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PRIOR TO WORLD WAR I (On the Regimental Colour)

"Blenheim," "Ramillies," "Oudenarde," "Malplaquet," "Dettingen," "Carnatic," "Belleisle," "Hindoostan,"
"Sholinghur," "Mysore," "Martinique 1794," "Seringapatam," "Cape of Good Hope 1806," "Rolicca," "Vimiera,"
"Corunna," "Busaco," "Fuentes D'Onor," "Almaraz," "Ciudad Rodrigo," "Badajoz," "Salamanca," "Vittoria,"
"Pyrenees," "Nivelle," "Nive," "Orthes," "Toulouse," "Peninsula," "Bladensburg," "Waterloo," "South Africa
1851-53," "Alma," "Inkerman," "Sevastopol," "Central India," "South Africa 1879," "Tel-el-Kebir," "Egypt 1882,"
"Burma 1885-87," "Tirah," "Modder River," "Relief of Ladysmith," "South Africa 1899-1902,"
Gibraltar 1780-83, Assaye

WORLD WAR I (Those in bold print are on the Queen's Colour) 44 Battalions

"Mons," "Le Cateau," "Retreat from Mons," "**Marne 1914**," "Aisne 1914," "La Bassee 1914," "**Ypres 1914, '15,
'17, '18**," "Langemarck 1914, '17," "Gheluvelt," "Nonne Bosschen," "Givenchy 1914," "Neuve Chapelle," "St. Julien,"
"Aubers," "Festubert 1915," "**Loos**," "**Somme 1916, '18**," "Albert 1916, '18," "Bazentin," "Delville Wood,"
"Pozières," "Flers-Courcelette," "Le Transloy," "Ancre Heights," "Ancre 1916, '18," "**Arras 1917, '18**," "Vimy 1917,"
"Scarpe 1917, '18," "Arleux," "Messines 1917, '18," "Pillckem," "Menin Road," "Polygon Wood," "Passchendaele,"
"Cambrai 1917, '18," "St. Quentin," "Bapaume 1918," "Rosieres," "**Lys**," "Estaires," "Hazebrouck," "Bailleul,"
"Kemmel," "Bethune," "Scherpenberg," "Amiens," "Drocourt-Queant," "**Hindenburg Line**," "Havrincourt," "Canal
Du Nord," "St. Quentin Canal," "Beaurevoir," "Courtrai," "Selle," "Sambre," "France and Flanders, 1914-18,"
"**Doiran 1917, '18**," "Macedonia 1916-18," "Helles," "**Gallipoli 1915-16**," "Rumani," "Egypt 1916-17," "Gaza," "El
Mughar," "Nebi-Samwil," "Jerusalem," "Jaffa," "Tell'Asur," "**Palestine 1917-18**," "Tigris," "Kut Al Amara, 1917,"
"Sharqat," "**Mesopotamia 1916-18**," "Murman 1919," "**Archangel 1919**."

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

"Defence of Arras," "**Ypres-Comines Canal**," "Somme 1940," "Withdrawal to Seine," "Withdrawal to Cherbourg," "**Odon**,"
"Fontenay Le Pesnil," "Cheux," "Defence of Rauray," "Esquay," "Mont Pincon," "Quarry Hill," "Estry," "**Falaise**,"
"Le Vie Crossing," "La Touques Crossing," "Seine 1944," "Aart," "Nederrijn," "Best," "Le Havre," "Antwerp-Turnhout
Canal," "**Scheldt**," "South Beveland," "**Walcheren Causeway**," "Lower Maas," "Meijel," "Venlo Pocket," "Roer,"
"Ourthe," "Rhineland," "**Reichswald**," "Cleve," "Goch," "Moyland Wood," "Weeze," "**Rhine**," "Ibbenburen,"
"Dreirwalde," "Aller," "Uelzen," "Bremen," "Artlenberg," "**N. W. Europe 1940, 44-45**," "Jebel Shiba," "Barentu,"
"**Keren**," "Massawa," "Abyssinia 1941," "Gazala," "**Cauldron**," "Mersa Matruh," "Fuka," "North Africa 1940-42,"
"**Landing in Sicily**," "Sicily 1943," "Sangro," "**Garigliano Crossing**," "Minturno," "Anzio," "Advance to Tiber," "Italy
1943-44, '45," "Madagascar," "Adriatic," "Middle East 1942, '44," "Athens," "**Greece 1944-45**," "**North Arakan**,"
"Razabil," "**Pinwe**," "Shweli," "Mandalay," "Burma 1944-45."

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Lt.-Col. M. J. EVETTS, M.C. — AN APPRECIATION

“BONUS DUX BONUM REDDIT MILITEM”

COLONEL MIKE EVETTS was chosen to be the first Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion the Royal Highland Fusiliers. He had been selected for what was probably one of the most difficult tasks a commander could be asked to carry out. Colonel Mike had to take the regular battalions of two proud and distinguished regiments who had already publicly expressed their strong disapproval of the forthcoming union, and weld them into an efficient and typical Scottish infantry battalion. When he left after only 15 months with the Battalion, he knew, and all his officers, N.C.O.'s and men knew, that he had more than succeeded. He left behind him a Battalion whose morale, loyalty, smartness of bearing, discipline and entirely wholesome attitude to soldiering was unsurpassed by any other Scottish regiment.

It is doubtful if so much could have been achieved by any other officer. Perhaps the two most important characteristics required of a Commanding Officer are the ability to lead and a deep understanding of his officers and men. Colonel Mike set a high standard in all aspects of soldiering and demonstrated by his personal example exactly what was required. He knew the names of nearly all the men under his command who, in turn, knew that they could go to him at any time for help or advice. No soldier's problem was too insignificant for his personal attention and no aspect of the Regiment's well-being escaped his notice.

When the balance is struck, most of us will be found to owe a great deal to the Regiment we have the privilege of serving. There are a few—a very few individuals to whom the Regiment owes a debt. Mike Evetts is undoubtedly one of these, since whatever the Regiment achieves in the future will be raised on the firm foundations of which he was one of the chief architects and the master builder.

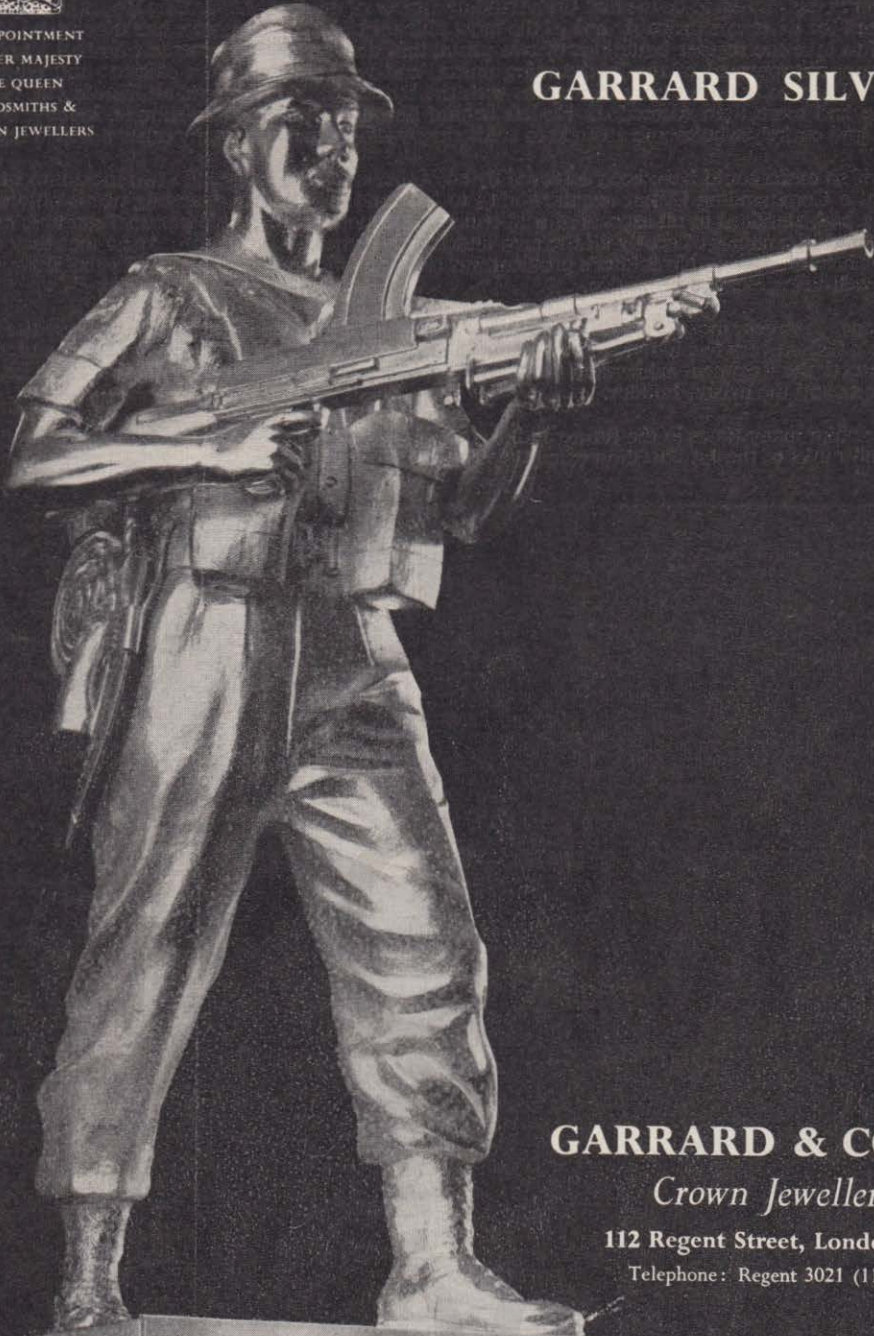
We hope to see him many times in the future and it goes without saying that he will always be welcome. To him and to his family all ranks of the 1st Battalion extend their warmest good wishes.



Lt. Col. Evetts's departure, 11th April, 1960—escort of Aden Protectorate Levies, Camel Company



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Editorial

THE ROYAL HIGHLAND FUSILIERS

THE following telegram was received from the Colonel-in-Chief on the 1st Battalion embarking on the *Dilwara* for Aden:

"From: Clarence House

4th January, 1960

I send to all ranks of the 1st Battalion the Royal Highland Fusiliers my warmest good wishes on your departure for Aden.

I am confident that the good name of the Regiment is secure in your hands and I shall follow your activities with the greatest interest.

I wish you all Godspeed and a safe return.

MARGARET,
Colonel-in-Chief."

WE still receive complaints from subscribers that Journals are being sent to obsolete addresses, and this is particularly so in the case of serving or recently retired officers. It would be of great assistance to the rather limited Journal staff if subscribers would advise the Editor of a change of address, so that any inconvenience may be avoided.

IT is with regret that we record the passing of Captain L. A. Weston (Tommy to all who knew him), for many years the Manager of the *H.L.I. Chronicle* and later the Manager of the *R.H.F. Journal*. His experience and knowledge were invaluable and will be sadly missed. His obituary notice appears in this issue.

THE Regimental Headquarters still exists in Maryhill Barracks which do not as yet seem to have been disposed of, although local rumour has had us in turn—demolished, the site of a zoo, a multi-storied housing scheme, etc. Mr. Butlin is alleged to have been seen in the area, so perhaps we are to be a holiday camp!

The new Headquarters is still to be ready in September, but to visualize it as such requires a more than ordinary vivid imagination.

NOTICES

R.S.F. Memorial.—A statue of a fusilier commemorating the 1939-1945 War and a memorial plaque commemorating the Regiment's services from 1678 to 1959 are being erected in the Sunk Garden on the Low Green, Ayr, and will be unveiled by the Lord Lieutenant of Ayrshire on Sunday, 10th July, 1960.

Will those who would like to attend the unveiling ceremony and wish to have a personal notice about it please apply to:

Major H. D. Watt
Churchill Barracks
Ayr

The ceremony will, of course, be announced in the press and accommodation will be arranged for those who desire to attend it without special notice or personal invitation.

Christmas Cards.—The Regimental Christmas Card for this year has now been selected and approved. The inset will be a coloured reproduction of Lionel Edward's "Pig-sticking at Assaye, 1803". The original is in possession of the Regiment. The cost of the card is 1/-.

Anyone who has not already registered their demands for the card should submit their requirements without delay to:

Major H. D. Watt
Regimental Headquarters and Depot
The Royal Highland Fusiliers
Churchill Barracks, Ayr

Annual Lunch Party and Regimental Dinner.—The date of the Lunch Party and Regimental Dinner at Claridges is Thursday, 27th October, 1960. H.R.H. Princess Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, will be in attendance at the Luncheon.

Further details will be notified to those concerned at a later date.

R.S.F. Music Recording.—It has now been found that the original records of 1st R.S.F. Pipe and Military Band music are unsuitable for re-recording. Any disappointment caused is very much regretted.

Officers' Biennial Dinner—Scotland.—The Depot at Churchill Barracks, Ayr, is scheduled to close in March, 1961. It has, therefore, been decided that the Officers' Biennial Dinner—Scotland—will be held in Ayr in February or March, 1961.

Further information on this Dinner will be issued in due course.

Proud Heritage—Volume III.—This volume, which covers the period 1881-1919, and which should be of particular interest to all who served with The Highland Light Infantry in The Great War, is at present in the hands of the publishers and should be issued early in November. An announcement will be made nearer the time, giving cost, etc.

Volume III is well up to the standard of the preceding two volumes and should make the ideal Christmas present.

It will be possible, by notifying the Regimental Secretary, to have a copy sent as a Christmas present direct from Regimental Headquarters to friends in any part of the world.

The Army Art Society.—Patron: Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent. The Society, which exists to encourage art in the Army and sister services, is holding its 29th Exhibition during October, 1960, at the Commonwealth Institute, South Kensington, S.W.7. All ranks of the Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force, past or present, permanent or temporary, may submit works for consideration.

The Society is an entirely unofficial organization, and for several years very successful exhibitions have been held in London each autumn. Service artists can derive more interest from their hobby by aiming at submitting works for the exhibitions, which also give them an opportunity to compare their standard and style with others.

This year there will be two awards of five-guinea vouchers (on Messrs. Winsor and Newton) and other awards donated by well-known artist suppliers for the pictures deemed by the Committee the best, both in oils and in water colour, submitted by non-member "serving" artists.

As the Society is non-profit making, the entrance and hanging fees are kept as low as possible. Intending exhibitors are invited to apply after the 1st of May for particulars. Applications should be addressed to: The Honorary Secretary, The Army Arts Society, Captain A. J. Daldy, 16 King Edward's Grove, Teddington, Middlesex

Military Essay Competitions, 1960/61.—(1)

George Knight Clowes Memorial Prize Essay Competition, 1961. Prizes: First Prize, £35; Second Prize, £15. Closing date: 31st March,

1961. Subject: The call-up ended on the 31st December, 1960, and by the 1st January, 1963, the last National Serviceman will have left the forces, after the longest period of peace-time compulsory military service in British history. Give your views on how the system has worked since 1945—from the standpoints of the fighting services, the country as a whole and the individual National Serviceman.

(2) Gold Medal and Trench Gascoigne Prize Essay Competition, 1960. Prize: Thirty Guineas and Gold Medal. Closing date: 16th November, 1960. Subject: (a) Discuss the importance of Africa on world strategy; or (b) the thermo-nuclear stalemate makes a major war out of the question. The Suez operation showed that a limited war, even if successful, is bound to be a political catastrophe. The internal security of our colonies and dependencies does not call for forces of the size and complexity, particularly the complexity, that we now have. What, then, are the Services for? Discuss this with proposals on how the Services should be reshaped. General conditions for this essay competition will be the same as for the 1959 Competition and can be found in A.C.I. 82 of 1959.

(3) The Bertrand Stewart Prize Essay subject for the 1961 Competition has now been chosen and is as follows:—In the past Great Britain has had the free use of a number of overseas possessions spread throughout the world which have provided facilities ranging from full base installations to refuelling stations. These have greatly eased problems of movement and deployment both in peace and war. Since the war, the tendency has been for these facilities to become no longer available for political reasons, and this trend seems likely to continue. Assuming that, at some future time, Great Britain will have no overseas bases or staging and refuelling points, other than in the territories of the old Commonwealth (Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa), discuss how her military presence can be brought to bear in the Middle East, Africa and the Far East both in limited and cold war conditions. You may make any reasonable assumptions regarding developments in aircraft and naval vessels, and in weapon systems. The general conditions for this essay will be the same as for the 1960 Competition and can be found in A.C.I. 410 of 1959.

The Urquhart Fund and Boyd Bursary.—Published on page 72 will be found notices of the above two funds which are of interest to all serving or retired officers who were formerly Highland Light Infantry.

The Brigade Colonel of the Highland Brigade wrote to the Colonel of the Regiment advising him that the Headmaster of Winchester had

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written to his headquarters suggesting that the sons of Highland Light Infantry officers should continue to receive grants from these funds.

On 30th March, 1960, at a meeting of the Council of Highland Colonels, it was unanimously agreed that the sons of former Highland Light Infantry officers should continue to benefit from these funds.

Cawnpore Bowl.—At a Council of Highland Colonels held in Archer's Hall, Edinburgh, on 30th March, 1960, it was unanimously agreed that a vote of thanks should be conveyed to the Colonel, the Royal Highland Fusiliers, for the presentation of the Cawnpore Bowl to the Highland Brigade in memory of the Cawnpore Cup won by the 74th at the Highland Brigade Games in 1931.

Regimental Silver.—The Petition for the Amalgamation of R.S.F./H.L.I. Funds having been approved and Decree granted by the Court of Session on Friday, 20th May, the lists of plate for disposal have been despatched. If, through oversight, you have not received a list, or if you know of anyone who wishes a list, please communicate with:

The Regimental Secretary
The Royal Highland Fusiliers
Regimental Headquarters Element
Maryhill Barracks, Glasgow, N.W.

Map of the World illustrating the Campaigns of the Royal Scots Fusiliers.—A map of the world illustrating, in colour, the campaigns of the Royal Scots Fusiliers has been printed from an original drawing by Captain Douglas Anderson. This map is similar to the two maps produced by the same artist of the campaigns of the 71st and 74th and completes the set. Framed it forms a very tasteful wall picture as many former members of the Highland Light Infantry will appreciate. The cost per map is 3/6d., including postage, and can be obtained from:

The Regimental Secretary, The Royal Highland Fusiliers, R.H.Q. Element, Maryhill Barracks, Glasgow, N.W.

Copies of the 71st and 74th maps are still available at the same price—3/6d. per copy.

NEWS IN BRIEF

THE Royal Highland Fusiliers of Nigeria are quietly disbanding themselves, and soon only Douglas Hendry will remain.

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Hugh Mackay is already in U.K. enjoying an extraordinary amount of leave. Peter Larg must soon reach these shores, and in a recent letter it

would seem that Ken Shepherd feels that he has already carried the white man's burden long enough. He comes home in September but must first journey to the Cameroons on what he describes as "so-called anti-terrorist operations."

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There is news also from even more distant climes in the shape of a letter from Colin Mackenzie in Malaya in which he rhapsodises on the beauty of the Vietnamese girls he had met during a recent leave spent in Cambodia. He had also been best man to Ian Donnelly at his wedding in K.L. and appeared to have enjoyed himself, except, after the celebrations of the previous night, he found the service somewhat trying as it appears to have been a lengthy one. Colin also had spent a night with Malcolm Fleming, who is flying Austers in Malaya.

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Sandy Ingram is due home soon after a pleasant tour in Ceylon.

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Brian Carson writes from Mauritius, where he is commanding 2/6th K.A.R., that the future of his Battalion is uncertain, as no one seems to be prepared to produce any money to pay them when they return to the mainland in July and Brian does not seem too enthusiastic about giving his services free gratis!

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Captains.

P. M. LARG. 2 Q.O.N.R.
School of Infantry, Hythe.

F. M. V. STIMPSON. Attending Staff College,
Camberley.

E. I. WIRGMAN.

I. A. D. GORDON. 3 K.A.R.
Trg. Offr., 4/5th R.S.F., T.A.

A. G. D. GORDON. O.C. Trg. Coy., Depot, R.H.F.
Attending Staff College,
Camberley.

P. M. OATTS.

D. W. ANDERSON.

D. BALFOUR SCOTT. T/Maj. DAQMG, H.Q.
Lowland Dist.

H. D. R. MACKAY. Depot (HS)
656 Lt./AC Sqn. Malaya.

J. M. R. FLEMING. 1 R.H.F.

J. S. M. EDWARDES, G.M. A.T.C., Ceylon Forces.

A. G. INGRAM. 2 Q. O.N.R.

W. K. SHEPHERD. 6 R. Malay Regt., Kluang,
Malaya.

W. I. A. DONNELLY.

J. E. STAHELI. Adj., Depot R.H.F.

W. W. KERR. Adj., School of Infantry,
Warminster.

D. E. CAMERON. H.Q. Sec. GBCL Gps,
R.N.A.S., Yeovilton.

C. D. CRAIGIE-HALKETT. 1 R.H.F.

W. H. S. WHAMOND. 1 R.H.F.

J. W. W. STEVENSON. GSO III (Trg) H.Q. Tripolitania
Area.

D. I. A. MACK. 1 R.H.F.

C. A. F. MACKENZIE. 1 R. Malay Regt., Alor Star.
Malaya.

G. A. THOM. Mons O.C.S.

D. M. ROBERTSON. Trg. Offr., 5/6th H.L.I., T.A.

A. M. SCRASE-DICKINS. 1 R.H.F.

Lieutenants.

R. H. DUNCAN. 1 R.H.F.

D. J. PALMER. 1 R.H.F.

A. J. B. AGNEW. 1 R.H.F.

LOCATION OF SERVING OFFICERS (Cont.)

Lieutenants.

G. B. CAMPBELL. 1 R.H.F.
A. M. POLLOCK. 1 R.H.F.
J. MCCREADY. 1 R.H.F.
R. N. R. CROSS. Depot (HS) attending Course at
Netheravon.
R. F. RAYNER. Depot R.H.F.
G. H. C. BALFOUR-KINNEAR. Retired.
R. E. MACN. THORBURN. 1 R.H.F.
H. M. S. HOLME. T/Capt., ADC, Governor
General, Tasmania.
I. G. S. CARTWRIGHT. 1 R.H.F.
F. Q. E. AGNEW. 1 R.H.F.

2nd Lieutenants.

A. A. H. FISHER. 1 R.H.F.
R. C. ARMSTRONG. 1 R.H.F.
R. H. DE R. CHANNER. 1 R.H.F.
J. DRUMMOND BORTHWICK.
1 R.H.F.

Quartermasters.

W. M. SMITH. Maj. (QM) 5/6 H.L.I., T.A.
D. F. MCKUE, D.C.M. Capt. (QM) R.P.O., Edinburgh.
J. MACMILLAN. Capt. (QM) Depot, R.H.F.
R. A. PATON. Capt. (QM) 1 Glas. H., T.A.
J. D. COPLAND. Capt. (QM) 4/5 R.S.F., T.A.
T. A. ELLAMES. Capt. (QM) 5 Q.O.N.R.
A. WARD, M.M. Capt. (QM) 1 R.H.F.
W. STOBIE. Lt. (QM) 1 R.H.F.

(b) SHORT SERVICE

Majors.

W. DUNLOP. Q.O.N.R.
A. C. MACHIN. A.A.S., Chepstow.
W. R. MCL. MATHIE. Adj., H.Q. Sp. Unit, S.H.A.P.E.
J. MAITLAND. H.Q. 4 Inf. Div., B.A.O.R.
J. BLYTHE. Somaliland Scouts.

Captains.

M. C. HASTIE. Kluang Gar., Malaya.
J. GORDON, M.B.E. All Arms Junior Leaders Unit,
Tonfanau
T. F. MACCONACHIE. Q Mov. 41 Gar., B.F.P.O. 27.

Lieutenants.

J. L. HOWDEN-FERME. Depot, R.H.F.
A. S. ROBERTSON. 1 R.H.F.
M. J. E. MEAD. 1 R.H.F.

Quartermasters.

J. R. NEVE. Major. Retired.
A. MCINTYRE. Capt. (QM) H.Q. 11 Inf. Div.,
B.F.P.O. 29.

(c) NATIONAL SERVICE

2nd Lieutenants.

J. B. DALY 1 R.H.F.
R. A. DICKSON. 1 R.H.F.

Letters to the Editor

From: Major F. T. V. Dunne,
Southbury,
Links Road,
Sheringham,
Norfolk.

"4th February, 1960.

SIR,

In his very interesting "Short History of The Royal Scots Fusiliers and The Highland Light Infantry" Lt.-Col. Oatts assigns too late a date ('about 1708') to the acquirement by the former Regiment of the title of 'Fusiliers'.

It is difficult to establish the exact year. It has been stated that The Royal Scots Fusiliers was one of the only two regiments raised as Fusiliers—the other being The Royal Fusiliers (vide *The Journal of The Royal United Service Institution*, February, 1924), but John Buchan favoured the year 1685.

In any case, it is certain that the Regiment was a seventeenth-century Fusilier Regiment—for in a list of the Army in Flanders, printed in July, 1691, it was already styled 'Fusiliers'.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) F. T. V. DUNNE,

Major (retired),
late Royal Scots Fusiliers."

From: Lt.-Col. P. St. G. Maxwell,
Pettistree Grange,
Woodbridge,
Suffolk.

"14th March, 1960.

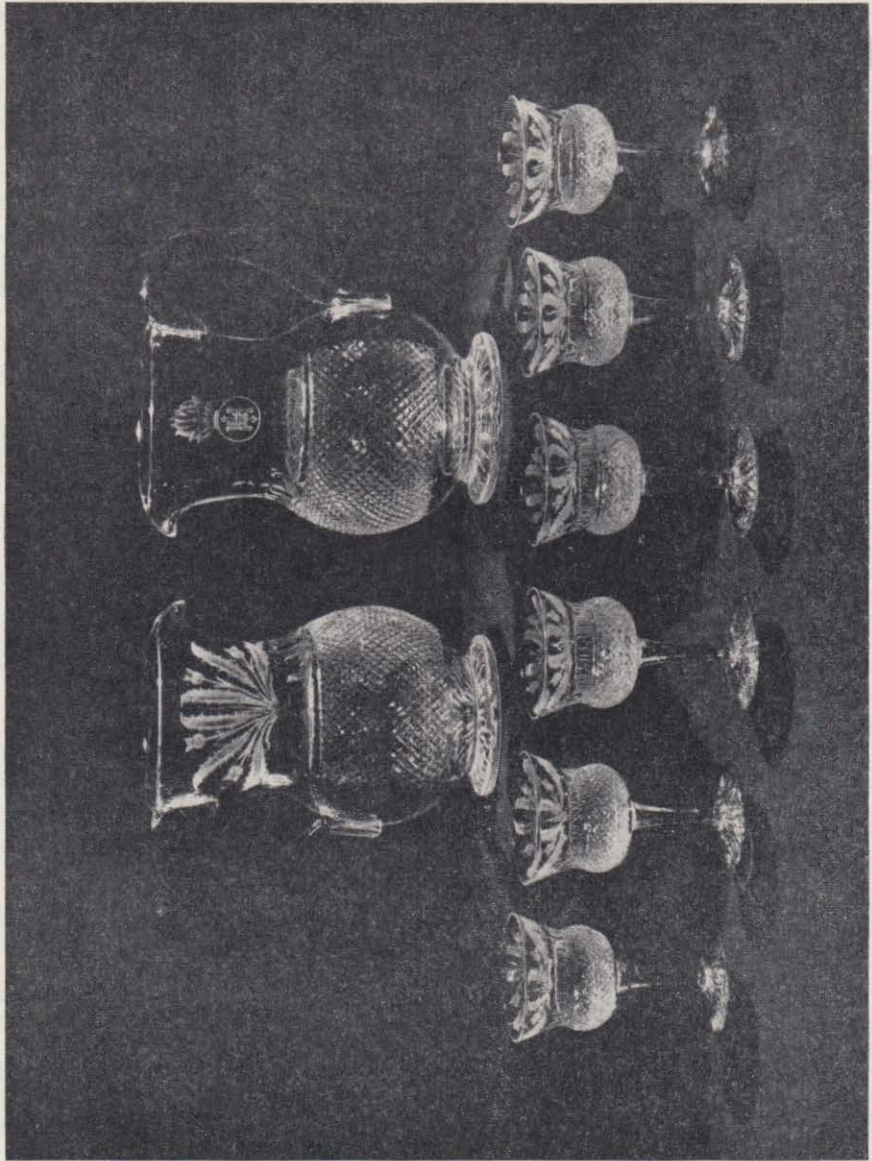
DEAR SIR,

In the account of the activities of the Royal Guard in the January issue of the Journal it is stated that Retreat was beaten on the Green in Ballater on 10th October and 'it is believed that this year is the first time such a performance has been given to the town by the Regiment finding the Royal Guard'.

In the interests of accuracy, I should like to point out that when the Royal Guard was provided by the 1st Battalion The Highland Light Infantry in 1949, the Pipe Band beat Retreat on the Green in Ballater at least once.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) P. MAXWELL, Lt.-Col."



WEDDING OF THE COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

It was with the greatest pleasure that the Regiment heard of the news of Her Royal Highness's engagement on 26th February, and a telegram was immediately despatched to Clarence House:

"From: Colonel, the Royal Highland Fusiliers.

To: Private Secretary to Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret.

All ranks, past and present, of the Royal Highland Fusiliers send their congratulations on her engagement and wish Her Royal Highness much happiness in the future.

BRAMWELL DAVIS, *Colonel."*

The following reply was received by the Colonel of the Regiment the same evening:

"From: Clarence House.

To: Major-General Bramwell Davis.

I send to you and all ranks of the Royal Highland Fusiliers my sincere thanks for your kind message which I have received with great pleasure.

MARGARET, *Colonel-in-Chief."*

After consultation with various members of the Regimental Council, the Colonel of the Regiment decided that a suitable present from the Regiment should be given, and it was agreed that a set of cocktail glasses of Edinburgh crystal, together with two matching jugs with the Regimental Crest embossed, should be given. A subscription list, open to all ranks in the Regiment, whether regular or territorial was opened and, as a result of this, a set of 48 glasses, plus the two jugs, was sent to Clarence House a few days before the wedding. The Colonel of the Regiment received the following letter from Her Royal Highness:

"Clarence House, S.W.1.

3rd May, 1960.

Dear General Bramwell-Davis,

I am writing to thank you and all ranks, past and present, of the Royal Highland Fusiliers; 4th/5th the Royal Scots Fusiliers; 5th/6th the Highland Light Infantry; and the Glasgow Highlanders for the lovely thistle-shaped glasses which you have sent me for my wedding.

We will always treasure this present and we look forward to using the glasses in our new home.

I ask you to convey my warmest thanks to all ranks for this delightful gift and for the kind thoughts which accompanied it.

Yours very sincerely,

MARGARET."

A photograph of the jugs and six of these glasses is on the opposite page.

Her Royal Highness very kindly invited the Colonel of the Regiment, the Associate Colonel and Lieutenant-Colonel Evetts, together with their wives, to attend the Reception which was held at Buckingham Palace two days before the wedding. This was a very great occasion and, for those privileged to take part, quite unforgettable. Her Royal Highness reiterated her pleasure at receiving such an exquisite present, which would be of great use at her new home.

At the wedding in Westminster Abbey, the Regiment provided a Guard of Honour of thirty other ranks under the command of Warrant Officer H. Hutchinson. This Guard of Honour, together with similar ones from the Suffolk Regiment and the 15th/19th Hussars (Her Royal Highness's other two Regiments) were stationed at the entrance to the Abbey itself. In addition, some fifty seats were allotted to the Regiment in the Horse Guards Parade where spectators were able to see the various Royal processions going both to and from the Abbey.

In the Abbey itself, the above three officers and their wives, together with the Depot Commander and his wife, the Commanding Officer of the H.L.I. of Canada, who had been specially flown over, and two members from the H.L.I. Association (Colonel Douglas Fraser and Mr. E. Cammell) were also present. Again, those who were privileged to be present on this great and magnificent occasion can never forget the wonderful scenes within the Abbey itself. Her Royal Highness, looking quite magnificent, together with her eight bridesmaids, made a most colourful setting. The State pageantry with all the various military uniforms made a glittering scene.

In addition, those in the Abbey were privileged to see all the various processions—our own Royal Family and relatives, representatives of Royal Families of various European countries, the Commonwealth Prime Ministers who happened to be in London for one of the Commonwealth Conferences, and many other well-known personages of the realm. It is difficult to describe the wonderful picture of everything which occurred, and the occasion is certainly one which those privileged to be present will always remember.

A telegram of congratulation was also sent that day from the Regiment, and a reply was received just about the same time as the *Britannia* sailed for the West Indies, with Her Royal Highness and her husband on board.

The following letter was received by the Colonel of the Regiment on 3rd June, 1960:

CLARENCE HOUSE,
2nd June, 1960.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

Princess Margaret is very anxious that All Ranks of the Royal Highland Fusiliers should have a piece of Her Royal Highness' Wedding Cake.

I would be most grateful if you could let me know where to send a piece of Cake, which could be divided up, and approximately how much would be required. In order to give each person two ounces of Cake, it would need roughly one hundred pounds of Cake to provide for eight hundred people.

In addition to the bulk Cake, Princess Margaret would like the ten members from her Regiment who formed the Guard of Honour at Westminster Abbey to have a separate piece of Cake in a personal box. If you could kindly let me know the names of those in the Guard of Honour, I could send them the individual boxes.

Yours sincerely,

ADAM GORDON.
Comptroller to QUEEN ELIZABETH,
The Queen Mother.

Major-General R. A. BRAMWELL DAVIS, C.B., D.S.O.

RETIREMENTS

Major E. G. C. HAIGH (August, 1937)

Joined 1st H.L.I. at Fort George, August, 1937, from Oxford University; King's African Rifles, July, 1939. With 3rd Battalion and 2nd/3rd Battalion K.A.R., Abyssinia, 1940-41; 5th/6th Battalion K.A.R. as 2 I.C., October, 1942; Assam, 11 (E.A.) Division, January to April, 1945; R.H.E., June, 1945, and posted to 5th H.L.I., B.A.O.R., January, 1946. Staff College, Camberley, January to December, 1947. War Office, M.S. Branch, January, 1948, to January, 1949. D.A.A.G., H.Q. 7th Armd. Division, February, 1949 to March, 1950; D.A.Q.M.G., Hanover District, March, 1950 to April, 1951. Highland Brigade Training Centre, April to December, 1951. Edinburgh U.T.C., January, 1952, to May, 1953. G.II., H.Q. B.T.E., May, 1953, to October, 1954. 1st H.L.I., Egypt, U.K., Cyprus, October, 1954, to June, 1956; Battalion 2 I.C., January, 1955, to June, 1956. B.M., 128th Inf. Bde. (T.A.), July, 1956, to June, 1958. Retired June, 1958.

Major J. STEWART REAKES (October, 1939)

Commissioned from Emergency Reserve to Royal Scots Fusiliers as 2nd Lt. on 16th October, 1939. Posted R.S.F., I.T.C., at Ayr on 16th October, 1939. Signals Officer 'S' Company and Signals Instructor at I.T.C. in October, 1939, to August, 1941. G.S.O., 111 Ayr Sub Area, in August, 1941, to January, 1942. Staff Captain 'A' Galloway Area in January, 1942, to November, 1943. Staff College Camberley (Sandhurst Course), in November, 1943, to February, 1944. Qualified P.S.C. Posted H.Q. Allied Control Commission, Italy (Naples and Rome), as Staff Officer Grade II, Civil Affairs, in March, 1944, to July, 1946. Posted H.Q. Allied Military Government, Trieste, Italy, as Legal Officer (Major), Deputy Chief, Department of Legal Affairs, in July, 1946, to December, 1952. Joined Claims Commission, War Office. Posted as D.A.D. Claims to Germany in January, 1953, to June, 1955; Singapore, June, 1955, to October, 1955; Hong Kong, October, 1955, to June, 1958; and H.Q. Scottish Command (Edinburgh), June, 1958, to July, 1959. Retired July, 1959. Now solicitor, Midlothian County Council, Edinburgh.

Captain J. GRAY (October, 1940)

6th January, 1935: enlisted in the Scots Guards for a short term of four years with the Colours. Saw service in London and Egypt. Appointed L/Cpl. Transferred prematurely to the Reserve on 3rd October, 1938, on being accepted for service with the Edinburgh City Police. Served with the Police until recalled to H.M. Forces on 1st December, 1939. Returned to Scots Guards and saw service in south of England and France. Posted to 165 O.C.T.U., Dunbar, in June, 1940, as officer cadet and commissioned on 19th October of same year. Posted to 6th Battalion R.S.F., and served with that unit until end of war in Europe. On 10th September, 1945, was specially released to return to the Edinburgh City Police. Mentioned in despatches in *London Gazette*, 8th November, 1945, for service in N.W. Europe. Re-commissioned in the R.S.F. on 29th October, 1951, and saw service, E.R.E., with 5th Battalion K.A.R. in Kenya, with Berlin Indep. Bde. and in B.A.O.R.

C.S.M. W. SATCHELL



Joined 2nd Battalion the Highland Light Infantry in January, 1943. Served in Egypt, Sicily, Italy, Yugoslavia, Austria and Greece. Transferred to 1st Battalion the Highland Light Infantry in October, 1947. Served in Palestine until end of Mandate in 1948 and then in Fort George, Edinburgh and Colchester. Transferred to 1st Battalion the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in February, 1951, in Hong Kong, and served in Edinburgh, British Guiana and Berlin. Rejoined 1st Battalion the Highland Light Infantry in October, 1955, at Bulford, and served in Cyprus and Germany. On amalgamation served with 1st Battalion the Royal Highland Fusiliers in Edinburgh and Aden.

It is regretted that, owing to the difficulty in obtaining records of service from officers, the following are still outstanding:

Lt.-Col. A. Gordon
Major G. Christie
Major A. F. Whitehead
Colonel M. F. V. Willoughby
Major J. S. McKiddie



The Late Major-General Sir Andrew McCulloch, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., D.C.M.

OBITUARIES

Major-General SIR ANDREW McCULLOCH, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., D.C.M.

IT is with deep regret that we have to record the death, at Castle Douglas Hospital on 19th April, of Major-General Sir Andrew Jameson McCulloch, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., D.C.M., Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, Colonel, The Highland Light Infantry, 1936-1946. He was 83.

Andrew Jameson McCulloch was born in Edinburgh in 1876, the eldest son of Andrew Jameson, Lord Ardwall, the Scottish Judge. He assumed the surname of McCulloch in 1892. Educated at Edinburgh Academy, St. Andrews University and at New College, Oxford, he later studied law and was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1905. During the South African War he served with the City Imperial Volunteers, M.I., H.L.I. and 12th M.I. in the actions at Paardeberg, Driefontein, Johannesburg, Diamond Hill and Wittebergen, was mentioned in dispatches and won the D.C.M. In 1910 he passed through the Staff College, Camberley; and when war broke out in 1914, he was soon on active service, this time with The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and in command of the 7th Battalion.

In 1916 he was appointed to the Cavalry Staff, and in the following year was given command of the 9th Battalion, The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. He was in command of the 64th Infantry Brigade when, in August, 1918, it captured Grandcourt. He was awarded a D.S.O. and two bars, was three times wounded and was thrice mentioned in dispatches. The year after the Armistice he was given command of the 62nd Infantry Brigade, and in the same year was appointed Chief Instructor of the Staff College at Quetta. He remained there till 1923, when he took command of the 157th Highland Light Infantry Brigade (T.A.). From 1926 to 1930 he was Brigadier of the 2nd Infantry Brigade at Aldershot, and for the next three years was Commandant of the Senior Officers' School at Sheerness. During the last two years as Commandant of the School he also served as A.D.C. to the King. In 1934-35, and again in 1936-38, he was Major-General commanding the 52nd Lowland Division; in 1935 he was temporary Commander of the troops in Malta. He was made C.B. in 1934, created K.B.E. three years later, and retired in 1938. From 1941 to 1944 he was Inspector of Oil Protection. In 1941 he was appointed Deputy-Lieutenant for the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright.

A notable sportsman both during his student days and in the Army, he was President of the O.U.S.C. in 1897 and represented the University at swimming and water-polo. He was also an exceptionally good horseman, and owned and rode the winner of the 1st Division (Aldershot) Point-to-Point Steeplechase in 1929. He married, in 1905, Esme Valentine, daughter of Colin Mackenzie, of the Honourable East India Company's Service. They had four sons, of whom one was killed in action while serving in the Royal Navy.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

SIR ANDREW was buried with military honours in the ruins of Old Anwoth Church on Friday, 22nd April, after a memorial service in nearby Anwoth Church conducted by Rev. J. Turnbull.

Because of Sir Andrew's association with the former Highland Light Infantry, and 14/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, of which he was at one time Colonel, the coffin was escorted from the church to the burial ground by eight sergeants of The Royal Highland Fusiliers—the regiment formed by the merging of The Highland Light Infantry and The Royal Scots Fusiliers. The detachment from the R.H.F. depot at Churchill Barracks, Ayr, was accompanied by four officers and the R.S.M.

Pall-bearers were Mr. Walter McCulloch, Ardwall, Gatehouse, the eldest son; Major David McCulloch, another son; and three grandsons, Mr. Andrew, Mr. John and Mr. Alexander, sons of Major David McCulloch; cousins, Mr. Edward Cliff McCulloch, Gaitgill, and Mr. Sinclair Jameson, Edinburgh; Mr. William Stewart, Shambellie, New Abbey; and Major J. Bourne May, Barwhinnoch, Twynholm, brother-in-law.

The body was borne from the church to the hearse by fellow elders.

Among the mourners were his widow, Lady McCulloch; Mrs. J. G. Jamieson and Mrs. A. M. Jamieson, sisters-in-law; the Earl of Galloway, H.M. Lieutenant of Kirkcudbrightshire; Major-General Sir Aymer Maxwell, Convener of the

County; Brigadier E. J. Montgomery, representing Major-General R. A. Bramwell Davis, Colonel of The Royal Highland Fusiliers; Major B. A. Fergus, representing Major-General J. F. M. Macdonald, G.O.C., 52nd Lowland Infantry Division.

Some 150 relatives, friends and estate workers attended the funeral service.

AN APPRECIATION

E. J. M. writes—

General Andy as he was affectionately known to all who served under him in the Regiment, had been in failing health for some years but although he served for only a short period as a Regimental Soldier his interest in regimental affairs throughout his long and almost unique service never tired.

When Colonel of the Regiment he started the successful negotiations for the return of the Kilt to the Highland Light Infantry after 150 years, a very notable achievement which was much appreciated by all ranks.

His upright figure, smiling blue eyes and cheerful greeting to all and sundry, "Well how are you"—with the emphasis on the "you"—will not easily be forgotten.

We have lost a fine character, a great soldier and friend.

Brigadier-General RICHARD KNOX WALSH, G.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL RICHARD KNOX WALSH, who died in March, served in the Royal Scots Fusiliers for 30 years. He joined the 2nd Battalion in India in 1893, transferred to the 1st Battalion when its turn came for Indian service and remained with it until he was promoted Captain. On promotion he was posted to the 2nd Battalion and joined them in South Africa in 1901. He returned with the Battalion to Aldershot and took over the Adjutancy in June, 1903. Having completed his term as Adjutant, he was posted to the 1st Battalion in Burma, then, after a tour at the Depot, he was appointed as an Instructor to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, where he served until the winter of 1915-16, when he was given command of the 2nd Battalion in France, where he saw a great deal of very bitter fighting, including the Battle of Guillemont in September, 1916, when

the Battalion was reduced to a cadre consisting of Battalion Headquarters only.

Subsequently he commanded an infantry brigade with great distinction, receiving both the D.S.O. and C.M.G. During the last year of the war he was posted to a training brigade in the U.K., and at the end of the war, having been awarded a C.B., he was promoted Lt.-Col. to command the 2nd Battalion, which he took, in September, 1919, to Constantinople and the Black Sea and finally to India.

He retired on completion of his period of command, which distressed those of us who felt that if he had remained on the active list, he would have gone much further.

The survivors of those who served with him will have heard of his death with much regret and will look back on him as a keen, efficient regimental officer and a fine fighting commander.

Colonel C. H. McCALLUM

It is with deep regret that I have to announce the death, on 23rd February, 1960, at his home in the Isle of Wight, of Colonel C. H. McCallum.

He was educated at Haileybury but left at the early age of 16 and went to South Africa, where his father, Sir Henry McCallum, was Governor of Natal. The war against the Boers was in full swing and he enlisted, still only 16 years, as a trooper in the Scottish Horse in 1901, and he served with them till the conclusion of hostilities. For his personal gallantry at the capture of Albert's Laager, near Gruisfontein, he was promoted "King's" Corporal—a special rank from which it was not possible to be demoted. At the conclusion of hostilities he was commissioned and became a second-lieutenant in the Highland Light Infantry.

For eight years he served with the 1st Battalion in Egypt, the Sudan and India, and was then seconded to the Malay States Guides. He rejoined the 2nd Battalion at Mullinger in 1912, and very shortly afterwards was again seconded, this time as Adjutant to the Scottish Horse. He was still with this Yeomanry Regiment at the outbreak of World War I and took part, with them, in the Gallipoli landings. Then followed a series of staff appointments on General Allenby's Staff in Egypt and Palestine, where he was at the end of the war.

In 1920 he was with the 1st Battalion in Egypt, and shortly afterwards was given command of the Depot at Maryhill, which he held for three years. There followed a further period with the 1st Battalion until he was given command of the 2nd Battalion, who had just moved from Bangalore to Cawnpore in 1928.

During his tenure of command, it might be said he was somewhat unfortunate as he never had the whole Battalion together. There was, permanently, a detachment of one company at Benares—250 miles away, and there was always, during the six months' hot weather period, half the Battalion at Chaubattia in the Himalayan foothills. Training was hampered in this way. Nevertheless, under his able leadership and abounding enthusiasm, the Battalion kept up its normal high standards and, in his last year of command, prepared itself for the more rigorous North-West Frontier station of Razmak. Unfortunately, he did not see the fruits of his labours, as the move took place at the expiry of his command.

In 1931 serious civil strife broke out between the Moslems and Hindus at Cawnpore. There



was much loss of life; arson and looting was on a widespread scale. The Battalion was called to the rescue by the civil authorities—albeit somewhat belatedly. As usual, there was a top level court of enquiry afterwards, at which Lt.-Col. McCallum and the Battalion were much praised.

I think mention must be made of the great sporting successes that occurred during this period. The old Association football team that had won so many competitions in Egypt and Southern India had largely disappeared. A new team had to be built up and the Indian Football Association Shield, the Murray Cup (twice) and other competitions were won, although, alas, the Durand Trophy somehow just evaded us. In athletics, the Battalion had a very fine all-round team. Boxing was also well to the fore. Hockey, too, was coming into its own and the seeds of the great team the Battalion later possessed at Peshawar was beginning to take shape. Surpassing all was the great achievement of staging the Highland Brigade Gathering in 1931, when the Regiment was host to four other Highland battalions. A week of intensive sports, piping and dancing found the Regiment proud winners of the magnificent trophy presented by the Scots of Cawnpore, which is still in possession of the Regiment.

The Commanding Officer was largely instrumental in fostering these pastimes, although not at the expense of ordinary training. Many of us, too, will also remember the encouragement given to young officers to go out shooting, pig-sticking and playing polo. All this helped to enhance a somewhat monotonous location, and we will look back with pleasure on what the Commanding Officer enabled us to do, and the entertainment which he and his family so often afforded us.

After termination of command, he was promoted full Colonel, and was appointed Officer I.C. of the Highland Brigade Records. After four years, he retired, but at the outbreak of World War II he was soon back in uniform, carrying out staff jobs in Scotland and the Middle East until his final age limit for service expired.

We offer our sincerest sympathy to his wife and three daughters, one of whom is now Mrs. J. A. R. Taylor, whose husband is a major in the Regiment.

Colonel D. M. WILKIE, O.B.E., T.D., J.P.

WITH the death of Col. D. M. Wilkie, at the age of 81, in April, 1960, the Regiment lost one of its very few surviving volunteers.

A native of Stirlingshire, Col. Wilkie served in the first place as a volunteer with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in the South African War.

In 1902, when he came to Ayr to work in the Clydesdale Bank, he joined the local volunteer battalion of the Royal Scots Fusiliers and continued to serve with this battalion when it became the 5th Bn. R.S.F., T.A. During this period Col. Wilkie played for Ayr Rugby Club, of which he was captain for two years.

At the outbreak of the First World War, he commanded Ayr Company of the 5th Bn. R.S.F. After recovering from war wounds received in Gallipoli, he went to France, where he commanded the Battalion on the Western Front in 1918.

In the last war Col. Wilkie commanded a R.S.F. Battalion of the Home Guard.

Fishing and bowling were among his many interests.

We offer our deepest sympathy to his surviving son and daughter.

DOWAGER, VISCOUNTESS TRENCHARD

It was with much regret that we learned of the death, on 5th March, 1960, of Lady Trenchard. During her late husband's tenure as Colonel of the Royal Scots Fusiliers from 1919 to 1946, Lady Trenchard was well known to most members of the Regiment and could always be relied on under circumstances requiring sympathy, understanding and practical help. Two of her sons were killed in action, one of them while serving with the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

Besides her interest in the Regiment, Lady Trenchard was Chief Commandant, A.T.S., from 1938 to 1941, a Director in the Red Cross and St. John's Organisation from 1941 to 1943 and, finally, Chairman of the County of London S.S.A.F.A.

To her family we extend our deepest sympathy.

Major JOHN FALCONER, M.B.E., D.C.M.

MAJOR "JACK" FALCONER died at the Perth Royal Infirmary on 20th March, 1960, after a short illness.

He joined the Highland Light Infantry on 3rd January, 1915, and was promoted sergeant the same year. In 1916 he went to France and



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was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal in October, 1918. After the war, he served in Russia with the Archangel Expedition.

In November, 1920, still with the 2nd Battalion he sailed for Egypt, where he was joined by his wife in 1921. Except for a short tour of duty at the Depot, Maryhill Barracks, in 1935-36, he served abroad until 1943 in Palestine, India, and was in the Middle East Campaign from 1939 to 1943.

Whilst in Eritrea, he was awarded the M.B.E.—the citation for this award emphasised his courage, devotion to duty, and qualities of determination and foresight.

During the latter part of World War II he was posted to the Foreign Office at Bletchley, where he was engaged in very secret work. His last five years of service was at the Regimental Depot as Quartermaster.

On his retirement in 1952 he was appointed as an R.O. III to the Infantry Records Office at Perth, where he continued to give valuable service to the Army.

At the funeral, the Regiment was represented by Captain (Q.M.) J. Macmillan and a Corporal Piper.

The deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Falconer and family on their great loss. J.F.

Captain L. A. WESTON, T.D.

No regiment ever had a more loyal, hard-working or willing servant than Tommy Weston, whose early and unexpected death at the age of 56 has shocked all who knew him. His friends were numbered in thousands from all walks of life in the West of Scotland and elsewhere.

From the day he joined the Highland Light Infantry, in March, 1923, his time, skill and services were available to that Regiment, and later to the Royal Highland Fusiliers without reservation. He served in the Regiment from 13th March, 1923 to 31st January, 1938. During this period of his service he was M.G. Sergeant of 'B' M.G. Company, 1st Battalion the Highland Light Infantry and, finally, P.S.I. to 5th Battalion the Highland Light Infantry.

On the expansion of the Territorial Army in 1939 Colonel H. Cowan-Douglas raised the 57th Searchlight Regiment and, having a high regard for the capabilities of Tommy Weston, he offered him the appointment of Quartermaster, which appointment he assumed on the 1st June, 1939, as Lt. (Q.M.). He served throughout the war until being demobilized in October, 1945.



While a serving soldier he formed the unusual habit of taking up a different hobby every twelve months. He was remarkably successful in this, and became a competent craftsman in many trades, including carpentry, printing, photography, pig and poultry keeping and accountancy. All these were placed at the service of the Regiment when, in January, 1946, he became first administrative officer at the Depot, H.L.I., and later R.O. III at R.H.Q., R.H.F.

The range of his interpretation of his duties was wide in the extreme. By day he kept various accounts, ran the Regimental Museum in Glasgow, managed the Journal (and before it the *H.L.I. Chronicle*), was Secretary of the Regiment's Sergeants' Dinner Club, attended all welfare meetings, visited families in distress, ex-servicemen in hospital or in prison, and maintained contact with thousands of old soldiers who were to be found visiting him in a steady stream, every day. No one was ever turned away or refused help.

In the evenings, in his spare time, he took photographs (over two thousand in connection with the Regimental Trust Catalogue of Property alone), printed programmes, invitation cards, menus and the like for regimental functions, repaired damaged museum exhibits or turned his hand to any other matter which in his view could help his Regiment.

On special occasions the tables in the officers', sergeants' and men's messes were garnished by gifts of pigs and poultry from Tommy's small-holding which, in some mysterious manner, he found time to run.

Very few people knew of the full extent of Tommy Weston's services, since he was unassuming and self-effacing to a remarkable degree. His loss comes as a very heavy blow to this Regiment, which had hoped to rely on his services for many years to come. He had an unrivalled knowledge of the odd nooks and corners of the Regiment's life and of the older soldiers of the Highland Light Infantry.

To Mrs. Weston and to his family we extend our deepest sympathy, and in a small way we share with them in this great loss to them and to the Royal Highland Fusiliers.

C. W. D.

R.S.M. H. D. SANGER, late R.S.F.

It is with great regret that we announce the death, after many weeks of illness, of Harry Sanger. His death was attributable to his war wounds. He lost an arm at Caen in June, 1944.

He enlisted in May, 1926, and saw service in U.K., India and China until going to the Reserve in 1933. He was recalled in September, 1939, saw service with the B.E.F., and at home and in north-west Europe.

Harry had been a London Branch member since 1946. We did not see him very often, but he used to write. He and his family resided at Portsmouth. Whenever we met he was always relating about his signal boys, his days with the 2nd Bn., and his boys of 6th Bn. Harry was one who had a very quiet disposition and a very quiet humour. His one regret was that he lived so far away.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter, to whom we convey our sympathy.

TOM LINARD.

Sgt. P. HALL, late R.S.F.

PETER, better known as "Curly" to those with whom he served, passed away on Sunday, 16th January, 1960, after an illness of some weeks.

"Curly" joined the Regiment in 1925, previously serving in the Bedfordshires; proceeded to India, 1927; China, 1931; Home, 1932; recalled, 1939; served with B.E.F., 1939; Home, 1940. Discharged unfit in 1941. He held the rank of corporal for 5 years, obtaining the rank of sergeant in 1939. His total service was 16 years 156 days.



"Curly" had been connected with our Branch only since 1955. Like all our boys who live at a distance from London, he tried to attend as many functions as possible. He came from Oakington, Cambs. Many of our members would have liked to have met him again. He was well spoken of, he played cricket for 1st Bn., and whilst with the 2nd Bn. in India he played hockey for the Bn. After leaving the Regiment, he was employed by Chesterton Rural District, holding the position of foreman for the past 13 years.

He was cremated on 20th January. Malcolm Drummond travelled down from South Shields to pay his last respects.

"Curly" is survived by his wife and daughter, and to them we extend our deepest sympathy.

TOM LINARD.

ARCHIE MEIKLE

THE many friends of Archie Meikle will be very grieved to learn of his passing, after a brief illness, at his home in Croydon, Surrey, on 4th January, 1960.

Archie enlisted in the Highland Light Infantry on 19th January, 1915. He served with the Regiment in Europe during World War I, and was discharged with the rank of sergeant on 6th June, 1922.

Archie was a most enthusiastic member of the London Branch of the H.L.I. Association. He was ever willing to step into the breach to perform some duty in connection with our London Branch. He had experienced indifferent health for some long period. As recent as November, 1959, he led our Branch delegation on "Remembrance Day" to the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey, there to lay a wreath to fallen members of our Regiment. His absence at our Branch functions will be deeply felt.

His last parade was held at his local church in Croydon, Surrey, where some hundred fellow members of his church assembled to pay their respect and last tribute.

Archie was laid to rest at Mitcham Cemetery, Surrey, on 8th January, 1960.

To his wife and family we, members of the London Branch and, I am sure, his many friends, would wish to extend our deep sympathy in their sad loss.

E.C.

Pte. JAMES ALBERT SMITH, late R.S.F.

JACK SMITH, as he was known by our members in the London Branch, passed away on 10th February, 1960.

He enlisted in September, 1902, at the age of 19 years and served in India until his transfer to the Reserve in 1905. He served in World War I from 10th August, 1914 to 21st September, 1918.

He made an annual pilgrimage to a memorial trench commemorating the first Battle of Ypres to pay homage to his old friends who failed to return. He deemed it his duty to pay thus, his respects to them.

He was one of the original members of London Branch, joining when it was first formed in 1928. Before the Second World War he attended every function and he continued his regular attendance when we reformed in 1945. He never missed any function until the latter end of 1958, and he missed only four socials and dances. In fact, he had even booked for the April trip to Ayr at the beginning of February, 1960.

Jack was a very staunch member of the Old Comrades, and his unstinted support was wholeheartedly given. He would attend meetings and take a very sound interest in them. Members of the Branch will miss "Old Jack". He had a very likeable personality and was very proud of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, always remembering those who served with him. He is survived by a son and daughter, to whom we convey our sympathy.

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<i>Quartermaster</i> Captain J. MACMILLAN.
<i>R. S. M.</i> W.O. I D. B. S. MACDONALD.

SINCE we wrote our notes for the last issue of the Journal we have managed to come comparatively unscathed through our Annual Administrative Inspection and survive the rigours of Christmas leave, and with the advent of spring and sunshine we are once again hard at it.

Our main concern up to date has been to intensify our recruiting programme which, due to circumstances beyond our control, has suffered something of a setback over the last few months. In this respect we were fortunate to have the opportunity of taking part in a programme on S.T.V.—“The One O'clock Gang Show”, where we were given a good run for our money.

The production of the Depot part of the programme was done by Major Martin, and troops taking part being part of Bladensburg Platoon under Sgt. Thomson. Though some parts of the programme were disappointing, we hope that on the whole it achieved some good results.

On the 7th of April the Commanding Officer held a recruiting conference and we were delighted to see such a good attendance both from the T.A. Bns. and the Army Recruiting Staffs. A great deal of ground was covered during the meeting, and it is hoped that some of the excellent proposals put forward will bear fruit when put into operation.

As usual, we put on a display at the Ayr Show and our Pipe Band, in conjunction with the Pipe Band of the 4/5th Bn. R.S.F. (T.A.), performed with great success.

All we need now for Lieut. Howden-Ferme to get our recruiting drive into top gear is for our mobile van to have its complete overhaul and get out and about.

Popular belief has it that if, after this, recruits do not come rolling into the barrack gates, Lieut. Howden-Ferme's head will be rolling on the ground!

The Depot Pipe Band have had quite a busy time of it, especially Sgt. Aitken, who, amongst other engagements, went down to Aldershot on 2nd February to play at the Dining-out Night

given by H.Q., Aldershot District, for the Colonel of the Regiment on relinquishing his appoint as G.O.C., Aldershot District. He has also been honoured by being invited to play at Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret's wedding breakfast with the Balmoral Pipers, and we are sure that he was a great credit to us on this occasion.

Our social activities have been very limited over the last few months, the only occasion of any note being the running of the Lowland Brigade Club Tent at the Eglinton Hunt Point-to-Point, and in this connection we would like to express our gratitude to the officers of 1st Glasgow Highlanders for their kindness in allowing us to borrow their mess tent and thereby greatly contributing to the success of the meeting.

On the 28th of March a contingent of Edinburgh University O.T.C. came to the Depot to do their fortnight annual camp and we thoroughly enjoyed having them here. During their stay they took part in all our sporting activities, and their pipers joined our Pipe Band for one of the passing-out parades.

We sincerely hope that they both enjoyed and benefited from the time they spent here and assure them that if any members have the time to call in and see us in the future, they will be made most welcome.

Regrettably, we have not excelled ourselves in the realms of sport, with the exception of our hardy trio of golfers, Major Martin, R.S.M. MacDonald and Fus. Lindsay, who came 3rd, 11th and 2nd, respectively, in the Lowland District Golf Championship Singles, and to whom we give our heartiest congratulations. However, we are hoping for better luck with our Cricket XI, and perhaps we shall even achieve something with the Basket Ball Team, if only S.S.I. Jardine can be persuaded not to make a habit of matching us against the U.S.A.F. base at Prestwick. This may be good for allied relations, but until we can induce them to take us on at cricket and even up the score its certainly no good for morale.

On 9th April the R.S.F. Old Comrades' Association stayed in barracks over the weekend, a large contingent having travelled from London to see the International at Hampden Park. By all accounts, and certainly if the Sergeants' Mess bar takings are any judge, the weekend was a great success, and we sincerely hope that they enjoyed themselves as much as we enjoyed having them to stay with us.

On the 20th April we learned with regret that General McCulloch, formerly a Colonel of the H.L.I., had died at his home near Gatehouse of Fleet.

The Depot provided a contingent to attend the funeral, consisting of the Depot Commander and three officers, six sergeant pall-bearers, under the R.S.M., and the pipe sergeant and one bugler. The coffin was escorted from the church to the family vault by the pall-bearers and, in a very moving ceremony, the coffin was laid to rest to the accompaniment of the last post, the lament and the reveille.

We would like here to express our deepest sympathy to General McCulloch's relatives, and thank them for all their kindness to the Depot contingent on that day.

As usual, we have had our share of comings and goings, and it was with great regret that on the 10th of March we said farewell to Colonel Dunbar and family, who left us for sunnier climes. Unfortunately, we were unable to aspire to escorting him out of barracks on a camel and had to content ourselves with pulling out of the

gates in the Landrover which was towed by the officers, W.O.'s and sergeants of the Depot, the route out being lined by the permanent staff and recruits.

All ranks of the Depot offer him their sincere congratulations on his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion and wish him the very best of success.

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed in his place Major G. C. R. L. Pender, who came home from Aden to command the Depot, and we hope that his stay with us will be a long and happy one.

Lieutenant R. M. Dickson, who was at the Depot for six weeks after being commissioned, flew out to join the Battalion with a draft on the 9th of April, and we sincerely hope that the instruction he received during his short stay here has proved beneficial to him in Aden.

We have just heard that Major Martin has decided to give up the sword in favour of the plough and is going to become a wealthy farmer in Lincolnshire. We shall be extremely sorry to see him go after all he has done for us at the Depot, but look forward to welcoming in his place Captain P. M. Oatts, who is due to relieve him shortly.

Unfortunately, the comings and goings of people through the Depot, evacuated for various reasons from the Battalion in Aden, have been too numerous for us to mention each individual by name, but this does not mean, however, that they are in any sense less welcome.



Major C. W. Dunbar, M.B.E., leaves the Depot on posting to command the 1st Bn. Royal Highland Fusiliers

We were also kept busy preparing for our part in the ceremonies connected with Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret's wedding, where we provided a Guard of Honour to line the route to the west door of the Abbey, in addition to two officer ushers. The Guard of Honour consisted of R.S.M. H. Hutchinson, Sergeant G. Breslin, Corporals W. Shaw, W. McGowan and H. McFedries, Lance-Corporal S. Prow, and Fusiliers J. Cowie, A. Howden, R. McKie and J. Wallace.

We were fortunate in having the services of R.S.M. D. B. S. MacDonald at this time, who, after his experience at last year's parades, had no difficulty in licking them into shape.

In concluding these notes, we have just heard with the deepest regret of the sudden death of Captain L. A. Weston. With his passing the Regiment has lost a great supporter and a loyal friend, and all ranks of the Depot would like to take this opportunity to extend to his relatives their deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

TRAINING COMPANY DEPOT

Company Commander Captain P. M. OATTS.
C. S. M. WO II TURNER.

SINCE our last notes were written, Training Company has carried on the endless and little appreciated task of trying to silence the cries for more men from the 1st Battalion.

The steady stream of recruit squads arriving and ten weeks later passing-out of our hands has never ceased. Our motto might be that of a famous London theatre: "We never closed." Since the last Journal notes, the following platoons have passed-out and details and photographs of the regular platoons are elsewhere in the Journal:

<i>Platoon</i>	<i>Date of Pass-out</i>
<i>Nivelle (Reg.)</i>	4th December, 1959
<i>Almarez (N.S.)</i>	4th December, 1959
<i>Vittoria (N.S.)</i>	4th December, 1959
<i>Bladensburg (N.S.)</i>	30th April, 1960
<i>Waterloo (Reg.)</i>	17th March, 1960
<i>Alma (Reg.)</i>	In training
<i>Inkerman (Reg. and N.S.)</i>	In training
<i>Sevastopol (Reg.)</i>	In training

The past few months have seen another administrative inspection come and go with great success. That the Company could survive an administrative inspection followed by St. Andrew's Night and then put on a good passing-out parade the next day we consider no mean feat.

We have had more than the usual turnover of men in the Company. This time the changes range right from the top, as our Company Commander, Major D. W. S. Martin, has decided to farm in Lincolnshire and has been succeeded by Captain P. M. Oatts, who has returned from the now fashionable winter holiday resort by the Red Sea. Sergeant Conway has left to learn all about the 3-inch mortar, and in his place we have Sergeant Laird from the 1st Battalion. Sergeant Barlow has also gone back to the 1st Battalion, and Sergeants Gamage and Breslin have come to us. Corporal Clutterbuck has left the Army,

but otherwise our training corporals have NOT changed. The Company grows larger after each recruit platoon passes out as we have to retain any persons under age for service with the 1st Battalion in Aden.

The Company has provided its usual contribution to the Depot sports teams, our Hockey XI making up with enthusiasm what it lacks in skill. Once again we provided a physical training display for the Ayr Show and we intend to take part in several Army and local shows during the summer. The recruiting team is trying to shake off the sloth of winter and to prepare for an intensive summer campaign. The Depot Shooting Team will be starting training next month, and the worried captain is already to be seen anxiously looking for potential team members.

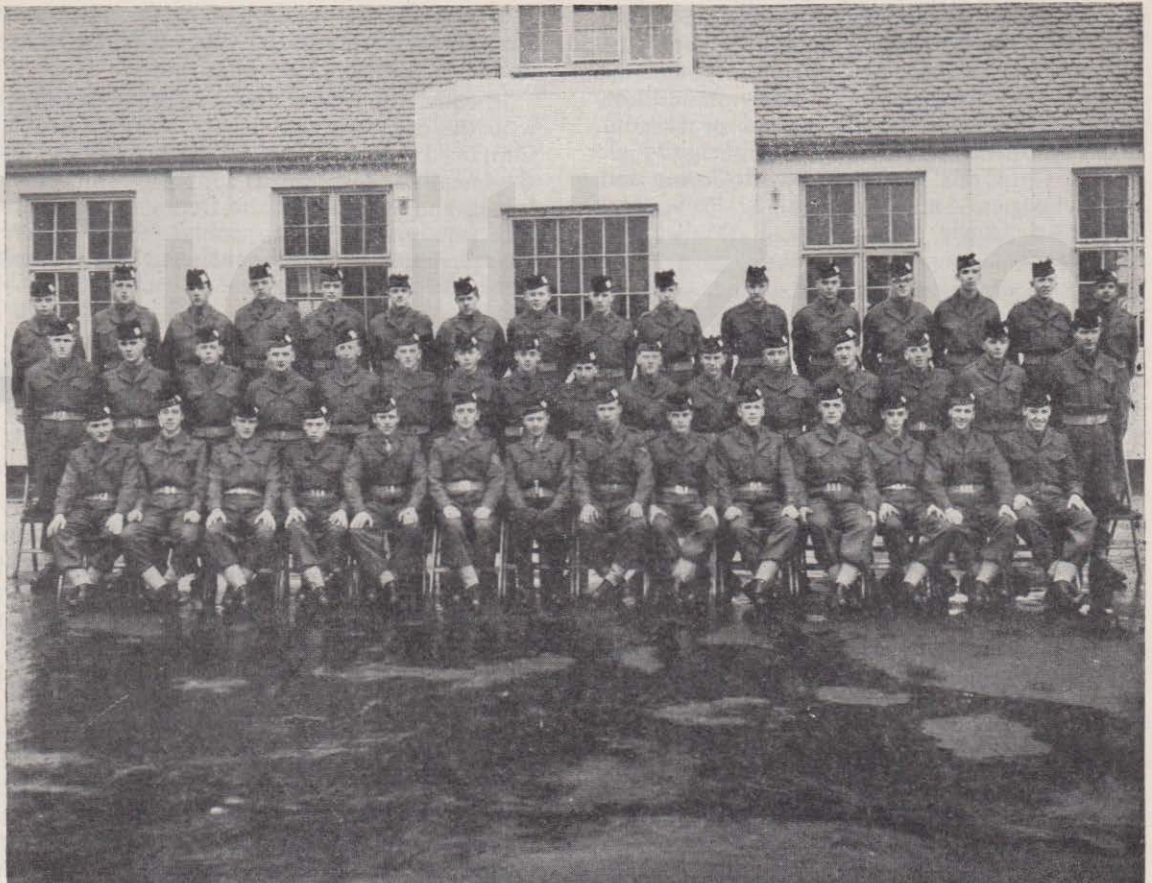
Training Company added yet another battle honour to the Regiment's long list when it took part in the Ayr Fish War of 1960. H.M.S. *Soberton*, a fishery protection vessel, was based in Ayr during the French pirate raids and close Army/Navy co-ordination resulted.

Officers and recruits were taken on patrol in H.M.S. *Soberton* and it can be NO coincidence that NO further complaints from the Ayr fishermen were heard after the French fishermen had seen the diced glengarry at sea.

The Depot Commanding Officer displayed great seamanship, and on one occasion saved naval face by assuming command when *Soberton* was about to run down a drifter's nets, thus avoiding a war with the locals, as well as the Frenchmen. We regret to hear that campaign medals, "Irish Sea 60", are not being awarded.

We wish good luck to all who have passed through the Company on their way to the 1st Battalion in Aden.

NIVELLE PLATOON



McCorgray, Creevy, Slack, Leary, Rooney, Green, Roberts, McLuskey, Rafferty, Curran, Walker, Sloan, McQuade, Cullen, Benson, Hussain, Rouse, McStay, Johnstone, Green, McKendrick, Nethercote, Phinn, Carr, Moore, Welsh, Clark, Devine, McIntyre, Brown, Wrethamn, Hardie, Bell, McSharry, McClung, Carrigan, Cpl. McFedries, Sgt. Conway, Lt. J. L. Howden Ferme, L/Cpl. Weston, McBride, Ferguson, Nisbet, Paton, Wilson, Quinn.

- 23692554 Fus. ROBERTS.—From Kilmarnock. Served in R.A. (T.A.). Father in R.A.S.C. A miner. 6-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23755562 Fus. PATON.—From Glasgow. A storeman. 9-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23708772 Fus. CARR.—From Glasgow. A baker. 6-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23711001 Fus. WRETHMAN.—From Alexandria, Dumbartonshire. Served in T.A. and A.C.F. Father was in Scots Greys, 10th Hussars and A. & S.H. 9-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23691177 Fus. PHINN.—From Glasgow. A butcher. T.A. service with 455th L.A.A. Regt., R.A. 9-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23736939 Fus. O'NEILL.—From Glasgow. A machine operator. 6-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23732443 Fus. BELL.—From Glasgow. A sailmaker. 9-year engagement. Age 20.
- 23732944 Fus. CARRIGAN.—From Glasgow. A plumber. 6-year engagement. Age 18.
- 22366634 Fus. FERGUSON.—From Dalmellington. A miner. Served in 1st R.S.F., 4/5th R.S.F., has brother in 1st R.H.F. and one in A. & S.H. 1 year 178 days engagement. Age 27.
- 22218663 Fus. WILSON.—From Glasgow. A labourer. 2½ years in 1st H.L.I., 9 years in 5/6th H.L.I. (T.A.). 9-year engagement. Age 31.
- 23735726 Fus. WELSH.—From Glasgow. A pattern maker. 9-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23732744 Fus. CURRAN.—From Glasgow. A meat porter. 6-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23460304 Fus. HARDIE.—From Arran. A labourer. Served 1 year Boy's Service, 3 years A. & S.H. and 1 year in R.A.R. 6-year engagement. Age 23.
- 23708946 Fus. LEARY.—From Glasgow. A labourer. 6-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23710616 Fus. MCBRIDE.—From Dalmellington. A miner. 9-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23736172 Fus. NISBET.—From Mauchline, Ayrshire. A miner. Father served in B.S.A.P. 6-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23735972 Fus. MCQUADE.—From Glasgow. Dog handler. 9-year engagement. Age 20.
- 23735125 Fus. GREEN.—From Glasgow. A tradesman. Father served in Royal Signals. 9-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23736173 Fus. CREEVY.—From Kilmarnock. A miner. 9-year engagement. Age 19.

- 23735971 Fus. SLOAN.—From Glasgow. A forestry worker. 6-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23736356 Fus. BENSON.—From Glasgow. A painter. 9-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23013435 Fus. MCKENDRICK.—From Kilmarnock. A labourer. Served 2 years N.S. in R.S.F. and R.A. Father was R.S.M. in R.S.F. 9-year engagement. Age 25.
- 23736488 Fus. DEVINE.—From Blantyre. A miner. 6-year engagement. Age 22.
- 23636174 Fus. MCCLUNG.—From Kilmarnock. A miner. 6-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23735828 Fus. RAFFERTY.—From Glasgow. A tram conductor. Brother serving in R.A.S.C. 9-year engagement. Age 20.
- 23736314 Fus. CULLEN.—From Glasgow. A labourer. 6-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23736175 Fus. NETHERCOTE.—From Kilmarnock. A miner. Uncle and grandfather both served in Army. 6-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23736155 Fus. HUSSAIN.—Glasgow and Pakistan. A student. 9-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23736312 Fus. MCSHARRY.—From Glasgow. A labourer. Grandfather was in H.L.I. 6-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23734937 Fus. ROUSE.—From Blantyre. A caramel overseer. Brother served in Scots Greys. 9-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23549380 Fus. QUINN.—From Glasgow. A plasterer. Served 18 months in 5/6th H.L.I. as bandsman. 9-year engagement. Age 21.
- 23664015 Fus. BROWN.—Glasgow. A baker. Father served in H.L.I. 9-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23733243 Fus. MOORE.—From Glasgow. A joiner. 6-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23733107 Fus. MCGREGOR.—From Glasgow. A butcher. 6-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23735561 Fus. WALKER.—From Glasgow. A packer. 6-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23734364 Fus. CLARK.—From Glasgow. A railway porter. 6-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23732880 Fus. MCSTAY.—From Glasgow. A labourer. 9-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23544162 Fus. SLACK.—From Edinburgh. A skinner. Served with Royal Scots. 6-year engagement. Age 21.
- 23681625 Fus. ROONEY.—From Glasgow. A furniture porter. Served in 1st Glasgow Highlanders (T.A.). Had brother in Cameronians and father was in R.E. 6-year engagement. Age 21.
- 23732593 Fus. MCINTYRE.—From Glasgow. A miner. Served 2 years in A.C.F. 9-year engagement. Age 28.
- 22597684 Fus. JOHNSTONE.—From Welwyn Garden City, Herts. An instrument inspector. Served with R.A. during N.S. Two cousins in Royal Scots and A. & S.H. 9-year engagement. Age 26.
- 23732828 Fus. MCCCLUSKEY.—From Glasgow. A van-boy. 6-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23736635 Fus. MCCORGRAY.—From Glasgow. A labourer. 9-year engagement. Age 18.



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Sommerville, McLaughlin, Sgt. Conway, Lt. J. L. Howden-Ferme, Cpl. Shaw, L/Cpl. Gibson, Boy Govan.

- 23716350 Fus. O'BYRNE.—From Galston. A labourer. Ex-T.A. soldier. 9-year engagement. Age 17½.
- 23681195 Fus. MARTIN.—From Glasgow. A painter. Lowland Brigade Boys' Band Unit, Lanark. 6-year engagement. Age 17½.
- 23743645 Fus. GARDINER.—From Ayrshire. A miner. Father served in Cameronians and R.S.F. 9-year engagement. Age 21.
- 23712929 Fus. LYON.—From Glasgow. A labourer. Was in T.A. for 1 year. 9-year engagement. Age 17½.
- 23736621 Fus. GOVAN.—From Glasgow. From Boys' Unit Lanark. A keen piper. 9-year engagement. Age 17.
- 23726209 Fus. HARKINS.—From Glasgow. A labourer. Re-enlisted after 3 years with 1st R.S.F. 6-year engagement. Age 22.
- 22742005 Fus. HYND.—From Dundonald. A labourer. 2 years with 1st R.S. 6-year engagement. Age 25.
- 23732330 Fus. HISLOP.—Dublin. A painter. 9-year engagement. Age 25.
- 23744893 Fus. SIM.—From Beith. A farm worker. Father was in Army and has a cousin in same platoon. 6-year engagement. Age 17½.
- 23745389 Fus. BALMER.—From Beith. A farm worker. Sim's cousin. His brother served in R.H.F. 9-year engagement. Age 17½.
- 23704240 Fus. RODGER.—From Glasgow. A grave digger. Both father and grandfather served in H.L.I. 9-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23742085 Fus. McMILLAN.—From Girvan. A farm worker. 6-year engagement. Age 19.
- 23745082 Fus. BLAIR.—From Glasgow. A bandboy. Father was a gunner. 6-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23743352 Fus. MACKAY.—From Glasgow. An apprentice ironmonger. Keen bugler and drummer. 9-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23743351 Fus. GREENAN.—From Glasgow. A miner. Father was W.O. in R.A.F. 9-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23743478 Fus. COWAN.—From Glasgow. A miner. Father served in Army. 9-year engagement. Age 17½.
- 23742189 Fus. STEVEN.—From Glasgow. An apprentice electrician. 6-year engagement. Age 20.
- 23742752 Fus. THOMSON.—From Glasgow. A waiter. 9-year engagement. Age 18.
- 23742084 Fus. BRANNIGAN.—From Dalmellington. A showman. 6-year engagement. Age 23.
- 23203191 Fus. SOMMERVILLE.—From Glasgow. A coal-miner. Re-enlisted soldier from R.S.F. 6-year engagement. Age 24.
- 23745388 Fus. McLAUGHLIN.—From Glasgow. A waiter. Has brother in P/Band in 1st R.H.F. and is a keen piper himself. 6-year engagement. Age 17½.
- 23227614 Fus. ROXBURGH (now L/Cpl.).—From Troon. A machine maintenance mechanic. 3 years in 1st H.L.I. and 2 years in Army Reserve. 6-year engagement. Age 25.
- 23742188 Fus. HAMILTON.—From Glasgow. A butcher. Father was in R.N. 6-year engagement. Age 20.

1st BATTALION NOTES



Commanding Officer	.....	Lieut. Colonel C. W. DUNBAR, M.B.E.
Second-in-Command	.....	Major R. BROMLEY GARDNER, M.C.
Adjutant	.....	Major R. L. S. GREEN
Quartermaster	.....	Captain (Q.M.) A. WARD, M.M.
R. S. M.	.....	W.O.I. F. G. WILSON

Officers Commanding Companies—

Capt. C. D. CRAIGIE HALKETT - A Coy.	Major K. L. TODD - - - Sp. Coy.
Major J. D. HALSTEAD, M.B.E. B Coy.	Major W. N. McN. DORMER - H.Q. COY.
Capt. J. S. M. EDWARDS, G.M. - C Coy.	

By the end of November everyone's main thought was the move to Aden. The Quartermaster's department was, as usual on such occasions, frantically busy, but as packing proceeded we all became pretty heavily involved. The advance party, composed of B Coy. and some Sp. and H.Q. personnel, returned from leave and left Gorgie Sidings on 2nd December. From Southampton they went aboard the T.T. *Empire Fowey*, but they were delayed for a day by rough weather—a taste of things to come! When they did get to sea, they hit one of the stormiest passages through Biscay for years, with all the usual dreadful effects.

The *Empire Fowey* stopped at Gibraltar (where they went ashore), Malta and Port Said before reaching Aden on 14th December. The advance party, under Major Pender, moved straight into the transit camp, where conditions were far from ideal but where, none-the-less, a fairly enjoyable Christmas and New Year were spent, and a fair amount of work was done.

The main body, under Major R. L. S. Green, were lucky enough to have leave over the New Year. They returned from leave on 5th January and left Gorgie Siding two days later, piped out by four pipers from the 1st Battalion Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, who had taken over from us in Redford Barracks. At Southampton there were many messages of farewell to the Battalion, including one from the Colonel-in-Chief. Among those who came to see the Battalion off on T.T. *Dilwara* were the Colonel of the Regiment, the Associate Colonel and the Commanding Officer, who was flying out a few days later.

Life on the *Dilwara* was hectic for all. There were many parades, boat-drills and fatigues, but among the more enjoyable pastimes were tugs-of-war, deck hockey and shooting balloons off the stern. The *Dilwara* called at Gibraltar, Malta, Limassol and Port Said. At Malta a Battalion football team and both bands visited 45th Royal Marine Commando, who were soon to join us in Aden, and the Battalion footballers won a well fought match—score 1-0. The bands were much in evidence on the ship, playing us in and out of most ports of call and also playing in the afternoons. The first anniversary of the amalgamation was spent at sea; the officers improvised a pipe-night in the first-class lounge and the troop-deck jukebox was on the go all evening free of charge.

The Battalion arrived in Aden on the evening of 25th January, and the Commanding Officer and advance party officers came aboard to welcome us. Disembarkation began early next morning and, apart from A Coy. who went to a transit camp for three weeks, the Battalion moved to Singapore Lines. Settling down took remarkably little time, and it was not long before the local inhabitants accepted us in their midst.

The Battalion quickly assumed its important role in the Colony and the Western Aden Protectorate. A rifle company is established at the mountain garrison of Mukeiras—three miles from the Yemen border and 7,400 feet above sea level, and the remainder of the Battalion has taken over the hatted camp vacated by the Northamptonshire Regiment in Singapore Lines.

The three rifle companies alternate in two-monthly spells at Mukeiras to give as many men

as possible a taste of up-country life. In Aden internal security duty forms the major part of the Battalion's job, and one platoon is always on stand-by notice.

One factor that has pleased us has been the immediate and striking success of our two bands—the pipes, drums and bugles and the Military Band. They have played at functions ranging from beating retreat on an aircraft carrier to dances and cocktail parties. They have even been acclaimed by the native population—a rare and somewhat unexpected response, we are told. The standard of both bands is now extremely high and the military band is probably better than other infantry or cavalry bands in the Army, and much praise is due to the Bandmaster for their quality of playing, drill and turnout.

Far from being confined to the town of Aden, we are taking every opportunity to explore the Protectorate. Recently a party went on a two-day reconnaissance patrol to the Federal National Guard fort at Amshat. The purpose of the patrol was to give the men first-hand experience of desert conditions and to plot the tracks west of Aden within the State of Lahej. On arrival at the fort the party was invited, with typical Arab courtesy, to a "Fahdl" (pronounced Fuddle)—a traditional Arab feast where the guests sit cross-legged on the floor and eat from large communal

dishes. The party stayed overnight at the fort and returned to Aden the next day. Other expeditions of a similar nature are to be carried out in the coming months.

Although at first glance Aden's social life may seem a bit limited, there are plenty of opportunities for swimming, and a focal point for this is the United Services Club and Lido on Steamer Point for other ranks and the Tarshyne and Gold Mohur Clubs for the officers. At these clubs there are shark-net protected beaches and restaurants.

In the sporting world we have already earned a healthy respect. In our first match we beat 2nd Company, Royal Army Service Corps, 5-0, and the value of this win can be gauged more accurately when one learns that 2nd Company won the hotly-contested Aden Cup and were at the peak of a winning run when they played us. Altogether we played 12 matches before the close of the Aden season and won nine, drew two and lost one. Our only defeat was 1-0 at the hands of the Royal Dragoons; this was our second match in Aden and came at a time when the effects of heat and humidity contributed as much to defeat as the skill of our opponents. Altogether the team scored 48 goals and lost 5.

In February and March there were several important visitors, starting on 27th February with General Sir Francis Festing, the C.I.G.S. He visited B Coy. Group at Mukeiras, on the Yemen border, the day before and then saw the Battalion, lunching with the officers. His Excellency The Governor, Sir William Luce, also paid a day's visit to the Battalion and lunched in the mess.

On the 15th of March, Mr. Harold Watkinson, Minister of Defence, visited the Battalion as part of his Middle East Tour and spent a whole morning with us. A few days later the mess held a large cocktail party for over 200 guests, including the Governor and Lady Luce. The officers were invited to Government House on 23rd March.

Royal Naval visitors to Aden are frequent and H.M.S. *Loch Fyne* entertained officers on board on 29th March, lunching with us the next day. H.M.S. *Albion*, an aircraft carrier, passed through on 4th April and the combined bands beat retreat on the flight deck to a large company of spectators from on board and on shore. This was probably the most impressive of the bands' performances since arriving in Aden. The programme started with both bands being raised to the flight deck on the forward and aft lifts, the pipes and drums playing; at the end of the programme a detachment of Royal Marines took part in the sunset ceremony and the whole performance ended at dusk with the combined

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On April 1st the Chief of Defence Staff, Lord Louis Mountbatten, visited the Battalion. He inspected a Guard of Honour, visited several parts of the Battalion lines and lunched in the officers' mess. B Coy., who had just come down to Aden from Mukeiras, provided the Guard of Honour, C Coy. having taken over at Mukeiras from B Coy.

On the 9th April, 1960, the Battalion Commanding Officer since amalgamation, Lt.-Col. M. J. Evetts, M.C., handed over command to Lt.-Col. C. W. Dunbar, M.B.E. A description of his departure is contained elsewhere.

From 15th to 18th April was the Easter stand-down and there was much recreational activity. On Friday, 15th, B Coy. organised a most excellent donkey derby which resulted in much high-spirited sport and many empty pockets. Captain Mack took parties on conducted tours of the mountain fortifications of Aden on the 18th and 19th and on Easter Monday he took a party up Shamsan, the highest and most barren rock of Aden. The same day the Padre took a party to the old Arab town of Lahej.

On 21st April the Queen's Birthday Parade was held in the Crescent Square, Steamer Point. The Battalion took a large part in this, providing the Parade Commander, Lt.-Col. C. W. Dunbar, M.B.E.; Parade Adjutant, Major K. L. Todd; two detachments under Major J. D. Halstead, M.B.E., and Captain C. D. Craigie Halkett; and the Colour Party, with the Queen's and Regimental Colours carried by Lt. A. J. B. Agnew and Lt. G. B. Campbell. Both the military band and the pipes and drums provided the music for the whole parade. Apparently, the R.H.F. detachments made a great impression in their No. 3 Dress.

With all the visits and large parades, there has been little time for training, but the Company at Mukeiras have been able to soldier quite excitingly. A platoon is always standing by in the Battalion should it be needed for internal security in the Colony and a high degree of alertness has been obtained. The camp in Aden is not ideal but many improvements have been made since January and much notice of the Battalion is being taken by permanent residents in Aden. While not so bad as at first expected, there are certain tedious factors about life in Aden, nearly all of which have been overcome. (One of the most popular features has been "desert training". So far Sp., H.Q. and A Coys. have gone out into the desert for varying lengths of time and in various directions.)

Finally, in these notes, we have the announce-

ment of the new Regimental Hymn. The combined bands played an old pipe tune taken from the 74th Pipe Book called "Rhu Vaternich" on several occasions and Colonel Evetts noticed that the words of the 23rd Psalm fitted the tune. We asked the Padre, Lt.-Col. J. G. Morrison, to write stanzas on the theme of the Regimental Collect. This was done and the hymn was first sung in church on Colonel Evetts' last Sunday as Commanding Officer.

The general opinion is that Aden is a much better place than we expected. Last autumn the popular press painted a very black picture of it, but we have found this to be largely untrue; the majority of the Battalion, and the few families who have so far come out, consider it to be a fairly reasonable place, although not many would willingly opt for a second year when there is a chance of going to Malta next January.

OFFICERS' MESS

THE period since the last Journal notes were written has seen an astonishing turnover of officers in the Battalion. In June, David Mackenzie went to R.M.A., Sandhurst, more recently we have lost Pat Steptoe and Charles Balfour-Kinnear, both of whom have decided to leave the Army; Martin Holme has gone as A.D.C. to Lord Rowallan, Governor of Tasmania; Douglas Robertson to 5/6th H.L.I.; Bill Douglas to a staff appointment in

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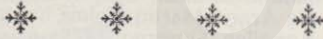
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Maj. J. D. Halstead,
M.B.E.
C.S.M. Kisbee
'B' Coy. detachment



Major Halstead with
'B' quarter guard at
Mukeiras just prior
to inspection by the
C.I.G.S.



Singapore; Brian Stewart to the War Office; Tom Hamilton, the Doctor, to another appointment in Edinburgh; and both Gordon Pender and Patrick Oatts to the Depot.

Arrivals include Dick Bromley Gardner as second-in-command, Nick Dormer, Dennis Halstead and Ken Todd—all commanding companies, Alwyn Scrase Dickens from 21st S.A.S., Michael Mead, Lawrence Borthwick and Robin Dickson from Mons. O.C.S., and our new Doctor—Ian Davidson.

During the next few months we look forward to seeing a number of old faces back—Richard Cross, Hugh Mackay, Peter Larg, Ken Shepherd and Alan Grendon are all expected.

Sergeant McGourty, after 29 years' service, with some 11 years as Mess Sergeant, left in Edinburgh after supervising at the last mess dinner in Redford Barracks. The Regiment is indeed sorry to see him go and wishes him every good fortune. He is succeeded by Sergeant Hodges, who was Mess Sergeant for the officers of the Royal Guard at Ballater last year.

The regimental productivity index for the months of January and February reached an unparalleled "high"—with five members of the officers' mess being responsible for six additions to the Regiment! First were John and Heather Whitcombe with a son, followed in quick succession by David and Jenny Palmer—a daughter, Blair and Jill Agnew—a daughter, Dick and Jean Bromley Gardner—a son, and Billy and Noel Whamond—twin son and daughter!

Our saddest news, of course, has been the departure of Colonel Mike Evetts, who has been taken away, six months earlier than expected, to plan our destinies at MS. 4. He has been succeeded by Colonel Charles Dunbar, who has come to us from the Depot. An

appreciation of Colonel Mike appears elsewhere in the Journal, but here one must say that above all things he had the priceless gift of being able to keep officers and men happy, to make them feel that each one of them really mattered, and thus to get the very best out of them. His departure was preceded by a series of parties, each one better than the last and each followed next day by even harder exercise; the old Aden hands had plenty of basic training to prepare them for these activities, but a recently rejoined officer was frequently to be seen dazedly mounting a pony at 6.15 in the morning for a school ride saying that during ten years' service he had never, never, in fourteen days, had so much alcohol and so little sleep.

On 13th April, Colonel Mike left for home by air. He rode from the officers' mess to the barrack gate on a camel provided by the Aden Protectorate Levies. He was escorted by four of our polo players and a camel detachment from the Levies, and preceded by the officers and the Military Band—the polo ponies taking good care to keep the band between themselves and the camels! After saying goodbye to the sergeants at the gate, the Colonel left in a cavalcade of Landrovers to the resounding cheers of the Jocks and sped to the airport, accompanied by the bandmaster and band sergeant playing the "Post Horn Gallop" all the way. The pipes and drums were waiting at the airport and, after saying farewell to the officers and warrant officers, and to many friends who had turned up at the airport, Colonel Mike sadly left us for the more sober and uninspiring surroundings of Stanmore.

Mess entertainment has been on a fairly large scale during the first few months in Aden. Each Thursday the bands beat "Retreat" on the square and guests were taken back to the mess afterwards; each Sunday we had friends in for "beer and band" after church; and on Friday we had either a band night or pipe night in the mess. On 18th March we held a large cocktail party, to which the Governor, the C.-in-C. and the G.O.C. came, and it is intended to have a floodlit "Retreat" and give an evening party on 6th May on the occasion of the marriage of our Colonel-in-Chief. We have had our full share of luncheon visitors: the Governor, Sir William Luce; the C.I.G.S., Sir Francis Festing; the Minister of Defence, Sir Harold Watkinson; and recently the Chief of Defence Staff, Lord Louis Mountbatten.

The main activities in Aden are swimming and polo. Swimming is, unfortunately, confined to clubs and lidos which have shark nets, since the shark menace here is a very real danger. Polo attracts about five regular players and a number of others are doing quite a lot of riding with a view to starting polo. Some of the more energetic play squash and badminton and at least two rugger players—Morton Pollock and John Drummond—have had some games in Kenya with the B.F.A.P. team. Most of the polo players have tried their hand at racing, some more successfully than others; Billy Whamond and L/Cpl. Holden, our stable N.C.O., have both shown us how to win.

MUKEIRAS

The Regimental Frontier Station, Western Aden Protectorate

MUKEIRAS, situated on the Protectorate/Yemen border, is approximately 90 to 100 flying miles from Aden Colony. It is in the State of Audhali, a member of the Federation of States, and second in importance to the capital town of the state, Lodar. Mukeiras is 7,500 feet above sea level and located at the western end of the Dahir Plateau. The plateau rises in a sheer escarpment from the plains of Lodar and is accessibly only by air or by a primitive camel and donkey track up the sheer sides of the escarpment.

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Despite the number of service and civil aircraft and the amount of up-to-date military equipment and vehicles seen daily by the local tribesmen, the inhabitants still live in the era of the Middle Ages. This is by no means an unkind description, as they are a delightful people with a high moral code. Their State is ruled over by Sultan Saleh, from the seat of Local Government in Lodar. The Sultan's deputy, Naib Jabil, has complete authority from him over the Dahir Plateau, where he resides, and governs from Mukeiras. It is not an uncommon sight to see men in leg chains in the market place: the badge of office of one of the Naib's hostages. Despite the chains, the victim is well fed and cared for by the Naib's household but remains detained indefinitely during the Naib's pleasure. This is a result of administration of justice by the Naib for tribal disorders or infringement of local laws by some outlying village.

Punishment for theft is more drastic and some few members of the community are to be seen lacking left hands! It is crystal clear that the Naib's word is law and he, in fact, is the law, police, judge and administrator. His views are extremely pro-British and, though widely travelled, he does not speak English, but from personal experience, I am convinced he understands a fair amount perfectly. Despite his somewhat severe rule, the Naib is a man of great charm and a lively sense of humour. Small in stature, as are most of his tribesmen, he has a wiry physique and an active brain.

Climatically, Mukeiras is a relief from the humidity of Aden. Because of its altitude, the normal daily climate is that of a hot British summer day with a drop in temperature at night. Sentries at night require to wear battledress and greatcoats. Three to four blankets are necessary at night. The conditions are healthy and Europeans acquire a healthy and lasting sun tan.

The terrain, though barren in appearance, abounds in cultivated wadis, where fresh vegetables are grown for export to Aden. The Naib's flower garden has supplied the regimental messes with flowers on numerous occasions.

From the military point of view Mukeiras is of importance because of its proximity to the Yemen border, a distance of some 3 to 4 miles, and the ever present threat of border incidents. For this reason a company group of British troops, in addition to a battalion of Aden Protectorate Levies, is permanently stationed at Mukeiras. Since its arrival in Aden the Regiment has provided the British company, each rifle company doing a tour of two months on detachment.

The life of the soldier in Mukeiras is healthy and very much out of doors. Though his prime role is defence of the airstrip, he must be prepared to operate against tribesmen in Yemen-inspired border incidents at any moment. His training is, therefore, constantly along these lines. The country he operates over must be similar to that of the N.W. Frontier of India, and certainly many of the lessons learnt there are practical in Mukeiras. Picqueting on the move is vital, though laborious and fatiguing. What at first appear to be inaccessible heights are soon scaled with relative ease and rapidity, to be crowned with picqueting panels.

Despite the operational nature of the soldiers' presence, very cordial relations are maintained with the local population. It is their code to assess a man's standing by the arms and ammunition he carries, and I feel it safe to say that the Regiment has made a favourable impression on Naib Jabil and his tribesmen.

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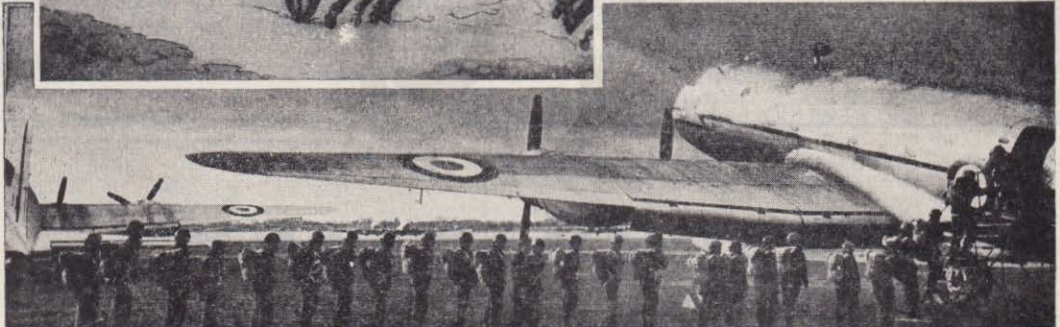
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Capt. J. C. CONWAY	H.Q. Coy. (Ayr).	Maj. A. G. CAMPBELL, T.D.	- C Coy. (Renfrew).
Major P. CAMERON	A Coy. (Kilmarnock).	Capt. THE MARQUESS OF AILSA	D Coy. (Cumnock).
Lt. E. BRYAN	- B Coy. (Ayr).	Major I. E. COOPER	- - Sp. Coy. (Irvine).

1960 has started well for the Battalion. Those who read the last Journal notes will recall that we closed by saying that "our sights were set high" and so it has proved.

Volunteers have been joining us in most encouraging numbers and in the last four months our strength has risen from 18 officers and 290 fusiliers to no less than 22 officers and 403 fusiliers, a net gain of 4 officers and 113 fusiliers. The credit for this is widely shared throughout the Battalion—in fact, all have contributed one way and another with the honours shared between A, B, Sp. and H.Q. Coys., who are running neck-and-neck in the Inter-Company stakes. Our figures far outstrip the other Ayrshire units and we have twice been featured as the second highest recruiting unit in the Division, our best figure being 47 for March.

We should like to acknowledge here the support given us by the local press in Ayrshire and Renfrewshire for their willing publication of news and articles which has helped to keep us in the public eye. We must thank, too, those firms in Ayr, Kilmarnock, Irvine and Renfrew who have provided us with valuable "display" space.

Re-engagements, too, have been going very well, which is important, for no less than 98 members of the Battalion are due to complete their present engagement during 1960 and their loss would be a serious blow. At this time there are, in fact, only 27 answers still outstanding, which is splendid so early in the year.

Sport has been receiving increasing attention of late and we were surprised and delighted when our newly-formed Boxing Team won the Brigade Competition. A splendid beginning, and next

ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS (T.A.)

year we shall be boxing for divisional honours, too. There is no doubt, looking back, that we would have won some this year had we tried but we thought it best to feel our way.

That apart, we have a very useful Football Team in the making; and though we beat the Glasgow Highlanders (Brigade Winners) at home, they had the edge on us away. Never mind, the team is shaping well and the fact that companies are also taking to the field now will help talent spotting in the future. Here again we shall be entering the Divisional League next autumn and the more we play, of course, the better shall we become.

Cross-country running is not everyone's "cuppa", but Cpl. McGhee, Fus. Pringle and Fus. Sutherland gallantly entered for the Command Run and were very reasonably placed.

So much for sport, but what of soldiering! Well here, too, we must confess to being not a little chuffed, for Support Coy won not only the Divisional 3-inch Mortar Shoot by the magnificent margin of 74 points after a faultless performance but with the Machine Gunners (4th) only ten points behind the leaders; the Company won the 52nd (L) Infantry Division Support Weapons Shield (aggregate) as well, thereby defeating all the other Lowland battalions—no small achievement. Well done Support Coy.

Well done C Coy, too, though in a lesser key perhaps, for their success in winning the Brigade .22 Shoot, which has been competed for monthly by the Battalion. Official confirmation is awaited but, if our sums are right, we have also won the Battalion aggregate for the four qualifying teams, with B Coy a close second.

Lastly, as regards competitions, we entered two teams for the Divisional Motor Cycle Trials at Garelochhead and, although we were not in the money, we gained valuable experience . . . As things stand, the Brigade Championship looks to be "in the bag"—let us hope so.

Those who have read so far will have noted that all the companies have some achievement to be proud of, which is as it should be, and B Coy., as a result of their excellent recruiting, have won their spurs and are no longer under H.Q. Coy's wing but fully self administering.

As for training generally, let it not be thought that this has been neglected. There have been officers' days, cadres of all sorts and the companies have been out on many weekends roughing it by the sea at Culzean Castle or by the river at Cassillis, both of which belong to O.C. D Coy., which is a great asset, whilst there has been some steady shooting at Maybole and Irvine. Later this month, with the help of the Depot, we shall be running a recruits' weekend at Ayr. Socially, too, there has been general activity with company smokers and such like.

Canteens and messes are going all contemporary and those so far completed, namely, the sergeants' messes at Ayr and Kilmarnock and the men's canteens in Kilmarnock and Renfrew, are really first-class by any standard—designed and executed by the companies themselves, where there is a great deal of both talent and skill. Incidentally, if you imagined that claret and mustard do not mix, you would merely be showing what a "square" you are! Well done, C Coy.—the "Totter Inn" welcomes you. N.A.A.F.I. could certainly learn a thing or two if they came our way.

As usual, the Pipe Band played at the Ayr Agricultural Show in April and, as the 1st Battalion Royal Scots accepted our offer to "mass" with us, a splendid spectacle was provided with every piper carrying a banner; the latter recently presented to us by the Regiment. A present for which we are most grateful.

A record of the London Old Comrades' always popular visit appears elsewhere in the Journal. Save to say here how much we enjoyed seeing them all and hearing later from the redoubtable Tom Linard that it was once again voted "the best ever". For this, R.Q.M.S. Gilmour and C.S.M. Christie must take the blame as usual!

Full justice was done to Rabbie Burns by the Sergeants' Mess on 30th January, when a very congenial evening was enjoyed by all concerned.

With camp only six weeks away now, the tempo is reaching a climax. A recent recon showed the camp site, near Folkestone, to be a good one and all we need to ensure success is reasonable weather. We look forward to a visit there by the London Old Comrades and the Pemmicans (4/5th Old Comrades, to those who do not know).

Amongst those many who have joined us, it is appropriate perhaps to single out the Doctor, Captain Small; the Unit Paymaster, Lt. Henry (both of whom are, of course, great acquisitions); and C.S.M.I. Reid, A.P.T.C., who has done such great work with the boxers and footballers in the short time he has been with us.

There have been a number of well-earned promotions and other happy events, a record of which follows these notes. Congratulations to one and all.



Members of winning Mortar and M.M.G. attachments at Garelochhead

By the time the Journal is published we shall have said "goodbye" to Sgt. Welch, who has been the P.S.I. with D Coy. in Cumnock since 4th January, 1957. We wish him well in his new life as a television engineer and welcome in his place Sgt. Knox, whose late father is still remembered as C.S.M. of A Coy., 1st R.S.F.

We must record also the loss of that talented triumvirate, the McDougal brothers of Sp. Coy., one to the R.E.'s (shame) and two to Australia. Splendid chaps they were and good luck to them.

Leaving, too, is Brigadier Tim Hope Thomson, our revered Brigade Commander and a past C.O. of the Battalion, whose wise counsel and keen interest will be sadly missed. Our best wishes go with him and his family.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of that grand old man, Lt.-Col. D. M. Wilkie, T.D., who was the last commander of the 5th Battalion R.S.F. prior to amalgamation with the 4th Battalion in 1922.

In the next issue of the Journal we hope to proudly display photographs of our various prizewinners and their trophies.

Lastly, we would like to record that the Pemmican Club, open to all past and present members of the Battalion, has now been officially constituted with the aim of "preserving and fostering comradeship amongst past and present members of the 4/5th and lending support to the Battalion". Membership forms are available in all our Training Centres or from the Honorary Secretary, Major C. Foley, M.B.E., T.D., 22 South Hamilton Street, Kilmarnock.

We hope that many of the old hands particularly will join and help us along in the many ways open to them, not least in recruiting.

PROMOTIONS

To W.O.II

22835567 Sgt. DORWARD, J. (C)

To C/Sgt.

22510189 P/C/Sgt. GILMOUR, T. (A)

22525272 Cpl. LEESON, D. (S)

To Sgt.

22826351 Cpl. McCABE, J. (A)

22993008 Cpl. ELDER, J. (H.Q.)

23549608 Cpl. McPIKE, W. (D)

To P/Sgt.

23510980 Cpl. REID, C. (A)

22314631 Cpl. LOGAN, J. B. (S)

To Cpl.

23069137 L/Cpl. LENNON, J. (A)

22295013 L/Cpl. McPHAIL, J. (A)

23549034 L/Cpl. MULHOLLAND, J. (A)

22809179 L/Cpl. MCKIE, J. (A)

23681044 L/Cpl. McNEIL, S. (A)

22565903 L/Cpl. THOMSON, G. (A)

To L/Cpl.

22950746 Fus. LOVE, J. (C)

22640888 Fus. McQUILLAN, R. (B)

21011296 Fus. PRINGLE, R. (H.Q.)

23054404 Fus. McINTOSH, D. (A)

23013421 Fus. SCoulAR, W. (A)

23681684 Fus. YOUNG, J. (C)

23549805 Fus. McPHAIL, W. (S)

22619112 Fus. WATSON, R. (S)

23549600 Fus. REDMOND, R. (A)

23510825 Fus. TRODDEN, T. (A)

22487640 Fus. McLEAN, J. (B)

23681952 Fus. CREE, J. (A)

23681292 Fus. SMITH, A. (A)

22867952 Fus. SMITH, H. (A)

23794377 Fus. MULHOLLAND, T. (S)

Births

23667420 C/Sgt. GIBNEY, C. (C)—a son

22585272 C/Sgt. LEESON, D. (S)—a daughter

22790293 Fus. BLANE, W. (D)—a son

23549600 Fus. REDMOND, R. (A)—a daughter

21042485 Fus. WILLIAMS, W. (C)—a son

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<i>Training Officer and Adjutant</i> ...	Captain D. M. ROBERTSON, R.H.F.
<i>Quartermaster</i>	Major (Q.M.) W. M. SMITH, R.H.F.
<i>R. S. M.</i> W.O. 1 W. RICHARDS, R.H.F.
<i>R. Q. M. S.</i> W.O. 2 R. GIBSON.
<i>O. R. Q. M. S.</i> C/Sgt. W. MEECHAN.

CENTENARIES occur so infrequently that it is perhaps difficult to grasp their significance. It is not practicable to look up and see what one said last time, and the photographs reproduced here may well prove misleading in 2060. Throughout February the Drill Hall was transformed into a baronial hall, loosely covering a period from 1473 to the present day. Knights in armour instead of company notice boards gazed blindly down on to a dance floor instead of concrete; pikes and halberds faced each other across the hall; and flintlock muskets pointed up to a false ceiling. An open fireplace of gargantuan proportions provided the finishing touch and left one thankful to be living in a less spartan but less picturesque age. The total effect not only provided a background for three of the most successful dances that have been held at Hill Street, but also was a revelation that such a transformation could be done at all in such unpromising surroundings. Our grateful thanks are due to Majors McLaughlan and Dunlop, their helpers and the Ladies' Committee for making all this possible. A jumble sale and a whist drive have also been held, thanks to the unflagging energy of Major Fraser and again the Ladies' Committee. At the time of going to press a tattoo is in preparation, and an all ranks centenary dinner will be held shortly.

TRAINING

IN spite of other activities, training has not been relegated into second place and, as the date for camp grows nearer, so does the tempo increase. The ranks of A Company have been filling up rapidly and, as they will be reinforced by a platoon from the Recruit Company (B Company) just before camp, they will be practically up to strength at Leek. Before the end of the year a weekend exercise was held at Garelochhead, the highlight of which was a night exercise. A lot of lessons were learned but none more forcibly than the vulnerable position of the last man in a patrol. Second Lieutenant Naismith, who took the part of an Indian scout as in the manner born, successfully captured the last man in each patrol to the consternation of the respective commanders.

In the spring two further weekends have been held at Dundonald. The first concentrated on general training, and the second weekend was combined with B Company and a joint night exercise was held with them. As an ornithologist, one platoon commander has extensive ground still to cover. Ludwig Koch would have been very surprised to have recorded the calls of a chaffinch, sparrow, black-bird and reed warbler after 12 o'clock at night.



Opening the telegram of good wishes from our Colonel-in-Chief. The C.O. and Mrs. Shirley with the Honorary Colonel and Mrs. Greenshields

C.S.M. Laird has now retired after many years of valuable service in the Battalion and in a company. His help was particularly valuable during the formative period of A Company and he will be sadly missed. Colour Sergeant Adamson has now taken over as acting C.S.M.

We congratulate Second Lieutenants Naismith and Fisher on their commissions.

From the start of the year the Mortar and M.M.G. Platoons practised for the Divisional Competition in April. It was a great disappointment that disaster once again befell the Mortar Platoon and the M.M.G.'s were not able to do as well as they had last year. This set-back, however, has in no way dampened the enthusiasm of either platoon, and the quickest way to learn is by one's mistakes. Since the competition, general training is once more in progress and frequent visits are being made to Dechmont with other companies in the Battalion to ensure that every man is classified both on the rifle and L.M.G. before leaving for Leek, in Staffordshire.

It is with satisfaction that we report the continued progress from strength to strength of B Company. At the end of last year the Company posted a platoon of smart and enthusiastic trainee recruits to Support Company. Three of the smartest, however, Pte. Hosie (who won the C.O.'s award as the best all-round recruit), Pte. Crone and Pte. McLavin, were retained as potential N.C.O.'s. McLavin is to be congratulated on winning his first "tape".

The new year started with an all-out drive to recruit more men and bring the Company up to and beyond full strength. The success of this effort is undoubted, for there is even hope of forming a fifth platoon before camp. The approximate strength is 150.

The four present platoons have now been named Bemel, Walcheren, Assaye and Tel-el-Kebir, commanded respectively by Mr. McGregor, Mr. Coupar, Mr. Brodie and Mr. Izat. The last two are newcomers to the Battalion. With the arrival of Mr. Cowie and the elevation of ex-Sergeant Carruthers to commissioned rank, there are now seven subalterns in B Company. An extremely healthy sign, not only for the future of the Company, but also of the Battalion. And several more are expected to arrive before camp.

Among the senior N.C.O.'s in B Company there have also been a number of changes. "Colonel" Goodwin remains the king pin, but Sergeant Prentice has gone to A Company, where he is now performing the duties of Colour Sergeant with his customary precision and highly polished efficiency. He will be sadly missed, as he was one of the original B Company who played a very important part in building it up into the thriving and almost masonic organisation which it now is.

Sergeant Baker, Prentice's military twin, has also taken a step up on the ladder to fame, becoming Colour Sergeant of B Company, a position which he will undoubtedly fill with conspicuous success.

Training at the beginning of the year was pleasantly interrupted to a small extent by the centenary balls, which necessitated full use being made of the main drill hall. However, regular training was continued on a reduced basis on

Sundays and, although the normal remuneration was not available, it is heartening to report that there was the usual heavy turn-out of recruits.

B Company have also been very busy on the range and, although, inevitably, many of the most recent recruits had scarcely seen a rifle before, they were asked to shoot; the results were better than might have been expected.

The night exercise at Dundonald with A Company has already been mentioned. From B Company's point of view, the only casualty was one of the umpires, P.S.I. Wiberforce, who fell up to his neck in the infamous Dundonald bog. Not even this clammy experience, however, could dampen his good spirits. Mr. McGregor had more than his share of misfortune when he discovered A Company in an impregnable

position behind barbed wire and a very wet stream, but he acquitted himself well. Having survived the night, he caught the 8.30 a.m. bus to Glasgow and spent the rest of the day battling with the half-yearly audit, an achievement for which he can expect, at best, no thanks, except in the hereafter.

H.Q. Company has been training as hard as anybody but, in addition, the centenary celebrations have made great demands on both the Pipe and Military Bands. To frequent civilian engagements was added the assignment of playing at the three dances. Even to the most tuneless ear it is obvious that the Military Band has improved enormously over the last few months and great credit must be given to Bandmaster Kirkland and Sergeant Hume.



A table at the Officers Mess Ball

ACTIVITIES

Boxing. This year saw the rebirth of the Battalion Boxing Team. Due to the efforts of Sgt. Grant, readily assisted by Sgts. Baker and Caldwell, the team did surprisingly well and took second place in the 157th (L) Infantry Brigade Championships. Three boxers in the novice class, Ptes. Costley, Logan and McInnany, received winner's medals and Sgt. Grant and Pte. Dunn gained victories in the intermediate class. It was refreshing to see the enthusiasm displayed by the novices who took part in the Brigade contests and proved that, in spite of lack of facilities and kit, if the spirit is there, then results will follow.

Prior to the Brigade Championships, the Battalion Team had entered for the 52nd (L) Division Championships and the two men, Ptes. Hurley and Dunn, who fought in the preliminary bouts as the only representatives of the Battalion deserve commendation. Private Dunn's performance, although it did not gain a victory, earned him the chance of taking part in the Semi-Finals at Edinburgh. He was, unfortunately, beaten on points

by a much more experienced boxer, but had the consolation of knowing that his previous rival was also defeated.

Our most promising young boxer, Pte. Dynes, missed the Division Championship due to injury, and was without an opponent for the Brigade Championship. He has, however, done well in civilian circles.

Football. W.O.II Daniels came to this Battalion with a reputation as a good player and organiser on the football field and he has certainly lived up to this reputation. The team took part in the 52nd (L) Division Cup early in the season and, although it did not achieve great heights, it certainly showed a great improvement on past years. The Brigade Championship has not yet been completed, but the two games played against the R.S.F. deserve special mention. In the first match the Battalion won with comparative ease, with a score of 6-2, yet in the return match the tables were completely reversed and a defeat of 8-2 was sustained. Such are the ups and downs of the game.



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GENERAL ACTIVITIES

SINCE the last issue, the Battalion has been working at high pressure both from the military and social points of view. In the case of the former recruiting has continued to be of priority note and we are proud that we shall have on the roll 400 men at camp—fully 100 more than last year. The vast amount of work entailed and nervous energy expended has caused mess bills to rise alarmingly and the birth of cherry complexions in the Sergeants' Mess. However, our efforts will be rewarded by having large numbers of well disciplined men capable of entertaining, with the decorum expected of us, the only other battalion at Dibgate Camp, a Liverpool battalion of the W.R.A.C.!

Training has been carried out very methodically, ensuring that at camp all but the newest recruits will be able to take their part without difficulty in the vigorous programme that we understand has been envisaged. To cope with the administrative problems arising, it has been found necessary to produce yet another attractive shade of paper for use by the orderly room.

In the sporting field the Battalion has distinguished itself by being second in the Divisional Boxing, in the Final of the Divisional Football Cup and, finally, the first unit home in 52nd Division in the Scottish Command Cross Country Competition. It has been a most successful period, with the Battalion moving forward from strength to strength in each and every one of the increasing number of activities in which we have participated. We have just added the Brigade Football Competition to our laurels.

OFFICERS' MESS NOTES

WE take up our pen at the urgent request of Captain Barclay Reid, who, having returned to Glasgow after some years in the south, is showing unusual zeal in the collection of Journal notes. As usual, our report will be mainly social in nature, commencing with our cocktail party in December, when a large number of guests . . . and ex-officers were present. Those arriving late

found it rather noisy, but it went with a swing and "White Ladies" were very popular.

The Regimental Ball was held in January and was a great success. The Drill Hall was almost unrecognisable with its curtains and roofing of parachutes, not to mention the excellent decor largely done by the permanent staff under Bob Paton and R.Q.M.S. Rae. An intimate atmosphere was created, and the provision of dinner ensured that all the revellers arrived in time! The guests were received by Colonel G. Laird and the C.O., and were most impressed with the decoration of the top table. The excellent music of the band ensured that the dance floor was always busy, and our own Pipe Band gave their usual excellent performance for reels. John Dixon obtained an impressive glittering ball which hung revolving from the ceiling and scintillated during the evening—unfortunately, this was not suppressed and resulted in numerous complaints from neighbouring householders whose TV reception was interrupted!

We had dinners in February and March, the first being a private one and the second a guest night, to which we were glad to welcome, among others, the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General Bramwell Davis, and our old friend, Peter Maxwell. Sergeant Thomson and the mess staff have worked hard and our thanks are due to them. Our officers' weekend at Troon was very successful and the answers given to tactical problems prepared by the 2 I.C., John Gunn, were very varied.

With regard to casualties, we would report that matrimony continues to attract officers as a spare time occupation, and our latest candidates are Alistair Carnegie and Ross Cunningham, both of whom are taking the plunge during the summer—heartiest congratulations to both. Our only worry is how Alistair will fit marriage into his duties as Mess Secretary! David Bannerman and Denys Kyd have had to leave us for "civilian" reasons, and we are sorry to lose them. Our best wishes go with them.

We are now busily preparing for Annual Camp at Dibgate in May, a location which suits

our London "attachments", who will not need to sit up all night in the train. We are looking forward to the change in location and hope to have a successful report for the next issue.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES

HAVING come to the end of the year's first quarter, we have much pleasure in submitting our notes for the Journal.

Once again, owing to R.Q.M.S. Rae and his excellent committee, our Annual Dinner which was held in the Drill Hall on Saturday, 20th February, was an outstanding success. Among our many guests that evening were Colonel Laird (Honorary Colonel, guest of honour), Major Gunn (2 I.C.), Major Brown, Major Dixon (Adjutant), Captain Paton (Q.M.), R.S.M. Richards, representing 5/6th H.L.I., along with C.S.M. Armstrong. The Glasgow Highlanders' Club was represented by Mr. Bob Caldwell and, last but by no means least, wee Sam Hamilton. The latter, by virtue of his hard and unstinting work this year, as in years gone by, in preparing the usual immaculate display of the mess silver, was instrumental in making the evening a success, even though he is an Argyll. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Cpl. Currie, of the officers' mess staff, on preparing an excellent meal, which was very much appreciated by all present.

The Battalion has again started to make a name for itself in the T.A. boxing circle, and much of the credit

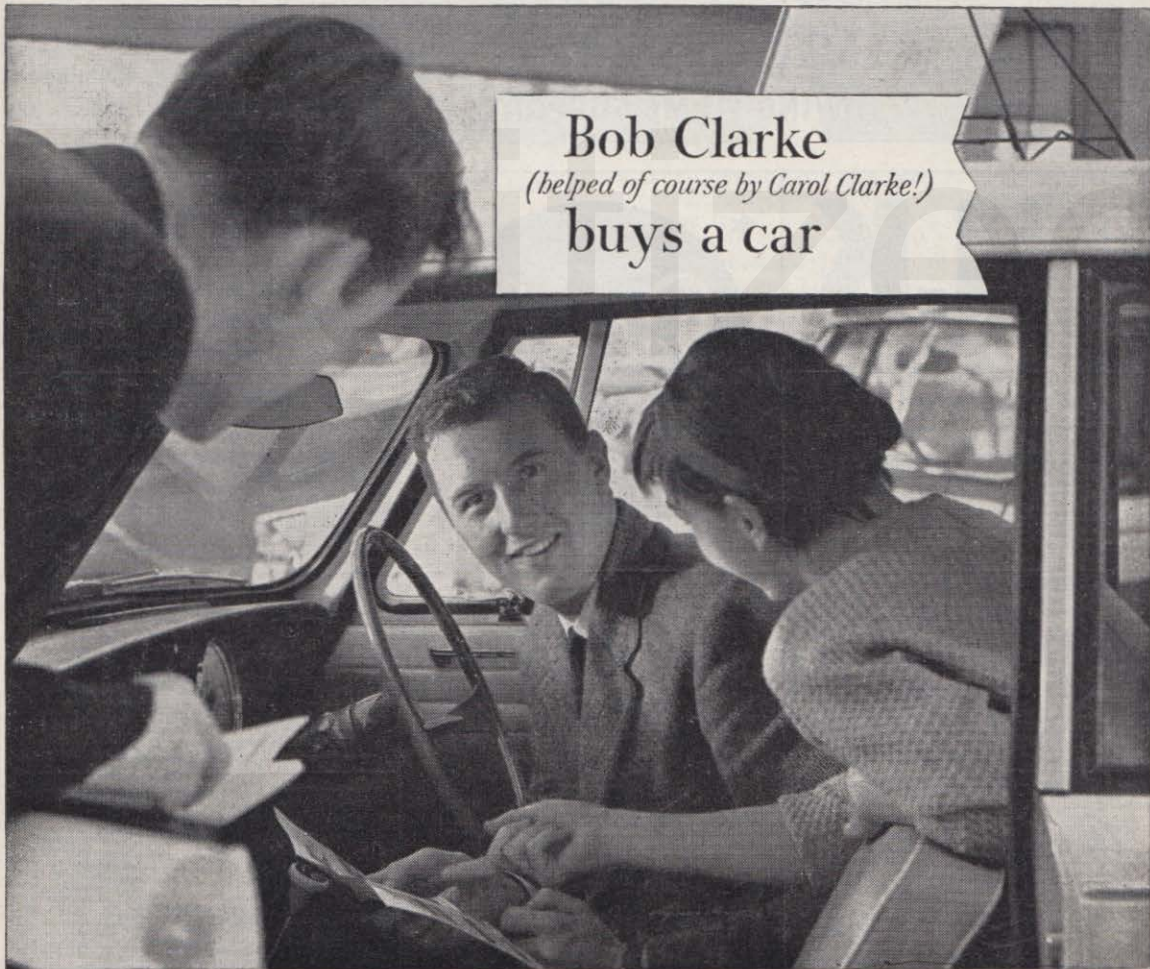
must go to that very well known holder of more second prizes than anyone in the British Army (us yins and youse yins), Charlie Green. The Commanding Officer bought us a brand new boxing ring and we had some brand new recruits to the Battalion (though not to boxing) to go with it.

Scottish Amateur Welterweight Bertie Scott is now a member of the mess and his progress is followed with great interest. Another very well known character, "Ned" Skitt, has become a mess member and he so ably trains our up and coming team every week. Over and above his normal duties of sergeant instructor he continues to give Charlie another second prize when they fight in exhibition bouts on boxing nights.

We take great pleasure in welcoming new members in the persons of Sgts. Gentles, Kerr, Kennedy, Killen and McFadzean, who replaces Tommy Irvine, who is now the caretaker and runs the O.R.'s canteen. Congratulations to the following on their promotions: Sgts. Campbell and Niblo to C.Q.M.S. The latter has the suffix "Floating" after his name in the PT. 11 order and we realise now why he always appeared to be at sea. According to the colour of his eyes on some of the Sundays he reported for training, one wonders why it was not a prefix T meaning technicolour. Preparations are now well in hand for our Annual Camp, which takes place this year at Shorncliffe, Kent; this will be R.S.M. Chapman's last camp and R.S.M. Gibson's first with the Glasgow Highlanders. We would like to say cheerio to big George and wish him and his family all the best in



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the future, and "welcome" to Hoot on taking over the duties and hope that his stay will be a happy one.

In closing we would like to offer our sincere sympathies to C.S.M. and Sam Hamilton on their recent and sad bereavement, the death of their father, aged 86, a former Cameron Highlander.

Our best wishes to the R.H.F. in Aden, and hope their tour of duty will be a happy and successful one.

P.S.—Who was the C/Sgt. who was seen at 2 a.m. at Cultybraggen outside the mess walking along whispering to himself: "I wandered lonely as a cloud that floats on high o'er vale and hill"?

"HOTSPUR"

H.Q. COMPANY NOTES

SINCE our last appearance in the Journal we have continued to form the backbone of the Battalion, assisted by an influx of recruits from rifle companies. C.S.M. Mat. Hamilton has had his hands full with nominal rolls and shooting, not to mention his services to Battalion, as recruiting W.O. C/Sgt. Cairns has ably maintained the administration and, as usual, the O.C. has little to do. M.T.O. Lieut. Nick Mason has been busy running driving cadres with considerable success, except that he has unfortunately failed the officers' mess sergeant in a driving test. Better luck next time Sgt. Thomson. It is reported that, thanks to C.S.M. Ramsay, all the unit vehicles are "on the road", which, it is hoped, will continue at least until after camp. A recent R.E.M.E. inspection resulted in a very creditable report—fortunately, the M.T. are experts in the art of camouflage!

Captain Ross Cunningham and Sgt. McIlwean have been busy training a large addition to the Signal Platoon, and they have been seen investigating new equipment and heard to murmur: "What's this for?" A very good platoon is being built up, and we look forward to being "on net" at camp. Captain Paton and R.Q.M.S. Rae, aided by C/Sgt. Willie Morrison, continue to preside over the "in" and "out" ledgers with many sighs but so far with success. They have a very good team in the Q.M. Stores.

The Pipe Band, under P/M Copeland, D/M Wright and Sgt. MacLennan, has had a busy season under tutelage of Lieut. Sandy Robinson, a pipe president who can both play the pipes and dance. The culmination was at the Jimmy Logan Show Stars for Spastics at the Alhambra Theatre, where they were a very popular item. The band also shows great promise as a butt party at the ranges! Sergeant Johnston and the cookhouse team are preparing for camp, and it is rumoured that the menus will be in French this year!

The Company has already had four shooting Sundays, including two at Auchencarroch Range, Bonhill, which is an attractive range, and culminating in one of the wettest Sundays experienced at Dechmont—as the results show! We are all looking forward to camp at Folkstone in May and hope to report on this in the next issue.

A COMPANY NOTES

SINCE camp the Company has continued with various aspects of training which will culminate in a Company Group Exercise at the Battalion's Cultybraggen weekend.

The Company has been at Dechmont Range on several occasions zeroing and firing the classification course. The shooting was generally of an improved standard, but it was noted that one Jock, who should be nameless, was receiving so many flags that it was difficult to ascertain whether the butt marker was signalling misses or surrendering.

The weather for Sunday training has generally been good and advantage has been taken of Mugdock Moor for fieldcraft and tactical training. However, one section was under the mistaken impression that one solitary clump of heather afforded complete cover from fire and view for the whole section. One Sunday morning was devoted to a route march to the far-flung parts of Maryhill and Lambhill, at the end of which the only person who appeared to have blisters was the Coy. 2 I./C.

The Company has also been well represented in the Football and Boxing Teams, and our congratulations are due to all those who have kept the name of the Company to the forefront. We do not anticipate any difficulty in retaining the football cup at camp this year. There was some talk of entering the Company Commander in the Boxing Team, but it was discovered that his only equivalent in weight was Tessie O'Shea.

We welcome C/Sgt. Campbell to the Company after his "cushy" job with C Company. Sergeant MacRae, who took over the duties of C/Sgt. temporarily before the arrival of C/Sgt. Campbell, swore that if he had been given another three years he would have had the Company Store Book and Nominal Roll up to date. We congratulate Sgts. Gentles, Kerr and Kennedy on their well-deserved promotion and all the remaining promotions amongst the junior N.C.O.'s. C.S.M. McDonald maintains that with all the promotions and having acquired a Company Clerk he will have nothing to do at camp, except lie in the sun and think up "orrible" things to include in Company Detail.

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C COMPANY NOTES

THROUGHOUT the past year "Charlie" Company has continued its job of training the ever-increasing number of recruits to be efficient soldiers before their transfer to other companies.

The Company has, however, showed itself to the fore in sport, as well as in training. Sergeant Brannigan and Ptes. Lawson and Dooley have represented the Battalion in boxing contests and other members have taken an active interest in football. We must congratulate Cpl. Brannigan on his promotion to sergeant, and notice, with regret, that we have lost Sgt. Thomson on the expiry of his engagement.

The Company has a strong link with the Royal Highland Fusiliers in the person of our P.S.I., Sgt. Kindness, R.H.F. The recruits are said to admit that, contrary to the popular idea of a sergeant, Sgt. Kindness's name corresponds to his nature.

SUPPORT COMPANY NOTES

SINCE Christmas we have been occupied in practising for the Divisional Support Weapons Competition, in which, unfortunately, we did not particularly shine, although we were not especially bad either. Before the competition we had two very enjoyable weekend camps at Garelochhead. The first of these was conspicuous by the fact that low mist prevented us doing any firing at all, the second for a very successful company smoker at which patent talent appeared in supporting quarters.

We should specially mention the outstanding contribution the Company made to the Battalion Boxing

Team. "Postie", Harris, "Sailor", Grier, Cairns McCreadie and Clark all boxed. Harris and Cairns reached the Final of the Divisional Competition (the former winning his weight) and Grier reached the Semi-Final. A fine effort!

PIPE BAND

WE go from strength to strength now having 15 pipers and 7 drummers, one of the latter leaving us shortly to go to the R.A.M.C. at Aldershot—"good luck, Eric Gilbert." We keep adding to our members through the good graces of Mrs. Wright (the D/M's wife), who presented him with another potential drummer; Mrs. Wilson (Cpl. Piper Wilson's wife), a daughter—bless her; and now Cpl. McKay (one of our buglers) and his wife believe in full measure—twins. A busy band—congratulations to them all and to a' the weans.

We did, however, manage to get together on numerous occasions and, in particular, at the "Stars for Spastic Show" in the Alhambra, along with the American 3rd Air Force Band, and all the top stars. Both bands received a special mention from the Lord Provost on turn-out and effort.

Although we enjoyed playing very much at the Hockey International at Westerlands, the game did not appeal to us, particularly as every now and then a muffled roar could be heard from Hampden where the Cup Final was being played.

In closing, we should like to wish a speedy recovery to our young bass drummer, John Hamilton—hurry up for camp, John.

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ONE of the less fortunate aspects of university life is that with the approach of summer there must be examinations. In an O.T.C. contingent the same period is one of intense activity, in our case the build-up to Annual Camp being interspersed with such occasions as Church Parade, Pipe Band Competition and the Beating of Retreat. As a result, our members have much to do, and much to think about, and one feels that once the arduous—military and social—of camp are over, they have earned the relaxation of the long vacation.

It is gratifying to be able to report that

recruits are still coming in, and that our numbers are well within sight of establishment. In recent months officer vacancies in the contingent have been filled by the commissioning of some of our own members, while others have gone to neighbouring T.A. units. Our new Training Officer, Major R. H. S. Irvine, M.C., of the K.O.S.B., took up his exacting duties in April, and we look forward to benefiting greatly from his wisdom and experience. The departure in early spring of Sergeant Galloway, Black Watch, the Infantry P.S.I., was a loss to the contingent, but his good work, and his rich and individual humour, will be long remembered and appreciated.



Glasgow University Contingent, O.T.C., marching to Church—1st May, 1960

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During the Easter vacation, sundry bands of warriors betook themselves out of town for periods of training. To Larkhill went the gunners, and to Cove the engineers, while Cultybraggan was favoured by the presence of the infantry. Two things are certain; namely, that the work done was worthwhile, and that all concerned had an enjoyable spell. Reports trickling in from the south would seem to indicate that our people gave a good account—perhaps more accurately, a lively account—of themselves, in more than one direction.

Annual Church Parade, held in the University at the beginning of May, saw the largest turn-out since the war. With large contingents of the C.C.F. from Glasgow schools, the occasion was an impressive one.

By the time the next report appears the contingent will have attended Annual Camp. This year we propose to make Cultybraggan our headquarters, with groups of “commando” units at Fort George, Dunbar and Otterburn, the groups changing places in turn so that every man has a chance to learn something of the skills of sub-units other than his own. Last year this type of training, though on a less ambitious scale, proved most successful. We look forward to getting to grips with a really big job; but one which will make this year’s camp a memorable one.

Our last news-flash is what actors would term a first-rate “exit line”. On 7th May the Pipes and Drums, suitably escorted by the W.R.A.C. Scottish Country Dancing Team, proceeded (as the term goes) to Edinburgh to take part in the Scottish Universities’ Pipe Band Competition. Last year, at Aberdeen, we did well. This year it was up to us to maintain our place, or gain a better. And happily we brought it off. Our Pipes and Drums held their place as the premier band; Sergeant Steele achieved the hat trick in gaining first in solo drumming for the third year in succession; we pulled off the first and third in solo piping; and won a good second in solo drumming. All in all, it was our day—the more so because the home team—Edinburgh University—are undoubtedly excellent, and have long been our rivals. It would be hard to over-estimate how much of our success is due to Sergeant MacLennan, of the Glasgow Highlanders, who, as pipe instructor, has watched, worked and prayed for us. (And of these, the greatest is the hard work which he has put in.)

With great acclamation, our W.R.A.C. Dancing Team gained second place in the competition, in the face of serious competition.



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A. Company	Major L. MARKS, C.D.
B. Company	Capt. J. B. SHILLINGTON
C. Company	Capt. H. D. SCHMETZER

OFFICIAL!

EFFECTIVE 1st January, 1960, the Regiment was reconverted to infantry after fourteen years in the artillery.

And so the forecast of our neighbouring correspondent of the H.L.I. of C., in the January Journal, is confirmed. During our sojourn in the wilderness of breechblocks and spare barrels, our preoccupation with making ack-ack gunners out of infantrymen, and learning the ways of our new Corps, our attention to the affiliation with the R.S.F. unquestionably suffered. The flame never quite died out, as we still have among the active members officers, warrant officers and sergeants who served either in the 1st Battalion Scots Fusiliers of Canada or the 1st Battalion Highland Light Infantry of Canada.

Many details of conversion have yet to be worked out before the official change-over parade, now tentatively set for September, 1960. The application for the general order authorizing the correct dress for all occasions has gone forward.

The Commanding Officer conferred with his predecessors in this regard, and the unanimous choice was to return to the former 42nd Government Tartan of prewar days and the Dress Erskine for the Pipe Band. We had previously worn a badge peculiar to this battalion; but in view of the late Viscount Trenchard's approval to a former C.O. that we might wear the badges of the R.S.F., this has now been sought officially.

The larger and more time-consuming task will be the converting of gunners to infantry. Also, we hope to entice back into the fold old friends who never had the desire or the time to become gunners. In any event, we are confident we have the nucleus to take our place quickly in the Fusilier family.

Your correspondent is not a professional newspaper man, like the able writer for our sister unit the H.L.I. of C. in Galt—the smaller

municipality a wee bit to the sunny, southern side of us—but we will try to keep our (editorial) end up—and the friendly rivalry of our many years at each other's elbow.

We wonder if in our artillery days—some-where up near the “right-of-the-line”—we ever looked disdainfully over our left shoulders. If not whence, our dear David that word on page 50, Volume I, No. 2, of our favourite overseas journal, “revert” to infantry. We think of it as a new promotion—at least the second since our affiliation in 1928. Another slip like that and I won't lend you my claymore again.

REGIMENTAL NOTES

BECAUSE of the emphasis by the Canadian Militia on national survival training, which we were also doing in our later artillery days, the change in our training now as infantry is not too marked.

On 29th April the unit travelled to Camp Ipperwash for annual rifle classification, spending the weekend in the regular army barracks. Some 80 per cent of the strength completed their classification.

Plans for the annual Student Militia training programme, when some 50 high school cadets spend four weeks in training at the unit headquarters, and a week in camp, are well underway. Named as instructors so far are Major E. W. Kendall and Captain W. W. Brown, Adjutant of the Battalion.

The Regiment will go into camp the week of 17th July at Crumlin, near London, Ontario. In addition to acquainting new personnel with full-time army routine, the main training emphasis will be on the national survival training and the units place in a “flying column”.

OFFICERS' MESS NOTES

ON 13th May the active officers of the Battalion will sit down to a dinner, playing hosts to officers

of the tender to H.M.C.S. *Star*, the naval unit which shares our armouries. Don't ask us what a naval unit is doing on the sixth floor of a downtown building. We have enough trouble explaining what an army unit is doing there. Some hierarchy are reported as not yet over the shock of an army unit inviting the stranded ship to share our quarters.

On 23rd April the Mess was very pleased to entertain Major Alan Grendon, R.H.F., on duty in Canada at Headquarters Quebec Command. Although the notice was short, a good crowd of active and former officers, including several from the Highland Light Infantry, were on hand.

One Thursday a month a guest speaker now adds to the enjoyment of the evening. So far this year we have heard from Major D. S. Barrie, H.L.I. of C., who spoke on his trip to the amalgamation parades at Glasgow and Ayr, and showed his pictures. In March, Mr. Reuben Baetz, Executive Director, Canadian Red Cross, and cousin of our Protestant padre, Captain A. Baetz, spoke on his work and world-wide travels. And on 28th April, Captain Ian Ballantyne, R.C.E., son of our Colonel H. Ballantyne, spoke on and illustrated the work of the United Nations Emergency Force, Egypt, with which he had just finished a tour of duty.

SERGEANTS' MESS

WINTER social activities are drawing to a close, but the Saturday mixed bowling league of members and wives continues as a popular reason to leave home and gather at the mess.

The Doubles Dart Tournament was won, not without keen competition, by C.S.M. N. Heinbuch and S/Sgt. E. E. Barker.

On 26th February a good night was enjoyed when mess members of the 11th Field Regiment, Guelph, visited us for darts, cribbage and billiards.

The Annual Mess Meeting in February passed with no more than the usual fireworks, and from the smoke the following executive emerged triumphant:

<i>President</i>	-	-	C.S.M. F. Allcroft
<i>Vice-President</i>	-	-	S/Sgt. W. Holt
<i>Secretary</i>	-	-	S/Sgt. C. R. Cope
<i>Treasurer</i>	-	-	S/Sgt. J. Hannusch

The mess was saddened in April by the death of an old and loyal member:

C.Q.M.S. H. MATTHEWS

Having come to the Regiment in 1926, and having served in India and through World War I with the Leicestershire Regiment, British Army. Always cheerful and ready to do more than his share of work, he will be missed from our gatherings.



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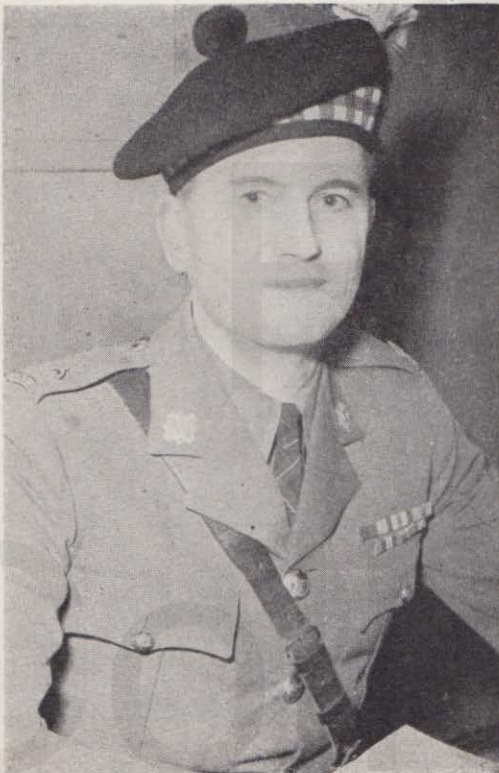
THE HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY OF CANADA

GALT, ONTARIO

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<i>Adjutant</i>	Captain D. GREEN.
<i>Quartermaster</i>	Captain J. McMILLAN.
<i>R. S. M.</i>	W.O. I J. W. CRAIG.
<i>O.C. H.Q. Coy.</i>	Major D. S. BARRIE, C.D.
<i>A Coy.</i>	Major C. D. WHITTINGTON, E.D.
<i>B Coy.</i>	Major B. E. BRYANT, C.D.
<i>C Coy.</i>	
<i>D Coy.</i>	Major V. B. COPA.
<i>Support</i>	Major D. H. STRUCK, M.C., C.P.

MAJOR F. H. SNYDER, 39, of 186 Claremont Boulevard, Kitchener, today was named Second-in-Command of the Scots Fusiliers of Canada. Lt.-Col. C. F. Hardy, Scots Fusiliers of Canada Commanding Officer, said the appointment is effective March 1st.

Major Snyder, C.D., a Company Commander with the Highland Light Infantry of Canada, returned to the Kitchener Regiment, with which he began his military service in 1941. From the Scots Fusiliers he went to the Prince Edward Island Highlanders in 1943 and overseas to the H.L.I. in 1944.



Major F. H. Snyder, C.D.

He served in north-west Europe with the H.L.I. in the battles of Udem, the Hochwald and the Rhine Valley. He was wounded in the crossing of the Rhine. He rejoined the H.L.I. Militia in 1947 and later served with the 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade, later 18 Militia Group Headquarters, as staff learner and transport officer, returning to the H.L.I. in 1957, when he received his majority.

Major Snyder is a Claims' Adjuster with Economical Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Kitchener. He is a son of Mrs. Helen Easton Snyder and the late Fred W. Snyder, and was educated at Suddaby School, K-W Collegiate and Waterloo College.

His wife is the former Eleanor Spracklin, and they have three children. They are members of Trinity United Church, Kitchener.

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Major D. S. Barrie (second from right) congratulates Lieutenants Robert Stuempfle, Colin Clarke, Leslie R. Lumber and E. Anne Schreiber after they were presented with commission certificates by Lt. Col. W. D. Gerrard, Commanding Officer, Highland Light Infantry of Canada, in March.

ST. GEORGE FOR INTEGRATED ENGLAND

Some talk of noble Loamshire
And some of Kentish Weald
To every man his home shire
To each his sacred field;
But modern thought disdains that
As our Regiments are made
Into one two three four five six seven
Of the East Grinstead Brigade!

Our buttons are identical
And the badges in our caps;
To show our solidarity
We cross-post all our chaps;
To serve in one's own Regiment
Is worse than being in trade
In the one two three four five six seven
Of the East Grinstead Brigade!

The Fusiliers of Saxmundham
Must take their hackles down;
The Colours of the Wessex
Are trooped in Slagheap town;
One lanyard and one blanco
Enshroud tradition dead
In the one two three four five six seven
Of the East Grinstead Brigade!

To the tune of "British Grenadiers"

We're bound by no tradition
For we've wiped clean the slate;
We draw no blade for England
For swords are out of date;
No glamour ever blinds us
Who soldier in the shade
Of the one two three four five six seven
Of the East Grinstead Brigade!

As our recruiting figures
Go lower still and lower
We'll rally spite your sniggers
And integrate some more;
For Camberley and Stanmore
Will rally to the side
Of the one two three four five six seven
Of the East Grinstead Brigade!

And when we are disbanded
In a Corps of Infantree
We'll think it really splendid:
It's *logical* you see;
An even worse new army
Will very soon be made
So flog the Colours and the silver
and the drums
Of the East Grinstead Brigade!

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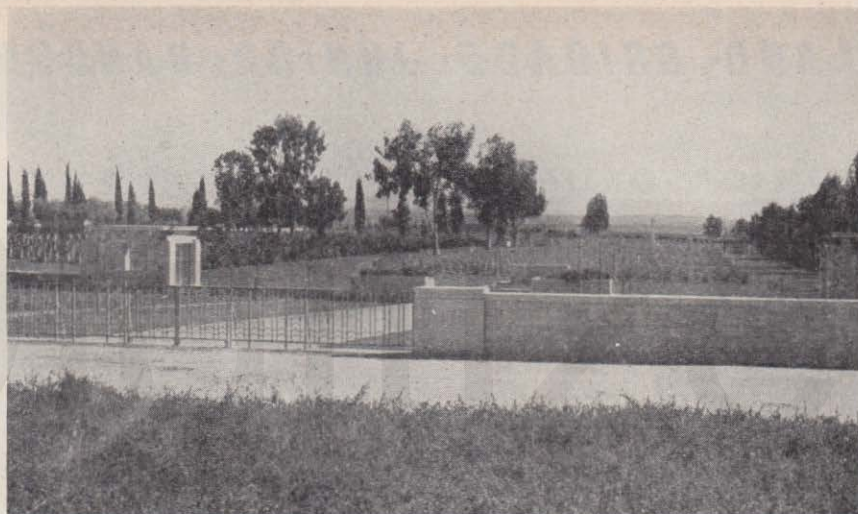
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H.L.I. GRAVES

IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION CEMETERY RAMLEH, ISRAEL

LT.-COL. A. C. C. BRODIE, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., the Black Watch, at present serving as Military Attache, British Embassy, Beirut, kindly sent some photographs of Ramleh Cemetery which he had taken on a visit to Israel.

Lt.-Col. Brodie commanded Sp. Coy. 1/H.L.I. in Jerusalem in 1948, and he sent photographs of the graves of three H.L.I. soldiers who were killed in the disturbances just before the end of the Mandate.

The soldiers were: Cpl. A. C. Ford
L./Cpl. J. J. Abernethy
Pte. W. H. Deacon

The photographs of the graves have been sent to the next-of-kin of these soldiers. The photographs, included with this article, show a general view of Ramleh Cemetery and the row of graves which contain those of the above-named soldiers, and they should be of interest to all who served in Palestine at that time.

We are deeply indebted to Lt.-Col. Brodie for his kindness in sending these photographs.



A GOOD START

LIFE IN THE INFANTRY LEADERS BATTALION

By Lt.-Col. COUTTS, M.B.E., K.O.S.B., Officer Commanding

I AM delighted to have the privilege of writing an article for the R.H.F. Journal, since I started my uniformed life as a very proud laddie in a H.L.I. kilt (in the Glasgow Academy O.T.C.) and have nothing but the happiest memories of contacts with R.S.F. and H.L.I. Battalions in the Lowland Division.

The Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion has been in existence for six years. Its aim is to provide the five regiments of Foot Guards and the forty-nine regiments of the Infantry of the Line with young leaders who will, in due course, become the N.C.O.'s and warrant officers of the all-regular army. It is not too much to claim that the Battalion is the "N.C.O.'s Sandhurst", for it is anticipated that two out of every three infantry N.C.O.'s in the future will have started their careers in the Junior Leaders Battalion.

Entry to the Battalion is straight from school between the ages of 15 and 16½, the juniors being attested and badged into the regiment of their choice on a minimum 6 or 9 years' engagement (which excludes their time as Junior Leaders). They spend approximately two years with the Battalion and pass out to their regiments shortly before their 18th birthday. Although all training naturally has a military bias, the Battalion is run very much on boarding school lines, and the whole of the training is designed to produce men, physically fit to serve in any part of the world, who have strong character, well-developed moral and physical courage and unprejudiced minds. The accent is naturally on leadership training with the indoctrination of a sense of responsibility for others and an understanding of their problems.

The Battalion has been stationed in Plymouth for many years, but is moving in early August this year to Park Hall Camp, Oswestry, Shropshire—in pleasant and spacious hatted accommodation which will house the Battalion until new Sandhurst blocks are built on the same site in the near future. The new site has been chosen for its accessibility to good training areas in North Wales and it is sufficiently central in the U.K. to encourage more boys (and, we hope, visitors) from the North of England, Ireland and Scotland. The strength at present is 410 junior leaders, but authority has recently been granted for this to be increased up to 800. This figure allows for an average of 14 juniors per infantry regiment.

The Royal Highland Fusilier representatives with the Battalion at present are shown in the accompanying photographs. The juniors are Jnr. L./Cpl. Wood, 84 Kenmore Street, Glasgow, E.2, and Jnr. Fus. Campbell, 10 Waverley Gardens, Shawlands, Glasgow, S.1. Readers may be disappointed to see them wearing "cheese-cutters" instead of glengarries. In the matter of dress we have had to insist on a common form of headdress for the Battalion; there are naturally many appeals for regimental privileges in dress to be granted but the result, although picturesque, would make it impossible to produce a Battalion Parade—and would certainly produce a quartermaster's nightmare of the first order! All juniors wear their regimental badge on their collars and on their bed-spaces, and it is the responsibility of brigade and regimental representatives or the permanent staff to coach juniors of their own regiments in regimental history and traditions.



R.H.F. Members of Permanent Staff
Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion

Pte. Buchanan (Pioneer) Sgt. Earnshaw (Z Coy)
Sgt. Ager (MT Sgt.) C/Sgt. Hyde (A Coy) Sgt. Buchanan (C Coy)



R.H.F. Junior Leaders

L/Cpl. Wood

Fus. Campbell

Intakes to the Battalion arrive twice each term, and are given a special period of orientation training in the Intake Coy. ('Z' Coy.). This is the hardest six weeks of any soldier's service, but the purgatory is soon over and he passes on to one of the four training companies—Footguards, A, B, C. The company is the exact equivalent of a house at school, and the junior stays in the same platoon throughout his service with the Battalion; the friends he makes here, from all the different regiments of the Army, should remain his friends for life, meeting up with them again in his adult service in various parts of the world. Each platoon has a permanent staff officer and two sergeants (there are no corporals on the permanent staff), but the every-day routine of the Battalion is run by the Junior Leader N.C.O.'s (of all ranks from L./Cpl. to R.S.M.) who are selected for their powers of initiative and leadership, as in a normal Service Battalion.

Life for the Junior is a well-balanced mixture of military training, education, games and recreation. The training syllabus is based on four main working days a week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday), when the boys are hard at it from dawn to dusk—and long after dusk in the winter time. As a complete contrast,

Wednesday is used as a "mid-week week-end", when the programme consists only of hobbies, club activities and games with opportunities to walk out in the evening. Saturday morning follows the traditional Army pattern of R.S.M.'s, Adjutant's or C.O.'s Parade, followed by inspections of one kind or another until the blessed relief of games and club activities in the afternoon.

All instruction is organised on a specialised system of training wings, each officer and N.C.O. of the permanent staff instructing in the subject for which he is best qualified. There are six wings on the military side:

- (1) *The Drill Wing* is supervised by the R.S.M. (22 years' service in the Coldstream Guards, together with a twinkle in the eye and a sense of humour) and a team of sergeant instructors, both from the Foot Guards and Infantry of the Line.
- (2) *The Weapon Training Wing* is run by an enthusiastic staff of officers and sergeants advised and coached by a Q.M.S.I. from the Small Arms School at Hythe. The aim of the wing is to turn out a good shot who is also a trained assistant instructor in all platoon weapons.
- (3) *The Tactical Wing* naturally concentrates on leadership training and a knowledge of tactics, including wireless, at section and platoon level. Camping and man management form an important part of the wing's activities.
- (4) *The Adventure Training Wing* runs a series of cross-country expeditions, on the lines of the "Outward Bound" schools, where the junior leaders are confronted by a succession of challenging obstacles which can only be overcome by the use of initiative and "guts". This system is being increasingly recognised as an excellent means of character-building and leadership training. The expeditions are extremely popular.
- (5) *The P.T. Wing* is in the hands of a fanatical team of "springers" who put across the very detailed and sensible syllabus prescribed by the A.P.T.C. School at Aldershot. The boys play games (in the afternoons in winter and in the evening in summer) on three days out of four—the fourth is spent on administration within the Company.
- (6) *Religious Leadership*. Padre's Hours are conducted by chaplains of all denominations. Mid-week prayers and Sunday services are compulsory. The Church of Scotland juniors are well cared for by the local Presbyterian minister.

It may come as something of a shock to a boy who has left school at 15 to find that he has to spend two days a week back in the classroom again, but a Junior Leader, who wants to make sure of future promotion, must pass his Army Certificates of Education while he is with the Battalion. Those who pass their Senior Test (equivalent to the A.C.E. 1st Class) with the Battalion are qualified for subsequent promotion to W.O. I without any further exams during their service. Education is made palatable by two factors. First of all, it is extremely well taught by the 21 R.A.E.C. officers and sergeants in the Battalion, and, secondly, there is a financial "carrot" of extra pay as each exam is successfully overcome.

The education staff are also responsible for organising the wide range of hobbies and clubs available in the Battalion. Each junior is compelled to take up one or two hobbies with the object of broadening his mind and giving him an interest outside his work. He can choose from: woodwork, metal work, art, photography, typing, leatherwork, aeromodelling, marquetry, first-aid (often taken as the "public service" qualification for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award), household cookery, judo, fencing, vehicle maintenance (which includes the modern craze of go-karting), book-binding, Battalion Newspaper and ball-room dancing. Scottish country dancing is compulsory for all juniors in Scottish regiments.

The club activities (which are voluntary) include riding (over 30 ride regularly), cycling (70 strong), hiking, photography, sailing and canoeing. All these clubs operate, with excellent equipment, at weekends and during the holidays, which are similar to school vacations.

For all this a junior leader is paid, depending on his rank, between £2 2s. 0d. and £4 5s. 9d. per week all found. At the age of 17½ juniors go on to man's pay, starting at £6 9s. 6d. per week all found. Saving by means of the Post Office Savings Bank is compulsory.

I am sure there must be many from the vast recruiting areas of Glasgow and Ayrshire who would enjoy this robust, open-air life. Full particulars of entry can be obtained from the Army Information Office, 92 Union Street, Glasgow, C.1. I shall be in Glasgow in August and again at New Year, and I would be very happy to interview any prospective Junior Leaders or their parents, by arrangement with O.C. Depot at Ayr or the Regimental Secretary at Maryhill. The address of the Battalion is:

The Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion,
Park Hall Camp, OSWESTRY, Shropshire.

Telephone: Oswestry 2321.

DO YOU KNOW? (iii)

Answers on page 76

1. What is the correct name for the sword carried by Scottish regiments?
2. Which is the only pack of Foxhounds owned by the British Army that is recognised by the Master of Fox Hounds' Association?
3. When was barbed wire first used in war?
4. Why is a British Warm so called?
5. The origin of the term Fifth Column?
6. When conscription was first introduced into England?
7. When the first Royal Lady was appointed Colonel-in-Chief of a British regiment?
8. When the N.A.A.F.I. started?
9. Which regiments took part in the Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava?
10. What the initials A.N.Z.A.C. stand for?

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From the Book of the Prophet

AND it came to pass in the days when Harold ben Millan was Governor, Naib Jabel being Ruler in Mukeiras, there went out a decree from the great Queen, saying: "Let the mighty men of valour of the city of No Mean and the mighty men of valour of the districts round about A-ir be united into a great and mighty host. And let their legs be clothed in fine raiment of many colours with anklets of white and let them assemble themselves in one place." And it was so that, when this was noised abroad, the elders murmured against this decree and said: "God forid that these things should be. Hitherto have the men of the city of No Mean had no dealings with the men of A-ir. How, then, shall we make a league with them now."

But one of the sons of the prophets who was appointed to the host arose and prophesied, saying: "Allah Karim," which, being interpreted, means: "It is the will of Allah." And the elders bowed their heads and held their peace.

And so it came to pass on the twentieth day of the new year that the mighty men came from the west and assembled themselves together on the plain that is by the water of Leith. And

there was found among the host many who played skilfully upon pipes and flutes and all manner of strange instruments and there was set up in the midst of the host fine banners all curiously wrought.

And the Queen said yet again: "Let there be found a man, mighty indeed, to be set over this great host." And there was found one Mich-a-el ben Evatt, a man who delighted in horses; and when he stood among the host, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upwards.

And Mich-a-el appointed captains over their hundreds and over their twenty-sevens, all goodly young men, and of comely appearance. And he chose Frank ben Brinton keeper of the treasury and Jonathan ben David a man who wrought mighty cures by the use of strange herbs, and Angus ben Rabbi a scribe from the city of the north. And behold, these men, together with the son of the prophet, went in and out with the host at all times.

And they sojourned in that place for the space of one year and the hearts of the men of the city of No Mean were knit together with the hearts of the men of A-ir. And the land had rest from war.

And it came to pass, when Mich-a-el had assembled the host, he said unto them: "O Fusiliers, let us arise and go even unto Aden." And unto Aden they came. And when they raised their eyes and beheld the rocks, the hearts of the people melted within them and they murmured against Mich-a-el and said: "What manner of place is this? Can a mirage be compared to the television? Would that we had stayed in the bosom of our families. Here we shall surely die, for the air is not conditioned."

Nevertheless, Mich-a-el harkened not to the cry of the people, but said within himself: "Ha ishi Ha-Jammin," which, being interpreted, is: "They are all men of blood."

Now, when the Feast of Ramadan was ended, Mich-a-el received a message from the great Queen by the hand of Morton ben Pollock: "Greetings, O Mich-a-el, stop. Whereas thou hast ruled this great host for the space of figures one four months, it now seemeth good to me to make thee a ruler over the destinies of many mighty men of valour, stop."

Then all the people raised a great shout and said: "Hum dil' Allah." But the prophet lifted his eyes unto heaven and said: "It is the will of Allah."



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Colonel Sir CLAUDE MAXWELL MACDONALD

Just recently the Colonel of the Regiment has accepted from the relatives of the above officer, on behalf of the Regimental Headquarters, a brass memorial plaque which used to adorn the Embassy Chapel in Peking. His record of military and colonial service is worth recording as it is not only unusual but also so distinguished.

Described in later life as "a tall, thin, canny man of forty-eight with a highlander's narrow head, Ouidan moustaches and serious, faintly censorious eyes", Claude Maxwell MacDonald was born on 12th June, 1852, a son of Major-General James (Hamish) Dawson MacDonald.

Claude MacDonald was educated at Uppingham and Sandhurst, and at the age of 20 was commissioned into the 74th Highlanders in 1872.

He first saw action in Egypt during the Tel-el-Kebir campaign of 1882, and was promoted major (very early for those days). He subsequently became Military Attache to Lord Cromer (Sir E. Baring) and remained in Egypt till 1887. During his time in Egypt he served as a volunteer with the 42nd Highlanders (the Black Watch) in the Suakin Campaign.

Despite the fact that he was still a serving officer between 1887 and 1896, Claude MacDonald alternated between the foreign and colonial services. Amongst the posts he held were Acting Agent and Consul-General in Zanzibar and First Minister and Consul-General in "The Oil River Protectorate", to which territory he was instrumental in bringing law and order.

In 1896 he retired from the Army and was appointed British Minister in Peking.

At this time China had just finished one of her intense wars and the consequent weakness of the Imperial Dynasty had allowed most European countries to infiltrate themselves into China, proffering arms, aid, advice and trade in return for "spheres of influence". The result was a "land race" between Great Britain, France, Japan, Russia, Germany and the United States, all striving to make treaties with the Emperor.

Claude MacDonald, as British Minister, was instrumental in the securing of the Hong Kong and Wei-Hai-Wei concessions for Great Britain. For this he was congratulated by the then Foreign Minister, Lord Salisbury, and rewarded by the K.C.B. in 1898.

In 1900 the Boxer Rebellion in China started the siege that made Sir Claude famous. The various legations of European countries which were inside the walled city of Peking were besieged by the Boxers. The rebellion was merely another civil war in China aimed at the overthrow of the Imperial Dynasty, who were too weak and corrupt to govern such a large country.

The reason for the siege of the legations is obscure, as the Boxers could have no complaint against the legations who normally enjoyed immunity from civil wars. The most probable reason for the siege is that the Boxers wished to leave no European witness of the rebellion.

Although the various ministers knew that there was going to be a rebellion, they could not agree on any concerted action until they found themselves, their staffs and an attendant horde of missionaries, their converts and some refugees, cut off and surrounded.

The siege lasted from the 20th of June to 14th of August and, although they were completely cut off, no real hardship resulted, as they had a good supply of food, water and ammunition, as well as two doctors.

As Sir Claude had been a soldier, he was appointed by "mutual consensus" the C-in-C. of the legation forces, consisting for the most part of the small individual legation guards of European soldiers and a smattering of Chinese soldiers.

One of the enigmas of the siege is that the Boxers, who could easily have raised sufficient forces to overwhelm the legations, never did, but kept up a series of small disjointed attacks of great ferocity.

On the 14th of August a combined French, German, Japanese, American, Russian and British (a strange combination in this century!) force relieved the legations and the Boxer Rebellion died out.

For his actions Sir Claude was promoted G.C.M.G. and K.C.B. of the Military Division (one of the few occasions on which both civil and military divisions were conferred on the same person, and doubly strange as he had retired as a major from the Army nearly seven years previously!).

In October, 1900, he moved to Tokyo as British Minister and became our first Ambassador to Japan in 1905. He proved invaluable during the Russo-Japanese War and engineered the Anglo-Japanese Alliance of 1902. For his services he was awarded G.C.V.O. and made a Privy Councillor in 1906.

He retired in 1912 and died in 1915, survived by his wife, whom he married in 1892, and two daughters.

So died a soldier who had been British Consul-General and first Minister whilst still serving in the Army and had commanded an allied force of French, German, Dutch, Japanese and Americans nearly seven years after he had retired as a major.

By courtesy of 'The Field'

An End-of-the-Season Sprint at Sea

By courtesy of R. SPILLMAN

Lt.-Col. Kindersley's catamaran, "Vaapiti", has a last fling on the Solent before lying up for the winter

Cowes in November attracts few sailors, most of whom prefer to savour the bleak Solent from the warmth of the club bar. Moorings are deserted. Yachts have been slipped for scraping and painting, while owners await the coming winter as hedgehogs await hibernation.

Not without trepidation, then, I accepted an invitation from Lt.-Col. C. R. H. "Dick" Kindersley to join him in an end-of-season sprint aboard his 18-foot Shearwater-class catamaran. As a launch towed us out of the mouth of the Medina River I watched the chill, peaked face of the sea and reflected that catamarans, even more than racing dinghies, have a jolly habit of tossing their crews into the water.

Sailing this same vessel under sun-pierced clouds off Yarmouth six weeks earlier, the drenching spray had been exhilarating. "Exterminating" would now be more appropriate.

"Ah," said Dick Kindersley, "there's a bit of breeze out here."

Indeed there was. I cast off from the launch and, within seconds, our feet tucked under the strap, the twin hulls were cutting the sea like hunted seals. With a useful north-westerly coming across from the mainland, we reached north towards the New Forest. Three miles distant, the trees seemed startlingly close in the rain-washed air. Above them, silver chimneys from the oil refineries sent their smoke scudding to join the clouds.

In spite of their constant efforts to take wing, catamarans are splendid craft in skilled hands. The twin hulls impart a stability unknown in single-hulled vessels. In a following wind, or close-hauled, their behaviour is like that of conventional yachts. With the wind on her beam, however, a catamaran literally rises to the challenge. Speeds of 20 knots are common. Whenever the windward hull lifts high and continues to rise, the skilled catamariner restores an even keel by turning into or away from the wind.

Heavy spray ploughed back at us from the starboard hull and within half a minute we were soaked from top to tail. We raced past the Island Sailing Club, its jetty piled high with dinghies patiently awaiting the holiday months of 1960. Then, half a mile off the Royal Yacht

Squadron, we hit a patch of really choppy water. Any odd areas of dry skin lurking beneath our woollies were speedily inundated.

The parade before the Gloster Hotel was deserted, the striped awnings and artificial geraniums reminding us of yesterday, when, fork in hand and glass to lip, we had looked from the broad windows of the dining room at the Solent, respectfully distant while we dined.

We turned into the wind, allowed a moment, then hared off on the port tack towards Southampton Water at a speed we judged (conservatively) to be over 16 knots. Above us streamed the burgee of the Royal Yacht Squadron, for Dick Kindersley's *Vaapiti* is the smallest—and fastest—vessel in a fleet that includes some of the largest yachts at Cowes. Earlier this year one or two sensational journals made much of the contrast between *Vaapiti's* modest dimensions and those of her more stately sisters. In fact, the Squadron's acceptance of a smallish cata-



'Vaapiti', the smallest—and fastest—vessel in the Royal Yacht Squadron. Catamarans frequently attain 20 knots, and the twin hulls impart a stability unknown in conventional yachts.



Col. Kindersley at the tiller as 'Vaapiti' gets under way

maran proves that its principles of selection are both sporting and sound.

Struggling to portray our violent progress, I slid backwards along the port hull, holding my camera in one hand while I gripped a wire stay with the other. A little later, almost stationary against the wind, I transferred to the launch in order to obtain photographs of *Vaapiti* at speed. Our movement was so violent that even with a shutter speed of 1/250th second I was surprised to find the negatives reasonably sharp.

"All this sea-room makes sailing very pleasant," Dick Kindersley remarked, as a solitary Firefly crossed ahead of us. "A month ago we'd have been forced to tack all over the place."

Although a sense of the dramatic tempts me to dwell on the iciness of the water, I must admit that the temperature was nearer that of September than November. Wind-whipped spray soaked us rhythmically, but entirely without discomfort.

Two hours later, hungry as sea horses, we turned and ran for shore. *Vaapiti* was due for her winter overhaul. Such is the personality of these boats, we felt sure she had enjoyed her end-of-season sprint just as much as we had.

At dinner at Hamstead Grange that evening, Mrs. Kindersley produced another end-of-season surprise—fresh raspberries from the garden, on November 1st!

DO YOU KNOW



R. F. E. A.

DURING 1959, the number of men and women from the Regular Armed Forces of the Crown placed in employment by the National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen was 19,546, which was 81 per cent of those who registered at one or other of the Association's 52 Branches covering the whole of the United Kingdom. It is of interest that of this number, 8,355 were from the Army and 70 were from your Regiment.

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The above photograph, which was taken at a social and dance held in 1948 in the Chevrons Club, London, is published in the hope that some of those present on that occasion, who have not attended many functions recently, will be encouraged to get in touch with Tom Linard with a view to renewing their acquaintance with their old comrades.

ASSOCIATION NOTES

THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS (London Branch) OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION

DEAR FRIENDS,

This is to submit to all readers the activities of our Branch for the past six months and the ensuing six months. It is hoped that same will instil the thought that you will make every effort to be present at all future functions or at least one. You may gather from the write-up how surprising it is who turns up at our do's at different times. It is quite on the cards your own particular "buddy" will be present; even if he's not, may I suggest you will enjoy the company of the others who are present. If you are not a member of our Branch, may I ask you to write to me—you will receive an answer.

Saturday, 5th December, 1959, we held a social and dance at the Chevrons Club; the evening was a great success. Among those present were: Captain C. H. Asals, Tom Linard, Ernie Hills, Masha Hemings, Bert Roe, Sam Hudson, L. Jennings, Jock Durie, Don Greenleaf, their ladies and friends. Our guests for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. A. Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Eliot, Mrs. Mills, Mr. F. K. Hall and Mr. P. R. Broucher, of London Branch, Highland Light Infantry Association. Everybody enjoyed the evening to the full, just like one big and happy family; dancing was enjoyed by all.

Saturday, 16th January, 1960, at 7.30 p.m., we held our A.G.M. Much business was discussed and heartily gone into; the Committee for 1959 were re-elected *en bloc* to carry on office for 1960, plus the honorary auditors. The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m. and we adjourned to the "Thatched House" for a drink and a "natter", which completed our evening.

Saturday, 6th February, 1960—social and dance at Chevrons Club. Once again another success; members; Captain C. H. Asals, Tom Linard, Ernie Hills, Bert Roe, Chalky Whiting, Sam Hudson, Masha Hemings, Mrs. Tyrell, Jock Durie, Jock Taylor, George Dafter, Dickie Jenkins, Harry Steward and Jock McAtee, with their ladies and friends. Highland Light Infantry members present included Mr. and Mrs. A. Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. G. George, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Taylor, Messrs. E. Cammell and P. R. Brovetter. Once the introductions were over, all present enjoyed the bar and the dancing. As always, 11 p.m. came all too soon, with remarks such as "What? Already? Just as we are liking it." As usual, "Auld Lang Syne" was sung around "The Little Man" and our "Wee New Baby", followed by "The Queen".

Friday, 8th April, left the Chevrons Club at 9.10 p.m. Aboard the coach were: Tom and Mrs. Linard, Mrs. Rowland, Ernie and Mrs. Hills, their sons Kenneth and Rodney, Mr. P. Huckley, Masha Hemings, Mrs. L. Tyrell, Harry and Mrs. Steward, Charlie and Mrs. Robinson, Len and Mrs. Burrows and niece, Joe and Mrs. West, Harry Hill, Jock McKerr, Georgie Kinghorn, George Jenkins, Jock McAtee, Rab. Clinton, Don Greenleaf and Sam Pope. At the end of M1 road we picked up Donald Cox, who had served with the Regiment both at Dregghorn and Dundonald, 1947. We were very sorry that our old friend, Arthur Ripington, could not be with us, owing to illness at home. Also, that Mrs. McKerr could not travel. Our old friend, Jock Finnie, M.M., rang up during the evening of 6th April asking for a seat, but it was with much regret that we could not then comply with his request. Harold Moulden wrote saying he was sorry he could

not make it this year, owing to his mother being ill; he wished everyone a good time, and stated he had not yet found a bride.

After a very pleasant journey, trying to make up time lost in starting, we arrived at 24 Wellington Square, Ayr, at 9.20 a.m., to be welcomed by Captain J. Copland, R.S.M. H. T. Hutchinson, Rab. Gilmour, Ted Browse, Jimmy Christie, George Nicholson, Alfie Clark and several others. We were taken in for tea and biscuits, etc. There we met Kipper Simpson, his wife and daughter, Arthur Lowe, wife and two daughters, Len Stones, George Woodhouse, all from north of England. Then came Mrs. Davidson and daughter from Dundee, mother and sister of the late Drummer Davidson of 1st Battalion Burma days. We were all taken to Gilchrist's for breakfast, which everybody enjoyed. In walked Archie Duncan from Campbeltown, Argyll. Back to Wellington Square, and our old friend, Rab. Gilmour, became I/C accommodation. After giving details and conducting London members to their abodes for the night, back to 4/5th Sergeants' Mess, to be joined by Stan. Parker from Northumberland. All seats fully occupied until those going to lunch at 12 noon left, to enable them to make the match. At 1 o'clock the remainder went to lunch, where we were very pleased to meet John and Mrs. Ingram from Selkirk. It was very pleasant to talk to John and his wife. They were sorry they could not stay longer. He was very pleased to meet so many old friends again, and looked forward to future meetings. Mrs. F. E. Cartwright invited my party to her house for tea, which we all enjoyed very much, having a good old chin-wag with both Freddy and Mrs. Cartwright. Following came a buffet dance in the Drill Hall, there we were joined by Dicky Jenkins, Jock Durie, Don Yuill, Ted and Mrs. Wakling, Joe and Mrs. Osprey, Archie and Mrs. Guthrie, Dave McGinley, Joe Harrison, George Suthren and others from Edinburgh. We were very pleased to meet Lt.-Col. D. G. Carleton-Smith Inglis, Majors H. D. Watt, Steele, Dallas, Linton, Captains J. Copland, Rayner, with their ladies, also other officers present. It was also pleasant to see Alex. Robertson, Nimmic Hibberd with his wife. The evening went off better than ever than in past years. London members present, one and all, only say: "How can we beat it?" "Ayr, you have again set the pace, we shall try to keep up with it in 1961." To each and all we extend a hearty invitation to be our guests in 1961.

After this hectic evening, each made his way to bed. Sunday saw us again being met with that marvellous hospitality at the Depot. No complaints re outside accommodation or barracks. Everything came up to and beyond expectations. After breakfast, a trot round the Museum, then to Depot Sergeants' Mess, where R.S.M. D. B. S. MacDonald played host in grand style. Our members could not help but feel at home. In came Jimmy Halliday, George Arthur, his wife, and Bob Matthews. Others were at the dance with their ladies.

Whilst at lunch we were very pleased to meet Bert Constable, his wife and little girl from Renfrew. We thank them for giving Len Stones a lift into Glasgow. Hookey Walker, ex-1st Battalion of Paisley, was sorry he could not make the trip to Ayr as his wife was in hospital. We hope our meeting with two ex-Royal Scots Fusiliers, Cearius and Baxter from Glasgow, will be the forerunner of many more. Peter Greenhorn, from Dartford, was very pleased with the hospitality shown and given on Saturday evening. We had great pleasure in meeting George Ferris, his wife and sister-in-law from Glasgow. George, these days, does not consume

on the same par as previously (this information is for 1st Battalion boys). It was grand to see Geoff Bresling back from Aden. His news of those out in Aden, of course, was abbreviated; time would not allow. If there are any names omitted from this "write-up", I ask each his pardon. Willie Davidson, of Ayr, was one, George and Mrs. Ball another, and many more lying dormant in my mind.

It was a grand send-off. We thank the whole of the Pipe Band for the part they played from 1 p.m. until 4.30 p.m. We, of London, more than appreciated their playing. We were listening. Thank you again. We, each and all of us from London, cannot express our thanks for such a wonderful weekend. Our journey back was held up for one-and-a-quarter hours, which made us one-and-a-half hours behind schedule; nevertheless, everyone was happy and jolly.

Our next function is dinner for 4/5th Battalion 1939-45 boys to be entertained by 4/5th Battalion in Folkestone on Friday, 24th June, 1960. Family Day Outing with 4/5th Battalion at Folkestone, Saturday, 25th June, 1960. May I ask anyone interested to write to me as soon as possible for further particulars.

Our next two socials and dances at Chevrons Club, 4 Dorset Square, Baker Street, London, N.W.1, at 7.30 p.m. on Saturdays, 3rd September and 3rd December. All who are in London on these evenings are cordially invited.

Our Annual Dinner and Dance this year will be held on Saturday, 8th October, 1960, at 6.0 for 6.30 p.m., at Chatham Rooms, Victoria Station, London, S.W.1. It will be a great pleasure to answer any letters regarding any of the above social functions.

We extend our very good wishes to 1st Battalion personnel in Aden and we trust that life is not too bad with them. Our good wishes to Depot personnel, 4/5th Battalion, and all Royal Scots Fusiliers wherever they may be.

News is wanted of Busty Cragg, 6th Battalion, and Jock Bradley, 1st Battalion, 1925. Can anyone help? Last but not least, may we ask if you would like to join our happy band of "two and oners".

Yours sincerely,

TOM LINARD, *Honorary Secretary.*

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EDINBURGH CLUB

We sincerely apologise for failure to submit notes for the last issue of the Journal. This misfortune was caused by the indisposition of our usual compiler. Since then, however, he has fully recovered, and is again back into his stride.

Earlier in the year the surprise but welcome visit of an old friend and member of the Regiment, ex-Pte. David Lauder, v.c., was the highlight of our weekly Saturday night social. Many present had never seen a V.C., let alone handled one. He is very much alive and takes a keen interest in the affairs of the limbless ex-servicemen. We wish David all the best and hope to see him again soon.

Jock Campbell, a very keen worker on the Committee, had to resign owing to ill-health, but will certainly be back as soon as his health improves, so we wish him a speedy recovery.

We at the Club, especially Joe, miss the well-kent faces of L/Cpl. Dalten (Dally), L/Cpl. Mullins (Kerry Oot), Cpl. J. Woods and not forgetting Fus. Jackie Watson; also, we don't see much of Cpl. Armstrong (Tam), so his police duties must be keeping him rather busy. Captain (Q.M.) McKue, D.C.M., R.H.F., takes a keen interest in Club affairs and gives us a regular visit. But the Club has felt the draught since the Regiment departed for abroad, and we all wish them a hasty return to the U.K.

The Club activities have stepped up in the last year . . . redecorating, and various installations have given the premises a gayer appearance.

Our A.G.M. was held on 24th April, being attended by a good number, which proves more interest is being taken by our members. This is very encouraging and must reap results favourable to the running of the Club. The balance sheet shows a great improvement on preceding years. Let's hope it is even better next year.

In the Naval and Military Dart League our Dart Team nearly created a record by taking:

The League Championship (Team)

The Individual Championship (A. Hunter)

We were also runners-up for the Pairs Championship (A. Hunter and J. Carracher)

The presentations took place in the premises of the Hibs' Supporters' Association Club, where tea, sandwiches and cakes were served. The Chairman announced the winners. The R.S.F. members present, including the Committee representatives, grew merrier and merrier as the night proceeded. As is usual, the trophies were duly passed round and it was obvious they contained more than an attractive look. Wee Alfie never wears a hat or cap, and I doubt if he will ever get one to fit him now. "Imagine that!" The night finished on a musical note and, where the Fusilier Club members were concerned, a few paper ones also!

The visit to Ayr for the Reunion Supper Dance was planned with military precision; first gaining contact with R.Q.M.S. Gilmour (Big Rab), D.C.M., 4/5th Battalion, via Major H. D. Watt, Depot, R.H.F. The invitations, ten in number, were reserved for our representatives. As the date approached, the advance party, comprising Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie, Mr. and Mrs. Osprey and Davey McGinley, left the day before to make a reconnaissance; by the time the main body arrived at 6 p.m. on 9th April, Archie Guthrie and Joe Osprey two well-trained scouts, gave us the information, and from then on it was plain sailing. Accommodation and food for those who required it was arranged at Churchill Barracks; supper and dance at 4/5th Battalion R.S.F. Drill Hall, Wellington Square. After a wash and brush up at the barracks where we met up with many old friends who had travelled down from London with their Branch, our party, consisting of Messrs. George Suthren, Davey McGinley, George Holland (Wee Dutchy), George Hathaway, George Conway (Chota), Joe Harrison (Clubmaster), Ted and Mrs. Wakley, Archie and Mrs. Guthrie and Joe and Mrs. Osprey, made their way to the Drill Hall. There we were received by the (Civvy) Guard Commander, "Big Rab". Hand shakes were exchanged, also the wise-cracks: "How thin you look!" "Oh, how fat you are getting!" But never "How old you are getting!" . . . You will have had fuller details as to who were all there from Tom Linard, so I will skip that point.

It was a great show, Rab, and we congratulate you and your assistants. Jimmy Nesbet was doing a good job as M.C., but Joe thinks he must have been placed "under close arrest" at the finish, as the last he remembers of him was being escorted by Mrs. Nesbit—probably got away with a chota peg.

Some furniture has been gifted to the Club, in the way of chairs, tables and games. They were at one time the property of the 2nd Battalion, R.S.F., Sergeants' Mess. We now hold a link with the old Regiment—carrying a sentimental value that will be treated and regarded as such.

On Friday, 29th April, we had a return visit from the members of the N.U.R. Unity House Club—a dance, games and social evening was held at our premises, arranged by the Entertainment Convener, G. Suthren, and his Committee. Everyone spent an enjoyable evening and also a profitable one for the bar!

A poster, measuring 4 feet by 2 feet, has been hung in the Club premises to the effect that, in April, 1961, Scotland play England at Wembley, and with the organising capacity of Tom Linard, Secretary, London Branch, we hope to have a good representation for a Grand Reunion—Edinburgh, Ayr and London Branches—on that date, whatever it be. We in Edinburgh have followed in the steps of Ayr and are collecting contributions weekly for the fare, etc. The response has shown favourable results, and we hope to be represented by about 25 to 30 in numbers . . . so look to your laurels, Tom!

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW

1. Who wrote these notes, and who does he think he is?
2. When did certain Committee members last go to the bar first?
3. What is (imagine that!) and how is it pronounced in Spanish?
4. Who has beaten all the dart champs in Edinburgh and District and can't win a leg for his team?
5. When a stranger wins the housey snowball, Murphy loses his speech?
6. When did Bill Tinsley last see his toes?

By the time we get these answers, we should have enough notes for the next issue. So till then we wish all connected with the Journal and the Regiment the *very best*.

W.J.H. AND TED

AYR BRANCH

APRIL 9TH, 1960, saw Scotland beaten again at its national game of football at Hampden Park, Glasgow. Newspapers, radio and television reported large numbers of coaches making their way from the south for the occasion. Among the coaches was one which, heading north, made its way to Ayr. It brought about 50 members of the London Branch of the Royal Scots Fusiliers Old Comrades' Association. A "guard of honour", comprising members of the Ayr Branch, marshalled outside the Wellington Square Drill Hall to bid their guests welcome. Tom Linard, stop-watch in hand, at precisely 09.00 hours, stepped from the bus, followed by his band of noble worthies. At about the same time members of the Edinburgh Branch, and other individuals, who had travelled independently from other far-off places, appeared.

Hands were grasped, and welcomes said over a cup of tea, and it wasn't long before all felt very much at home.

In the evening Wellington Square was again the venue. This time it was for the supper-dance. Many "well-kent" faces were to be seen, and many old battles refought as each greeted the other around the well-laden tables, and joined in the fun of the evening. The decoration of the hall, dominated by splashes of the tartan, and filled with the haunting strains of pipe-

music, soon set feet hopping. Laughter and fun ensued. The clinking of glasses and the gaiety of the party indicated without doubt that the spirit of good comradeship was still very much alive. Tired, but happy, our guests made their unsteady way to the homes of their hosts and hostesses—"to sleep? perchance to dream . . ."

Sunday saw our guests within the familiar surroundings of Churchill Barracks—the barrack square and the old buildings once again telling of happy times in bye-gone days and of other old comrades long since "fallen-out".

Through the kindness of R.S.M. Macdonald and the members of the Depot Sergeant's Mess, a morning refreshment and more hand clasps were forthcoming. Knives, forks and spoons in hands, our guests made their way to the familiar dining-hall to partake of the excellent meal made available through the kindness of the Depot Commander. "No complaints" was the familiar retort as the Orderly Officer made his way round the table.

As the sun made its way to the west, the coach carrying our guests began its journey south. For those remaining in Ayr the jolifications were over but the memories of the week-end remained. Doubtless, too, the coach also carried memories with it, as names were again mentioned of those met and embraced. Perhaps, also, names were mentioned of old comrades of the Royal Scots Fusiliers: ". . . loved long since, and lost awhile"

The Committee of the Ayr Branch wish to record their deep appreciation and thanks to all, far too numerous to mention by name, who made the week-end an undoubted success.

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H.L.I. ASSOCIATION (London Branch)

DEAR EDITOR,

Since our last contribution to the Journal we have gone quietly along—no major function, little excitement. Our members do not meet from day to day. We have no club premises as do our sister branches. Our membership is heavy but so widely spread. The question of a club building could mean many difficulties, besides many long distances of travel by many members; however, we do get together.

Each quarter we hold our quarterly meetings. The attendance is good, there are many "old faithfuls" who never miss; we have many who put in an occasional visit. Our meetings are held at Caxton Hall, Westminster, London, S.W.1, and are advertised in the National Press; this often results in some long-lost member being brought back to the fold. I take this opportunity to thank our lady members, we owe so much to them, who are ever-ready to stand in and give a helping hand. We'd miss them so much. We extend to any member of the Regiment, passing through or in London on such an occasion, to come along and join us at Caxton Hall. A hearty welcome would be extended. Our meetings are presided over by our Branch Chairman, Brigadier J. M. Latham, M.C. An enjoyable evening is spent by all.

I am pleased to be able to announce that we are now getting very close to our counterpart, the R.S.F. Association (London Branch). A keen interest exists between us. Branch activities are freely exchanged and attended. I must here thank able Secretary Tom Linard, on behalf of many of our members and myself, for affording us such an enjoyable evening on 5th December last at the Chevrons Club. Thanks, Tom, it was grand to be with you!

Arrangements are now in progress for a joint Reunion Dinner this year. The date: 8th October, 1960. The Chatham Room, above Victoria Station, London, S.W.1, has been booked for the occasion. We hope for a record attendance, including a large contingent from Ayr. Particulars will be distributed in due course. Both R.S.F. and H.L.I. branches will be afforded opportunity of a first real look at each other. There will be a deal of discussion and a grand evening for all. It is hoped that the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General Bramwell Davis, will be our Chairman on this occasion. Folk at Ayr do make a note of 8th October, 1960, and roll up!

I could not wind up these notes without reference to a matter we all very much regret here in London. At our meeting on 2nd April, 1960, Mr. Phil Boucher expressed his desire to resign as our Chairman of the Entertainment Committee. Phil has held this post in our Branch for the past 14 years. During this period he has rendered sterling service. How much of his own time has been devoted to the job only he would know. He has been mainly responsible, along with his co-members of the Entertainment Committee, in providing and assuring us many happy occasions.

The highlights of his service have been our Annual Reunion Dinners, necessitating no end of hard work and much of his own time. Success has followed year by year. We in London can look back upon many happy evenings as the result of his efforts.

From the chair, Phil was accorded an enthusiastic vote of thanks for all he had done. His resignation was accepted with regret. Phil, replying, thanked members for the way in which they had expressed their appreciation of his efforts and intimated he would always be near at hand to assist, should that be necessary.

May I here take the opportunity of personally thanking Phil for the many occasions he has lent me a helping hand. We all wish Phil many happy hours from now on, away from Branch business and worries.

Mr. Elliot has been elected as successor. We wish him well and feel sure he will be a worthy successor.

May I on a last note, Mr. Editor, congratulate you on the splendid production of your last issue of the Journal. Most interesting and informative. I have canvassed our members with the view of increasing circulation.

Greetings from London to all serving members and to our sister branches.

E. CAMELL, *Secretary*.

EDINBURGH BRANCH

DEAR MR. EDITOR AND FRIENDS,

Hello, Hello, Hello . . . Greetings to you all from the members of the above address.

In a previous issue it was reported that Mick Walsh was ill; he seemed to be improving but he had a relapse and passed away. His last parade was attended by many old comrades who came from far and near.

I should like to record my appreciation of an old comrade: "Mick" was a regular attender, a devoted Chairman of Committee, a diligent worker, ever ready to give a helping hand. He served his members with great loyalty and unending enthusiasm. "Mick" was of firm and robust convictions and gave expression to them in forceful pungent language. To the very end, he remained a loyal member and a good President.

Two of his many qualities stood out particularly clearly. An "uncomplicated personality", free of anything artificial and "courage" engraved in his character. It helped him in his career, steadied him in his illness and shone out of his eyes when he fearlessly faced his last enemy.

The members of this Club are grateful for his services and work for the establishment of the Club, and extend their sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Walsh and relatives.

Another who has left us is Jock Raeburn (Whiteford House), who has gone to reside with his daughter in England. We wish him everything one would wish oneself in his retirement. There are still a few "old uns" in Edinburgh. Unfortunately, they do not often attend the Club, but are always welcome. Sandy Robertson, Barney Winters, Jimmy Waring and Tiger Smith (Boxer) are all going strong. Tiger's son, Hughie Riley, has not struck the winning vein yet. He seems to be "ducking too quick!" We have heard from Sandy Stoddart, Chelsea pensioner, who has not been in the best of health. We wish him a quick recovery and look forward to seeing him at the Club when on his holidays. There are eight of the veterans at Whiteford House visited occasionally by one of the Committee. From reports they are happy and comfortable.

The presentation of New Colours to the R.H.F. and laying-up of the old Colours of the H.L.I. and R.S.F., who are dead and buried, has no doubt been well published, but a good story is worth repeating. These ceremonies were attended by members of this Branch, old and young, and the general opinion was that the new R.H.F. would be a credit to the old regiments, whose spirits are still alive. I can remember the first "Guard Mounting" at Aldershot—1913 . . . Brigade of Guards' N.C.O.'s "keeking" round the corner looking for tips, always lookers-on at any of our ceremonial parades. At that time the 74th was considered one of the best regiments in the Army in the use of arms under the supervision of R.S.M. Findlay ("Johnny m'

Lad"). As a tribute to the Royal Highland Fusiliers, and being one of the 74th of that time, I wish to say: "We could not have done better!"

Christmas and New Year activities at the Club were, as usual, excellent. Children's Party a great success with Jimmy Pringle as Santa Claus—his ambition every year. He is ideal!

We have billiard and snooker handicap competitions, all interesting and keenly contested, and a domino competition, which is particularly keenly contested.

The Edinburgh Spring Holiday night was a wonderful show. After a few "tombolas", we broke into singing and dancing. It was one of the best nights of enjoyment one could wish for, ably conducted by Mr. Stoboe, the M.C., who finished the dancing with "hokey pokey" to the great amusement of all.

We are now concentrating on bowling competitions

to get together a team worthy of competing against the Glasgow Branch for the H.L.I. Association Challenge Cup. They gave us a drubbing at Glasgow in 1959. We are looking forward to their visit.

These handicaps are not related in any form whatever to "Andy Capp"!

We are also looking forward to our Annual Drive in August. The destination has not yet been decided; anyway, wherever it is, if its like the others I've attended, it will be a lovely day's outing, appreciated and enjoyed by all.

To conclude these notes: the regimental members of this Branch, H.L.I. Association, wish to send their heartiest congratulations and sincerest wishes of every happiness to Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret, our Colonel-in-Chief, and Mr. Armstrong-Jones for the years to come.

J. H. SMITH.

THE HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY (MEMORIAL CLUB)

THE Club has completed a very successful winter session during which we have had our usual indoor sports competitions, resulting in all of our cups changing hands.

Our new champions are: Darts—Mr. A. West; Dominoes—Mr. J. Brannan; Snooker—Mr. E. Coffels; Billiards—Mr. B. Greenan. Our present Bowling Champion is Mr. D. Muirhead. All the above cups were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Sean Fallon (Celtic F.C.) at our Annual Prizegiving Social on 29th April, 1960, and a very enjoyable evening was had by members and visitors.

On 28th May we are visiting Irvine for our Annual Football Sweep Outing and the usual football on the sands will, no doubt, produce the expected casualties amongst us, as it is many years since we have been

carrying out our P.T. periods.

In August it is the turn of the Edinburgh Club to entertain us, when the two clubs will again compete for the Bowling Cup at present held by the Glasgow Club, who won the annual match last year, their first victory for some years.

Several of our members were present at the Annual Dinner of the 71st and 74th ex-Regular Sergeants' Mess members, where Brigadier F. F. B. Noble gave a resume of the activities of the 1st Battalion, and we old sweats enjoyed hearing of the sports victories and changing stations of our new Regiment, for most of the "stations" have many memories for us of our youth, and we are looking forward to boasting of the achievements of this new Regiment with such a magnificent background.

ACK. R.



Some of our members and their wives at our Annual Prize Giving Social held in the Club Premises

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1st BATTALION BIRTHS

L/Cpl. McInroy, now Depot R.H.F., a daughter, 16th November, 1959.
Cpl. Rodger, A., a son, 31st December, 1959.
Fus. Horsburgh, now Depot R.H.F., a son, 9th December, 1959.
Cpl. Anderson, H.Q., a daughter, 29th October, 1959.
L/Cpl. Frey, A., a son, 25th December, 1959.
Cpl. Laurie, Sp., a son, 21st December, 1959.
Cpl. Beaumont, C., a son, 15th December, 1959.
Sgt. Slaven, H.Q., a daughter, 14th January, 1960.
Fus. Fullerton, H.Q., a son, 20th March, 1960.
L/Cpl. Blythe, Sp. (R.E.M.E.), a son, 11th January, 1960.
Cpl. Deathers, H.Q. (R.A.M.C.), a son, 8th March, 1960.
Lt. A. J. B. Agnew, Sp., a daughter, 12th January, 1960.
Capt. W. H. S. Whamond, H.Q., twin son and daughter, 13th January, 1960.
Capt. J. D. Palmer, H.Q., a daughter, 3rd January, 1960.
Maj. R. Bromley Gardner, H.Q., a son, 6th February, 1960.
Sgt. Hodges, H.Q., a daughter, 28th April, 1960.

MARRIAGES

Fus. McMillan, now Depot R.H.F., married on 23rd September, 1957.
Fus. Crilley, H.Q., married on 14th November, 1959.
Fus. Mahood, H.Q., married on 27th November, 1959.
Fus. New, Sp., married on 20th November, 1959.
Fus. Broadbent, H.Q., married on 14th November, 1959.
Fus. Judge, B, married on 21st November, 1959.
Cpl. Robb, Sp., married on 28th November, 1959.
Sgt. Cunningham, H.Q., married on 4th December, 1959.
Fus. Cairney, H.Q., married on 27th November, 1959.
Fus. Reilly, now Depot R.H.F., married on 28th November, 1959.
Fus. Walker, now Depot R.H.F., married on 11th December, 1959.
Fus. Cousins, now Depot R.H.F., married on 31st December, 1959.
Fus. Bain, now Depot R.H.F., married on 26th December, 1959.
Fus. Hemmingsley, C, married on 22nd December, 1959.
Fus. Drummond, C, married on 28th December, 1959.
Fus. Stuart, H.Q., married on 19th December, 1959.
Fus. Jones, Sp., married on 19th December, 1959.
Fus. Sloan, Sp., married on 12th December, 1959.
Fus. Whyte, Sp., married on 19th December, 1959.
Fus. Gavin, B, married on 14th November, 1959.
Cpl. Hudson, H.Q. (R.A.O.C.), married on 14th November, 1959.
Pte. Whitehead, H.Q. (A.C.C.), married on 19th December, 1959.
Lt. G. B. Campbell, Sp., married on 22nd December, 1959.

DEATHS

Nil

DEPOT BIRTHS

22830272 L/Cpl. Alexander, R., a daughter, Jean Ann, born at Ayr on 16th December, 1959.
14189679 Sgt. Dickson, D., a son, Steven Michael, born at Glasgow on 7th December, 1959.
23630586 Fus. Hamilton, C., a son, Donald Munro, born at Glasgow on 23rd December, 1959.
23218660 Fus. Boyd, J., a daughter, Veronica, born at Renfrewshire on 30th December, 1959.
22977139 Cpl. Griffiths, B., a daughter, Julie Patricia, born at Ayr on 30th March, 1960.
22964536 A/Sgt. Knox, J., a daughter, Marion Elizabeth, born at Irvine on 30th March, 1960.
23657728 Fus. Murphy, J., a daughter, Elizabeth, born at Lennoxton on 11th April, 1960.

MARRIAGES

Nil

POSTINGS—OTHER RANKS—ARRIVALS

22816636 Fus. Sneddon, M., from H.Q., Scottish Command.
23500596 Fus. Harte, G., from 1st R.H.F.
23500373 Fus. McKinley, W., from 1st R.H.F.
23500598 Fus. Robertson, D., from 1st R.H.F.
23500604 Fus. Shaw, K., from 1st R.H.F.
23500488 Fus. Strachen, A., from 1st R.H.F.
23453711 Fus. Elder, W., from 1st R.H.F.
23502468 Fus. Coote, J., from Field Records, B.A.O.R.
22954379 Fus. McCourt, J., from 1st R.H.F.
14447239 Fus. Gillespie, C., from D/RS.
23658877 Fus. Gibson, T., from I.J.L.B.
3312281 C/Sgt. Holman, W., from 1st R.H.F.
23443319 Cpl. Nocher, A., from 1st R.H.F.
23706792 Cpl. Gibson, T., from Y3 List.
22950867 Fus. McIntosh, W., from 1st R.H.F.
23534237 Fus. Barrie, W., from 1st R.H.F.
23681195 Fus. Martin, R., from I.J.L.B.
23510909 Fus. Barton, J., from I.J.L.B.
22788926 Fus. McIntyre, A., from I.J.L.B.
23644729 Fus. Wallace, J., from 1st R.H.F.
23647402 Fus. McEvan, J., from D/RS.
22549450 Sgt. Breslin, G., from Y1 List.
23630540 Fus. Gilliland, J., from 1st R.H.F.
23676323 Fus. Robertson, K., from A. & S.H.
22542041 Fus. Stalker, D., from A.A.S., Harrogate.
23329007 A/Cpl. Wilson, E., from I.J.L.B.
14190118 Cpl. Bredin, D., from 1st R.H.F.
22837599 Cpl. Gillies, J., from Y1 List.
22158583 L/Cpl. McAllister, J., from Y1 List.
23235619 Fus. McNeil, R., from 1st R.H.F.
22889066 Sgt. Laird, M., from Y1 List.
23744374 Fus. Anderson, W., from D/Para. Regt.

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23657396 Fus. Millar, R., to 1st R.H.F.
 23657398 Fus. Whyte, D., to 1st R.H.F.
 23236017 Fus. Simpson, J., to 1st R.H.F.
 14447239 Fus. Gillespie, C., to 1st R.H.F.
 22812148 Fus. Kennedy, J., to 1st R.H.F.
 23673729 Fus. McBride, H., to 1st R.H.F.
 23531931 Fus. Wilson, D., to 1st R.H.F.
 22256450 Fus. McCabe, C., to 1st R.H.F.
 23657399 Fus. Frame, W., to 1st R.H.F.
 22799845 A/Cpl. Rodger, G., to 1st R.H.F.
 22560533 A/Cpl. Johnstone, R., to 1st R.H.F.
 14514331 W.O.II Daniels, H., to 5/6th H.L.I. (T.A.).
 22840313 Sgt. Nicolson, D., to Trucial Oman Scouts.
 22531516 L/Cpl. Brown, F., to L.B.J.B.U.
 23517108 Fus. Philp, J., to 1st R.H.F.
 23516185 Fus. Brown, F., to D/K.O.S.B.
 23515832 Fus. Cronshaw, M., to D/K.O.S.B.
 23514549 Fus. Dott, J., to D/K.O.S.B.
 23515831 Fus. Home, W., to D/K.O.S.B.
 23514980 Fus. McRobert, G., to D/K.O.S.B.
 23515319 Fus. Malone, M., to D/K.O.S.B.
 23516186 Fus. Murphy, M., to D/K.O.S.B.
 5117743 Sgt. Young, A., to L.B.J.B.U.
 23562730 Fus. Millar, R., to 1st R.H.F.
 23533479 Fus. Brown, J., to 1st R.H.F.
 23643653 Fus. Chisholm, A., to Mons O.C.S.
 14489253 Sgt. Ager, G., to I.J.L.B.
 14187865 L/Cpl. King, R., to Inf. H.Q. and Admin. Wing, Warminster, Wilts.
 22225962 Fus. Cousins, T., to Mons O.C.S.
 19044818 Cpl. Hynd, J., to 1st R.H.F.
 23742189 Fus. Stevens, T., to 1st R.H.F.
 23203191 Fus. Somerville, J., to 1st R.H.F.
 23329007 Cpl. Wilson, E., to 1st R.H.F.
 23704240 Fus. Rodger, E., to 1st R.H.F.
 23761511 Fus. Baird, A., to 1st R.H.F.
 23761537 Fus. Crawford, J., to 1st R.H.F.
 23761518 Fus. Gibson, R., to 1st R.H.F.
 23761523 Fus. Kean, G., to 1st R.H.F.
 23761526 Fus. McCallum, C., to 1st R.H.F.
 23761528 Fus. McGowan, J., to 1st R.H.F.
 20128525 Cpl. Brown, J., to 1st R.H.F.
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 23761510 Fus. Anderson, W., to 1st R.H.F.
 23761512 Fus. Bennet, J., to 1st R.H.F.
 23761516 Fus. Cunningham, W., to 1st R.H.F.
 23761517 Fus. Dunbar, S., to 1st R.H.F.
 23761521 Fus. King, E., to 1st R.H.F.
 23761529 Fus. McGregor, R., to 1st R.H.F.
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 23745082 Fus. Blair, D., to 1st R.H.F.
 23659009 Fus. Green, J., to 1st R.H.F.
 23654864 Fus. McGhee, A., to 1st R.H.F.
 23664014 Fus. McLean, T., to 1st R.H.F.
 23735561 Fus. Walker, W., to 1st R.H.F.
 23742085 Fus. McMillan, P., to 1st R.H.F.
 23742330 Fus. Hamilton, C., to 1st R.H.F.
 14160118 Cpl. Bredin, D., to 1st R.H.F.
 23701633 Fus. Kelly, P., to 1st R.H.F.
 23248790 Fus. Rafferty, M., to 1st R.H.F.
 23468515 Fus. Walker, J., to 1st R.H.F.
 23226209 Fus. Harkins, E., to 1st R.H.F.
 23742330 Fus. Hislop, S., to 1st R.H.F.
 23700763 Fus. Bilsland, D., to 1st R.H.F.
 23708556 Fus. McGinley, J., to 1st R.H.F.
 23707505 Fus. McCready, G., to 1st R.H.F.
 23676323 Fus. Robertson, K., to 1st R.H.F.
 23736312 Fus. McSharry, L., to 1st R.H.F.
 23742084 Fus. Brannigan, G., to 1st R.H.F.
 19046466 Cpl. Steele, R., to 1st R.H.F.
 23233215 Fus. Hynd, T., to 1st R.H.F.
 23665658 Fus. Leighton, P., to 1st R.H.F.
 23664655 Fus. Tennant, R., to 1st R.H.F.
 22954379 Fus. McCourt, J., to 1st R.H.F.
 19099447 L/Cpl. Grant, J., to 1st R.H.F.
 23453648 Fus. Kelly, J., to 1st R.H.F.

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 23743009 Fus. Steele, D.
 23716937 Fus. Greggor, D.
 23743351 Fus. Greenan, H.
 23743352 Fus. Mackay, W.
 23743478 Fus. Cowan, J.
 23743645 Fus. Gardiner, W.
 23743805 Fus. Clelland, A.
 23743843 Fus. Barr, T.
 23744241 Fus. McLean, A.
 23716350 Fus. O'Byrne, J.
 23744893 Fus. Sim, R.
 23745077 Fus. Falconer, F.
 23745082 Fus. Blair, J.
 23745389 Fus. Balmer, J.
 23745388 Fus. McLaughlin, J.
 23745390 Fus. Watson, D.
 23745647 Fus. Kelly, A.
 23716661 Fus. Niven, H.
 23745646 Fus. Higgins, J.
 23745610 Fus. Doyle, D.
 23745609 Fus. Sneddon, J.
 23745563 Fus. Ashcroft, T.
 23745586 Fus. Adair, A.
 23745782 Fus. Wrethman, D.
 23744749 Fus. Montgomery, R.
 23744748 Fus. Robertson, T.
 23744707 Fus. Clyde, J.
 23746052 Fus. Martin, P.
 23248790 Fus. Boyd, J.
 23462915 Fus. Barret, J.
 23746227 Fus. McDonald, R.
 23716759 Fus. Pitt, W.
 23746228 Fus. Paris, J.
 23746256 Fus. Cairney, E.
 22687389 Fus. Tonner, R.
 23746552 Fus. Turnbull, A.
 23739675 Fus. Girdwood, W.
 23746625 Fus. Logue, D.
 23746593 Fus. McNulty, R.
 23746742 Fus. Carrigan, W.
 23746986 Fus. Cassidy, R.
 23782050 Fus. Prior, J.
 23782319 Fus. Hamilton, D.
 23782231 Fus. Dick, J.
 23782345 Fus. Bryden, A.
 23782346 Fus. Walker, M.
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 23782460 Fus. Herraghty, D.
 23782617 Fus. Hamilton, W.
 23004333 Fus. Cook, G.
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 23549301 Fus. Moore, J.
 23783654 Fus. Bulloch, J.
 23225801 Fus. Sharkey, R.
 23783224 Fus. Thomson, J.
 23712350 Fus. Gilmour, D.
 23783426 Fus. Ross, C.
 23783368 Fus. Wood, R.
 23783562 Fus. Wallace, J.
 23783611 Fus. Anderson, T.
 23489947 Fus. Hendry, E.
 23783713 Fus. Smith, J.
 23783983 Fus. Brown, D.
 23114352 Fus. McKelvie, J.
 23783929 Fus. Platt, D.
 23784153 Fus. Foy, R.
 23784283 Fus. Donaldson, R.
 23784320 Fus. Cairney, A.
 23784319 Fus. McMurray, J.
 23784394 Fus. Burke, T.
 23784428 Fus. Donaldson, J.
 23483856 Fus. Allison, F.
 22964266 Fus. Barbour, T.
 23713052 Fus. White, J.
 23747568 Fus. Byars, J. P.
 23785200 Fus. Walker, A.
 23549842 Fus. McAsperrun, A.
 NYA Fus. McIntosh, J.
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A CAPITAL sum has been left to Winchester College by a Miss Edith Urquhart in memory of her brother, Edward Frederick Maltby Urquhart, late The Black Watch, who was killed while serving with 1st Battalion The Black Watch at Ypres on 23rd October, 1914. The proceeds of the bequest, which are about £450 a year, are to be used to assist the education at Winchester of sons of former Wykehamists, preference being given to the sons of all ranks who have served in The Black Watch and, secondly, to the sons of all ranks who have served in the other regiments of The Highland Brigade.

The Trustees of the Urquhart Fund are the Wardens and Scholar Clerks of St. Mary's College, Winchester, and beneficiaries will be nominated by a Selection Committee, consisting of:

The Headmaster of Winchester—Chairman.
An assistant master appointed by the Headmaster—Secretary of the Committee.

A former Wykehamist in The Highland Brigade, preferably in The Black Watch—present incumbent, Lt.-Col. J. B. Fortune, M.C., The Black Watch.

Former Wykehamists, wishing to benefit the fund, should apply direct to:

The Headmaster, The College, Winchester, Hampshire.

The system in existence for the assessment of grants from the Winchester College War Memorial Fund will also be used for the Urquhart Fund.

The Selection Committee will choose prospective beneficiaries at the age of 8 years when they are first entered for Winchester, and their parents will be informed of the grant that is likely to be allotted. Choice and grant will be confirmed when prospective beneficiaries are finally accepted for the College at about 11½ years of age. Boys will, of course, be required to pass the normal entrance examination for Winchester.

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THE BOYD BURSARY

A SECOND trust fund of direct interest to officers of The Highland Brigade has also been instituted at Winchester College with the following instructions:

"To the Governors of Winchester College to found a scholarship at Winchester in memory of my son, Nigel John Lawson Boyd (died of wounds with 1st Battalion The Black Watch on 12th October, 1914), Second-Lieutenant in the Royal Highlanders The Black Watch, for the sons of officers in The Highland Brigade, with a preference to the sons of officers of the 1st and 2nd Battalions of The Royal Highlanders, The Black Watch and of Seaforth Highlanders."

The bursary is not confined to the sons of former Wykehamists. Any officer in the Highland Brigade who wishes to send his son to Winchester may apply for a grant from the bursary, provided the son is accepted by the College and passes the entrance examination.

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THE CRIMEAN WAR

THE "Long Peace" was at last broken in 1853, when Russia declared war on Turkey, after failing in political manoeuvres against the Middle East. Great Britain and France intervened on the side of Turkey, and an Anglo-French force was despatched to the Crimea. The 21st took part in the victory on the Alma, and at the battle of Inkerman in the same year. The Regiment held an advanced position on the Inkerman heights, known as "The Barrier", and not only maintained its ground against the full weight of the attack, but afterwards formed a rallying point for the men of other units who had been cut off during the fierce hand-to-hand fighting which took place in a thick fog. The 21st lost one in three during their heroic stand, and have ever afterwards remembered it with pride. Both the 21st and 71st served in the trenches before Sevastopol during the long siege, when so much suffering was caused by the severe winter and the lack of medical and other supplies. The 71st was later engaged in operations on the Kerch Peninsula. The battle honours Alma—Inkerman—Sevastopol, were won by the 21st, the last-named being shared with the 71st.

THE INDIAN MUTINY

IMMEDIATELY after the Crimea, the 71st sailed for India and joined the Central India Field Force, which fought its way from Bombay through Central India to Juma, against large forces of Bengal mutineers, who had fled south after the capture of Delhi, and were terrorising the countryside. The Regiment became renowned for its superlative marksmanship and marching powers, keeping up with the cavalry in spite of the intense heat. Private George Rogers won the first Victoria Cross for the H.L.I. by engaging and defeating seven armed mutineers with the bayonet, though he was alone and unsupported. The recommendation was made by the Brigadier, who witnessed the feat, for the Regiment did not appear to regard it as anything out of the ordinary! Further to the south the 74th, which had been in India at the outbreak of the mutiny, also took part in the operations, and the battle honour, Central India, was shared by both Regiments.

SMALL WARS

DURING the remainder of the nineteenth century, the British Army was engaged in a number of minor campaigns all over the world. Not all were successful, for the troops available were usually too few for the task and poorly equipped. Their training, also, was insufficiently flexible for the operations, each one entirely different, which they were expected to undertake. That they nearly always succeeded was due to their

courage and discipline, and the leadership of their officers.

In 1863 the 71st took part in the Ambeyla Campaign in India, gaining great credit for their re-capture of the "Crag Picquet", with the bayonet, against heavy odds. In 1879 the 2nd Battalion, 21st, which had been re-raised in 1858, marched into Zululand with a small force sent to retrieve the disaster of Isandlwana, where a British Field Force had been almost totally destroyed by the Zulu Impis. Carrying the Colours into action for the last time, the 2nd/21st was present at Ulundi, where the Zulu charge was halted, and King Cetawayo defeated. The Battalion then took the field against Sekukuni. Cetawayo's ally, and beat him also, after a brief but hard campaign. The battle honour, South Africa, 1879, was awarded to the 21st.

In 1880 the Boers in the Transvaal rose in revolt; and as there were British settlers in the territory whose interests had to be protected—for there was no justice in the Boer's exclusive claim to the land—the available British troops were despatched to quell the revolt. They could do little against the skilled horsemen and marksmen who opposed them, except to meet a series of disasters with extraordinary fortitude. An achievement of particular merit was the defence of Potchefstroom by two hundred fusiliers of the 2nd/21st, under Major Winsloe, who held out for three months against constant attacks by seven times their number of Boers. Mrs. Winsloe, who was present throughout, was awarded the Royal Red Cross for her work among the wounded. The Union Jack was flown during the siege, which was made from scraps of clothing; is in the Regimental Museum. The war ended with the cession of the Transvaal, in which the British settlers were left to their fate. It caused terrible bitterness, as weak and ineffective action always will, paving the way to greater conflict.

FIRST AMALGAMATION—1881

IN 1881 the Army was reorganised. The 1st/21st and 2nd/21st became the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, while the 71st and 74th combined to become the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Highland Light Infantry.

MORE SMALL WARS

IN 1882 Arabi Pasha, a Colonel of the Egyptian Army, headed an army revolt against the Khedive, who was supported by Great Britain, which was anxious for the maintenance of a stable government in a land of such vital strategic importance. The bombardment of Alexandria was followed by the landing of troops, and the 2nd H.L.I. took part in operations at Ramleh. In

order to secure the Suez Canal and enter Cairo, the Field Force then moved to Ismalia, and on the 13th September, 1882, advanced by night from Kassassin upon Arabi's entrenchments at Tel-el-Kebir. The 2nd H.L.I., on the left of the Highland Brigade, arrived at dawn before a strong enemy battery protected by a wide and deep ditch. A heavy fire was opened on the Battalion as the charge was sounded, and many casualties were suffered when the ditch was reached, as the charge was held up at close range while a way was sought over the obstacle. Valour and determination led the Battalion across, and the enemy were driven from their defences at the bayonet-point; Lieut. W. M. Edwards winning the V.C. in capturing the battery. Apart from one or two veterans of the Kaffir War, no officer or man had been under fire before this day, except for artillery fire at Rameh. The battle honour, Egypt, 1882, was awarded for this campaign, in addition to Tel-el-Kebir.

In 1884 the cruelties and intrigues of Thibaw, King of Upper Burma, led to the Burma War and the annexation of the whole country to the Crown. The 2nd R.S.F. took part, gaining the battle honour, Burma, 1885-87.

The 1st R.S.F. and the 2nd H.L.I. both served with the Malakand Field Force during the operations on the North-West Frontier of India, 1897-98, as a result of which the battle honour, Tirah, was awarded to the R.S.F.

The 1st H.L.I. served in Crete as part of an International Force during the rioting of 1898, where several detachments of the Battalion were heavily engaged.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR

IN 1899 the Boer republics declared war on Great Britain, and their commandos crossed the border into Natal. Once again they were found to be very difficult to deal with, being all mounted, whereas the British Army was very weak in cavalry. British reconnaissance was accordingly faulty, and this led to several near-disasters at the beginning. As Queen Victoria said, however, there could be no question of defeat in this war. Apart from the necessity of protecting the British settlers, British interests in South Africa were too vast to be surrendered.

The 2nd R.S.F. with the Fusilier Brigade, and the 1st H.L.I. with the Highland Brigade arrived in the field in November, by which time the Natal Field Force had been pinned down in Ladysmith, which was cut off and under siege. The two immediate objectives facing General Buller, Commander of the Expeditionary Force, were the relief of Kimberley and the relief of Ladysmith. The Guards and Highland Brigades, under Lord Methuen, were despatched against the former, and the remainder against Ladysmith. Lord Methuen had several initial successes, defeating the Boers at Belmont, Enslin, and Modder River. On 12th December, however, came the disaster of Magersfontein. In this action it had been hoped to surprise the Boers, who were holding a strong entrenched position, by a night march similar to Tel-el-Kebir, but the Highland Brigade was observed forming up; and when in the act of deploying at close range at dawn, a withering fire was opened upon it which threw the leading battalions into confusion. The H.L.I., which was in reserve, immediately lay down, and the disorganised battalions in front fell back on it. The situation was restored, and fighting went on the whole day. Many gallant deeds were performed, Corporal Shaw and Private Kennedy of the H.L.I. being awarded the V.C., but the venture was hopeless, and the Brigade was pulled out with a thousand casualties.

General Gatacre, attempting a similar night attack, had been beaten at Stormberg a day or two previously,

and these two reverses determined Buller to force the Boer positions along the Tugela, guarding the road to Ladysmith. The attack was made at Colenso on the 15th December, the R.S.F. being allotted their historic task of escorting the guns. The Artillery commander, however, waited for no escort, but drove into action at the gallop and unlimbered at close range. The Boers were quick to take advantage of the target, and by the time the escort caught up with them, the guns were in a distressing tangle of dead and wounded men and horses. Buller thereafter directed all his skill and energy into attempts to distract the enemy's attention while the guns were got under cover; but it was impossible to move them though the most heroic attempts were made all day, during which Private Ravenhill won the first V.C. for the R.S.F. The General at last had to pull out and abandon the guns, but his order failed to reach the R.S.F., many of whom were therefore captured, after all their efforts.

The R.S.F. later obtained their revenge at the relief of Ladysmith, the turning point of the war, which then degenerated into a series of guerrilla operations. It was a war which left comparatively little bitterness, and has been described as "The Last of the Gentlemen's Wars", being, in fact, the last in which the old rules of chivalry were punctiliously observed; in which many men were killed only in the furtherance of a military project; and in which the dictates of humanity were ever present in the minds of both sides. The battle honours, Modder River (1 H.L.I.)—Relief of Ladysmith (2 R.S.F.)—South Africa, 1899-1902 (shared), were awarded.

THE GREAT WAR

THE implacable rivalry between the Great Powers during the first decade of the twentieth century led to a situation in which war became inevitable, requiring only a spark to set it off. The spark was provided by the murder of the Austrian Archduke, Ferdinand, at Sarajevo in June, 1914, which was immediately followed by the mobilisation of Austria, Hungary, Russia, Germany and France. Great Britain was outside the orbit of European politics, but had fought for centuries to prevent the subjugation of the Continent by a single Power, and was concerned in the safety of the narrow seas. She joined the European Powers in guaranteeing the neutrality of Belgium, and so, when Germany abrogated the Treaty and demanded passage through that country, mobilisation in the United Kingdom was ordered.

The British Expeditionary Force consisted of one cavalry and four infantry divisions, later increased to six. Small as it was, amounting in number to insignificance, it was of superlative quality, consisting of some of the finest professional soldiers the world has ever seen. It did not last out the year, but during the few months in which it retained its identity it halted and turned back the German hordes, secured the Channel Ports, and gave the British Empire time to arm.

The 1st and 2nd R.S.F. and the 2nd H.L.I. all met the enemy at Mons, showing the Germans what could be accomplished with stout hearts and the Lee-Enfield rifle, when every man was capable of "fifteen well-aimed rounds a minute". The French retirement on the right led to the famous retreat from Mons, which ended with the battles of the Marne, Aisne and 1st Ypres, after which trench-warfare began. The 1st H.L.I., which left India in August with the Indian Expeditionary Force, met the 2nd H.L.I. at Givenchy in December, within the sound of the guns, for the first time since the 71st and 74th amalgamated over thirty years before.

The 9th H.L.I. (Glasgow Highlanders), which landed in France in November, 1914, was one of the first Territorial Army battalions to arrive in the field. It

was followed by seven battalions of the R.S.F. and nine of the H.L.I. No fewer than twenty-six battalions of the H.L.I. were raised in all, of which twelve served overseas, the remainder being employed as reserve and garrison battalions. As the war spread, in desperate efforts to find a way out of the dead-lock on the Western Front, battalions of the R.S.F. and H.L.I. fought in Gallipoli, Egypt, Mesopotamia, Palestine and Salonika—that is to say, in every theatre of war. In killed alone, the R.S.F. lost over 300 officers and 5,500 rank and file; the H.L.I., nearly 500 officers and over 10,500 rank and file.

There is no parallel in the history of war to this immense conflict, and it is impossible to find words to describe the undefeatable spirit of the soldiers of the new armies who, in their hundreds of thousands, took over the torch from the regular army and bore it on to victory. The men who lined the trenches, listening to the roar of the barrage and the whine of machine-gun bullets while they waited for the whistle-blasts which would send them over the top, had been on the farm, in the factory, or at the office-desk but a few short months before. Their training was often limited to marching in step, loading and firing, and the elementary points in bayonet-play. Yet they were staunchly led; confident that they were better men than those opposite; and so indeed they proved themselves. The Hindenburg Line was broken through at last, and on the 11th November, 1918, the 4th R.S.F. reached Mons, where their two regular battalions had started. Here, an officer of the 5th H.L.I. galloped up to them with the news of the Armistice. On the 9th December, 1918, the 2nd H.L.I., which had fought on the Western Front since Mons, carried their three Colours over the Belgian Frontier into Germany. "It will always be a source of pride to me," wrote their Brigadier, "to have saluted the Colours of the 74th Highlanders in enemy territory."

Between 1914 and 1918 innumerable battles had been fought. Fifty-eight battle honours were awarded to the R.S.F. and sixty-six to the H.L.I. These being too many to carry on the Colours, each regiment selected ten for this purpose. Those chosen by the R.S.F. and H.L.I., some of which are common to both, are as follows: Mons; Marne, 1914; Ypres, 1914, 15, 17, 18; Loos; Somme, 1916, 18; Gallipoli, 1915; Lys; Hindenburg Line, Dorian, 1917, 18; Gallipoli, 1915, 16; Palestine, 1917, 18; Mesopotamia, 1916, 18.

TWENTY YEARS' PEACE

As had been the case during the "Long Peace", there was plenty for the soldier to do. Like their forebears in the 74th Highlanders seventy years before, the 2nd H.L.I. actually gained a battle honour during this period, that of Archangel, 1919, for service in North Russia. The Battalion also took part in the Chanak Expedition of 1922-24. The 2nd R.S.F. was engaged in the defence of the Shanghai Settlement during the Sino-Japanese troubles of 1932. In 1936 1 R.S.F. was actively engaged in keeping the internal security of Palestine, while 1 H.L.I. was in Egypt as part of the force hastily sent to defend that country, when the Italians invaded Abyssinia. In the same year the 2 H.L.I. took part in the Mohmand Campaign, on the North-West Frontier of India. Meanwhile, the sky grew rapidly darker over the Continent, as Hitler rose to power and re-occupied the Rhineland, in contravention to the Treaty of Versailles.

THE SECOND GREAT WAR

By 1939 it had become evident that Germany's armed procession through Europe could only be halted by force and so, in September, the United Kingdom was

again at war. During the peace, the regular battalions of the British Army on home service had been kept as cadres only. They had no modern equipment, and the training of both regular and territorial armies had long been a mockery. Nevertheless, an Expeditionary Force had to be scraped together and sent to the Continent, where it once again took up its position on the left of the French. It was evident that in due course the Germans would again attack through Belgium, but until they did so, the allies were bound by Treaty not to enter the country, and spent the winter digging-in along the frontier.

The enemy advance began in the spring of 1940 and, as it was resisted by the Belgians, the allies went forward to their aid. The British Expeditionary Force was perhaps more sorely tried than on any previous occasion in the history of the British Army. The French Army crumpled on the right, while the Belgians capitulated on the left and, as the B.E.F. was subject to the French High Command, there was great confusion and a desperate situation arose. In a fighting withdrawal, the B.E.F. kept itself intact and was evacuated from the beaches to return later. The 2nd R.S.F. and 1st H.L.I. both served with the B.E.F. throughout the campaign. The former fought to the end on the Ypres Comines Canal, while the latter, after heavy fighting, was evacuated from Malmo Les Baines. The 5th and 6th H.L.I. and 1st Glasgow Highlanders, forming 157 H.L.I. Brigade, and the 4/5th and 6th R.S.F. in 156 Brigade, landed in France in June, but were evacuated from Cherbourg after ten days' fighting when it became known that France would capitulate.

With the entry of Italy into the war, the safety of Egypt was threatened, and the 2nd H.L.I., which had been in Palestine, was soon in action at Mersa Matruh, and later took part in the victory at Keren.

Though poorly equipped, it had little difficulty in disposing of large numbers of Italians. The Battalion later fought with the 5th Indian Division at Solluh, and at the battle of Knightsbridge. In June, 1943, it took part in the landing in Sicily, and served in the Italian Campaign until October, 1943, afterwards fighting as a mountain battalion in Yugo-Slavia and Greece.

In 1944 the 1st and 2nd R.S.F. took part in the assault-landings and fighting in Madagascar. Subsequently, the 1st R.S.F. fought in Burma with the 14th Army, and the 2nd R.S.F. in Sicily, Italy and Germany.

The 6th and 11th R.S.F. and the 1st, 5th, 6th and 10th H.L.I., together with the 1st and 2nd Glasgow Highlanders (9th H.L.I.), all fought in Europe from 1944 to the end of the war. The 1st H.L.I. earned particular distinction in the Ardennes Sector and the thirty days' battle in the Reichswald Forest, suffering the heaviest casualties in the Division. The 4/5th R.S.F., though landing in Europe only for the last six months of the war, was engaged in heavy fighting during that period, and gained a V.C.

Four other battalions of the H.L.I. were raised during the war, but did not go overseas as units.

The battle honours awarded to the R.S.F. and H.L.I. and authorised to be carried on the Colours are as follows: Ypres; Comines Canal; Odon; Falaise; Scheldt; Walcheren Causeway; Reichswald; Rhine; Bremen; N. W. Europe, 1940, '44, '45; Keren; Cauldron; Landing in Sicily; Garigliano Crossing; Greece, 1944-45; N. Arakan; and Pinwe.

POST WAR—SECOND AMALGAMATION

In 1948, like all 2nd battalions of the line, the 2nd R.S.F. and 2nd H.L.I. were "placed in suspended

animation", or, in plain English, disbanded. The 2nd R.S.F. had been raised and disbanded once before, and was not a regiment but part of one. The 2nd H.L.I. was the 74th Highlanders, a regiment on its own, with a glorious and unbroken service of 160 years, and greatly renowned as "The Assaye Regiment". Its three Colours were handed over to the 1st H.L.I. on Assaye Day, 1948.

Immediately after the war, the 1st H.L.I. was moved to Palestine, where, in the task of keeping order between Jews and Arabs, it suffered nearly a hundred casualties, gaining ten decorations and twenty-one mentions in despatches. It was then moved to Egypt, where it had the melancholy duty of hauling down the flag at the Citadel in Cairo. It then returned home but later was sent again to the Middle East, being stationed at Tel-el-Kebir until the final evacuation. After service in Cyprus, it was stationed on the Rhine.

Between 1954 and 1957 the 1st Royal Scots Fusiliers saw service on the Rhine and active service in Malaya. After a short period at home, they were rushed by air to Cyprus as part of 1st Guards Brigade in the July 1958 emergency.

THIRD AMALGAMATION

THE two Regiments returned to Scotland for the last time at the end of 1958, and met in Redford Barracks Edinburgh, in January, 1959, to amalgamate.

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ANSWERS TO "DO YOU KNOW?" ON PAGE 59

1. The correct name is a basket-hilted broad sword. It is incorrectly called a claymore and has been for years. The true claymore, or claid heahmor, or great sword, was a two-handed weapon with plain quillons and no guard.
2. The Royal Artillery (Salisbury Plain) Hunt.
3. In the South African War, 1899-1902.
4. The name was usual for the khaki pea-jacket worn by officers in the South African War. First introduced in India for wear at hill stations, two kinds being issued—Coats Warm British and Coats Warm Native.
5. The term came into use during the Spanish Civil War between the Phalangists and the Republicans. It was invented by Franco's followers at a time when they had four columns of the enemy attacking them from outside a city and in invisible fifth column under cover attacking inside.
6. First introduced into England in 1757 for completing the county quotas of men raised by the Lord Lieutenant. Enrolment was by lot, however, and substitution was allowed.
7. 22nd June, 1914. On this date the following appointments were made by King George V:
 - Queen Mary to be Colonel-in-Chief, 18th Hussars.
 - Queen Alexandra to be Colonel-in-Chief, 19th Hussars.
 - The late Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, 7th Dragoon Guards.
 - The Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, to be Colonel-in-Chief, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.
8. 1st January, 1921. It was born from the Navy and Army Canteen Board, which itself was evolved from the Expeditionary Force Canteen of World War I.
9. 4th Light Dragoons (afterwards Hussars).
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