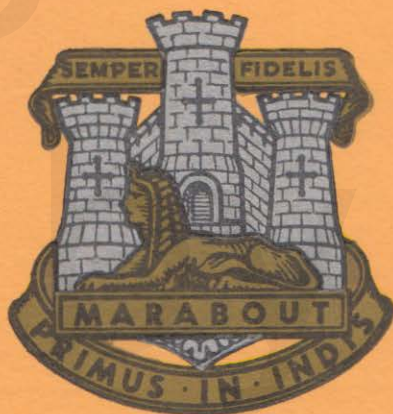


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Capt. J. M. Hewitt, Sgt. D. Pike, Lt. A. J. Scrivener, Lt.-Col. J. P. Randle, M.C., Capt. M. W. Wadham, Capt. J. C. F. Hill

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The Army Hockey Cup

WE offer our heartiest congratulations to the 1st Battalion Hockey Team on winning the Army Hockey Cup. The organisation of this competition is slightly more complicated than before the war as the units stationed in Germany are included, so first of all the Battalion had to win the United Kingdom part of the competition before going over to Germany to beat the B.A.O.R. champions. Details of their triumphant progress will be found elsewhere in the Journal. The last time this trophy was in the family was in 1935 when the 2nd Battalion The Devonshire Regiment beat the Green Howards by 3 goals to nil. The Army Hockey Cup has not been won by an infantry battalion since 1938.

The Deputy Colonel

Brigadier A. E. C. Bredin, Deputy Colonel of the Regiment, retired from the Army earlier this month. We note the skill and tact he has shown in establishing himself on the Devon Dorset border at Hawkchurch, poised for a quick dash in either direction. We wish Brigadier and Mrs. "Speedy" the very best of luck in the future.

Career Planning

Under the title of "Then and Now" Colonel D. J. H. Bannister, the Wessex Brigade Colonel, has written a most interesting account describing how officers' careers are planned to provide every officer with an equal opportunity to make a success of his time in the Army. This account will be of great interest to young officers who may be rather vague about these matters, and older officers, particularly those who retired before or soon after the war, will note that the War Office has learnt something from the frustrations of the past, and no officer now, whatever his ambition or lack of it, will find himself commanding the same platoon for years and years!

Move of the 1st Battalion to N. Ireland

By the time this number of the Journal is published the 1st Battalion will be established in Palace Barracks, Holywood, Co. Down, having taken over from the 1st Battalion The Sherwood Foresters. The Battalion's stay in Plymouth has been a memorable one both from an historical and a sporting point of view. During this tour the Battalion had the honour of receiving its first Colours from the hand of our Colonel-in-Chief, Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent, and had the great privilege of receiving the Freedom of the City of Exeter. The hardest winter for over a century descended upon us, and the Battalion, not without some alarms and excursions, fought against the elements to do its job and to help others in difficulty. In sporting events, Battalion teams have made their mark. We wish all ranks the very best of luck and continued success in their new Station.

ARMY HOCKEY CUP

Congratulations to the 1st Battalion Hockey Team on joining the 1935 2nd Devon team as Army Hockey Cup winners. Here, for the record, are the names of both teams:—

<i>2 Devon</i>	<i>1 D. & D.</i>
Bdsm. Handley	Pte. Shaddick
Sgt. Fogg	Capt. Ackford
Cpl. Benbow	Capt. Hewitt
Cpl. Beane	Sgt. Begam
L/Cpl. Blackmore	Capt. Wadham
R.S.M. Labbett	Bdsm. King
Sgt. Hughes	Lt. Bastyan
2/Lt. Browne	Sgt. Pike
R.Q.M.S. McDermot	Capt. Sammons
Cpl. Bussell	Lt. Hill
L/Cpl. Thompson	Lt. Scrivener

The goal scorers in the 2nd Battalion's 3-0 victory over the Green Howards were 2/Lt. Browne, R.Q.M.S. McDermot and L/Cpl. Thompson.

It is interesting to note how the proportion of officers and other ranks in the two teams has changed. This may well be due to the fact that the British Army no longer serves in India, that magnificent nursery for fine other rank hockey players.

HOCKEY SEASON, 1962-63

Played 24; won 20; drawn 2; lost 2.

Goals for 102; against 24.

This is the impressive record of the Battalion Hockey XI this season which even outdoes our 1960-61 season in Cyprus, where we played 23, won 17, drew 1 and lost 5. In that season we won the Near East Land Forces Trophy by beating 42 Fd. Regt., R.A., 11-4 in the final.

This season our first battle was against 6 Training Battalion, R.A.S.C., from Yeovil. The match was played on December 11 in thick drizzle at Bowden Park. The Battalion were 3 up immediately, and from then on the game deteriorated rapidly, threatening at all times to degenerate into a free fight; however, tempers were kept and, rather bruised, we emerged the victors by 6-0. We then had a long frustrating break because of foul weather and our visit to Denmark. We finally played the Royal Armoured Corps Centre, Bovington, on the red shale pitch at Brickfields on March 11. Conditions for good hockey were impossible, teeming rain all day refused to allow the ball to run freely, and the pitch cut up badly. We were soon 1-0 in arrears through a short corner, but equalised immediately. Our superior fitness and the fact that we had had some match practice soon told, and we finished damp and bedraggled, the winners by 4-2. Good goals near the end from Lt. Hill and Lt. Scrivener clinched the issue.

The powers that be were now pressing hard for us to play our next three rounds in quick succession. On March 28 we were due to play 30 Signal Regt., Blandford. This we did after scouring most of the South West for a pitch. After a sly bribe, and the cricketers in the team using their influence, Mount Wise was made available. Again pouring rain made hockey impossible, but so great was our speed early

on that we were 3-0 up at half-time. The storm abated in the second half and we fought on to a well-deserved victory by 6-0. Capt. Sammons scored a hat-trick well worthy of a mention, whilst our backs, Capt. Ackford and Hewitt, did wonders to contain a lively forward line.

A week's hard practice followed, interrupted by the Administrative Inspection, before travelling to Chepstow where we played the School of Artillery, Manorbier. This was truly our worst performance of the season, prompted probably by a sleepless night prior to the match in a hotel situated halfway up the main street of Chepstow on the main Gloucester-South Wales trunk road. The pitch proved to be very bumpy and nothing seemed to go right. Our opponents did well to hold out with their experienced defence, but eventually late in the second half they conceded a short corner which brought about their undoing from a well-placed "Scrivener special".

A week-end in London ensued and we met 14 Fd. Regt., R.A., at Woolwich, on Sunday, April 7. We attacked all the first half and rattled the woodwork on several occasions but never scored. A big shock in the shape of a breakaway goal by the Gunners' left wing put us 1-0 down and still, try as we might, could not score until with about 10 minutes to go Lt. Bastyan cut in from the right and scored with a shot that burst the net. Lt. Hill scored soon afterwards and Lt. Scrivener made certain by converting a penalty bully; result 3-1. Pte. Shaddick assures us he was contemplating suicide, for as goalkeeper he only had a chance to touch the ball once throughout the whole match, and he missed it!

H.Q. Eastern Command's spies had been out in force at Woolwich, and we had never seen them play. We only had names to frighten us in the three days prior to the U.K. final. This was held at Aldershot on a lovely pitch which proved to be rather soft after a heavy morning's rain. An early goal was essential, and thanks to a good move and a good shot by Lt. Hill, the score was soon 1-0. After half-time our average age of twenty-seven soon told on their equivalent of thirty-eight. Three more goals followed to make us 4-0 winners of the U.K. final. We owe a debt of thanks to H.Q. Eastern Command for such a sporting tussle, and to W.O.2 Peters for hitting three short corners over the bar! This had been an especially keen battle for the prize was ten days in Germany.

We flew to Dusseldorf on April 18 to spend a most enjoyable time at H.Q. Rheindahlen. We were well looked after and had every amenity available to us. Our captain desperately tried to impose a curfew, but as he seemed to break it more than anyone else, the idea was soon dropped. We had two "sharpeners" before the final and managed to lose the second of these. Everyone was convinced that this was a good omen and so in fact it proved.

The final was held on April 25 in pleasant conditions. The pitch was perfect and lent itself to good stickplay. The game started at a frantic pace while all and sundry dispelled their jitters. 45 Fd. Regt., R.A., soon netted but were umpired out and we breathed again. Immediately after we scored

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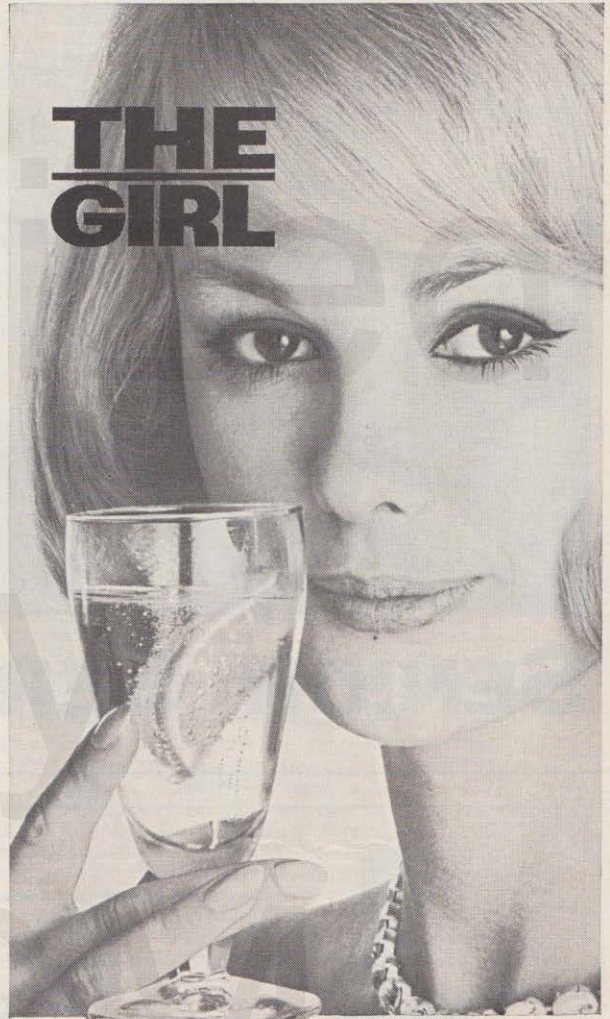


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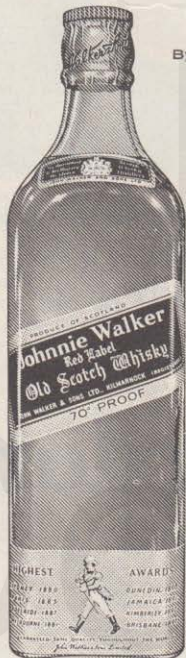


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THEN & NOW

by Colonel D. J. H. Bannister, M.B.E., M.C.

The life of a Regular Officer during the past thirty years has changed enormously; so much so that many who left the Service at the end of, or just after, Hitler's war, find it difficult to understand the pattern of a Regular Officer's career in the sixties. A word of explanation may therefore not be out of place in that it may provide information on a subject which a number of retired officers may like to acquire.

Thirty years ago an officer's life was spent largely with his regiment. A few, by passing through the Staff College, took up a Staff career, as well as a regimental one. A number became dedicated "bush-whackers" with the Sudan Defence Force, King's African Rifles, or the Royal West African Frontier Force for a number of years, and one or two went away for a short time to the Small Arms School or the M.G. School at Netheravon. Apart from this, there were few other calls on officers which took them away from their regiments for very long. The majority of officers spent their service alternating between the Regular Battalions, coupled with an occasional tour at the Depot or with the T.A. Battalions. Indeed, in some regiments it was thought rather odd if an officer did not spend the majority of his time with his regiment.

All this has now been swept away. Why? In a nutshell we might call it a process of technical evolution. Now this is a horrid phrase, but all too true, and is a sign of the times. Whether we like this evolution is another matter, but it has happened and we must go along with it. What does this so-called technical evolution really mean?

During the past thirty years the Army has been completely mechanized; not only has it become more mobile on the ground, but even in the air (the Army Air Corps). Great strides have taken place in the realm of science and technology. Would anyone in the thirties have thought of Infantry equipped with organic Armoured Personnel Carriers driven by Infantry soldiers—well over 100 radio sets in a battalion—radar in a battalion, and so on? Comparable advances have taken place in other fighting arms, and the technical and logistical side of the Army has had to keep pace; the result has been an increase in the General, Administrative and Technical Staffs. Who would have thought of Infantry Officers in quite large numbers attending two-year courses at the Royal Military College of Science, and attending Camberley in such large numbers? Finally, we now have officers becoming Captains after six years' service and Majors after thirteen.

The return to an all-Regular Army, with its emphasis on the highly trained professional long-service soldier has resulted in a large number of Junior Leader and Specialist training units for the training of boys between 15½ and 17½. The Small Arms and Machine Gun Schools have expanded into the School of Infantry with its five wings.

The Regular Army is still committed to finding large numbers of officers for the Parachute Regiment and for Commonwealth and Colonial Forces. The granting of independence to former colonial

territories has been offset by the increase in the number of these forces, and even in the now independent territories there is a requirement for training missions and even regimental officers. The unstable state of the world since 1945 has resulted in a number of emergencies with sudden demands for officers from regiments to fill appointments created overnight. Whereas formerly a battalion was about the most stable thing one could find, now it is the reverse owing to the continual flow of officers in and out. The Commanding Officer, as a result, has difficulty in keeping enough officers in the battalion and even more in getting officers of the right seniority.

This, then, is the background against which the young officer starts his career today. What is the pattern of his career?

It is absolutely vital that throughout an officer's career the aim to fit him for command is not forgotten. Cases have occurred where officers find themselves 37 or 38 and have little experience of commanding sub-units and thus no recommendation. The chance for command of something at all levels must be planned for an officer throughout his service.

It is hoped to make it standard practice for an officer on joining to serve 2½ years with his battalion learning the basic fundamentals by commanding a platoon. Thereafter some subalterns may expect to be away for the next two or three years at the Depot, a Junior Leaders' Regiment, or with the Commonwealth/Colonial Forces; others may remain with their battalions so as to provide a number of subalterns of varying years of service—they will take their turn away later. Specialist appointments within a battalion are normally found from the senior subalterns of five years' service, or from a newly-appointed Captain.

On promotion to Captain an officer begins to think of his Staff College recommendations, which ideally is earned whilst at Regimental Duty, possibly as Adjutant. A recommendation can be earned between the ages of 28-30 and an officer can sit the exam between 29 and 32.

Once an officer has been selected for the Staff Course, or has otherwise qualified for a Staff career by passing the examination, it is vital to ensure that the officer concerned still has the opportunity to exercise command at Regimental Duty. Similarly, in the case of non-Staff qualified officers, it is also important to see that they do not spend too long away at extra-Regimental employment, and that they also have their opportunity for exercising command within a battalion. Thus if all goes well, battalions should have Commanding Officers who have a broad experience of Army life, coupled with an adequate amount of experience in the art of command.

These are therefore the many and varied problems affecting an officer's career, brought about by this technical evolution. A link between Colonels of Regiments and the War Office is now required in order to keep a day to day eye on officers' affairs

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and, at the same time, to study the many War Office requirements for extra regimental employment. The link must be sufficiently senior to put the views of both Regiments and the War Office to each other without fear or favour, hence the Brigade Colonel holding full Colonel's rank.

The Brigade Colonel is the one now charged with looking after a young officer's career as opposed to his Regiment, as was formerly the case; it is in fact a full-time task looking after some 270 officers. The Brigade Colonel's aim must be to ensure that officers do the right thing at the right time, so that they can give the best possible service to the Army and, at the same time, ultimately fit themselves for command of a battalion.

The Brigade Colonel maintains the closest touch with Colonels of Regiments to ensure that they are kept informed and their views sought. The medium

for maintaining close touch is the Council of Colonels of Regiments, the secretary of which is the Brigade Colonel.

An attempt has been made to explain the difference between the life of an officer now and that of thirty years ago. The scope has been limited solely to the military aspect and has not examined the social or sporting side of his life, where there have also been great changes. Perhaps the highlight of all this is the need for someone to watch over an officer's career to ensure that, amongst the many and varied activities of his military life, it is not forgotten that he is primarily a leader and that he is given the chance to exercise the art of command.

Finally, the appointment of a Brigade Colonel has at least ensured that an officer's career is now planned on a much more personal basis—rather than an impersonal one within the War Office.

Dates For Your Diary

Saturday, September 21

Dorset Regt. Association (LONDON) Annual Reunion Dinner and Dance, Empire Rooms, Tottenham Court Road.

Sunday, September 22

Plymouth and District T.A. Drumhead Service and March Past, The Hoe, 10.30 a.m. The Salute will be taken by Lt.-Gen. Sir Robert Bray, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., G.O.C. Southern Command.

Saturday, September 28

Devonshire Regt. O.C.A. (LONDON) Annual Dinner, Victory Club, 73 Seymour Street.

Saturday, September 28

2/4th Dorset Regt. (Overseas) Association Annual Dinner at The Barracks, Dorchester.

Friday, October 4

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Saturday, October 12

1/4th Dorset Regt. (Overseas) Association Annual Dinner at The Barracks, Dorchester.

Saturday, October 19

5th Devon Annual Reunion Dinner, Mutley Barracks, Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Friday, November 15

Officers' Club Tea Party and Dinner, United Service Club, London.

Sunday, November 17

Dorset Regt. Association Annual Cenotaph Service, London. Assemble Horse Guards Parade 11.45 a.m.

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Army Hockey Cup—(continued from page 80)

from a short corner through Lt. Scrivener. All five of our supporters went berserk whilst the entire 45 Fd. Regt. were hushed in silence. Our hopes were short-lived however as 45 Fd. Regt. equalised just before half-time due to a very rare defensive error. After the interval we settled down and played some excellent hockey. Square passes cracked back and forth eventually wearing down our opponents, and a good move down the left resulted in Capt. Sammons deflecting a Scrivener centre past a dumb-founded goalkeeper. We kept attacking and a fine individual effort from Lt. Hill led to his scoring our third goal from a fine angle. Incidentally Lt. Scrivener's goal was our 100th of the season. Now it was only a matter of keeping them out and Bdsm. King, playing a sound game at left-half, did several good relieving touchline clearances. Maj.-Gen. De

Gex presented us with our Cup and individual plaques. The Cup was appropriately filled with champagne on the side of the pitch before the evening celebrations. Thus ended a most successful run. Our success was due to good team spirit and 100 per cent effort on the pitch by everyone. It would be difficult to single out any individual, but no mention has been made of Capt. Wadham, whose steadiness at centre-half held the team together on every occasion. He never does anything spectacular but how he will be missed next season. This team has played its last match together as by next season five of this year's stalwarts will have left us.

The 3 Division Cup is also ours, the final of which we won at Bulford on April 17. We beat 3 Div. Signal Regt. 8-1. Lt. Hill scored six goals, his personal best. Prior to this we had beaten H.Q. 3 Div., R.E., 4-1, and 5 Innis. D.G. 7-0.

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REGIMENTAL NEWS

Obituary

CAPTAIN J. A. PARK

Capt. James Allan Park, The Devonshire Regiment, died at his home at Kettleburgh, Suffolk, on 10th April, 1963.

Capt. Park was commissioned into The Devonshire Regiment in 1905. Before the 1914-18 War he served with the Camel Corps but returned to the Regiment in time to go to France with the 2nd Battalion in 1914. In the attack on the Moated Grange on 20th December, 1914, he was severely wounded, and as a result lost an arm. After the war he served in the 1st Battalion in Ireland during "the Troubles", and also with the Royal West African Frontier Force.

On retiring from the Army in 1926 he took up farming in Tanganyika and later joined the Public Works Department there. He was a well-known resident in the Territory from 1927 until in 1955, he retired and returned to live in England.

Capt. Park was the son of Major-General C. W. Park, C.B., who, as a Lt.-Col., commanded the 1st Battalion at the battles of Elandslaagte and Wagon Hill in the South African War.

Capt. Park leaves a widow and a son to whom we offer our deepest sympathy.

Lt.-Col. Arthur Cope writes:—

"I suppose I am the only officer left now who served with 'Emma' Park in the 2nd Bn. in Egypt in 1911-12. Anyone who remembers him I'm sure will agree with me that he was the most cheerful and lovable character, possessed of a keen sense of humour and the most amazing mimic.

"I remember so well the way he 'took off' certain more senior officers at that time and kept us subalterns in uncontrollable laughter. I never knew 'Emma' depressed or downcast. A story of him in Cairo in 1912 is perhaps typical. He had just become the proud possessor of a motor-bike which he had no idea how to drive. After several unsuccessful attempts to start it outside the Mess at Abbassia, we suggested he turned the petrol on. He then went off bound for Gazira for polo. He told us afterwards that whilst driving through Cairo he was admiring his reflection in shop windows and whilst so doing, ran into an Egyptian policeman. When they finally pulled up, the policeman pulled out a large notebook to take 'Emma's' name and bike number, but he had no pencil. 'Emma' at once offered him his!

"He lost a hand in the 1914-18 War but had a wonderful artificial one which had an alternative fitment in the shape of a spike. Those who remember him will feel great regret at losing one of the last of the 'old brigade'."

COLONEL R. F. COLES, O.B.E.

It is with great regret that we read the news of the death of Colonel Richard Coles, D.E.R.R., who comparatively recently was commanding our Allied Battalion, 5 K.A.R. On leaving the Battalion he was appointed to the post of Senior Army Instructor

at the Joint Services Staff College. We offer our deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

H.R.H. PRINCESS ALEXANDRA'S
WEDDING

Major-General and Mrs. Borradaile attended the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra at Westminster Abbey on 24th April. Lieut. H. Jones and 2/Lt. M. S. Friend were also present carrying out the duties of usher. In order that the Regimental Wedding present should be something which the Princess wanted, the Colonel of the Regiment asked that she should make her choice; this proved to be a Chippendale bureau. We are very pleased to publish a copy of a letter the Colonel of the Regiment received from Princess Alexandra.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE,
RICHMOND PARK,
SURREY.

June 6th, 1963.

Dear General Borradaile,

I want to let you and all members of The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment know how greatly touched I am by your great kindness in giving me such a wonderful wedding present.

The lovely Chippendale bureau will have a very special place in our new home and will be in itself a delight as well as a constant reminder of your kindness.

Please will you convey my warmest thanks to everyone who joined in this?

With my best wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely,

ALEXANDRA.

COLONEL R. H. WHEATLEY, D.S.O.

The career of Rupert Wheatley, whose retirement was noted in the May Journal, has been mentioned in these pages on previous occasions; however, we feel that we should place on record the thanks of The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment for the great service he rendered to the Regiment. Guy Young, who had had the task of carrying out the amalgamation of the two 1st Battalions, handed over to Rupert for him to work up the new Battalion into an efficient fighting machine—and, one might add, a sporting one too. This he did with outstanding success in Cyprus, and it is from this splendid start that subsequent Commanding Officers have continued the good work.

COLONEL P. J. ROPER, O.B.E., T.D.

We offer our belated congratulations to Col. P. J. Roper, O.B.E., T.D., on his appointment as Deputy Commander 128 Infantry Brigade (T.A.). The Regiment can now claim the "Deputy Commandership" of both our T.A. Infantry Brigades. Colonel Roper is also a Regimental Trustee.

LT.-COL. (Q.M.) R. MARSHALL, M.B.E.

Red Marshall retired from the Army in June, after 36 years' service. Though a Yorkshireman, he enlisted in The Devonshire Regiment (whether by accident or design we do not know), and served

in both the 1st and 2nd Battalions, though most of his Regimental service was with the 1st Battalion. With this Battalion he took part in operations in Waziristan in 1934 and 1940, the Burma Campaign 1943-45, Malaya 1947-49, and Kenya 1953-55. He was R.S.M. of the 1st Battalion for a short period in the early days of the war and received a Quartermaster's commission in 1943. In 1954 he relieved Reg Coxhead as Q.M. of the 1st Battalion and remained with the 1st Battalion until amalgamation. In India before the war Red took an active part in sport and was a keen hockey player, and played a useful game of rugger. He was M.T. Sergeant, with Reggie Bovill as M.T.O., at Pindi in 1938 when the 1st Battalion received its first vehicles, about a dozen very speedy Chev. 15-cwts. The writer of this note well remembers some hair-raising drives, with Red at the wheel, up and down the hair-pin bends on the Pindi-Murree road. And in later years he also remembers the fine work done by Red when he was the 1st Battalion Quartermaster. Thank you Red for all you have done for the old Regiment, and may you and Sally enjoy a happy retirement.

LT.-COL. GEOFFREY WHITE'S ILLNESS

The sudden and severe illness of Colonel Geoffrey has come as a shock to the Regiment and caused great distress to his very large circle of friends. It seemed inconceivable that a man with his splendid physique and furious energy could be removed from his fastness in the Keep at Dorchester.

Knowing his qualities from his childhood, and his career in peace, and particularly in war, as I did, I was outraged at the news that his active career was to end as a Lieutenant-Colonel. As Colonel of the Regiment I expressed myself very forcibly on the subject both to the Adjutant-General and the Military Secretary in person. But I was defeated, and at that juncture could only offer him the R.O. III appointment at Dorchester on the amalgamation.

So the Army's loss was the Regiment's gain. In addition to his general duties of keeping the regimental flag flying high in Dorset, Colonel Geoffrey took over the Regimental Journal and the Hon. Secretaryship of the Dorset Regimental Association.

Then I charged him with the execution of the Sherborne Abbey memorial project, which he brought to a conclusion with the brilliant ceremonial function which is so fresh in our memory.

His zeal, tact and organizing ability, were exercised to the full in these tasks and, loathing figures, he even made himself a competent financier. But it is as Curator of the Regimental Museum, now the Dorset Military Museum, that he is unique. Here he followed in the footsteps of his father, who had played a great part in founding the Museum in the 1920's.

His hobby had always been military antiquarian lore, but allied to this specialised knowledge is his undoubted gift of showmanship. There is far more to a Museum than labelling an article and putting it in a glass case. A good Curator's correspondence with learned societies and interested individuals is endless; he should comb the country for exhibits, and behind the scenes his catalogues must be fully and meticulously kept for posterity.

For a long time I had said that we had a good Museum but that I knew regiments with better ones. Of late I have said this no longer—ours is the best I know. The many thousands of visitors who scale

the Keep each year prove that it is perhaps the greatest attraction in our County town. But not even our Olympic athlete could stand the constant strain of overwork which he imposed upon himself as the servant of the Regiment.

His recovery to health is being helped by the sympathy and concern of his comrades, and I speak in their name in saying that, while he must never overwork himself again, we must have him back in his Museum.

G.N.W.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

Congratulations to Major (Q.M.) G. W. Blake on the award of the M.B.E., in the Birthday Honours. Major Blake received a congratulatory telegram from our Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. Princess Marina.

FIRE CERTIFICATE AWARD

Congratulations to L./Cpl. C. Thorpe who has been awarded the Society for the Protection of Life from Fire Certificate for his action in a fire at Bodmin on 14th February. He was presented with this certificate at Bodmin Magistrates' Court on Friday, 7th June.

STAFF COLLEGE, CAMBERLEY

We congratulate Major D. T. Crabtree, Major R. Jury and Capt. D. B. Edwards on gaining a place at the Staff College, Camberley, for the 1964 Course.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Cpl. Edward Roberts, who has just left the Regiment, appeared in the T.V. Westward Sports Desk programme having been awarded the Sportsman of the Year Cup in the Devon Wednesday League.

TERRITORIAL ARMY BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

In case some of our readers only get as far as Regimental News before giving up the unequal struggle, we should like to draw attention to the 1st Rifle Volunteer Notes elsewhere in this issue concerning 2/Lt. A. J. Brogan and Pte. Tyrrell. We congratulate 2/Lt. Brogan on the splendid achievement of winning the Heavyweight Championship, and Pte. Tyrrell on reaching the semi-final of the Light-Heavies.

2nd DEVON'S REUNION

At a Mess farewell party to the C.O. of 2 Devons in Berlin in October, 1945, it was decided to hold a get-together gathering in London each year as near to the 6th May as was possible, that being the date of the surrender of Hamburg to 131 Lorried Inf. Bde. in which Brigade the battalion was serving. This annual meeting has never been publicised, but each year since the war ended—except for a gap of two or three years at the end of the nineteen fifties—officers who were serving with the battalion in the final stages of the N.W. European campaign have foregathered, first in a pub in the City, and more recently in a tavern opposite Big Ben. On one very memorable occasion they joined forces with the first (and we believe only) Seventh Armoured Division Dinner at the Savoy Hotel, but the less said about that the better!

Duly according to custom, ex-members of the battalion began to assemble at 6 p.m. at St. Stephen's Tavern on 4th May last for the annual dinner. Round about 7.30 p.m. the party—now 16 strong—went in to dinner. The inevitable "good old days" talk followed, and more secrets of the happenings in Berlin in those far off days divulged! As is the custom, there were two toasts, "The Queen", and the "French Army".

Most of us were never Devons by trade, but we became Devons by sentiment. Those present on this occasion were Pat Anderson, Frank Barnes, R. Bentall, Peter Brind, John Coles, Peter Cox, Geoffrey Drewitt, Eric Gamble, Tubby Grinstead (4th Bn.), Tom Oerton, Bernard Power, Jack Rowe, Bill Wills, David Wilsher. Cosmo Neville delighted us all by dropping in for a drink first.

TRUCIAL OMAN SCOUTS RENDEZVOUS

The Scouts have recently established a central meeting place in London at "The Crown" in Brewer Street, S.W.1.

It is best approached from Piccadilly Circus and is just behind the Regent Palace Hotel. It is thought that Scouts and former Scouts, irrespective of rank, who are passing through London might conveniently use the Crown early on Friday evenings or at mid-day on Saturdays.

VICTORIA CROSS PORTRAITS

Lt.-Col. J. P. Randle commanding the 1st Bn. The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, has decided to perpetuate the memories and deeds of our four V.C.s by having portraits of them painted. These portraits will hang in the Officers' Mess with a copy of the citation under each portrait. When the Battalion is suitably stationed, the Commanding Officer may be prepared to loan these portraits for special occasions such as Regimental Association Annual Reunion Dinners. The artist will be carefully briefed as to colouring and other details of each V.C. from information provided by relatives and from photographs and pictures already in our possession. The portraits will be painted in the order in which the V.C.s were won, and that of Private (later Sergeant) Vickery, 1st Bn. The Dorsetshire Regiment, has been completed. Lieut. Masterson, the Wagon Hill V.C. is the next to be painted.

THE INFANTRY JUNIOR LEADERS' BATTALION

All the members of the Regiment here at the Infantry Junior Leaders' Battalion, Juniors and Permanent Staff, most heartily congratulate the 1st Bn. Hockey Team on winning the Army Hockey Cup, a great achievement. We are now the envy of all the Infantrymen in the Unit, and all Regiments are represented.

Last term was a complete success, the new training syllabus has proved to be a great improvement, the Juniors enjoy it more and reach a far higher standard of military proficiency. This fact was proved recently when 80 per cent reached a skilled standard on Training Tests with the SLR. The Companies have just returned from their Summer Camps. Each year at this time each Company goes camping on its own for ten days to a place of the Companies' choice, usually near the sea. At these

camps Juniors canoe, swim, rock-climb and carry out many other outdoor activities, including visits to other units such as the School of Artillery at Manorbier, and this year "B" Company visited the Panzers at Castlemartin.

The Juniors of the Regiment have also been performing well in the sporting field. J/Ptes. Smith and Brown (the latter now passed out) after winning the Army Boxing Championship titles both went on to win their weights in the I.S.B.A. Brown walked over, whilst Smith beat the Royal Navy Champion, R.M. Cornish, of 43 Commando, in a fight which brought the wildly cheering crowd to their feet. Both of these Juniors promise to put the 1st Bn. in the boxing news. Brown has already passed out and Smith goes next term. J/Pte. Mead recently broke the Army Junior Javelin record with a throw of well over 177 feet. J/Ptes. Sell, Chatterly and Brown have become proficient drummers (Drum-Major to note); Chatterly recently took the stage behind a set of civilian-type drums and "brought the house down". J/Cpl. Hooton, a very keen canoeist, cannot find anyone to partner him in canoe races. He had to withdraw from the Devizes to Westminster race through lack of a partner. J/Pte. Laing is in the battalion swimming team; he swims free style and plays water polo. It may be worth noting here that last year the battalion won the Army Junior Championships and were second to 3 Para. in the Senior Championships. This year we have already beaten A.A.S. Chepstow, our most formidable opponents. J/Pte. Philp is learning judo and hopes to gain a few awards before he passes out.

The fastest man in the Regiment at 0645 hours on 31st May, 1963, was undoubtedly Sgt. Mellin, who, after making a derogatory remark about The Parachute Regiment to a Para. Officer, was seen fast disappearing down the runway of a disused airfield in S. Wales, at least a cloud of smoke was seen, and someone remarked: "There goes yon Blackbird." Sgts. Mellin and Walter are both Platoon Sergeants in "B" Company, also W.T. Instructors.

H.M.S. "DEVONSHIRE"

Sir,

May I add a postscript to your interesting article (May, 1963) concerning connections between the Ship and the Regiment?

The sixth *Devonshire* (10,850 tons) which was built at Chatham, 1902-04, at a cost of £850,000, was launched on 30th April, 1904, by Lady Clifford, wife of Lewis Henry, 9th Lord Clifford of Chudleigh, who commanded the 5th (Haytor) Volunteer Battalion, The Devonshire Regiment. In 1908 he became the first Commander of the Devon and Cornwall Brigade of the newly instituted Territorial Force.

Lady Clifford was presented with a souvenir casket and launching tools, which are preserved at the family seat at Ugbrooke Park.

The heir to the Clifford barony is Colonel the Honourable (Lewis) Hugh Clifford, who served in the Regiment for many years and is now Deputy Commander of 130 (Westcountry) Infantry Brigade, T.A.

Yours faithfully,

GODFREY WYCISK.

DEVONSHIRE REGIMENT MUSEUM

Through the kindness of Lt.-Col. R. H. Creasy, D.L., the Museum has acquired a film of the March through Exeter of the 1st Battalion on its return from Kenya in 1955. This is a valuable historical souvenir to possess.

The film, originally a 35mm. has been converted into 16mm. and may be borrowed from the Curator for showings on official occasions.

Other news of the Museum is that the accommodation in Wyvern Barracks is taking shape and should be very suitable for this particular purpose. Notice boards advertising the presence of the Museum have been ordered and first steps have been taken towards establishing a Museum Committee. It is hoped that this news will stimulate an interest which has hitherto been lacking.

DORSET MILITARY MUSEUM

The Easter holidays followed by Whitsun have proved that interest in the Museum has in no way diminished. So far the number of visitors has been only slightly less than last year, and the number of organised parties shows an increase. This is very heartening and will give a fillip to Geoffrey White's recovery. Since his release from hospital he has been seen in widely separated places, and we all hope that he will take things easily now so that later we will be able to avail ourselves of his unique expert knowledge.

We made several notable accessions this year at a high cost. The first was the Military General Service medal for the Peninsula with 8 bars. The 39th only fought in eight battles in the Peninsula and only five members of the Regiment fought through all and lived to be presented with the medal and 8 bars. This is the first of the five that we have managed to acquire—the cost was £80. Once again the Ogilby Trust came to our help and have paid half the amount.

We have also bought the Peninsula medal with seven bars and the silver Seringapatam medal awarded to Capt. Stephen Cuppage of the 39th.

As a gift from a notable family of benefactors we received the dress uniforms of Troop Sergeant-Major Stride, who transferred from the 6 Dragoon Guards to the Queen's Own Dorset Yeomanry in the 1870's. The uniforms are in beautiful condition.

The Keep has had a face-lift and not before time. The outside has been pointed and inside the two turrets have been decorated. There is still much to be done including the moving of the offices in order to expand the Yeomanry and Devonshire and Dorset rooms on the second floor. Also we must remove the primeval lavatory fittings which do little to enhance the name of either the Regiment or the Army. As always, money is not available and we have to wait and wait and wait!

JOURNAL POLICY

The Regimental Trustees have decided that from 1964 the Journal will be published three instead of four times a year, in April, August and December. It is hoped that by this reduction in the number of issues we may be able to get "out of the red", and we shall endeavour to give you as good value as possible within the limits of our revenue.

RETIREMENTS

The following Officers of the Regiment retired during the last quarter:—

Brigadier A. E. C. Bredin, D.S.O., M.C.; Major B. G. Dillon; Lt.-Col. (Q.M.) R. Marshall, M.B.E.

RECRUITING

It has been decided that the Regimental Recruiting Team will be based on the Wessex Brigade Depot and not at Higher Barracks as reported in the May Journal.

Summary of Regular Recruits Joining

Date	Junior Soldiers	Men	Total
April	—	8	8
May	9	6	15
June	8	6	14
Total	17	20	37

Our Allied Regiments

6th BATTALION, THE ROYAL MALAY REGIMENT

(We regret that this note arrived too late to be included in the May Journal—Editor)

On September 15, 1962, the Battalion once again was committed on anti-terrorist operations on the Thai-Malayan border. The nature of the operations was quite different as the troops were mainly used as a medium to gain the confidence of the aborigines with the hope that the latter would provide any information they may have about the terrorists. Working alongside us were two other battalions of the Royal Malay Regiment and also 1/7 Gurkhas. At the moment one Company is still on operations in Kelantan.

We saw a lot of changes in the Battalion towards the end of 1962. Major Ahmad, the former 2 i/c, left to become Chief Instructor at the Armed Forces School of Instruction; Capt. Haron, the former M.T.O. left to become Adjutant at the same School. We welcome Major Yusoff Ibrahim from the Ministry of Defence as our new 2 i/c. In late December three new officers, namely 2/Lt. Salaiman, 2/Lt. Kamruddin and 2/Lt. Osman joined us from the Federation Military College and the Officer Cadet School at Portsea. To them we say welcome. In January this year our former Quartermaster, Capt. (Q.M.) Osman, left us to join Singapore Military Forces, and Capt. (Q.M.) Nordin from A.F.S.I. came to join us.

We have been hampered considerably in our sporting activities owing to operational commitments; however, we are glad to note that Lt. Samah and Lt. Hanif were selected to represent the Armed Forces at hockey, and Sgt. Nordin represented the Armed Forces at soccer. Lt. Samah was also selected to represent Malaya in hockey for the Asian Games.

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WHERE BE YON BLACKBIRD TO?

Ivor Ramsay and his mother visited Dorchester in early April. Ivor on leave from Choma, N. Rhodesia, looked bronzed and fit despite the fact that during the first few weeks of his six months' leave he had encountered the icy snow-clad conditions of our unusually severe winter. They were most interested in the new features to be seen in the Museum and spent as long a time as possible with us, Ivor promising to let us know should he change his address in Rhodesia.

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Two other visitors to The Keep from N. Rhodesia were John Hambly and his wife. Anyone wishing to contact them on their return to Rhodesia should write to H.Q., Northern Rhodesian Police, P.O. Box R.W. 103, Lusaka, N.R. John asked that the Journal might be sent him regularly in order that he could keep up-to-date with current events.

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Bill Symonds writes to say how much he enjoys the Journal. After many moves he now has a permanent address at 55 Regent's Park, Heavitree, Exeter. It will give him great pleasure to serve anyone with petrol, oil, distilled water, etc. should they be passing the Blue Star Garage at Gallows Corner, Heavitree, at the end of the by-pass. All our good wishes on acquiring a new occupation and a new permanent address!

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Mike Bullock, John Cann and John Rosenberg—down Dorset way at Sydling Ranges for a Rifle Meeting—looked in at The Keep and spent some time in the Museum. The two Johns were especially interested in the Devon Dorset Room where on display are EOKA exhibits brought back by members of 1st Battalion when in Cyprus.

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We were pleased to see Tom Bradley, former 1 Dorset, who, with his wife and family, visited the Museum. Tom retains contact with his friends through the 1st Battalion, The Dorset Regiment Officers' Dinner Club (1939-45) and the columns of the Journal.

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Many will remember Colonel Pillitz, D.A.P.M., of Vienna days whom Jackie Vaughan met recently at B.A.O.R. Colonel Pillitz is now Provost Marshall at H.Q., B.A.O.R. and recalled that W.O.2 W. H. Vaughan was Colour Escort to the Colours of the 54th on the 250th Anniversary Parade. He wishes to be remembered to all his "happy days" friends as he calls the time in Vienna.

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Having at long last got Tony Tawney's address correctly registered, we now learn he is on the move again and will be on the Wessex Bde. Depot (H.S.) whilst on a course pending transfer to R.A.P.C. We were pleased to see him when he called at The Keep and to be able to give him some addresses he wanted.

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On leave combined with business during April was Roy Clarke from Thompson's Falls. Unfortunately he will not be attending Regimental Cricket Week as he will have returned to Kenya, but his

wife will be in England and we shall look forward to seeing her at the "At Home".

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Bob Feltham says that there seems to be a marked reluctance to accept the original nest of the fledgling "Hawk" as being at ANDOVER. He notes that Julian Goodbody in No. 18 was shown in the wrong nest, as I was before him. Bracknell merely being the brash new relation! Apologies to Julian Goodbody and our thanks to Bob Feltham for pointing out the error.

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Charles Metcalfe leaves Seremban on August 8 and hopes to arrive in U.K. on August 22. He takes up his new appointment as G.S.O. 1 (Ops.) Co-ord Secretariat M.O. 1 War Office in December. Charles was home on compassionate leave in the spring as Heather was seriously ill, and the latest news is that Heather has recovered but still has to take things rather quietly, which, unfortunately, may prevent her from being with us at the Cricket Week "At Home".

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Bill Fergusson-Edgar finds it strange to be back in Germany near the old locations of 1 Devon and 1 Devon Dorset at Celle and Minden. He has visited some of the same farms and barns with Divisional H.Q. in the field that he last saw during exercises with the Battalion. To date he has seen Colonel Valentine, who was staying with his daughter and son-in-law at Fallingbostal, and Tom Stopford. John and Vivienne Sims will be staying with the Fergusson-Edgars for the 1st Divisional Summer Ball this year. Whilst in Canada Bill met Wing.-Cmdr. Lee, R.A.F. Those who were in Malta will remember that he was in the A.A. Platoon 2 Devon at the time.

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Douglas and Gillian Lovejoy arrived at H.Q. Middle East Command in April and would be delighted to see anyone passing through Aden.

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Paul Mangin, Alan Blundell and Gerald Blight watched Derna beat 1 Glosters at football when 1 Glosters were training in Libya in April. Paul wasn't sure which side to shout for, having been once almost a naturalised "Dernawi".

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Nigel Notley as A.D.C. to H.E. The Governor and C.-in-C. Gibraltar says that General Sir Dudley Ward is in good form and frequently wears the Regimental tie which goes very well with a light-weight summer suit. Nigel also promises to provide a bed for any Blackbirds passing through, the only condition being that he is given sufficient notice.

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Fearing we may have alarmed the inhabitants of Honiton (and in particular, the Quartermaster) as to his large family in a previous issue of the Journal, John Reynolds, having retired from "Fur and Feather" has disposed of his hens (we don't know how), his geese are being kept in the Regiment and go to Colonel Geoffrey and Colonel Rupert, but the problem of reducing the number of the children presented a problem which has been solved

by sending one away to school! These disposals mean that John, Jocelyn and remaining family are moving into the Retreat at Exeter and not Butts Road as previously stated.

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John Archer went on a flying visit to Canada in May to take over his new appointment as G.S.O. 1 (D.S.) Canadian Army Staff College, Fort Frontenac. His appointment has now been changed to G.S.O. 1, 3 Div.

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One sunny spring morning two old friends met quite unexpectedly on the Museum stairway—Major F. H. B. Rathborne, formerly 1 & 2 Dorset, and Colonel Charles Stewart, R.E. (Retd.), a former Olympic medalist. Not having seen one another for some time, there was a lot to talk about before Major Rathborne hurried away to a sick friend in Devon.

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We have news of John and Alice Bahin. Alice sends her regards to all her friends—unfortunately on the eve of admission to St. Thomas' Hospital for an operation. We wish her a speedy return to good health.

Terry Bahin, their eldest daughter now approaching 19, starts an Art Course at Ravensbourne College of Art, Bromley, in September.

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Another visitor on leave to call at The Keep was Tony Cross from Kenya. He hopes to attend both the Regimental Cricket Week "At Home" and the Dorset Regiment Association Reunion on July 6.

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Congratulations to Derek and Daphne Crabtree on the arrival of a son, and also to Terry and Peter Graystone on the birth of a son—Devon Dorset recruiting figures have received a welcome boost during the last few months!

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Our congratulations also to Peter Burdick on the announcement of his engagement to Daphne Wilkie of Bideford. We had begun to think there was no chink in his armour!

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Another engagement brought to our notice was that of Edward Tremlett's brother Christopher William to Diana Christina Sturges of Exmouth. Chris served with 1 Devon in Celle.

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Steve Elvery sends an interesting note from Cyprus to the effect that 1 Glosters moved from Polimedia Camp on February 14, 1963, thus ending there the camp's association with the British Army since Lord Kitchener days, and a family association, "my father the late Lt.-Col. P. G. M. Elvery, D.S.O., M.C. (R.A.M.C.) as Medical Officer there with a Company of the Devons in 1911". The camp is now being returned to the Republic of Cyprus. 1 Glosters occupy first-class barrack blocks which have become vacant in Episkopi with the disbandment of H.Q., N.E.A.R.E.L.F. A personal relief is that Steve no longer has to join the commuters' rat-race to Polimedia daily from Episkopi.

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Tony Bastyan from Australia sends word that although he has only been in Adelaide a week he finds much evidence of the work of Capt. Charles Sturt of the 39th. He intends to learn more about this notable man before his tour of duty is over,

and Yon Blackbird hopes he will be kept up-to-date with the latest findings.

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Julian Goodbody, now in the right nest, writes that although Bob Feltham did his best last year to try to sell the Infantry tradition to the R.A.F., they still appear to be fascinated by our strange customs, dress and general way of life. He is trying his hardest to keep up Bob's fine example as a specimen of an antique breed and is meeting with some success!

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Former Devons who were in Kenya may be interested to hear that Greville Rimbault was married in April and his Best Man was Peter Andrews.

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We also congratulate Frank Dowling on his recent marriage. Having had his fill of blizzards on Dartmoor he is off to Assam to be assistant manager of a tea garden.

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We were sorry to hear that Peter Willcocks has been ill but are pleased to report that he has made a good recovery and was on sick leave until the end of June.

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John Bahin has been getting around, and recently whilst visiting B.A.O.R., met Bill Tong, Bill Edgar and John and Vivienne Sims. He also met Sandy Thomas, Royal Hampshire Regiment. Kenya Devons will remember Sandy as Brigade Major 39 Inf. Bde. Rumour has it that Sandy will be getting a Brigade before long. John leaves his present job later in the year but will remain in the Infantry Directorate as Staff Officer for The Infantry Commanders' Conference and the Quadripartite (awful word—or have we mis-read John's writing?) Infantry Conference next year.

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We congratulate Bill Wood on the appointment of O.C. North Borneo Regiment. We understand this is a new unit which he is raising. Judging by recent events in that part of the world, he should have a lively time.

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Allan Fraser, writing from Leighterton, near Tetbury, Glos., sends his best wishes to Paul Freeland, Michael Bullock, Taffy Davies and Red Marshall.

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Will anyone who knows of the whereabouts of Brian Levett-Yeats, who served with 1 Dorset in Austria in 1949, please inform Capt. W. H. Vaughan, H.Q. Adv. Base, British Forces, B.F.P.O. 21.

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We apologise to all past, present, and future members of Christ Church, Oxford, for including the word College in the title of their illustrious establishment in our reference to it in the May Journal. We were brought sharply to heel for our error which could be likened to calling the Foresters the Sherwoods.

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RECRUITING TODAY

The writer of one of the obituaries to the late Lord Alanbrooke asked: "Do we breed heroes today?" I have no doubt that the blood in today's generation is every bit as heroic as that of the past, but the nurturing it receives is certainly not conducive to the development of the heroic spirit. I was educated in an Army where trusting the man on the spot was practised as well as preached. Today the overload of bureaucrats who impersonally direct our every breath from London has caused this to die. There is little room today for the independent or unconventional thinker, or for the man prepared to gamble that his views are right in the face of popular or generally held opinions. In such an atmosphere the robust mind is not developed.

One example of the stifling restrictions on individual decision is the last edict from Whitehall on recruiting. This among other things has closed the door on men on probation, men who have been convicted of any crime involving dishonesty, boys from Borstal for at least six months after they have left. Anyone who has served with soldiers knows too well the irritation of having to spend a disproportionate amount of time on the bad rather than on the good soldier, and the difficulty of removing the unredeemable character. On the other hand one also knows the satisfaction of seeing a youngster with a pre-enlistment bad history turn not only into a good soldier but a good leader as well.

It is an unfortunate comment on today's society that the environment in which delinquency is bred

also tends to produce the spark and dash necessary for leadership. This new prohibition reminds one of the man who dwells too long in the aim and misses the target altogether. Surely here is the case where the man on the spot is the best judge, and if a youngster with an indifferent or bad record can impress a professional recruiter or a Regimental team sufficiently, then he deserves the opportunity to make good. If he fails, then surely it is right for the Commanding Officer to be permitted to decide this fact and to discharge the man without ado. Had the War Office given this power to Commanding Officers to enable them to get rid of the bad influence and unredeemable man without fuss instead of the present time-consuming procedure, it would have been generally welcomed and would have obviated the need for the new recruiting restrictions.

Nobody dreams that in time of war these restrictions will be maintained. Are we not then in danger of producing an Army of lily-whites for peace, knowing that we will have to recruit an Army of fighting men for war? The declared reason for careful and selective recruiting is to raise the standard of the Army. Is this true, or is the truth that the Army today cannot master the rebellious spirit and individualist? And one final thought, do we need an Army of a "higher" standard than that which fought at Mons or Ypres, or Alamein or Kohima?

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Since March the Battalion has had three periods of intensive activity—all in different fields.

On March 22 the Annual Administrative Inspection was carried out by Brigadier N. V. Short and the Staff of 51 Brigade, and the resultant good report, in view of the Battalion difficulties with manpower shortage and heavy commitments, was most gratifying and a worthy reward to the hard work of the Administrative departments of the Battalion.

April saw the culmination of the Divisional, Command and Army Championships in most major sports. By winning the Army Hockey Cup in B.A.O.R., we became the first Infantry Battalion to do so for twenty-five years, and great credit is due to Lt. Scrivener and the team for their enthusiasm and keenness, which was perhaps the biggest single factor in their success. Rugger had to take second place to hockey, so that our 6-9 loss to the Divisional Engineers (with two Army centres in the side) in the 3rd Divisional Final was not unexpected. In soccer the team, captained by Cpl. Bird and under the general direction of Major Bill Blake, has had a most successful season; winners of the 3rd Divisional Championship, runners-up in the Southern Command Championship, runners-up in the Devon Wednesday League Cup, and the recipients of the award for the most sporting side in the Devon Wednesday League.

Also in April the Battalion was required to carry out War Office trials; one of a substance called KIP, for use as overhead cover for trenches, and the other into new physical efficiency tests which have been devised by the Deputy Colonel in his capacity as Inspector of Physical Training. Both these kept "A" Company and H.Q. Company very busy—with little opportunity for "kip"!

On April 20 we were delighted to see "C" Company back from Benghazi, all looking very tanned and fit. They were given a fitting welcome at Plymouth Station by a large number of officers, soldiers, wives and sweethearts and the Band, before they departed, very quickly, on some well-deserved disembarkation leave.

May was a particularly busy month. Exercise "West End" set by the Brigade Commander, involved an amphibious landing in Carlyon Bay near St. Austell in Cornwall, a helicopter-borne advance to seize Davidstow Airfield on Bodmin Moor, and finally a night attack near Brown Willy carried out in a gale and driving rain. Despite the truly enormous quantities of paper involved in loading and landing tables, this was an unusual and most enjoyable exercise. "A" Company then departed to Sennybridge to act as enemy for a 130 T.A. Brigade exercise where they much enjoyed their battles against the 1st R.V. and 4/5 D.C.L.I. Returning to Tidworth Pennings they rejoined the rest of the Battalion for a patrol exercise called "No Hiding Place", in which two international desperadoes, Haletosis (Sgt. Hale, the Provost Sergeant) and

Capstan (Sgt. Riggs, the Pioneer Sergeant) were pursued, energetically and successfully, for a missing formula. Finally "C" Company took part in a demolition guard exercise on the River Avon and were visited by the Divisional Commander, Major-General R. M. P. Carver, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.

On May 29 the Battalion gave its farewell party in Plymouth. The Band and Drums beat Retreat in Crownhill Fort and this was followed by a large cocktail party in the Officers' Mess and a similar function in the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess. It was most pleasant to see so many old comrades present to see the Retreat and on to the Sergeants' Mess afterwards.

The Battalion is now off on three weeks' block leave prior to leaving for N. Ireland on July 10. We have much enjoyed our stay in Plymouth and have been shown great kindness and friendliness by the people of the city and the county. Nevertheless it is perhaps a good thing now to move on to a new station with a change of scenery, new training areas, and new friends, and we look forward to a new page in the Battalion's history in N. Ireland.

Headquarter Company

Congratulations to Major Crabtree on his promotion and on his becoming Officer Commanding Headquarter Company. Major Wood has now left us for a rest in Training Company and will shortly be followed by the Band and Drums, who join Training Company in N. Ireland.

We welcome Capt. Deans into the hierarchy of the Company. It is said that he only drops in to collect TV money since his position as I.O. keeps him more than busy during the exercise periods. We also extend a welcome to Capt. Bullocke, who joins as M.T.O., and congratulate him on his "A" course result. Other arrivals include C/Sgt. Ellis from Signals Wing (Hythe), who is taking over the duties of C/Sgt. from C/Sgt. Rogers, destined for Wessex Bde. Depot in December, and Sgt. Bradford, who is back at work in the Officers' Mess vice Sgt. Birdsall, who now assists the C.S.M. in the office. Sgt. Birdsall has found that the Guard and Duty roster is somewhat of a headache. Capt. Wadham has left us to take up duties at the Depot.

Our congratulations go to the following who have passed the Battalion N.C.O. cadre and have joined the Corporals' Club: L/Cpl. Casemore, L/Cpl. Duffin, L/Cpl. Dyer, L/Cpl. Fowler, L/Cpl. Ginn, L/Cpl. Hancock, L/Cpl. Lofthouse, L/Cpl. Turner, L/Cpl. Wiltshire.

Congratulations also to members of the Company who represented the Battalion in the Hockey and Soccer finals, i.e. Capt. Sammons, Capt. Hill, Sgt. Begam, Sgt. Pike, Bdsm. King, Pte. Shaddick, L/Cpl. Dunford, Pte. Crumpton, Pte. Sansom, Pte. Gaunt, Pte. Barbet, Pte. Wakefield.

May 30 sees the last National Serviceman leaving

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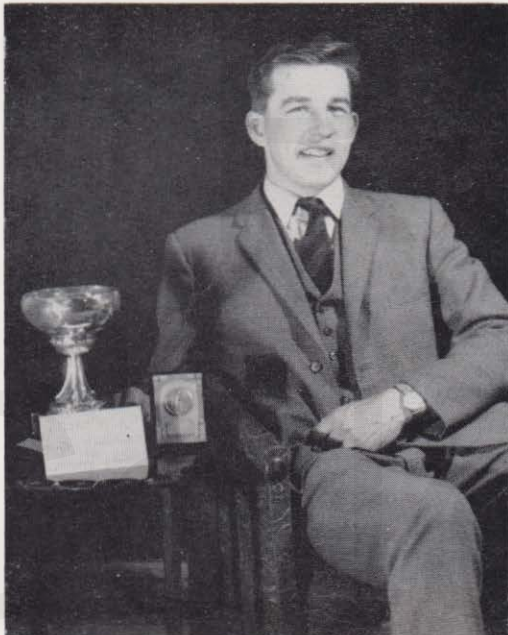
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KOREAN VETERANS REUNION
DEVIZES, MAY 26, 1963



Geoffrey White

the Company. Pte. Harker departs on this day. We wish him good luck in civilian life.

Many of the Company enjoyed their trips to sea on exercise "West End", and their visits to Tidworth and Sennybridge. It was no consolation to us to find that it rains just as hard in other parts of England as it does in Plymouth. During this period we saw many new faces on guards and as Battalion Orderly Sergeant. We feel sure that members of the Regimental Band welcomed the chance to help out! How to get to N. Ireland is still a mystery. We hope to tell the full story in our next edition.

Int. Sec.: "Brains Dept."

Since our last Journal Notes we have suffered the hardships of Denmark and Danish food, and needless to say, some of the section have acquired a taste for tinned fish.

Not long it seemed after Denmark was over, we found ourselves off on exercise "West End", an amphibious exercise in Cornwall. We are still trying to decide where the amphibious part came in; was it the landing at Carlyon Bay or the night attack on High Moor?

For two weeks in May we found ourselves camping out at Tidworth Pennings, which gave us a chance to do some much needed training. For the first week we attended an aerial photography course at Bulford, and ever since have been walking around seeing everything in the third dimension. We took part in two exercises, and oh, what joy to be non-tactical!

Congratulations to L/Cpl. Duffin on his well-earned promotion, and also to Pte. Gardner on his marriage. Finally congratulations to Pte. Shaddick on being a very successful member of the Battalion Hockey Team, which won the Army Championships this year, though there is a rumour that his wife is going to divorce him for continual absence!

We are now in the throes of packing for Northern Ireland. Sgt. Smeath is seen to be walking around barracks every day with a faraway look apparently he is looking for seven map-boards.

Information Office

Since the last Journal there has been an increase in activity by the information Office Staff. The usual quiet routine has been shattered by the commencement of the Summer Campaign.

The Recruiting Display is an improvement on last year and can now take its place alongside commercial displays at shows and fêtes without shame. The emphasis is on travel, weapons and equipment, and we have a working table model which attracts considerable attention. Many people are interested in the weapons, particularly the Sterling and S.L.R., although one bright boy wanted to know if the 3.5 Rocket Launcher was for shooting elephants!

The return in recruits from these shows is disappointing, but we hope results will begin to show by the end of the summer.

Signal Platoon

The call for linseed oil and drawing-pins for fixture cards warns us that the cricket season is dangerously close. We have made the R.S.O. agree to fit in some signalling between matches.

With the advent of better weather we are looking forward to getting out on the ground for some really good practical work. In this respect Brigade have

responded extremely well, having set us a very arduous programme for the month of May. The R.S.O.'s permutations of radio would put any pools expert to shame!

We are pleased to welcome back L/Cpl. Perkins and his team consisting of Ptes. Hynes, Gardiner, Lofthouse, Davis and Olde from Benghazi, and note with pride the "rave notices" given them during their sojourn with "C" Company. Well done!

Their return coincides with the departure of L/Cpl. (now local Corporal) Bailey and Pte. (local Lance-Corporal) Golden to the Signal Wing at Hythe. We congratulate them on their promotion and wish them every success on this very hard course.

Our bachelor ranks are diminishing very fast these days; Pte. Lang was married early in March, and L/Cpl. Parker legalises his partnership at the end of May. We offer our condolences to his bride.

We are pondering the mixture of the slow West Country burr with the rather more glib Irish brogue, a fact we will report in later contributions to the Journal.

Reece Platoon

Who is the most original enemy? The Reece Platoon, of course. On exercise "Colonel Bogey", a close bridge garrison exercise, we fought "C" Company and had a most enjoyable time. Sgt. McGoldrick disguised himself as a R.A.F. officer and, accompanied by two R.A.F. dog-handlers and Alsations, completely foxed the forward platoons. Capt. Jury, unfortunately, was more alert and the "game was soon up". Cpl. "Bomb Happy" Harris and L/Cpl. Dyer made a tremendous effort to swim 180 yards down the river at 1 a.m. to remove the bridge demolitions. Unfortunately they were spotted just a few yards from their objective. A plucky effort. Lock, who was captured after a platoon "do-or-die" raid in a 3-ton vehicle, preferred to keep his boots on when he was with the enemy. Our three drivers, Ptes. Mitchell, Guillaume and Avery handled their Land Rovers well throughout the exercise. What a pity all of them took a liking to a new dustbin on the way home. Pte. Gardner, our signals operator, kept the rear link open all the time even though his platoon commander continually roared at him.

In May we stayed with the 1st Rifle Volunteers at Sennybridge and took part in an advance to contact exercise with their Reece Platoon. It was most pleasant to co-operate with our T.A. friends.

We welcome our newest recruit, Pte. Durston, from the Drums; congratulate Cpl. Harris and L/Cpl. Dyer on their promotion, and also for coming first and second respectively on the recent N.C.O.s' cadre. Well done!

Quartermasters' Department

The details of all the training and exercises performed by the Battalion will be adequately chronicled elsewhere, so the Dept. confines itself to the domestic side of life. Lt. "Bill" Harris and his small exercise staff are now well versed in all phases of "Q" life and regard each new venture as just another day's work, though it is doubtful whether they really enjoyed the rigours of life on Bodmin Moor.

Cpl. Shipp (R.A.O.C.), our cobbler, has left us after two years attachment to sample the city pleasures of Berlin; our best wishes for a happy

stay go with him. In his stead we welcome Cpl. Hardy, who must find a great change in his move from Berlin to Plymouth; however, we trust that he will be better housed in N. Ireland.

C/Sgt. Downton has joined the staff on a temporary basis and has been quickly saddled with many married quarters problems; we are sure that he is equal to the task.

The two Q.M.s paid a flying visit to Belfast in April to see what a good barracks looks like, and came back to report that salmon are very cheap in N. Ireland if you can catch them. They were however pleased to report that the days of fatigue parties for coal-heaving are almost over, even in Ireland. Palace Barracks from the "Q" angle look a good bet and we are sure that the Battalion will be comfortable there.

To conclude, a thing we want to know:—

Who was the C.S.M. in trouble with his life-jacket who was heard to say: "P-p-puncture the b—— thing?"

Assault Pioneer Platoon

When our last notes ended we promised to give our views on the Command Post designed by Sgt. Riggs. The Q.M. allotted us a piece of ground and we began to dig. Just as we got down to the correct depth in the communication trench, to our horror a great crack appeared in the earth, and a large fall on one side was quickly followed by a large fall on the other side, and it was only because of the agility of Pte. Tressider than an accident was avoided. After three such cave-ins we decided to call a halt and give in gracefully. On the whole this was an interesting exercise, although we were unable to finish the task.

One of the reasons for the sudden halt was exercise "West End". This, once again, was a disappointing exercise in that we were given the job of defence platoon. We were hoping for better things, but all good things come to those who wait, so we will be patient.

We would like to congratulate Pte. Hancock on his promotion to Lance-Corporal. We have had a sudden boost of strength during the last month, and take this opportunity of welcoming to the fold Pte. Hann from the Regimental Police, Pte. Taylor from the Dining Hall, L/Cpl. Matterface from the Company Stores and, after a fight of almost three years we have finally secured Pte. Clements from "C" Company. A resounding welcome to all!

M.T. Notes

After returning from Denmark we started preparing quickly for the Administrative Inspection and, more important, the U.V.M.I.; a great deal of hard work was done towards making the wrecks which returned from Denmark look like a spick and span set of vehicles. The U.V.M.I. report was extremely good as it turned out—possibly because the inspectors were pleased with all the tea they were plied with.

Exercise "West End" followed at the beginning of May. This was an amphibious exercise, and involved splash-proofing nearly all the Land Rovers. Cpl. Riggs was sent on a course so that he could tell the rest of us how to do it. On the day none of the vehicles got drowned either entering or leaving the L.C.T.s, though the three Recce Platoon drivers (Avery, Phillips and Mitchell) made a

spirited attempt to see how far they could reverse out into the Sound. Avery won easily. A lot of the vehicles were running in a rather odd way for weeks afterwards.

A period of training on Salisbury Plain followed, during which a party of refugees, who looked distinctly like a section of the M.T. Platoon, were stripped almost naked and searched by "C" Company and then made to march, bootless, to Battalion H.Q. That won't be forgotten for some time! During one of the slack periods it was noticed that the new M.T.O. was having some difficulty in finding reverse on a motor-bike he was attempting to drive.

L/Cpls. Williams and Moore, and Pte. Moore did very well in the Land Rover National Rally held near Birmingham, coming 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively among the many other Service entries; it was largely this performance which enabled the South-West Area to win the Inter-Area Cup.

Corps of Drums

Since submitting our last Journal notes we have covered a great deal of ground, both musically and in the field. During the month of April we were engaged as enemy for the squad about to pass out after their Continuation Training. Our orders were to capture as many prisoners as possible and to ensure that they had a "bath" in the large pond that was adjacent to their position. After an eventful night plans were slightly changed in as much as we only captured one prisoner, who gladly gave in to the "battering" he was given, if only for a crafty smoke.

During exercise "West End", which took place in Cornwall, we were attached to "A" Company and formed No. 3 Platoon. Lt. Thomas, who recently arrived back from the Wessex Brigade Depot, was appointed Platoon Commander. The platoon worked well under his supervision and withstood the "inclement weather" that was encountered during the exercise.

Whilst rehearsing for this exercise at Poole Harbour we had many amusing incidents. "Stumpy" (alias Neels) could not get used to the idea of having to jump off a Landing Craft. Unfortunately the assault craft we practised in were not of the same type that we were going to use on the actual day, with the result that Neels had to jump at least six feet and finished up completely under the water. The Drum-Major did a spot of quick rescue work by diving in to find the half-drowned Neels, who by this time was minus his rifle and mortar bombs. Not to be dismayed, "Stumpy" carried on regardless, to reach his objective.

On return to our platoon position after a Battalion night attack against the Gurkhas, the Drum-Major and Platoon Commander achieved the impossible by having a complete change of clothing on their bodies within a few minutes of entering the bivouac. This was indeed an achievement as the bivouac was at least 6 inches under water!

On arrival in Northern Ireland we will again be transferred to Training Company, where we will be closer to our blood brothers (the Band). When this move is completed we hope to have more time together as a Band and Drums. At the time of going to Press we find ourselves extremely busy in preparation for Beating Retreat. This is taking place at Crownhill Fort for the first time and will give the parade an ideal setting for the ceremony.

We are looking forward to the summer season in earnest, and to seeing some new faces and also some very old friends. The platoon has only two new faces since the last publication of the Journal in the form of Drummers Slade and Rumson.

We congratulate L/Cpl. Turner on his recent promotion, and Dmr. Gilbert on passing the Junior N.C.O.s' cadre. Also congratulations to Dmr. Neels on his recent marriage; our next contender for the Banns of Marriage will be Dmr. Wells, who should be "hitched" by July.

The Band

As we embark on our 1963 engagement season, our Bandsmen are already feeling somewhat apprehensive when faced with such a complex tour as we are tackling this year, together with the resultant rigours. To quote one typical example: within the next week the Band are appearing at three separate resorts, over three successive days, each resort being more than three hundred miles apart, which will naturally entail living and sleeping aboard a coach en route between performances. Having regard to this, and the fact, which has been popularly noted within the Battalion, that the "Band have actually been doing guards recently", we coin the phrase so frequently heard over the past few years (with the obvious correction of course!) "We've never had it so bad!"

Over the past two weeks we have found a couple of days in which to travel to Sennybridge to work side by side with the Band of the Devonshire Regiment (1st R.V.) T. A. This provided not only a pleasure, but indeed quite an experience to combine the rather young ideas within our own Band with those of old stagers, and also to renew acquaintances with Bandmaster "Vic" Staddon, Sgt. "Nobby" Knowles, Bds. "Lackrey" Woodcock, to mention but a few. We have also been able to put the Band at the disposal of the Dorset Regiment (T.A.) when the Band joined them at their camp at Deves, playing for their Presentation Parade, and for the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes.

We were naturally delighted when we learned of the Band's great contribution to winning the Army Hockey Cup in Germany. Well done Sgts. Pike and Begam, L/Cpl. Griffiths and Bds. King.

"A" Company

Time flies! It only seems a few weeks ago that we compiled our last contribution to the Journal. After the rigours of the Administrative Inspection life settled down a little. The Company Commander actually drafted a Training Syllabus which we were able to keep to for all of three weeks. After this period came our most hectic time. Towards the end of April we ran the 43 Div. Rifle Meeting at Piddlehinton, and we have just finished running the South-Western United Services Small Arms Meeting. We are getting rather too expert at this type of soldiering!

At the beginning of May we took part in the preparation and execution of exercise "West End", an amphibious beach assault exercise. This exercise proved among other things how cold and wet it can be on Bodmin Moor.

Our next exercise was exercise "Strident Dragon". In this scheme we acted as enemy at Sennybridge to the T.A. in the form of the Devonshire Regiment and the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. Ap-

parently from their point of view we were a good enemy, perhaps too good.

From Sennybridge we moved to Tidworth Penings to join up with the rest of the Battalion for exercise "No Hiding Place". This exercise was a patrolling exercise, "A" Company patrolling against "C" Company, or so it seemed, though the actual aim of the exercise was to capture two desperate criminals (in the form of Sgt. Riggs and Sgt. Hale). At one stage of the scheme each Company had one desperado and "C" Company were making a valient struggle to capture the "A" Company stronghold on Sidbury Hill, which was only defended by Support Platoon. However, help was soon to come in the shape of 1 and 2 Platoons who, rumour has it, ran from the southern end of the Training area. We then managed to assert our supremacy by capturing the criminals. It is rumoured that several of the Platoon Commanders won posthumous V.C.s during the day!

"C" Company

We have now returned to the Battalion after a five-month independent tour in Benghazi. It was an interesting experience for us all. We can now bother the Adjutant and Quartermaster over problems we had to resolve ourselves.

Our last six weeks in Benghazi were quite hectic, with platoon adventure training expeditions followed by the hand-over. Even Company Headquarters ventured as far as the Roman-Hellenistic ruins at Cyrene and Appollonia.

Adventure Training. 7 Platoon established a base on the coast near Toliuli. When not sunning themselves they managed an expedition into the desert to Giarabub. There they visited the tombs of the Kings of Libya. It is also rumoured that some members of this expedition should have collected an Egyptian entry in their passports! The remainder of the platoon studied military history on the Tobruk battlefields.

Support Platoon's expedition is reported at the end of these notes; 8 Platoon really experienced the hazards of desert driving and suffered breakdowns and bogged down vehicles. Extricating these was obviously thirsty work as the platoon drank £80 worth of beer.

Return from Benghazi. The advance party from a Company of the Green Howards arrived in early April and a large number of entries then appeared in the Company account for paint brushes! Our return to the U.K. went very smoothly, even if we had to rise at 0100 hours. However, we did arrive in Plymouth at 1900 hours that day to be met by the C.O. and Band. The Customs also benefited by our return! The train carriages from Paddington were reserved for the "1st Permanent Dorset Regiment". No doubt an amendment to Staff Duties in the Field will be issued shortly.

Since Benghazi. The week's disembarkation leave seemed all too short and we were soon back preparing to invade Cornwall in exercise "West End". This was marked chiefly by the very wet weather and the C.S.M. pulling the emergency air-bottle on his life-jacket when it was already inflated. He fell backwards from the scrambling net into the DUKW just in time to avoid a bayonet thrust from the 2 i/c.

Our knowledge of helicopter emplaning drills came in useful the following week at Tidworth. Some rather weary members of 7 Platoon on patrol

were startled when a helicopter landed close by them in the middle of the training area. Gathering their wits, they made the correct signs and climbed aboard. A Buffs Company Commander was very surprised to see them arrive in his Company area! The R.A.F. retrieved them by flying the patrol back to the lunch rendezvous.

Our return from Benghazi has meant saying farewell to many people with whom we shared a common experience. Major John Hollingshead has returned to the Mediterranean as G.S.O.2 (Int.) Malta, and the signallers and drivers have returned to their respective platoons.

Major Mike Bullock has assumed responsibility for us. He has been baptised by falling headlong into a stream on a night attack. His shouts of "Follow me" went unheeded.

Desert Expedition

On March 8 Support Platoon left Benghazi to try to find an oil-rig deep in the desert belonging to the British Petroleum Company. We travelled in four open Land Rovers and had two three-tonners to carry all our stores. As we left, the weather was overcast but we all hoped for sunshine as we got farther south. However, our first night was spent in an electric storm!

After that the weather was excellent and we made very good progress. Driving in the desert is a wonderful experience and it is possible to drive at a high speed for mile after mile; we were soon all very wind and sun-burned. Actually this nearly led to our undoing as the leading Land Rover suddenly came bonnet to bonnet with an enormous great six-wheel truck at the top of a crest. Fortunately the driver of the latter had quick reactions, for he left the track at about 40 m.p.h. and flashed past. We felt it might have been difficult to explain away an accident in the middle of a vast expanse of nothing. After some nifty work with our sun-compass we arrived at the rig, having covered 400 miles in three days.

We spent two days at the rig and were magnificently entertained. The oil men live like lords, and offered us the use of their bar and showers with unlimited hot and cold water, and ice-cold beer. Lt. Hurst, C.S.M. Granger and Sgt. Crocker were invited to eat in their Mess, where the food was without doubt the best we had tasted since leaving England. During the day we lay in the sun and were shown over the rig itself. This was most interesting and we were fortunate enough to see the drilling bit changed, a lengthy operation which, in this case, involved pulling 10,000 feet of pipe out of the hole. In the evening we sat out on the sand dunes and watched a film show.

This camp was in the heart of the Libyan Sand Desert. It seemed quite incongruous that such a luxurious place should exist in such a barren wilderness. Driving in and out of the sand sea was the most difficult part of the trip. Unfortunately we did not have proper sand tyres and our progress was often painfully slow. We spent a lot of time grovelling under vehicles with our shovels, but eventually we got out of the dunes and on to the hard firm surface where the going was excellent.

Our return journey was uneventful except when we decided to buy two dozen eggs for our last breakfast. We experienced great difficulty in cracking them into the frying pan and eventually discovered that they were all hard-boiled. We returned

to the Battalion on March 15 having spent a most enjoyable and instructive week.

Training Company

Since our last notes we have welcomed and bid farewell to a Junior N.C.O.s' Cadre and Salamanca Platoon; the departure of the latter marked the end of attachments of Wessex Brigade personnel who were under age to join their respective Battalions. Wherever they are we take this opportunity of wishing them well. We also bid a soldier's farewell to Dartmoor and all its associated Tors; the lonely vigils of N.C.O.s manning "check points" for map reading exercises; the unheard cynical epithets, cast to the winds as unfamiliar hands attempted to reconcile theories of conversion of bearings with nameless Tors which appeared to exist where none was indicated on the map.

Major P. H. Wood is now at the helm, and the office wallpaper design has changed from Training Syllabus and Adventure Training catalogues to Band engagements and Staff promotion Syllabus. Pte. Green is now re-established behind the typewriter and is busy trying, with mixed results, to convert our vintage typewriter to conform with Staff Duties in the Field.

We have filled in so many returns to get ourselves to Northern Ireland that we are not quite certain whether the families move in containers, or the car-owners go by rail, or whether it would not be easier to winch Ireland to the mainland. One of our more adventurous N.C.O. Instructors suggested that because of the baggage weight limitation the Battalion team for exercise "Black Velvet" should be selected from survivors who were successful in crossing the Irish Sea in a canoe.

The Stork appears to have finally migrated, or can it be that its absence is due to collecting for a re-supply? Our congratulations go to Capt. Cann on his promotion, and we are looking forward to admiring shooting trophies from Bisley. Pte. Kiff has discovered the secret of obtaining a medical release, and we wish him success in civilian life.

Officers' Mess

After the excitement of Denmark we have had a quiet period with, due to training, very few officers in the Mess at any one time.

On March 27 we had a Guest Night to which we invited the Navy and several retired officers of the Regiment, and on April 30 we entertained officers of the Depot. On May 27, Bois des Buttes Day, we entertained to lunch Capt. Billy Burke, who was Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion during the battle in 1918.

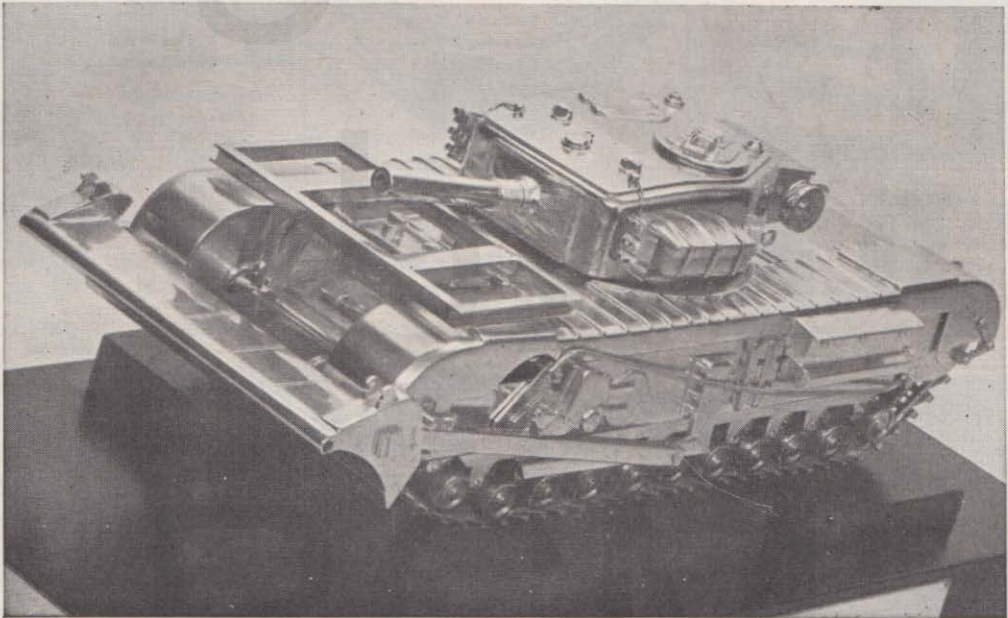
On May 29 the Band and Drums beat an excellent Retreat in the Fort at Crownhill, followed by a large cocktail party in the Mess, attended by almost every officer of the Regiment, serving or retired, living within 100 miles of Plymouth. It was exceptionally pleasant to see so many old friends, as well as a number of civil and service dignitaries from Plymouth.

A number of officers have called or been invited to the Mess, including Colonel Reggie Hill, Ivor Ramsay, on leave from Africa, "Red" Marshall, Major Walter Radcliffe, Colonel Dennis Bullock, Brigadier Guy Young and Colonel Martin Hastings; it was most pleasant to see all these old friends. Whilst we camped at Tidworth Pennings it was particularly good to see Colonel Geoffrey White



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and Daphne, and to have the Deputy Colonel spend a day with us. Also John Reynolds and Julian Goodbody were most welcome.

We have said good-bye to John Hollingshead, who is now in Malta. Also gone are Malcolm Wadham to the Depot; Jim Hewitt, who is with the Royal Marines at Lymington when he is not playing hockey for the Battalion; Frank Dowling and Andrew Scrivener. We welcome back a somewhat transatlanticised Mike Bullock, who is the present P.M.C., and Derek Thomas from the Depot.

Congratulations to Andrew Scrivener for his successes on the hockey field, playing for the Army, the Combined Services and Devon, as well as his successful captaincy of the Battalion side.

Congratulations also to Derek Crabtree and Dick Jury on their nominations to Camberley.

Stop Press.—Information has just been received that Bill Blake has been awarded the M.B.E. in The Birthday Honours List. A thoroughly deserved award for which we all heartily congratulate him.

Sergeants' Mess

Since our last Journal notes much water, snow and sand has passed under the feet of most members, and we are now anxiously awaiting, amongst the usual host of rumours, for the signal from someone in Movements that will get us across to the Emerald Isle. As someone remarked while listening to the Astronaut Cooper launching, he travelled 500 miles in 5 minutes and we only have to organise a move to Belfast.

Certainly our security is second to none, and we are not snowed under with paper ref: N. Ireland. On the other hand, as the result of a few odd notes on a few thousand sheets of paper, most of those detailed turned up to take part in exercise "West End". Some people are still trying to wade through the paper issued and others we hear didn't even attempt to start reading. The exercise itself turned out to be an extremely enjoyable 48 hours' jog-trot through beautiful sunny Cornwall.

We are pleased to note that as a result of the Battalion night attack on High Moor, those who took part have been booked down as having passed their P.E. Swimming Test. Those of us watching from the L.C.T. (excepting those concerned with the seniority roll) as Jimmy Granger struggled manfully against his accidentally (?) inflated life-jacket, rifle and sling, breathed a sigh of relief when all was well. It has been reported that while quickly being choked by his rifle-sling, Jimmy croaked: "Puncture it." He has not been treated for a stomach wound, neither has his waist measurement suddenly been reduced to 26 inches.

During March the Commissioning of H.M.S. *Devonshire* at Plymouth gave us an opportunity to see how the other half live. We were invited down to the docks to look over the new ship. In actual fact only three members partially managed to evade the ambush of rum, and saw round the ship. It was seen that the vehicles returning the party to barracks had a definite list to port and were pitching badly. As a result of the visit, Knacker Knight wishes to know when the allowance for No. 2 Dress starts.

In April we decided to hold a Ladies' Night in the Mess. Attempting to seat nearly 100 members and ladies in our rabbit hutch is no mean feat. That it was accomplished and a first-class dinner produced was due to C.S.M. Jock Sutherland and

Committee, who gave all normal workers a holiday by having an outside caterer to do the honours. We should also record our thanks to Drummy Barlow for stepping into the breach of Entertainments at very short notice, and along with the Dinner Committee, produced a very pleasant evening.

Security at national level may be bad, but it's absolutely water-tight in the Battalion. So much so that details of a 10-mile P.E. test, for which senior Warrant Officers were to act as recorders, were released ten minutes before the march started. We hope next time the official secret will not be so well kept (usually they are not—though we kid everyone they are), then all will have equal opportunity to:—

- (a) Ride a P.R.I. cycle.
- (b) Produce a reason for not attending as a recorder as most of the officers did. (Oh, why don't we play hockey!)
- (c) Get sore feet.

In case the War Office are not sure of the Arms Plot we can put them right. With a spate of postings to and from the Battalion, an overseas tour for 1 D. & D. is imminent. We will pass on where we want to go as soon as we feel the time is ripe. C.S.M. Bob Longley and Mrs. Longley have left for the R.A.E.C. Depot, at least that's where Bill will end up via Aldershot, Aden, etc. We look forward in anticipation to seeing the "Longley" trademark on future R.A.E.C. officers. Sgt. Buck has fiddled his way to Hong Kong. R.S.M. Pollard, C.S.M. Jimmy Granger as R.Q.M.S., C/Sgt. Rogers and Sgt. Cocks have booked up for the Depot.

Others are of course booked for the T.A. and E.R.E. appointments; they shall be nameless! S.Q.M.S. Dave Gallachan has (even "managed to get himself posted to the S.T.I. pool at Southern Command")—Whitbread keg sales in the Mess will suffer!

To all those who have left us we say thank you for your company, your work, and to your ladies for supporting the Mess so well.

We know that all those who have left or are leaving will be delighted to receive an invitation to the "Trooping the Colour" ceremony in N. Ireland in 1964. We hope some of you will come.

Our congratulations to Jock Sutherland on the award of his L.S. & G.C. for those usual years of undetected crime, we know it couldn't have been unpunished detected crime. We are hoping to catch him in the Mess for a drink when all members are present.

We hope all are not as cynical as the one who said: "Nowadays the qualification for the L.S. & G.C. is 18 years of extremely hard work trying to obtain a Regimental Entry."

At the time of writing these notes the Mess is being prepared for hand-over! Any Mess member who was with us in Cyprus for the move home will appreciate what we are up against. Having been warned about the move in October, 1962, Paddy Holcombe immediately started thinning out the furniture and accommodation stores from bunks and buildings. With three months to go before the move, living-in members are daily pleading to be left with a bed to sleep on.

Photographs of equipment and weapons (actual items would risk too much shock), are now being left around the Mess to lessen the shock to Paddy,

who becomes a Platoon Sergeant again once he has handed the Mess over in Plymouth.

Finally we must welcome the sun-tanned members of "C" Company back to the fold from Benghazi; also C/Sgt. Ellis from Signal Wing, and Sgt. Randall from the T.A. Congratulations to Bob McGregor on his appointment to R.Q.M.S. (He can now take that bat on charge.)

Stop Press.—It has just been confirmed that Rog Rogers has been awarded his L.S. & G.C. and has joined Jock Sutherland in 18 years' undetected crime. Drinks all round. Congratulations, Rog.

Corporals' Mess

Like all contributors, this writer has been pondering the problem about what to write this quarter, most of the Unit being away on exercises. However, we did have a social evening during the month of April in the form of a dance, buffet and draw. As usual the same names were called out of the drum and the delighted few dashed away with the loot. (We are holding an enquiry to see why a certain N.C.O. always smells of roses.)

Things remained quiet until the beginning of May when exercise "West End" commenced. No doubt other contributors will elaborate fully on what took place, so it is best that we should concentrate on the "off the beaten track" happenings. Two N.C.O.s were detailed to guard vehicles which had been loaded the day previous to the exercise commencing. On arrival on board they enquired as to where they could be billeted. "Go aft along the port side, face to starboard just forward of those capstans, proceed inboard, turn forward and you will find the forward Mess—which is aft of the ship," was the reply.

Needless to say the resulting look on their faces was quite a picture, but in fact they found their bearings in the end. We were certainly well looked after during our stay, and we would like to extend our thanks to the R.A.S.C. crew for their hospitality.

The other exercise took place at Tidworth and things started on a dull note for the advance party, rigging marquees and 160-pounders in the rain. The result was that the place got the name of Mudworth. However, the tents proved waterproof and things brightened up with hot char and compo inside us. During the fortnight, there was a lot of activity with Companies coming and going.

As leave was allowed, we are not quite certain if the nightly exodus was caused by this, or whether a certain other dish made them look for slant-eyed beauties in the town. If we get any more of this dish perhaps the unit will be sent to Hong Kong to blend with the local population.

The unit arrived back in barracks ready for a well-earned week-end at Whitsun, and the start of the packing up to go to the Emerald Isle. Packing one's kit in crates is one thing, but we still look forward to seeing somebody pack his motorcycle in one and get it safely to the other side—all 250 lbs. plus. Cars seem to be the main headache, and "going cheap" can be heard everywhere.

Congratulations to the following members on their promotion to Corporal:—

Armstrong, Ward, Harris, Brooking, Spratt, Stoll, Burn and Kaye.

And to Lance-Corporal:—

Casemore, Duffin, Dyer, Fowler, Ginn, Hancock,

Lofthouse, Turner and Wiltshire; all are welcome to the Mess.

Our next contribution will be written with the help o' the little people, so don't be surprised if the spelling is a little bit haywire. The pronunciation will be accurate enough though. Oi don't fer the life o' may know what the divel oile be writing about in the next issue.

SPORT

Soccer

At the end of yet another soccer season, the only thing that remains to be done is that of writing up the successes and disappointments.

In the purely military competitions, the Battalion team won the 3 Infantry Division Championship by defeating 5 Regiment, R.A., at Tidworth Oval by 4-1. As a result of this the team was required to represent the Division in the Southern Command semi-final and final. In the semi-final played at Larkhill, the result was a win over the School of Artillery by 5-1, but in the final, played once again at Tidworth Oval, we were defeated by 3 Para. Regiment by the only goal of the match. This was an unfortunate result for us as the goal went in off a defender; nevertheless 3 Para. were a good side and deserved some luck. Our shooting in this match was atrocious and at no time did we look like being the winners.

The Battalion "A" team finished the season in third place in the Devon Wednesday League, a worthy effort after a bad start to the season by losing three matches by the odd goal. In the final of the Knockout Cup we succumbed to Co-op Welfare by 3-0, and so our rivals equalled our last season's record of the League and Cup double.

The Battalion "B" team ended its season in the bottom half of Division I of Devon Wednesday League, but considering the many training commitments which naturally take priority over soccer, the lads put up a creditable performance.

In individual Devon Wednesday League honours, Cpl. Roberts won the Sportsman of the Year Cup in Division I, and Cpl. Bird gained a runners-up plaque in the Premier Division of the Sportsman's Competition. The selection of individuals for awards in the Sportsman's Competition is done by opposing teams voting an opponent as the player of the match, and at the end of the season the player with the most votes win the awards. This is a new competition originated by the Devon Wednesday League and does much to encourage good sportsmanship.

Cpl. Bird represented Devon County F.A. at centre-half in Southern Counties Championship matches against Somerset, Cornwall and Middlesex during the season, and did much to get the County team into the semi-final which unfortunately they lost. He has only played Saturday League soccer for Dartmouth United when free to do so. Pte. Gaunt has played for St. Blazey in the East Cornwall League, and also in two trial matches for Plymouth Argyle Reserves in the Football Combination League. In his debut against Luton Town Reserves he scored one goal and made an easy one for his inside forward. He has scored over 100 goals during the season for the Regiment and St. Blazey.

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WESSEX BRIGADE DEPOT

Depot Notes

After the great freeze-up of January and February, the Depot took a very active and successful part in the 43 Div./Dist. sporting programme. Our first win was the Small Bore Meeting, and the second, the Minor Units Cross-Country Championships at which Lt. Derek Thomas was the individual winner. The hockey team also brought home the Minor Units Cup.

Meanwhile the shooting teams have been training steadily, and at the South Western United Services Small Arms Meeting they acquitted themselves very well. They won the Junior Falling Plate; were joint winners of the Junior Rifle; runners-up in the Senior Plate; and finished up as the leading Army team of the meeting. Needless to say they now have their eyes on Bisley.

Junior Soldiers' Company Notes

During the spring term the Junior Soldiers' platoon were bitten by the 50 miles in 20 hours bug, and spent their week-ends slogging through the rain and mud in preparation for an attempt at the end of the term. They achieved their object just before Easter, all members of the platoon finishing a 55-mile march in 18 hours.

On returning from Easter leave the Company started off well by winning the Depot Sports Meeting by a convincing margin, and although the

standard was not all that high, it was a boost to our morale to beat the men.

Lt. David Jones, D.E.R.R., who incidentally had been responsible for the 50-mile march success, then disappeared on Dartmoor every week-end with a party of volunteers to train for the Ten Tors march at Whitsun. Once again his energy and enthusiasm paid dividends, and our team of under 16 year-olds finished a 35-mile course in fine style, well up amongst the leaders. A team of under 18's also completed their 50-mile course some time later after giving those waiting at the finishing line an anxious couple of hours. It appeared that the team was lost somewhere in the middle of the moor, as at 4 o'clock on the Sunday afternoon, nothing had been heard from them since 10 a.m. It was a great relief to hear the announcer say that they had arrived at the tenth Tor. Apparently the wireless sets at a couple of check points had broken down and therefore the team was not shown on the information board as having passed through. Both teams were presented with the very handsome Ten Tors medals.

Our energies are now concentrated on preparation for the Plymouth Army Week at which we are putting on displays by the Corps of Drums and the Junior Privates, and once that is over there will just be enough time to organise Parents' Day and the summer camps in the Channel Islands. But more of that in the next issue.

BULL

Surely "Sinbad" in the last copy of the Journal confused Bull and Personal Pride. Bull (at least my interpretation of it), is and never has been an adjunct to discipline because Bull is the totally unnecessary time-wasting endeavours demanded by psychiatric cases. Things like "clipping grass with scissors", "sweeping parade grounds with tooth brushes", "painting or whitewashing coal heaps", etc., are (while normally called Bull) purely gross stupidity.

Personal Pride on the other hand has, in recent years, had to take the place of Regimental Pride. The advent of cross-posting between four regiments of the Brigade has, to some extent, made Regimental Pride as it used to be known, a thing of the past.

Personal Pride is the necessary pride one has in oneself, and from this stems a Regimental Pride of a much looser form than previously known. As "Sinbad" states, pride in one's appearance, turnout, arms, equipment, living accommodation, and all things appertaining to smartness, are necessary forms of self-discipline.

In these enlightened days any irksome task will bring cries of Bull. This cry will happily be taken up in the press and other mediums. We can only hope that if ever we find ourselves in the same position as we were in 1939, those individuals who have printed Bull in the largest letters and shouted it loudest over other mediums, will be the first to join a well-disciplined unit.

May I end by saying that while disagreeing with "Sinbad" over his use of the word Bull, I too give you a toast. "Sir, here's to Personal Pride, may it return to its full glory and continue unabated."

LLUB.

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Other players who have represented civilian clubs at week-ends are Crumpton, Horswell, Roberts, Walker and Wakefield. In general, players from the Regiment have given generous support to many local clubs in week-end football, which gives the players an opportunity of not only representing their local teams but also keeping the Regiment in the public eye.

Rugger

Since our last entry in the Journal there has not been much rugger played in the Battalion. The main reason being that there have always been a large number of the Battalion away, and hence it has been difficult to raise a team after the hockey and soccer teams have chosen their players.

We did, however, manage to raise a team to take part in the 3 Div. Cup. We had a bye into the second round, and in the semi-final we should have played the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, but managed to persuade them that we were a very strong side and they "scratched". In the final in a very hard-fought and thrilling game we lost to the 3 Div., R.E., who had two Army centres, by 9 points to 6.



THE DEVONSHIRE REGIMENT (T.A.)

(THE FIRST RIFLE VOLUNTEERS)

The Battalion went to camp at Sennybridge from May 4 to 18. Attendance figures indicated an improvement on previous years, 330 all ranks attending out of a possible strength of 460, but allowing for the fact that about 30 are quite unable for reasons beyond their control to attend, there are still approximately 100 men not attending who should be able to do so.

Those who knew Sennybridge will remember its comparative isolation and its lovely scenery; in the cold and very wet weather we experienced almost throughout the camp period, the isolation tends to be magnified whilst the beauties of the countryside are not so noticeable. The training areas are extremely good however, and a great deal of hard work was done. This was a Brigade Group camp, and whilst the first week was devoted to sub-unit and cadre training, the second week was taken up by an exercise set for the Brigade by 43 (Wessex) Division. The enemy force for this exercise was provided by "A" Company of the 1st Battalion, and their Recce Platoon under John Hill joined forces with our Recce Platoon nucleus and fought valiantly for us.

Fitting the whole Brigade Group into the A.A.T.A. Camp meant that accommodation and space was rather cramped and we could not spread ourselves as we would have liked. In spite of this, however, we were well looked after and came away with an impression of a well-run camp.

We were delighted to have with us for a few days the Band of the 1st Battalion. They came to rehearse with our own Band for a combined performance they were to give during the Plymouth Army Week. Both Bands and our own Corps of Drums put on a concert in the Garrison Cinema which will remain in our memories for a long time—particularly their playing of "Finlandia". It was sad that this concert was not better supported.

Finally, at the end of camp 2/Lt. Brogan of "C" Company and Pte. Tyrrell of "D" Company went to London to take part in the T.A. Boxing Championships. We were delighted with their subsequent achievements, for Tony Brogan won the Heavyweight Championship and Pte. Tyrrell won his quarter-final fight and was only beaten in the semi-final by the eventual winner of the Light-Heavyweight class. Well done both!

Headquarter Company

We welcome 2/Lt. Chesterfield as 2 i/c Signal Platoon and hope that he will enjoy his stay with us. We were also pleased to see Pte. Jacobs back after his studies in London, and Private Choules, M., after his boxing mishap.

L/Cpls. Bennett and Vodden are to be congratulated on their promotion to Corporal, also Pte. Tomlinson on his promotion to Lance-Corporal. C/Sgt. Midson has been switched from C.Q.M.S. H.Q. Company to C/Sgt. of the Battalion Trans-

port. Sgt. Higgs has been acting C/Sgt. for some weeks, including the period at Camp. As far as recruits are concerned we have been pleased to welcome Ptes. Norman and Palmer (both re-enlistments), together with Ptes. Bacon, Blaker, Burfoot, Green, Michaelis and Cfn. Lewis.

Our main preoccupation since the last issue of the Journal has been Annual Camp, and the Company attendance was most encouraging. We were all sorry that C.S.M. Wiles was not his usual self during most of the period, but in spite of this he was a somewhat fearsome sight in track-suit when the Company won the only soccer match that they were able to play.

It was gratifying that the Brigade Commander had a special word of praise for the Regimental Police during the course of his De-briefing Conference at the end of the exercise "Strident Dragon". It is also understood on good authority that when, during the exercise, a senior officer visited Battalion H.Q. during the hours of darkness and lost his way, it was the snores coming from the direction of the R.P. vehicles that enabled him to get back to his own staff car. One of the most encouraging features about the exercise was the enthusiasm of most of the younger members of the Company.

On the last evening we had a Company Party at one of the Sennybridge hotels, which was well-attended, and all that can clearly be remembered is that Pte. Crabb was the star turn. One final comment about Camp—it is understood that Pte. Carnell did not find a watch this year!

By the time these notes are published a most exciting experiment with the Cadets will have commenced. A Signals Course has been arranged for about 12 senior cadets which will last until Christmas, two hours' training being given every Friday evening under Lt. Simey's supervision. We are all confident that this is going to be a success and could well lead to a much closer link with the Cadet Force which is so obviously desirable.

As soon as we see that it is going well we hope to interest the cadets in another course on M.T., and naturally we hope, as a result of our efforts, to attract a number of recruits who will already have had a considerable amount of training.

"A" Company

The final stages of the Plymouth T.A. Units Pentathlon were reached at Tregantle Ranges on March 30 and at Hemerdon Mine on April 21. On both occasions the weather was quite out of season for the sun shone brilliantly! A real competitive spirit was evident in the shoot, and although the Company did not finish in the first three, the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part. Of course the fact that Cpl. Hooper had made a very large sign pointing Barwards may have had something to do with it; anyway, Sgt. Trude, who ran

the bar, pronounced himself well satisfied with the takings.

At the same time as the shoot, a Cookery Competition was being held in the Fort. Such a whiteness everywhere. Cooks of all units being marked on turnout, were spotless. L/Cpl. Pinnock and Ptes. Webb and Murray, representing "A" Company, made a good job of the three-course meal, which was quickly disposed of by the shooting team.

At Hemerdon Mine, an old workings not far from Plymouth, "A" Company once again entered a team, this time First Aid, under command of L/Cpl. McDermott. They really put on a first-class show, recording very fast times throughout the practices. After a very exciting and instructive day, the final placings showed "A" Company in equal second place being beaten by 11 C.C.S., which is hardly surprising.

About Camp, my own impressions are that it was enjoyed by all, even taking into consideration the poor weather of the first week. All were agreed that every aspect of camp was well worth the soakings that were endured.

"B" Company

Most of the training has centred this quarter around camp. This was once again a great success and the vigorous training under difficult conditions was much enjoyed.

We have, however, had two days on the range. The first when we were zeroing rifles and the second a practice shoot in perfect summer conditions, both of which were on Rippon Tor.

We congratulate Sgt. Knight on his recent promotion. We welcome Mr. Collinson, who has joined us at Paignton as the Company 2 i/c. We also welcome Ptes. Northway, Pease, Skinner, Wills and Prouse to 5 Platoon, and Ptes. Endicott and Friend to 7 Platoon. We trust they will enjoy their service with the Company.

"C" Company

Since the last edition of the Journal we have embarked on numerous tasks of varying kinds, most of them leading towards our biggest event of the year, Annual Camp.

Communications being the key word, we firstly embarked on exercise "Cowslip" full of good intentions, but with varying success; to say a lot was learnt is putting it mildly (we certainly had a lot to learn). It could be argued that the Compo dulled our senses to a certain degree, one cannot concentrate on an empty stomach, to say the least, there was certainly no oversight on the issue of the composite.

We travelled to camp a little apprehensive as to the role we would play during the fortnight's training; our numbers were extremely good compared with other years. The younger soldiers of the Company joined the recruits' training cadre for a week and did outstandingly well, everyone passed out at the end of the training, and by all accounts, thoroughly enjoyed it. The remainder of the Company amalgamated with "D" Company as a trained soldiers' cadre. Their first week at camp proved to be a very full one, being on the ranges every day and getting wet most of the time. On the one dry day a Platoon in Attack set-piece exercise was carried out. "C" Company section under command of Cpl. Vickery were by far the hardest worked during the exercise, as they had to do a flanking

attack up a steep hill, but it appeared that everyone in the section survived and were only a little stiff the next day.

Another day was spent digging a platoon defensive position in the pouring rain, and after everybody had got wet through the cry was heard, "Right, fill them in"; luckily no one misunderstood! When this was completed "C" and "D" Companies carried out an attack on "A" and "B", which meant that we had to cross a river; this was not done by stepping-stones but by wading waist-deep. The attack being successful, lunch was called for, after which everyone was told to wash the tools in the river; one or two not having got wet enough, decided to hold a drill parade mid-stream by sloping shovels and marching up and down.

The second week we spent propping up the remainder of the Battalion in no uncertain terms and with great success, once again proving the point that "savage we may be, but us b'aint daft".

The biggest success to date has been undoubtedly the winning of the T.A. Heavyweight Championship by Lt. Brogan; we congratulate him—so there must be something in those Ri-vita biscuits after all—Ugh!

Congratulations to 2/Lt. Phillips on the arrival of a daughter, and to the Company Commander, who is expecting an increase any day. We say good-bye to the R.S.M. Nott in a very short while, and wish him and his wife every good fortune in the coming year.

"D" Company

The Company are now proud holders of the Falkner Cup, awarded to the winners of the "Section N.C.O.s' Fire Orders Competition".

Of the three Company teams taking part, two, the Exmouth team under Cpl. Gooding, and the Tiverton team under L/Cpl. Gibson, had the highest scores in the competition for their types of target.

We are now looking forward to our second sea-borne exercise, "Splash II", which will take the form of landing the Company from D.U.K.W.s on the beach at Exmouth near Orcombe Point on July 6.

Band

It was a pleasure for us to amalgamate with the Band of the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, who paid us a short visit in Annual Camp in Wales. The high spot of their visit was the concert given by the combined bands in the camp cinema. The concert began with Ord Hume's fine bugle march "Bab-el-Mandeb", the Corps of Drums marching from the back of the cinema to take up their positions on the stage. This was followed by the Overture "Zampa", conducted by Mr. V. Staddon, M.B.E. The final item, a tone poem by Sibelius, "Finlandia", was conducted by Mr. R. Benson. Other items were chosen to display the capabilities of the various soloists. There was a trombone trio, a woodwind ensemble, and trumpet solos with the evergreen "Posthorn Gallop" by Koenig. In this number, Sgt. W. Banning excelled himself and gave a stupendous performance. I have been connected with Military Bands for over forty years and one tends to get blasé about band performances, but it was a privilege to listen to this band of 63 performers.

We are glad that Sgt. Banning is recovering from his illness and hope that he will soon be quite fit; it is a tremendous strain to give such a rendering of the Posthorn Gallop.

We are indeed grateful to Major Phillips, Royal Army Pay Corps, for presenting us with some music which will help to fill a gap in our library. We have one of the finest libraries of music possessed by any T.A. Band, but having a limited amount of money to spend on music, there are some large gaps which we hope one day to fill.

Band practice at camp was held in the dining-hall so we were able to oblige the cooks of the Army Catering Corps with their regimental march, "Sugar and Spice", most of them hearing it for the first time.

Officers' Mess

On Saturday, April 6, we dined all the wives of the Officers—the first times ladies had dined in the Mess. Despite several animated discussions among the more conservative-minded members, it was generally voted a great success.

At Annual Camp, the Mess could fairly be described as adequate rather than ostentatious. Guests at the Regimental Dinner were Maj.-Gen. Borradale, Colonel of the Regiment; Brigadier Acland, Chairman Devon Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association; Brigadier Floyer-Acland, the new Brigade Commander; Lt.-Col. Hatfield, Secretary D.T. & A.F.A.; Lt.-Col. Brice, Royal Devon Yeomanry; and Lt.-Col. Williams, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

Newly joined and just in time for camp was Bill Knowles, our new Regimental Medical Officer. Apparently John Edward-Collins and Roy Patmore "pressed" him into service whilst water-skiing in Torbay.

Two other new arrivals unfortunately unable to attend camp are Tony Speller, who served with 1st Devons from 1951-53, and David Chesterfield, newly commissioned. Tony joins "D" Company whilst David is to function as Assistant Signals Officer.

Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess

Once again Annual Camp for 1963 is past, but not forgotten.

We would first like to take this opportunity of congratulating W.O.2 Wood, A.C.C. "C" Company on his promotion. Also our congratulations go to Sgts. Welch and Kent of "A" Company and Sgt. Knight of "B" Company on their promotions. We welcome you, gentlemen, and hope your stay with us will be a happy one.

Our thanks go to W.O.2 (George) Cook, and W.O.1 (Sammy) Taylor, and members of H.Q. 130 (West Country) Infantry Brigade for helping to make the Mess run smoothly, and not forgetting C/Sgt. (Pip) Sherborne, who was responsible for the messing. Thank you, gentlemen, for every assistance given towards the running of the Social activities, and we hope we have you in Mess with us in many more camps. Our thanks also to W.O.2 (Allen) Foster and Sgt. (Ray) Cole, for the hard work put in in preparing the Mess for the social functions. The Mess in camp, we are pleased to report, was very well supported.

The first Thursday of camp we had our first social evening, every Sergeants' Mess in the camp

was invited to the social evening, and we are happy to say that all turned up. A very good evening was had by all, the buffet was first-class.

Monday of the second week was the Officers' Guest Night; the initiation of newly-promoted Officers was carried out, which entailed the kissing of the Blarney Stone, during which Sgt. (Paul) Xerri displayed the most decorated shirt-tails seen for some time. We had our usual W.O.s and Sgts. versus the Officers tug-of-war in the Mess, and pleased to report we won—by fair means!

We also found out the truth about Lord Nelson's death, thanks to our friends from 130 Inf. Bde. During the evening W.O.2 (Tubby) Sherborne had the unenviable task of making a farewell speech and presentation to R.S.M. Nott; we cannot express our feelings enough having to say farewell to Phil Nott, he has been a great asset to The Devonshire Regiment and we can say no more, but, "We wish you every success with the 1st Battalion and hope you go from strength to strength. If at any time you are in England on leave, please drop in and have a rum and coke with us. We hope there is plenty of rum and coke in dear old Oirland!"

We take this opportunity of wishing R.S.M. (Ron) Pollard the best of luck in his new appointment at the Regimental Depot; we hope we shall be seeing you.

Coming to take up the appointment as Regimental Sergeant-Major to The Devonshire Regiment (1st Rifle Volunteers) will be R.S.M. (W.O.1) Piper at the moment of writing serving with the 1st Battalion The Gloucestershire Regiment in Cyprus; we the members of the Battalion Sergeants' Mess wish you every success in your new appointment and hope that your stay with us will be a happy one.

The camp itself at Sennybridge was quite pleasant, the weather not being too kind to us, but it was enjoyed by all. Exercise "Strident Dragon" was a success so we are informed by the higher authorities, our congratulations go to the 1st Battalion The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment who took the part of enemy and made sure that we were kept busy during the night.

To C/Sgt. (Chick) Ellis, who was on loan to us for the period of camp, we would like to say that we appreciate the assistance that you gave to our Signal Platoon, and that you were a great asset. We wish you well with Headquarter Company.

Before signing off, we of the Battalion Sergeants' Mess would like to wish ALL members of the 1st Battalion The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment the very best of luck in their new station in N. Ireland.

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THE DORSET REGIMENT (T.A.)

B.A.T.s. The quarter under review opened with a bang. After years of uphill struggle to obtain a B.A.T. we found ourselves issued with two. Lulworth Range was hastily booked, and the long wait to fire came to an end for those who at camp last year learnt the drills on a borrowed gun.

Cross-Country. The T.A. Cross-Country Championships at Bulford on March 30 gave our team the hardest run of the season. The opposition was very strong indeed and we finished 5th out of a field of eight teams.

A.C.F. Training. A new venture for the instructors of the Battalion is to train the A.C.F. after they have passed their Proficiency Certificate. Two week-ends have been run so far, the majority of the cadets bid for the basic infantry weapons course with the technically-minded opting to do a Signals course.

Divisional Rifle Meeting. The appalling weather conditions for the meeting this year were not conducive to the best scores. We managed however to obtain the following results:—

Stephens' Cup (Rapid Fire)—1st.
S.M.G. Team and Individual—Runners-up.
Sgt. Wareham 3rd.

Exercise "Merlin". The culmination of our pre-camp Civil Defence training came on the week-end, April 27-28. With the co-operation of the Winchester C.D. authorities and the support of 43 Div. Coln., R.A.S.C., we practised the difficult task of clearing a "Z" zone. All those who took part in the exercise not only enjoyed the week-end but all learnt a great deal from carrying out the tasks only previously heard of in the classroom.

Camp—Devizes. For some years the Army has recognised that proficiency in First Aid is a necessary basic skill for all soldiers wherever they serve, and that proficiency in the rescue of injured persons is essential for all those whose primary role is Home Defence. At home this role has been named Civil Defence by some genius of malapropism. The name itself dampens interest and makes soldiers reluctant to carry out what mistakenly they believe to be a civilian job. Home Defence, however, has through history been the priority task of the armed forces of the Crown, and in this day it involves the new skill of rescue from bomb-damaged areas.

It was to learn and prictise this skill that the Battalion went to the Army School of Civil Defence at Devizes for the 1963 camp. While the majority of the men in camp carried out a strenuous rescue and first aid programme, a basic recruit cadre for those who have less than one year's service and a specialist drivers upgrading cadre were also held. In the second week seven N.C.O.s of the anti-tank sections went to Netheravon where Major Reynolds had kindly organized an excellent week's course for them. Nobody could complain of being under-employed at camp and many had two or three jobs to do of widely varying types.

When we arrived at the School the workmen were still in many of the buildings, and although another unit had camped in the same accommodation the previous fortnight, the state of cleanliness was appalling. Forty-eight hours later, thanks to concentrated hard labour by all, the buildings were beginning to look like quarters occupied by soldiers. Under Cook Sgt.-Maj. Pugh's direction the cook-house and dining hall were transformed and years of grease and dirt were removed. The same results were achieved elsewhere, and when we handed over to the 7th Worcesters we knew that they were moving into accommodation of a high standard. The School had only opened in the old disused hutted camp in Devizes in December and the exceptional winter had frustrated the plans for rehabilitating the buildings.

During our stay there we had numerous visitors, including Lt.-Gen. Sir Robert Bray, G.O.C.-in-C. Southern Command with his A.D.C. John Wilsey; Maj.-Gen. Jock Holden, G.O.C. 43rd Wessex Division; and our own Brigade Commander, Brigadier W. G. S. Mills. Col. Weld, our Honorary Colonel, and Bobby Hamblin, the Secretary of the T.A. Association, spent Saturday and Sunday with us. On the Saturday morning at a very simple ceremonial parade Col. Weld presented Efficiency Medals to ex-C.S.M. Baker, C.S.M. Goodwin and to Sgt. White, and Lord Lieutenant's Certificates to C.S.M. Lamb, ex-C/Sgt. Henderson, C/Sgt. Matthews, ex-Sgt. Padfield, Sgt. Kibbey, Sgt. Richards, Cpl. Dorey and Cpl. Welch. The enjoyment of this occasion was enhanced by the presence of the Regimental Band, who came up specially from Plymouth.

While military training is an important item at T.A. camps, equally important is the social side, and the enjoyment off parade that everybody experiences. Devizes and a good N.A.A.F.I. in the School provided for most people, and on the second Tuesday a very successful all ranks' dance was held in the N.A.A.F.I. This was well attended and a cheerful affair. The takings over the bar that night almost equalled the takings for the previous ten days. The Sergeants' Mess were most fortunate with their accommodation and held a very successful Guest Night in the first week attended by the Brigade Commander and some of the officers, and an open house to the officers after the parade on the Saturday. The following Tuesday they all came over to the Officers' Mess for pre-dance lubrication. Other activities in the Officers' Mess included a Guest Night on Saturday when, in addition to Col. Weld and Bobby Hamblin, we welcomed the Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier Bredin, Tony Lewis and John Freer Smith. At last year's camp Tony managed to break his Achilles tendon; this year, to prove there was still life in the old dog, he dived into a subalterns' scrum and emerged with a black eye and broken ankle. There is an apposite parable in the Bible.

On the Sunday morning the Mess had a lunch party for wives and private guests. We were delighted to see Daphne and Geoffrey White, who was looking much better. Tony Thompson, an ex-Korean Dorset now serving with the Hereford Light Infantry, was attached to us for the whole camp and made a lively addition to the Mess. One other old friend we saw on one or two occasions was Donald James, who was camping at Tidworth at the same time. Major Eric Lyndon-Moore was dined out at camp this year after 12 years' service with the Regiment. He now moves to take up a staff appointment with H.Q., 128 Inf. Bde. (T.A.) at Winchester.

Next year we are to camp with the whole Brigade group at Stanford in Norfolk. Between now and then there is much to be done to ensure that as a Battalion we are as good tactically as we are at enjoying ourselves. The start of the year's training will be an amphibious exercise at Alderney in September.

H.Q. Company

These notes are written just after our return from Camp at Devizes, where most of us deserted our normal duties in order to swell the numbers on Civil Defence. However, despite this change in role we were given the accolade of "best C.D. section", thanks not only to our own versatility but also the excellent instruction by Sgt. Davies both before and during camp. We were able to show our appreciation to Sgt. Davies, as a Company, one evening when we all got together for a very good farewell party, and we hope he will remember his happy nine months with H.Q. Company whenever he opens his silver cigarette case. We all wish him good luck in the future back in the regular Battalion, who are indeed fortunate to have an N.C.O. of Sgt. Davies's calibre.

We congratulate C/Sgt. Thorne on his recent promotion; also L/Cpls. Parker and Ellery, who are to join our new Provost Section. We congratulate Pte. Lee-Cann on becoming a marksman and hope he will use this hidden prowess in the shooting team.

We are delighted to hear that Sgt. Bearne is a proud father of a fine boy who sounds as though he may cause the Weights and Measures authorities some worry. With these added responsibilities Sgt. Bearne has given up his important job as steward of our club. We do thank him for all the hard work he has put into it during the last three years and hope that he will be able to help Cpl. Lord to keep his books straight. We were very sorry to hear as we went to camp that L/Cpl. Green's little child only survived three days; our condolences go with him and his wife and we wish them better luck next time.

Lastly we bid farewell to L/Cpl. Burden and wish him luck in his new job. Also good luck to Dm.-Maj. Townsend in his new job at Winfrith; we hope that he will have more time to spare for his Drums, who badly need leadership. Now we look forward to a new training season with what we hope will prove a more exciting training programme.

"B" Company

The Company's recruiting campaign begun last Christmas has proved unexpectedly successful and in five months we have had 12 recruits, and on our

first drill night after camp a further two arrived anxious to sign on.

Apart from trying to get as many of the Company as possible classified, we do not seem to have had much opportunity to carry out other military training. The weather and Civil Defence have between them managed to keep us sufficiently occupied, but with a Brigade camp in the offing we hope to see a lot more of the Dorset countryside by night between now and mid-winter.

We formally said good-bye to C.S.M. Baker at our pre-camp social when he was presented with a painting by C/Sgt. Matthews of Glen Clova—a happy reminder of his fortnight at Barry Budden, together with a watch, and the Q.M. also thought that the time had come when he could safely be entrusted with his driving licence, which was also handed over.

Our recruits did well at camp and the prize for the best recruit went to Pte. Jarvis with Pte. Scriven a close runner-up. We also managed to win the football six-a-side competition. The incompatible mixture of various drinks that were later poured into the cup to make a so-called victory punch succeeded only in making all those who were daring enough to drink it feel far from well, but this was probably due in part to the amount of dissolved silver in the liquid.

We congratulate Lt. Ashby-Pickford, Cpl. Legg and L/Cpl. Tizard on their team work in coming 5th overall in the five-star rally, and being 1st of the T.A. competitors.

In conclusion we extend a welcome to all our recruits and 2/Lt. Tinsley, and congratulate him and 2/Lt. Townsend on their commissions. We are sorry that for family reasons Lt. Ashby-Pickford has had to move from Weymouth.

Mortar Sections

The last period has been a busy one for the Blandford Drill Hall with a variety of activities both military and social.

The Brigade Mortar competition at Imber was a great disappointment this year. Being on a range with which we were familiar we had hoped to do well. Alas, although we had a good lead after the first part of the test, the final result showed we had come 3rd (this sounds better than last).

Much more encouraging was the result of the Echo Cup. The combined team of Mortar and Recce Dets. beat a team of R.A.O.C. shots whose earlier rounds made them seem formidable competition. The match was held at Blind Lane, Wimborne, and there was some consternation when it was found their bar did not stock Guinness for Capt. Dawkins to warm up on. All members of the team are to be congratulated on bringing the cup back to the old S. Coy., where it has resided often before. Immediately after the shoot the R.A.O.C. challenged us to darts but again we won, thanks to a magnificent final throw by Sgt. Hall, despite numerous distractions.

Cpl. Jones, our cook, has been very busy supplying the inner man, and on a range week-end at Sydling, just before annual camp, he reckoned he had done about seven week-ends on the "trot". We must also congratulate Cpl. Jones on the birth of a son (please note that Cpl. Jones has announced that he will visit the Badger Brewery no more!) and Pte. Robbins on the birth of a daughter.



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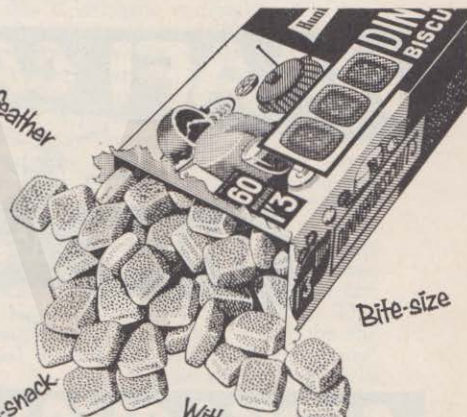
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THE CADET FORCES



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CANFORD SCHOOL CONTINGENT C.C.F.

As the two most important events in the C.C.F. year, Annual Inspection and Camp, are still to come, and as we have not yet held our Whole Day Exercise this term, there is not much material for these notes.

Speculation about the two former events is rife. Hitherto Canford has always been to a camp organised by the Army; this year we are looking after ourselves at a Greenfield Camp in Wales. We have been up there on reconnaissance in April, and it is wonderful country. We are satisfied with our training programme, but are still a little anxious about the administrative side of things. In the last resort it is bound to be the weather that tips the scale; given a fine week the party should be a great success. We owe our thanks to Lt.-Col. J. B. Smith, Commanding, The Dorset Regiment (T.A.), who is providing us with two drivers, Sgt. Farminer and Pte. Watts, and has sent his Quartermaster for us to pick his brains on problems connected with rations and cooking.

On the 12th June, the day on which these notes are due to reach the Editor, we are to be inspected by Field-Marshal Sir Claude Auchinleck, G.C.B., G.C.I.E., C.S.I., D.S.O. At the special request of our Headmaster, a 25-pr. gun is being provided by 383 Regt., R.A. (D.C.R.E.) (T.A.), and members of the C.C.F. R.A. Section under the command of Capt. J. V. Boys and assisted by the P.S.I., Sgt. Clensey, of 383 Regt., R.A., will fire a salute with blank rounds. This is something quite new for us and we hope there will not be a misfire. We have our own 25-pr. which is used for training purposes, learning gun drills, etc., but all our firing is done on Larkhill ranges with live shells, so the firing of blank will be something new. Another innovation is that guests have been invited to attend the Inspection, go round training after the ceremonial parade and have tea in the Headmaster's garden. It looks again as if the weather is going to be the deciding factor.

I wrote in my notes last term that the arctic weather was likely to affect Proficiency and Basic Test results. In the event this did not seem to be the case, as the proportion of passes was much the same as usual.

In my autumn notes for the Journal I shall look forward to telling readers how the 25-pr. behaved itself and whether any cadets at camp were temporarily misled in the mountains.

SHERBORNE SCHOOL C.C.F.

We still await the decision of the War Office on the future of the C.C.F., but meanwhile we con-

tinue with our new policy of not taking in any recruits until they have been in the School for three terms and of allowing boys in their last year to opt out. In June, 1962, the Contingent had a strength of 575. The strength at present is 420, and by the time the run-down is complete it is likely to be 380-395.

It is really too early to say how this scheme is working, but boys whose prospects for further promotion seem bright are almost all volunteering to stay on in the Corps for at least another term or two, and this is certainly achieving its object: we still get the best leaders and are spared the senior boy for whom the prospects are not good. On the other hand we are probably in for a nasty shock when the Capitation Grant is paid.

The Basic and Proficiency Tests and the Classifications held in March produced very satisfactory results, and during the first week of the holidays a party of 23 carried our Arduous Training in the Black Mountains—Brecon Beacons area. This was again a much enjoyed and highly profitable week, and is without doubt the most valuable form of training that this Contingent undertakes.

The early part of the Summer Term has been spent in preparation for the displays at "Commemoration" before Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir John Slessor, and some 2,000 spectators. The R.N. Section is providing a Guard of Honour and a Breeches Buoy demonstration. The R.A.F. Section is organising a Fly Past, and the Army Section is Trooping the Colour, Sherborne being one of the only three Public School Contingents to have been presented with a colour of its own. All this will be done on grass, which adds to the difficulties, but our Band, 55-strong, are more than equal to the occasion, and we hope that, given fine weather, it will make an impressive ceremony. This will be a notable occasion in that it will be the last Ceremonial Parade on which "Slope Arms" will be given. As from September the new drill will be adopted.

There is to be no annual inspection this term, but instead the majority of the Army Section will be taking part in an old time "Big Battle" on Salisbury Plain, during which troops will advance behind an artillery barrage, simulated by so many gelignite charges that official eyebrows hit the roof when the indent went in.

Finally, mention must be made of the fact that a recent publication showed Sherborne as being the second largest Officer-producing School in the country, all three Sections included. If true, this is most encouraging, although one often wonders how these statistics are arrived at. Certainly, at the moment, getting on for 10 per cent of the School are prospective Service Candidates.

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—The other two schools to have colours are Eton and Cheltenham College].

Devon Army Cadet Force

It is perhaps not always realised that the main difference between the A.C.F. and the T.A. (and probably a reason why affiliations are not stronger) is that the former concentrates mainly on Citizenship Training and the latter on Training for War. Some cadets do attain surprisingly high standards in military skills, but all are encouraged to take part in many other, purely civil, activities. Foremost amongst these is the scheme for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Although the Devon A.C.F. has not achieved outstanding successes in the Scheme, it has obtained a number of the lower awards. It is pleasant, therefore, to be able to record that Cdt./C.S.M. R. Pickford of Bovey Tracey, was recently invited to Buckingham Palace to receive his Gold Certificate from H.R.H. Prince Philip, and that his Gold Badge was presented to him by the Lord Lieutenant of the County.

Whereas the Duke's Award demands, in its three age groups, proficiency in four subjects, the Pentathlon demands from each member of each team proficiency in five different events. The Southern Command Cadet Pentathlon has proved to be a thoroughly sound and popular competition which may well be adopted by other Commands. This year we were not as successful as we have been in the past, and our two teams were placed 6th and 9th. We did, however, win the Shield for the shooting event.

The Duke's Award includes an expedition in all three stages. There can be no doubt that the Ten Tors Expedition, organised by the Junior Leaders' Regiment, Royal Corps of Signals, at Denbury, is one of the most excellent of recent introductions. It is as gruelling, and more of a test of determination, than the Nijmegen March or the Old Kitcheners Efficiency Marches. This year a total of 1,650 youngsters entered. Six of our teams completed the course and were awarded medals. Incidentally, an ex-Cadet of ours, now a Junior Leader at Denbury, has distinguished himself there not only as a champion cross-country runner, but also as Junior Signal Sergeant-Major.

Owing to bad weather the A.C.F. rugby football competition was cancelled. We won the District Association Football Tournament but were beaten by Hampshire at Command level. In the Command cross-country run we came second to Somerset. We won the District and Command Boxing Tournaments and gained two titles in the National Finals, Cdt. Bunnett of Plymouth being awarded the Crouch Trophy for the best boxer in the competition. We have selected a few cadets for the National Athletics to be held this year in Birmingham, which presents for us a considerable movement problem. Our shooting eight was, as usual, beaten in our annual match against the Devon County Rifle Association, but we intend to send to Bisley those who are able to go.

In a voluntary organisation such as the A.C.F., the task of arranging team and individual entries for competitions is frequently frustrating. So often the winners of our inter-unit events cannot go on to represent the County because of "dates", sickness, work, School Exams and sometimes because of "Mum"! Nevertheless, we encourage our lads not to be pot-hunters but to have a bash at everything.

Dorset Army Cadet Force

The Final of the Colonel of the Regiment's Cup .22 Rifle Competition was held on 16th May at Fleetsbridge, Poole, between Wimborne Detachment "A" Team and Parkstone "A" Team. The Cup was won by Parkstone with a score of 341 as against Wimborne's 304. The best individual score was made by Cadet B. Laird of Parkstone "A", who obtained 89 points and was presented with a special cup.

A party of 12 cadets with one Officer and one Sergeant-Instructor had a very enjoyable and interesting stay with the Royal Highland Fusiliers at Iserlohn, B.A.O.R., from 16th to 21st April. They took part in rifle shooting and saw infantry weapon demonstrations on the ranges, and enjoyed trips to Cologne and Konigswinter and a trip by boat from Bonn to Linz on the Danube. On arrival at Iserlohn the cadets were greeted by the Regimental Band (Pipes and Drums) of their host Regiment in full Dress uniform.

There is a scheme afoot for the hire of the ex-Troopship s.s. *Dunera* to take cadets on a cruise to Gibraltar in July, 1964. This will be a really worthwhile trip, and so far we have already applied for vacancies for two adults and ten cadets.

As regards sport the Dorset A.C.F. team came fourth out of nine teams in the Southern Command Cross-Country Run held at Blandford on 10th March. Cpl. Webb of Beaminster Detachment won the individual prize.

In the Southern Command Pentathlon held on 8th-9th June, our first team came third out of thirteen teams, being beaten by Oxford, who won the whole Pentathlon, and by one of the teams from Hampshire, which came in second. Besides this very creditable overall placing our team won the walking event. Our second team, which was composed of young cadets entering this competition for the first time, did well in gaining 10th overall place.

Arrangements are going ahead for our Annual Camp at Penhale, near Newquay, from 17th-24th August, during the course of which we hope about 30 cadets will win their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Awards by completing the Expedition Test, and another 5 cadets hope to qualify for their Silver Award. The cadets will be divided into three Companies: "A" Company (Post Cert "A" Training), "B" Company (Candidates for Certificate "A", Part I) and "C" Company (Recruits). There are excellent Ranges available, and a very good training area, where the usual Battle will take place.

The following adult Instructors are welcomed into the Dorset Army Cadet Force:—

J. J. Matthews (Blandford Town Detachment).

A. C. Stainer (Shaftsbury Detachment).

Post Certificate "A" Training for Senior Cadets has now got off to a flying start; two successful week-ends run by the Dorset Regt. (T.A.) have taken place and a third will be held at Weymouth on 15th-16th June. Our thanks are due to Lt.-Col. Smith and his staff for running these week-ends which are proving of immense value in retaining the interest of the older boys and keeping them in the A.C.F.

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THE DEVONSHIRE REGIMENT OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

Unfortunately this number of the Journal went to Press before our Reunion, which I hope you enjoyed, those of you who were there.

I hear that "George" Beer, who was subaltern in Plymouth in 1920 in the 1st Battalion and retired as Lt.-Col. is now farming near Bovey Tracey. Talking of Bovey, there is another old Devon there we hope will be at the Reunion. He served in the 1914-18 war and on retirement ran a coal business, now handed over to the son. I refer to Mr. Jeffrey, D.C.M., who finds time to get around a bit.

Our oldest Chelsea Pensioner, No. 1884 A/R.S.M. E. F. Lilley, died there on May 21, aged 95. He served with the Regiment from November, 1887, to November, 1908. He had the Queen's and the King's South African War medals as well as the Defence and L.S. and G.C. medals. He also served in Burma and Egypt. He went to Chelsea from Plymouth in 1955 and was presented to the Queen last year. A fine shot, he was in Devon XX and represented the county four times.

Another link with Plymouth, Godfrey Le Provost after serving in the Regiment in the 1914-18 war joined the staff of the *Old Western Daily Mercury* on demobilisation. Born in Yokohama 62 years ago, his family returned to Plymouth when he was 4. He has just retired after a journalistic career, the last 20 years of which he spent as gossip writer to the *Newcastle Evening Chronicle*.

I hear that Pte. George Drew, who served in the South African War died in February. Another old soldier also in this war, Mr. William West, aged 90, died at Newton Poppleford. He served with the Regiment from 1893-1913. He fought on the North West Frontier 1897-98, Defence of Ladysmith and Belfast. We extend our sympathy to his niece, Mrs. W. Turner, and his nephews, nieces, great-nephews and nieces.

Two Tavistock residents both in the 5th Devons died in March. Mr. Charles Knight, aged 72, fought in the 1914-18 war. His funeral was attended by Mr. A. E. Doige, who was also in the 1914-18 war in India and Palestine, and who himself died on May 30 aged 65. Mr. Doige was 52 years with the *Tavistock Gazette* and became Editor in 1945. He was an officer in the Home Guard during the 1939-45 war and until recently was keenly interested in Hunting and Point-to-Points.

Capt. A. S. Hicks, who served with the 1st Battalion in the 1914-18 war and was wounded on the Somme in 1916 and again at Fresnoy in 1917, has been the Secretary of the Plymouth Lifeboat since the end of the war, and is also managing director of John Yeo & Co., Plymouth.

Two more old 5th Battalion soldiers I regret to say died on June 6 and 7. Mr. Alfred Dean, D.C.M., aged 68, leaves a widow and daughter to whom we offer our sympathy. He won his D.C.M.

in September, 1918, as a Private. Armed only with a revolver he captured 56 prisoners including several officers. When all the N.C.O.s were killed he took command, leading an attack on a German position taking another 50 prisoners!

Mr. Austin Clark, the other old 5th Battalion soldier of the 1914-18 war, died on June 6. He was in business in the printing trade and was of the greatest help to the H.Q. and Branches of this Association. We shall miss his regular attendance at our Reunions. A number of our Plymouth Branch members, headed by Colonel Wycisk, attended the funeral.

Capt. Edgar Leest, who served with the 5th Battalion 1900-1920, became the youngest Mayor of the old Borough of Devonport in 1901-02 at the age of 27. He holds the record, we believe, as the youngest West Country Mayor.

We thank Colonel Wycisk for keeping us so well supplied with 5th Battalion news, but I should be grateful for any news of Old Comrades elsewhere.

Sgt. Seaman (Dickie) passed away at Torquay in May. He was a really enthusiastic athlete and rugger expert.

EXETER BRANCH

We had a very good social season which terminated with a well-attended evening on May 25, 1963, when we celebrated the anniversary of Bois-des-Buttes. Our thanks are due to our T.A. Battalion for the use of the Drill Hall at Barrack Road, and to the social committee ably led by Jack Benbow, not forgetting the ladies who willingly gave their help, also to Pedlar Palmer for the excellent catering. The Band from our T.A. Battalion, led by Nobby Knowles, always gave their best. These socials do help in keeping the Devonshire Regiment flag flying in the Exeter area. We notice that many Old Comrades in our area have retired into their shells and never emerge to mix with their Old Comrades. One exception is Tommy Rice, a very young 70 years, who comes in from Chumleigh, 25 miles away, always cheerful, full of beans, still able to do the "Twist", and always delighted to meet his old pals.

We shall be organising a bus trip to London for the week-end, September 28-29, in order to attend the London Branch Dinner. It will not be too late when this is published to give your names to Jack Benbow. At the present date, June 12, 1963, we have enough applications to fill a 40-seater bus. It is the unanimous opinion that this week-end is very enjoyable, no worries, the social committee with close liaison with Wally Golding have the arrangements well under control. By the time this article is in print we hope that most of our members will have enjoyed a summer holiday. T.B.Q.M.

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THE DORSET REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

HEADQUARTERS

This number comes at an awkward time, for the notes have to be written in June to be published in August when our most important annual event—the Reunion—takes place in July. Enough to say here that work is going ahead preparing for the day.

Having the Reunion in July is proving to be not very popular with the two largest branches, London and Birmingham, and after this Reunion a re-examination of the date and of the capability of The Dorset Regiment (T.A.) will have to be made.

It is our sad duty once again to tell of the passing of some of the older members, including the oldest, Jack Bower, of Weymouth, who died in the spring aged 96. He served as a Volunteer in South Africa and continuously thereafter until the end of the Kaiser's War. Another South African veteran, George Swaffield of Beaminster, has also died. The Nottingham area has suffered yet another blow following on the death of Colonel Mitchell; Sidney Thompson, who took over as Secretary, died at the

beginning of June. There are still a few members left up there and we hope that Bernard Broadbent will take charge of them.

Here in Dorchester we have lost Fred Smith who, ever since the war, has been associated with the Depot and for some years was Secretary of the Dorchester Branch. He was a very loyal supporter whose loss will be deeply felt.

Brigadier Bredin, the President, was able to attend the dinner at Birmingham, and the Bath Reunion, and he and Lt.-Col. Smith went up to London Branch to discuss difficulties of the Reunion arrangements. This proved to be a good straight-speaking evening with plenty of lubrication for the throat joints.

Enquires come in from all over the world regarding Geoffrey White's illness. Everybody will be delighted to know that he is very much better, is out of hospital, and at present convalescing in the care of Mrs. White. Those who come to the Reunion will be able to see and talk to him.

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BATH BRANCH

Despite the publicity given in the May issue of the Regimental Journal to our new venture, i.e. the Dunkirk Reunion and Social, the result was very disappointing and the attendance poor.

The Branch had as guests Maj.-Gen. G. N. Wood, Brigadier A. E. C. Bredin, who had taken time off from his military duties to attend. Our chief guest, Colonel E. L. Stephenson, had travelled from Sussex hoping to meet some of the men he brought out of Dunkirk. Our new Chairman, George Vaughan, Ern Mann, and one other old stalwart, Jack Lloyd (74) of the 1914-18 war, were present, and the organiser. There is no excuse for the apathy shown by members of the Dorset Regiment Association to these socials promoted by branches.

Do come along, all of you, and let us have a little more of the *esprit de corps* that was found in war-time.

I am very sorry to report the death of Mr. F. Trevor, who was one of the survivors of Kut-el-Amara. He had a very long illness and unfortunately had to have both legs amputated. He also had the misfortune to lose his daughter at that time, she had been killed in a motor-cycle accident at Highbridge. Mr. Jack Lloyd attended the funeral and took a wreath from members of the Bath Branch.

At the social we had the pleasure of meeting Paddy Newman, who lives at Corsham and was a machine-gunner and an all-round athlete and footballer. A party came from Sherborne Branch, and also a party from the Dunkirk Veterans Association (Bristol Branch), of which we are forming a branch in Bath, and were very pleased to have Colonel E. L. Stephenson as one of our first members.

I do hope to see as many Old Comrades at the Annual Reunion on 6th July, and I am looking forward to a better response from the Bath Branch. Get rid of that apathy and turn out in full force with the old saying: "Up the Dorsets".

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH

The past three months have been uneventful in the way of surprises. We normally expect to learn about the ups and downs of old members, but at the moment the strength seems to be improving at the monthly meetings, at least 30 turned up for April (and no free beer!).

Our Annual at the Crown & Cushion served to remind us that age must be showing its hoary head; 92, including visitors sat down, but the evening was an enjoyable one, "Boly" put over a snorter for the Regiment in reply to the Association toast.

I had the honour of sitting by Mrs. Webb, her husband originally being an old member of the 1st Battalion in India. I was also reminded by him that we both were members of the Dorset Concert Party; the Officers enjoyed our efforts immensely, so much so that the Black Watch at Chaubattia, and Rhanikhet, requested the pleasure of our company in their Mess. Lt. Flack and the concert party performed very well, the Rupees said so! Anyway, Happy Days, Webb!

President Keegan entered hospital recently, but managed to complete his recovery to attend the Annual, but Mo Morris had to forego the limp to Bristol (Devon Annual) owing to his entering hospital for internal trouble. (Is it a blown gasket,

Mo!) The Dinner was held at the Grand Hotel, and a most enjoyable time was had by the nine we took down, a most creditable performance, and thanks are forthcoming from all. "Thank you, Bristol." A Dorset member who resides at Pill also attended this dinner; he was pleased to see someone who was in the 1st Battalion at Sialkot on the Frontier.

By the way, "Smith, A. K." wishes to know the whereabouts of Bill Tresseller, ex-C.S.M. 70th Battalion; it appears they were together during the last war. Anyone reading this kindly write to the Secretary, Birmingham Branch, Dorset Regiment, "The Crown", Broad Street, Birmingham. It looks to me that the Reunion at Dorchester this year will fall through as far as the London and Brum Branches are concerned. July was about the worst month they could have selected, and considering the strength of the two Branches, you would have thought this would have been considered. Perhaps members would like to know the names of our Branch; it does, at times, encourage others to look them up, so here goes: Messrs Keegan, Philbrook, Mo Morris, Wag Morris, Smith, A. K., Nicklin, Nicholls, Polhill, Potter, Hawkins, Busty Webb, Perkins, F. Smith, J. Smith (Stokes, Frankhan, Ingly—from Walsall), Carter, Whitehead, Shaw, Brinkworth, Miller, Startin, Moran, Walder, Livings, Seward, Franklin.

The May meeting promised good results; Mo came out of hospital, with a new Ball Race. He should race around the area a sight better, especially the "Ringway". Whitehead can expect him around 7 a.m. for a "cuppa", not 8 a.m.; he's better than the "Green Linnett" cu' be! I was perusing the Branch Album recently, and the first photo is that of the first Reunion dinner held at the "Old Stone Cross" in Dale End, 1938. I defy anyone to name 50 per cent of those members who feature in it; mind you, a lot of the boys were unfortunate to lose their lives in 1940. "Brum" Matthews (Capt.) is prominent, Capt. Mitchell, "Busty" Webb, Stokes, Cook, Hoppy, Hawkins, they are there. Now name the rest!

JERSEY BRANCH

The annual dinner of the Jersey Branch of the Dorset Regiment Association, which was held at the Savoy Hotel on Saturday evening, proved to be a pleasant and informal occasion, at which speeches were few and short.

Jurat F. R. Billot presided, and the guests included representatives of the Original Jersey Overseas Contingent Association and of the R.A.S.C. Association. After the loyal toast, that of the Colonel-in-Chief of the Devon-Dorset Regiment, H.R.H. Princess Marina, was honoured.

Mr. A. Durell, President of the Jersey Contingent Association, proposed the toast of "The Dorset Regiment Association". After expressing his pleasure at being once more among them, he paid tribute to the hard work of the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer in keeping the Association as strong as it was. He brought greetings from his own Association and also from the Royal Ulster Rifles Association.

Mr. H. J. Seager, Honorary Secretary, responded and expressed his gratitude to all members for their loyalty and support to the President and members of the committee. He appealed to younger men who were leaving the Regiment to join the Associa-

tion and keep it flourishing. He welcomed those members of the Devonshire Regiment who had joined the Association and said that there was room for more, for though the Devonshire Regiment was formed more than 200 years ago, they and the Dorsets were now amalgamated in the Wessex Brigade. Members of both the old regiments and the new one were welcome in the Association. Mr. E. H. Audrain proposed the health of the guests and welcomed Mr. J. Counter, V.C., the representatives of the Jersey Contingent Association, the R.A.S.C., the ladies and the Press. Mr. J. Fitzgerald of the R.A.S.C. Association responded and, on behalf of the guests, thanked the Dorsets for their hospitality. This concluded the toast list and the remainder of the evening was spent in pleasant social activities.

SOUTHAMPTON BRANCH

A few days after attending the A.G.M. at Dorchester we were sorry to hear that General Ransome had a setback. It was a mild turn but it did leave him rather shaky for a few weeks. He is much better now and gets about almost normally, so will doubtless have been seen at the Hampshire cricket matches again before these notes appear.

We very much regret to report the death of Sid Thompson of Nottingham (Regimental No. 9091) on June 6, 1963. Mr. B. B. Broadbent (Band Sergeant, 1st Bn., 1926) was able to attend the funeral and represented the Dorset Regiment Association.

Our monthly meetings are reasonably well attended but we would still like to see a larger number there to take part in the talks on branch affairs.

Old Comrades will be interested to know that Jack Scott has had a visit from "Baden-Powell". He spent about 1½ hours with him, during which time they had a wonderful and most interesting talk about old places, times and pals. They had not met for 53 years. Baden enlisted in 1900, Regimental number 6217. They discovered that they were both in "B" Company, 2nd Battalion, at Colchester and that Capt. Hyslop was the Company Commander with Lt. O. M. T. Frost and C/Sgt. Goodridge, Sgts. Bill Lambert and Kitty Frampton. Baden could well remember Lt. Wheatley, who at the time was Battalion Musketry Officer, and that Col. Lynch commanded the Battalion.

The 2nd Battalion was under orders for India and Baden was sent on embarkation leave, during which he had a cycling accident between Shaftesbury and Wimborne and was admitted to Wimborne Hospital, and so missed going to India with the Battalion on October 3, 1906. With Jack Scott and many others he was sent to Gosport to await the arrival of the 1st Battalion from India in December of that year.

Baden joined the Band which was under Bandmaster Shepperd and became the base drummer. In 1911 he transferred to the Military Police and was later posted to Southampton where he completed his 21 years' service, after which he was employed at Southampton Docks until he was 71 years of age. He is very well and active and will be 81 in September next. He and Mrs. Powell celebrated their Golden Wedding in February, 1962. He sends his regards to all his old pals who remember him, especially Bosque Smith of Boscombe and Percy Toop of Dorchester.

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LONDON BRANCH

We regret to announce the deaths of two of our members.

Mr. W. Lilley, aged 95 years, died in late May. As a pensioner he had been bed-ridden in Chelsea Hospital for a number of years. No. 15603, Sgt. E. Hancock died on March 28, 1963, after a long illness. Mr. P. Lee writes: "Sgt. Hancock served in the 6th Battalion before the First World War and with the 1st Battalion in 1916. First War veterans will recall that he was a P.T. instructor in the 3rd Battalion 1918-1919." Our sympathy goes to the relatives of these two Old Comrades in their sad loss.

The Annual General Meeting of the Branch, under the Chairmanship of Colonel J. C. P. Rowe, was held at The Feathers Hotel on May 7. Members heard with pleasure that the Branch's accounts now show a healthy credit, and a vote of thanks was extended to our Hon. Treasurer, Jack Harrison (coupled, of course, with the names of our honorary, yet eagle-eyed auditors, Major P. J. G. Anderson and Capt. A. A. E. Morgan!).

As forecast in the previous issue of our Journal, Brigadier Cyrus Greenslade told us of his intention to retire, and nominated Maj.-Gen. E. L. Bols, C.B., D.S.O., as our new President. General Eric was accordingly elected and Colonel Jack Rowe and Major Bill Aggett were elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. Mr. J. J. O'Loughlin was appointed Assistant Hon. Secretary. Brief notes these, but as the next issue of the Journal will contain a report of our trip to Exeter for the Annual Reunion, we have hopes of hogging a bit of extra space then!

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