of the morning of 12th November and patrolling started immediately. No results were obtained except the capture of a few curfew-breakers. Meanwhile, at Rear H.Q., the vehicles started arriving from Pusan, and after 24 hours' maintenance they were sent up to the Bn. Additional winter clothing was also sent up, including windproof suits, heavy pullovers, and kapok overcoats.

"B" Company made an arrest of 150 North Koreans, who were released after being vetted.

The Commander-in-Chief British Commonwealth Forces in Korea, General Sir Horace Robertson, visited the Bn. and stayed about an hour, during which time he visited Company areas.

Five men of "D" Coy. were admitted to hospital when an R.A.S.C. 3-tonner unfortunately overturned while on patrol.

(b) **Munsan-ni.** On 22nd November the Bn. received orders to move in stages to Munsan-ni, to defend road and rail bridges over the river against possible guerilla activity. "C" Coy. with supporting arms went on 22nd and the rest of the Bn. ferried over on 23rd, except for "D" Coy., who stayed to prevent any trouble following their departure. An unfortunate incident occurred on this day when a South Korean policeman accidentally fired his carbine and hit Rfn. O'Keefe in the legs. Rfn. O'Keefe was sent to hospital, while the policeman was dealt with summarily by our own military police. After "D" Coy. had been moved over to Munsan-ni, recce and fighting patrols were sent out to all suspected guerilla areas but none were found. 176 Battery 45 Fd. Regt. R.A., who were known from Bodney days, joined and farewell was said to 116 Battery, who had supported us to that date.

An accident in the "dingo" resulted in the loss of life of L/Cpl. Cruikshanks, of the Signals Platoon. He was buried in the United Nations Cemetery in Kaesong the next day, 28th November.

Capt. Miller, M.T.O., also arrived at this time with the last of the vehicles from Pusan, including the Oxford Carriers and the A.tk. guns.

The next few days found things moving very swiftly. First, on 27th, "A" and "C" Coys. were ordered to Kaesong, followed next morning by 176 Battery. The

afternoon of the 28th brought an order saying that the remainder of the Battalion were to entrain that night for Pyong-Yang, the North Korean Capital, and to go from thence by road to Anju, in the far north. So an advance party, composed of Major Blake, Capt. Hinde and Lt. Pigot, in three jeeps left by road for Anju, while the rest of the Battalion entrained at Munsan-ni and departed at 22.00 hrs., picking up "A" and "C" Coys. at Kaesong. The transport column was to come on by road under Major de Longueuil.

After a weary 36 hours in the train of cattle trucks, the main body of the Battalion arrived at Pyong-Yang, where there was American transport to take it further North. In this transport it travelled some miles North of Pyong-Yang before settling for the night in an open paddy field, where some R.A.S.C. waggons were parked, and who were to lift the Bn. from there. During the dismounting from the U.S. transport Cpl. Gibson of "C" Coy. was unfortunately killed.

The night spent in this field was one of the most uncomfortable ever, as all were in the complete open and without their own vehicles—and it was extremely cold. The next morning the R.A.S.C. trucks took the Bn. to a point four miles South of Yongju where they were ordered to stop in an assembly area. The advance party to Anju had returned having found the U.S. Army units there, preparing a retrograde movement.

PHASE III—THE WITHDRAWAL

(a) **Yongju.** Two days were spent, in bitter weather, in the assembly area here while road recce patrols went along lateral roads in the area. Most of the Battalion, however, sat near the road and watched the "baggage trains" of the U.S. Army pouring down the road continuously, and vaguely wondering just how much more there was to come. Finally, recce parties were called for, and the same day the Bn. joined the south-bound stream and stopped at an assembly area about three miles North of Pyongyang.

(b) **Pyongyang.** After a very cold night, with hail and snow falling, the Bn. moved up to positions on hills dominating the approaches to the North Korean Capital, with the task of covering the withdrawal of the U.N. Forces from the town. During the day liaison visits were made to the Forces due to pass through, to find out the last unit through. Also, a troop of the new 50-ton tanks, Centurions, of the 8th Hussars, came up to support, in addition to the 170 Mortar Battery R.A. (4.2in.) and 176 Battery R.A. (25 pdrs.). Among the units passing through were the Battalions of the 27th Commonwealth Brigade, and this was the first occasion when the two Brigades met. Twenty-nine Brigade showed their appreciation by plying the passing vehicles with sweets, chocolates, cigarettes and clothing which had all been rescued from the dumps that were prepared for destruction by the Americans, in Pyongyang. Finally, at 02.00 hrs. on 5th December, 29 Bde. withdrew, and the Battalion came back over the river, mounted vehicles withdrew strong points in the city, put out in case of civil disturbance, and headed South. No incident was reported except that one man in "C" Coy. suffered a slight leg wound when an unidentified aircraft put a burst of fire into the column. These were the only shots fired on either side in the withdrawal contrary to many reports in the London Press.

(c) **Sohung City.** We then moved to a spot near Sohung City, from which a few patrols went out, but the Bn. had scarcely started to settle down when another move was ordered, to the town of Onjong-ni, North-West of Kaesong, where we

arrived on 8th December. "C" Coy. was situated about 12 miles from the main body of the Battalion at a village named Tangyong-ni.

During a patrol by the Battle Patrol a large number of recently shot bodies were discovered and an investigation was made by Major Blake and a report was submitted to a higher formation. 2/Lt. Allan Hill having been sniped at on the road between the Battalion and "C" Coy., a village was searched the following day by the Battle Patrol and "C" Coy. Some weapons and grenades were discovered. A very welcome find was made in the village itself, when it was reported that there were some natural hot springs there. This was a great asset and the whole Battalion had hot baths during the next two days. Early one night a lone aircraft worried most of the Battalion by flying round and bombing and strafing within a radius of a few miles of the position. It was later found out that this was a friendly 'plane bombing and machine gunning camp fires in the area, of which there were fortunately none in the Bn. area—or if there were they had quickly been extinguished. After five days at Onjong-ni, the Battalion were ordered South. After a 36-hour halt just north of Munsan-ni, where the Bn. had been on 25th November, they were visited by Major Tom Laister, and continued on until they reached a point about nine miles north of Seoul, later christened Compo Canyon. Here the Bn. were ordered into Corps Reserve, on 13th December, 1950.

(d) **Compo Canyon.** The first sight of Compo Canyon was not a pleasant memory, as there was a very heavy snowstorm in progress and the following morning a heavy fog blanketed the valley. However, the Bn. slowly settled in, and as they were well to the rear of the front stand to was dispensed with. Orders were received to recce. positions just north of Seoul, and the Bn. was allotted a precipitous area that became known as "Wuthering Heights." During the first few days several reces were carried out in order to cater for several possible alternative plans open to the Brigade in the future. Parties were out each day ciggig positions north of Seoul.

During the week before Christmas, preparations were going forward with the arrangements for the great day on the assumption that we would not have to move. Mail began arriving in large quantities and a central Officers Mess was set up. A bugler and three Riflemen and Major Gaffikin were recorded for a Christmas Day programme at home, and plans were afoot for a "Father Christmas" to appear.

On Christmas Eve Padre James Kelly conducted a Carol Party around the Coys., and then on Christmas Morning Reveille was sounded by all the buglers. Church services took up most of the morning, and before dinner Father Chrstmas made a somewhat perilous journey on a home-made sledge drawn by a Universal Carrier! The Commanding Officer was piped around Company dinners by Pipe Major Woods, and after a quiet afternoon, the Officers had a very enjoyable evening after an excellent dinner in the mess.

After Christmas, the responsibility of preparing the lay back positions for 1 R.O.K. Division, about 1,000 yds. ahead of Compo Canyon fell to the Battalion. This was carried out by civilian labour under supervision, whilst the Companies continued with the positions on "Wuthering Heights."

On 31st December we had the news that the enemy had crossed the Imjin River.

(e) **The First Action.** In the early hours of the New Year, a warning order was received for the Battalion and Brigade to prepare to counter-attack on the

1st R.O.K. Div. front. Unfortunately, this order found the Commanding Officer not in the best of health, but after Major Blake had taken over for an early "O" group, the C.O. resumed command later that morning.

We left Compo Canyon at 10.30 hrs. on January 1st, 1951, and proceeded up the M.S.R. (Main Supply Route) northwards with the intention of counter-attacking the enemy when found, but 1 R.O.K. (South Korean) Div. had virtually disintegrated and the enemy had vanished into the mountains. The Brigadier considered that it would take too long to find the enemy and attack him so the plan was changed and the Brigade was ordered to take up a defensive position that had previously been dug for the R.O.K. Division. The Brigade was therefore very spread out and was compelled to take up a position prepared for a whole Division. The Battalion found itself defending a two-mile stretch, the village of Chaegunghyon being in the middle. The Glosters were on our right and the 35th Regt. U.S. Army on our left.

Bn. H.Q. was set up in the mouth of a railway tunnel and all the Coys. allotted their positions before the C.O. was forced to go to the A.D.S. and Command was taken over by Major C. A. H. B. Blake, and Major I. A. May became 2 i/c.

On 2nd January Coys. settled into their new positions and prepared them with what little wire and other material that was available. The Battalion made contact with the 35th Regiment on our left both by line and R/T. and an evening patrol by "D" Coy. also made contact. "D" Coy's early morning patrol at 02.00 hrs. to the junction point with the 35th Regt. U.S. Army reported that there was no contact with the enemy, but at 03.15 Brigade reported from a L.O. that there was firing in Koyang, which was the outpost of 35 Regt., and it had been pushed back by the enemy. The Battalion was stood to at 04.45 after reports of firing 2,000 yds. to the front and reports that "E" Coy. of 35th Regt., the Company nearest to us, was under fire.

At 05.30 "A" Coy. opened fire on enemy approaching down the river valley towards their wire. The M.M.G. section with this Coy. also opened fire. "B" Coy fired at some more troop movement to their right and a recce. patrol of one and four was reported overdue; this was led by Lt. Bruford-Davies. By the sounds of L.A. fire and grenades, it was assumed it had run into trouble and in actual fact it never returned.

At 07.00 hrs. a group of men walked into Lt. Mole's platoon area in "B" Coy. with their hands up shouting "South Korean, We surrender," "Don't shoot," and before the platoon realised what was happening there was severe hand-to-hand fighting in the area. The "friends" were Chinese armed with grenades. After some confused fighting, the platoon withdrew, leaving four men behind on hill 195. The hill was immediately engaged by 3in. mortars. Meanwhile, there was fighting going on in "D" Coy's position, in which Lt. Benson was wounded and then Major Gaffikin. The latter remained at duty after attention at the R.A.P. When the fighting had sorted itself out, when daylight came it was found that the enemy were established on 195 (ex "B" Coy.) and 127 in the American sector. These targets were engaged by our 3in. mortars, 4.2in. mortars R.A., tanks and artillery, which kept them very quiet! "A" Coy. was withdrawn to be used in a counter-attack role and "C" Coy. reced. "A's" position to take over if necessary. At 11.50 hrs., however, contact was made with "B" Coy. and

they were ordered to re-take 195, which they did successfully. "D" Coy. also took back the section position that had been lost, and at 13.35 hrs. Maj. Blake was able to signal that the situation had been restored. Casualties to date were five killed and 12 wounded, which was few considering the number of enemy dead, a large number of which were killed by the 3in. mortars. Over 50 were counted within the Bn. area, and two wounded were taken prisoner.

After a quiet afternoon's preparation for the coming night, at 17.40 hrs. the Battalion received orders to withdraw and to be out by 18.30 hrs. This left only 40 minutes for preparation and Major Blake considered that owing to the dispersal of the Battalion it could not withdraw before 21.00 hours. The Americans, however, on our left withdrew at the given time and this meant that our left flank was completely in the air. The Chinese were quick to take advantage of this situation and immediately flanked our main withdrawal route, a narrow, precipitous and frozen track. Maj. Blake ordered the transport to keep moving at all costs but we were unfortunate in that a tank was destroyed on the one and only track and many "S" Coy. vehicles were unable to get through. Confused and savage hand-to-hand fighting broke out and "S" Coy., the last Coy. out, led by Maj. Shaw, had to take to the mountains as their withdrawal route was blocked both by the destroyed tank and the Chinese. However, by good leadership and determination Maj. Shaw managed to bring over 60 of his Company to the Assembly Area in Suwon the following morning. The casualties on that night's fighting totalled nearly 200, which included Major Blake, Major Ryan, Capt. Majury, Capt. Ferrie (R.A.M.C.), Lieut. Bruford Davies, and 2/Lt. Prescott Westcar missing.

On 5th of January, the Battalion moved South again to a line south of Osan, near Pyongtaek, where positions were taken up in which the Bn. was never attacked and which formed the firm base for the start of the U.N. forces advance that continued back to the 38th Parallel.

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

C.O.	...	Lt.-Col. R. J. H. Carson.	2 I/C.	...	Major G. P. Rickcord, D.S.O.
Adjt.	...	Capt. H. Hamill.	A/Adjt.	...	Lt. E. W. Pigot.
I.O.	...	Capt. J. E. D'O Hinde.	M.O.	...	Capt. T. Dungavel, R.A.M.C.
Chaplain	...	Rev. J. G. M. Kelly, C.F.	Q.M.	...	Capt. (Q.M.) T. P. Smith
R.S.M.	...	R.S.M. Patterson.	R.Q.M.S.	...	R.Q.M.S. Connell.
O. R. Sgt.	...	C/Sgt. Collins.			

There is probably more to say in this issue's Battalion Headquarter Notes than there has been for some time. For one thing, since the mobilisation of the Battalion as a part of the United Kingdom's contribution to the United Nations Forces in Korea, everyone has probably been busier than ever since the formation of the Battalion.

Personalities in Bn. H.Q. have changed very little since the Battalion has been in Korea. The exceptions are the arrival of Capt. T. Dungavel, R.A.M.C., as M.O., in January, to replace Capt. A. M. Ferrie, R.A.M.C., who was reported missing after the Battalion's first action of the 3rd/4th January North of Seoul, and of Major G. P. Rickcord, D.S.O., to take over the duties of Second-in-Command after Major C. A. H. B. Blake had been reported missing in the same action.

The loss of Tony Blake and of "Sandy" Ferrie was a great blow to the Battalion; Tony we have known for a long time in the Regiment and we know how much he has done for us.

Sandy Ferrie had only been with the Battalion for three months but in that short time had become very much a Rifleman, even to the bonnet he adopted in place of his R.A.M.C. cap.

It may be of interest to describe briefly how Bn. H.Q. works in this theatre: not to discuss how the "paper" (which still makes its appearance even in war) is produced and despatched to the unfortunate recipients, but rather what we have used as a substitute for the Orderly Room Block of Sobraon Barracks, Colchester. Before the Bn. left, a magnificent "gin palace" or office vehicle appeared on the square at Colchester, together with the rest of the Bn. transport. It was this vehicle, however, which was particularly gloated upon by the Adjutant and his satellites. It had no less than three doors, a step ladder leading up to them, electric lights, folding tables along the length of each side of the interior, and was in fact an Orderly Room Sgts. dream, notwithstanding the repeated comments of others who viewed with some disgust its height above ground. As things have turned out, however, it has proved a bit of a white elephant. Although it has been used a great deal, particularly in reserve areas, the hill tracks of Korea are not designed for office trucks, and we have more often than not had to leave it in A Echelon. Alternative accommodation for Bn. H.Q. has varied from the large shed (once a Japanese ordnance depot) in which we live at the time of writing, to a large hole in one of the wetter paddy fields in Korea. The latter, however, was only used on the occasion when two Rifle Company Commanders were respectively doing the duties of Commanding Officer and Second in Command. It is thought that the idea on this occasion was to teach the Adjutant and I.O. how the Rifle Companies live.

Somehow the Quartermaster and his stalwarts at B Echelon do not always appear in Bn. H.Q. notes. In this case they cannot possibly be left out; throughout the winter they have done nobly by us, under considerable difficulties. At one period Captain Tom Smith organised a magnificent "leave centre" for both officers and other ranks, where the latter could spend 48 hours in peace and comfort, with baths, clean clothing and good food laid on.

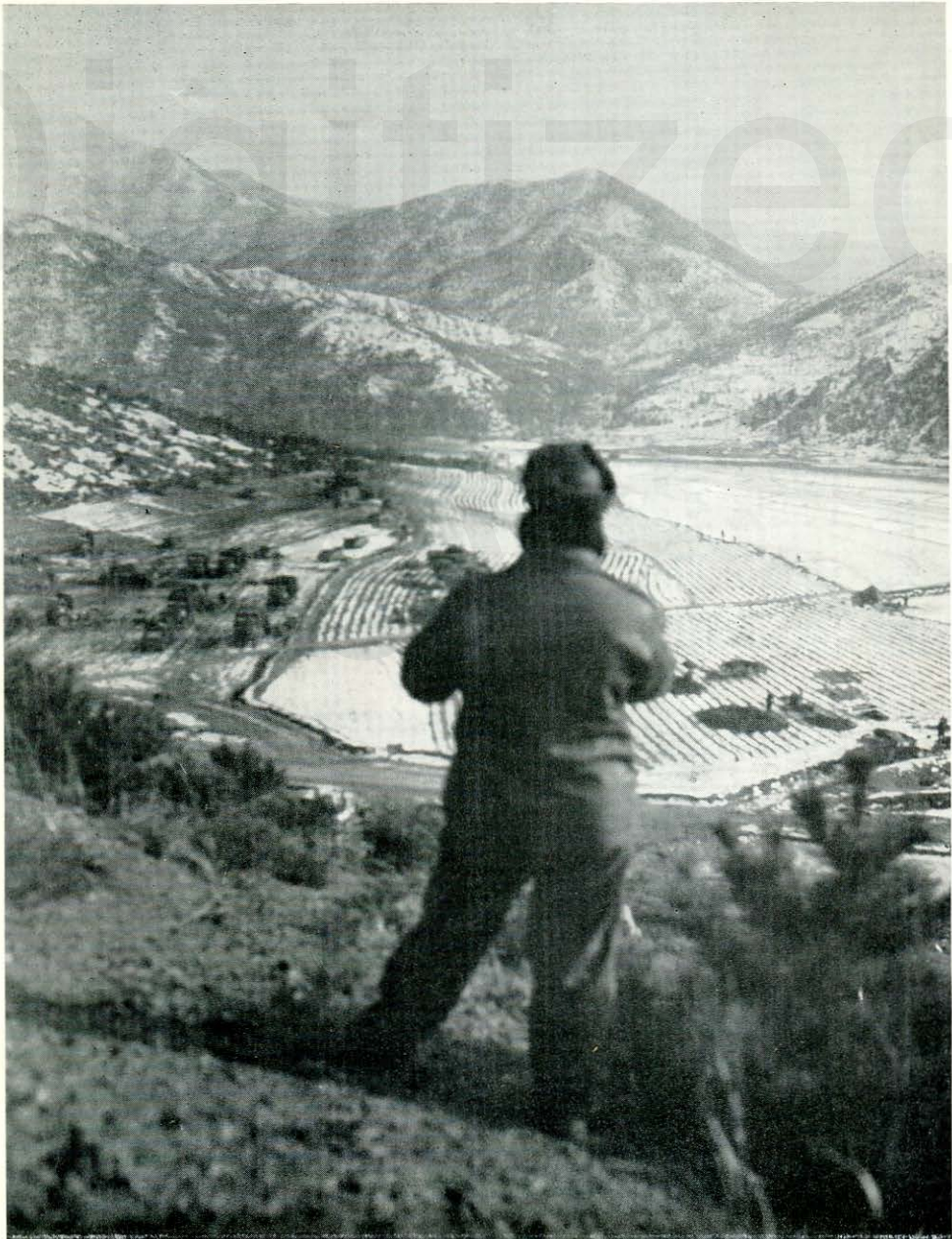
The Q.M.'s well concealed friendship with the Q.M. of the 25th U.S. Infantry Division has done a great deal to make life more comfortable for everyone concerned although how the rum account is balanced is not known.

The B Echelon contribution to St. Patrick's Day was a magnificent one. Everyone fed not wisely but extremely well, and we were lucky enough to have the day in reserve and in peace and quiet. On this occasion, too, R.S.M. Patterson and the Sergeants Mess are to be congratulated on laying on what was obviously a most successful Sgts. Mess Smoker, which appears to have impressed the remainder of the Brigade that St. Patrick's Day is a day to be marked in red on the calendar.

Sgt. Carlin and the Provost have been kept busy: not so much with prisoners perhaps, but more with the signing and guiding of the Battalion in our frequent moves from one area to another.

Three of the Provost Section were casualties in the action of 3rd/4th January. L/Cpl. Vance, Rfn. Bunby and Rfn. McSherry were all posted missing after the battle; our good wishes go with them wherever they are.

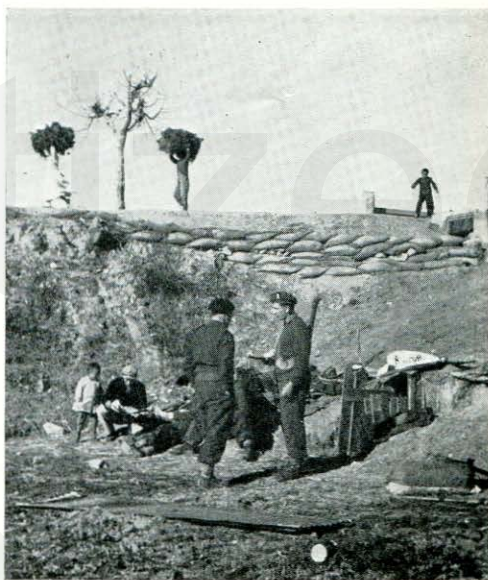
Battalion H.Q. notes would not be complete on this occasion without mention of the overwhelming contribution made by our friends at home and abroad. Parcels of knitted comforts, reading matter and goods of all kinds have been received

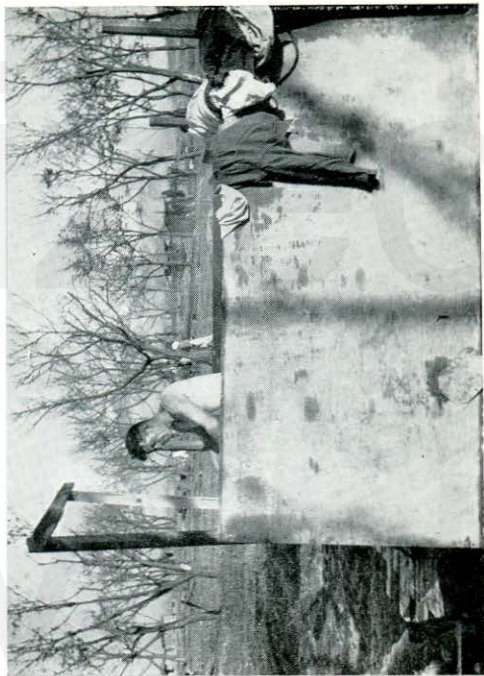
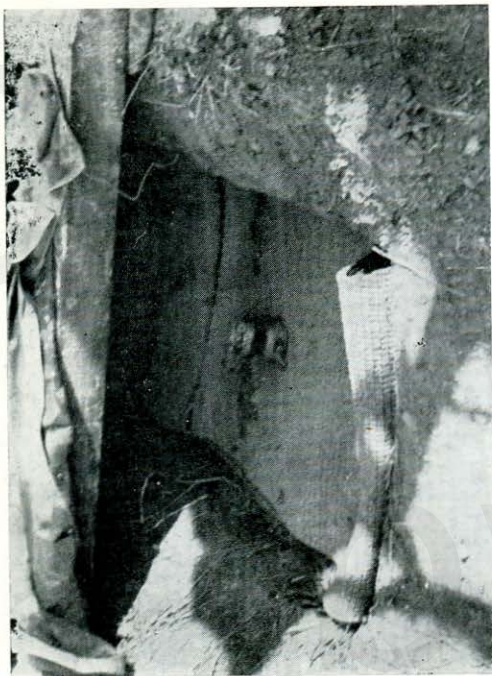


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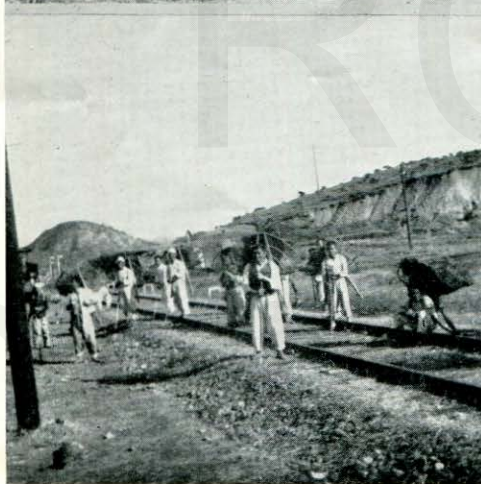












from the Regimental Association, from Australia, and from many others. It is impossible to thank all the donors individually, but our very sincere thanks are due to Mrs. Charley and all those ladies who have helped so much, to General and Mrs. Evetts who have, it appears, roused half Australia on our behalf, and to all those others who have sent comforts and good wishes.

H.Q. COMPANY

Coy. Comd.	Major J. C. S. G. de Longueuil, M.C.	Signal Offr.	Capt. K. Neely, M.B.E.
A/Signal Offr.	Lt. J. Mason.	M.T.O.	Lt. J. D. Elliott.
Defence Pl. Comd.	Lt. V. Dunlop.	C.S.M.	C.S.M. Orr, C.
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. Rainey, R.		

Since our last notes we have covered many miles and passed through many lands. The heat of Singapore in October was succeeded by the cooler weather as we approached Korea. From the comfort of The Empire Pride we were whisked away North by Korean train, a journey which will no doubt be remembered by many for its slowness and noisiness. Every time the A/C/Sgt. Pipe Major Woods got down to cooking the food by the side of the line, the train would hoot and blast, move in a series of bumps and it would be a mad scramble to try to get all the cooking stuff on board before the train had travelled too far down the platform. When we arrived at our destination a few miles South of the Capital of Seoul we found the C/Sgt. waiting to guide us to our billets in the Suwon Sericulture College (silk worm factory). It was there that our vehicles and heavy baggage eventually caught up with us and we were able to get ourselves fit for operations. The Company's surplus kit was left in charge of L/Cpl. Dempster at Brigade Base, which was later moved to Kure in Japan. I will not go through the various operations or the places that we went through since we came to Korea as these will not doubt be covered in the Bn. Letter, all I will say was that we made a dash up through Northern Korea to a place a few miles from the Manchurian Border, only to find that we had arrived there in time to start the great withdrawal, but it was not until we got back to near Seoul that we first saw our Chinese enemy. It was during our move forward just before we crossed the 38th Parallel that we had our first casualty, L/Cpl. Cruikshank of the Signal Platoon who was unfortunately killed in an accident when the scout armoured car he was travelling in turned over.

One of the best known, or at any rate most often repeated story in the Company is that of Rfn. McAlonan's heroic stand in Pyongyang. He watched the whole Bn. through and would be still with his 62 set if the last tank out had not stopped on the bridge and found him underneath it under the mistaken idea that someone was coming back for him.

Our withdrawal was so fast that we were able to have a considerable pause just North of Seoul and it was here that we encountered the Chinese forces for the first time. It is not really possible for H.Q. Company to give details of that battle, but let it be said that the attack on the morning of the 3rd January was seen off very successfully. It was with surprise and dismay that we learned later on that day that we had to withdraw in the evening and it was during this withdrawal that we suffered our heaviest casualties.

Further operations were, of course, carried out, but apart from the intense cold, often reaching 20 deg. Fahrenheit, there is little to relate except that the Company played its part in various ways during these operations. As time went on the days grew warmer, or should I say "less cold," and we were lucky enough

to have some very nice weather for St. Patrick's Day. Being in Army reserve at the time in the area of Ichon on the Western Central front we were able to celebrate the occasion in great style and I think that it is fair enough to say that everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

It was in this area that we were able to get down to some sport, mainly football. The Signal Platoon did extremely well, a team from the Platoon reached the semi-finals of the Inter-Company Competition.

Since our last notes there have been two additions to the Company which are of interest. The Pay Section and the Porter Company. The former, working under Sgt. Hughes of the R.A.P.C., has a pay clerk from each Company and deals with all the pay matters in the Bn. The latter, under the direction of Lt. Dunlop and the defence platoon consist of Koreans, impressed labour, and are used for portage when the Bn. takes to the hills and transport cannot go to the forward Companies.

We would like to congratulate Cpl. Knight on his promotion to Sgt. (now Int. Sgt. since the departure of Sgt. Vyse, sick) of L/Cpls. Keith, Cowan Sweeney, Keenan and Rfn. Bickle to the rank of Cpl., and the following on their appointment to L/Cpl.—Rfn. Thompson (88), Evans, Cunningham, Cowap, Ellingham, Sweetlove and Mulholland.

Finally, we would like to thank all the people at home, in Australia and specially the members of the Royal Ulster Rifles Association Comforts Fund who contributed so much for the parcels of clothing, books and other things which have been received out here.

"A" COMPANY

Coy. Comd.	...	Major Sir C. J. Nixon, Bart, M.C.	2 I/C.	...	Capt. J. B. Lane.
C.S.M.	...	C.S.M. Gordon.	C.Q.M.S.	...	C/Sgt. Lowry.
No. 1 Pl.	...	Lt. G. L. Potts. Sgt. Byrne.	No. 2 Pl.	...	2/Lt. H. M. Shaw-Stewart.
No. 3 Pl.	...	Lt. R. Hilton. Sgt. Lawler.		...	Sgt. McGoldrick.

The Company has greatly changed in the last few months and since our last letter we have received two new Subalterns and two Sgts., Lieuts. Hilton and Potts, who came from J.R.H.U., Japan; Sgt. Byrne from "S" Company, and Sgt. McGoldrick from "D" Company. We were very pleased to see them as for a short period we were down to two Officers and two Sgts. We were all greatly relieved to hear that Major M. D. G. C. Ryan is listed as a P.W., and that Major Sir C. J. Nixon, Bart., who took over the Company on January 4th, 1951, and who is now back with us, has recovered from his wound. It is reported that Lieut. J. Chapman is now "dug in" in Kure, after a quick and successful recovery. He is now responsible for the pay side of the R.H.U. Another severe blow to the Company was the loss of C.S.M. McCrory, B.E.M., and Sgt. Cooke, who had between them some 40 years' service with the Regiment; we hear that they are upholding the good name of the "Stickies" in the Sergeants' Mess, J.R.H.U. We welcome our old C.Q.M.S. as our new C.S.M., and C/Sgt. Lowry, an old friend, as C.Q.M.S.

Since we have been in Korea the most welcome sight of all is the C./Sgt. appearing, rather hot and tired, with a long column of local young men, better known as "Battalion Porters," strung out behind him with large and heavy loads of "C" rations and the occasional sack of mail. When in the line the Porters are the only means of getting supplies to the Company. The Company were the first British troops to re-cross the 38th Parallel in the assault across the Imjin River,

where a bloodless victory was gained. When in a rest area we find relaxing entertainment such as cinema shows and dances, etc., out of the question; but on St. Patrick's Day the Brigade Concert Party put on a very good show for the Battalion. We would welcome more of these shows. Thanks to the hard work put in by Sgt. Lawler and members of the combined "C" and "A" Coy's. Concert Party, we were well entertained for over two hours on March 16th. We consider ourselves lucky if we can find a flat enough piece of ground on which to make a football or basket ball pitch, and only once have we been billeted near a town that sported two first-class indoor basket ball pitches. Despite odd "dates" with the Chinese and the freezing weather we won the Battalion inter-Company Soccer Competition, beating "S" Coy. in the finals 2-1, Rfn. Morris and Schofield scoring for the Company. We congratulate Rfn. Davies (81), Joyce and Schofield on playing for the Battalion team. No. 2 Pl. won the inter-Platoon basket ball, beating 3 Pl. 17-14.

The Company basket ball team beat "C" Coy. 21-13, after a hard-fought game, Cpl. O'Reilly and L/Cpl. Hennessey being the main scorers, and in a return match the following afternoon we again won, the score being 22-4.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in the usual fashion, with a Church parade in the morning and, thanks to the "Q" side, a first-class lunch with free beer and Guinness for all ranks. The only thing missing was the Shamrock; we understand that it died on the way out.

The following represented the Company in the Inter-Company Soccer League:

Capt. J. B. Lane	Rfn. Schofield	Rfn. Morris
Rfn. Davies (81) (capt.)	Rfn. Mathews	Rfn. Davies (21)
Rfn. Joyce	Rfn. McMillan	Rfn. Magill (12)
	Rfn. McNiffe	Rfn. Fudge

Results—1st ROUND v. H.Q. ("B"). Won 2-1 SEMI-FINAL v. H.Q. ("A"). Won 2-0
FINAL v. "S" Company. Won 2-1.

Company Basket Ball team:

Capt. J. B. Lane	Rfn. Schofield	Rfn. Quinn
Cpl. O'Reilly (capt.)	Rfn. McMillan	Rfn. Fudge
L/Cpl. Hennessey	Rfn. Davies (81)	Rfn. Magill (12)
	Rfn. Dolan	

Results—v. "C" Company. Won 21-13. v. "C" Company. Won 22-4.

"B" COMPANY

Coy. Comd. ...	Capt. H. D. Miller.	2 I/C. ...	Capt. I. G. Daniel.
4 Pl. Comd. ...	2/Lt. M. McCord.	5 Pl. Comd. ...	Lt. T. Trevor-Roper.
6 Pl. Comd. ...	Lt. G. D. C. Gill.	C.S.M. ...	C.S.M. J. Drumgoole.
C.Q.M.S. ...	C/Sgt. S. Dawson.		

After a successful landing at Pusan, ex Empire Pride, on 5th November, "B" Company proceeded to Suwon ably hampered by the S. Korean railways. After an all too short stay we found ourselves on the road to Uijongbu, where we first met the N. Korean Army in the shape of 80 troops, who promptly surrendered to 6 Pl. Somewhat elated, we moved to Munsan-Ni, where 5 Pl. under Lt. Alcock proceeded on an intriguing though uneventful patrol in search of guerillas. It was here that we welcomed Ivor Daniel, who had flown out to join us from Hong Kong. We thence made our way to Pyongyang by train—a journey we shall never forget! It was here that we first dug in and prepared to meet the advancing Chinese Armies.

Then followed a series of withdrawals culminating in our arrival at a valley just North of Seoul which a member of 4 Pl. promptly christened "Compo Canyon." We had a pleasant sojourn in this haven of rest, which was only interrupted by the arrival of Derek Gill, who had been our Liaison Officer at Brigade. We were at the same time sorry to lose Barry Alcock, who took over the task of Liaison Officer to 1 R.O.K. Division.

We are pleased to say that our Christmas festivities were not marred by the threatened attack of the Chinese Army.

On New Year's Day we moved into the line taking up defensive positions on Hill 195, which was attacked early on the morning of 3rd January. The main feature on which 4 Pl. were entrenched was over-run by the Chinese troops at first light. We exchanged fire with enemy throughout the morning and 5 Pl. finally recaptured the position ably assisted by 6 Pl., who were giving supporting fire from a nearby ridge. It was here that we suffered our first casualties. We offer our deepest sympathy to all those relatives and friends of the brave men who laid down their lives, who were reported missing, and who were wounded at this time. On the night of the 3rd we withdrew through Seoul and next took positions straddling the railway line South of Osan, which became known as "Frostbite Alley." Here we remained for over two weeks. After this short rest at Osan our next assignment was to act as Porter Company to the forward Companies of the Battalion who were operating in the high ground to the South-East of Seoul on the approaches to the River Han.

By this time Mervyn McCord had joined us, taking over from John Mole as Platoon Commander of 4 Pl. We wish John Mole the best of luck in his assignment to the Mortar Platoon and welcome Mervyn McCord into our midst. It should also be mentioned that by this time our three original Platoon Sgts. — Sgt. Copping, who had been wounded on hill 195, was on his way to England; Sgt. Killen was on his way home on compassionate posting, and Sgt. Stafford had been evacuated owing to illness.

In their place we welcomed Sgts. Forrester and Platt from Japan, also Sgt. Buckley from the Mortar Platoon.

In the final stages of the push toward the Han, B Company took their place as a forward Company and in a successful action cleared the final ridge leading to the Han River. On February 23rd we were relieved by an American unit and moved back into reserve area near Osan. Here we bade farewell to Robin Charley, who had been with us throughout and we wish him success in his new post as Instructor at No. 1 Battle Training School in Japan.

We were pleased to greet Tony Trevor-Roper from "D" Company, who took over 5 Pl. from Ivor Daniel, who assumed 2 I.C. of the Company.

In conclusion, we regret to say that our Company Commander, Mike Mulligan, has had to return home for compassionate reasons, but we hope it will not be too long before he returns to us. His place has been taken by Dickie Miller of "C" Company, to whom we all extend a very warm greeting and we trust that he will be as happy with us as he was with "C" Company.

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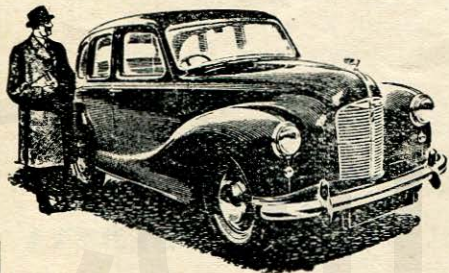
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"C" COMPANY

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C.S.M.	...	C.S.M. W. Cherry.	C/Sgt.	...	C/Sgt. S. Smith.
Coy. Clerk	...	L/Cpl. R. Moore.	Coy. Storeman	...	Rfn. J. Dawson
No. 7 Pl.	...	Lt. A. T. Moore. Sgt. S. Fitzsimons	No. 8 Pl.	...	Lt. J. M. C. Nicholls. Sgt T. Simpson.
No. 9 Pl.	...	Lt. A. Axford. Sgt. C. McMahon.			

I am very sure that those of you who read these notes will have been following the doings of the Battalion very closely in the newspapers. I will endeavour, therefore, to give you only those items of news which do not appear in the Press. Firstly, the Company is in great heart and Regulars, National Servicemen, K Type Volunteers, and Reservists, all combine to make a very happy team.

The reservists are mostly from English Units, and quite naturally their first love is for their own Regiment. Nevertheless I am quite certain when they leave us to go back to civilian life they will, as a Manchester man told me, "Hear nowt said against Rifles."

Rfn. Dawson is still going strong and even under the most difficult conditions manages to keep his stores looking like Selfridges. Incidentally, he is now keeping a pig, a fierce little black boar, who by some strange coincidence is known as Brodie, the same name as the Brigade Commander!

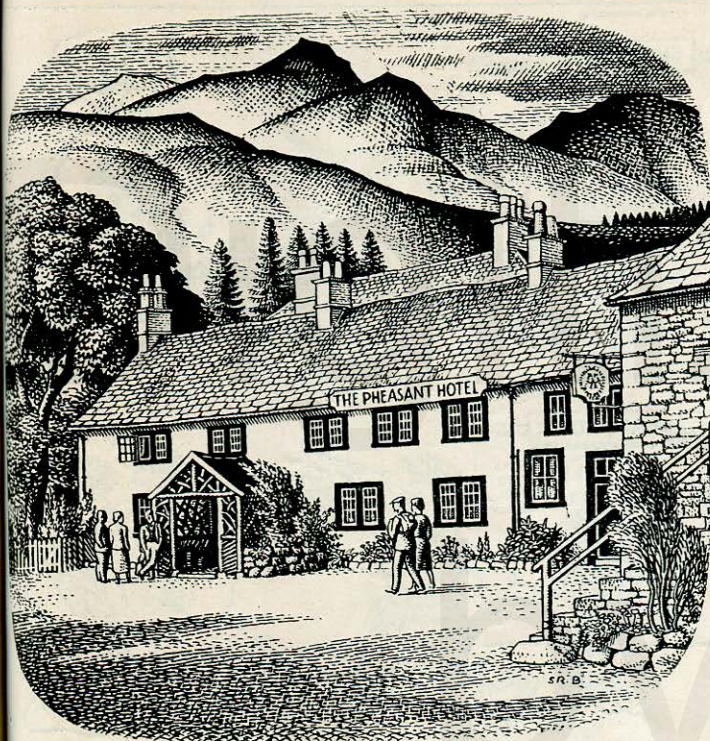
We were very lucky to be in a rest area at Christmas and we really did make the most of it. The food was good and the helpings generous, and it was a very cheering sight to see the men all gathered round huge fires in the evening, drinking beer and singing all the usual songs. The Company song, in fact the Battalion song, is "We'll sell the pig and we'll sell the cow." If you haven't heard it, come and meet the boat when we arrive home and we will sing it for you.

We take great pride in being the first Company to fly the Union Jack in Korea; until recently, we believe, we had the only one in the country.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in the usual Rifles style, we even had Guinness to wash down the excellent pork, ham and turkey which was provided by the P.R.I. The woollen comforts which were sent out to Korea by the ladies of Northern Ireland were a great help to us during the severe winter. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all concerned for these generous gifts.

Fighting in Korea is entirely different to Europe, as indeed any part of the world. In fact I think it can best be described as a combination of Burma and the N.W.F. of India. In the defence the same tactics which applied in Burma held good here. Companies, Battalions and even Brigades endeavour to get into a tight box and there is really no front, as attack is just as likely from the rear or flanks. Infiltration by the enemy at night between our lines has to be accepted, the main thing is to sit tight until daylight, when they can be winkled out.

In the early stages of the war the U.N. Armies merely cleared the main roads and left the mountains to the enemy, which meant that the Lines of Communication were under a constant threat. These tactics have been completely changed and in the present forward drive whole Divisions are sweeping through the hills in much the same manner as the "Tochi" Scouts carried out a "Gusht" on the N.W.F. of India. These tactics are undoubtedly proving successful, but the question of supply has been a very difficult one. We started off by bringing Jeeps loaded with supplies as far forward as possible and then used one of the Rifle Companies as porters. This was not satisfactory for troops are very thin on the ground out here and a Rifle Company could not be spared. Civilian porters are now being



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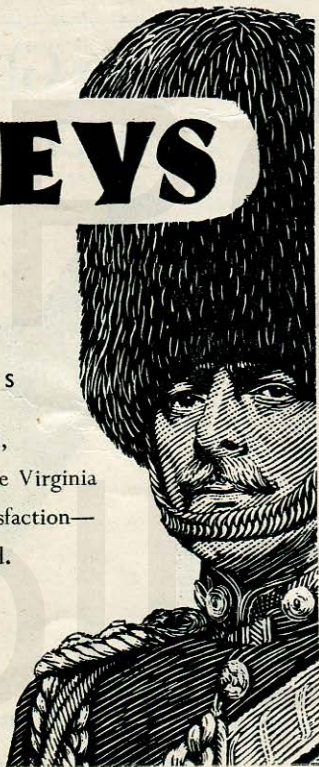
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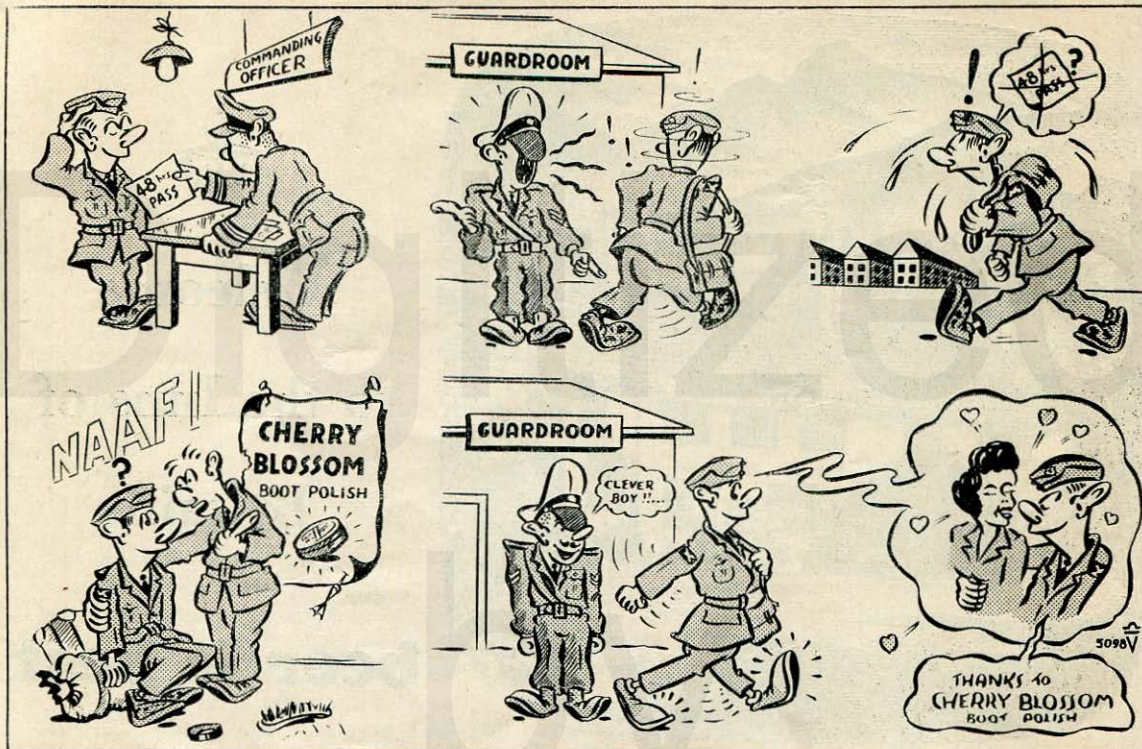
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employed and perhaps provide the best answer. Evacuation of wounded presented a somewhat similar problem and has been solved in much the same way.

Entertainments for the troops have been few and far between. "A" and "C" Companies combined and produced a good concert party, and the Brigade Concert Party has done its stuff once or twice. A number of men have been on five days' leave to Japan and thoroughly enjoyed the break. Inter-Coy. and Inter-Battalion football matches had perhaps been the most popular form of amusement and the Bn. team has not yet been beaten. Actually it is amazing how cheerful the men can keep if they have a football to kick around, and hot sweet tea at regular intervals.

We cannot end these notes without paying tribute to all members of the Company who have been killed, wounded or missing.

To all relatives and friends we extend our deepest sympathy.

"D" COMPANY

Coy. Comd.	...	Major H. M. Gaffikin.	2 I/C.	...	Capt. J. R. M. French, M.C.
Coy. Officers	...	Lt. E. R. Bruford-Davies.	Coy. Officers	...	Lt. R. Benson.
	...	Lt. MacNicol.		...	Lt. H. J. Marsh.
	...	Lt. J. Munro.		...	C.S.M. A. McConville.
	...	C.Q.M.S. S. Byrne.			

Since the Battalion left Colchester, "D" Company has continued to flourish under the leadership of Major H. M. Gaffikin and C.S.M. A. McConville, ably supported and supplied by C.Q.M.S. Byrne. The two former compose a long-established firm, having been together almost without a break since 1940. The Company itself, however, has seen many changes. Owing to the rigours of the Korean winter and the machinations of the Chinese, almost 50 per cent. of those who left Colchester with us have gone, and the reinforcements have made the Company more cosmopolitan than ever. Besides the regular Irishmen and the reservists mainly from the Lancastrian Group, we now have a good proportion of National Servicemen from Gloucestershire and some volunteers from the Dorsets in Austria, and are just beginning to receive a few N.C.O.'s from the other regiments of the Irish Group.

When we first arrived in Suwon, we settled down to find our land legs again and to get ourselves kitted up to face the winter. On the fifth day, however, we were ordered up to Uijongbu, about 15 miles North of Seoul, to deal with a band of guerillas that were supposed to be threatening the capital. We dug in on the outskirts and lived in trenches, although Company Headquarters managed to find themselves a house. On the second day the Korean winter fell upon us, with a bitterly cold wind that must have come all the way from Siberia. Assorted winter clothes arrived, and very soon most men were wearing seven or more layers of clothes. There were patrols to be done day and night, including one up a 2,000 ft. mountain, but never a sign of a guerilla did we see.

The next move was to Munsani, near the west coast below the Injim River, and here we had a chance to sort out our kit which had been left at Suwon. Then came the lightning move up to Pyongyang by train and on American troop transports. When we had left Munsani the war had practically finished and we were just going up to be in at the finish, according to popular rumour. On arrival at Pyongyang there was a very different tale and we heard that "hordes of Chinese" were breaking through. Within forty-eight hours we were ordered back

to Pyongyang. "D" Company was in reserve near Battalion Headquarters, but we very soon sent detachments out to guard bridges and supply dumps. 12 Platoon had the task of covering the remainder of the Battalion over the last bridge, and a sixty mile ride on the tanks after that. It was bitterly cold and the men had to take turns in sitting on the tank's exhaust to keep warm.

At Onjongni 30 miles back we all enjoyed a much-needed bath in some sulphur springs although it was sometimes too hot to get in. After a short stop near Kaesong we arrived at "Compo Canyon" about five miles North of Seoul.

Christmas fare was in fairly good supply and by the Herculean efforts of Cpl. Canning with a tin oven an excellent dinner was produced. The proceedings were enlivened by a Company Concert, and Captain French is still trying to find the connection between "Waltzing Matilda" and two jars of rum.

New Year's Eve was no less merry, but we were rudely interrupted in the early hours of January 1st and told to be ready to move at 07.00 hours. We were to go up to counter-attack a breach that the Chinese had made through the South Korean 1st Division, but before we got there the breach had widened and we were switched to a defensive position at a place called Chaegunghyon.

On the night of the 2nd and 3rd nothing was seen or heard, we could all sense that something was in the air and no one slept much that night. Lieut. Bruford-Davies and five men set out on patrol but they had not gone far when we heard the report of a grenade and a burst of Sten gun fire and then silence. Almost immediately afterwards action broke out at several points, "A" and "B" Companies were both engaged, and about a Company of Chinese came in on 11 Platoon from three sides at once. The hill was covered in small bushes and it was still dark, it was difficult to see them, but they came in blowing bugles and whistles, and shouting as though they were drunk. The position became untenable and the Platoon withdrew; 12 Platoon got a very good target with a Bren gun and picked off a number of Chinese who were trying to chase the remnants of 11 Platoon down the hill. Both Major Gaffikin and Sgt. Fowler had bullets through their clothing and Lieut. Benson was wounded firing a rifle at a Chinaman who was dancing about on the top with a Bren gun. At one stage Sgt. Fowler could be seen waving his rifle in the old field signal "enemy at right in large numbers." Eventually the full weight of the Brigade's supporting fire was brought to bear and the Battle Patrol was to get on to the hill from our left rear. 11 Platoon returned to their old position and found that they had lost only one killed to 10 of the Chinese, most of the latter being from 3in. mortar fire. 11 Platoon had several wounded. In the subsequent withdrawal to Suwon we were ambushed, but so bad was the enemy shooting that we got through with only one casualty. For the next few days it snowed and became really cold, the lowest recorded temperature being minus 30 deg. Fah. Company Headquarters had a house near the road bridge and it was here that we made friends with the MP Company of the 3rd U.S. Division. We gave their men food and shelter and ever since they have visited us whenever they are near, and given us all sorts of useful equipment, including an invaluable "space heater."

After a series of "stand-to's" in the middle of the night, the whole policy of the U.N. was changed and we started moving forward again instead of back. We moved up to Kyeruji, and from there to Osan, where we had a pleasant stay in quite a clean village, and practised mountain warfare. We were doing an almost "peacetime" move from there to Suwon, when we were caught entirely on the

wrong foot. "O" Group was called forward and we moved East into the mountains to take over from "S" Regiment of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division. Up we went into the hills and had to exist for a fortnight on what we could carry and that portion of supplies the porters could bring up to us. There was still snow on the ground, and only one blanket each left us very cold indeed. We ourselves never came into contact with any enemy, although all the other Companies did, and we had a grandstand view of the final operation. For the last two days we maintained patrols day and night on the banks of the Han River, during which time it rained incessantly. We were then relieved and returned to Osan. After a short stay as Airfield Guards at Suwon we moved again to the centre sector where we made ourselves very comfortable in a village called Sagimah. Each section had a house, and we even ran an "Officers Mess" and a "Company Dining Hall." Here we spent St. Patrick's Day, on which there was even more to eat than at Christmas, although three bottles of beer each was not quite as much as we had hoped for on such an occasion, still we hope everyone else enjoyed themselves as much as we did.

SUPPORT COMPANY

Coy. H.Q.			Mortar Pl.		
Coy. Comd.	...	Major J. K. H. Shaw, M.C.	Pl. Comd.	...	Lt. A. E. Hill.
C.S.M.	...	C.S.M. Henry, S., M.M.	2 I/C.	...	Lt. J. J. Mole.
C.Q.M.S.	...	C.Q.M.S. Sturgeon, T.	Pl. Sgt.	...	Sgt. Kane, R.
MMG. Pl.			Battle Patrol.		
Pl. Comd.	...	Capt. A. J. McCallan.	Patrol Comd.	...	Lt. T. H. R. Craig.
2 I/C.	...	Lt. R. S. Gill.	2 I/C.	...	Lt. B. St. C. Alcock.
Pl. Sgt.	...	Sgt. Ashworth, R.	Patrol Sgt.	...	Sgt. Campbell, H.

Since the last Company letter we have been through, and seen the end of, the winter in Korea, which might have been said to start the day we arrived and finished with St. Patrick's Day, when we all turned out in our best, in the sun, for a Church Parade and Battalion football match. The winter raised many problems. For instance, radiators of vehicles froze with any percentage of anti-freeze in them necessitating their engines being started up every hour. Machine gun water jackets froze and had to be filled with anti-freeze. So much kit had to be carried to keep us warm that our vehicles were overloaded and as a result of long marches forward and backwards were continually breaking down. It is, however, to the credit of the drivers that none were abandoned for this reason.

By Christmas, however, we had "learnt to live, to scrounge and to improve," and although our bivouacs may have looked like a gypsies encampment we could be "on parade" by 09.15 hrs. breakfasted, washed and shaved. In all this we were greatly assisted by having Reservists most of whom had considerable experience during the last war.

Just after Christmas came the episode of "Happy" Valley. The Coy. had a busy and successful day supporting the Battalion, including a very successful counter-attack made by the Battle Patrol, and by the evening we had not sustained any casualties. That night the Coy. was in rear of the Bn. when it was ambushed during the withdrawal. The roads were slippery and in the dark difficult to stay on. However, all did their best both to keep on the road and stave off the Chinese. However, the next morning at the roll call, of the 176 men that had gone down the road, 10 were killed, 13 wounded and 73 missing, a bitter blow for a Company that had come to work as a team. To mention names would be

invidious but we would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the relatives and friends of all those who fought and died so bravely and wish a speedy reunion to those who are P.W.

Before leaving Suwon, in consequence of the lack of armour with the Chinese it was decided to abolish the A/Tk and Asslt. Pnr. Pls. and form a Battle Patrol. This force, under the able command of Capt. G. W. H. Cocksedge, M.C., to be mounted in Oxford Carriers and to be available at any instant to "go anywhere and do anything." Their casualties in comparison have been heavy. Capt. G. W. H. Cocksedge, M.C., after a short but sharp action in the middle of February was wounded and his place taken by Capt. N. Balders, a volunteer from the Suffolk Regt. It was, therefore, a bad blow to the Bn. and his Regiment when he was killed a week later when the Battle Patrol were involved in an action protecting the left flank of the Battalion, and we extend our deepest sympathies to his relatives. Also wounded in this action were Sgt. Keen and Rfn. Pollock, the latter for the second time: but both are cheerful and well on the way to recovery.

As soon as the Battalion arrives in an area their peace is immediately shattered by the Mortar Pl. M.F.C.'s are much in demand by Rifle Companies and Sgts. Kane and Hunter as a result find the hospitality generous. The Platoon is very versatile and the members can now turn themselves into mules at short notice to hump the mortars and their own kit over the hills.

In spite of the nature of the country the Vickers machine gun has its uses out here and the M.M.G. Pl. has had a number of very successful shoots. To follow the Rifle Companies over the hills it is necessary for the Pl. to reorganise to two M.M.G.'s and for most of the men to carry ammunition. This results in every man carrying at least 40 lbs. over his ordinary kit and it reflects great credit on the Platoon to say that they are usually up with or not far behind the Coy. they are supporting. Capt. A. J. McCallan, we are glad to say, soon recovered from wounds received on January 3rd and is back in command.

Most of our time has been spent in Corps or Army reserve and in consequence the Company is usually together. This gives C.S.M. Henry, M.M., the chance of getting our footballers going and C/Sgt. T. Sturgeon sets up the wireless set now known as "Radio Sturgeon," where as many as possible can listen even it may only be the "Voice of America." In the better weather, too, Rfn. Walsh, the oldest British soldier in Korea and the Company cobbler, can be seen sitting in the sun plying his trade and giving sage advice to the younger Rfn.

At the time of writing we are in Corps reserve in our old hunting grounds near Seoul, with the U.N. Forces approaching the 38th Parallel. When it is printed we hope that the war will be over, that the Koreans have the country to themselves, and that those who are now P.W. will be back with us.

We also send our best wishes to the Support Coys. of the 6th T.A. Bn. and the London Irish Rifles.

BAND

Bandmaster : R. W. Soars, M.B.E., A.R.C.M.; S/Sgt. J. Radcliffe.

Although it is over six months since we parted from the Battalion, we are not yet used to being "detached" from them, and they are uppermost in our minds always. "Orders is orders," but we feel we could have been a little nearer to the Battalion during their months of stress.

H.Q. N.I.D. have made us very welcome, and it is a most convenient place as a starting-off point for the numerous duty engagements we are called upon to do.

Visits to the Depot, to Armagh, Ballykinlar and Belfast have already been made, and we anticipate a very busy summer in Northern Ireland. The month of June commences with the Royal visit, when we lead a British Legion parade to the Cenotaph. We sadly miss the help of the Bugles and Pipe Band, but have noted that Pipe Major Woods has produced his band on many occasions in Korea, and we wish them all, together with our Battalion, the very best of luck in the future and a safe and speedy return.

PIPES

Pipe Band President ... Major J. C. S. G. de Longueuil, M.C. Pipe Major ... T. Woods.

Although we are on Active Service the Pipe Band has been functioning and showing the saffron kilt in these foreign lands. On board the "Empire Pride" they were a favourite of the ship's captain and played on a large number of occasions, especially entering or leaving ports. Shortly after our arrival in Suwon the Pipe Band marched through the town with "C" Company and were televised. We had hoped to put on a show in Seoul, the Capital, but unfortunately things did not turn out as we expected and this never came off. During the period of withdrawals the Pipe Band was not able to do much, except at Xmas, when we were in reserve and able to put a show on for the Bn. and for some American Units nearby. However, after this things looked pretty black and it was decided that all the kit should be sent over to Japan for safe custody. L/Cpl. Galloway was sent over to look after this kit and at the time of writing is still enjoying the good things of life in Kure. With the drums away it was difficult to make a good turn out but we managed to play at several football matches and on St. Patrick's Day. The Pipe Major and the Pipers were, of course, included in the Bde. Concert Party. They provided several turns, a display of dancing and quite a number of tunes. Their travels took them to 27th Bde., and they met the Pipe Band of the Argylls.

Most of the Band is still intact, and we are glad to say that up to now we have suffered no battle casualties. Pipers Bradford and McKerr went into hospital recently, but it is believed that they will soon be back with us.

REGIMENTAL DEPOT

Comd. Officer	...	Major R. M. Parsons.	Depot Capt.	...	Capt. W. C. W. Hood.
Admin. Officer	...	Major A. E. Matthews (<i>Retired</i>).	Q.M.	...	Major C. H. D. Henniker, M.B.E.
O.R.Q.M.S.	...	W.O. H. Hamilton.			

Our greatest piece of news since the last edition of "Quis Separabit" is that the Depot is re-opening as a training depot in July this year and soon we hope to hear the sound of over 250 pairs of marching feet on the square as the recruits are put through their paces of their first six weeks training.

The North Irish Brigade Training Centre at Ballykinlar is due to close down in December and the first phase of this reorganisation begins in July when the three Regimental Depots will start to take in their quota of the N.S. intake and their own regular recruits. Recruits will do their first six weeks training at the three depots and will then go to the North Irish Brigade Depot at Omagh, where they will do their continuation training. Everyone here looks forward eagerly to this new organisation when the barracks will be full and we can get down to some

real soldiering. In December R.S.M. Turner was granted a Q.M.'s commission in the Gurkha Brigade, and after an intensive course in Goochhali left for the Far East at the end of February. We wish him every success in his new post. His departure left us with two vacancies to fill—R.S.M. and O.R.Q.M.S. At the time of writing there has been no replacement for R.S.M., but we are glad to welcome W.O.II. Hamilton from Queen's University U.T.C. as O.R.Q.M.S.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in the usual manner. Mrs. Parsons presented Shamrock to all ranks on parade and this was followed by a Serpts. and Officers v. The Rest Fancy Dress Soccer/Rugby match—we think the result was a draw!

On Saturday, 31st March, the Officers Mess ran another very successful tea tent at the mid-Antrim Hunt Point-to-Point at Galgorm, and we were delighted to welcome as one of the "guests" Major Gaffikin, who was home on compassionate leave from Korea.

In the N.I.D. Hockey Challenge Cup we were defeated by Depot Royal Irish Fusiliers in the semi-final. The "Faughs" brought a 'bus load of supporters and a good evening was had by everyone in the canteen after the match.

The N.I.D. Small Bore Competition this year took the form of six Leagues open to all Territorial and Regular Units in Northern Ireland. In our League we finished second to N.I.D. Signal Squadron. The top two teams in each League shot off the final in a shoulder to shoulder match at Lisburn in March, and the Depot team finished fourth being beaten by Queen's University "A" and "B" teams and N.I.B.T.C. The Depot team throughout the competition was chosen from Major R. M. Parsons, R.S.M. Turner, W.O.II. Hamilton, Cpl. Bradley, Cpl. Nolan, L/Cpl. Adams, Rfn. Bury.

In conjunction with the Ballymena T.A. and Cadets Units the Depot held a most successful dance in the Gym. on St. Patrick's Eve. The proceeds were given to the 1/R.U.R. Comforts Fund. No less than £130 were donated by those attending this dance.

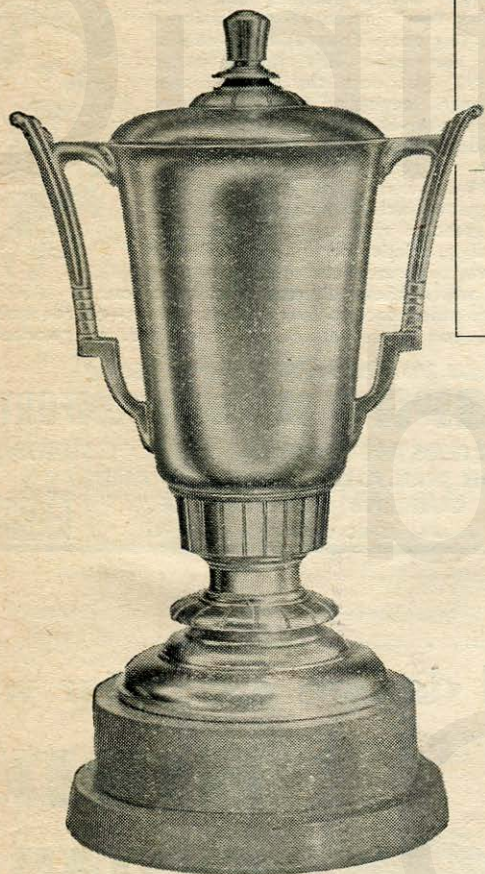
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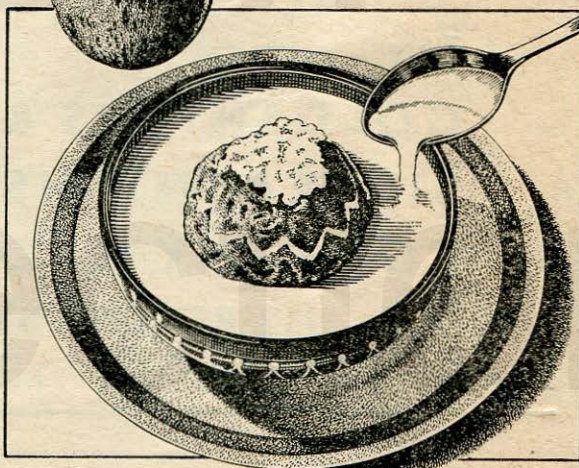
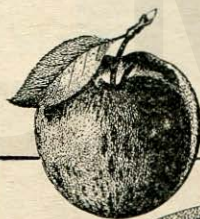
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From the day the 1st Bn. R.U.R. sailed from the shores of Britain to take their part in the Korean War, activity in the Bde. Training Centre increased enormously. In their role of Recruit training and Draft finding or more accurately draft assembling, this was naturally to be expected. What was more interesting, however, was the more subtle change affecting all ranks which took place in what one can only describe as the "atmosphere" of this unit. It was noticeable that all members of the permanent staff, and particularly the N.C.O. Instructors, who after all bear the brunt of the training, realised that now they were indeed training men in earnest—training them for war. With this realisation came the feeling that we were in fact playing a small part, though an important one, in the present crisis by giving our lads the best possible start for their service overseas.

To all those who "went through the mill" here in the Training Centre, and indeed to all members of 1st Bn. R.U.R., we wish you good luck and God speed you home.

Training Companies have been filled to capacity throughout the last six months. The basic training period for Recruits, however, is a regrettably short one—ten weeks for Regular soldiers and only six for National Servicemen. A complete new training wing was formed in January to give a further ten weeks continuation training to soldiers bound for 1st Bn. R.U.R.

Since January a regular monthly draft of usually two Officers and 93 O.R.'s has been assembled and despatched to 1st Bn. R.U.R. and drafting has also continued to 1st Bn. R.Ir.Fus. in B.A.O.R.

The following Officers and N.C.O.s. have so far been sent out to Korea since January, 1951:—

January Draft

Capt. P. G. Docker.
Lt. G. L. Potts.
Lt. P. H. R. Craig
7013452 Sgt. Simpson, J.

February Draft

2/Lt. B. J. B. Pike
7013682 Cpl. Wright, W.
7015900 Sgt. Lewis, J.

March Draft

All Irish Fusiliers Officers and
N.C.O.s.

April Draft

Major W. E. Brooks, M.C.
Capt. T. A. Porter.

This has indeed been a great year for the N.I.B.T.C. in the world of shooting. Our combined Officers, Sgts. and O.R.s teams carried off the much coveted Queen Victoria Trophy, an L.A.R.A. non central trophy, beating the 1 K.R.R.C. by only one point in 4060. We are particularly happy to report that our "Riflemen" here played their full part in this achievement. Capt. Price, Lt. Caldwell, Lt. Dove and Sgt. O'Leary, Rfn. Carson, Stoe, Sears all doing extremely well for

our team. Sgt. Matthews, our indefatigable Pioneer Sgt., was a reserve member of the Sgts. team and had bad luck not to shoot. We offer them our congratulations. The N.I.B.T.C. team also took third place in the Northern Ireland District Small-Bore competition—also a satisfactory result. Ballykinlar weather this winter certainly lived up to its unenviable reputation—during the war it was said the Americans had various words for it, the more printable ones being—"If you look out of the window and Slieve Donard is covered with cloud its already pouring; if, however, you can see blue sky at the top of Slieve Donard it won't pour for at least half an hour. Thus our sport was sadly curtailed. We did, however, win the N.I.D. Hockey Cup, our Beagles braved all weathers, and our Boxing team reached the semi-finals of the Home Commands in the Army Tournament. Not too bad a record.

The many friends and comrades of R.Q.M.S. R. Rawnsion, B.E.M., will be sorry to know that after 23 years' service with the Regiment he has now retired to civil life. We congratulate him, however, on his new appointment as B.S.A. at Ballykinlar Camp. We have an idea that the possession of a civilian suit will not debar our ex-R.Q.M.S. from participating in the various functions of the Sgts. Mess!

We welcome C.S.M. McGann, who has joined us from No. 2 Army Basic Trades Centre, New Malden.

C/Sgt. Wilson "A" Coy. and C/Sgt. Brannigan H.Q. Coy. continue to serve with us. We find that they are still very pleasant fellows providing no one mentions barrack damages or soiled mattresses!

We congratulate Sgt. Brennan on his recent promotion in the Orderly Room. (And not only because he looks after our allowances and claims!)

The following "Riflemen" are also with us and will wish to be remembered to their friends wherever "Quis Separabit" may find them:

Sgt. Hart, Sgts. Mess Caterer.	Cpl. Thompson, P.R.I. Clerk.
Cpl. Todd, Regt. Police (Provost Cpl.)	Rfn. Allen, Batman.
Cpl. Swords, Orderly Room.	Rfn. Gilliland, M.M., M.I. Room.
Cpl. Colhoun, Ord. Sgt. (Trg. Wing)	Rfn. Duffy, Q.M.'s Batman (now in hospital)
Cpl. Morrow, Q.M.'s Office.	Rfn. Arbuckle, Batman (to 2 I/C.).
L/C. Todd, H.Q. Coy. Storeman.	

As it is now generally known the N.I.B.T.C. is gradually being closed down as a training centre during this summer and Depots are once more to take their rightful place in the Basic Training of Recruits for their own Regiments.

The advantages of this, particularly for Riflemen, are obvious. However, the Training Centre, despite its original birth pangs and teething troubles became welded into a happy hard-working Unit, which we hope did much to foster the spirit of comradeship within the Irish Brigade. It is, therefore, not without regret that we will leave behind our fine ranges and training grounds and say au revoir to the many friends whom we have made in Ballykinlar. "The new order changeth and giveth place to old,"—or is that a misquotation!

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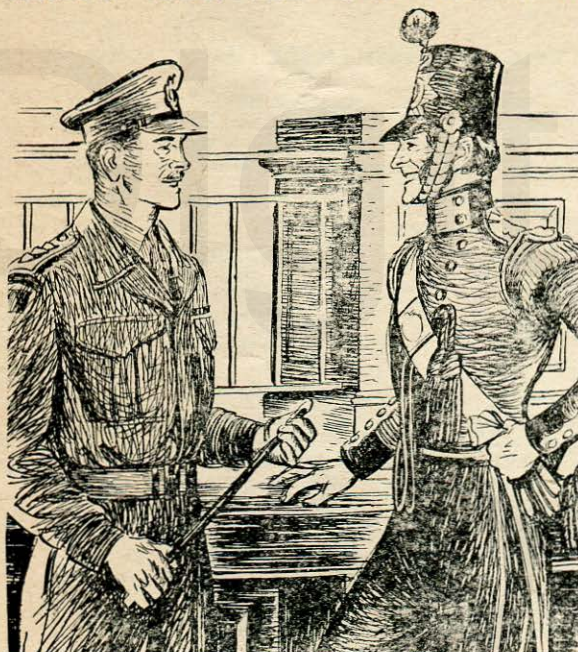
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 P.S.I. ... Sgt. W. Creaney.

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 C.Q.M.S. ... C.Q.M.S. G. Young.
 P.S.I. ... Sgt. J. Caughey.

The winter period under review has seen many events of interest. The most important of these was the All Ranks Dance held on Friday, 2nd March, '51, in honour of Major General G. I. Gartlan, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., on appointment as our first Honorary Colonel. Besides General Gartlan the guests included the G.O.C. and Lady Denning, Colonel Byers, Colonel and Mrs. Shillington, and a number of officers of the Regiment and their wives. Earlier in the evening our Honorary Colonel had been "Dined In" by the Officers of the Battalion, a function at which several other serving Officers of the Regiment were present.

A start has now been made in North Down. The new Unit is still on trial and is therefore called a Platoon but with the understanding that, when its numbers justify the change, it will be promoted to the status of a Company. A start was made in February under the command of Captain S. G. Demetriadi T.D., with Sgt. J. Caughey as P.S.I. Comber was chosen for a trial and, owing to the kindness of the 3rd (C) Bn., a start was made in the Cadet accommodation. So far 15 men have joined but nearly all are from Newtownards. The Platoon is therefore now moving to the present T.A. Drill Hall in Newtownards, where they will be accommodated alongside "R" Bty. 247 L.A.A./S.L. Regt. R.A. (T.A.). Accommodation is limited, but we are confident now that success in their new area will soon justify a more lavish scale of accommodation as well as a change in the Order of Battle which will give them the style and title of "B" Company.

In training the emphasis has been on the specialists, and we are happy to record that at last there is a firm nucleus for the Signal Section. On several

occasions this winter the Section, supported by "A" Company, have carried out training in the Mourne Mountains, ably led by their Spartan Signals Officer, Captain F. T. Menendez.

Support Company are in fine fettle. In January, as last year, they carried out field training and range practice at Ballykinlar. Once again the year's allotment of 3in. Mortar and 6 pdr. A.t.k. ammunition went up the spout to remarkably good effect. The Assault Pioneers, not to be outdone, did their best to widen Dundrum Bay.

At the latter end of March, "C" and "D" Companies, in co-operation with the N.I.H., held a most successful EX in the Portrush area. EX "Escape" fulfilled its object of testing the capabilities of all ranks in Map Reading, movement across country and self-reliance, and many valuable lessons were learnt.

All Companies entered teams in the N.I.D. Non-Central Small Bore Rifle Competition. "C" and "S" Companies did exceptionally well and reached the finals held centrally at N.I.D. In addition to this competition "C" and "S" Companies competed against various outside teams in Invitation Matches.

The Bn. Rifle Meeting held at Ballykinlar, on Sunday, 23rd April, 1951, was deemed a great success by all ranks. The main match, in which all Companies entered teams, was easily won by "A" Company with "S" Company as runners-up. Lt. J. C. McMillan won the coveted title of Bn. Shot. Cpl. Ferris and L/C. Silvey, both of "A" Coy., tied for second place. The Falling Plates was also won by "A" Company with "C" Company as runners-up. Officers and Sgts. entered teams for the latter event and were drawn against each other in the first round. The Sgts. won, how, we shall never know!

"A" Company's teams were as follows:—Match I—Cpl. Ferris, L/C. Silvey, Sgt. Wilson, Rfn. McMillan, Cpl. Cole, Rfn. Morrow, L/C. McCann, Sgt. McCallan, Sgt. Green, C/S. Hardy, M.M.; C.S.M. Leckey, Sgt. Callan. Falling Plates—Cpl. Ferris, L/C. Silvey, Sgt. McCallan, Sgt. Green, C/S. Hardy, C.S.M. Leckey.

The Bn. Shooting Cup, competed for annually and won by the Company with the highest shooting average, was, in 1950, won by "D" Company.

The Bn. Inter-Company and Individual Boxing Competition was held in December. There were 40 entries and all contestants put up a sporting show.

The Inter-Company Trophy was won by "D" Company with "C" Company as runners-up. Individual winners in the finals were as follows:—

Flyweight—Rfn. Agnew, "D" Coy.	Welterweight—Rfn. Scarborough, "A" Coy.
Bantamweight—L/C. Todd, "D" Coy.	Light-middleweight—L/C. Hanna, "A" Coy.
Featherweight—Rfn. Thompson, "HQ" Coy.	Middleweight—Rfn. Wilson, "D" Coy.
Light-welterweight—L/C. McCann, "A" Coy.	Light-heavyweight—C.S.M. Walker, "D" Coy.
Heavyweight—Lt. Stanley, "C" Coy.	

In March the Bn entered a team of eight in the N.I.D. (T.A.) Individual Boxing Championships. Medals were won by the following:—

Flyweight—Rfn. Agnew, "D" Coy.	Light-middleweight—L/C. Hanna, "A" Coy.
Light-welterweight—L/C. McCann, "A" Coy.	Light-heavyweight—C.S.M. Walker, "D" Coy.
Welterweight—Rfn. Bell, "D" Coy.	"Best Loser" Medal—Rfn. Scarborough, "A" Coy.

During this period we have put on recruiting functions at Lisburn, Hillsborough, Dunmurry, Ballyclare, Newtownards, and Belfast.

We would like to welcome Captain Fowles, late of the S.A.S., who has joined "A" Company.

The Bugles, ably led by Bugle Major Millar, have had a busy season.

It is with regret that we must now say good-bye to Bugle Major Millar, who has volunteered for service with the 1st Bn. in Korea. The whole Bn. are, without exception, very sorry to lose him and all extend their very grateful thanks. We wish him God speed and good luck.

In strength the Pipes and Drums have not increased but the spirit is high and we live in hopes of getting new blood for Camp.

The Irish Dancing Team are indeed quite famous and bookings for their performances have been heavy.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in traditional style when the Sgts. played the Officers at Hockey. The variety of dress was quite extraordinary.

In conclusion, we send greetings to the 1st Bn. who are keeping the Regimental flag flying in Korea. We are all very, very proud of them.

Greetings also to the London Irish Rifles, the Depot and our Allied Regiments.

THE ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES ASSOCIATION

The Association had a particularly busy winter. The calls on the funds were very heavy, with the result that during 1950 about £3,500 was given out in relief and resettlement. An additional task which the Association found itself faced with was that of providing comforts for the 1st Battalion in Korea. The Ladies' Committee, under Mrs. H. R. Charley, responded in a magnificent manner to the appeal for these, and within a very short time parcels of woollen articles, books, playing cards, handkerchiefs, Biro pens, and many other articles were being despatched twice a week. To them, and to those in the Province, who so kindly knitted articles or who donated money, the Association owes a deep debt of gratitude.

Social events have run on much the usual lines. On Sunday, 10th December, 29 South African veterans paraded for the usual ceremony at the Regimental South African War Memorial in the Belfast City Hall grounds. On 28th March the Annual Dinner was held at Thompson's Restaurant, Belfast, nearly 120 being present. The Colonel of the Regiment was in the chair. A telegram from the 1st Battalion, sent specially for the occasion, was greatly appreciated. The Annual General Meeting was held two nights later at Bryson House, Belfast, General Sir James Steele presiding. Major H. M. Gaffikin, on compassionate leave from Korea, was present, and at the chairman's invitation gave a most interesting account of the doings of the 1st Battalion. On the day of the meeting, General Steele, accompanied by Capt. Cadden and the other members of the Hospital Visiting Panel, Brigadier J. Y. Calwell and Capt. R. H. Hobbs, visited retired members of the Regiment who were patients in the U.V.F. Hospital, Craigavon; the U.V.F. Hospital, Galwally; Musgrave Park Hospital, and the City Welfare Department.

The Flag Day for the Benevolent Fund is being held this year on Saturday, 23rd June, and every effort is being made to try and ensure its success. With the casualties in Korea, it is anticipated that the calls on the fund will increase, and it is therefore vitally important to attempt to raise sufficient to meet these.

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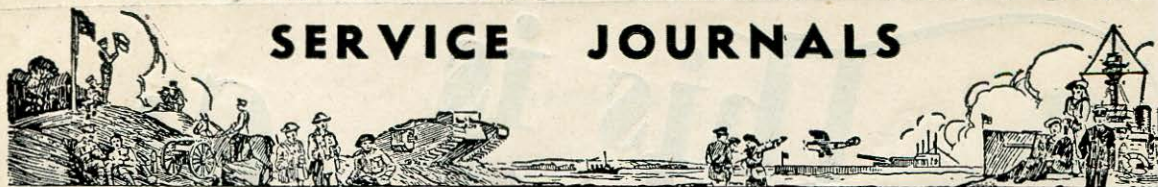
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Arrangements for "Old Soldiers' Day" are now in hand, and the Day should be of special interest this year, as it will coincide with the official re-opening of the Depot for the training of Regimental recruits. At the time of going to Press, the date has not been fixed, but it will be on a Saturday early in August.

The Association has been badly hit by deaths during the past winter, and while it is impossible to refer to these in detail, we should like to record those of Mr. W. Austin, for many years secretary of our Southern Ireland Branch; Mr. J. Law and Mr. J. Bond, both of whom have done much valuable work on our Committees, and Mr. T. Lunn. All of them will be very greatly missed. In conclusion, we should like to take the opportunity of sending our very best wishes to the 1st Battalion. They are constantly in our thoughts, and we have followed the tale of their accomplishments with pride.

SOUTHERN IRELAND BRANCH

The last six months has shown an increase in our membership and our meetings have been well attended. A Smoking Concert was held in November, and a Dance in April, both proving very enjoyable. The Annual Dinner took place on 31st March, at which General Sir James Steele gave us an interesting account of the activities of the Regiment during the past year. There was a large gathering present and the whole evening was most successful.

We have to record with great regret the death of Billy Austin which occurred just before Christmas. Mr. Austin had been secretary of the Branch for many years and will be greatly missed.

R.I.R./R.U.R. O.C. CLUB (LONDON)

The Club takes this opportunity of wishing all old comrades good health and good luck.

The A.G.M. was held at Duke of York's H.Q., Chelsea, on 17th November, 1950. Col. I. H. Good, D.S.O., was present with a representative gathering of club members. Membership is reported as 140.

During the past year two visits to the 1st Bn. were made, the first being a long week-end at Colchester as guests of the Bn., whose hospitality knew no limit. The Club decided to get a Banner to replace one lost by the Bn. through fire at sea. This was effected when, in the presence of the Colonel of the Regiment, Col. Carson accepted the new banner from Mr. W. Attridge.

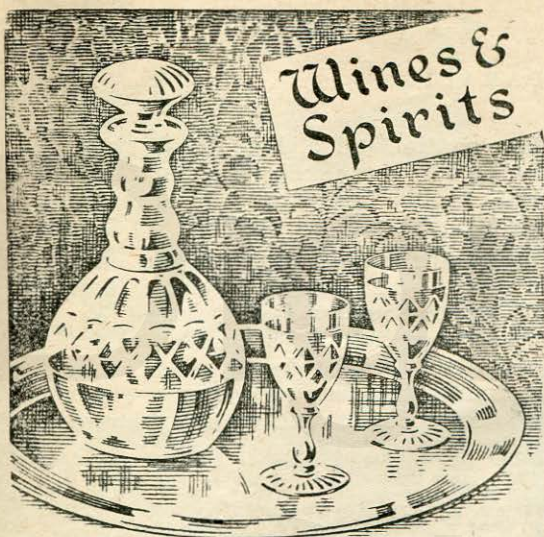
On Remembrance Sunday 10 members attended the British Legion Parade at the Cenotaph, and laid a wreath in memory of fallen comrades of the Regiment.

On 17th February, 1951, the first post-war Dinner was held at the Drill Hall of London Irish Rifles. General Steele was present and spoke of the 1st Bn. and of their great work since arriving at Korea.

The thoughts of all were with the lads out East.

It is proposed that a party will be at Ballymena on "Old Soldiers' Day. Arrangements are going forward.

The Club regrets to report the death of 5279, C.Q.M.Sgt. J. Rolt (Bugler Jimmy Rolt, 2nd Bn.). He died in late January, 1951. The funeral at West Norwood was attended by four ex. 2nd Bn. contemporaries, "Quis Separabit."



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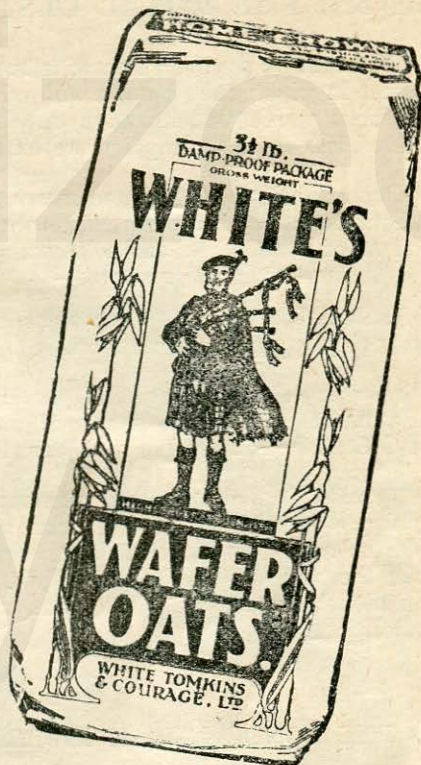
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2nd BN. THE ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES O.C. ASSOCIATION

We begin by paying a sincere tribute to all ranks of the 1st Bn. for the splendid manner in which they have acquitted themselves in the Korean campaign, under conditions which we can have only the barest conception. To all who have suffered loss in this campaign we extend our sincere sympathy.

Our activities have been so many and varied that it is difficult to record them without detracting from the efforts made by the Social Committee to cater for all sections of the O.C.A. Many functions were arranged and were well supported. The outstanding functions were:—

Children's Party. When some 500 children and some 100 parents spent a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

Stormberg Dance. In the Ulster Hall, where the S.A. Veterans after a Dinner (at which they were the guests of the O.C.A.) attended to receive on behalf of the O.C.A. from Brigadier and Mrs. F. C. Knox our recently-acquired Standards.

Reunion Smoker. Here members got together and had a really enjoyable evening. In addition to its social activities the O.C.A. closely identifies itself with the activities of the R.U.R. Association, providing a visitors' panel which visits the various hospitals monthly. The Committee and the various Ladies' Committees are making substantial contributions to the Benevolent Fund of the Association.

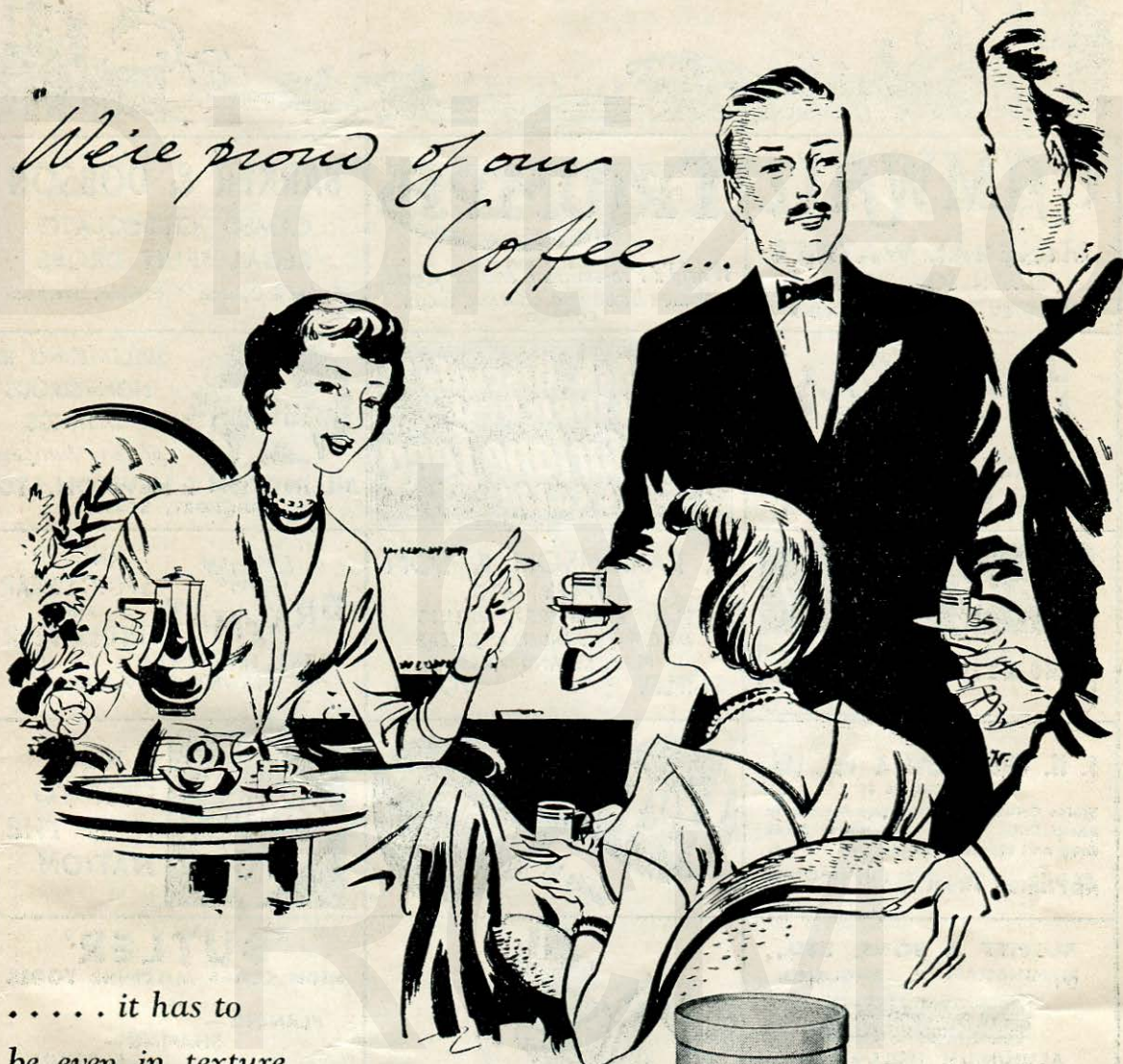
THE LONDON IRISH RIFLES OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

At the Annual General Meeting, held on 30th March, Lt.-Colonel Richards, O.B.E., was again elected Chairman, this being his 25th year of continuous service. It was learned, unfortunately, that Colonel Richards has intended to make this year his final term of office as Chairman.

The 24th Annual Dinner took place on April 21st. Although it was not so well supported as had been anticipated, it was none the less enjoyable. Lt.-Col. the Viscount Stopford was present and attended as the Commanding Officer of the Regiment for the last time before handing over his duties to Major J. K. Cantopher.

The London Irish Rifles O.C.A. was strongly represented at a Parade of Homage held at the Tower of London, on Sunday, May 6th (the sixth anniversary of V.E. Day) in memory of all ranks who gave their lives whilst serving in the London T.A. Units during the two World Wars. Many friends and relatives turned out to see the Parade, which was inspected by Major-General Sir Claude Liardet, who commanded the 1st London Division T.A. in 1939.

The 1st Bn. Royal Ulster Rifles have been in the thoughts of the O.C.A. continuously, and gifts of cigarettes from the O.C.A. have been despatched to Korea. The Welfare Committee has made arrangements to deal with cases of hardship in the London area, and also by Colonel Richard's negotiations with S.S.A.F.A. at Colchester.



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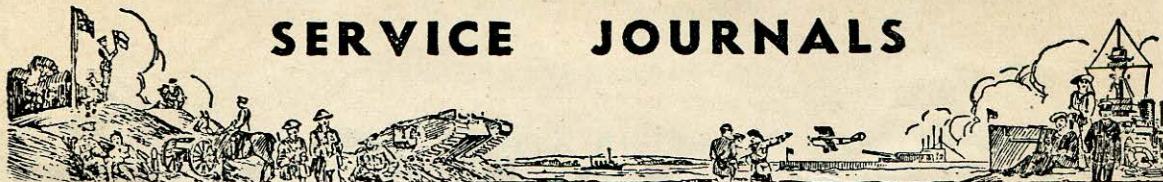


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Memories take me back to February, 1915, when 300 officers and men of the Royal Militia Island of Jersey, under the command of Major W. A. Stocker, left their island homes to play their part in the first World War. The unknown destination at the time proving to be Southern Ireland, where, can I say, we were privileged to become "D" Company of that Battalion who distinguished itself so well in France, the 7th Royal Irish Rifles. Back in "Civvy Street" the men who had together undergone the dangers and discomforts of war decided to cement the friendship they had formed amongst themselves in those difficult years by forming the "Original Jersey Overseas Contingent Association," which came into being in December, 1919. Year by year a dinner was held, ending in 1938, the Second World War breaking out in the following year. Having had to keep comparatively quiet during the occupation of the Island by the German occupying forces from 1940 to 1945, 1946 saw the resurrection of our much-prided Association, when a grand reunion Dinner was held and our very much loved Banner being very prominently displayed.

It was with very much pleasure that I learned some time ago that General Sir James Steele was now Colonel of the Regiment, and we are all looking forward to the day when we shall be favoured with a visit to our dearly loved Island by him as he has already given us his promise so to do.

In conclusion, our sincere good wishes go out to the lads at present serving with the Royal Ulster Rifles in Korea. May God grant them a quick and safe return to their loved ones at home.

13th (S) BN. THE ROYAL IRISH RIFLES OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

The Belfast Branch continues to flourish under the able chairmanship of Captain C. H. Murland. The regular monthly meetings have record attendances. The care of the sick and aged is fully maintained under the competent supervision of Mr. J. H. Reid.

The Annual Branch Dinner was unanimously voted "the best ever," the attendance of guests on the occasion being almost 100. Arrangements are under way for the Annual Summer 'Bus Run and Lunch in conjunction with attendance at Battalion Re-union and Parade on Sunday, 24th June.

It is with very deep regret that we have to report the loss recently of two well-loved members of the Association in the persons of Col. W. H. Savage, C.M.G., and Mr. John F. Bond. Colonel Savage was a graduate of the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, out of which he passed with honours and was gazetted to the 2nd Bn. Loyal North Lancashire Regiment in 1882. In 1883 he joined the 1st Bengal Native Infantry. He joined the 25th Punjab Infantry in 1886, and a few months later transferred to the 1st Bn. 1st Gurkha Rifles. In July, 1887, he was permanently transferred to the 1st Bn. 1st Gurkha Rifles and became adjutant in 1889 and commanded the Battalion from 1908 until his retirement from the Indian Army in 1913, after 31 years' service. In September, 1914, Col. Savage took over command of the 13th (S) Bn. The Royal Irish Rifles, then being raised at Clondeboyne, Co. Down, and commanded the Battalion

continuously until the 16th of August, 1917, when he was wounded in the attack on Paschendale and invalided home. He attended many of our annual reunions until ill-health and advancing years confined him to the seclusion of his home at Cushendall. Colonel Savage will always be remembered by all ranks of the old 13th with real affection, for he was a very gallant gentleman.

Mr. John F. Bond, Jack to all his old comrades, although well known throughout the Battalion and especially to his comrades of "D" Company, will best be remembered for his many years of devoted work in connection with all branches of the Royal Ulster Rifles Association, and especially is this so in benevolent work for his own 13th O.C.A. He was for many years a nominated member of the Council of the R.U.R. Association and was Battalion representative at all Association meetings. Although a native of Warrenpoint he settled after the 1914/18 war in Belfast, where he became a senior official of the Belfast Corporation staff. Although of a quiet and unassuming nature Jack will be greatly missed by his comrades of the Belfast Branch. D.O.M.

SPECIAL MESSAGE TO MEMBERS OF THE OFFICERS' CLUB FROM THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

Just a year ago I issued a very special appeal to members for a donation to help to wipe off the debt of £250 which had accumulated for various reasons over a period of years in the funds of the Regimental Journal. Statements of the result were given in a recent issue of "Quis Separabit," but I did not feel that those who responded had been adequately thanked and we discussed the matter at the recent Regimental Committee meeting in March. It was the wish of the whole Committee that I should write this special message of thanks. Each one who subscribed, and a good many gave more than the pound I had asked for, can feel that he has done something very useful for the Regiment. The future of the Journal was at stake and it is very clear that no one wants it to have to cease. I thank sincerely each subscribing member for ensuring the success of the appeal.

J. S. STEEL (Colonel).

30th April, 1951.

REGIMENTAL HISTORY

Volume III of the Regimental History covering the period 1919 to 1949 was published early this year and it has been distributed to those who had placed orders. In all, 544 volumes have been disposed of, including presentation copies. It is on sale for 15s. 6d. at leading book shops in London and Belfast. Copies can also be purchased from O.C. Depot, who will hold a large stock for future needs.

Presentation copies have been presented by the Colonel of the Regiment, on behalf of the Regiment to His Majesty The King, His Excellency The Governor of N.I., the Prime Minister of N.I., General Godley, General Bernard, Field Marshals Alanbrooke, Alexander and Montgomery, and the Irish Regiment of Canada. Letters to General Steele expressing thanks and appreciation for these presentations are to be placed in the Museum.

The letter written by the Colonel of the Regiment to the King's Private Secretary and the answer thereto is reproduced below.

8th March, 1951.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Alan Lascelles,
G.C.V.O., K.C.B., C.M.G., M.C.
BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

My Dear Private Secretary,

We are honoured to receive the intimation that the King would accept the Third Volume of the History of the Royal Ulster Rifles. The book is now ready and I am enclosing it. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Regiment, to express our deep feelings of loyalty to His Majesty and our gratitude for the interest which he takes in our doings. We would like also to send our thanks to Her Majesty the Queen.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed) J. S. STEELE.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE,

20th March, 1951.

My Dear General,

Thank you for your letter of March 8th and for the copy of the third volume of the Regimental History of the Royal Ulster Rifles which came with it.

This I laid before the King.

His Majesty has now had an opportunity to read it all or in part and he wishes me to let you and all members of the Regiment, past and present, know that he considers it, as a record, in every way worthy of the great tradition which the Royal Ulster Rifles have established and which they upheld so magnificently in this last war.

The King thanks you and all the Regiment for giving him this interesting and valuable addition to his collection of war histories.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) M. E. ADEANE.

General Sir James Steele, G.C.B.

A TRIBUTE TO THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT

All the world, but especially old infantrymen of the line, will be stirred to read of the magnificent action fought in isolation through three days and nights by the 1st Battalion of The Gloucestershire Regiment. The officers and men who stood and, as the grim casualty lists show, in so many cases fell have maintained a record of active service unsurpassed by any other unit in the Army List. Regimental history, in spite of the breaking down of old territorial ties, still survives to put heart into young soldiers. A recruit to the Gloucesters would be dull indeed who did not feel, after his earliest days at the dépôt, that brave men had bequeathed him a list of battle honours never, even in the most desperate circumstances, to be forgotten.

Nicknames have been heaped upon these west countrymen. They were the "Back Numbers," "The Slashers," "The Silver-tailed Dandies," "The Old Braggs," and the "Flowers of Toulouse," but, by their comrades in other regiments, they have been most often known as the "Fore and Aft." That proud title, won with the Sphinx badge in Egypt in the Napoleonic wars, has been won again in Korea. The men of Wellington's day, who, attacked by the "Invincible Legion" of Cavalry, and, without time to form square, stood back to back, earned the right to wear their badge behind as well as in front. Their heirs at Festubert in 1915, surrounded by four enemy regiments, knew what was expected of the Gloucesters. For that feat they were allowed to increase the size of the back badge. History repeats itself gloriously in a regiment which had been scarred in the wars of more than a century when it fought at Alexandria. Ramillies and Louisburg saw the 28th Foot from which the 1st Battalion sprang. Wolfe fell at the head of the regiment in the attack on Quebec and, as they were going into action at Quatre Bras, Picton led them, saying "Remember Egypt."

It is well in these days when so much of value in military tradition has, perhaps inevitably been discarded to recall such far-away — and living — memories. Readiness to die for his country is a hard lesson for a boy to learn and he is powerfully helped by a sense of kinship with those who have, without flinching, followed the path of duty before him. The Gloucesters, for what they have now done and for what went before it, deserve to be signalled out for honourable mention, but they did not stand alone. The Northumberland Fusiliers, The Royal Ulster Rifles, and other Commonwealth units, each with a past to live up to, shared with the Gloucesters in this most testing of all hazards on the battlefield — attack by overwhelming numbers of enemy. The "Fighting Fifth" wearing St. George and the Dragon and the "Irish Giants" with the "Harp and Crown" have histories that they would exchange with no one. As pride, sobered by mourning for the fallen, observes how well these young men have acquitted themselves in remotest Asia, the parts taken by regiments may be seen as a whole. The motto of The Royal Ulster Rifles may have the last word. *Quis Separabit?*

[Reprinted from "The Times" of May 3, 1951.]

OUR CONTEMPORARIES

We beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of copies of the following:— "The Royal Military Academy Journal, Sandhurst"; "The Emerald"; "The Queen's Royal Regt. News-Letter"; "The K.D. Gds. Journal"; "The West Yorkshire Regt. Journal"; "The Borderers' Chronicle"; "The Faugh-a-Ballagh"; "St. George Gazette"; "The Sprig of Shillelagh."

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR COMFORTS RECEIVED BY A MEMBER OF 1/R.U.R.

Dear Madam,—I am taking this privilege of writing to sincerely thank you for the comforts which I so gladly received. I cannot express my fullest thanks, but I wish you to know that your kind consideration and generosity is greatly appreciated. On my behalf and of others who received likewise we again take this privilege of deeply thanking you and it is good to know that someone understands the conditions of our lads serving in the Battalion in this theatre, and are thinking of them for the cause for which they serve.—Yours faithfully,

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GIFTS AND LOANS TO THE REGIMENT

Readers will be interested to know the following:—

The Most Honourable the Marchioness Dowager of Londonderry, D.B.E., J.P., has very kindly loaned to the Officers' Mess of the Depot a life-size portrait of the 4th Marquis of Londonderry dated 1857. The Marquis is standing and is dressed in the full dress rifle green uniform with cross belt of the Royal North Down Rifles, which later became the 3rd Battalion of the R.I.R.

Major Dingle, of the Irish Regiment of Canada, has very kindly procured two Black Bear Skins for the Band.

Mrs. Noblett of Chard, wife of the Late Colonel L. H. Noblett, of the R.I.R., has presented to the Officers' Mess of the Depot a very fine set of Coloured Prints of Battles, all of which are included in the Battle Honours of the Regiment. She has also given three pictures of Naval actions and one of General Cuyler, who raised the 86th Regiment

Regimental News

NEWS IN BRIEF

Boas, Lt.-Col. K. L. has recently completed a tour of duty as a United Nations Military Observer in the Far East and is now awaiting a posting at home.

Coleman, Lt. D. P. has been posted to B.E.T.F.O.R.

Cowdy, Major A. is en route to M.E.L.F. by now for an E.R.E. appointment at Port Said.

Cummins, Lt.-Col. M. L. is also en route for M.E.L.F. as A.Q.M.G.

De Stempel, Capt. M. V. J. W., has been recommissioned and has been given an appointment with A.G. (4) Medals, Droitwich.

Dixon, Capt., who did not sail with 1 R.U.R. in Oct. owing to sickness is now at No. 1 Intelligence Training Unit, York.

Harris, Lt.-Col., I. C. replaces Col. Cummins as O.C. 6 R.U.R.

Mulligan, Major is attending a course at Devizes with a view to transfer to the R.A. P. C.

O' Brien, 2/Lt. B. M. F. is on the staff of N.I.B.T.C.

Sturgeon, Capt. W. E. S. is at H.Q. Western Command.

Turner, Lt. (Q.M.) H. G., until Dec., 1950 was R.S.M. of the Depot, has been appointed to 1/6 Ghurka Rifles, Malaya. He has been granted a Short Service Commission as Q.M.

Watts, 2/Lt. J. P. B. C. are the Regiment's latest appointments from Sandhurst and are "punching up" their weapons
Cave, 2/Lt. J. O. at Hythe before joining the Bn. in Korea.

The following have joined the Bn.

Brooke, Major (M.C.) W. E.

Craig, Lt. T. H. R.

Docker, Capt. P. G.

Langford, Capt. L.

Potts, 2/Lt. G. L.

MARRIAGE

Rfn. Broome, W., at Boardmills, Lisburn on 19th Jan., 1951, to Miss M. E. McCormick.

BIRTHS

Blake, C. H. B. Major Son. At Whiteland Abbey, Carmarthenshire, on 5th May, 1951.

Hamilton, J. W.O. II Daughter. Denise Margaret, born at Belfast, on 10th April, 1951.

Loughlin A. Rfn. Daughter. Teresa Ann, born at Ballymena, on 20th January, 1951.

DEATHS

Austin, "Billy". In late December. Mr. Austin had been Secretary of the Southern Ireland Branch of the R.U.R. Assn. for many years.

Bond, J. F. Late of "D" Coy., 13th Bn. the Royal Irish Rifles. An account of Mr. Bond's career appears in the 13th Bn. O.C.A. letter.

Gunning, J. E., Major. On Dec. 26th, 1950 at Tunbridge Wells. He served with the Royal Irish Rifles in the Great War.

Long, J., Captain. On May 8th, 1950 at Christchurch, New Zealand. He served with the Royal Irish Rifles between 1886-1920.

McConnell, R. E. J. H., Rfn. On Jan. 25th, 1951 at Waringfield Military Hospital.

Rolt, J. C.Q.M.S. (Bugler Jimmy Rolt, 2nd Bn.). In late January, 1951, at West Norwood.

Savage, Colonel. On Jan. 10th, 1951, at Ballycastle. An account of Colonel Savage's career appears in the 13th Bn. O.C.A. letter.

We deeply regret the death, on 1st December, 1950, of General Brooke Purdon, the late Ulster Agent, and the father of Captain C. W. Brooke Purdon, now serving with the Regiment. General Purdon was always closely associated with the Regiment. Before 1914 he was M.O. to the 1st Battalion in Burma, and from 1924 to 1926 he was A.D.M.S. of Madras District. During this time he became a great friend of all ranks of the 2nd Battalion.

General Sir James Steele attended his funeral.

The death is regretted of Colonel Brown, at the age of 92. He had completed nearly 73 years of association with the Regiment. It was in May, 1878, that he was commissioned into the R.I.R. and went out to India in the same year and saw service in the Afghan War. He retired in 1908 but re-joined for the 1914-18 War with the Royal Irish Fusiliers, serving in France and Ireland.

The death in Korea of Captain Balders, son of Brigadier D. V. M. Balders, O.B.E., M.C., is deeply regretted. Captain Balders, although belonging to the Suffolk Regt., was serving with the Royal Ulster Rifles. The Suffolk Regt. and the Regiment have always had a very strong connection. We were proud to have Capt. Balders with us.

We regret to announce the recent death, on 25th November, 1950, in Dublin, of Mgr. Stapleton. Mgr. Stapleton was R.C. Padre to the 2nd Bn. in the early '20's.

The Regiment mourns the loss of one of its most faithful servants, Mr. Thomas Lunn, D.C.M. Since his retirement as clerical officer in the Depot Orderly Room in December, 1950, "Tommy," as he was affectionately known, has suffered increasing ill-health and died at his residence in Ballymena, on 12th January, 1951. He had served the Regiment continuously for a period of 44 years, having commenced employment at the Depot immediately after completing his Army service, in which he had obtained and held the rank of C.S.M. for 13 years.

LONDON GAZETTE REGULAR ARMY

Lt. A. L. de Montford (378629) relinquishes his commission 1st Nov., 1950 and is granted the Hon. rank of Capt.

Lt. P. J. A. Heyland (355697) to be Capt. 9th Jan., 1950.

Lt. (Q.M.) F. J. Magee (358661) to be Capt. (Q.M.) 10th Nov., 1950.

2nd Lt. R. Benson (400765) from emergency commission to be 2nd Lt., 1st Aug., 1950 with seniority 14th May, 1949.

Capt. (Q.M.) J. T. Mullen (131705) to be Major (Q.M.) 5th Dec., 1950.

Lt. W. R. Price (331365) to be Capt. 14th Oct., 1950.

2nd Lt. R. Benson (400765) to be Lt. 19th Nov., 1950.

Lt. W. Stewart (341680) to be Capt. 24th Dec., 1950.

Lt.-Col. D. Swinburne, O.B.E. (18077) to be Col. 31st Dec., 1950.

19032073. Cadet G. L. Potts (413609) to be 2nd Lt. 4th Nov., 1950.
22288393. Cadet M. D. Andrew (413847) to be 2nd Lt. 18th Nov., 1950.
2nd Lt. G. L. Potts (413609) to be Lt. 4th Nov., 1950.
Officer Cadet J. P. B. C. Watts (415012) to be 2nd Lt. 9th Feb., 1951.
Officer Cadet J. O. Cave (414817) to be 2nd Lt. 9th Feb., 1951.
Lt. A. B. Williams (314803) to be Capt. 8th April, 1951.
Lt. J. E. D'O Hinde (314806) to be Capt. 5th May, 1951.
2nd Lt. J. J. Mole (397992) to be Lt. 22nd Dec., 1950.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Major General G. I. Gartlan, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C. (4423) is appointed Hon. Col. of the 6th (T.A.) Bn. Royal Ulster Rifles W.E.F., 9th Nov., 1950.
Lt. C. A. Jennings (243380) to be Capt. 11th Sept., 1950, with seniority 10th March, 1945.
Capt. H. J. Johnston, T.D. (68918) to be Major 4th Aug., 1950.
Lt. G. S. Cooper (124558) from Suffolk Reg., emergency commission, to be Lt. 18th Sept., 1950, with seniority 10th Oct., 1943.
Lt. J. Fincham (326961) from R.A. to be Lt. 21st Nov., 1950.
2nd Lt. R. H. E. Brown (403166) from Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, emergency commission, to be 2nd Lt. 17th Oct., 1950, with seniority 16th Aug., 1949.
Lt. C. G. Alexander, M.C., M.B. (143431) from emergency commission, R.U.R. to be Lt. (R.A.M.C.) (T.A.) 11th Jan., 1951.
Lt. F. T. Menendez (160302) to be Capt. 1st Nov., 1950.
Capt. (Hon. Maj.) S. G. Demetriadi T.D. (86898) from R. Signals T.A. Reserve of Officers to be Capt. 15th Feb., 1951.
Lt. W. H. Green-Armytage (190857) from emergency commission to be Lt. 10th Nov., 1950, with seniority 10th Dec., 1944, and is Seconded to Sheffield University Contingent, University Training Corps.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

22344982. Cadet B. J. B. Pike (413418) to be 2nd Lt. 21st Oct., 1950.
22188471. Cadet G. E. Griffiths (413849) to be 2nd Lt. 16th Dec., 1950.
2nd Lt. M. G. Elwes (406685) from Regular Army National Service List, to be 2nd Lt. 14th Oct., 1950 with seniority 29th Oct., 1949.

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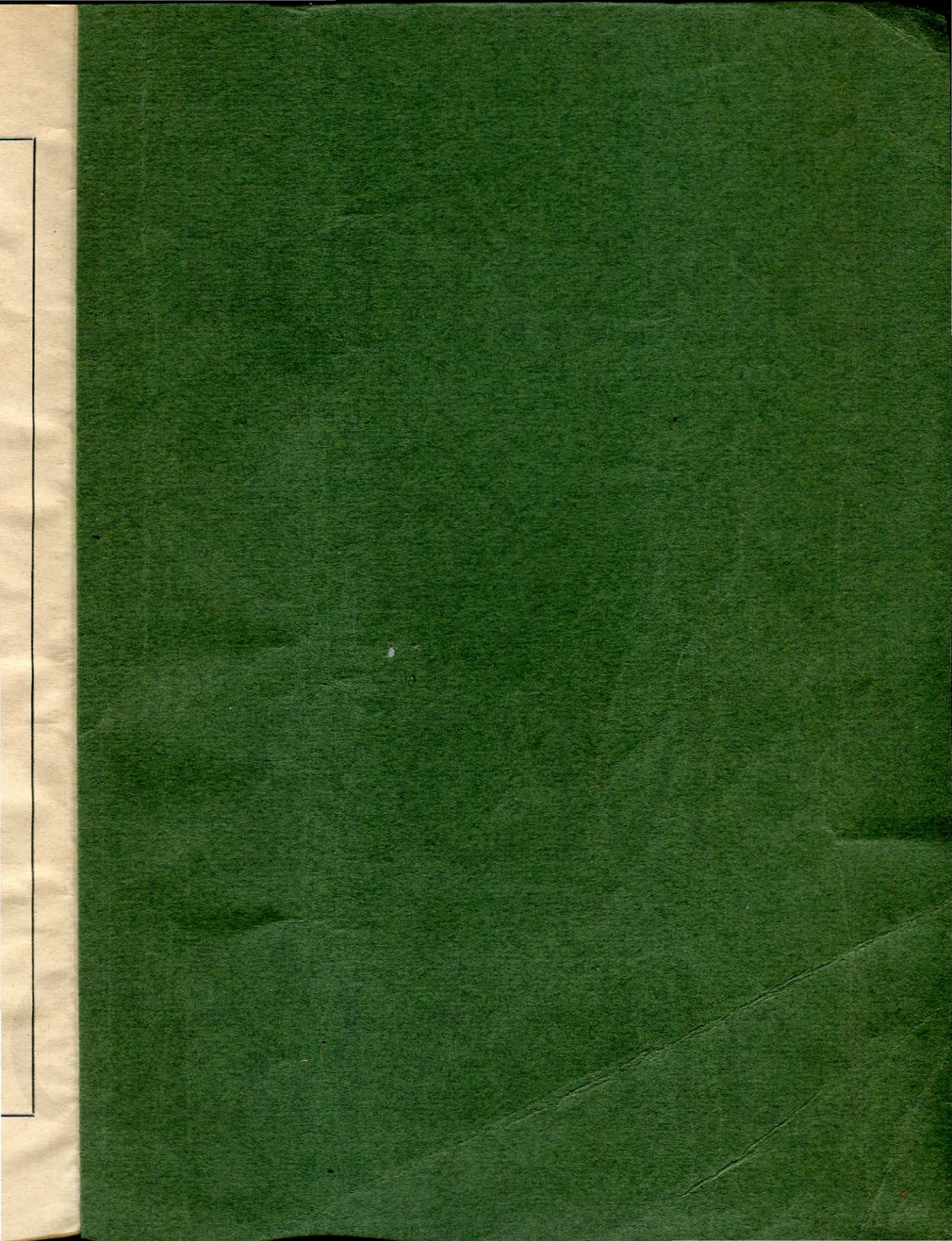
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