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Editor's Notes.

At Delhi, Their Majesties the King and Queen graciously presented signed photographs of themselves to the Regiment.

On the second day of the year, we learned that the Regiment is in the reliefs for South Africa. This effectually put a stop to the conjectures as to our destination, in which as is ever the case before a move, have been freely indulged in. Likewise, it extinguished the hope of many, that, having done an extra year in India, we might find ourselves in garrison in Egypt before the end of the year. Some were sufficiently sanguine to predict that our goal would be England, after an absence from it of thirteen years. However, now that all doubts are set at rest, we are anticipating with complacency a renewal of our acquaintance with South Africa, and wondering whether the conditions of

service in that country will differ greatly in times of peace, from what we experienced during the three years we soldiered there in 1899, 1900, 1901, and 1902. One reflection will bring comfort to the married families, that there are no hill stations in South Africa, nor any necessity for them. The climate of the country is perfect, and there is no reason why any should not feel pleased that our next year or two is to be passed there, rather than Egypt, or even England.

From the soldiering point of view, there can be no doubt that South Africa has not its equal in any country in the world, either for the practical instruction to be gained, or for the agreeable climatic and other conditions under which all work is done. And as two of the three cavalry stations are situated near the capitals of the Orange River Colony and the Transvaal respectively, and the third at the town of Potchefstroom, the move will afford an entire and welcome change

from what we have experienced in India; no matter in which of the three places we may be located, it is certain that we shall encounter old friends, and shall be delighted that we have broken fresh ground. So, "roll on, South Africa."

CAPTAIN J. M. REID, 6th Australian Light Horse, left us on the 3rd January, to be attached to a Regiment of native cavalry, at Bannu. This is a frontier station, where he will doubtless add profitably to his experiences, and increase his store of knowledge of the methods of the army in India. We parted with him with regret, and wish him good luck.

MAJOR 'ALGY' LAWSON, of the "Greys," the Brigade Major of the Potchefstrom Brigade, who had been doing a semi-professional tour of observation in

attentiveness to our sanitary conditions, and to our health, and his devotion to his patients, of all ranks are, he can assure himself, recognised and appreciated. We hope that we may yet again be able to renew our associations, professional if necessary, and social.

SERGEANT SANDERS, "D" Squadron, left the Regiment on the 7th January, to take charge of the charger of His Majesty the King, at Bombay, and during the voyage home. He, and his charger, sailed on the transport "Plassy," on the 11th. The Military Secretary to His Majesty, by the King's wish, telegraphed the royal thanks for "selecting a good man for the service."

CONGRATULATIONS to Sergeant-Major and Mrs. Cates, on their wedding, which was solemnized in the Roman



Group of Wedding Party.

this country, including the Durbar, arrived with us on the 3rd January, and remained until the 11th, visiting the Khyber during his stay.

On the 6th January, the first open race gymkhana was held. On its termination a pianoforte recital was given in our theatre, by Captain Benson of the R.A.M. Corps, assisted by the band, and Captain Jacob. A good audience attended, and were repaid by a short but excellent programme.

On the following day Captain Benson left for home, having completed his tour of Indian service. He will be greatly missed in Pindi circles, and by the Tenth, with whom he has done duty, and been closely associated during the last three years. His solicitous

Catholic Chapel, Rawal Pindi, on the 25th January. The presence of a large gathering of the friends of the 'high contracting parties,' in the chapel, was ample evidence of the interest taken in the nuptials. Lady Alexandra Palmer and Mrs. Watkin Williams, amongst many ladies, were present, and notable were Colonel Skinner, our Senior Medical Officer, Colonel Barnes, Major Cadogan, and several officers of the Regiment. The married establishment appeared in force, whilst the members of the Sergeants' Mess rallied round their comrade, the bridegroom, loyally. Some furnished a typical bridal escort, mounted on greys, others were to be seen acting as Jehus, driving the coaches with great skill, their whips adorned by wedding favours. The band was in attendance, adding greatly to the impressiveness of the scene.

The mother of the bride accompanied her daughter ; Mr. Edmunds, an old friend of the bride's family, stood *in loco parentis*, and "gave her away."

Two of the bride's sisters acted as bridesmaids, simply but charmingly attired. The bride wore cream-coloured robes, with a very handsome bridal veil. Sergeant-Major Fewster was the 'best man,' and played his part well.

The officiating priest was the Rev. Fr. Rumbold.

After the ceremony, there was a reception in the Mess of the Indian Subordinate Medical Department where two commodious tents had been pitched: these, as well as the Mess-rooms, were thronged by the guests, who admired the numerous and tasteful wedding gifts laid out for inspection.

Captain Williams proposed the health of the couple in exceedingly happy terms. The band played delightful music, all was 'merry and bright,' and when the newly wedded pair departed for Lahore, for the honeymoon, the good wishes of all followed them.

We welcome Mrs. Cates to the Regiment, and take this opportunity of expressing our hope that her stay with it will be protracted and happy.

ALL ranks offer their heartiest congratulations to Lord and Lady Howard de Walden, on their marriage, which took place in the Marylebone Church, on the 19th February, the bride being Miss Margherita Van Raalte.

ON the 22nd January, Captain Dale of the Army Veterinary Corps, left for England, on completion of his tour of Indian Service; as in the case of Captain Benson, this officer has been much associated with us, both in a professional capacity and socially. We wish to record our appreciation of the admirable manner in which he cared for our horses, and our recognition of the readiness with which he always met our wishes. "Wilfred John"—we hope to greet you again in the early future.

ON the 23rd January we had the great pleasure of meeting in our Mess, Mr. E. Durham of the 2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade, the son of Major Philip Durham, who left us in the Canterbury days. His presence in the same mess-room where his Father dined regularly, over 30 years ago, revived many old memories, and evoked many good wishes for Mr. Durham and his Tenth Hussar Father.

THE draft which arrived on 26th January included two more hereditary Tenth Hussars, Boys Green and Bodill. Their Regiment is glad to muster these; the son of Sergeant-Major Green, who did so well with "A" Squadron in South Africa, and the third boy of

Sergeant-Major Bodill who has, very properly, come back to his Regiment.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR ALFRED MARTIN, K.C.B., made his annual inspection of the Regiment on the 27th January and 23rd February. He left Rawal Pindi on Sunday, the 25th February, on handing over the command of the Division to Major-General Sir G.C. Kitson, K.C.B., etc. All the Garrison turned out and assembled at the station to give a send-off to Sir Alfred; the Band of the 60th Rifles was in attendance, and a guard of honour was furnished from the same Regiment. The heartiest good wishes of all followed our popular Divisional Commander, Lady Martin, and the Misses Martin.

To General Sir G. C. Kitson we offer the strongest possible welcome to Rawal Pindi, as successor to Sir Alfred Martin.

CAPTAIN WATKIN WILLIAMS AND MRS. WILLIAMS left us on Sunday, 28th January. After a halt at Lucknow, seeking deeper knowledge of the points of horses, they proceeded home on the transport "Rewa" on the 14th February, their destination being Penbrooke-shire. Captain Williams has been appointed Adjutant of the Yeomanry of that County. There exists no doubt that he will soon imbue the gallant Welsh Yeoman with military enthusiasm, and convince them that his nine years severance from his country has not eliminated his national characteristics.

GENERAL SIR JAMES WILLCOCKS, K.C.B., Commander of the Northern Army, inspected the Regiment on the 5th and 6th February, and on the 16th and 17th Major-General M. F. Rimington, C.B., the Inspector-General of Cavalry, made his annual inspection.

ON the occasion of winning our sixth Inter-Regimental Polo Tournament in succession, His Majesty, our Colonel-in-Chief, sent us the following gracious message—"I heartily congratulate the Regiment upon winning the Inter-Regimental Polo and thus continuing their long record of success."

GEORGE R. I.
Colonel-in-Chief.

Other messages of congratulation were received from—

Captain Reid, 6th Australian Light Horse.
A Tenth Hussar, Calcutta.
Captain Kennard, 13th Hussars.
Lieutenant Gosling.
Captain Meade.
General Sir B. Mahon.
Major S. L. Barry.
5th Fusiliers.

Lord Shaftesbury.
 Captain Rose.
 General Brabazon.
 General Turner.
 Major McAndrew.
 Lord Hampden.

"COMING events cast their shadow before" and the casual passer-by may every now and then notice a string of tongas, buggys and other means of locomotion drawn up near one or other of the officers' bungalows. On closer inspection the rooms will be seen to be filled with a motley crowd of officers, "Mem-Sahibs," sergeants and natives of every description. Large posters give information of the reason for these gatherings. They are auctions of the furniture, saddlery, etc., etc., of the officers who are selling their things or trying to sell them before the exodus of the buying public to the Hills, as in all probability the Regiment will have left the country before the majority of these people return to Rawalpindi. During the last month studs of horses and ponies have been gradually reduced and now most of us are left with one or two "crochs." We have had one or two auctions of horses and ponies, but these kind of auctions in India are rarely very successful. All the club ponies are sold now with the exception of three ponies. Many an old "warrior" has been parted with by us with very mixed feelings. There is, it is true, the sordid feeling of relief at obtaining one's price, but it is sad to see the last of an old friend on whose back many of us have learnt the game of polo during the last six or eight years and who has done much to win us many a hard fought struggle.

WITH profound regret we received the information of the death of one of our former Commanding Officers, Col. the Hon. Caryl Craven Molyneux—it occurred on the 7th March. Col. Molyneux, who was a survivor of the Indian Mutiny, served with the Seventh Hussars in that campaign in 1858 and 1859. He was transferred to The Tenth on the 1st June 1860, succeeding Colonel Valentine Baker as Commanding Officer on the 26th March 1873. He retired on the 31st May 1876. A brief notice of his services, with photograph, appeared in the *Gazette* of the 1st October 1908. The condolence of all Tenth Hussars are extended to the Hon. Mrs. Molyneux, on her great loss.

Our sympathy is also given to our former "C" Squadron Officer, Captain Lord George Scott, on the loss of his mother, Her Grace The Duchess of Buccleuch, whose recent death caused an indescribable void in the many ranks of British life which came under her influence.

Beloved by all who knew her, famed for her kind-heartedness to those in the humbler paths of life, Her Grace richly merited the tribute paid to her memory by the whole British Press.

It will be seen, from the extracts from the minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Old Comrades' Association, that Mr. H. Falmer has resigned the Secretarial duties, and that very rightly, the recognition by the Committee of the valuable work he has done, has been placed on record. We, in the Tenth, would also add our appreciation of the good services he rendered, with a rider that, notwithstanding the increased duties resulting from his new appointment, we are sure that his keen interest in the Association will be maintained, and his assistance in matters which may be unfamiliar to his successor, always forthcoming.

It is a most congratulatory feature that our Old Comrade, Mr. F. Miller, has stepped into the breach, and undertaken the office of Secretary, in succession to Mr. Palmer. The Committee could not have chosen better. We are confident that with him at the helm, the concerns of the O. C. A. will not be marked by any symptom of retrogression.

His address is,

"Bank Buildings, Broadway,
 Walham Green, London, S. W.

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REGIMENTAL CONCERTS.

THE first of the series of 1912, held on the 10th January, constituted an opening effort worthy of the new year, and takes high rank among all the excellent ones of our stay in India, which we recall so pleasantly. It served to introduce to our regimental stage, Lady Helen Mitford, who made her *debut* in singing, in a sweet and sympathetic voice that went straight to our hearts, that song of which soldiers never grow weary, *The Dear Homeland*. Extraordinary manifestations of appreciation were accorded to the fair singer, and hope was universally expressed that no programme will in future be complete without her name. Mrs. Jackson, whose fame as a vocalist of the highest order, has gone through the length and breadth of the Punjab, also, very kindly had succumbed to the persuasive appeals of Captain Gibbs, and made her first appearance to a Tenth Hussar audience. Her contributions, *The Rosary*, and *Because*, were received with positive rapture, the audience viewing her withdrawal from the

stage with extreme regret. Captain Jacob again thrilled with his robust rendering of *Devon*, and Sergt. Curtis, Corporal Swadling, Sergeant-Major Black, Private Calver, Private Kelly, and Sergeant Nance, who took the stage in the order in which they are named, assisted to complete an evening's entertainment which compared very favourably with all within our experience.

The second concert took place on the 29th January, and was marked by all the enthusiasm which had characterised the first.

It afforded the opportunity of welcoming back to our stage, from which she has been too long absent, Mrs. Ward. She was at her best in her first song, *The Dream of Home*, and having said that, nothing more need be added. Her audience was held spell-bound, and when the song came to an end, there was an outburst of applause such as is seldom heard, even from our enthusiastic audiences. It did not cease until she re-appeared and gave us her perfect rendering of *The Sweetest Flower that Blows*.

Mrs. Jackson, to the intense satisfaction of all, helped by her kindness in again coming forward to make of this a veritable "red-letter night." With pathetic expression, her magnificent voice was heard in Tosti's *Goodbye*, and the climax was reached when, in response to vociferous demands for an encore, she came on again, and sang the Wild Hussars' version of the *Chocolate Soldier*. Every man of the audience, and the majority of the ladies, joined heartily in the chorus of this popular number, frenzied manifestations of delight following Mrs. Jackson on her retirement from the stage. We cannot too strongly express the regret of all Tenth Hussars, that this talented lady has left Rawal Pindi, for Jhelum. Nor can we thank her sufficiently for her kindness in giving us the enjoyment which her participation in our entertainments afforded to all. We can now only hope that from Rawal Pindi to Sialkote the cry is not far enough to preclude the possibility of similar enjoyments in future. Private Calver delineated the 'not too happy lot' of a Policeman in his song *P.C. Green*. Captain Jacob followed, and met with the reception he inevitably evokes. Sergt.-Major Black succeeded him with *Fall in, and follow me*, which brought the first part to a close.

The second half was opened by Mrs. Jackson, whose songs are described above; then Corporal Swadling came on in a screamingly funny feminine impersonation in which all were invited to *See me dance the minuet*. The closing number was that of Private Kelly, who sang *Sweet Doreen* with his usual power and effectiveness.



1783—1803.

**MEMOIRS OF THE TENTH
ROYAL HUSSARS
(PRINCE OF WALES' OWN).**

HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL—Continued.

COLLECTED AND ARRANGED BY THE LATE COLONEL
R. S. LIDDELL, COMMANDING THE REGIMENT.

CHAPTER XII.

Return of the Army to England—The Regiment at Brighton—The health of George III—The Prince of Wales appointed Regent—The Regiment styled "Royal"—Preparations for Active Service—Arrival at Lisbon—Campaign of 1810-11-12—Lord Worcester.

The fleet sailed from Corunna Bay on the 18th January, and the troops were disembarked at various ports in England during the first week in February. The depot of the Tenth had been stationed at Brighton during the campaign, and as the various detachments of the head-quarters arrived, they proceeded to that place. On the 26th March, the whole being assembled, the Regiment was

inspected by Lieut.-General Lord Charles Somerset. The Officers and men of the 10th Hussars at this time received the thanks of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales for their conduct on active service, which was again repeated when His Royal Highness reviewed the Regiment, with the other troops in the district, on the 12th August. A magnificent piece of gold plate was presented by the officers to their distinguished Commander, Lord Paget, to commemorate his skilful leadership in the brilliant operations of the Cavalry in Portugal during the campaign of 1808-09.

"Corunna" was inscribed on the colours of the Infantry regiments that took part in this campaign, but no Cavalry regiment was allowed this distinction. Some Officers of the Tenth received the gold medal. At this time medals for all ranks were not granted, and decorations were limited to Generals, Staff Officers, and Officers Commanding regiments who were selected by the Commander-in-Chief himself, as particularly deserving, but no special mark was bestowed to show the part taken by Cavalry regiments in this campaign.

In 1810 Lieutenant-Colonel Lord George Quentin succeeded to the command of the regiment in succession to Lieut.-Colonel Leigh.

Colonel George Leigh joined the Tenth Light Dragoons in 1790, and received such rapid promotion that he commanded the regiment in nine years. When the Tenth proceeded to Spain in 1808, to take part in the campaign under Sir John Moore, Lieut.-Colonel Leigh was in command. He had many opportunities of distinguishing himself. He was awarded the gold medal for Sahagun and Benevente and was promoted to a brevet colonelcy. He retired from the army in 1810.

The losses on foreign service were speedily replaced, and after passing the summer at Brighton, the regiment marched to Essex, having head-quarters at Romford. Remaining in this county during the winter months, it moved again on the 10th April 1810, and went into billets in the eastern suburbs of London, with head-quarters at Islington. This last change was in consequence of the riots which had taken place between the 6th and 9th April, owing to the committal of Sir Francis Burdett to the Tower, by the House of Commons. While in London, the Regiment was reviewed on the 6th April by H. R. H. the Duke of York. On the 2nd May, it returned to Romford, and on the 16th marched to Brighton, with out-quarters at Lewes.

A change in the position of Non-Commissioned Officers was at this time made by Troop Quartermasters being abolished, and Troop Sergeant-Majors appointed. One Regimental Quartermaster promoted from the ranks, whose commission was not to be purchased, had already been given to each regiment.¹ From the 25th September a Trumpet-Major was borne on the strength of a Cavalry regiment, in accordance with a General Order, dated 20th October.

Towards the close of the year, the health of King George III became seriously affected, and the death of his favourite daughter, Princess Amelia, greatly aggravating his disease, it became necessary to form a Regency. Accordingly, in February 1811, the Prince of Wales was appointed Regent of the United Kingdom. Upon this His Royal Highness, on the 6th March, was pleased to confer, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, the designation "Royal" upon his regiment, directing that in future it should be called "The 10th, the Prince of Wales' Own Royal Regiment of Hussars." At the same

time, the facings of the uniform were changed from yellow to red.²

The regiment remained stationed at Brighton at this time for two years, namely, from the 16th May 1810 until 16th May 1812. As His Royal Highness took up his residence during the summer months at the Pavilion, he saw a great deal of the Tenth, often taking command of the regiment in person, in the field. He also honoured the Officers by constantly inviting them to participate in the hospitalities of the Pavilion, and to join in the sports and amusements in which he engaged.

On one of these occasions, when His Royal Highness, accompanied by the Officers of his regiment, had taken out his pack of beagles, and all efforts to find a hare having proved a failure, he proposed *extempore* races, to be ridden over hurdles used for night-folding the sheep, which are to be found in considerable numbers on the Downs. These races proved a great success, and are said to have been the first introduction of hurdle-racing in this country.³

Brighton will never see such picturesque Watteau-like groups again, as were those which were then presented by the Prince's Court, as it sallied forth from the pavilion for the evening promenade on the Steyne, the ladies with their high head-dresses and spreading "peacock tails," and the two "Manners," Sir Bellingham Graham, and Colonels Mellish and Leigh, all of the Tenth, as their esquires. In those days the Prince made Brighton and Lewes Races the gayest scene of the year in England. The pavilion was full of guests, and the Steyne was crowded with all the rank and fashion from London. Lord Foley and Colonel Mellish, two of the great supporters of the turf, were looked to for all the best racing information of the day. The Prince himself would make his appearance in the crowd later, dressed in a green jacket, white hat, and light nankeen pantaloons and shoes, distinguished by his high-bred manner and handsome person; he was generally accompanied by the Duke of Bedford, Lord Jersey, Charles Wyndham, Shelley, Brummell, Mr. Day and Churchill.⁴

Several changes of quarters took place in 1812.

1812.

The right wings (four troops)
of the regiment marched from
Brighton to Guildford on the

¹ All Troop Quartermasters with forty years' service or over to be retired on full pay, the remainder to be gradually paid off. Troop Sergeant-Majors to be distinguished from the other Sergeants by an additional chevron. The Regimental Sergeant-Major to be distinguished by a crown. By the Commander-in-Chief's Command, Harry Calvert, Adjt-Genl.

² The Tenth, after this, was often called the "Prince Regent's Regiment of Hussars;" but no official sanction ever appears to have been given for this title. In a picture of the Prince Regent, in the uniform of the regiment, now in the Pavilion at Brighton, the shabraque is shown with "G. P." on one place and "P. R." on another.

³ Blaine's *Encyclopædia of Rural Sports*.

⁴ *Post and Paddock*.

16th May, and on the 24th July, the headquarters moved to Hounslow, and were stationed there, with detachments at Hampton Court and Windsor.

The Prince Regent reviewed the 10th, 15th and 18th Hussars in brigade, on Hounslow Heath, on the 17th August, 1812, on which occasion Her Majesty Queen Charlotte, and H. R. H. the Commander-in-Chief were present.

On the 21st October, four troops—*vis.*, B; D, E and G—marched to Knightsbridge Barracks, and took over the guards and escort connected with the Court and metropolis from the Life Guards, on the embarkation of the latter for foreign service to reinforce the Army in the Peninsula. The Tenth, however, had only performed these duties for a few weeks, when six troops of the Regiment were ordered to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to the seat of the war. The order of preparations for these troops was received on the 29th November, and in the following month the troops that had been at Knightsbridge marched to Guildford, where the whole Regiment was now assembled. The strength detailed for foreign service was 2 Field Officers, 6 Captains, 12 Subalterns, 1 Acting Adjutant, 4 Staff Officers, 1 Regimental Sergeant-Major, 2 Troop Quarter-masters, 4 Troop Sergeant-Majors, 29 Sergeants, 24 Corporals, 6 Trumpeters, 513 Privates, and 523 Troop-horses.

When these headquarters had been thus completed, the four remaining troops, under the command of Major the Hon. Frederick Howard, marched on the 11th December to York, and formed the depôt of the Regiment. While stationed there during the early part of 1813, they were engaged in recruiting and purchasing horses. They also were employed in suppressing the Luddite¹ riots, and kept the peace at the public execution which afterwards took place, when fourteen of the ringleaders were hanged. But in the course of the summer, the depôt was moved to Brighton, where it joined the depôt of the 15th Hussars.

On the 24th January 1813, orders were received for the six service troops to proceed to Portsmouth. Arriving there in three detachments on the 26th, 27th, and 29th they at once embarked, and by 2 p.m. on the 29th the transports had set sail for Lisbon. Lieut. Colonel Palmer was in command of the Regiment, with Major Roberts as second. Colonel Quentin did not sail with the Tenth, but joined it some months afterwards in Spain. On the 13th February the ships anchored in the Tagus, and by the

¹ These riots commenced in 1811, and were an expression of the people's feelings in York, against the introduction of machinery.

16th all had disembarked. On landing, the Regiment marched to Belem Barracks, and remained there until the 6th April, occupying itself with preparations for the coming campaign in the spring, and for the march to join the Army under Lord Wellington. On the 18th February, 550 pistols, just arrived from England, were issued.

On the 6th and 7th April, the troops marched from Belem to Villa Franca. Continuing their route on the 21st, they entered the Valley of the Mondego, and, advancing towards the frontier of Spain, joined the Army of Wellington, now lying on the banks of the Boa and Agueda.

Between the departure of the Tenth Hussars in 1809, after Corunna, and their return in 1813, many important events had taken place in the Peninsula. The British Government determined to hold Portugal, had in March 1809 made arrangements with the Government of that country for placing the whole of their army under the orders of an English Officer, and for its thorough re-organization. General Beresford, who was selected for this post, was, on his arrival in Lisbon, appointed a Field-Marshal, and placed in command of the Portuguese Army. At the same time, troops were again despatched from England, and in April, Sir Arthur Wellesley, who had been chosen as the most fitting person to fill the post of Commander of the Forces, arrived in Lisbon, where he was nominated by the Regency, Marshal-General of the Armies of the Kingdom of Portugal.

After the battle of Corunna, Marshal Soult had advanced through Galicia into Portugal, and occupied Oporto. Sir Arthur Wellesley now commenced his operations against that place, while Beresford marched towards the Upper Douro. Having gained possession of Oporto, Sir Arthur moved next into Spain and after effecting a junction with the Spanish forces under Cuesta, encountered the French troops under Joseph Bonaparte (King of Spain) at Talavera, a battle which he won on the 29th July, and with it the title of Lord Wellington. After this victory, finding that he met with no support from the Spaniards, the English Commander fell back upon Portugal, and in August took up a defensive position upon the frontiers of that kingdom.

In 1810, the campaign re-opened with increased vigour. At this moment enthusiasm ran high in England. Volunteers of all ranks joined the Army, anxious to take part in the coming struggle, and amongst these was the Marquis of Worcester, who then held a commission in the Monmouth and Bracon

Militia. His father having refused to put him into the Regular Army, Lord Worcester shipped himself and three horses on board a merchant ship proceeding to Lisbon. On arrival at the Tagus, he at once joined Lord Wellington, who placed him on his staff and in this position he was present at the battle of Busaco. In August 1811, he received a commission in the 10th Hussars, but the Regiment being still at home, he remained on the staff of Lord Wellington. When, however, the Tenth landed in Lisbon in 1813, Lord Worcester joined them, and took part, as a regimental Officer, in all the operations of that and the following year.

The defence of Portugal occupied Lord Wellington during 1810. In September of that year, the French commenced their third invasion of that country, and the English Army withdrew to Busaco, a position which Massena, now in command of the French troops, attacked in force. The Allies eventually retired, Wellington falling back upon the lines of Torres Vedras, which he occupied during the winter. The principal events of the campaign of 1811, were the retreat of Massena from Portugal, the battles of Fuentes d'Onore and Albuera.

The year 1812 opened with the capture of Ciudad Rodrigo and Badajoz. On the 13th June, Wellington advancing, passed the Aguada, and marched towards the Tormes. On the 22nd July, the battle of Salamanca was fought, resulting in the defeat of Marmont who had superseded Massena, a victory which gained for Wellington the title of Marquis. At Valladolid the English Army turned to meet Joseph, who was driven before them, and Wellington entered Madrid in triumph.

In September the English forces again marched to Valladolid, and forced the French

1812. back to Burgos.

Here Wellington's success for

1813. this campaign ended.

Finding himself greatly overmatched in numbers by the French, he determined to fall back again on the Portuguese frontier, and place his army in cantonments in the neighbourhood of Ciudad Rodrigo.

THE CROSS AND THE CRESCENT.

(BY DR. FITZGERALD LEE.)

THAT the earlier years of the twentieth century of the Christian era should be marked by a religious war, or any war in which religion is a factor, is disgraceful to our boasted civilisation.

It is quite possible, nay, probable, that Italy and Turkey may be only the puppets whose strings are pulled by greater powers behind the scenes; or they may be only the little dogs having mimic fights and playing about the arena before the lions are let loose.

However this may be, there has been quite a new movement in the Balkan Peninsula during the last ten years or so. Owing to her enormous interests elsewhere, especially in Persia and the Far East, Russia has not been interfering so much of late in the game of Slav *versus* Turk. Certainly she has directly assisted and encouraged Montenegro to create trouble and to become a "Kingdom"; but she hates the Bulgarians for their ingratitude, and treats Servia with only good-humoured contempt. She has been letting matters take their own course in the Peninsula; she "has other cats to whip" as our good French neighbours put it. This is why the "Christian Kingdoms" of the Balkan Peninsula have been lately looking about for somebody to take the place of their Big Brother. And Italy fills that place for the present.

As soon as it was settled that the power on the western side of the Adriatic was willing to attack Turkey, the usual symptoms began to show themselves. The Albanian insurrection, openly assisted by Montenegro; the bickerings on the Turco-Bulgarian frontier; the doubtful and desperate condition of Servia both politically and financially; the bitterly hostile feeling of the Greeks towards Turkey—these were all unmistakable signs, after which nothing more remained but to "shut the doors and hand round the shillelays," as men do in the Distressed Isle. Then Italy felt compelled to show that she meant business; and, looking round, saw that Tripoli was to be had for the simple taking. So she has taken it.

And now the question is, in how far will the Christian kingdoms in the Balkans benefit by this new addition to Italian territory; and whether Italy will give any other practical assistance directly to these kingdoms which evidently expect something more from her.

We shall now discuss the military strength of the forces at the disposal of each of the powers in the Balkan Peninsula. In doing so we may leave out the Kingdom of Roumania and the recently incorporated Austrian provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as there is no likelihood of these powers taking any active part in a war against Turkey.

There are left then, on the one hand, Turkey, faced by Italy. It is true that Italy promises not to fight in the Balkan Peninsula; but, as Von Moltke said on a

celebrated occasion, "the necessities of a military situation override all promises." And the acts of Italy in the matter, up to the present, are not of such a nature as to encourage belief in any promises she may make. Behind Italy stand Greece, Montenegro, Servia and Bulgaria. With regard to any union, or united action, on the part of these four kingdoms, it may be objected that they have separate and different political interests of their own, and that a large tract of difficult country separates Greece and Montenegro from the other two. It is possible that some more powerful neighbour, interested in the Balkan question, might keep one or more of the little States quiet, for the time being, by a significant reference to "the mailed fist," or the "Pomeranian Grenadier"; it might be that the State which wished for war could not raise the money without which a modern war, even on a small scale, cannot be undertaken. All this is quite possible. But it is also possible for the four "Christian Kingdoms" to enter into an offensive and defensive alliance against the Turk, and attack him simultaneously from north, west and south.

This is the contingency for which the Turk must be prepared; and, sure enough, the new dispositions of the Turkish forces in Europe, last January, had this contingency in view.

The Turkish Army has been most effectually roused out of that state of lethargy into which it was allowed to fall under the misrule and maladministration of the former Sultan, Abdul Hamid. The best sign of its healthy vigour at present is the martial spirit and desire for improvement which the younger generation of officers exhibit. And that this healthy spirit pervades all ranks is proved by the bearing and conduct of the troops in the grand-manceuvres of the past two years. These manœuvres were strictly on a German model, and were carried out with faultless precision and distinguished success. In the 1877 campaign, though the Turkish Army fought without leadership, though each of the leaders fought only for his own hand without mutual confidence or unanimity of plan, yet the grand qualities of the Turk, as a stout fighting man, compelled the admiration of even his enemies in the field. But when the war was over, the Turkish Military authorities did not act as they should have acted after the loss of the campaign. They made no careful inquiries into the real causes of their defeat; they made no effort to get rid of the faults and failings and weaknesses which had come to light during the campaign. The Supreme Head of the Army, the Sultan himself, with that mean, narrow suspicion, which was the dominating trait in his character, lulled his army to sleep, and turned the hero of Plevna into a sort of chief butler and bottle-

washer in the palace. Military training was absolutely neglected; manœuvres, great or small, were not thought of. Appointments to the highest positions in the army depended on no other merit than the goodwill of the Padishah. But even all these abuses failed to quench the innate martial spirit which has now risen as the Phoenix from its ashes.

The Turkish soldier serves with the colours for three years. He is drilled and trained after the German model; his Drill Books and Service Regulations are simply translations from German into Turkish. The "Model Troops" are for the most part under the command of German Officers, their *raison d'être* being to supply other portions of the army with officers and non-commissioned officers in case of necessity. A great number of Turkish Officers are sent abroad, at the expense of Government, for two or three years, to learn what may be useful from other armies. Last year, forty-nine Turkish Officers were sent to the musketry school of Bruck, in Austria, for a course of training which would enable them to teach in their own musketry schools recently established in all large military centres in Turkey. And last year, the Military College at Pankaldi sent four hundred and ninety-three Sub-Lieutenants into the Regular Army. The Minister of War has founded a college for training officers for the Reserve. The arrangements for mobilisation have been brought to the highest pitch of perfection and worked out in the smallest details. In ten days after a declaration of war Turkey can place in the field a fully-equipped force of 800,000 men; in three weeks a million and a half. The Turkish Artillery is armed with the latest pattern of quick-firing Krupp guns. There were more horses bought for the Turkish Army last year than in the previous ten years. This means business. The War Minister has lately organised and fully equipped one hundred and thirty-eight Machine-Gun Companies, seven battalions of Mounted Infantry, and fifteen batteries of Horse Artillery. The whole military strength in the Turkish Empire is divided into fourteen Army Corps, comprising, in addition to the troops already mentioned, 387 battalions of Infantry, 70 Rifle Battalions, 13 brigades of Cavalry, 243 Field Batteries, 83 Mountain Batteries, 28 Companies of Heavy Artillery, 2 Camel Batteries, 14 battalions of Pioneers, and 51 Companies Frontier Guards. On a declaration of war against Turkey, all these troops stand ready mobilised; and at once 39 Divisions of Redifs (Landwehr) Class I are called out. These include men in the very prime of life, from 30 to 36 years of age. And for each of these Divisions there is kept up, in time of peace, a nucleus consisting of

60 officers and 120 non-commissioned officers and men. The Redifs, Class II, which could, on mobilisation, be brought up in a month or six weeks at the outside, contain 10 Divisions.

From these figures a fair idea can be formed as to the military strength of Turkey. And a short time ago, a writer in one of the leading military periodicals published on the Continent, has confidently stated that the Turkish Army could more than hold its own against any Army in the world, with the exception of the German Army.

Let us now turn to the forces at the disposal of the enemies of Turkey. The Army of Italy makes a brave show on paper. Its chief strength consists in a "Territorial Militia" about two millions strong. A study of the American Civil War shows us the worth of forces like this. The Italian Standing Army is about 250,000 with about 300,000 "on unlimited leave." It is supposed that many of these are taking their leave in the United States, and therefore are likely to be missing on mobilization. Coming to the Kingdoms in the Balkan Peninsula, the Greek Army, on paper, amounts to 146,000 men all told. In 1908, the length of service with the colours was cut down from eighteen months to fourteen. But this was upset by the "peaceful mutiny" of 1909, which extended the term of service again to two years. Since then a new order has been passed, namely, whoever takes forty hours' military instruction in the year need only serve for twenty months; and whoever, from his sixteenth year, trains himself in musketry at his own cost, need only serve for twelve months. With regard to the state of discipline in the Greek Army, we need only call attention to the fact that a few years ago a number of discontented officers drew up a list of names of their brother-officers who were supposed to be too loyal to the King, submitted this list to the King's Ministers, and got the loyal officers expelled from the army.

The peace strength of the Bulgarian Army is 50,000, but, on mobilisation, it expands to about 300,000 men and 400 guns. It is stated that this force can be massed at any given point on the Bulgarian Frontier within three weeks from the first day of mobilisation. But, with regard to this massing, the Turks will, no doubt, remember what their military instructor, Von der Goltz, says in one of his best-known books:—"The mere mechanical massing of troops at a given point has no effect whatever on the battles of to-day." And if Bulgaria can do no more than mass her forces she would be just as profitably employed in massing her buffaloes. The Bulgarian Army is young; yet there is a dark blot in the history of its officer corps. At

the bidding of Russia, the officers conspired to overthrow and hunt out of the kingdom the best ruler they could possibly have, Alexander of Battenburg. Yet, great things are expected of the Bulgarian Army by its friends and admirers.

The Servian Budget provided last year for an Army on a peace footing of 35,000. But, since then, this figure has fallen below 18,000. The service is nominally two years with the colours; but it is practically never more than eighteen months, and sometimes only six months.

When Austria incorporated the neighbouring States of Bosnia and Herzegovina, a few years ago, the Servian Army was just then out for its annual manœuvres and field training. On receipt of the news from Bosnia the young bloods of Servia blazed with indignation and rage. But this was, as they say themselves, "only a blaze of dry straw." Their *yoonaks* (heroes) shouted loud enough, but did not relish the idea of crossing over the Drina to fight Austria; they told the political agitators that they had enough of war in the manœuvre bivouacks. As for the Servian officers, the Belgrade Tragedy showed what they were. The war strength of the Servian Army is said to be 160,000.

Montenegro occupies the same position with regard to the Balkan Peninsula, which Afghanistan does with regard to the Indian Peninsula. But whereas Afghan conquerors have swept down over the plains of Hindustan, the Montenegrin has never been formidable for offence, and is strong only in the fastnesses of his own hills. It is indeed doubtful whether the little Kingdom in the Balkans would have existed up to the present if it had not been supported financially and politically by Russia, and (it may not have much political significance, but the fact is worth mentioning), the daughter of Montenegro's King is the Queen of Italy.

Last year, the Budget for the whole of the little rugged, newly-baptised Kingdom was £120,000, of which £1,250 was for military expenditure. And, oh, were Lord Haldane to hear this! The sum of £1,250 is supposed to keep up four Divisions, numbering altogether 40,000 men, 104 guns, and 44 machine-guns. Although there is a Military College at the capital, Cetinje, the officers are not well trained, as the course lasts only eight months.

If, now, the four Christian Kingdoms of the Peninsula agree to attack Turkey simultaneously on land, while Italy attacks her oversea, *i.e.*, in Tripoli,—for this is the manner in which the game has been arranged; although it seems to have escaped the telescopic

views of many of the home papers, Turkey will, first of all have the advantages of what writers on strategy call "interior lines." That is, she will be able to whip up her forces, first of all from Kirke Kilisse (the Fifty Churches,) to Pristrend, and come down on the Bulgarians in Dubnitra, like a steam-hammer on a band-box. Upon this, Servia will carry out a strategic movement towards the Save and Danube; because for six long centuries no Servian ever has dared to look a Turk in the face on a field of battle. And then Turkey, treating Montenegro as a negligible quantity, should strike hard and heavy at Greece; when it comes to this, if Italy means to do anything beyond enriching herself by the addition of Tripoli, she must fight for Greece. If she does not, no other European Power will. Because the game would not be worth the candle.

So that if Turkey, now having set her house in order, lets Tripoli slide, and devotes all her attention to concentration in the Balkan Peninsula, she will be in a better position than she has been up to the present, as far as the strategic situation is concerned; while Italy will find that she has increased her own responsibilities, without improving her revenue, or her position as a Mediterranean Power.

THE ITALIAN CAVALRY SCHOOLS.

WHILST ON my way home from India, just a year ago, I was authorised to visit the Italian Cavalry School at Pinerolo and near Rome. The Italian Officers were most courteous and interesting, and thoroughly explained their ideas and systems to me.

The Italians have 29 regiments of Cavalry in their Army. The men serve for 2 years only. The officers are extremely well taught and efficient, and their system of teaching riding to the men is a simple one, as is obviously necessary for men of such short service.

All would-be Cavalry Officers have to go through the following courses:—(a) A year's service in the ranks, (b) a year at the Military College, (c) 8 months at Pinerolo, from whom the best are selected for, (d) 8 months at Tor-di-Quinto near Rome.

At Pinerolo the School is commanded by General Pugi, who has a staff of a Lieut.-Colonel and about 12 officer instructors of various grades. Besides 120 Italian officers there were, at the time of my visit, several foreigners including 2 British, 2 Spanish,

Russian, S. American, Greek and Bulgarian officers, going through the equitation course.

At Pinerolo all officers ride a minimum of 5 hours daily in winter and 7 hours in summer. In addition to equitation the Italian officers are instructed in Tactics, Engineering, Topography, and Telegraphy. The work requires from twelve to fourteen hours daily, Sundays excepted. The Italians are especially thorough about telegraphy, for they believe that in case of a war in Europe at all events, in their own country, they will be able to use existing telegraph lines. All Cavalry officers, therefore, are trained to attach portable instruments, similar to our buzzers, to existing lines, to read passing messages and transmit any information they may have acquired themselves. This necessitates a very high standard of efficiency.

But let us return to the horses. The officers' horses at the Schools are either Irish half-bred horses, or English or French thoroughbreds. Each officer has to train two young horses whilst he learns his riding on old horses. Some of the Irish horses were on the heavy side, being 16 stone hunters. The Italians train entirely on the snaffle. Their system was devised by Captain Caprilli, a horseman, who had established for himself a world-wide reputation before he met his death in the saddle. Briefly the system consists in having perfectly trained horses, and applying the principles of passive horsemanship to the men in the ranks.

In 1910, the Italians cleared the board at all the principle horse shows in Europe for Jumping Competitions.

In 1911, there was a great Concours Hippique at Rome in connection with the National Celebrations in commemoration of the unification of the Italian kingdom, and consequently the Italians did not compete at Olympia, or elsewhere out of Italy.

From the 120 officers at Pinerolo, 30 are selected annually for the finishing course, at the Tor-di-Quinto School near Rome. After completing the course, these officers are drafted to Regiments, the best being selected as instructors at Pinerolo, and finally at Tor-di-Quinto. It will be seen that the Italians thus get the absolutely best men of their nation to officer their cavalry, and that they have to go not only through the mill, but also through the sieve; those who are not selected at Pinerolo for the Tor-di-Quinto class being relegated to the Artillery, Infantry, and Departmental Corps. Whilst at Rome I spent a day at Tor-di-Quinto and had a day's hunting with the Bracciano Stag-hounds. The feature of the

Tor-di-Quinto School is the jumping up and down hill, and riding down precipices. The Commandant, Major Count Pandolphi, gave me several very good horses to ride round the made courses, and lent me the two that I liked best to hunt the next day. Thinking that I must "do as the Romans do" in Rome, I shortened my leathers 3 holes, and took on all the "ostacoli" or obstacles. "Tenente Dodi," the most expert horseman of the establishment, did me the compliment of telling the British Attaché that if "Il Colonello Inglese" would shorten his leathers and ride *à l'Italiano* for a fortnight, he would be a credit to the "système Caprilli."

I hunted with the staghounds and enjoyed a run of an hour. The country is rather like Salisbury plain, with large enclosures bounded by stiff Italian oak post and rails, and stone walls. There is no humbug about these obstacles, and were it not that I felt that the honour of the Tenth Hussars rested on me, I should have looked for a gate. However, I was riding the best horse in the Tor-di-Quinto School, and I have never been on a more comfortable patent-safety mount. All the horses were very well schooled, and I only saw one rail broken all day. I think many of the fences were 5 foot high.

The following summary of the Italian system was compiled for by Captain Neilson, 4th Hussars, and Lieut. Dugdale, 16th Lancers, who was unfortunately recently killed in Rome by a fall.

(a)—"THE ITALIAN SEAT."

Stirrups are on the short side.
 Chest elastic and ready to follow the movements of the horse.
 Loins forward.
 Shoulders back.
 Head up and not rigid.
 Arms fall naturally and bend at elbows.
 Hands low, wrists elastic, knuckles upwards.
 Thighs slant forwards and knees are firm on saddle.
 Bottom part of leg falls naturally.
 Heels low, soles of feet outwards.
 The fork must be kept as near the pommel as possible.
 The weight of rider's body is taken by inside of thighs and not by standing in stirrups.

(b)—"JUMPING."

In jumping, the three principal actions of the horse, and on which this system is based are:—

1. Before taking off the horse stretches out his neck and looks at jump.
2. Raises his forehead, stretches out his neck still further and jump.

3. Lands, still with his neck stretched out and low. The rider must not allow the reins to slip through his fingers.

As the horse, in case (1) lowers and stretches his neck to look at obstacle the body must be leant forward and the horse allowed rein by advancing the hands.

As he takes off "follow the mouth with the hands" keeping the lightest possible feeling on the reins, case (2).

As he lands the body and hands are still forward according to the position of head (when not interfered with).

The rider's hands and body must coincide with the movements of the horse's mouth and body. Absolute unity of action between horse and rider is the object.

Of the two faults it is preferable to allow too much rein to too little.

Leaning forward may very easily be overdone and one must endeavour to keep one's loins in advance and shoulders back.

The forward movement of the body is done from the hips with back straight, the seat is only just raised from the saddle and the weight of the body is taken by the inside of the thighs.

The head must be held up and looking where you are going, not down on the ground or close by the horse's neck.

Another object in leaning forward is to enable the horse to have free play with his loins.

If a horse's head is kept up while he is in the air, his hind legs will assuredly go down.

TRAINING TO JUMP.

Progression, Patience, Time and Direction.

The Italian idea is, that the less a horse is interfered with while jumping the better he will perform. Therefore always, from the very first, teach young horses to jump with a rider on their backs. While jumping free he learns and finds his own balance over obstacles, but so soon as he is ridden over these, he must learn a new and entirely different balance.

Begin by teaching the horse to approach the obstacles in a correct manner and direction. Walk, trot and canter him up to and over bars on the ground. Teach him to stop before obstacles when required, and to circle in front of these, but when actually jumping

the greatest care must be taken about Direction. He must first be taught to go straight and willingly to his jumps.

The practice of circling before jumps has an excellent effect upon horses inclined to rush. Canter in a large circle toward the obstacle and turn him two or three paces from it until he becomes quiet, put him over occasionally, and circle him again at same pace. This, of course, can be done at all paces, but only with low jumps (about two feet). Gradually increase the height of bars. If the horse has difficulty in judging his distance at a jump, or lacks courage, place a small jump (bush, fence, or bar, about 1 foot high) in front of obstacle, and seven paces from it.

At a canter this will allow the horse, after jumping the first, to take one stride before taking off for the second: it also helps the rider. The distance may be increased to allow two or three paces to be taken, and so until the horse learns.

Three or four obstacles may be put each at 7 paces from the other, with perhaps one at 4 paces. This last one will not permit of a stride being taken. The object of this is to teach the horse balance.

Frequently vary the appearance of the jumps by putting bush fences and bars together, or one or two paces apart, and jumping the two combined.

Vary the position of jumps as much as possible in school, and always teach horses perfection over small jumps, before attempting anything more difficult.

Common sense must be used in all cases, and the whip practically never.

If a horse refuses, and it is not the rider's fault, lower the obstacle and gradually increase it again.

Conclusions.—The problem that Italian Cavalry Officers have to deal with is, how to train Squadrons of Men of two years' service, to ride sufficiently well to cross an intricate country. This they do well. British Officers, who have attended their manœuvres told me that the Italian Squadrons cross difficult country very quickly and quietly. I think, however, that their system errs in respect of the balance of horses. They maintain that the horse has his natural balance, with which it is unwise to interfere. The Italian Cavalry are no doubt efficient as mounted scouts, their horses are wonderfully calm and free from nervousness, but I doubt the efficiency of short-legged men clinging on by their calves, in a mounted fight.

I am also convinced that their theory of not teaching horses to jump "free" in a lane is unsound, because both for muscling purposes, and for teaching a young horse when to take off, I have found free jumping in a

lane invaluable. I learnt a great deal from the Italians, and have adopted the following methods during the past year at Netheravon:—

Circling at a canter until horses are quite steady before jumping.

Jumping without wings.

Jumping up and down hill.

Putting up small bars, 7 paces from the obstacle.

In cases of refusal, putting the jump lower and giving the horse confidence, then raising the jump.

Lastly, be it engraven in the hearts of all Tenth Hussars "follow the mouth with the hands."

The problem for British Cavalry Officers is "how to lighten the men's hands, and improve the horses training." These two things act and re-act on one another. Hands are not born, they are made by constant thought. Light hands constitute the strong feature of the Italian system. This admits of no argument.

J VAUGHAN, Colonel.

CAVALRY SCHOOL, NETHERAVON.

16th January 1912.

BAZAAR AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CONVENT.

This was decidedly one of the important events of the quarter. It was held in the grounds of the Roman Catholic Chapel and Convent, on the 9th February, and several members of the Regiment took prominent part in the business of the Bazaar, contributing largely to the success, which it undoubtedly was. Chiefly remarkable was the proportion of workers of the Church of England and other denominations, who displayed commendable broad-mindedness in coming forward to help the Catholics in their endeavours to raise funds for their projected new building.

The Band, lent by the Officers of the Regiment, was one of the chief allurements, and attracted good and appreciative audiences throughout the afternoon and evening. Mrs. Gould, in charge of a flower stall, charmed shakels from the pockets of the unwary, in exchange for anæmic looking nosegays; so effectually did she offer her wares that her stock was rapidly sold out, and she was amongst the unemployed at an early stage of the day.

Mrs. Werts was in charge of a more austere stall, on which were displayed Catholic emblems, rituals, and pictures. She lured people who had the temerity to gaze upon her articles, into parting with their

rupees, without the faintest hope of obtaining value for them. It would be interesting to know how much the picture representing His Holiness the Pope realised by the lottery for it, and who eventually was the possessor of it.

Mrs. Hopkins presided with dignity over a miniature shop for the sale of neckties, the vivid hues of which would certainly not have been tolerated in any but a Church bazaar. The empty rows at closing time, of spaces which had earlier been gorgeous with colour which dazzled, testified to her ability as a saleswoman.

The tea-stalls in the grounds, with their charming waitresses, did good business, but the greatest draw of all perhaps was, the *Café Chantant*. The *Pioneer*, in an article contributed by "Our special correspondent," very justly paid high compliments to the troupe of Pierrots and Pierrettes, who gave an admirable performance of song and dance: but was it an aberration of "our special's" memory which resulted in his omission of any mention of the singing of our Mrs. Ward? She appeared in the first of the two concerts held, her contribution being declared by many to be the gem of the entertainment: further they expressed disappointment that she did not appear in the second concert which they attended solely in the hope of hearing her again.

We observed Sergt.-Major Black and Corporal Swadling, in the vicinity of the "stage door," in that state which they, after the manner of Thespians, define as "made up." Incited by their appearance, we parted with our rupees, and entered the hall set apart for the concerts, anticipating that pleasure on which we can always rely when they are performing. But alas, through some mismanagement or misunderstanding their services were not utilised, and we went disappointed away.

We are told that the Bazaar was a success financially as well as from all other points of view, and that the new building will be substantially helped on by it. So all are pleased.

REGIMENTAL ADULT SCHOOL.

THE General Report on the regimental schools for the year ending 31st December, published in Divisional Orders, dated 5th February 1912, is a highly satisfactory one, reflecting credit on the non-commissioned officers and men who have seized the

opportunities offered to study and improve their minds; also on the painstaking methods and efficiency of Mr. Clements, who was our regimental schoolmaster during the period.

Of 25 candidates who presented themselves for examination for first class certificates of education, 2 were successful in passing both groups and obtaining the certificates; and 16 passed satisfactorily in groups. 61 candidates for the second class certificates were successful of the 71 who sat; and of 86 examinees for thirds, only two failed.

To Corporal Edney, the acting School Master during the hot weather, a large amount of credit is due for his successful preparation of candidates for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class certificates.

Mr. Crouch, who has recently relieved Mr. Clement has strong classes under instruction, and we shall doubtless see similar good results this year.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OLD COMRADES.

WE are glad to hear, through Messrs. Cox & Co., from Messrs. W. C. Portwood and C. R. Carr, and to add them to the list of subscribers to the *Gazette*.

The former, who was Sergeant in old "B" Troop, is now the Manager of the Canadian Military Institute, in Toronto, Canada, the largest of its kind in the Dominion, with a membership numbered by hundreds. We have it on excellent authority that no small share of the progress and success of the Institute is ascribed to Mr. Portwood's skilful management of it.

Mr. Carr, who left us in Mhow, was a Corporal in "A" Squadron. He is now a prosperous citizen of the United States of America, residing at Long Island, New York, but retains all his old affection for his old Regiment, and as keen as ever to learn all about its doings. To both of these their old Comrades heartily wish increased success and well-being.

To Mr. A. G. Vine, formerly of "A" Squadron, now residing at 3, Brickfield Road, Portswood, Southampton, and employed as Motorist by the local Tramways Co. we offer our congratulations on his welfare, and include in our felicitations, Mrs. Vine.

He acquaints us of the untimely end of two old Comrades, *vis*:—No. 4937, Private Brown, drowned in the

Itchen in February and No. 4163 Private Pearce, (porky) of the 11th troop of "A" Squadron, who was a passenger on the ill-fated Steamship "Titanic." His death brings home to us realistically the sad event which plunged into grief the British and American nations. The late Private Pearce had settled in Canada, and was returning there, after a holiday at home. We feel sure that he displayed a soldier's pluck and fortitude in the last phase of his life, and deserved his share of the admiration accorded by the whole civilised world, to those heroic men on the "Titanic", who stood by calmly, whilst the women and children were placed in the boats.

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Extracts from the Minutes of a Committee Meeting held on 11th January 1912.

"A letter was read from the Secretary, Mr. H. Palmer tendering his resignation of the position of Secretary owing to his having accepted a position at St. John's College, Cambridge, and regretting that his duties there would preclude his performing the necessary work in connection with the Association.

"After an eloquent eulogy regarding the services rendered to the Association by Mr. H. Palmer, it was proposed by Mr. E. H. Moseley and seconded by Mr. A. Gerard that the resignation be accepted with expressions of sincere and profound regret.

"Carried unanimously.

"It was further resolved that a copy of this Minute be forwarded to the Regiment."

"An interesting announcement was made by a member of the Committee that our old and esteemed comrade, Mr. E. H. Moseley had been awarded the Coronation Medal, in recognition of the services he had rendered towards the organizing of the Shoreditch Section of the National Reserve, and which he took charge of on the day of the Coronation of our Colonel-in-Chief.

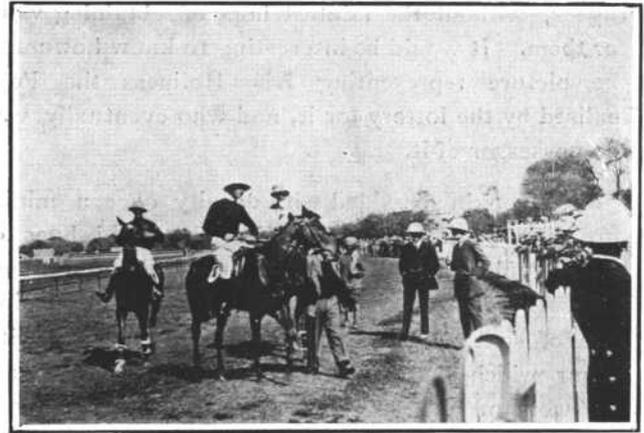
"It was proposed by Mr. A. Gerard and seconded by Mr. F. Shaw that a copy of this Minute be sent to the Editor of the Regimental Gazette.

"Carried unanimously."

Extract from the Minutes of 8th March 1912.

"Proposed by Mr. F. P. Seymour and seconded by T. H. Moseley, that Mr. F. W. Miller be appointed Secretary of the Association.

"Carried unanimously.



RACING NOTES.

OUR last racing season in India has come to an end. We have had several animals running at the up-country Spring Meetings, and, if we have not been as successful as in former years, it is no doubt due to the fact that owners have been gradually reducing their studs with a view to leaving the country.

Undoubtedly one of the chief features of the last quarter's racing, as far as we are concerned, has been the successful *debüt* in this country, of Murland, our last joined subaltern. His record at the Great Northern Spring Meeting is well worth recording. Riding for Mr. J. D. Scott, he won the Tradesmen's Cup Steeplechase, the Corinthian Plate and the Horse Hurdles, all on "Sea Lad," and was second on Captain Miles' "Idle" in the Calcutta Turf Club Steeplechase; four mounts, three firsts, and one second. We prophesy great things for him when the Regiment returns to England. Appended are the results:—

MEERUT SPRING MEETING.

NORTH-WESTERN PLATE.

Mr. E. A. Fielden's *Obo*, Northmore..... 2

BEDOUIN PLATE.

Mr. E. A. Fielden's *Great Power*, Northmore..... 1

DURBAR CUP.

Mr. E. A. Fielden's *Great Power*, Capt. Annesley..... 2

LINCOLN PLATE.

Mr. E. A. Fielden's *Obo*, Northmore..... 3

RAILWAY PLATE.

Mr. E. A. Fielden's *Obo*, Northmore..... 3

AMBALA SPRING MEETING.

MIDGET PLATE.

Colonel Wilson's *Bit O'Fashion*, Ruiz..... 1

AMBALA PLATE.

Sirdar Jiwan Singh's *Hopscotch*, Mr. Fielden... 2

NEW RACE.

Colonel Wilson's *Bit O'Fashion*, Ruiz..... 2

IMPORTERS' HANDICAP.

Mr. E. A. Fielden's *O. K.*, Thakur..... 2

RANBIR HANDICAP.

Colonel Wilson's *Speedometer*, Williamson..... 3



The Grand Stand, Great Northern Spring Meeting.

RAWALPINDI GREAT NORTHERN SPRING MEETING.

TRADESMEN'S CUP.

Mr. J. D. Scott's <i>Sea Lad</i> , Mr. Murland.....	1
Capt. C. A. Brown's <i>The Type</i> , Mr. Armstrong.....	3

ARAB PLATE.

Capt. E. W. Williams' <i>Pasha</i> , Abdul.....	3
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GIANT PONY PLATE.

Mr. E. A. Fielden's <i>O. K.</i> , Northmore.....	1
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HORSE PLATE.

Mr. V. A. P. Stokes' <i>Ocean Bride</i> , Melsom.....	3
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PONY HURDLES.

Mr. Sydney Smith's <i>Adalina</i> , Mr. Fielden.....	3
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C. T. C. CLOSED STEEPLECHASE.

Capt. W. Miles' <i>Idle</i> , Mr. Murland.....	2
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CORINTHIAN PLATE.

Mr. J. D. Scott's <i>Sea Lad</i> , Mr. Murland.....	1
Mr. E. A. Fielden's <i>Obo</i> , Owner.....	2

HORSE HURDLES.

Mr. J. D. Scott's <i>Sea Lad</i> , Mr. Murland.....	1
Mr. V. A. P. Stokes' <i>Ocean Bride</i> , Owner.....	2

DIVISIONAL PLATE.

Mr. E. A. Fielden's <i>Obo</i> , Northmore.....	2
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RAWALPINDI PLATE.

Major-General Pilcher's <i>Dilawri</i> , Capt. Annesley.....	3
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CONSOLATION PLATE II.

Capt. E. W. Williams' <i>Pasha</i> , Crowden.....	2
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RACING IN ENGLAND.

Mr. de Tuyll has been following the sport with some success at home. We note the following reports of meetings in *The Field* :—

BEAUFORT HUNT LIGHTWEIGHT POINT TO POINT.

Mr. M.de Tuyll's <i>My Atom</i> , ridden by Owner.....	1
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OAKSEY STEEPLECHASES.—THE RED AND BLUE COAT RACE.

Mr. M. de Tuyll's <i>My Atom</i> , ridden by Owner.....	1
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We hear of still another win, but are not in possession of details. It is probable that Mr. de Tuyll will ride at Puchestown next month, and, we hope, add to his list.

THE X R. H. AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

“THE OLD AND GOLD AT DELHI.”

AFTER the great success of “The Wild Hussar” just a year ago, we all of us eagerly looked forward to another production by the X R. H. Amateur Dramatic Club. Nor were we to be disappointed. “The Pindi Week” is the obvious time for these productions, but this year there were serious difficulties to be overcome. The whole of the early part of the winter was taken up with the Durbar and the preparations for it. On our return to Pindi there were strenuous days to make up for our absence, and it soon became evident that time for rehearsing would be limited. Then again we had lost our Sergeant Frisby, author, comedian and scenic artist of “The Wild Hussar.” Therefore in the minds of many of us there arose considerable doubt and anxiety as to whether we should be privileged to witness in India another show by the X R. H. Amateur Dramatic Club. Luckily our doubts were not realized and all obstacles were overcome. It gradually became known that the members were rehearsing a piece written by our popular bandmaster Mr. Atherley, who was also arranging the music. This augured well for the success of the production, and our highest expectations were fully realized.

The fame of the “Wild Hussar” had spread far and wide, with the result that on the first night of the “Old and Gold,” a vast audience filled our regimental theatre. Pindi was full of polo players, racing folk, visitors for the horse show, etc. etc., to say nothing of the ordinary inhabitants, and they all seemed to have congregated in our theatre. Our artists and artistes had indeed something to live up to, in order to avoid unfavourable comparisons with their performance of a year ago. The audience remembered the high standard of that production. What, we wondered, would be their preliminary criticism over their light refreshments at the conclusion of the first act. We were not to be left for long in doubt, and the uproarious applause at the end of Act I must have relieved Mr. Atherley and his “troupe” of any qualms they might have possessed.

Let us take our seats and follow the play. There is no need to describe the scenery of Act I on the programme. Everyone at once recognises it. There it is, true to life, the Kingsway Station at Delhi. The band strikes up and from the train steps the portly figure of a magnificently attired rajah. His name does not figure on the programme, but whoever he may be, right well does he fulfil his rôle. Opposite, apparently

to greet him, is drawn up a bevy of beauty such as the writer does not remember seeing on any of the occasions when duty or pleasure took him to the real Kingsway Station. Next we are introduced to Sir Carleton Piccadilly, his two pretty daughters, the son "Duds," and the valet Tompkins, to say nothing of Alice and Gerty, the maids. We gather that this party has arrived at Delhi as guests of the "Old and Gold," Sir Carleton's old regiment, for the Durbar festivities. They are greeted by Captain Wellington Nubian (grand name), Sergeant-Major and Mrs. Rooster, who apparently are to have charge of the maids; Sergeant Upright, and Pte. C. Green, orderly to Captain Wellington Nubian, and brother of Alice. The sight of his old squadron leader recalls memories to Sergeant-Major Rooster and he describes in a real good song how "'B' Squadron lost their boots" when the "Old and Gold" were at Bombay to greet the Prince. We wonder what the present leader of gallant "B" thinks of the lines—

"Oh dear, was't the air painted a bright sky blue,
 "Words were invented to add to the swear
 "Adjectives quite fresh and new.
 "I came in for my share, I got it hot from you, Sir,
 "You were our leader, when we were there
 "And 'B' squadron lost their boots."

Everybody is now introduced, the giving of "back-sheesh" to the porters leads up to some good "gag" on the part of Sir Carleton and Tompkins, and the party prepare to move off in the motor. The latter, of course, has jibbed, and this gives time for an excellent quintette by Gerty, Alice, Rooster, Green and Tompkins, "Boys like the girls and the girls like the boys," containing some excellent advice on the subject of Matrimony from Rooster, who has "tried it on."

Upon Captain Wellington Nubian falls the duty of entertaining Sir Carleton's two daughters during the delay, and we fancy that he does not find it quite so "unfortunate" as he tries to make out. Anyhow they give us a very pretty trio—"For on enjoyment we are intent."

But Sir Carleton is getting "deucedly peckish," as he terms it, and Green announces that the motor is now right, so all prepare to leave for the camp, giving us a good chorus as the finale of Act I.

We are by now fairly confident of the opinion of the audience, and a well-known trainer, up here for the Pindi races, tells the writer during the interval that he "would like to take the whole show down to Calcutta." In this mood we take our seats for Act II.

The lights are not turned up, and it is night in the camp of the "Old and Gold." Once more a

word of praise to the scenic artist—a very life-like likeness of a camp we seem to remember at Delhi. The chorus are on the stage,—the men in great-coats and the ladies in evening attire. And now comes one of the prettiest bits of the whole production, a good chorus with a solo by Betty. One does not know what to praise most, the singing of Mrs. Ward and the chorus, Lady Helen's choice of dresses, or Mr. Atherley's setting of the music. At any rate it is a first rate combination.

And now we are introduced to Lieutenant D. G. Ryder, the adjutant of the "Old and Gold," who enters with the news that the King is coming to camp. We are glad to note the eye-glass. It is familiar!

The stage is now deserted for the moment, and then Tompkins and Pte. C. Green appear. They have obviously been cementing their newly formed friendship. In fact they only ascribe their safe return to camp to the "Lead Kindly Light" of "D" Squadron. However, their condition does not prevent their delighting the audience with a duet, which scored every night. Then follows a duologue between Green and Pte. Jay, the Regimental policeman, with many topical allusions.

Meanwhile dawn gradually breaks and people begin to appear on the stage. Among others we see the Colonel of the "Old and Gold" for the first time, and Sergeant Upright sings a song well adapted to his style. "Duds," after describing a morning's jack stitching and how "the poor old 'doc' came a cropper" gives us a song describing his experiences of his father and mother, and Sir Carleton's expression is well worth watching. Next comes the Colonel's turn for a song. What a musical Regiment is this "Old and Gold"! They all sing—Colonel, officers, non-commissioned officers, even the officers' orderlies!

But the plot thickens, and we learn from their confessions to Mrs. Rooster that her charges, Gerty and Alice, are making a good deal of impression on the affections of Pte. Green and Sergeant Upright respectively. Tompkins is jealous and in his "pique" asserts that—"I aspires higher than ladies' maids, I do!—which draws from Green the rejoinder—"Lor" that comes of being at Delhi, he wants a Begum"—Tompkins then retires, and they sing a sextette.

But it is not only with the maids that Cupid has been busy. He has had something to say to the mistresses as well. We find Miss Betty and Captain Wellington Nubian ("Boot-polish" as "Duds" irreverently calls him) trying to get Sir Carleton's recognition of their engagement. In this they are considerably helped by Sir Carleton losing his topi, and an amusing bit of acting ends by his giving his

consent from fear of sunstroke. Then follows the finale of Act II.

Act III finds us at Bombay with a very realistic view of the Apollo Bunder. The guests of the "Old and Gold" are about to leave India. Sir Carleton has a call to pay on the Governor and he gives us an amusing song anent calls in general. Tompkins gives us his impressions of the Durbar, and we gather that his real feelings on the subject differ considerably from what he means to tell "the folks at home," and he also delights with his song "When I'm Mister Jerry Tompkins, Esq.," one of the best numbers of the production. Mr. and Mrs. Rooster and the betrothed couples appear next, and we have another of their delightful sextettes. The Adjutant, who has managed to dodge the call on the Governor, appears and confesses to a tender feeling for Clo, but he appears to be rather nervous as to the Colonel's ideas on married adjutants. However, he banishes dull care with a song about "The Club on Saturday night" which is vociferously encored, and is at once a great success among the audience. This song, for some reason or other, directs a good deal of attention among the audience to one of their number, a well-known G. R. and owner of motor cars! The Adjutant and Green exchange confidences, and the former assures the latter that "he is in the same boat as his master." On the former's exit, Green gives his version in song, from which we gather that he would very much like to be in his master's shoes especially as regards "dining, wining, staying out late." It is a good song, well sung, and the chorus is blended very cleverly with the Mess Call. Tompkins now joins Green and we enjoy some capital "gag" over the contents of the former's curio bag. And now the partings between the lovers begin which puts Mrs. Rooster "in mind of old times," and she and Rooster sing one of their delightful duets with a topical verse or two. All gather on the stage with the exception of the Adjutant and Clo, who, we surmise, are following the example of the other couples and "fixing things up." Their delay gives Betty the chance of singing a song about the "dear, dear homeland of old" and we are grateful to them for prolonging the departure and thereby enabling us to enjoy this treat. At last they reappear and the tender is announced. The final chorus consists of a medley of the popular numbers, and the curtain falls amid deafening applause and shouts of "author."

"Comparisons are odious" and we are not going to attempt to compare this year's production with that of last year. Each had its own particular features. True, we had lost Sergeant Frisby, but a host of new talent was unearthed. Then again several of the

older hands had gained experience from last year. The music was extraordinarily well chosen, the chorus was beautifully drilled, and every one who saw the play testified to the genius of Lady Helen Mitford, the "Mistress of the Robes," who designed and chose the dresses. Our thanks are due to her for the time and trouble she has taken over this important duty. Last but not least we must congratulate Privates Richards and Strudwick on the scenery, another item which went far to ensure the success of the piece.

As regards the artistes Mrs. Black as Mrs. Rooster repeated her success of a year ago and was always one of the most popular people on the stage with the audience, and deservedly so. Her duet with Sergeant-Major Rooster was one of the successes of the piece. Nor does her share in the success of the "Old and Gold" end here, for we have heard it on the best authority, that she was of great assistance to Lady Helen Mitford in the matter of the dresses, and in other ways she is one of the most indispensable members of X R. H. A. D. C.

We were very glad to find Mrs. King and Mrs. Ward taking part in the performance as Clorinda and Betty, daughters of Sir Carleton Piccadilly. They were both additions since last year and, we may add, very valuable additions, and we trust that they will both of them take part in every future production. It was a great pity that Mrs. Ward was indisposed on the earlier nights, but she recovered towards the end of the "run" and scored a huge success with her three delightful songs. We only wish that we heard her more often at our Regimental concerts.

Mrs. Reeves (Gerty, the maid) is an old favourite from last year and she enhanced the reputation which she then made. She undoubtedly has a great talent for acting and is always "merry and bright" on the stage. We liked her especially in the song "Don't you think we'll be trod on." The other maid, Alice, introduced us to Mrs. Cates, whose first appearance it was. She showed the greatest promise and we hope often to see her again.

Sergeant-Major Black took the part of Sergeant-Major Rooster and was in his very best form. He always seems to be so thoroughly enjoying himself on the stage, he makes the audience catch his mood at once. Nor must we forget the large amount of unseen worth which falls to his share in his capacity of "Business Manager." We have come to look upon him as indispensable. We enjoyed Sergeant Curtis' dry humour, and that was a real good duet of his with Corpl. Swadling, "Two little love bees." He did the

part of the valet, and we should like to know where that "topi" came from and what is going to become of it. We guessed that Sergeant Curtis would be a great addition, and we were not mistaken.

Another newcomer was Sergeant Keats, the Adjutant of the "Old and Gold," with his eye-glass and song about "The Club on Saturday night" which was an immediate success. The part of "Duds" was played by Corporal Wales, who heretofore we had not suspected of being a "Thespian" as the Editor of the *Gazette* has it. But there is no doubt as to his right to the title and the same remark applies to Pte. Haley, who took the part after Corporal Wales had proceeded on leave. We expect great things of both of them in the future. We suspect Sergeant Marshall of posing as a rajah in the first Act. He certainly recalled the 12th of December to our memories. He also made an excellent *dandawala*. Sergeant-Major Mason made a great hit as Sir Carleton Piccadilly and showed great histrionic powers (Mr. Editor, we are assimilating a certain amount of your descriptive language). It was well worth while watching him whenever he was on the stage, especially when the irrepressible "Duds" was to the fore. The only word to describe McNaught as the Colonel of the "Old and Gold" is *magnificent*. Sergeants Nance and O'Connell are old favourites and they well sustained their reputations. Both had excellent songs to sing, and sang them well.

Last but not least we must mention Corporal Swadling. He had more to do this year than last, upon which the audience were able to congratulate themselves. He is far above the average as a comedian and a great measure of the success of the "Old and Gold" is due to him. But if the piece was a success, as it undoubtedly was, it was not all on account of the principals by any means. The chorus, even more than last year, did their share, and a large share it was. What time and trouble they must have spent in order to reach the degree of perfection to which they attained. Many of the audience declared that they had never seen a better chorus in any amateur production, and we go further than this, and would like to back them against any professional chorus seen out in this country. They consisted of Mesdames Burdeth, Hopkins, Loader, Neill, Paskell, Savage, Stevens and Messrs. Bellwood, Borham, Downie, Drewitt, Henwood, Loader, Moore, Stevens and White.

Finally we must congratulate Mr. Atherley on his great achievement. His was the plot, his were the words, his was the setting of the music. To him fell the duties of conducting the band, drilling the chorus

and training the principals. No light task for any one man, but the confidence reposed in him was more than justified, he came out of the ordeal triumphant, and enhanced his Simla reputation. We can only add how very sorry we were that his success was somewhat clouded by the illness of his child, and rejoice with him that the danger has been past. And while speaking of Mr. Atherley, we must not forget the band. Much of the success of our productions depend on them, and they have to give up as much time and trouble as the performers besides their other onerous duties during the winter season.

Nor must we forget our "Stage Manager," Mr. Turnor. He has had to give up much time, and has taken a deal of trouble, and we all know the amount of tact a stage manager of amateur theatricals requires.

A last word for Corporal Joel, the pianist, who had to do most of the accompanying throughout the rehearsals, an important and at times a somewhat thankless task. We shall look forward to the next production in South Africa.

CARTOON NO. 5—"OUR BILL."

(CAPTAIN E. W. E. PALMES.)

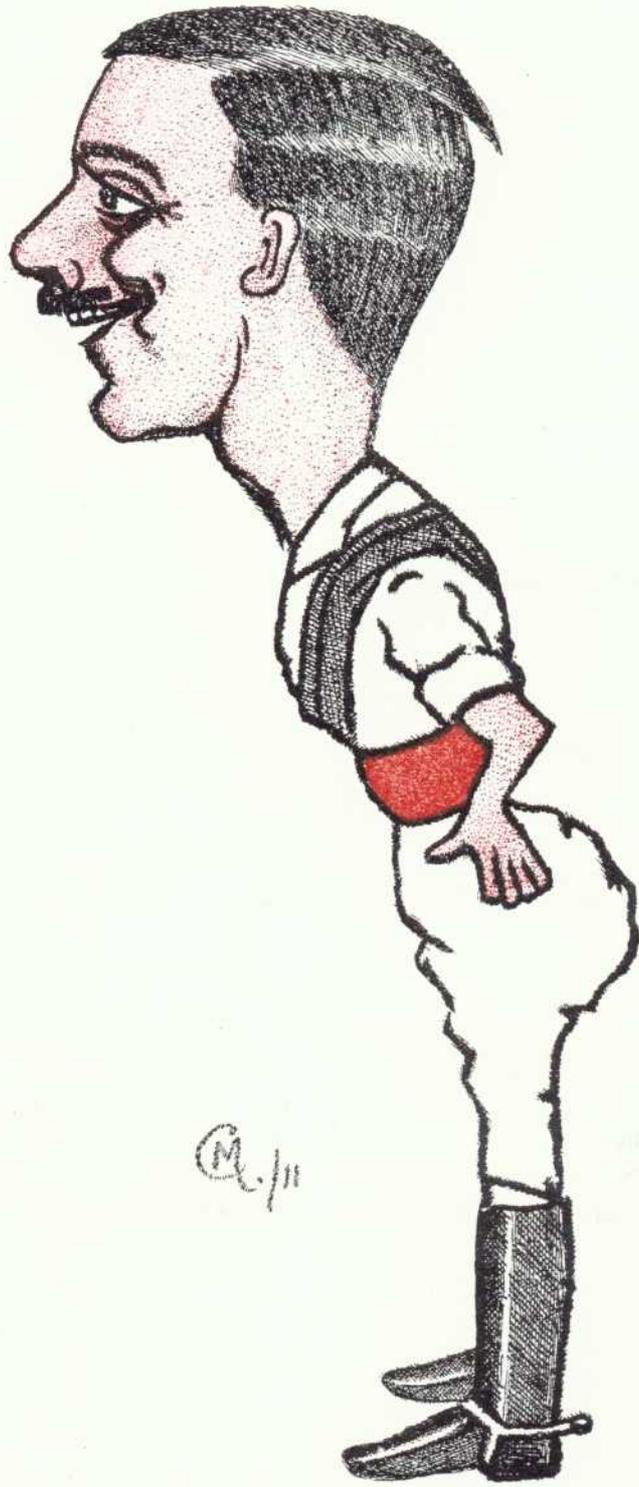
THOUGH well known in every form of sport, game and accomplishment, it is as a polo player and *raconteur* that Billy is especially famous. It was a proud moment for the Regiment when it was decided last year that he was to represent England v. America in the Polo Test Match, though eventually he stood down as fifth man, and it is very probable that, had he played, the result would have been more satisfactory. For the Regiment he has done more than his share in the winning of six consecutive inter-regimentals. In fact the only losing match for the Regiment in which he has played during the last six years was the King's Cup at Delhi.

He is blessed with an extraordinary natural eye and the faculty of being able to instantly appreciate and act on the situations in any game; (this is less noticeable on parade).

Absolutely at the top of the tree at polo, he is at the same time far above the average at racquets, cricket and other games of ball, not forgetting dancing. As runner-up for the Kadir Cup, in 1910, he added yet another most creditable instance to his long list of successes, in every branch of sport, or game.

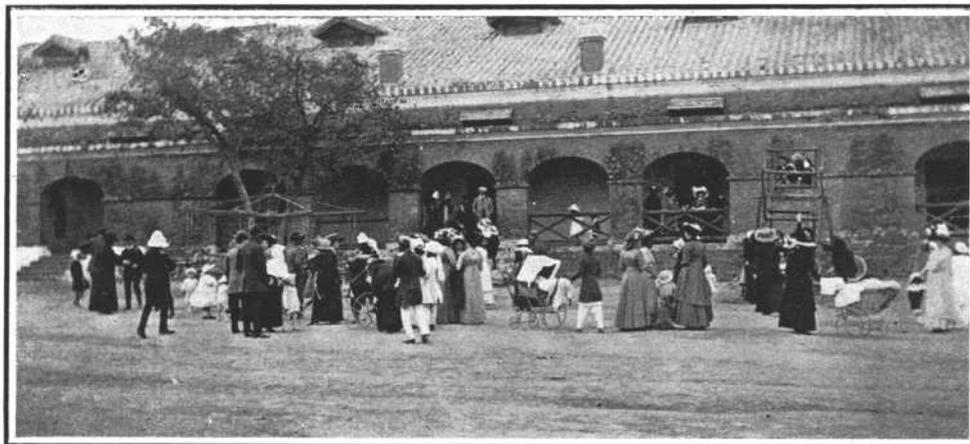
He is a brilliant conversationalist, though somewhat conservative in his stories.

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M. III

"Our Bill"



MARRIED FAMILIES' ANNUAL FÊTE.

THIS year, owing to the stress of the Delhi Durbar, and the absence, until after Christmas, of the ladies of the Regiment, the celebration of the Yuletide by the married families, was compressed into one entertainment. It took place in the Regimental Theatre on the 4th January, the space in front being occupied as in the former years of our stay in Pindi, by the never-satiating hobby-horses and swing. Smart camels with their smarter sowars, kindly lent by our good comrades, the Fifth Cavalry, were also again in evidence, and furnished boundless enjoyment to youngsters and adults of both sexes alike.

The Tea, which was provided by a local caterer (supplemented by those delicious hams cooked by an artist, who demands that his name may not be divulged) was pronounced by all to be a complete refutation of the assertion "that the attainment of perfection is not possible." During the repast the Band did its duty nobly, stimulating appetite, and, if such a need existed, improving digestion.

Willing helpers included Lady Helen Mitford, Mrs. Watkin Williams, Mrs. Stokes and Miss Hayes (from far-away Wales), Colonel Barnes, and all the Officers present. They were assiduous in administering to the needs of all, and saw that there was no lack of good cheer at any of the tables. Having partaken of the feast, the merry children and their mothers trooped out, eager to resume the delights of the *al fresco* sports while yet they could indulge in them.

Meanwhile the Band and some of the fathers were regaled, then the tables were hastily cleared away, the chairs arranged, and the women and children returned into the building for the climax, the Christmas Tree and the gifts.

The curtain was raised upon a veritable scene of fairyland-like appearance. Glittering among innumerable lights of varied hues, *the Tree*, tastefully dressed and adorned by Mrs. Hopkins, assisted by Connie and Gracie, appeared to the accompaniment of gasps of admiration and ejaculations of "ohs!" of the youngsters. The tree was flanked on either side by snow-bound Arctic tents, the scenery presented similar conditions, and the temperature on the stage really appeared many degrees below zero, with a snow-storm in progress. From these tents, with hearty greetings to all, emerged Father Christmas and a fantastically garbed individual who at once appealed to the hearts of the little ones by his appearance and his address. It was some time ere we realised that these were two of our own "gaffonians," to wit, Sergeant Curtis and Corporal Swadling. It was their province to bear the gifts presented by Lady Helen Mitford to the lucky recipients. And capably they filled their rôles. With incessant merry quip and crank, they never flagged until the last of the seemingly inexhaustible store of useful and welcome presents had been transferred. First of all came the toys, of which every child had one, the youngest comer this year being Baby Loader, who came to swell the rolls of the Regiment on the last day of the old year. The customary additional gift of a roll of flannel to every child born during the year necessitated eleven such rolls this year. Then came the Colonel's gifts of a dress-piece (or in some cases a present of a sunshade, bag, handsome cushions, etc.); and finally the prizes earned during the year at school were presented to those children who had merited them.

The Band played the regimental air "God bless the Prince of Wales" and the National Anthem, and all left, thanking the Colonel for his beautiful kindness in providing another entertainment which will be joyfully associated in our minds whenever Rawal Pindi memories are evoked.



INTER-REGIMENTAL TOURNAMENT, 1912.

The Tournament was as usual played at Meerut, and began on March 4th. It is a matter for regret that this year, for the first time for many years, there were no teams entered outside the British Cavalry, neither the British Infantry or Native Cavalry were represented, which in the interests of polo is a pity. All the British Cavalry however sent teams, except the 7th Hussars from Bangalore who are just out from home, but doubtless, as in the past, they are likely to make a bold bid for the cup, as soon as they are mounted.

Our team had four good practice matches with the 17th at Sialkot before going down to Meerut, they were good hard games and were of great benefit to both teams and as events turned out, the results of these games accurately foretold the strenuous match we had in the final.

FIRST ROUND.

The 1st King's Dragoon Guards beat the 7th Dragoon Guards.—The 7th had sportingly come up from Secunderabad to get an idea of inter-regimental polo for future years. Their ponies were not of the same class as those of the K. D. G.'s and they could not in consequence compete successfully in a really first class game. The K. D. G.'s were however only a shadow of their former team: in addition to the loss of the International player, Cheape, they were also without Rasbotham who had had a bad fall a few weeks before. Everyone was very sorry for their real bad luck, nobody more so than ourselves, as we should have liked more than anything to try and wipe out our defeat at Delhi.

A not very interesting game resulted in the defeat of the 7th by 7 goals to 1, the 7th playing up hard towards the end and getting their only goal.

17th Lancers beat the Inniskilling Dragoons.—This was a magnificent match and one of the two best in the tournament. Taking it all through, the 17th certainly had just the best of it, and they would have

been very unlucky to lose. There was, however, very little in it, the 17th kept usually a goal ahead all through the game up to the last chukker, and at no moment were they more than 2 goals to the good. For most of the time the play was in the Inniskillings' half of the ground, but the 17th failed to make the best use of their opportunities, and the persistence of their attack was neutralised by the fine runs and accurate shooting of the Inniskillings, on their big and fast ponies. Both teams were splendidly mounted, and when in the last chukker the Inniskillings equalised at 5 goals all, it was anybody's game. Burnham then took rather a heavy toss, and soon after the 17th scored out of a scrimmage just before time, and won the match by 6 goals to 5. A feature of the game was the fine play of Lockett at back for the 17th, his back-handers were never missed, and they were always hard ones; he seemed to have the knack of always being on the spot at the critical moment.

10th Hussars beat 14th Hussars.—The 14th are a young team and new to the Tournament, and like the 7th Dragoon Guards had come up to get their experience. Their ponies were not so handy or so fast as ours, and they never had much of a look in. Astley played well for them at back, and towards the end of the match they played up with great spirit and dash and scored 4 goals.

We won by 10 goals to 4.

13th Hussars beat 8th Hussars.—A curious game, as up to half time there was nothing between these old rivals; in fact, in the third chukker the 8th were leading by 4 to 2. In the second half, however, the 8th were off their game, and the 13th playing with a lot of dash, constantly increased their lead. Lawson-Smith and Vanneck were in fine scoring form, and Richardson and Hind very safe, and in spite of a fine defence by the 8th's back—Mort—the 13th ran out easy winners by 10 goals to 4.

SECOND ROUND.

This round and the final were played on the splendid new ground made by that benefactor to polo and good sportsman, Mr. Ludovic Porter, I.C.S., to whom all soldiers in India owe a debt of gratitude.

17th Lancers beat 1st King's Dragoon Guards.—A good galloping game, but the issue was really never in doubt. The weakened team of the K. D. G.'s were all round not so accurate or so quick on the ball as the 17th, though they put up a very good fight. The 17th got ahead early in the game and maintained their advantage all through. Wiennolt played especially well for the K. D. G.'s and did the work of two men towards the end of the game, especially when

mounted on his black pony, which stood out as one of the best in the tournament. Owing to the unfortunate accident to their No. 1—Bruce—at Delhi, the 17th played a young subaltern in his place—Eckstein—and very well he played. In this match he gave Wickham no end of trouble, and should develop into a really fine player, and compensate the 17th for the unlucky loss of Bruce. Result:—17th Lancers, 6 goals; King's Dragoon Guards, 2.

10th Hussars beat 13th Hussars.—We started off well by getting 3 goals in the first chukker, and maintaining our advantage, had notched 7 goals to none by the end of the 6th. Then the 13th scored through Vanneck, and again, after a brilliant run up the ground by Richardson, a very fine goal. Then we came again and added two more to our score. The 13th played well individually and with any amount of dash, but they were quite outwitted by the accurate passing of our team, and the handiness of our ponies. Our team were always on the ball and Gibbs at No. 1 cleared the way repeatedly for Fielden or Palmes to score. Combination and accuracy of hitting told its inevitable tale, in spite of the occasional brilliance of the 13th.

Result we won by 9 goals to 2.

FINAL.—8th March 1912.

10th Hussars beat 17th Lancers.—A really good game, and as level a final as anyone could wish to see. The 17th scored first, and Gibbs equalised in the second chukker, with a fine straight near side shot, when riding Lockett off. Then the Lancers scored again through Melville, and Gibbs equalised again with another good goal. In the fourth chukker we got the lead after some good combined play. Half time score, 3 to 2 in our favour. But we were lucky in being ahead as the 17th had had fully as much of the game as ourselves. In the fifth chukker we had the best of it, good riding off and combination, enabled Palmes and Fielden to put on two more goals. The 17th added one through Turner, and with the score at 5 to 3, and three chukkers only to go, the game looked a good thing for us, especially as we had been lately having the best of it. The sixth chukker, though saw a dramatic and unwelcome change, the 17th played with great dash, and aided by one or two unfortunate back-handers of ours, hitting ponies, they put on two goals and the score was 5 all. The game in the 7th chukker was furiously contested and very exciting, rendered more so, when the 17th scored again with a difficult angle shot, and they were a goal ahead. Our team played for all they were worth, and kept the ball down at the Lancers end, and in a collision of three or four players Melvill was knocked over and temporarily

knocked out, but fortunately not seriously hurt. When the ball was thrown in again we kept up the pressure, and just before the end of the chukker, the ball was driven across the front of their goal, Gibbs rode Lockett off, and the ball trickled through. Six all. The eighth and last chukker was a splendid one, at one time Lockett's penalty sixty yard hit, only missed our posts by a yard, and then we worked the ball down to their end. There was a hot scrimmage in front of the 17th's goal, and Fielden reached over and put the ball through, half a minute before time. A good finish to a very fine game.

Mrs. Remington gave away the cup. General Pilcher congratulated the regiment on its record sixth consecutive win, and the 17th on the fine fight they had made.

So the cup comes back to Pindi for the sixth and last time, and I am sure the whole regiment will very heartily congratulate the polo team on its fine performance. If any other regiment in years to come can beat the record set up by the Tenth, we will take off our hats to them, but I doubt it!

Everyone played well and deserved well of the regiment, but if anyone did more than his share, I think, perhaps, it was the No. 1. The ponies that have carried us so well in so many tournaments are, alas, now mostly sold, but the names of The Babe, Simple Simon, Little Gallant, Posidon and Lady Wallace are deserving of at least as much honour as those of Palmer, Palmes, Fielden, Gibbs and Annesley.

A. B.

THE INTER-REGIMENTAL (SUBALTERN) TOURNAMENT.

In this tournament, our representatives were:—

1. Mr. Fielden.
2. Sir Basil Brooke.
3. Mr. (now Capt.) Palmes.
- Back, Mr. (now Capt.) Palmer.

It had been arranged that the teams left in for the final of the Inter-Regimental, should play their first game in the Subalterns', in the semi-final stage. Consequently we were given *a bye*, and in our first game met the King's Dragoon Guards. We won from them by six goals to love, but it was a much better game than this score indicates. Of the opposing team, Hatfield, the back, was a real bulwark of defence, but we had practically our regimental team, which proved on this occasion an impregnable combination. Weinholt, Hawkins, and Read, the other members of the rival team, all played magnificently, but the ill luck which has attended the Regiment's polo still pursued them, and it is now left to us, to express our regret

that we shall not meet them in the game in India again. We hope to see them successful in their games next year.

The final was played on the 14th March, on the Ludovic ground, in the Civil Lines, our opponents being the 17th Lancers represented by Messrs. Eckstein, Dubs, Turner, and Boles (back).

In his report of the game, the Sports Editor of the *Pioneer* writes:—"The game ended in an easy win for the all-conquering Tenth, by eight goals to one. The 17th played a plucky uphill game, but they were unable to cope with the combination of their tournament-seasoned opponents.

The game opened slowly. After some up and down play, Palmer placed the ball, with a long drive, well up to Fielden, who scored neatly. From the throw-in, the 17th at once equalised, Dubs hitting the goal. From the hit-out, the Tenth ran the ball up the ground, and the 17th's back missing his stroke, an easy goal was scored by Fielden.

Scores—Hussars, 2 goals; Lancers, 1 goal.

In the second chukker, after two unsuccessful attempts to score, Brooke slipped away, and out of a scrimmage, Palmer rushed up, and put the ball through.

In the third chukker, Palmer, going up into the game by a pretty near-side shot, on his famous brown pony, scored a fourth goal for his side. The Lancers made a brilliant dash, but just failed to score. After some interesting play, the Lancers attacked, but the ball returned to mid-field, where Brooke got possession. He dashed down the Lancers goal, and finally scored. From the throw-in Palmer took the ball straight down the ground, and through the posts.

Scores—Hussars, 6 goals; Lancers, 1.

The fourth chukker opened with fast play, up and down the ground, in which Turner was conspicuous. Fielden got away by himself, but failed to score. The Lancers made a great effort to increase their score, but were driven back.

The fifth opened with the Tenth attacking. Palmes, meeting the ball in mid-field, placed to Brooke, who slipped through, and scored brilliantly. Fast up and down play followed, both sides attacking in turn. Brooke made a great effort to score but just failed. Turner made a fine run, Eckstein riding vigorously back, but the ubiquitous Palmes saved the situation.

Scores—Hussars, 7 goals; Lancers, 1.

In the sixth chukker, the Hussars quickly assumed the offensive, with a combined run between Palmer and Fielden, who narrowly missed scoring. Palmer placed the ball nicely for Brooke, who with a good shot, again scored. The Lancers attacked, and Eckstein just failed to score.

A good game ended in a victory for the Hussars, by eight goals to one.

The Cup was presented by Mrs. Remington. ✓

N.-C.O.'S, X R. H. AND 17TH LANCERS.

DURING the Rawalpindi Week, a Polo Match was arranged between the Members of the Sergeants' Messes of the Tenth Royal Hussars, and the 17th (D. C. O.) Lancers.

The first of two games was played on 29th March at 10-30 a.m. on the West Ridge Ground. The weather was ideal, and the ground in excellent condition.

REPRESENTING TEAMS.

<i>Tenth Royal Hussars.</i>	<i>17th (D. C. O.) Lancers.</i>
1. S.S.M.I.F. Mitchell.	1. Sergt. Abraham.
2. S.Q.M.S. Dixon.	2. S.S. Sadler Connett.
3. S.S.M.R.R. Ward.	3. Sergt. Rawlinson.
4. S.S.M. King.	4. F.Q.M.S. Lewis.

1st Chukker.—At the throw-in, Rawlinson took possession of the ball and ran it down the field, but was intercepted by King, who in his turn lost it; the Lancers making a dash, narrowly missed scoring. At the knock-in, the ball seemed to bear a charmed life or, eluding all the players, it rolled quietly out of play: the Lancers soon however secured it, and a fine hit from Lewis sent it to a dangerous position in front of the Hussars goal, King missing a back hand stroke, Connett had the goal at his mercy, but made such a feeble attempt that the ball only travelled a few yards, King turning his horse sharply, with a good run, got clear of the Lancers, passed the ball neatly to Dixon, who, with a good shot, sent it between the flags.

2nd Chukker.—The Tenth got away, but were checked by Rawlinson, who passed the ball prettily along the side of the field to Lewis, who shot wide; from the throw-in they continued to press, and a fine shot from Connett equalised the score. The play was now fairly equal, but on the point of time Mitchell missed a good chance of scoring, the ball being kicked out of play.

3rd Chukker.—This chukker was entirely in favour of the Lancers, Rawlinson passing the ball to Lewis, got away with a clear run and scored the second goal for his side.

From the throw-in, Rawlinson succeeded in adding another to their credit.

It was difficult to know during this chukker who was the Captain of the Tenth's Team; each seemed to think it was his privilege to do all the shouting, and "He of the stentorian voice," could be heard for miles.

The combination of the Lancer's Team was excellent, and the keeping their heads as well as being aided considerably by the speed of their horses, helped them to outclass their opponents.

4th Chukker.—Ward, with a good stroke sent the

ball towards the Lancers goal, but King missed badly, Ward again gaining possession tried Dixon, who, after a good run, missed scoring by a very narrow margin.

The play now became very slow ; neither side seemed to be able to hit with any force, until Abraham took the ball and passed it cleverly to Rawlinson, Ward however succeeded in securing it, only to be robbed in his turn by Abraham ; he with a rush would have probably scored again had not " Halt " sounded. Thus a good game finished in favour of the Lancers by 3 goals to 1.

The second match was played on the same ground on 1st April at 11-30 a. m., the representatives being identical.

Excellent weather prevailed ; although overcast, we were pleased the rain held over until the conclusion of the game.

Lieut E. W. E. Palmes, as in the former game, acted as judge, and Lieut. Sir Basil Brooke, X. R. H., and Capt. Wyatt, 17th Lancers, as Timekeepers.

1st Chukker.—Play commenced at 11-30 a. m.; the Tenth took the ball quickly down the field, and a shot from Ward went wide of the objective. From one end of the field to the other, the Lancers dashed, Abraham attempted to score but failed.

A good knock in from King sent the ball to mid-field, where it remained in play for some time, Dixon securing, made a smart run, but failed to find the goal, Lewis saving by a strong stroke ; it was then the Tenth's turn to be on the defensive, King only just managed to save about three inches from the goal line. Pressing hard Lewis again attempted to score, Mitchell with a splendid back hand stroke clearing well.

A little more weight behind the strokes of the Lancers and they would have had the advantage.

Some exciting play in mid-field ended the chukker.

2nd Chukker.—The Lancers taking possession of the ball, with a fast run, took it in close proximity to the Tenth's goal and Connett just missed. Lewis, checking a run by the Tenth in mid-field, some good play was seen. Having manœuvred the ball to the danger zone the Lancers made several shots, and a strong one from Lewis was saved by Ward, who cleared to mid-field. Rawlinson should have scored easily, but Connett mistaking him for an opponent, hit across the goal where Dixon was in readiness. The Lancers pressed, but a weak stroke from Lewis was saved by King.

This was an excellent ; chukker good riding and polo displayed by both teams.

3rd Chukker.—The Lancers had decidedly the best of this chukker, and constantly pressed their opponent's goal.

By an accident, King in clearing, knocked the ball behind the posts, thus giving the Lancers a penalty hit from the 60 yds. line, Lewis with a strong drive sent in near the desired spot, the Tenth in turn trying to intercept it, each missing : one straight shot and the Lancers would have scored, but good fortune favoured us, and the ball rolled just outside the flags.

The riding was fast and good in this chukker, but both teams missed several times.

4th Chukker.—This chukker opened with determination on both sides, King playing well, passed neatly to Dixon, who shot but missed by a narrow margin. The Lancers pressed hard, but the defence was too good for them, Connett playing well was stopped by King, and cleared by Ward. A quick run down by the Tenth gave King a chance of a long shot, but went the wrong side of the flags.

No score having been made, the judge allowed an extra minute, and at the end of time still no score was made by either side.

Play was resumed with widened goals. The Lancers took possession and a good shot from Rawlinson was saved by King, who passed to Mitchell, and after a good amount of pressing in front of goal, Ward managed to place the ball between the flags, the Tenth winning by 1 goal to nil.

The game was witnessed by a large number of people, and all went away with the conviction that the team that won, well deserved the victory after such an evenly contested game.

POLO BALL.



BOXING NOTES.

OPEN TOURNAMENT.

An open tournament, which commenced on the 26th February, was engineered with success by Mr. Gordon-Canning. It was advertised as a three-night show, but owing to the numerous entries, it was found necessary to extend it to a fourth.

We were again fortunate in securing Lieut. Carter as Referee, and, as Judges, Lieut. The Hon. John Bigge of the 60th Rifles and Lieut. G. F. Earl of the Rifle Brigade.

Lieut. W. P. Littlewood and Sergt.-Major Mitchell ably filled the respective roles of Timekeeper, and M. C. Corporal Wales made a most efficient Secretary. The fights resulted as follows :—

FIRST NIGHT—26th February.

Boy Sladden, 17th Lancers v. Boy Smith, of the 60th Rifles.

The fight opened with a round distinctly in favour of the Lancer's boy ; he led throughout, and meted out pretty severe punishment to Smith. The second was more even, and in the third the boy of the Rifles reversed the situation, had far the best of it, and finally won a good fight. He had a nine pounds advantage over his foe.

Boy Crabb v. Boy Roberts, both of the Rifles.

In this encounter, Boy Crabb (whose appearance suggests a very early transfer to the man's roll), was forced throughout by Roberts. He drove Crabb, who is by no means a bad fighter, all round the ring in the first round. In the second things were more level. The third was opened with great dash by Crabb, who attempted to bear down his smaller antagonist, but the "little 'un" was not to be denied, and he won an exceedingly well fought fight, on points.

FIRST ROUND, MIDDLE-WEIGHT COMPETITION.

Private Gorman, Durham L. I. v. Lce.-Corpl Moon, Sussex Regt.

Won by Gorman, who did most of the leading throughout, against a plucky and tenacious foe.

Private Fox, Durham L. I. v. Rifleman Curzon, 60th Rifles.

Curzon, who comes to the station with a reputation, was awarded the fight, Fox going down to avoid punishment.

Gunner Howell, 74th Co., R. G. A. v. Lce.-Corpl. Adams, 17th Lancers.

Adams, following his old tactics, knocked his man out in the first round.

Private Wigham, Xth R. H. v. Dr. Harris, 38th Battery, R. F. A.

Wigham entered the ring with an injured thumb, and succumbed in the first round.

Private Hails, Durham L. I. v. Lce.-Corpl. White, Xth R. H.

A level first round. In the second White was down, the round after this, bringing no material advantage to either. The last round saw Hails getting home repeatedly on White's left jaw, but apparently making little impression. The points, however, counted up in his favour, and he won.

Private Donkin, X. R. H., v. Gunner Smith, 38th Battery, R. F. A.

A brief contest. Donkin had his man down three times within the first two minutes, and won on a knockout.

FIRST ROUND, LIGHT-WEIGHT COMPETITION.

Private Sagor, X. R. H., scratched to Rifleman Price, Rifle Brigade.

Pte. Reynolds v. Pte. Finnerty, both of the X. R. H.

A good fight. Finnerty showed great improved form. Reynolds should make a useful fighter, with more experience.

Private Erler, 17th Lancers, v. Private Chorlton, X.R.H.

After a good contest, Chorlton was knocked out in the third round.

Dr. McIlroy, 4th Battery, R.F.A., v. Lce-Corpl. Seale, Manchester Regiment.

Won by Seale, on a knockout, in the second round.

FEATHER-WEIGHT COMPETITION.

FIRST ROUND.

Rifleman Russell, Rifle Brigade, v. Lce-Cpl Roys, X.R.H.

The Rifleman was knocked out.

Bombardier Lloyd, 38th Battery, R.F.A., v. Private Robson, Durham L.I.

Robson took a knockout, in the second round.

Private Moore, X.R.H., v. Private Smith, '05, X.R.H. Moore scratched.

BANTAM-WEIGHT COMPETITION.

FIRST ROUND.

Private Wallis, Manchester Regiment, v. Rifleman Nelson, 60th Rifles.

The opening round went in favour of the man of Manchester ; both fought with determination, and without flagging. The second was marked by smart work, the Rifleman the quicker to take advantage of openings. In the third he displayed a gift of ambi-dexterity which overcame his rival's praiseworthy defence, and won him the fight.

SECOND NIGHT.—27th February.

LIGHT-WEIGHT COMPETITION.

SECOND ROUND.

Rifleman Price, Rifle Brigade, v. Pte. Finnerty, X.R.H.

A wild, hard fight. Price won on points. Finnerty took his punishment gamely.

Pte. Erler, 17th Lancers, v. Lce.-Cpl. Seale, Manchester Rgt.

Seale had the advantage of height, weight and reach, but Erler stood bravely to his guns. Seale won on points.

Private Tee, X.R.H., v. Lce.-Cpl. Zarate, North Stafford Regiment.

Rather slow fighting. Zarate won on points, after an extra round.

Rifleman Lettice, 60th Rifles, v. Sergt. Daniels, Rifle Brigade.

Daniels had Lettice down three times in the first round, and knocked him out in the first minute of the second.

Pte. Wallace, X.R.H., v. Gr. Taylor, 74th Co., R. G. A.

Taylor was declared the winner after a splendid display on the part of Wallace, who stuck to his man with regular bull-dog-like tenacity.

Lce.-Cpl. Howard, 60th Rifles, v. Lce.-Cpl. Hotine, X.R.H.

Hotine using a straight left with good effect, won comfortably on points.

Pte. Hawkins, Durham L.I., v. Pte. Bailey, X.R.H. Bailey scratched.

Pte. Smith, 98, X.R.H., v. Pte. Hammond, X. R. H.

A slogging match. Smith led in the first round, but could not stay, and Hammond secured the verdict.

FEATHER-WEIGHT COMPETITION.

SECOND ROUND.

Lce.-Cpl. Roys, X. R. H., v. Br. Lloyd, 38th Battery, R. F. A.

Roys much the better man; he punished Lloyd severely, and knocked him out in the second round.

Pte. Smith, 05, X.R.H., v. Private Lloyd, Manchester Regt. Lloyd was too good for Smith, and knocked him out in the second round.

Pte. Meller, 17th Lancers, v. Rifleman Leach, 60th Rifles.

An even pair. Leach won a good, hard, clean fight, on points.

Rifleman Ebdon, 60th Rifles, v. Lce.-Cpl. Smith, 17th Lancers.

Won by Smith, on a knockout, in the second round.

MIDDLE-WEIGHT COMPETITION.

SECOND ROUND.

Private Gorman, Durham L.I., v. Rfmn. Curzon, 60th Rifles

A dislocated thumb compelled Gorman's retirement.

Lce.-Corpl. Adams, 17th Lancers, v. Dr. Harris, 38th Battery.

Adams led in the first two rounds, but Harris pulled up in the third, and an extra round was ordered. Decision was given in favour of the Lancer.

Pte. Hails, Durham L. I., v. Pte. Donkin, X. R. H.

Donkin in great form: he knocked his man out in the first round, with a smashing upper cut.

Gunner Evans, 74th Co., R. G. A., v. Pte. Thornton, 17th Lancers.

A very good fight, in which Evans' superior ring-craft just managed to bring him victory.

THIRD NIGHT—28th February.

LIGHT-WEIGHT COMPETITION.

THIRD ROUND.

Rfmn. Price, Rifle Brigade, v. Lce.-Corpl. Seale, Manchester Regt.

A level three rounds of good honest fighting and brisk exchanges. An extra round brought to a termination one of the best fights in the tournament. Seale won on points.

Lce.-Corpl. Zarate, N. Stafford Regt., v. Sergt. Daniels, Rifle Brigade.

Another ding-dong fight, between foemen worthy of each other's steel. The rounds were very level, the third being marred by frequent intervals for the adjustment of Zarate's gloves. An extra round was necessary to enable the judges to come to a decision, and in this Daniels' good work brought him the verdict.

Gunner Taylor, 74th Co., R. G. A., v. Lce.-Corpl. Hotine, X. R. H.

This was a good fight of three slogging rounds, maintained vigorously from start to finish. Won by Taylor on points.

Pte. Hawkins, Durham L. I., v. Pte. Hammond, X. R. H.

Hammond fought pluckily, but was up against a much better man. He was down and out in the third round.

SEMI-FINAL.

Lce.-Corpl. Seale, Manchester Regt., *v.* Sergt. Daniels,
Rifle Brigade.

As good a fight as any we have witnessed, fought without abatement throughout. Won by Seale, on points.

Gunner Taylor, 74th Co., R. G. A., *v.* Pte. Hawkins,
Durham L. I.

Hawkins won, on points, Taylor fighting gamely, but could not quite equalise matters.

FEATHER-WEIGHT COMPETITION.

SEMI-FINAL.

Lce.-Corpl. Roys, X. R. H., *v.* Pte. Lloyd,
Manchester Regt.

Although this lasted through three rounds, and Lloyd did better in the second round than he did in the first, the superiority of Roys was apparent from the start. He won, from a good man, on points.

Rifleman Leach, 60th Rifles, *v.* Lce.-Corpl. Smith,
17th Lancers.

Won by Smith, after three good hard rounds.

MIDDLE-WEIGHT COMPETITION.

SEMI-FINAL.

Rifleman Curzon *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Adams, 17th Lancers.
Won, on a knockout, in the first round.

Pte. Donkin, X. R. H., *v.* Gunner Evans, 74th Co.,
R. G. A.

An excellent exhibition of the good fighting qualities of two good men. Donkin won.

BANTAM WEIGHT COMPETITION.

SEMI-FINAL.

Rifleman Nelson, 60th Rifles, *v.* Pte. Johnson,
Manchester Regt.

A level fight, well fought, won by the Rifleman.
Riflemen Salt and Cole, of the Rifle Brigade.
Cole won.

BOYS' COMPETITION.

FINAL.

Boys Smith and Roberts, of the 60th Rifles.

Roberts won after a good fight in which both boys showed sterling mettle.

BANTAM WEIGHTS.

FINAL.

Rfn. Nelson, K. R. R. Corps, *v.* Rfn. Cole,
Rifle Bde.

A splendidly contested fight, both men going all out in every round. Nelson just managed to secure the verdict by a narrow margin of points.

FEATHER-WEIGHTS.

FINAL.

Lce.-Cpl. Roys, X. R. H., *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Smith,
17th Lancers.

A fine stand-up contest. The men were well matched, but Roys was perhaps slightly better trained, and he won one of the best and cleanest fights of the tournament on points.

LIGHT-WEIGHTS.

FINAL.

Lce.-Cpl. Seale, Manchester Regt., *v.* Pte. Hawkins,
Durham Lt. Infantry.

Seale was too big and possessed too great a reach for Hawkins who nevertheless stuck gamely to his man. Seale was awarded the decision on points.

MIDDLE-WEIGHTS.

FINAL.

Pte. Donkin, X.R.H., *v.* Rfn. Curzon, K R. R. Corps.

Donkin made a splendid show against the champion of all India, and in the first two rounds kept his end up well. Weight, strength and experience, however, told their inevitable tale in the last round and Curzon won well on points. There is no doubt that he could have knocked his opponent out in this last round, and the fact that he did not do so but contented himself with only just putting enough weight behind his blows to secure the winning advantage, reflects the greatest credit on him as a really good sportsman. We all wish him the best of luck in his big fight at Bombay.

SPECIAL 6 ROUND CONTESTS.

1. Lce.-Cpl. White, X.R.H., *v.* Gr. Stephens, R.G. A.
White did not show his usual form and lost on points after rather a tame exhibition.

2. Pte. McQueen, X. R. H., *v.* Pte. Hammond,
X. R. H.

A good fight throughout. Hammond did most of the leading but McQueen countered well with both hands. Hammond won on points.

3. Pte. Woodley, X. R. H., *v.* Gr. Driscoll, R. G. A.
Driscoll was the bigger and heavier man and he won on points after six rattling rounds in which Woodley gave a fine exhibition and took some severe punishment with the utmost good humour.

4. Pte. Tee, X. R. H., *v.* Pte. Wallace, X. R. H.

Wallace won on points. He rushed his man throughout and deserved his victory. Tee would have done better had he led more and utilised his superior reach more.

Best Losers' Prizes were awarded to the under-mentioned:—

Feathers.—Pte. Lloyd, Manchester Regt.

Lights.—Sgt. Daniels and Rfn. Price, both of the Rifle Brigade.

Middles.—Gr. Evans, 74th Coy., R. G. A.

Major-General Sir G. C. Kitson, K.C.V.O., who had been present throughout the evening, very kindly gave the prizes away and congratulated all concerned on a very fine show.

REGIMENTAL SPORTS, 1912.

THE Regimental Sports were held on the 15th and 16th March 1912, on the Regimental Sports ground. There was a large assembly on Saturday the 16th, when the principal events and finals were contested.

The Officers of the Regiment were "At Home," also the Sergeants.

The weather was all that could be desired, and the dresses in the ladies' enclosure gave a dash of smartness to the scene.

At the conclusion of the Sports Lady Helen Mitford kindly distributed the prizes to the winners as under:—

Dummy Thrusting, Lance-Corporals and Privates.—1st, Lce.-Corpl. Bayall, "B" Squadron; 2nd, Lce.-Corpl. Higgins, "A" Squadron; 3rd, Pte. Sage, "A" Squadron.

Dummy Thrusting, Sergeants and Corporals.—1st, Sergt. Paskell, "A" Squadron; 2nd, S. S. M. R. R. Ward, "C" Squadron; 3rd, R. S. M. Gordon, "C" Squadron.

Tent-Pegging with Sword, Privates.—1st, Pte. Crawley, "C" Squadron; 2nd, Pte. Ridley, "D" Squadron; 3rd, Pte. Ward, "B" Squadron.

Tent-Pegging with Sword, Sergeants.—1st, S. S. M. R. R. Ward, "C" Squadron; 2nd, Sergt. Rawson, "D" Squadron; 3rd, Sergt. King, "A" Squadron.

Individual Jumping, Lance-Corporals and Privates.—1st, Pte. May, "B" Squadron; 2nd, Lce.-Corpl. Bayall, "B" Squadron; 3rd, Lce.-Corpl. Alderson, "A" Squadron.

Sword v. Sword, Lance-Corporals and Privates.—1st, Pte. Ward, "B" Squadron; 2nd, Lce.-Corpl. Higgins, "A" Squadron; 3rd, Pte. Birch, "D" Squadron.

Sword v. Lance, Open to Regiment.—1st, S. S. M. R. R. Ward, "C" Squadron; 2nd, S. S. M. King, "B" Squadron; 3rd, Pte. Waugh, "D" Squadron.

Followers' Race.—1st, Sannu; 2nd, Monoo; 3rd, Ditta.

Relay Race.—1st, 3rd Troop, "D" Squadron; 2nd, 2nd Troop, "B" Squadron.

Tent-Pegging with Sword, Corporals.—1st, Lce.-Corpl. Coombes, "A" Squadron; 2nd, Lce.-Corpl. Howlett, "B" Squadron; 3rd, Lce.-Corpl. Norton, "C" Squadron.

Tent-Pegging with Lance.-Sergeants.—1st, S.Q.M.S. Burdett, "C" Squadron; 2nd, R. S. M. Gordon, "C" Squadron; 3rd, Sergeant Reeves, "D" Squadron.

Individual Jumping, Sergeants and Corporals.—1st, S. S. M. Brisley, "A" Squadron; 2nd, S. S. M. R. R. Ward, "C" Squadron; 3rd, S. S. M. King, "B" Squadron.

Two Rings and a Peg. Open to Officers of the Garrison.—1st, 2nd Lieut. R. C. Gordon Canning, X R. H.

Section Jumping, Regimental.—1st, "A" Squadron; 2nd, "C" Squadron; 3rd, "D" Squadron.

Section Tent-Pegging with Lance. Open to the Garrison.—1st, "B" Squadron, X R. H; 2nd, "A" Squadron, X R. H; 3rd, Supply and Transport Corps.

Section Tent-Pegging with Lance. Open to Native Troops.—1st, 5th Cavalry; 2nd, No. 2 Ammunition Column.

Balaclava Melee.—1st, 1st Troop, "A" Squadron; 2nd, 2nd Troop, "C" Squadron.

Band Race.—1st, Lce.-Corpl. Pollock, "B" Squadron; 2nd, Bandsman Hargreaves, "D" Squadron; 3rd, Bandsman Hearne, "A" Squadron.

Wrestling on Horseback.—1st, "A" Squadron; 2nd, "C" Squadron.

Sword v. Sword. Open to the Regiment.—1st, Lce.-Corpl. Higgins, "A" Squadron; 2nd, S. S. M. King, "B" Squadron; 3rd, S. S. M. R. R. Ward, "C" Squadron.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

INTER-SQUADRON ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL SHIELD, 1911-'12.

Commenced on 15th January 1912.

Sqn.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.	Goals.	
						For.	Against
"C"	6	4	0	2	10	12	4
"D"	6	4	1	1	9	13	7
"A"	6	1	3	2	4	7	10
"B"	6	0	5	1	1	5	12

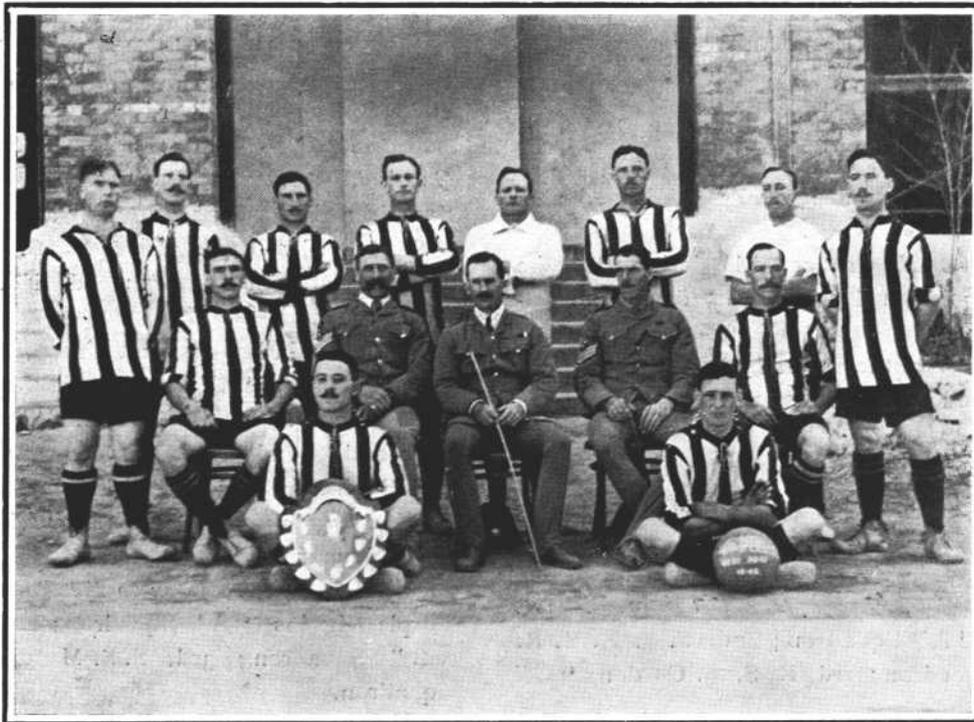
Once again "C" proved their superiority and proved the winners. This year, however, they had by no means the walk-over they anticipated, as the above table will show.

To do them justice it must be mentioned that, when they drew with "D" in the first round they were not at full strength, as two were on the sick list and Hargreaves was at Meerut. It was a very narrow squeak and "D" had by no means the best of the luck. "A" and "B" Squadrons were chiefly remarkable for the extraordinary way in which their form varied, *vis.*, in the first round "A" were thoroughly trounced by "C" and in their turn easily beat "B," yet in the second, although they drew with "C," they only just managed to stave off a defeat when they met "B," the score at half time being two nil in favour of the latter. Perhaps the absence of certain of "B's" star performers in the first match accounts for this. We have made the most diligent enquiries

for such a lengthy period. Now if this sort of thing were to be carried out by all the squadrons, it could not fail to have an adverse effect on the sportsmanlike character of the contest for, say, 15 men per squadron, (*i.e.*, a team of eleven and 4 reserves) are excused duty, this means a total of 60 men whose duties will be thrown on the shoulders of their comrades in the busiest period of the year. Surely a cavalryman, worthy of the name as such, is quite competent to ride his horse in the morning, and play a game of football at night.

We look to the committee to frame rules to put a stop to this deleterious, if well meant practice.

One thing we can look on with satisfaction and that is, the number of new and promising players that



Inter-Squadron Football Shield, Winning Team, "C" Squadron.

as to why these players did not turn out, but have not yet been able to discover a satisfactory explanation. Surely that offered by the Riding School Jemadar who said "Ah Sahib, sub chiz Bandwallahs come to Riding School now, make um break um jumps and the plenty fall off," is not to be taken seriously.

However, to resume, "D" had hard luck and deserve credit for their game attempt to wrest the championship from "C," who have now held it for three seasons in succession, and if the tournament is played next season before we shift, and this squadron is not broken up, they should be very near the top.

One thing that did not meet with universal approval was the fact that their team was struck off duty

have come to light. Although comparisons are always invidious yet one name stands out pre-eminent for real dashing play, *i.e.*, Birch, who was transferred from the 17th Lancers. He played exceptionally well, and it is to be regretted that he is ineligible to represent the regiment in the "Tenth Royal Hussars Association Football Tournament."

X R. H. ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL ANNUAL TOURNAMENT.

FIRST ROUND.

26th March 1912.

17th Lancers v. 1st Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.

The 17th were pressing all through and gained a well merited victory by two goals to one.

"A" scored first after some pretty passing but could not convert the try. "B" soon after equalised as the result of a scrum on "A's" line, their kick at goal also going wide. They continued to press and it was only the neat and effective tackling of "A's" backs that prevented them registering a second try. Some good kicking into touch relieved the pressure from "A's" twenty-five, and once again, getting well on the move, their three-quarters came away, and secured the lead. The kick for goal dropped short. There was no further score until half time. After changing ends there was plainly only one team in it as "B's" team were run off their legs. "A" were continually dangerous and registered two more tries one of which was converted.

Score: "A" 3 tries, one goal, 14 points. "B" one try, 3 points.

"C" then played "D" and won "hands down," by 13 points to nil. There was no comparison to be made between the two teams as "D" were immeasurably superior all round.

Score: "D" 13 points. "C" 0

FINAL.

"A" got right away at the start and their stand-off half securing the ball, drew off the defence neatly, and passing just at the right moment, enabled the outside left three-quarter to dash in with a pretty try, after the two centre three-quarters had handled the ball.

The kick at goal was a very difficult angle and went just wide. "A" continued to have the best of matters right up to ten minutes of time, when their back made a very weak kick which went to one of "D's" three-quarters who was left unmarked; he had a clear run right in, and touched down under the bar. The kick at goal was a poor one. "D" seemed to have new life infused in them by this piece of luck, and they added a good dropped goal and another try to their score, bringing their points up to 10. "A" then came again, and pressing hard, managed to obtain another try, far out on the right, which was unconverted. Time went a minute after with "A" right on top of "D's" line. We are told that "*Les vaincus ont toujours tort*" but even so, it must be admitted that it was hard lines to lose after pressing for at least three-quarters of the whole game. Had "A's" back either kicked into touch or dropped on the ball, the result would undoubtedly have been quite otherwise.

However it's no good crying over spilt milk, and we only hope that next year will see a better tournament when "D's" sturdy partisans will be split up amongst the other squadrons.



MUSKETRY NOTES.

REGIMENTAL RESULTS AT THE B. P. R. A. MEETING.

The Editor of the *Gazette* having intimated that an account of the work of our team at Meerut will be of interest to the Regiment, I give briefly the results.

We left Rawal Pindi on the 13th January, and arrived at Meerut on the 15th. This gave us a couple of days before the competitions commenced, and we occupied them in looking round the station. On the morning of the 17th we attended at the scene of conflict, just a bit nervous, but determined to do our little band of six's best against the remaining 1,500 competitors.

The first match was at 200 yards, standing. In this we did fairly well, Corporals Dewey and Simpkin, with 26 each, being well in the first dozen, and Private MacMahon with 24.

At 800 yards we came out creditably, Corporal Simpkin getting into 3rd place with 34, and Private MacMahon and Corporal Hargreaves well up with 32 and 31 respectively.

Match III, at 300 yards brought a prize to Private MacMahon.

In Match IV, 900 yards, Corporal Simpkin was placed.

Match V, at 600 yards, was better for us, three of the team securing prizes, namely, Private MacMahon, and Corporals Jones and Dewey.

This match brought a conclusion to the Practice Matches, in the aggregate of which the scores of 156 each, of Corporal Simpkin and Private MacMahon qualified for prizes.

The Championship Matches commenced the following day, with Match VIII, at 300 yards. In this we had four winners, Corporals Hargreaves, Simpkin and Dewey, and Private MacMahon.

Corporals Hargreaves and Simpkin scored successfully in Match IX, at 800 yards, and in Match X, at 300 yards, the same couple found places in the prize list.

Corporal Hargreaves repeated his success in Match XI, at 900 yards, and in Match XII, 600 yards, with a score of 34, got second place. Corporal Simpkin was also a prize-winner in this match.

Corporal Dewey was a winner in Match XV., "Tiger's Head."

In the "Individual Falling Plate" competition, Pte. MacMahon and Corporal Simpkin secured honours.

Match XXII was a "Falling Plate" Team Match, in which our team, after a tie with 14 plates, were placed third.

The next day we all turned out to escort to the range Corporal Hargreaves, who was selected as first waiting man for the match Army vs. Volunteers. The Army team, however, was complete, and he was not called upon to fire. We stopped to watch the match, which proved an easy win for the Army, by 69 points.

We returned to Rawal Pindi on the 30th January, tolerably satisfied with our record, having won 31 prizes, totalling Rs. 347, and a silver spoon.

In the event of our being in India when the next B. P. R. A. meeting takes place, we hope that a much stronger number of the Regiment will attend it.—X. V. W. Z.

SINCE the publication of the last *Gazette*, we have heard the result of the various competitions held under the auspices of the Army Rifle Association. We find ourselves in the prize list of three competitions. In the Queen Victoria Cup, open to all Cavalry Regiments and Infantry Battalions abroad, we win the seventh prize. In the Hopton Cup again open to all the Cavalry and Infantry abroad, we are sixth on the list. Finally in the Henry Whitehead Cup, open to all Cavalry and Infantry both at home and abroad, we find ourselves awarded the ninth prize. Altogether not a bad record, and we heartily congratulate the members of the various teams on their success.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

As a preliminary to the sporting season, we have indulged in (when possible) of a Thursday morning to Sporting Sweepstakes. Up to the present we have only had four, *vis* :—Tent Pegging (Sword); Jumping, pointing at Balls; Heads and Posts; Tent Pegging (Lance). It is needless for me to remark, what a number of sportsmen we have in the Mess, and in each event there were good entries and keen competition. The results were as follows :—

TENT PEGGING (SWORD).

1st Cpl. Coombs,
2nd ,, Ashton.

JUMPING—POINTING AT BALLS.

1st Cpl. Phillpots,
2nd ,, Wheatcroft.

HEADS AND POSTS.

1st Cpl. Jones.
2nd ,, Prattley.

TENT PEGGING (LANCE).

1st Cpl. Robinson.
2nd ,, Arkel.

I trust that these sporting sweepstakes will retain their popularity and commence again as soon as the Rifle meeting is over.

We threw the glove to the members of the Corporal's Mess, King's Royal Rifle Corps, to play us at billiards on Wednesday, 8th March. Teams :—8 a side. Game :—150 up.

With the challenge was sent an invitation to spend a social evening with us. The challenge was readily accepted and the invite was also accepted. During the evening we were treated to the vocal efforts of the members of both Messes which were much appreciated. Speeches that were made during the evening brought forth loud applause, and showed the good fellowship which exists between the two Corps. Our own vocalists readily responded to the call to appease us, and I must also commend the following members of the Messes of other units who contributed to the programme, *vis* :—

CPL. GILL, K. R. R. ... *Song* ... One touch of nature
(Parody).
,, BANNISTER, K. R. R. *Recitation* Parable of the Sower.
,, VALERIA, K. R. R. ... *Song* ... If I lived next door to you.
,, MORGAN, K. R. R. ... *Song* ... Give honour where honour is due.
,, IAVENNAH, XVII LANCERS
Recitation A Love Story.
,, PEMBERTON, K. R. R. *Song* ... Daddy.
Encore. It don't last very long.
BOMBR. FRUE, R. F. A. ... *Song* ... Annie Laurie.

A PLEASANT evening was brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

THE Billiard Tournament resulted in a win for us, the scores being as follows :—

X. R. H.				K. R. R. C.			
Cpl. Pater	...	148	v.	Cpl. Weston	...	150	
,, Purchon	...	150	v.	,, Nichol	...	146	
,, Davies	...	150	v.	,, Poole	...	112	
,, Watson	...	141	v.	,, Horton	...	150	
,, Stevenson	...	150	v.	,, Allen	...	141	
,, Dunne	...	150	v.	,, Williams	...	115	
,, Wheatcroft	...	150	v.	,, Gill	...	140	
,, Chamberlain	...	150	v.	,, Marsden	...	91	
Total...				1,189			1,045

THE Regimental Sports took place on the 15th and 16th March and we were pleased to have a good number of visitors to our enclosure. We sadly missed the services of "Dad" this year at the "At Home," but everyone was full of praise for "Shoey" who turned out in grand style. (I should say he was in training). Nevertheless, things went off very well, until our worthy secretary started making tea with cold water. I assure you I cannot recommend him as a "Chef" for the Officers' Mess.

THE numerous prizes won by our members at the Regimental Sports will, no doubt, be noted in the sports columns, but we must all congratulate "Jock" on his appointment as "Regimental Nappy."

INVITATIONS were received from the R. A. and K. R. R. C. to their sports and accepted, and we had a very enjoyable time. We greatly appreciate their kind invitations and hope that they enjoyed our sports as much as we did theirs.

WE congratulate Cpl. Roys of ours on taking 1st place at our Boxing Tournament against Cpl. Smith XVII Lancers, and 2nd against the same antagonist at the XVII Lancers' Tournament. This shows that they are very closely matched. Try again Ginger!!

BETTER luck next time "Blinder!!"

BOOK added to the Mess Library by Cpl. L. Watson—
"The Strange Story of My Life!!"

DURING the last quarter the following members of the Mess have departed for England to try their luck in civil life, *vis*:—Cpls. Gibbs, Omerod, Hadaway, Maynard, Hepple, Ashton, Johnson, Cobbold, Green and Rushby. We wish them the best of luck in whatever they may try and hope they will correspond with us.

The following members have also left us for a summer sojourn in England (we should be pleased to hear of them in the matrimonial lists), *vis*:—Cpls. Phelan, Bullen, Heasman and Walkup. Owing to financial speculations (with bad results) Taffey and Rodney cancelled.

Cpl. Tomsett has rejoined us again from furlough in England, looking fit and well, and we have also been pleased to welcome into our midst several Corporals of the 18th (Q. M. O.) Hussars, who have arrived with the last two drafts.

THERE is a rumour about that we are moving. Is it North or South Africa?

EN ROUTE.

"D" SQUADRON NOTES.

HARK! Again cheer after cheer rings out, and reaches the listener's ear, from the direction of the paddock. "D" Squadron is giving vent to their feelings. A solitary figure, dressed in a flannel suit and wearing a solar topee, from the distance appears to be the object of this outburst of enthusiasm. As the cheering subsides, he turns on his heel and walks towards the gate. Even a casual observer could at once discern, that, the now retiring figure was that of Captain Gibbs. On approaching the groups of men, now clustered around, and talking with serious faces over the event, a clue could be obtained which soon explained the meaning of this unrecorded expression of feelings. So the Captain has gone at last! He has been a jolly good friend to us! What a pity! he always took such an interest in us all, and everything we did! So ran the theme during the general conversation of the various groups. Thus did "D" Squadron say farewell to their late Squadron Commander, Captain Gibbs, at the conclusion of the sports which had been held during the afternoon. We salute you, Sir, and tend our best wishes for your future career, which we feel sure will be a very brilliant one. Even when we cease to be "D," which, alas, may occur very shortly, each one of us will always remember this parting with feelings of regret. "D" has, however, one consolation, that is, the sound training received under Captain Gibbs' tuition will always prove a valuable legacy.

Since our return from Delhi, advantage has been taken of the spare hours to revel in sports and games, an account of which may be of interest to the readers of the *Gazette*. At a meeting of the Squadron convened early in January to draw up and consider a programme for sports, the following propositions were put forward and adopted. Sports either mounted or dismounted to be held each Thursday. Suggestions for events to be made to Troop representatives who would communicate the same to the Sports Committee at the weekly meetings, for consideration. Many pleasant hours have been spent in consequence, either competing, or watching exhibitions of skill and endurance. From the number of competitors it will readily be seen what great interest was awakened in each event, and that the ultimate winners certainly deserved the congratulations which were bestowed on them. In the Potatoe Race, 64 competitors toed the line. This event was run off in heats of 8. The final heat being won by Pte. Hogarth, who, by an excellent sprint managed to outstrip Corpl. Battle and Pte. Donnachie in the race to breast the tape, they being second and third, respectively.

Eight heats had to be run off to decide which competitors should form the final heat in the Sack Race. The course was 220 yards long, with obstacles over which each had to go, before he could make for the winning post. This race, provided much fun, as a likely winner would generally come to grief, when trying to negotiate the forms that were placed as high jumps. Ptes. Chapman, Hammond and Harris, finally proved themselves to be the most nimble, and won in that order.

Another popular event was the Relay Race. Sixteen teams of four men each entered the lists. Some really first class running was witnessed in this competition, and great excitement prevailed amongst the onlookers, as they urged on the representatives of the teams, they wished to win. Lce.-Corpl. White, Ptes. Birch, Downey and Finnerty, constituted the winning team. Lce.-Corpl. Nelson, Ptes. Hammond, Giddy and Churchyard secured second place. Ptes. Church, 2222 Smith, Baker and 909 Addison, were third.

Lce.-Corpls. Nelson and Callaghan with Pte. Hammond breasted the tape first in the six-legged race.

Corpl. Battle, Ptes. Roe and Chapman were second. Corpl. Heasman, Pte. Reynolds and Hopwood were third. Eighteen trios competed, but the winning teams quickly dropping into an even stride, soon outstripped their opponents and won by a good margin.

Another event which caused great amusement to the spectators was the Reveille Race. Outer garments were divested by the competitors and placed in a heap. After boots, coats, &c., had been well mixed, these articles were placed in sacks, which, after being tied up, were thrown indiscriminately around the starting point. The Reveille was now sounded, and the competitors who until now were lying on the ground in a row, sprang up and made for the sack to secure their own clothing. Amid the confusion caused, boots and other articles of attire were thrown to a distance to prevent their owners from readily finding them. Pte. Birch, 2005 Smith, and Billings came out of the scramble first, and covering the 440 yards to the winning post, secured 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively.

One event, was the means of causing the onlookers to be convulsed with laughter. Practically the whole of "D" Squadron participated in this event. It was carried out under the idea of prizes for all. After a run of 400 yards, the competitors came to a fence and ditch. Once clear of these obstacles they had to secure one of the eighty prizes strewn over the ground in the vicinity. The different facial expressions, as each investigated the contents of the package he had appropriated, are beyond description. The lucky men came away smiling, but those who had secured a booby

prize in the shape of a whip, brick, or a carrot, &c., well imagination can provide a better appreciation of the scene, than could be depicted by the pen.

At the conclusion of a really good day's sport and amusement, Capt. Gibbs distributed the prizes to the various recipients.

The next Thursday was devoted to a range competition. Rupees 50 had been voted to the Squadron from the Regimental Shooting Club Funds. It was decided to frame some competition in which the whole of the Squadron had to take part. The following is the gist of the rules which governed the match. Teams to consist of sections. Each section to be complete under its own leader, as they stood on the Troop rolls. The teams to be formed up at the 500 yards firing point, when five rounds were allotted to each number. Forty-five seconds was the time allowed to double to the 400 yards range, charge magazines, and fire the 5 rounds. The target, a Figure 3, and marking the same as for the annual course.

After the last teams had fired, it was found that the following sections had been successful. They received the prizes as detailed below :—

Section.	Points scored.	Average.	Prize Rs.
Lce.-Corpl. Nelson	... 40	8	20
„ Harwood	... 45	7.5	15
„ Barratt	... 21	7	10
Corpl. Hollingsworth	... 46	6.5	5

Sergt. Rawson's section secured the wooden spoon. Their score and average is withheld from publication, as it might upset the nerves of any prospective Meerut team. What did the parrot say? I don't think! Anyhow, the range chowkidar, took some time to recover his equilibrium of spirits, and muster up courage enough to leave his little wooden hut to again place the targets in position. Our Mick, on hearing the result of the match at once remarked—"Why that's nothing, I once won five chips for hitting an invisible target." Good man, Mick!! you must have seen Maskelyne and Devants' illusions at some time or the other.

Captain Gibbs, having kindly presented a cup for swordsmanship, it was decided to utilize the next two weeks, by fighting off the various pools, to decide who was to be the winner. Fifty-eight pools of six were accordingly drawn up. Mounted combats taking place in the morning and dismounted fighting each afternoon. The following N.-C.O.'s and men secured a place in the final pools, mounted and dismounted. Lce.-Corpl. Bayston, Ptes. Hammond, Birch, Burgess, Seymour, and 2544 Addison. At the conclusion of the fights in the final pool, it was found that Pte. Birch,

had only one fight scored against him, and he was awarded the Cup. Pte. Hammond, who had only lost two fights, gained second place, while Corpl. Bayston, and Pte. Burgess divided honours for third place.

On 22nd February, Mounted Sports were held and the following events were competed for. Heads and Posts, V. C. Race, Tent-pegging with the sword, and Lloyd-Lindsay. Seventy-two competitors entered for the Heads and Posts competition, which was keenly contested. Pte. Birch secured first prize, after two really good runs. Sergts. Wardly and Reeves, Ptes. Francis, Hogarth, and Ridley, who were only one point behind the winner then ran off for second and third places, with the result that Sergt. Reeves took second, and Pte. Francis third prize. Seventy-five N.-C.O.'s and men entered for that always exciting event, the V. C. Race. Corpls. Hodder, Callaghan and Dyson, Ptes. Roe, 2409 Scott, Waugh, Bedford, Marchant, Downes, Dale, Brown, Render, Ridley, Burgess, Chapman, and Francis, having won their preliminary heats, ran off in the final heat. Pte. Francis came in first, Pte. Dale second, while Ptes. Burgess and Downes were a dead heat, for a third place. The next competition was tent-pegging with the sword. Eighty-two N.-C.O.'s and men exhibited their skill in tilting at the peg. Pte. Ridley was first, Pte. Hopwood second, and Pte. Hogarth third.

That event in which the combination of riding and shooting are considerate, *viz.*, the Lloyd-Lindsay was run off as the final event of this day's sport. Sixteen teams entered, and the conditions of this competition were,—ride round a flag which was put as a marker, from thence over two jumps, and finally to the firing point. This course, which was a quarter of a mile long was laid out in the shape of a W. On arrival at the firing point, six mud balls had to be shot down, each man having five rounds of ammunition for that purpose. After the balls were all down, the team again mounted and rode fifty yards, then over a jump. The team, which completed the whole course in the quickest time, won. The team comprising Corpls. Orchard, Hodder, Pte. Brown, and 961 Taylor, finished in 1 min. 40 secs., and were first. Ptes. Worth, Giddy, Burnett, and Dickson, gained second place, their time being 1 m. 48 secs. Corpl. Smith, Ptes. Bedford, 2409 Scott, and Beasley, whose time was 1 min. 58 secs., were third. A very creditable performance on the part of the teams named.

Other sports which have been held on a Thursday are Dummy Thrusting competition, which was won by Ptes. Brown, Bownes and Chapman, in that order.

Individual Jumping Competition.—1st Pte. Roe, 2nd Pte. Drewitt and 3rd Pte. Ingham.

Tent Pegging with Sword.—1st No. 4715 Pte. Balkwill, 2nd Corpl. Hollingworth and 3rd Pte. Ingham.

Two Ring and a Peg.—1st Corpl. Smith, 2nd Pte. Roe.

Heads and Posts.—1st Pte. Marchant, 2nd Corpl. Ovenden and 3rd Pte. Render.

Football (Teams of five).—Won by the "Sanatogen Section," which comprised Ptes. Battye, 44 Addison, Harris, and Tptr. Underwood.

Tent Pegging.—1st Corpl. Smith, 2nd 4715 Pte. Balkwill and 3rd Ptes. Brown and Roe.

On March 11th, sports were held in conjunction with Capt. Gibb's farewell to the Squadron. A very pleasant time was spent by us all. Five events were thrown open to "D" Squadron for competition, the programme being a mixture of mounted and dismounted sports.

Dummy Thrusting, was won by Pte. Waugh, Corpl. Orchard, being second. Pte. Garritt third, and Sergt. Hyland fourth.

Relay Race.—Ptes. Scott, Hogarth, 17 Smith, and Nock, secured 1st place, while Corpl. Battle, Ptes. Jepson, Markey and Rose, were second and Corpls. Lloyd, Smith, Pte. Birch and Bellinge third.

Tent Pegging by sections (sword).—Sergt. Reeves, Ptes. Muscroft, Bellinge, and Brown, were awarded the place of honour. Corpl. Lloyd, Jempson, with Ptes. Baldwin and 909 Addison, were runners up. Ptes. Battye, Burnett, Hopwood and Precious, were placed third.

Six-Legged Race.—Ptes. Waugh, Hodges, and Scott, came in first, Ptes. Markey, Muscroft, and Ingham, second. Ptes. Birch, Hogarth, and Corpl. Battle, third. Lce.-Corpl. Poole, Ptes. Donnachie, and Bownes, fourth.

Lloyd-Lindsay competition, under the same rules which governed the previous one.

Corpl. Borham, Ptes. Brown, Jepson, and Hogarth, whose time was 1 min. 41 secs. were first. Sergt. Wardley, Corpl. Hollister, Pte. Waugh and Birch, time 1 min. 45 secs., 2nd; Corpl. Smith, Sergt. Reeves, 909 Ptes. Addison, Ingham, time 1 min. 48 secs. third.

Capt. Gibbs at the close of the sports, distributed the prizes, and cheers were given again and again as a send off to our popular Commander.

On Saturday, February 10, a Squadron Boxing Tournament was held in the gymnasium, when the events enumerated below were contested.

MIDDLE WEIGHTS.

1ST ROUND.

Lce.-Corpl. White *v.* Pte. Garnish.

Three spirited rounds were fought, both men showing great skill and determination.

Lce.-Corpl. White eventually won on points.

2ND ROUND (SEMI-FINALS).

Pte. Jordan *v.* Pte. Finnerty.

Both men fought extremely well and took their gruelling with that good humour which makes the noble art such a manly sport. Finnerty proved a very hard nut for Jordan to crack. We hope to see more of him in future tournaments, for undoubtedly he is the coming champion of the regiment. As he remarked, "he is not so green as cabbage looking." Pte. Jordan eventually won on points by a very small margin.

2ND ROUND (SEMI-FINALS).

Lce.-Corpl. White *v.* Pte. Church.

Lce.-Corpl. White in the second round had the misfortune to injure his wrist, but like the good sportsman he is, continued to hold his own until the end of the bout, and won on points. Church proved himself a very plucky boxer. We hope to see him give a good account of himself in the next tournament.

3RD ROUND (FINAL).

Lce.-Corpl. White *v.* Pte. Jordan.

Lce.-Corpl. White scratched to Jordan owing to the injury received during his bout with Church. Great disappointment was the result. The audience had looked forward to a fistic treat. Both these men always give such a good display when they meet in the ring, and their fight is always the one of the evening.

LIGHT WEIGHTS.

1ST ROUND.

Pte. Garnish *v.* Pte. Smith, 05.

Both men fought with determination. Garnish asserted his superiority in the third round, and Smith retired after receiving a good deal of punishment.

2ND ROUND (SEMI-FINALS).

Pte. Garnish *v.* Pte. McQueen.

This fight proved a very poor one indeed. Both competitors failed to show their usual form, and after a most disappointing farce Garnish retired in the third round leaving McQueen to be declared winner.

Pte. Hammond *v.* Pte. Thomas, 09.

An excellent fight, and both men gave a fine display in scientific boxing. The fight all through was very even. Pte. Hammond was given the verdict.

3RD ROUND (FINALS).

Pte. McQueen *v.* Pte. Hammond.

Three hotly contested rounds. Both men gave a splendid exhibition of boxing, in fact this fight was the best of the evening. An extra round of two minutes had to be fought to finally decide the winner. Pte. McQueen won eventually by a very few points.

NOVICES CATCH WEIGHTS.

1ST ROUND.

Pte. Bownes *v.* Pte. Guy.

Bownes did not come up to the scratch, so the fight was given to Guy.

Pte. Wigham *v.* Pte. Bedford.

Bedford failed to enter the ring and meet his man, so the fight went to Pte. Wigham.

2ND ROUND.

Pte. Wigham *v.* Pte. Guy.

This fight was a disappointment, as neither men fought with much spirit, and after a very poor display Guy retired in the second round.

Lce.-Corpl. Harwood *v.* Pte. Hill.

An excellent fight, and both men fought with plenty of pluck. The fighting continued fast to the end of the last round. Harwood gained the verdict on points. We hope they will both continue to follow up the sport as they are sure to make a name for themselves with further experience in ringcraft.

3RD ROUND (FINAL).

Pte. Wigham *v.* Lce.-Corpl. Harwood.

A very even match. The fight was won by Wigham on points.

NOVICES LIGHT WEIGHTS.

FIRST ROUND.

Pte. Sagor *v.* Pte. Moore.

Pte. Moore scratched.

Pte. Harris *v.* Pte. Derrington.

Pte. Harris scratched.

Pte. Keedwell *v.* Pte. Glazebrook.

A very good fight, both men receiving and giving a good deal of punishment. Keedwell won on points after a really good display.

Pte. Seymour *v.* Pte. Buckley.

Pte. Seymour was awarded the fight on a foul.

2ND ROUND (SEMI-FINALS).

Pte. Sagor *v.* Pte. Derrington.

Both men gave a good display, but heavy punches to head and body delivered by Sagor told their tale in the third round, when Derrington retired.

Pte. Keedwell *v.* Pte. Seymour.

A very evenly contested bout. Both men warmed up in the first round, and continued to box throughout the fight with plenty of dash and pluck. Pte. Seymour secured the verdict on points.

3RD ROUND (FINAL).

Pte. Sagor *v.* Pte. Seymour.

Pte. Seymour, who had sprained his ankle during the previous fight, was unable to enter the ring. The fight was awarded to Pte. Sagor.

Pte. Finnerty and Pte. Hill were awarded consolation prizes for being the two best losers.

Even with this long programme of sports, our squadron rugby team did not neglect to practise for the Inter-squadron Rugby Shield. The shield was competed for on the League system, and, to be terse, "D" Squadron is now emblazoned on the shield. Our team politely put it on "C" Squadron to the tune of 13 points to nil. "B" Squadron had their tails down, so did not come up for their gruel, thinking discretion the better part of valour. Buck up "B."!!! In the final game "A" Squadron soon found out it was no good running their heads against a brick wall. "D" let them down lightly, winning the game by 10 points to 6.

In passing, why does not the S.S.M. of "A" give them a few tips in how to pass back. We hear he is great with his back stroke on the polo field. Perhaps he practises it on a ping-pong table. For a really life-like description of his world famed book, one should interview the S.Q.M.S. of "C."

The remark passed by one of the zealous supporters of "A" Squadron team, "I'll bet, Dum Dum, the correspondent of 'D' won't forget to put this win in the *Gazette*," has come true. But, who is the lady implicated, in his affaire de coeur?

"D" Squadron has also met, and defeated the following teams at a game of Association football. Band K.R.R.'s by 2 goals to 1. The Band and Signallers, X.R.H., 1 goal to 0. "C" Squadron, 4 goals to 2. The 74th Coy. R.G.A., 3 goals to 2. "F" Coy., K.R.R., 2 goals to one. "G" Coy. K.R.R., 2 goals to 0. "B" Squadron, 3 goals to 0. "A" Squadron, 3 goals to 1. "B" Squadron, 3 goals to 1. "A" Squadron, 3 goals to 0. 74th Coy. R.G.A., 2 goals to 1. Also were the runners-up for the Squadron Shield. Not such a bad record after all.

The game of Hockey has also received our attention, and "D" won a match against "G" Coy. K.R.R., 3 goals to 2. "C" Coy. K.R.R., 2 goals to 1. "B" Squadron, 6 goals to 2. "A" Coy. K.R.R., 2 goals to 0. 74th Coy. R.G.A., 1 goal to 0. "H" Coy. K. R. R., 2 goals to 0. "B" Squadron 3 goals to 1,

and we hope next time to be able to add the Hockey Cup to our list of achievements in this game.

Our Provost Sergeant is to be congratulated on his latest appointment, namely, the honourable post of regimental dog shooter. We noticed, however, that the smile of complacency is gradually fading from his face. Perhaps he has been reading an account of the revolution in China, and fears that, one of the new reforms may embrace the prohibition of that celestial delicacy, the dainty chow chow, as an article of diet. With a keen eye to business as Regimental Cook Sergeant, no doubt he had already visions of the patronage of the Chinese Court, for his delicate and selected how-wows.

Corpl. Heasman has taken advantage of the opportunity to have a furlough in England. We hope he may thoroughly enjoy himself during his stay. Rumours are current that he intends to desert from the ranks of the Benedicts. Girls, do be careful. Old Dad is such a naughty, naughty boy.

Our readers will no doubt be pleased to hear that Sonny Jim has lost his appetite, and "D" Squadron now breathes more freely in consequence. Our messing committee are able to report that he only eats half a loaf now with each meal. Well, two loaves were a bit beyond a joke, after all. We hope that his manly chest will not lose its full-blown appearance, for, the Durbar Medal presented to him by his troop, will certainly require a good back ground when our Sonny decides to wear it. Since his employment in the Regimental sick lines, he has become quite an authority on how to treat and feed a horse. That may account for his urgent enquiries of late as to the indentivity of the "Bhoosa King of "A" Squadron."

One of the reporting staff of "D" Squadron has informed me in confidence, that the Nappy of "D" Squadron has had quite a shock. The reason let me whisper softly in your ear. Hush! Wigham has had his hair cut.

Best wishes for their future, follow our late comrades who have just left us for the Reserve. In passing, our time expired fund is still in a very flourishing condition, over Rs. 2,000 standing to the credit of the thrifty ones.

We never knew that Jimmy Roe was a bricklayer before. Of course, that accounts for him taking the brick at our sports. We also hope that he is now convinced a brick is not a foot ball, and made to be kicked.

Those who said that Pte. Harris kept his whisps for grooming purposes are entirely wrong. Nothing so common as that. He had a brotherly eye on the

Sanatogen Section and thought that the whisps would do to pad the chests of their tunics with.

Sergt. Wardley is to be congratulated on his fine sprint for the carrots. No doubt he intends to again run D 124 for the Kavanagh Cup. If so, we advise him to hold a bunch of these succulent yellow coloured roots, in front of the poor old horse's nose as an enticer.

Will the hill parrots who wish to qualify for their ring this year, please give their names without delay, to

DUM DUM.



BAND NOTES.

THE first quarter of the year has been full of incident, as far as the band is concerned. I shall however only refer to those events which were most important regimentally, and resultful to the Band.

The first of these was the departure of our very popular Band Sergeant, "Nickety" Smith, and his equally popular wife. He has been selected for employment with the Indian Ordnance Department, and left us on the 8th February, to take up the appointment of Store Sergeant, in the Arsenal, at Kirkee.

He joined the Regiment as a boy, on the 11th September 1897, and was soon earmarked for promo-

tion: appointed Bandsman, 24-9-98; Lance-Corporal, 11-10-02; Corporal, 5-4-04; Lance-Sergeant, 17-10-04; Band-Sergeant, 6-1-05.

During his service of over seven years in the latter rank, it is safe to assert that Sergeant Smith discharged his duties with conscientious exactitude, with that tact and kind-heartedness which is so essential in training and stimulating boys, and at all times exercising smooth but successful disciplinary measures. As the Bandmaster of a hot-weather band, he was perfect as has been acknowledged by the Regiment, and Mhow and Pindi outside audiences. The assistance he has given to his Bandmasters will be readily admitted by them. On the 27th Nov. 1907, he led to the hymeneal altar, Nora, the elder daughter of Mrs. Hines, the Matron of the Mhow Military Hospital, who soon after our arrival in India, was a valued friend of our married families. Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Smith had earned the esteem of the Tenth Hussars, and had frequently appeared on our concert and dramatic stage: since she became one of the Regiment, by her readiness to render any assistance to the Band, the admiration for her has never waned, and we include Mrs. Smith, likewise her infant daughter, Noreen, in our heartiest good wishes for the future. May the trio never lack as good and loving friends, as those they left behind in The Tenth. Sergeant Smith is not yet thirty years of age, and should have a long and useful career before him. He is an "old Dakie," has a first class certificate of education, and he is decorated by the Durbar medal for his bloodless victories at Delhi.

The loss to the Band also has to be recorded, of bandsmen Evans and Darvell, who left us on completion of twelve years' service, to try their luck as civilians. The good wishes of their old comrades accompany them.

Band-Sergeant Forrest and Trumpeter Southard, having made arrangements, are avoiding this last Indian summer, by taking furlough at home. The prospects of the rigours of another hot weather (in torrid Murree), did not appeal to them, hence their presence in England, where, we trust, they will have the very best of times.

The production, by our A. D. C., of the musical comedy, "The Old and Gold," provided us with some much-needed employment during the slack back-end of March. Full particulars are looked for, in the pages of the *Gazette*, and it need only be stated here, how the Band enjoyed the play (and fairly revelled in the rehearsals), admiring beyond everything the versatility of Mr. Atherley, who was protagonist, impresari

ibrettist, author, song-writer, concert of situations, ballet master, and a lot of other things to which I cannot give a name just now. It is certain that even our Editor will not find words which can convey praise in excess of that which Mr. Atherley merits. The vast audiences attracted by the play were unstinting in their eulogies of their play, and a fat bank balance results. If any suggestions as to worthy eleemosynaries are sought, apply to

TWO-IN-A-BAR.

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

OVERHEARD at Inspection by I. G. C. Horse Parade.
Squadron Leader—"Are you ready there, Sergeant Major?"

Sergeant-Major—"If you wait a second, Sir, I shall be ready in a minute."

HEARD in a Squadron Bungalow.

1st—"I'm not a greaser. I'm a good duty soldier."

2nd—"It's a good job you remind us you're a soldier sometimes, or we should not perhaps realise it."

HEARD in the vicinity of the Riding School.

Sergeant-Major—"What's the matter, Corporal. Are you getting ready for musketry?"

Corporal—"Not yet, Sergeant-Major! Why?"

Sergeant-Major—"Oh! I thought you were, because I see you have your sights blackened."

REGIMENTAL GAZETTE.

Authority, War Office Letter No. 102, Cavalry, 142 (M-3-1.), dated 6th February 1912.

Lieut. W. L. Palmer has been granted an extension of appointment as Adjutant to the 30th June 1912.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

No. 4110, Lance-Corporal A. Walkup, promoted Corporal, 30-12-11.

No. 5631, Unpaid Lance-Corporal E. Dunne, appointed paid Lance-Corporal, 30-12-11.

No. 5280, Sergeant (O.R.S.) P.W. Cates, promoted Squadron-Sergeant-Major (Orderly Room Sergeant), 27-1-12.

No. H. 1480, acting Lce.-Corpl. A. Morgan, is appointed Unpaid Lce.-Corpl., with effect from 14-1-12.

Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporals, 22-1-12—

No. H. 6107, Pte. A. Ward.
,, H. 3610, ,, E. Joel.
,, H. 1850, ,, D. Callaghan.
,, H. 3139, ,, C. Hodder.
,, H. 6021, ,, G. Brown.
,, H. 4534, ,, H. Lane.
,, H. 2043, ,, T. Monaghan.

No. H. 1777, Bandsman J. Matthison, appointed Trumpeter, 1-11-11.

No. H. 4611, Boy Avery, appointed Bandsman, 1-11-11.

No. 3819, Band Sergeant F. Smith, appointed Officiating Store Sergeant, Ordnance Department, and posted to the Kirkee Arsenal, 29-1-12.

No. 5592, Lance-Corporal C. Alderson, appointed paid Lance-Corporal, *vice* Hadaway proceeded home, 29-1-12.

No. H. 918, Lance-Corporal E. W. Wales, appointed paid Lance-Corporal, *vice* Ring, proceeded home, 17-2-12.

No. H. 18, Lance-Corporal H. Nepean, appointed paid Lance-Corporal, *vice* Hepple, proceeded home, 17-2-12.

Appointed Unpaid Lance Corporals, 23-1-12—

No. 2960, Acting Lance-Corporal H. Jordan.
No. H. 943, Private R. Fogg.

No. H-3607, Lce.-Corpl. Mason is appointed paid Lce.-Corpl., *vice* Cobbold, discharged, 24-3-12.

CONTINUANCE IN THE SERVICE.

Beyond 21 years.

Regimental-Sergeant-Major A. Gordon, 25-7-11.

RE-ENGAGEMENTS

To complete 21 years' service.

No. 5230, Sergt. G.R. Hyland, 17-1-12.
No. H. 867, Corpl. J. H. Veal, 23-1-12.
No. 4932, Sergt. W. T. Smeed, 2-2-12.
No. 4940, Lce.-Corpl. D. Knight, 2-2-12.
No. 4933, Pte. A. Sage, 2-2-12.
No. 4826, Pte. W. H. Standen, 5-2-12.
No. 4793, Pte. A. E. Yeates, 26-3-12.

EXTENSION OF SERVICE.

To complete 12 years' service.

No. H. 2951, Pte. E. H. Harris. } 11-1-12.
No. H. 3633, ,, A. Baker. }

DISCHARGES.

No. 3175, S. S. M. Instructor T. M. Jukes, Indian Unattached List, on the termination of his second

period of limited engagement, at Gosport, on the 18-12-11.

No. H. 924, Private T. W. Hutchinson, Medically unfit, at Netley, on the 22-12-11.

No. H. 4691, Corporal J. Horwood, on the termination of his first period of limited engagement, with permission to reside in India, 31-1-12.

PENSIONS.

No. H. 545, Private P. McDonald, 10*d.* per diem, for life, from 31-10-11.

No. 3175, S. S. M. Instructor T. M. Jukes, 27*d.* per diem, for life, 30-12-11.

No. H. 924, Private T. W. Hutchinson, 12*d.* per diem, for twelve months, conditional.

TRANSFERS RECEIVED.

Private G. Smith, from the 8th Hussars, 1-1-12, posted to "A" Squadron.

Private L. Gregory, 1st King's Dragoon Guards, posted to "A" Squadron, 1-2-12.

Private A. E. Blythe, from the 4th Battalion, Worcester Regiment, posted to "B" Squadron, 1-2-12.

Private G. W. Moore, from the 17th (D. C. O.) Lancers, posted to "C" Squadron, 1-2-12.

No. 1581, Pte. E. Hicks, from 1st King's Dragoon Guards, 31-3-12.

No. 270, Pte. F. W. Featherstone, from 1st King's Dragoon Guards, 31-3-12.

TRANSFERS GIVEN.

No. H. 367, Corporal J. Veal, to No. 32 (Divisional Signal) Co., Sappers and Miners, Fategarh, and posted to the Non-Departmental Section of the Indian Unattached List, 25-2-12.

CLASSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Examination held at the School of Musketry, Changla Gali, ending 21st October 1911—

Lieut. C. B. Wilson,—Qualified in Musketry.

No. 4358, Sergeant H. T. Langdon—Qualified in Musketry, (Distinguished), and Maxim gun.

No. 4972, Sergeant G. L. Slattery—Qualified in Musketry, and Maxim gun.

Examination, after a course of Veterinary Instruction, held at Ambala, on the 13th January "with credit"—

No. 4831, Shoeing Smith, R. Treasure.

No. 5593, " " E. Cox.

Major C. W. H. Crichton passed in Part (i), Tactical fitness for command, at the "Q" (i) examination, held in the 2nd (Rawal Pindi) Division, in October 1911.

CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

Awarded at an examination held at Rawal Pindi on the 8th March 1912:—

Second Class.

No. 4257, Pte. F. Walton.

No. 8560, Pte. R. Bodill.

No. 973, Pte. H. Marshall.

Third Class.

No. H-2521, Pte. F. Sheen.

No. H 6314, Pte. G. Palmer.

No. H-5459, Pte. W. Start.

No. H-5159, Pte. G. Baines.

No. H-5216, Pte. P. Dyson.

No. H-1304, Pte. W. Henwood.

No. H-5210, Pte. A. McFarlane.

No. H-5458, Pte. W. Craddock.

No. H-5056, Pte. A. Slack.

No. H-5229, Pte. G. Wall.

No. H-5464, Pte. J. Hill.

ARRIVALS.

Draft, arrived from the 18th (Queen Mary's Own) Hussars on the transport *Rohilla* at Karachi, on the 24th January, joined on the 26th, were posted as follows:—

"A" SQUADRON (13).

No. H-1487 Lce.-Cpl. Brown, F.

" " 4319 Pte. Witt, J.

" " 4997 " Williams, H.

" " 5086 " Moore, J.

" " 5130 " Cooper, W.

" " 5119 " Cooper, J.

" " 5251 " Sheen, W.

" " 5284 " Bond, H.

" " 4766 " Murphy, J.

" " 5455 Lce.-Cpl. Hobby, F.

" " 6288 Pte. Norman, W.

" " 6491 Boy Green, T.

" " 7229 " Woods, W.

"B" SQUADRON (11).

No. 5930 Sergt. Hibble, F.

" H-6489 Pte. Kendal, F.

" " 4952 " Tansey, B.

" " 4967 Lce.-Cpl. Gomm, N.

" " 5016 Pte. Wigley, J.

" " 5052 " Wheeler, J.

" " 5210 " McFarlane, A.

" " 5285 Lce.-Cpl. Gillard, W.

" " 5299 Pte. Day, H.

" " 6496 " Brown, H.

" " 7075 Boy Bodill, A.

"C" SQUADRON (14).

No. H-4963	Pte.	Chorlton, P.
" " 5034	Lce.-Cpl.	Bayliss, S.
" " 5036	Pte.	Grinsell, W.
" " 5056	"	Slack, A.
" " 5090	"	Ellis, H.
" " 5199	"	Bains, G.
" " 5229	"	Wall, G.
" " 5280	"	Jasper, W.
" " 5342	"	Green, F.
" " 5459	"	Start, W.
" " 5458	"	Craddock, W.
" " 5907	"	Richardson, A.
" " 6314	"	Palmer, J.
" " 5216	"	Dyson, P.

"D" SQUADRON (14).

No. H-4987	Pte.	Hodges, W.
" " 5035	"	Buckley, H.
" " 5057	"	Glazebrook, T.
" " 5184	"	Sagar, H.
" " 5217	"	Keedwell, S.
" " 5240	Lce.-Cpl.	Pearce, H.
" " 5276	Pte.	Martin, J.
" " 5298	"	Biddle, H.
" " 5411	"	Nock, J.
" " 5464	"	Hill, J.
" " 5903	"	Rogers, C.
" " 6313	"	Moore, J.
" " 6464	"	Jarman, T.
" " 4643	"	Morilee, T.

Draft of 40 N.-C. Os. and men arrived at Karachi on the 21st March 1912, per H. T. *Rohilla*, joined 23rd, and posted to Squadrons as under :—

"A" SQUADRON

No. H-4623	Pte.	H. Smith.
No. H-5149	Pte.	J. Swales.
No. H-5421	Lce.-Cpl.	L. Warren.
No. H-6445	Pte.	M. Thomas.
No. H-6813	Pte.	A. Webb.
No. H-5023	Pte.	J. Holland.
No. H-5413	Pte.	A. Hunt.
No. H-5897	Pte.	D. Rogers.
No. H-6467	Pte.	E. Morris.
No. H-5837	Pte.	T. Waller.

"B" SQUADRON.

No. H-4310	Lce.-Cpl.	T. Hope.
No. H-5218	Pte.	G. Kelly.
No. H-5420	Pte.	H. Hodson.
No. H-6285	Pte.	F. Richards.
No. H-6962	Pte.	J. Watkins.
No. H-4996	Pte.	E. Waddington.
No. H-5258	Pte.	C. Ogden.

No. H-4125, Pte. J. Joyce.

No. H-6317, Pte. E. Scott.

No. H-6583, Pte. A. Routledge.

"C" SQUADRON.

No. H-4497, Pte. J. Gardiner.

No. H-5043, Pte. P. Cole.

No. H-5546, Pte. A. Haley.

No. H-6282, Pte. E. Knowles.

No. H-5123, Pte. A. Taylor.

No. H-5037, Pte. J. Wittaker.

No. H-5058, Pte. E. Turner.

No. H-6271, Pte. J. Vango.

No. H-6432, Lce.-Cpl. R. Dorman.

No. H-5256, Pte. T. Wyatt.

"D" SQUADRON.

No. H-4134, Pte. J. Scott.

No. H-4624, Pte. G. Fisher.

No. H-5147, Pte. A. Hall.

No. H-5469, Pte. F. Fletcher.

No. H-5894, Pte. A. Bloomer.

No. H-4046, Pte. H. Gale.

No. H-4376, Pte. T. Metcalf.

No. H-5418, Pte. A. Wakefield.

No. H-5893, Pte. A. Purcell.

No. H-5905, Pte. B. Bater.

From furlough—

No. H-4859, Corporal A. Tomsett.

DEPARTURES.

On the Transport *Plassy*, from Bombay, 11-1-12—

No. 4955, Sergt. P. Sanders, on furlough.

On the Transport *Rohilla*, from Karachi, 31-1-12—*For discharge.*

No. H-1099, Corpl. E. Gibbs.

No. 4737, Corpl. Shoeing-Smith, D. Omerod.

No. 4511, Bnds. W. Evans.

No. 4512, " G. Darvill.

For transfer to the Army Reserve—

No. 5620, Lce.-Corpl. C. Hadaway.

No. H-4617, " J. Maynard.

No. H-240, Pte. J. Arnold.

No. 5559, " A. Cater.

No. 5549, " A. Filewood.

No. H-6206, " A. Mayer.

No. H-4518, " L. Wright.

On the Transport *Dongola*, from Bombay, 23-2-12,
for transfer to the Army Reserve.—

No. 5548, Lce.-Corpl. W. Evans.

No. 5492, " J. Hepple.

No. H-391, " J. Parfremment.

No. 5543, " L. Ring.

No. 2280, " F. Warren.

No. 4698, " G. Wilson.

No. 5491, Sergt. Smith A. Remington.

No. 5562, Pte. M. Byrne.
 No. 5564, „ P. Delaney.
 No. 5570, „ A. Kinsell.
 No. 5591, „ J. Leak.
 No. 5569, „ J. Mountain.
 No. 5495, „ A. Nutton.
 No. 5493, „ B. Smith.
 No. 6108, „ W. Smith.
 No. 5485, „ H. Taylor.
 No. 6207, „ J. Taylor.
 No. 4697, „ E. Ward.
 No. H-3631, „ T. Williams.

On furlough.

No. 4036, Sergt. J. Forrest.
 No. 4238, „ A. Hawkes.
 No. 4912, „ G. Long.
 No. 4136, Lce.-Sergt. W. Hopkins.
 No. 4524, „ A. Keeley.
 No. 5487, Corpl. W. Bullen.
 No. 4555, „ H. Heasman.
 No. 5565, „ F. Phelan.
 No. 5374, Trpr. T. Southard.

On the Transport *Plassy*, from Bombay, 13-3-11 :—

For discharge.

No. H-4922, Lce.-Corpl. J. Rey.
 To Army Reserve.—
 No. H-5563, Pte. J. McCulloch.
 Per Hired Transport *Rohilla*, from Karachi
 28-3-12 :—

For discharge.

No. 2937, S. S. M. T. Moon, wife and 2 children.
 No. H-927, Pte. J. Harris.
 For Transport to the Army Reserve.—
 No. H-6857 Pte. S. Telfer.
 No. H-249, Pte. J. Hall.
 No. H-4731, Pte. J. Cooper.
 No. H-5597, Pte. H. Arnold.
 No. H-5600, S. S. H. Poyser.
 No. H-5605, Pte. H. Crozier.
 No. H-246, Pte. H. Brooks.
 No. H-890, Pte. H. Crosby.
 No. H-897, Pte. W. Scott.
 No. H-387, Pte. C. Robey.
 No. H-3603, Pte. V. Greaves.
 No. H-898, Pte. J. Woodehouse.
 No. H-4692, Pte. G. Moore.
 No. H-5596, Pte. A. Salmon.
 No. H-5547, Pte. W. Foote.
 No. H-5604, Pte. H. Bussey.
 No. H-242, S. S. W. Cussans.
 No. H 889, Pte. B. Sykes.
 No. H-972, Pte. T. Ellis.
 No. H-895, Pte. A. Cooper.

No. *H-5501, Pte. W. Spriggs.
 No. H-896, Pte. R. Marshall.
 No. H-904, Pte. J. Hancock.
 No. H-5546, Pte. A. Garnish.
 No. H-5590, Pte. H. Grant.
 No. H-5602, Pte. J. Colvin.
 No. H-241, Pte. H. Hegggs.
 No. H-888, Pte. H. Quarton.
 No. H-970, Pte. C. Woolley.
 No. H-5503, Pte. F. Thomas.
 No. H-3602, Lce-Cpl W. Rushby.
 No. H-5606, Pte. F. Goldsmith.
 No. H-900, Lce-Cpl. E. Ashton
 No. H-5497, Pte. J. Woodhead.
 No. H-5599, Lce-Cpl. A. Green.
 No. H-5601, Lce.-Cpl. H. Johnson.
 No. H-4681, Pte. W. Foster.
 No. H-248, Pte. W. Clayton.
 No. H-245, Pte. A. Liley.
 No. H-893, Lce.-Cpl. J. Cobbold.
 No. H-3952, S. S. G. Ryan.

Invalided—

No. H-3487, Pte. E. Ewing.

MARRIED ROLL.

The wife of S. S. Major (O R.S.) P. W. Cates taken
 on from 25-1-12.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.**BIRTHS.**

STRUDWICK.—At Rawal Pindi, on the 5th January
 1912, the wife of Lance-Sergeant Strudwick, of a
 daughter (Irene Maud).

AYRES.—At Rawal Pindi, on the 17th January, the
 wife of Shoeing-Smith Ayres, of a son (Walter
 George).

GILMORE.—At Rawal Pindi, on the 3rd February,
 the wife of Lance-Sergeant Gilmore, of a son (George
 Walter).

MAHER.—At Rawal Pindi on the 12th March 1912,
 the wife of Staff Sergt. Cook Maher, of a daughter
 (Florence Katherine).

RAY.—At Rawal Pindi, on the 2nd March 1912,
 the wife of Corporal Ray, of a daughter (Catherine
 Maud).

MARRIAGES.

CATES—NEILL.—At the Roman Catholic Chapel,
 Rawal Pindi, on the 25th January, Orderly Room
 Sergeant Percy William Cates, to Margaret Daisy
 Neill, daughter of Mrs. Neill, Matron, Station Hospital,
 Rawal Pindi.