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## FOREWORD.

**W**ELCOME, revived GAZETTE! All success and long life. We, old Tenth, ask for nothing better than to hear from you, our old Regiment. Your joys, sorrows, successes and well-being are spiritually ours, although age and occupation prevent our sharing them. We still feel with you, we still feel for you. We still try to foster what you are fostering. We still love what you love.

Good luck, GAZETTE!

*Pyng of Vinny.*

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## VISCOUNT JULIAN HEDWORTH GEORGE BYNG OF VIMY.

VISCOUNT BYNG OF VIMY received his first commission in the 2nd Middlesex Militia (The 7th Battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps) on August 27th, 1879.

It has been asserted that never did the Militia possess an officer who commanded greater respect and esteem than was accorded by the men of the Old Barnet Green Battalion of the King's Rifles to Mr. Byng.

He passed out from the Militia in 1882, and was commissioned as Lieutenant in the 10th Royal Hussars on January 27th, 1883.

On joining the Regiment he found time from his more arduous duties to associate himself with the Regimental Concert and Dramatic Club. He was always a popular turn, and it seems that the histrionic talent he possessed was the fruit of his regular attendance at the Old Drury in his Militia days.

He had only just completed his first year of service with the Regiment when he accompanied the 10th Hussars to the Eastern Sudan. He was present at the battles of El Teb and Tamaai, and in the arduous, trying reconnaissance of Tamanieb. In the latter, quite fifty miles were covered without water.

Thus early in his service Viscount Byng earned the medal for the Sudan, with the clasp for El Teb and Tamaai, and the Khedivial bronze star.

On October 20th, 1886, he was appointed Adjutant, and held this appointment for four years.

The Tenth Royal Hussars during this period were stationed at Aldershot, Hounslow and York.

His zeal and thoroughness no doubt had a good deal to do with the high state of efficiency that the Regiment attained, upon which the inspecting officers so satisfactorily reported during this period.

Viscount Byng probably knows these ancient Hounslow Barracks better than some of us will ever know them, and could tell a good many yarns relating to them. His old room, now the home of diet sheets and A.Bs. 48, undoubtedly recalls to his mind many strange happenings.

Whilst in York the Adjutant particularly associated himself with all those who were keen on rowing, and the "White Rose Boating Club" was formed. Unless duty intervened, the Adjutant was always ready and willing to do cox or coach.

Under his careful supervision the cricket of the Regiment also attained a high standard. In one season the regimental team only lost two matches out of twenty-one fixtures, and these were to two very good Yorkshire teams.

From cricket, Capt. Byng, as he then was, turned his attentions to football, and very soon he formed the first football team in the Regiment.

Enthusiasm waxed higher and higher, and it was not long before it was decided to put to the test all that had been learnt.

The first game was, therefore, played behind the Riding School in York Barracks, and proved such an attraction that very soon each squadron had its own team.

Eventually a regimental side was chosen, which gained success after success, and in the season of 1898-99 the Cavalry Cup was won.

In 1892 Capt. Byng passed the Staff College entrance examination, and two years later gained his "p.s.c."

He then returned to the Regiment, and took command of "A" Squadron, which later became the Reserve Squadron.

He was then seconded for service with a cavalry brigade, and served with the 1st Cavalry Brigade as Adjutant.

It was soon evident that this position did not afford sufficient scope for his abilities, for in October the same year he was appointed Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, and also secretary of the Dress and Equipment Committee of the Army.

When the South African War broke out, he was selected to accompany General Sir Redvers Buller, V.C., under whom he had served at Aldershot. On arrival in South Africa, however, he was given command of the South Africa Light Horse, which was the first irregular cavalry regiment formed in the war. He was at this time promoted to the rank of Major.

All his resources and initiative were now required for the task in front of him, for although he had been appointed to command this regiment it did not then exist.

He first had to raise, arm and equip it before he could actually command it. The phenomenal success that resulted stands out as a proof of his powers of organization and his wonderful personality.

The South Africa Light Horse, under its gallant leader, soon showed its fighting

spirit, bearing an honourable part in the Battle of Colenso. Less than a month later it took part in the engagement at Spion Kop.

In December, 1900, by the addition of a regiment of Yeomanry and some guns, Col. Byng's command became a column, which under his skilful leadership gained many successes. During the South African War he was several times mentioned in despatches and gained the Queen's Medal with six clasps, and the King's Medal with two clasps.

In 1902 he took over the command of the 10th Royal Hussars, and was faced with the task of remodelling the Regiment from a war to a peace footing. He had little time in which to enjoy the fruits of his labours, for two years later an accident at polo necessitated his return to England.

It was a black day in the Regiment's history when they bade farewell to a Colonel so greatly respected and loved.

Soon after his return to England he was entrusted with the formation of the Cavalry School at Netheravon, and the success of this school from the commencement was aptly described by the following article in the *White Lancer* in October, 1907:—

"The first Commandant was Col. the Hon. J. Byng, of the 10th Hussars, who had the task of trying to make bricks without straw, an operation at which, however, he was strangely successful."

A year later he took over the command of the 2nd Cavalry Brigade, and was promoted Brigadier-General on May 11th, 1905.

On April 1st, 1907, he took over the 1st Cavalry Brigade at Aldershot, and held this command until May 10th, 1909.

A few weeks later he was promoted to the rank of Major-General.

From 1912 until the outbreak of the Great European War in 1914 he was G.O.C. in Egypt. He returned from that command in October, 1914, to take over the 3rd Cavalry Division in France. He held this appointment until the following year, when he took over the command of the Cavalry Corps.

Soon after this General Byng proceeded to the Dardanelles and took over the IX Army Corps.

He was not destined to hold this command very long, for shortly afterwards he returned to France to command the XVII Army Corps, then the Canadian Corps, and it was these troops under his command who so gallantly stormed the Vimy Ridge in 1917, whilst the 10th Hussars a few miles farther south captured Monchy-le-Preux.

From 1917 to 1918 General Byng was in command of the Third Army. It was this army which so successfully withstood the terrific battering of the German offensive in March, 1918, and whose magnificent resistance did so much to avert disaster for the Allies in that very critical period.

After the cessation of hostilities the nation gave him material proof of its grateful appreciation of his services.

His Majesty the King raised him to the peerage, granting him the title of Baron of Vimy, and decorated him with the G.C.B., while Parliament voted him a grant of £30,000.

In 1921 he was appointed Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of Canada. During his governorship we were glad to think that he had a 10th Hussar on his staff, Capt. Lord William Scott having been seconded from the Regiment to join him as aide de camp.

The death of Viscount Downe in 1924 robbed us of one of our oldest and dearest friends, one who had been Colonel of the Regiment for nearly twelve years, but our said loss was somewhat lessened when we learned that General Byng had been appointed as Colonel of the Regiment in his place.

In 1926 Lord Byng's period of Governorship expired, and he returned to England. Shortly after his return he was created a viscount.

He is out of harness now and enjoying the pleasures and sports of peacetime England. Long may he enjoy them. But we know well that should any serious trouble arise in the near future, and a big man be required for a big job, the well-earned holiday will be cut short, and all eyes will turn towards this very famous 10th Hussar.

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## EDITORIAL.

**F**OURTEEN years ago, when the first rumour of war set Europe a-quiver, the REGIMENTAL GAZETTE gave one shudder and collapsed. In a moribund condition it has remained ever since. The cataclysm of war, the train smash in Ireland, two visits to Canterbury, and the incessant screeching and bleating of fifes and bugles at Aldershot have failed to disturb its comatose condition. Yet at Hounslow it has been aroused and restored to full activity. How has this miracle been achieved?

It was a fatigue man's scrubbing-brush busily at work in the courts-martial room that began it. At that unaccustomed sound, the GAZETTE stirred uneasily. There followed then the noise of nails being driven into the door. Such sacrilege was sufficient to open the eyes of any self-respecting Tenth Hussar!

Who was it dared to hammer nails into a Government door? The GAZETTE blinked its sleep-laden eyes, and stared aghast. A letter-box was being fastened there, and on it printed boldly in beautiful white letters the words "REGIMENTAL GAZETTE" were plain for all to see. With a joyous whoop of glee, the GAZETTE leapt to its feet, fully restored to active life.

From that room now there comes the staccato music of typewriters and the groans of sub-editors sub-editing. The GAZETTE can sleep no more. Whether or no its long period of inactivity has dulled the edge of its wit or impaired its judgment, time alone can show. If this, its first number on reawakening, seems dull and listless, grant it, please, the same patience and forbearance that you would a convalescent invalid.

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The Editor is doing mental arithmetic. "Three hundred words in a column; six hundred words in a page; forty pages! That means twenty-four thousand words. Heavens! We are not known as the "Silent Service," but by what process can twenty-four thousand printable words be coaxed from the 10th Hussars?" With hopeless eyes he stares through the window at the distant figure of a stable

guard wheeling a dung barrow. How many words can that man produce?

Several, no doubt, for at this very moment he is addressing the barrow volubly, but. . . The Editor looks away and sighs.

Acquaintances and friends mean nothing now. A smart sergeant, a clean soldier, a good instructor, a capable remount rider, what use are they? From now he is fated to judge men only on their problematical capabilities as word-producers. Brooding thus on the sad lot that is his, he sits huddled in his chair eyeing the empty wrapper inscribed, "*Editor's Chat*." He stirs suddenly. A gleam of inspiration lights his eyes. There are pictures—illustrations and photographs! A large illustration is of equal value to six hundred words, a small one will cover, say, half a page! Perhaps that voluble stable guard can sketch! He turns to his sub-editors:

"Draft out the conditions of an artist's competition," he cries, triumphantly. "Offer prizes—*money prizes!*"

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Whenever a regiment is quartered in the depths of the country, there are many that complain. The average soldier likes the shops and cinemas to be within easy reach of his evening walk. Yet there are those who, for one reason or another, enjoy a stroll in quiet country lanes or a Sunday afternoon (with a book!) amongst the gorse bushes. The shady, secluded lanes around Canterbury, and the heath country of Aldershot hold pleasant memories for most of us. Here at Hounslow the "jazz fiends" and "movie fans" have it all their own way. With shops and trams and crowded thoroughfares all round us, the soldier who wants to take his dog for a quiet country walk is faced with a difficult problem.

In this respect, the officers are little better suited. True, they have their motor-cars, which can deposit them at Swinley Heath or Wentworth Golf Course within thirty minutes' run, but the early morning "hack" is so limited as to be hardly worth while. We often grumbled at Aldershot as a station, but we shall miss our early gallops round Tweezledown and the sandy tracks where we began the education of many a polo pony. The dangerous proximity of the Cavalry

Club cocktail bar, the theatres, "Uncles," and "The Embassy," is not the least drawback to Hounslow. We most of us can resist anything except temptation, but unless we harden our hearts to withstand this particular one, the extracts from the *Gazette* in Part II Orders will be those of bankruptcy rather than promotion.

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A hearty welcome to 2/Lieut. A. D. R. Wingfield on being gazetted to the Regiment. His performance at Aldershot in the Regimental Race has proved that he is a very promising rider, and we hope that many successes will follow.

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During the quarter, fifty-three recruits have joined. We wish them a hearty welcome, and hope that their stay with the Regiment will be a happy one. We can assure them that every endeavour will be made to make it so.

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Sixteen other ranks have left us during the quarter for civil life, either discharged or transferred to the Army Reserve. We wish them the best of luck, and hope by the time this goes to press they will have obtained suitable employment. We shall look forward to seeing them at the Old Comrades' Dinner on June 5th.

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Four possibles for the 1946 Class have arrived during the quarter, also one lady. Our congratulations to their parents.

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Our congratulations go to "A" Squadron on winning the Troop Football Cup, the Squadron Hockey Cup, and the Brocklehurst Trophy, and to "C" Squadron on winning the Squadron Football Shield.

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It has been noticed that the practice of cheering the opponents at the conclusion of a game has been discontinued since we left Aldershot. Surely this is a pity? The bath-water will not grow cold in the few seconds required for this act of courtesy.

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We all heartily congratulate the 11th Hussars on winning the Cavalry Cup.

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We are pleased to hear that Mr. Price, late of the Band, is doing so well in the

football world, and we hope his success will continue.

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Mr. Vokins has been noticed to be training hard for the forthcoming Modern Pentathlon. It is our great hope that he will be again selected to represent Great Britain, and that his success will be greater than last time.

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Although a considerable amount of information about Egypt has been dealt with elsewhere in this GAZETTE, a little more will still probably be acceptable.

In Egypt, Captains and above who are married, but for whom there are no quarters and live outside, are allowed eight shillings and threepence per day lodging allowance, and two shillings per day furniture allowance.

Subalterns draw six shillings per day lodging allowance. All officers draw three shillings per day Colonial allowance, and two shillings per day allowance for servants.

Each officer employs a native personal servant and native grooms.

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Service dress clothing is worn from about the middle of November to the end of March; khaki drill is worn during the summer. White mess kit is worn from the beginning of May to the end of October. The periods for wearing the different kinds of dress are published in General Orders.

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There exists in Egypt a very virulent and unpleasant disease called "Bilharzia," commonly called "Bill Harris." This is contracted by bathing in any fresh water such as the Fresh-Water Canal or irrigation ditches.



## COURT AND (VERY) PERSONAL.

CAPT. "MIKE" WARDELL is to be found at the offices of the *Daily Express* when he is not walking from Bucks Club to Land's End. In the period between giving up the sword for the pen, he crossed the Atlantic to dabble in "real estate" in Miami, Florida. Distance never did mean very much to "Mike," for he was once reported in Austria when he was supposed to be at Orderly Room!

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Lord William laid aside the sword  
For ventures in the City,  
Whatever his bag of "bulls" and "bears,"  
His thrusts will still be witty.

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John Pepys (mark you! not *Peeps* or *Pepps*!)

This season surmounted gigantic "leps";  
His courage nigh matches the FLYING  
FISH'S—

He shuts his eyes, sits back, and wishes.

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"Eddie" Ward has got a twin,  
Equally tall and dark and thin.  
In an awkward moment when lights are  
dim,

He may reply, "It's not me: I'm *him*."

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The police traps on the Western Road  
Stop all from lord to coster,  
Save when the signal wave goes down,  
Meaning "Only the Duke of Gloucester."

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Every member of the Mess had a different piece of advice to give Mr. Harvey on the eve of the National. Some told him to "ease and feel," others said, "Mind and be first at the Canal Turn" (so easy!), and one suggested that he should take a special sick report already filled in. He left us with a glassy look in his eyes, muttering something about trying to get between "Ted" Leader and "Billy" Gurney at the start. Therefore the Mess sent the following telegram to him at the race-course next day:—

"The 'Shiners' are on to a man:  
Lie up between 'Billy' and 'Ted,'  
Sit back as far as you can,  
You'll never be hurt till you're dead."

## HUNTING NOTES.

THE hunting season 1927-28 will leave little impression on our memories save pictures of flooded meadows and boggy gateways and the recollections of many long rides homewards soaked to the skin. In many countries a wet season means a good scenting season, but when the land is too deep to canter over and small brooks are swollen to the size of rivers, one sometimes wishes scent was not so good. The second servants still mixing anti-mud fever concoctions, and the valets scratching their heads over scarlet coats stained to plum colour, are, I am sure, welcoming the "stinking vi'lets" heralds of spring.

The Regiment was very strongly represented in the Bicester country, where a regimental hunting stable was established. If the sport enjoyed may be judged from the hunters' appetites, the cook at Stratton Audley, looking at her egg account (if such a thing exists in that very "open" house), will tell you it has been a bumper season. One and all who hunted there are full of the praises of Johnson, the huntsman, and the warm welcome accorded to them by the members of the hunt. "A grand country and a first-class pack of hounds" is the general consensus of opinion.

In high Leicestershire and the Duke of Beaufort's country the water-logged state of the country marred what might have been a very good season. In Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire and the other provincial counties it was much the same—a good scenting season and plenty of foxes, but the country unfit to ride over.

Unfortunately, the wet weather does not seem to have drowned the baccilli of foot and mouth disease, outbreaks of this terrible scourge being hardly less frequent than in the past three seasons.

As we put our boots and coats away, thinking sadly that this must be the last winter in England for several years, we should give a thought to the long-suffering farmers, and be glad for their sakes that such a damaging season is at an end. Throughout the country they have suffered direly from the bad weather, yet have welcomed our regular visitations and their attendant havoc with Christian fortitude.



## STEEPLECHASING.

It is not until there is a promise of spring in the air that most of us begin to pull our leathers up and scan the Racing Calendar, and the autumn saw very few of us "in the pigskin." Mr. Donner gave the girls a treat at Wincanton, and Mr. Harvey at Leicester and Cheltenham, but neither succeeded in catching the judge's eye. Capt. Davy won a race on old Devonport at Fontwell, but soon afterwards paid one of his periodical visits to hospital after trying conclusions with a wing at Chelmsford. From that time until March, everyone was too busy hunting to give a thought to racing.

At Cheltenham we had great hopes that Mr. Harvey's Tiger by St. Martin—The Tigress, would be good enough to win the United Hunts' 'Chase. This he failed to do by the narrow margin of a head, Mr. Gubbins, on Uppergrange, beating him after a desperate struggle all the way to the straight. Mr. Harvey had had a shaking in a previous race, and was unable to ride with quite his usual dash, so we put down his defeat as unlucky, and determined to go to Sandown Park the following week with our betting boots on.

At Sandown the "good thing" came off. Our spectacled jockey rode a beautifully-judged race, and won the Maiden Hunters' 'Chase from Ulster Vale easily by ten lengths. The right-handed

course suited Tiger much better than Cheltenham, and, jumping superbly, he gave us little cause for nervousness.

Despite his thirteen years, Tiger was so fresh and well on the following day that he was pulled out again for the Tally-Ho Hunters' 'Chase. In this he was opposed by the famous veteran, Pippin II, Blank Cartridge, and several "dark ones." The race was one of the most exciting ever witnessed at Sandown. For two miles, Tiger was nicely placed, and jumping with his own inimitable precision. At the open ditch on the back stretch, however, he over-jumped himself or slipped. From everywhere came the cry, "The favourite's down!" Down he was, too—and jumped on by Pippin!

By what appeared to us a miracle, Mr. Harvey remained in the saddle and got the horse to his feet. He was last by one hundred yards, and seemingly in a hopeless position, but, optimists to the end, we kept our glasses on him. After giving the horse plenty of time to recover, the jockey set off in pursuit. At the pay-gate fence he was fifteen lengths behind the leaders. At the pond fence five. He was within striking distance as they entered the straight, and, coming with a wonderful burst of speed at the last fence, he won a great race by two lengths from Rob Roy V. The reception of horse and jockey was one of the most enthusiastic ever accorded to a winner on that course, but no more than they deserved.

Last year Mr. Milbanke had his first ride under rules, when he succeeded in getting a very bad animal round the course at Aldershot. He had two rides at Sandown this year, finishing third in the "Seller" on his own horse, Turning Point, and unplaced on Jargoon in the Victory 'Chase. In the latter race he came a "real bender" at the first obstacle, but remounted quickly and completed the course, although tailed off in a hopeless position. The crowd gave him a great cheer when he finished, but the trainer of Jargoon did not seem to view the performance with quite the same enthusiasm!

Mr. Harvey's feats at Sandown did not go unnoticed by "the heads," and he was soon booked to ride Col. Geoffrey Brooke's Commonside in the National.

At Aintree he got mixed up in the debacle at the Canal Turn, and, together

with about twenty others, had to give up the contest. On the following day, however, he rode Commonside in the Fox-hunters' 'Chase over the same course and distance.

In this race, Commonside was well in front and going like a winner, when he was knocked into and brought down at the Canal Turn the second time round. Mr. Harvey quickly remounted, and succeeded in getting third place. He is heartily to be congratulated on the success of his first visit to Aintree, and we hope it will not be many years before he steers the winner of one of those two races.

He tells us that the sensation over those big fences is *grand*!

Easter Monday was "Black Monday" for two of our jockeys. —Mr. Donner, riding his own horse, Sunny Do, at Wincanton, had a nasty fall, and was so badly shaken and bruised that he was kept out of the saddle (both military and racing) for more than a month. At Towcester, Mr. Harvey's Tiger started at 2 to 1 on for the Grafton Hunt Plate, but failed to get a place. The course was in a shocking condition, and that, and the big weight he was set to carry, proved too much for the gallant Tiger. Although he did not fall, Mr. Harvey was afterwards reported to be suffering from pecuniary adhesions of the pocket as a result of the race.

We have recorded all our successes, but I cannot close these notes without mention of some of the unlucky ones.

Major Richardson, riding Nordesk in the Baker Cup, was a very hot favourite, starting at 6 to 4 on. At the last fence he was a hundred yards in front, and it seemed "all over bar shouting." There, however, for some unaccountable reason, Nordesk refused. The bookmakers were delighted, but the public did not share in their glee!

Capt. Davy was caught napping on the post and beaten by a neck when he had Lady Bullough's Cup, virtually speaking, in his pocket. He went to the Grove expecting to bring off a double, and was beaten by half a length in one race, and a neck in the next!

The saddest of all was the case of Mr. Miller at the Hambledon Hunt Meeting. He jumped the last fence with a lead of a hundred yards, and pulled up a few minutes later with that rare but exquisite



*Photo: Sport & General.*

#### THE GRAND NATIONAL, 1928.

The field coming over Beecher's Brook for the first time. "Commonside" (Mr. Harvey) (on extreme right of the jump) is seen about to land on the fallen "Koko."



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#### ALDERSHOT BONA-FIDE MILITARY MEETING, 1928.

A fence during the race for the Baker Challenge Cup. Lieut. Dawnay's "Vondy" and Major Richardson's "Nordek" are leading.

sensation of having at last got one home a winner, only to be told that he had gone the wrong course and finished in the wrong place. To add to his mortification, *he was arraigned before the stewards and asked a string of very pertinent questions!* No doubt the expression of bitter disappointment on his features answered them all. It is recorded that *his explanation was accepted.*



## POINT-TO-POINT STEEPLECHASING.

We publish the results of all the Regimental races held since 1922, and the record of various Army races won by members of the Regiment since that date.

Apart from these, officers of the Regiment have gained the following successes at other point-to-point and *bona fide* hunt meetings this year, either on their own or other people's horses.

The Grafton Hunt, Nomination Race.

—Mr. D. Dawnay.

The Berkeley Hunt, Members' Lightweight.—Capt. Davy.

The Berkeley Hunt, Members' Heavyweight.—Capt. Davy.

The West Norfolk Hunt, Adjacent Hunts' Race.—Capt. Ralli.

The Avon Vale Hunt, Nomination Race.—Mr. P. Donner.

The Badsworth Hunt, Adjacent Hunts' Race.—Capt. Davy.

The Rufford Hunt, Members' Lightweight.—Capt. Davy.

The Craven Hunt, Nomination Race.—Mr. C. Miller.

### 1922.

CHARGERS' RACE, WITH MID-KENT STAGHOUNDS, AT SUTTON VALENCE.

1. Mr. C. B. Harvey's Grey Tick (12 st. 7 lb.)  
(Owner)
  2. Major D. Richardson's Dick II (12 st. 7 lb.)  
(Owner)
  3. Mr. C. B. Church's First Hundred (12 st. 7 lb.)  
(Owner)
- Eleven ran.

PAST AND PRESENT RACE, WITH THE BELVOIR, AT BARROWBY.

1. Mr. B. D. Stewart's Ruan.....(Owner)
- 2 H.R.H. Prince Henry's Rathgarogue  
(Owner)
3. Major A. E. Fielden's Minister.....(Owner)

### 1923.

CHARGERS' RACE, AT 1ST CAVALRY BRIGADE MEETING, AT DIPPINGHALL.

*Light-weights.*

1. Mr. C. B. Harvey's Grey Tick.....(Owner)
  2. Mr. J. H. Mylne's Jumper.....(Owner)
  3. Mr. C. B. Church's Skinny Lizzie.....(Owner)
- Five ran.

*Heavy-weights.*

1. Major D. Richardson's Dick II.....(Owner)
  2. Mr. D. Cross's Buller.....(Owner)
  3. Mr. J. Hignett's Bobby.....(Owner)
- Five ran.

EARL HAIG'S CUP—ARMY POINT-TO-POINT.

1. Mr. Harvey's Grey Tick.....(Owner)

### 1924.

CHARGERS' RACE, AT 1ST CAVALRY BRIGADE MEETING, AT ABORFIELD.

1. Mr. C. B. Church's First Hundred.....(Owner)
  2. Capt. W. Wardell's Holloway.....(Owner)
  3. Mr. J. D. Hignett's Peter.....(Owner)
- Five ran.

PAST AND PRESENT RACE.

1. H.R.H. Prince Henry's Ocean III.....(Owner)
  2. Lieut.-Col. M. Graham's Ballyhaura.....(Owner)
- Four ran.

REGIMENTAL CUP, WITH THE SOUTH BERKS, AT STRATHFIELD SAGE.

1. Capt. M. Wardell's Baby Doll.....(Owner)
  2. Lieut.-Col. M. Graham's Rockberg  
(Major D. Richardson)
  3. Mr. C. B. Church's First Hundred.....(Owner)
- Four ran.

HEAVY-WEIGHT RACE.

1. H.R.H. Prince Henry's Ocean III.....(Owner)
  2. Mr. C. B. Harvey's Billet Doux II.....(Owner)
- Three ran.

### 1925.

CHARGERS' RACE, WITH 1ST CAVALRY BRIGADE, AT ASHBRIDGE FARM.

1. Lieut.-Col. M. Graham's Winburn.....(Owner)
  2. Mr. C. D. Miller's Google.....(Owner)
  3. Mr. J. D. Hignett's Peter.....(Owner)
- Six ran.

PAST AND PRESENT RACE.

1. Major D. Richardson's Blighty's Brother  
(Owner)
  2. Lieut.-Col. M. Graham's Rockberg.....(Owner)
  3. Mr. G. R. Gaskell's Limerick Lad.....(Owner)
- Nine ran.

REGIMENTAL CUP, WITH THE SOUTH BERKS, AT SONNING.

1. Mr. C. B. Harvey's Wildman.....(Owner)
  2. Lieut.-Col. M. Graham's Winburn.....(Owner)
  3. Major D. Richardson's Moy.....(Owner)
- Three ran.

EARL HAIG'S CUP—ARMY POINT-TO-POINT.

1. Mr. C. B. Harvey's Grey Trick.....(Owner)

1926.

## CHARGERS' RACE, AT 1ST CAVALRY BRIGADE MEETING, AT ASHBRIDGE FARM.

1. Lieut.-Col. M. Graham's Winburn .....(Owner)
2. Mr. C. D. Miller's Google.....(Owner)
3. Mr. J. D. Hignett's Peter.....(Owner)

Six ran.

## REGIMENTAL CHALLENGE CUP.

1. H.R.H. Prince Henry's Rathgarogue...(Owner)
2. Mr. C. D. Miller's Ginger.....(Owner)

Four ran.

## ALDERSHOT CUP.

1. Mr. C. B. Harvey's Court Scandal.....(Owner)

1927.

## REGIMENTAL CHALLENGE CUP, AT 1ST CAVALRY BRIGADE MEETING, DIPPENHALL.

1. Major D. Richardson's Nordesk.....(Owner)
2. Mr. C. B. Harvey's Tiger.....(Owner)
3. Mr. C. D. Miller's Ginger.....(Owner)

Fourteen ran.

## CHARGERS' RACE, WITH BERKS AND BUCKS STAG-HOUNDS, AT SONNING.

1. Mr. C. B. Harvey's Exchange.....(Owner)
2. Mr. C. B. Church's First Hundred.....(Owner)
3. Capt. A. S. Turnham's Expert

(Mr. R. Milbanke)

Six ran.

## BAKER CHALLENGE CUP, AT ALDERSHOT SPRING MEETING. THREE-MILE STEEPLECHASE.

1. Major D. Richardson's Nordesk.....(Owner)
2. Mr. P. Donner's Mahogany II.....(Owner)
3. Lord Nunburnholme's Crawler

(Mr. R. Milbanke)

Six ran.

## SUBALTERNS' RACE, AT HAMBLEDON HUNT MEETING.

1. Mr. C. B. Harvey's Exchange.....(Owner)
2. Mr. W. S. Baird's Audax.....(Owner)
3. Mr. J. D. Hignett's Peter.....(Owner)

Three ran.

## THE ALDERSHOT CUP.

1. Capt. C. K. Davy's Theorem.....(Owner)

## ARMY POINT-TO-POINT LIGHT-WEIGHT RACE.

1. Mr. C. B. Harvey's Tiger.....(Owner)

1928.

## BAKER CHALLENGE CUP, RUN AT ALDERSHOT BONA FIDE MILITARY MEETING.

1. Mr. A. B. R. Wingfield's Knockbawn...(Owner)
2. Mr. P. Donner's Mahogany II

(Mr. R. Milbanke)

3. Mr. D. Dawnay's Vondy.....(Owner)

Nine ran.

## CHARGERS' RACE, WITH SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE HUNT, AT POPPETTS HILL.

1. Mr. C. B. Harvey's Exchange.....(Owner)
2. Mr. C. B. Harvey's Fairy Sinner

(Mr. D. Dawnay)

3. Major D. Richardson's Punch.....(Owner)

Ten ran.

## CAVALRY AND VETERINARY RACE, AT ALDERSHOT BONA FIDE MILITARY MEETING.

1. Mr. C. B. Harvey's Exchange.....(Owner)



## POLO NOTES.

THE Regiment this season will be playing at Roehampton instead of Worcester Park, where regiments stationed at Hounslow have usually played in the past. There will only be about twelve players, and it is hard to run two teams in all the small tournaments.

Ponies are not very plentiful, but are being collected gradually.

Most people are faced with the alternative of either buying made ponies of certain age, or buying younger ponies suitable to take to Egypt.

In the first case, it would mean we would get this summer's polo and sell most probably at a loss; in the second case, the young ponies would not be trained enough to play in fast polo for a bit, so we would have to sacrifice a certain amount of this season's polo.

As far as we can forecast at present, the Regimental team will be chosen from Majors Richardson and Horne, Capt. Gairdner, and Lieuts. Hignett, Harvey and Archer-Shee.

Now that the Regiment is going abroad again, where polo is practically the only game, it is hoped that we shall be able to make a real effort to approach the standard of the Regimental team which won the India Inter-Regimental Tournament from 1907 to 1912—a record which has never been equalled by any other regiment. It will perhaps do no harm to recall how that team was composed.

The mainstays were John Vaughan, "Pedlar" Palmer, and "Billy" Palmer, while at No. 1 either "Pick" Annesley or "Giblet" Gibbs played.

This was not a one-man team: it was a team of four players who really knew the tactics of the game and played to each other; there was no spectacular hitting round the ground, and an opponent was never allowed to ride loose.

For the younger players, and some older ones, I will add a few of the principles on which a team such as this can be built up:—

(1) Never take the ball round the ground; either turn and hit a back-hander or centre under the pony's neck.

(2) Except in defence of your own goal, keep the ball in the middle of the ground; that is where the goals are scored from.

(3) Never let an opponent ride loose, even if he is not your opposite number; close with him at once.

(4) Always have your stick ready to hook an opponent's; if you cannot hit the ball yourself, try to prevent him from doing so.

(5) Don't gallop behind another player expecting him to miss the ball; give him credit for hitting it, especially when one of your own side goes to hit a back-hander; turn at once and go in the direction in which he is going to hit the ball.

(6) Don't hit a back-hander straight back, as the ball will most probably be stopped by the pony's legs behind; try to cut it or pull it.

(7) When one of your side is taking the ball along the boards, don't follow him, but gallop into the middle of the ground towards the goal where you will expect him to centre it.

(8) For a hit-out from behind or a throw-in, be certain you are in your proper place in time.

(9) When practising, don't do the easy shots; practise the difficult ones, until you are able to hit equally well on both sides of your pony: you can then become a first-class player.

(10) If you want one of your side to leave the ball, don't shout "Right"; shout "Leave it." Never hesitate to do so when one of your own side shouts "Leave it."

(11) Ponies must be always "on their toes," ready to answer hand or leg in any direction; this is a matter of school-

ing, and time is never wasted schooling ponies, even old ones.

(12) Take trouble about your sticks; find a pattern you like, and have it copied.



## "TEMPORA MUTANTUR."

NOW that the REGIMENTAL GAZETTE is restarting after an interval of fourteen years, it would perhaps be not without interest to consider the changes that have of necessity taken place in the Regiment since the last number was published in July, 1914.

I mean changes in its establishment and daily life.

At Potchefstroom in 1914, when war was declared, the Regiment consisted of three squadrons, each about 150 strong, and a Machine Gun Detachment of two Vickers guns commanded by a subaltern and of a strength of about 20 other ranks, and, lastly, the Reserve Troop, which would better have been called a squadron, as it was about 100 strong, and consisted of the Band and the administrative portions of the Regiment, such as Orderly Room staff, Quartermaster's staff, the Transport, etc.

On mobilization, the Reserve Troop vanished. The band boys and certain senior N.C.Os. considered indispensable for training purposes went to the Depot or Reserve Regiment. The remainder were absorbed into the squadrons, the greater part forming a Headquarters Group, which was attached to "C" Squadron for administrative purposes, such as rations and pay.

It was soon found quite impossible to administer this "H.Q." Group from a squadron, and it became an unofficial fourth squadron, called "H.Q."

This establishment of "H.Q.," "A," "B" and "C" Squadrons continued to the end of the war.

The Machine Gun Detachment had two more guns added to it in 1915, with an increased establishment, but early in 1916 all machine guns were transferred to the newly-formed "Machine Gun Corps." Therefore, for the greater part of the war, there were no machine guns forming part of the Regiment, but instead there were four light automatic or Hotchkiss guns given to each squadron.

Since the war, changes in a cavalry regiment have been rapid and drastic. This has been brought about by two causes:—

- (1) Reduced Army Estimates from the Treasury, necessitating a reduced number of men and horses.
- (2) The rapid progress of what is called mechanization, or, in other words, the motor replacing the horse.

Within three years of the end of the war, the Machine Gun Corps was abolished, and the establishment of a regiment was:—

- (a) "H.Q." Wing, consisting of the usual administrative services, the Band, Signallers, Transport, and two troops of Machine Guns with four guns.
- (b) Three squadrons of four troops each.

The machine guns were increased in 1927, when they became a squadron in themselves. At the same time, one of the three old squadrons was abolished. Thus we now have the Regiment consisting of:—

- (1) The "H.Q." Wing, consisting of:
  - 104 All ranks.
  - 17 Horses.
  - 4 Bicycles.
  - 2 Motor-cycles.\*
  - 2 Motor-cycle combinations.\*
  - 8 Motor-lorries.\*
- (2) The Machine Gun Squadron, consisting of:
  - 61 All ranks.
  - 8 Vickers guns.
  - 6 Officers' chargers.
  - 1 Motor-cycle.\*
  - 1 Motor-cycle combination.\*
  - 6 Motor-lorries.\*
- (3) "A" and "C" Squadrons, each consisting of:
  - 148 All ranks.
  - 123 Horses.

\* These have not yet been delivered to us by the R.A.S.C.

N.B.—"B" Squadron, being the junior squadron, was the one abolished.

The machine guns, with their personnel, are carried in their motor-lorries, and all the horse transport vehicles are replaced by motors.

"A" and "C" Squadrons still have a full complement of horses.

Bicycles, motor-cycles and sidecars have replaced some of those in "H.Q." Wing.

Thus it will be seen that in the present day a knowledge of motors and driving plays no small part in moving a cavalry regiment.

Note.—The Regiment had all these motor vehicles whilst at Aldershot, but they were handed over to the 11th Hussars when we left, and they have not yet been replaced at Hounslow.

Consequently, we still have some draught horses temporarily.



## FLUTTERS FROM "H.Q." WING.

SO many moons have waxed and waned since the last publication of the REGIMENTAL GAZETTE that we are at a loss to determine how much ground to retrace.

However, all things must have a beginning, and we will commence by congratulating ourselves on proving the best shooting squadron on last year's Annual Course. We have since lost the extremely valuable services of Capt. Turnham, who is now an instructor at the Small Arms School, Hythe, where we are confident he will continue to "shine" in the shooting world. We hope, however, at Pirbright this year to be able to repeat last year's feat. By the time this magazine is published, we shall know whether we have succeeded in doing so.

We did not exactly excel this season at hockey or football. At hockey we only won one match out of four, and perhaps it would be as well not to mention the football results. One unkind cynic even went so far as to suggest that we should probably have done better at ping-pong. Nevertheless, we had some very good games. We should, perhaps, have done better had we had the Signal Troop with us at the time.

When looking for "H.Q." Wing these days, one needs the help of either a Cook's guide or a large-scale map. After the compact, self-contained building we used to occupy at Aldershot, the "far-flung outposts" we now occupy cause us occasionally (especially on pay day) some worried moments.

Our sympathy must be extended to the Orderly Corporal, whose credits, we are informed, are sadly depleted by colossal cobbler's bills.

We are glad that the various departments have now settled down. Our

gallant Squadron Quartermaster-Sergeant reposes under the lee of "A" Squadron bath-house, whilst our Squadron Sergeant-Major directs operations (if any) from the southern extremity of "C" Squadron block.



## THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Did the blankets of "A" Squadron enjoy their exercise? (Squadron Orders, March 10th, 1928: "Troops to exercise blankets, 1 man to 2.")

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Where did "C" Squadron discover this new kind of weather? (Squadron Orders, December 21st, 1927: "Every advantage will be taken during this cold spell of whispering.")

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Who was the officer who told the Colonel he did not want any leave?

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Who leaves the East Gate open?

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Who was the Sergeant who wanted to know why he did not get a "D" at Hythe?

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Who was the Sergeant who went to early stables in a trilby hat?

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Who was the officer who, when signing the Squadron Bedding Book, wanted to know how much bedding the horses were getting?

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Is it true that a certain N.C.O. has been approached by a firm of hairdressers with a view to allowing them to experiment on him with a new kind of hair-restorer?



THE LOST ONE: "I say, sonny, what street is this?"

SMART BOY: "Long Street."

THE LOST ONE: "Where does it run to?"

SMART BOY: "Nowhere; it stays here."



## THE ACTIVITIES OF "A" SQUADRON.

AFTER such a long period of idleness, it is to be feared that our journalistic abilities (if any) have become somewhat rusty, but, having just drawn a liberal (?) supply of lubricant from the Quartermaster, for Pirbright, we have appropriated a portion of the said lubricant wherewith to oil up our thinking apparatus, and accordingly dive head foremost into literary efforts.

The danger of becoming permanently dug in at Aldershot having been averted by a timely move to Hounslow, we quickly settled in and proceeded to do what damage we could in the world of sport. I think we can pat ourselves on the back as having done fairly well. The Troop Football Cup became ours after several hotly-contested matches, and we managed to "get home" in the Squadron Hockey Tournament, with a minimum of minor injuries.

In the Regimental Boxing, we wrested the Brocklehurst Trophy from "C" Squadron, where it has been reposing for the last two years. It's a good job "Mick" isn't with us now, or we may have had some little difficulty in convincing him that it is not "held on charge to 'C'."

We gathered in the Novices' light-weights, a kindly wind wafted the feather-weights in our direction, and the light and heavy-weights were also scooped into our net. In the Novices' welter, light, feather and heavy-weights, we were

runners-up. Not too bad, my hearties, what? Heartiest congratulations to all those concerned.

We appeared well up on the list in the Regimental Elimination for the Bronze Medal Competition, and secured good results in the Bronze Medal Tournament itself.

We extend a most hearty welcome to 2/Lieut. A. D. R. Wingfield on his joining the Squadron, and would remark that, if he makes as brilliant a finish in the Squadron as he did a start, we look like gaining a few more laurels in the racing world.

In the 10th Royal Hussars' Race at the Aldershot Spring Meeting, he romped home a winner. Good luck and good fortune go with you, sir, and may you do it again at some future date.

We also extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Harvey on his successes at Sandown, and his plucky attempt in the Grand National. Better luck next time, sir.

During our stay at Hounslow, we have lost several of our old comrades, who have left for "civvy" life to try their fortunes in fields and pastures new. Here's to hoping that they prosper in their new surroundings, and trusting to hear from them soon.

At the present moment we are again in the throes of the Annual Musketry Course, which perhaps accounts for so many of our N.C.Os. walking about with bowed heads, and muttering unintelligible things to themselves. In their more lucid moments, references to "trajectories" and "closing the disengaged eye" may be heard, all of which points to the fact that we shall endeavour to take the boots off some of the others at Pirbright. Given good weather, our stay there should be very enjoyable.

With all this and the prospect of a move to Egypt in the near future, things promise to be fairly exciting. It has been rumoured that one of our N.C.Os. has been spending a lot of time at the Zoological Gardens, studying the habits and manners of the camel, he, evidently, expecting to get dished out with a troop of 'em soon. I wonder how one does a "demi volt" on a camel? At any rate, he should not have much difficulty with "flexion."

I have also heard that our Musketry Instructor is proceeding to Egypt at an early date, to find out the possibilities of the Great Pyramids for use as stop-butts, but we think that should be taken "*cum grano salis*."

ALPHA.



### CONCERNING "C" SQUADRON.

FIRST and foremost we will take this opportunity of welcoming the first edition of the REGIMENTAL GAZETTE. We are delighted to hear of its revival, and sincerely hope it will prosper in the future. But a magazine can only prosper by a continuous supply of articles being sent to the Editor, so we hope that all ranks in "C" Squadron will try to acquire the habit of using the pen. We are certain that there is a large amount of literary talent lying dormant.

Since our arrival in Hounslow, things have gone along very smoothly. We soon got settled down in our new surroundings, and found "London life" much to the liking of all concerned. There has been but one notable incident: that being the Lord Mayor's Show. It was quite an experience for many, and, considering the number of recruits on parade, we are under the impression that the squadrons acquitted themselves remarkably well.

In the world of sport, especially the boxing world, we have suffered a severe shock. The Brocklehurst Trophy, held by us for the last five years, this time eluded our grasp, and deposited itself upon "A" Squadron's doorstep. We heartily congratulate "A" upon their success, but promise them a hard fight next year, when we shall do our utmost to redeem our lost glory. Although losing the trophy, we were well represented in all weights right through to the finals. The following are those who upheld the traditions of the Squadron:—

*Novices' Heavy-weight Championship.*  
—Winner: Tpr. Lee.

*Regimental Middle-weight Championship.*—Runner-up: Cpl. Batt.

*Novices' Middle-weight Championship.*  
—Runner-up: L./Cpl. Hale.

*Regimental Welter-weight Championship.*—Winner: Farr. Davis.

*Regimental Welter-weight Championship.*—Runner-up: L./Cpl. Allen.

Coming to football, "Old 'C'" still shows superiority, for we have once again added to past successes by winning the Squadron Shield.

On the hockey field things fared rather badly with us, but we hope by next season enthusiasm will be at a higher pitch as regards this popular pastime, and some new talent will be unearthed.

When it comes to collecting medals and silver spoons from the miniature range, we are well to the fore. In the various competitions we have supplied the following winners:—

Sergt. Shepherd, and Tprs. Lowther, O'Rourke and New.

Cpl. Alvey and Tpr. Miller have left us for pastures new. The best wishes of "C" go with them, and we hope they will have a successful career in civilian life. The Regiment will sadly miss Cpl. Alvey, for his prowess on the football field was well known to all.



SERGEANT (to new recruit): "You've been a long time away. Where is the horse? Didn't I tell you to go and get it shod?"

NEW RECRUIT: "Shod? Good Gawd, Sergeant, I thought you said shot!"

## SHORT BURSTS FROM THE "MACHINE GUN" SQUADRON.

MANY changes have taken place in the Army since the last issue of the REGIMENTAL GAZETTE was published, and amongst those several have been in the Machine Gunnery Department.

In August, 1914, each cavalry regiment had a section of two guns, carried on limbers. Now we have a Peace Establishment of eight guns, twelve in war, carried on six-wheel lorries.

In the early part of 1927, it was decided to reorganize all cavalry regiments serving at home. This entailed, unfortunately, disbanding a sabre squadron ("B," in our case), increasing the establishment of the remaining two, and forming the existing two machine gun troops into a separate mechanized squadron. This change was effected on May 17th, 1927, immediately on our return from the Brigade Concentration at Larkhill.

The lorries were not delivered until the middle of July. At this time, the 11th Hussars' drivers, who had been trained by the R.A.S.C., became attached to us for duty until we were relieved in October by their own regiment.

After the arrival of the lorries, several interesting schemes, under the direction of the Squadron Leader, Capt. C. K. Davy, M.C., were carried out. By this means the advantages and disadvantages of mechanization were soon experienced. Our radius of action was greatly increased: this was much appreciated by all ranks, who found a change of scenery very refreshing after spending upwards of four years attacking or defending the line Long Hill—Cocked Hat Wood, etc.

In spite of our greatly reduced strength, we managed, in August, to win our first trophy on the field of sport. This was the Squadron Cricket Cup, and we all hope it will be the forerunner of many more.

After taking part in several Brigade exercises in the vicinity of Aldershot, the Squadron carried out their first "trek" by lorry to the Divisional training area at Wallingford, leaving Aldershot on the evening of September 3rd. By this time, our attached 11th Hussars' drivers had

attained quite a fair degree of skill. However, they provided their human cargo with several thrills before depositing them (without casualties) at Howberry Park Camp. Several of the victims were heard to remark, rather forcibly it is feared, how much they would have preferred to travel in the "good old cavalry fashion." However, with no old friends to off-saddle, etc., in the dark, and a meal waiting to be partaken of without delay, the more modern method of travel was more appreciated.

After a fairly quiet but very damp time, our sojourn at Howberry Park was brought to a premature close on account of the state of the camping grounds. After ten days, these had been transformed into veritable quagmires, and if there was any doubt of them being a "park" when we arrived, there remained none when we last saw them.

On our return to Aldershot, orders were received for the Squadron, together with our old friends, the Signal Troop, to proceed to Canterbury on detachment, in order to guard the Cavalry Mobilization Depot there. This we did on October 12th, after seeing the remainder of the Regiment off by road to Hounslow. On our arrival at Canterbury, old friendships were renewed, both with the fair sex and with "Old Tenth," quite a number of the latter having settled in the city since leaving the Regiment. The first month in our new station was spent very industriously settling in, cleaning the barracks, and weeding, *the latter being predominant.*

Two football teams were formed, and the 1st XI were entered in the Canterbury and District League, Division I. Both teams had games almost every Thursday and Saturday during our stay in Canterbury, and, as a third of the Squadron were away on leave most of the time, this meant that almost everyone who wanted a game had the opportunity of playing. In the league, the 1st XI was very successful, losing only one match the whole time.

Hockey was also played, much improvement being made by those who took part. The Buffs Depot took a great interest in hockey and had a fairly strong side. However, after a couple of defeats, we managed to turn the tables on them before we left.

Christmas was ushered in by very wintry weather. When at last the snow and sleet disappeared, they left Canterbury in the throes of a flood. The lower parts of the city suffered much, and several of the Squadron were called upon to rescue their lady friends from a watery grave. One Sergeant we know received an S.O.S. and proceeded to the scene of disaster in great haste with a pair of gum-boots under his arm.

On New Year's Eve, Capt. Davy proceeded on leave, and Capt. Gairdner arrived to command the Squadron. On January 17th, the married families were entertained to tea, and presents were distributed from the Christmas tree by "Father Christmas," Sergt. Donovan very realistically taking the part and also entertaining the company afterwards at the piano for an impromptu dance. The entertainment was voted a great success by all who attended, and much credit is due to our indefatigable Squadron Quartermaster-Sergeant, who was mainly responsible.

A "bolt from the blue," in the shape of some "powers that be" from Whitehall, descended upon us on January 19th. After an extensive tour of the barracks, they informed us that we must prepare to vacate the barracks in a week, and rejoin the Regiment at Hounslow. During that period, much packing was done and many tearful good-byes were said.

On January 30th, we arrived in Hounslow and proceeded to make ourselves comfortable in the Marlborough Block in the Infantry Barracks. A few days after our arrival, the Signal Troop rejoined "H.Q." Wing, and our few remaining "old" gunners were transferred to "A" and "C" Squadrons. We were sorry to lose our old friends, the majority having been machine gunners for upwards of two years. However, owing to the exigencies of the Service, we have to make the best of these matters, and we welcomed twelve new prospective gunners who now show every likelihood of maintaining last year's average on the Annual Course.

In the Annual Boxing Competition for the Brocklehurst Trophy this year, owing to our small strength we started under a big handicap. On the final addition of the points, however, in proportion to our

strength, we were placed very favourably with the leading squadron, having obtained nearly a third of their total points. We offer our heartiest congratulations to "A" Squadron on winning the trophy, and promise next year, with the increased Colonial Establishment, to give them a close run. We congratulate all our entrants, quite a number of whom put up extremely good fights and received a good loser's point, and, although not appearing in the finals, collected their fair share of points. The following deserve special mention as winners or runners-up of their weights:—

Tpr. Mace, runner-up in the heavy-weights; Tpr. Parrett, winner in the middle-weights; and Tpr. Shears, runner-up in the light-weights.

Owing to our detachment at Canterbury, we were unable to take part in the Squadron Football and Hockey Competitions this year. As regards the football, this was particularly unfortunate, our Squadron team this year being stronger than last, when we were defeated by a very narrow margin.

We were strongly represented in the Miniature Range Rapid Fire Competition held in March and open to eight teams (each consisting of two troopers) per squadron. Three of our teams were in the semi-final, one eventually winning the competition. Farr. Vass and Tpr. Mansfield formed this team, and they must be congratulated on shooting so well throughout the competition. The former has since left the Regiment, and we wish him the best of luck on his return to civilian life.

As regards the N.C.Os.' Mounted Sports, it is regretted that our stud was not up to the standard required for a place. The reason, advanced by our six-wheeler expert just back from the course at Aldershot, for this is that, owing to the abnormal mileage completed by some of our entrants, they need decarbonizing before being put through such a severe speed test. It is felt that, when a six-wheeler has reached the age of some of our present gallant steeds, there will be very little left of it to be decarbonized. Imagine the condition in A.D. 1947 of the lorries we had on manœuvres last year! However, apart from that, it can safely be said that this is the first occasion on

which a pack horse has taken part and completed the course.

Owing to our having so few horses and no mechanical transport, great difficulty has been experienced in undertaking any tactical training this year. With the help of the R.A.S.C., we have managed to procure two lorries on several occasions, when we have been able to learn something of the gentle art of war in surroundings more suitable than Hounslow Heath and its immediate vicinity.



## BAND NOTES.

THE Band as a body welcome the reappearance of the Regimental Magazine, and heartily wish the Editor and staff every success in their first and subsequent numbers.

It may interest readers to know that, since the last Magazine was published in 1914, of the Band serving at that time only two members are still with us, viz., Band Sergt. Sharples (then Boy Sharples) and Bdsn. Avery.

On our arrival in Hounslow, we were greeted with the news that we were to head the procession of the Lord Mayor's Show. This was a unique experience for practically everyone, and, despite the short time at our disposal for Mounted

Band rehearsal, everything was carried out satisfactorily (thanks to the horses!).

We have given our services to several local charities, the first being the concert in aid of the local branch of the British Legion on Armistice Night. This was followed by the Welsh Fair at the Council House, and the Annual Dinner given by the Hounslow Philanthropic Society to the "Old Folk." On each occasion we were well received.

Another important engagement was that of the String Band at the Mansion House for the Festival Dinner of the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, at which H.R.H. Prince Henry, K.G. (now the Duke of Gloucester), presided.

We made our debut at the National Sunday League concerts on March 11th at the Hackney Empire, when our efforts were thoroughly appreciated—especially in the descriptive item, "The Hunting Scene" (the hound section, all breeds, led by McNeill and Johnson, being in excellent form).

Several old handsmen have looked us up from time to time, and we were pleased to know they were all doing well.

LYRE.



### A LINK WITH THE PAST.

In 1887, the Crown Prince of Prussia, better known in after years as Kaiser William II, paid a visit to the Regiment, then stationed at Hounslow.

At that time, the Machine Gun "Squadron" were the proud possessors of one Nordenfeldt gun, which was mounted on a cart, not unlike a small gun carriage, and drawn by two horses.

The Crown Prince was so interested in this gun and its equipment that he ordered one exactly similar to be made and sent to Germany. Later, Col. Brabazon, who was then commanding the Regiment, sent an instructor over to Germany to train German troopers in its working.

One rather wonders how he contrived to teach its mechanism in German, and whether the class were very much the wiser when it was over.

## "LEST WE FORGET."

EXTRACTS FROM LIEUT.-COL. WHITMORE'S  
"HISTORY OF THE TENTH ROYAL HUSSARS  
DURING THE EUROPEAN WAR, 1914-1918."

### THE SECOND BATTLE OF YPRES, 1915.

AT the end of April, thirteen years ago, the first German gas attack was launched; this attack made a bad hole in the line north-east of Ypres; the inhabitants were forced to evacuate the whole of the Ypres Salient.

The lamentable spectacle of the forced retreat of the civilian population at the time when the 3rd Cavalry Division went up to co-operate with the V Corps during the last week in April, can never be forgotten, the entire population moving west, taking with them as much of their belongings as they were able to carry, drag, or drive. It was not an uncommon sight to see a bed-ridden old man, or woman, lying in a bed which had been hoisted on to the top of a farm cart already filled with furniture and belongings of all descriptions.

The roads were indeed a sorry sight, with farm wagons, carts, carriages, cattle, old men, women with children, some in arms, some in perambulators, and every conceivable form of domestic life moving west, and, on the other hand, troops, cavalry, artillery, limbers, and supply lorries moving towards the battle area.

Even with the evacuation being carried out at the pace it was, many civilians became victims of the incessant enemy artillery bombardment. In Vlamertinghe a family was evacuating from an estaminet, and had cleared the whole premises into a field not far away; during the removal of the last load, a shell burst over the cart and killed the whole family with the exception of one small boy, who had both legs broken. But this is only one instance of the horrors of the time. Every village anywhere in or near the Ypres Salient witnessed terrible experiences for its population, and towards the end of the month not only Ypres itself was doomed, but every place within the Salient was bound to have the same fate. Shell after shell went straight into the ancient city of world-wide renown. The

tower of the old Cathedral became visibly less day by day, the Cloth Hall had almost vanished, and, when the 8th Cavalry Brigade, consisting of the Royal Horse Guards, the 10th Royal Hussars, and the Essex Yeomanry, marched through the old city during the night before the memorable 13th of May, the whole town was in flames and shelled continuously from end to end. The incessant bombardment, however, failed entirely in its purpose to prevent the advance of the British troops, or deny the bridge over the river.

A continual stream of guns, ammunition and supplies passed through, irrespective of the many casualties that were being caused. The determination, so characteristic of the British nation, seemed to be well established, that Ypres should be held in the Second Battle of Ypres as it was in the First Battle of Ypres, and so it succeeded. The prominent part taken in its defence by the 8th Cavalry Brigade, commencing at the time of the German first gas attack until the attack on the Potijze-Zonnebeke Road on May 13th is briefly as follows:—

On April 23rd, orders were received at 10.30 a.m. to turn out at once; at 1 p.m., the Brigade marched via Hazebrouck and Caestre to Abeele Station, arriving there at 5.30 p.m., and bivouacked in the open. On the following day, April 24th, the Brigade moved at 10 a.m. via Boeschepe to a position of readiness south of Vlamertinghe; arriving there about noon, off-saddled, and every man was issued an additional hundred rounds of ammunition, and billeted there for the night.

On April 25th, the Brigade saddled up at 6 a.m., "stood to," and at 10.30 a.m. the Brigade off-saddled at Point 35, two and a half miles south-west of Vlamertinghe. At 1 p.m. the Brigade moved to Peselhoeck, north of Poperinghe, and remained there for about an hour, during which time Poperinghe was being heavily shelled.

At about 6.30 p.m., the Brigade went into billets in the Steenvoorde area. On April 26th, the Brigade marched to Abeele, off-saddled, and remained there until 8.30 p.m. The Brigade then moved to a point two miles south of Poperinghe, where the horses of the whole Brigade were picketed.

The Commanding Officers, Adjutants, 10 Squadron Officers, and 304 N.C.Os. and men, machine gun detachments, and "A" Echelon wagons then proceeded to huts at Vlamertinghe, arriving there about 4.15 a.m.

The following day, April 27th, at 5 p.m., the camp and town were heavily shelled, and some casualties occurred both in men and horses. The horses had to be let loose, on account of the consistent shelling of the horse lines.

On April 28th, the camp was again shelled at 9.15 a.m., and several N.C.Os. and men were wounded. At 12.30, the whole Brigade marched back to their horses, saddled up, and moved off at 8.15 p.m. to Abeele, arriving there about 9.30 and billeted in that area.

The following four days were spent at Abeele, "standing to" ready to move.

On May 3rd, the Brigade moved to Point 35, south-west of Vlamertinghe, horses pegged down in the open, and a dismounted party, consisting of 15 officers and 300 other ranks per regiment, marched out at 10 p.m. to a field on the Poperinghe-Ypres Road, one and a half miles east of Vlamertinghe, arriving at 1.15 a.m., remaining there till 4.45 a.m. The rain came down in torrents all this time. The reason for this move was that a section of the front line in front of Ypres was being adjusted by the infantry, and it was necessary to hold a brigade in reserve to meet eventualities.

The Brigade marched back to the horses, arriving at 6.15 a.m., and on the following day, May 4th, billeted at and about Houtkerque.

On May 5th, the Brigade marched to Brielen, arriving there at about 7.30 p.m.; dismounted parties, consisting of 10 officers and 170 other ranks per regiment, marched to the canal, a quarter of a mile north of Ypres, the whole dismounted party under the command of Lieut.-Col. E. Deacon, Essex Yeomanry, for the purpose of digging trenches for the V Corps near the Yser Canal.

Digging commenced at 9.45 p.m., and finished at 1.30 a.m., during which time Ypres was heavily shelled, and a considerable portion of the town became enveloped in flames.

At 1.45 a.m., the dismounted party returned to their horses and then marched back to billets, arriving about 5.30 a.m.

On May 7th, the Brigade returned to its former billeting area about Sercus.

On May 9th, the Brigade proceeded by motor-buses to Brielen, strength 80 men per squadron. At Brielen the whole of the 3rd Cavalry Division was concentrated under Major-General C. J. Briggs, C.B., D.S.O. The huts in which the Division was billeted were intermittently shelled, both day and night.

During the night of May 10th, dismounted parties were sent to dig on the ramparts at Ypres.

On May 11th, a party left Brielen at 7 p.m. to take over trenches from the 8th Infantry Brigade (60th Rifles and Rifle Brigade), near Hooze Chateau, but this order was cancelled, and the parties returned to huts at about 1.30 a.m.

On May 13th, very heavy shelling commenced at 4 a.m. The bombardment was at first directed on the front line on a breadth of about one mile, held by the 6th and 7th Cavalry Brigades and the 2nd Dragoon Guards. A dense cloud of smoke hung over the whole area; buildings and trenches alike were demolished beyond recognition. At about 6 a.m., the enemy brought his barrage over the line held by the 8th Cavalry Brigade.

When the 1st and 2nd Life Guards were forced to retire from the front-line trenches near Verlorenhoek, Lieut.-Col. E. R. A. Shearman, Commanding the 10th Royal Hussars, Major C. W. H. Crichton, and Capt. G. C. Stewart, Adjutant, worked hard to rally the men, and all the time shelling became more and more severe.

At 8 a.m., the order was given for the Regiment to leave all kit behind in the trenches: rifles, bandoliers, bayonets and spades only to be carried. The task of the Regiment was to dig in on the right of the 2nd Dragoon Guards (Queen's Bays). Whilst concentrated behind Potijze Chateau, Capt. M. de Tuyll and several other ranks were killed by shell fire. Advancing alongside the road, the leading squadron ("A") came under very heavy artillery and rifle fire. Half the Squadron, under Lieut. R. Gordon Canning, went forward to fill in a gap between the Queen's Bays and the 5th Dragoon Guards, and later on supported the counter-attack of the 8th Cavalry Brigade by rifle fire. The remaining two

and a half squadrons and machine guns then attempted to dig themselves in alongside the road, and they remained there until 2 p.m. Lieut. J. M. Wardell was here wounded.

At 2 p.m., our guns opened a heavy fire on the enemy's trenches, and at 2.20 p.m., the Essex Yeomanry and the Royal Horse Guards advanced up to the right of the 10th Royal Hussars.

At this moment, the 10th Royal Hussars, led by Lieut.-Col. Shearman, jumped out of the dug-outs and charged the attacking forces of the enemy. The Germans retired instantly, vacating their trenches. Both Lieut.-Col. Shearman and Capt. Stewart were at this moment killed, and Major Gibbs was wounded.

Major Crichton was severely wounded whilst directing the fire on the retreating enemy. He showed great gallantry, continuing to direct operations, whilst lying in the open, until he handed over command to Major the Hon. C. B. O. Mitford.

A retirement was ordered at 4.30 p.m. During this retirement casualties were very heavy.

Major Mitford was killed, and Lieuts. G. Alexander, Lord Chesham and C. Humbert were all wounded.

The survivors of the counter-attack were rallied under Lieut. T. Bouch and Lieut. the Earl of Airlie in the dug-outs on the right of the Queen's Bays.

Lieut. R. Gordon Canning rejoined with his party, and Lieut. R. G. Borthwick returned with his at 8.30 p.m. The strength of the Regiment was then reduced to 4 officers and 98 other ranks. This party held the line protecting the right flank of the Queen's Bays until relieved by the 9th Cavalry Brigade at 10.30 p.m.; they then retired to the G.H.Q. Line.

On the following day, the remnants of the 8th Cavalry Brigade were amalgamated with the 6th Cavalry Brigade, and took up a line 300 yards in rear of the original firing line, remaining there until 8.30 p.m., when they were relieved by the Scots Greys, and the 8th Brigade returned to the huts at Vlamertinghe.

The bodies of Lieut.-Col. Shearman and Capt. Stewart were brought back to Vlamertinghe, and buried in the British Cemetery at that place.

The total casualties in the 10th (P.W.O.) Royal Hussars were as follows:

*Officers:* Killed, 4; wounded, 6.

*Other Ranks:* Killed, 27; wounded, 101.

LIST OF CASUALTIES, 10TH (P.W.O.) ROYAL HUSSARS—MAY 13TH, 1915.

KILLED.

Lieut.-Col. E. R. A. Shearman, Major the Hon. C. B. O. Mitford, Capt. G. C. Stewart, Capt. M. A. de Tuyl.

3607 L./Cpl. T. Mason, 14789 L./Cpl. A. Masters, 3205 Pte. W. Fewster, 1110 Pte. A. McBryde, 3472 Pte. C. Chatton, 5469 Pte. F. Fletcher, 7671 Pte. T. Sole, 5042 Pte. P. Cole, 3941 S.S.M. A. Keats, 4524 Sergt. A. Keeley, 5238 Cpl. S. Haddington, 5453 Cpl. T. Chamberlain, 4563 L./Cpl. G. Guyver, 5369 L./Cpl. H. Scales, 5601 L./Cpl. H. Johnson, 7698 L./Cpl. F. Smith, 7972 Pte. B. Senior, 5119 Pte. J. Cooper, 4899 Pte. A. Walker, 4310 Pte. C. Hope, 14479 Pte. A. Cobb, 28439 Pte. W. Kimmens, 5610 Sergt. J. Dicks, 5413 Sergt. E. Lurcott, 396 Cpl. A. Bayston, 18 Cpl. H. Nepean, 5171 L./Cpl. H. Meads.

WOUNDED.

Major C. W. H. Crichton, D.S.O., Major W. O. Gibbs, Lieut. J. C. Lord Chesham, Lieut. G. Alexander, Lieut. J. M. Wardell, Lieut. C. Humbert.

5230 Sergt. G. Hyland, 8152 Sergt. F. Hibbles, 5550 Sergt. R. Stone, 10552 Pte. H. Meredith, 4376 Pte. T. Metcalfe, 28521 Pte. E. Fallon, 25376 Pte. Austin, 1087 Pte. W. Colville, 10698 Pte. H. Smith, 10791 L./Sergt. F. Lock, 11294 Cpl. Penfold, 537 Cpl. C. Portway, 391 Cpl. J. Parfement, 4698 Cpl. C. Wilson, 61 Cpl. A. Stevens, 2280 Cpl. F. Warren, 401 Tptr. J. Jones, 22563 Pte. H. Sharp, 14191 Pte. R. Straight, 6141 Pte. Hobbins, 12089 Pte. A. Farrell, 10825 Pte. E. Evans, 6343 Pte. A. Lockwood, 20075 Pte. G. Chapman, 25262 Pte. H. Smith, 6024 Pte. E. Scott, 25376 Pte. J. Clay, 7952 Pte. J. Holmes, 253 Pte. T. Bentall, 2809 Cpl. F. Barker, 5285 Pte. W. Gillard, 2791 Pte. F. Bellwood, 7726 Pte. A. Atkinson, 3736 Pte. W. Derrington, 12270 Pte. A. Marples, 9350 Pte. T. Wallis, 6434 Pte. A. Barrett, 7194 Pte. T. Wright, 4533 Pte. T. Wilson, 5218 Pte. J. Kelly, 7656 Pte. Wyett, 10694 Pte. H. Noble, 954 Pte. H. Mayes, 10427 Pte. H. Pearcey, 1954 Pte. D. Arscott, 1484 Sergt. R. Lloyd, 8756 Sergt. A. Mitchell, 35475 Pte. W. Rowntree, 4414 Pte. A. Tee, 11296 Pte. H. Page, 2603 Pte. P. Thompson, 5199 Pte. G. Baines, 6807 Pte. Roberts, 2280 Cpl. K. Swadling, 2809 Cpl. S. Eckers, 4290 Cpl. W. Broad, 1500 Cpl. W. Beech, 8277 Cpl. A. Price, 4650 Cpl. W. Snell, 2292 Cpl. J. Brown, 7361 Cpl. P. Hargreaves, 7960 Pte. A. Dickenson, 3353 Pte. C. Barker, 2823 Pte. J. Allison, 923 Pte. W. Hayday, 4952 Pte. B. Tansey, 7706 Pte. A. Frith, 17114 Pte. A. Pilkington, 7219 Pte. J. Spice, 20502 Pte. A. Attwell, 5037 Pte. J. Whittaker, 29042 Pte. Glucksman, 888 Pte. W. Quatton, 25381 Pte. W. Furniss, 7082 Pte. M. Reading, 7459 Pte. W. Spriggs, 10857 Pte. G. Lancaster, 3034 Pte. E. Burke, 5057 Pte. T. Glazebrook, 6289 Pte. A. Jennings, 6816 Pte. S. Whitmore, 5016 Pte. J. Wigley, 2574 Pte. W. Moreton, 17388 Pte. J. Widdowson, 1818 Pte. R. Holdsworth, 12052 Pte. T. Swift, 10412 Pte. A. Hicks, 12676 Pte. J. Burnell, 8483 Pte. P. Fountain, 25764 Pte. F. Egerton.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

622 Sergt. F. Porter, 3610 Cpl. E. Joel, 882 Pte. B. Sykes, 1353 Pte. W. Petrol, 1358 Pte. W. Rose.

MISSING—BELIEVED KILLED.

7128 L./Cpl. Treasure, 8209 Pte. W. Draper, 8423 Pte. Armstrong, 2291 Pte. A. Battye.

WOUNDED AND MISSING.

5561 Sadd./Cpl. Pollikett.

SPECIAL ORDER ISSUED BY THE BRIGADIER-GENERAL AFTER THE ACTION, MAY 13TH.

"The Brigadier wishes to express his great admiration for the part played by each regiment in the attack made by the Brigade to regain the lost trenches, and his sympathy with the regiments for the loss of so many valuable lives in all ranks.

"By driving the Germans out, who, during the retreat suffered great losses from our artillery, and by preventing them from consolidating their position in the trenches that they had captured, the Brigade undoubtedly saved the situation.

"Had the Germans attained their object, the position of the whole of the 27th Infantry Division on the right would have been rendered very precarious. As it was, the Germans retired so great a distance that we were enabled to establish an unbroken line during the night unmolested."

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The following message was received from the G.O.C., Second Army:—

"Express my appreciation of the magnificent spirit shown by the troops to-day, and the way they have stuck to their positions."

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The following message was received from the C-in-C. of the Allied forces:—

"General Joffre expressed to the Lieutenant-General commanding the 5th Corps his admiration and congratulations on the gallant stand they have made."

A. S.

(To be continued.)

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The publishers of the "History of the 10th (P.W.O.) Royal Hussars and the Essex Yeomanry during the European War, 1914-1918," desire us to state that they have still a number of unsold copies of this book which can be obtained from them at the cost of 6s., post free.)

## SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

TO describe the doings of the Mess since the publication of the last GAZETTE would require the whole space of this edition, and it is only proposed to gloss over the period 1914 to 1927.

None of the present members of the Mess were members in 1914. It is thought that the last pre-war member of the Mess was R.Q.M.S. ("Daddy") Mason, who left us in Canterbury after we had returned from the Curragh, Ireland, in 1922.

As far as is known, all who have left are doing well, and we trust that they will continue to do so.

Owing to the amalgamation of several cavalry regiments since the Great War, a number of W.Os. and N.C.Os. became surplus to establishment, and in consequence some of them were posted to this Regiment. They immediately fell in with our mode of living, and we hope their stay in the Regiment will be a pleasant one, also that they are as happy to be with us as we are to have them.

The holding of the Annual Dinner on December 31st has been reintroduced, and has been held successfully each year since 1921.

We have also been able to renew acquaintance with many of the old members of the Mess through the Reunions and the Annual Other Ranks' Dinner. Some of these old members have paid visits to us whilst we were stationed at Canterbury and Aldershot, and have also visited us here in Hounslow.

Needless to say, we have been extremely pleased to see them, and hope to see many more at the Regimental Dinner this year, and at the Reunion to be held at Hounslow in July.

As this will be the last occasion, before we leave for foreign service, that we shall have the opportunity of meeting, it is hoped that the Old Comrades will make a massed attack on the Hounslow Barracks on this date.

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Two dances were held by the members of the Mess in the Depot The Royal Fusiliers Gymnasium since January, and were attended by some two hundred and fifty to three hundred people each time. Both these dances proved great successes,

and it is regretted by a great many people that no more are being held.

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The following members of the Mess have left the Service since the beginning of the year, and, although we are sorry to lose them, we wish them the very best of success in their new life:—

Q.M.S. (S.T.M.) Brooks.  
Farr./S./Sergt. Lambert  
Sergt.-Tpnr. Frape.

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We heartily congratulate Sergt. Bodill on again winning the Sergeants' Race (Point-to-Point) on April 16th. It was a very good race, everyone entering into the spirit of the contest, and, although each rider was out to win, he chose his route so that it did not interfere with any other rider.

We sympathize with Sergt. Elderfield, who was leading most of the way, but, in his eagerness to win, went the wrong way and so was disqualified.

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Commencing at the beginning of February, the Sergeants' Mess Miniature Rifle Club fired a series of matches arranged by R.Q.M.S. Mason. Some of the matches were against clubs of considerable note who number amongst their members a few of international fame, and others against clubs who are yet in their early days, and not so well off in talent and experience.

C. E. R. Nobbs, of Brentham Rifle Club, shot for England in the team that won against America last year in the annual match of twenty-a-side. All the other members of this club are not far behind Mr. Nobbs in their efficiency at the game.

It is a well-known fact that, similar to other sports, to improve at shooting one must compete against and closely watch others who can put up better performances than oneself.

The shoot against Brentham Rifle Club taught us that our ammunition was of the wrong make for the range we invariably fire at, viz., 25 yards. It was also obvious that every member of their team was very keen and willing to go to a fair amount of expense and to expend considerable time and thought in improving himself at the game.

All these are essential and necessary factors in acquiring and maintaining a consistently good average.

Our members were quick to notice all these good points, with the result that our average improved as time went on. It is certain that the experience gained, coupled with the maintenance of the interest in the game, has served to prevent us from going rusty in a small military station like Hounslow. By passing on the knowledge gained to the younger soldiers, it will also no doubt help to raise the Regimental average now that the time has come to fire the Annual Course at Pirbright Camp.

The first match was fired against the Hounslow Police in our miniature range on February 9th, our team winning by 43 points.

The Police had difficulty in finding the requisite number to make a team, and some of them had not fired for two years, which makes their performance, under the circumstances, particularly good.

Scores:—

#### HOUNSLOW POLICE.

Sergt. Gammon	...	...	...	...	94
Sergt. Mingay	...	...	...	...	97
Sergt. Harkinstall	...	...	...	...	89
Sergt. Powell	...	...	...	...	84
Colepy	...	...	...	...	81
Slaughter	...	...	...	...	68
Binge	...	...	...	...	66
Harries	...	...	...	...	79
Total	...	...	...	...	658

Counted out.—Dickenson, 54.

#### 10TH ROYAL HUSSARS.

R.Q.M.S. Mason	...	...	...	...	95
Sergt. Wilson	...	...	...	...	91
Sergt. Mitchell	...	...	...	...	88
F.Q.M.S. Stratton	...	...	...	...	87
Sergt. Buck	...	...	...	...	86
Sergt. Richardson	...	...	...	...	85
Sergt. Day	...	...	...	...	85
S.Q.M.S. Goatcher	...	...	...	...	84
Total	...	...	...	...	701

Counted out.—Sergt. Snell, 83.

On the following evening, we encountered Brentham Rifle Club, also on our range. I have previously referred to the high standard of shooting of this club, and, although they beat us by a handsome margin, interest was maintained to the very end.

Scores:—

#### BRENTHAM RIFLE CLUB.

	<i>Deliberate.</i>	<i>Rapid.</i>
Mr. W. J. Penman	100	93
Mr. C. E. R. Nobbs	98	98

	<i>Deliberate.</i>	<i>Rapid.</i>
Mr. E. H. Jupp	97	86
Mr. L. G. Baker	93	95
Mr. C. W. E. Tovey	93	91
Mr. J. Cross	96	80
Mr. W. Tanfield	93	—
Mr. S. Ewen	91	78
Mr. J. G. Phillips	—	87
Total	761	708

Counted out:—

Mr. J. G. Phillips	91	—
Mr. W. Tanfield	—	85

#### 10TH ROYAL HUSSARS.

Sergt. Wilson	94	68
Sergt. Shepherd	95	84
Sergt. Buck	93	87
Sergt. Day	91	79
Sergt. Snell	89	67
Sergt. Richardson	88	83
R.Q.M.S. Mason	87	84
S.Q.M.S. Goatcher	—	—
F.Q.M.S. Stratton	—	—
Sergt. Mitchell	87	72

Total 714 624

Counted out:—

S.Q.M.S. Goatcher	87	65
F.Q.M.S. Stratton	80	58

The Brentham Rifle Club won by 47 points in the "Deliberate" and 84 points in the "Rapid."

In the match with the Veterans' Company, 1st London Regiment, Royal Fusiliers, on March 17th, Mr. Whitehead, a member of the visiting team, very generously presented a gold medal to the member of our team who gained the highest score. This medal was won by Sergt. Shepherd, with a very good score of 98, and we heartily congratulate him on his excellent performance.

Scores:—

#### VETERANS' COMPANY.

Mr. W. Whitehead	...	...	...	93
Mr. Marks	...	...	...	90
Mr. White	...	...	...	88
Mr. Kelly	...	...	...	86
Mr. Byers	...	...	...	86
Mr. Bignell	...	...	...	86
Mr. Theobald	...	...	...	81
Mr. Auth	...	...	...	69

Total 679

Counted out.—Mr. Belcher, 63; Mr. Conolly, 59.

#### 10TH ROYAL HUSSARS.

Sergt. Shepherd	98
R.Q.M.S. Mason	94
S.Q.M.S. Goatcher	93
Sergt. Buck	91
Sergt. Mitchell	91
Sergt. Richardson	89
F.Q.M.S. Stratton	89
Sergt. Day	88

Total 733

Counted out.—Sergt. Snell, 86; Sergt. Wells, 77.

Our team won by 54 points.

With the Notting Hill Special Constabulary team, whom we met on March 28th, we were more evenly matched, and we won by the small margin of 15 points. The advantage lay with us inasmuch as we had a greater number of firers to select from.

Scores:—

NOTTING HILL SPECIAL CONSTABULARY.

Mr. Reek ... ..	93
Mr. Whitehead ... ..	92
Mr. Charles ... ..	88
Mr. White ... ..	87
Mr. Whitehead jun. ... ..	87
Mr. Gribbin ... ..	85
Mr. Burgess ... ..	85
Mr. Lockyer ... ..	77
Total ... ..	694

10TH ROYAL HUSSARS.

Sergt. Shepherd ... ..	95
R.Q.M.S. Mason ... ..	93
Sergt. Richardson ... ..	92
S.Q.M.S. Goatcher ... ..	91
F.Q.M.S. Stratton ... ..	89
Sergt. Buck ... ..	88
Sergt. Wilson ... ..	84
Sergt. Mitchell ... ..	77
Total ... ..	709

On April 16th, our team journeyed to Kensington for a return match with the Notting Hill Special Constabulary. Since the previous match, they had been putting in some practice, and they improved on their earlier score by 13 points. Our members were, however, in good form, and improved on their previous score by 9 points, thus beating their opponents by 11 points.

We are very grateful to the members of the Notting Hill Special Constabulary for the splendid way in which they received and entertained us.

Scores:—

NOTTING HILL SPECIAL CONSTABULARY.

Mr. White ... ..	97
S.I. Whitehead ... ..	95
Mr. Gribbin ... ..	91
Mr. Whitehead ... ..	90
Sergt. White ... ..	89
S.C. Reek ... ..	87
D.-Sergt. Charles ... ..	80
S.C. Burgess ... ..	78
Total ... ..	707

10TH ROYAL HUSSARS.

R.Q.M.S. Mason ... ..	97
Sergt. Mitchell ... ..	95
Sergt. Shepherd ... ..	93
Sergt. Buck ... ..	93
Sergt. Wilson ... ..	93
F.Q.M.S. Stratton ... ..	86

Sergt. Day ... ..	85
S.Q.M.S. Goatcher ... ..	76
Total ... ..	718

The return match with the Brentham Rifle Club was fired in their roomy and comfortable range at Northfields on April 18th. This was our last match before proceeding to Pirbright Camp to carry out the Annual Small Arms Course.

By the inclusion of the Brentham R.C. "B" Team, a triangular match was made, thus adding more interest to the match.

On this occasion, each man of our team received three points in each practice, but even with this help we were beaten by a fairly handsome margin.

A small sweepstake was run in conjunction with the match, and all three prizes were won by our members, thus making the honours more even.

Refreshments were generously provided by Mr. J. G. Philips, the captain of the Brentham R.C., and charmingly served out by Mrs. and Miss Philips. It was interesting to note that all the spoons used—and there were many—had been won at shooting by Mr. Philips.

All our members were delighted, and are extremely grateful to Mrs. and Miss Philips and the members of the Brentham Rifle Club for the way in which they entertained us.

It was a very pleasant and fitting finale to the winter season of indoor shooting.

Scores:—

BRENTHAM RIFLE CLUB "A" TEAM.

	Deliberate.	Rapid.	Total.
Mr. C. E. R. Nobbs ...	97	99	196
Dr. L. G. Baker ...	99	95	194
Mr. E. H. Budge ...	98	96	194
Mr. E. J. Crake ...	98	94	192
Mr. J. G. Philips ...	98	93	191
Mr. W. J. Penman ...	97	94	191
Dr. C. W. E. Tovey ...	99	92	191
Dr. W. A. Fenton ...	97	91	188
Total ... ..	686	663	1349

Counted out:—

Mr. C. E. R. Nobbs ...	97	—
Dr. Fenton ... ..	—	91

BRENTHAM RIFLE CLUB "B" TEAM.

Mr. W. Hyam ... ..	98	97	195
Mr. Tanfield ... ..	96	96	192
Mr. Levington ... ..	95	97	192
Mr. Ewen ... ..	95	95	190
Mr. F. Froome ... ..	96	93	189
Mr. J. Cross ... ..	94	95	189
Mr. E. Jupp ... ..	96	92	188
Total ... ..	670	665	1335

## 10TH ROYAL HUSSARS.

	<i>Deliberate</i>	<i>Rapid.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Sergt. Shepherd ...	99	96	195
Sergt. Buck ...	92	97	189
R.Q.M.S. Mason ...	98	90	188
Sergt. Snell ...	92	89	181
Sergt. Mitchell ...	87	91	178
Sergt. Richardson ...	93	80	173
Sergt. Wilson ...	96	76	172
Sergt. Day ...	87	82	169
S.Q.M.S. Goatcher ...	88	71	159
F.Q.M.S. Stratton ...	92	65	157
Total ...	662	625	1287

*Counted out:—*

Sergt. Mitchell ...	87	—
Sergt. Day ...	87	—
S.Q.M.S. Goatcher ...	88	71
Sergt. Wilson ...	—	76

Brentham Rifle Club won by:—

"A" Team.—24 points in "Deliberate"; 38 points in "Rapid."

"B" Team.—8 points in "Deliberate"; 43 points in "Rapid."

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It would not be fair to conclude these notes without paying tribute to Sergt. Buck for his assistance. He did all the running up and down the range for the targets, and his well-appointed range was a source of delight to all our visitors.

On our return from Pirbright, it is hoped that we shall be able to arrange some outdoor matches at 50 yards and 100 yards, in addition to the 25 yards range, with a view to keeping in practice for Egypt.



## FABLES.

(With apologies to "D. B. W. L.," in the *Daily Mail*.)

A bandmaster accepted an engagement for the band to play at a seaside resort. He was asked what his fee would be, and he replied:

"No charge at all. We do this for pleasure."

When he told the bandsmen what he had done, they applauded his action.

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A Squadron Leader informed the Orderly Room Quartermaster-Sergeant that he was short of stationery. The latter replied, "There is no limit to the supply of stationery if the S.S.M. will only ask?"

## CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

WE were glad to see our old friends, the 13th/18th Hussars, on the occasion of the Cavalry Cup football match on Saturday, February 25th, which resulted in favour of the visitors.

After tea, a successful vocal and instrumental concert was held in the Mess, attended by over eighty, which included nearly all the visiting Corporals.

The chair was ably taken by the President, Farr./Cpl. Leggett, and refreshments were served throughout the evening.

Among those who contributed to the vocal programme were:—

Cpl. H. P. Taylor, who opened up the show with "My cutie's due," which was well received; and Cpl. J. Garcia, who followed with "Just another day," which was very well applauded.

Tpr. Lea was invited to sing, and kept the company in hysterics while doing so. He sang his old favourite, "There's no toad in the Toad-in-the-Hole." It was not so much the song as his expressions which caused so much laughter, and the company would not let him go until he sang another song, entitled "If he'd only paid ninepence a week."

Laughter was resumed when Tpr. Gibson was invited to sing. He sang "In Wi-Ki-Walla-Oom-Pom-Pom" or something to that effect. No one could have understood what he was singing, yet their sides must have ached with laughter. The more he sang, the more the company laughed. One could almost imagine a Red Indian standing upon the rostrum, brandishing a hatchet.

At 8.30 p.m., the visitors prepared to depart. The President of the 13th/18th Hussars, on behalf of the visitors, said a few words of thanks, and expressed regret at not being able to stay longer. He said that they hoped to return the compliment at some future date. He concluded his speech by calling upon the 13th/18th Corporals to rise, drink to the health of the 10th Hussars, and give three hearty cheers.

Farr./Cpl. Leggett responded and said something which was short and sweet to the effect that we were all glad to have the opportunity of entertaining the 13th/18th once more, and hoped to have the pleasure

of doing so again. He called upon the 10th Hussars Corporals to give three cheers for the visitors as they departed.

A well-attended Games Tournament, consisting of a whist drive and dart tournament, took place in the Mess on Thursday, March 15th.

The whist drive provided an enjoyable game for those who took part, and eighteen hands were played.

Amazing skill was exercised on the dart board, and the final was reached amid great excitement.

The prize-winners were as follows:—

*Whist Drive.*—1, L./Cpl. F. Watkins; 2, Cpl. R. Osborne; Booby, L./Cpl. R. Birch.

*Darts.*—1, Cpl. W. E. Cordy; 2, L./Cpl. L. Smith.

Farr./Cpl. Leggett distributed the prizes, and considerable laughter greeted L./Cpl. Birch when he was handed the "Booby." Cpl. Garcia discharged the duties of M.C. throughout the evening in a workmanlike manner.

Following the games, an excellent repast was served by the N.A.A.F.I., and fifty-one members sat down to supper. During the meal, flashlight photographs were taken by L./Cpl. Eames, to the delight of all.

All those attending considered that this was the best of all functions yet held in the Mess, and many expressed a wish that a games tournament be held monthly.

It was good to note that the Mess was well represented at the Annual Regimental Boxing Tournament in the persons of Cpls. Davis, Cobb, Hale and Batt, all of whom did extremely well.

L./Cpl. Davis is to be heartily congratulated on reaching the final.

An excellent programme was arranged for the Corporals' Social on Thursday, April 19th, of which the main item was the presentation of a silver cup by Lieut.-Col. V. J. Greenwood, M.C., to L./Cpl. Davis, the winner of the Corporals' Point-to-Point Race.

The evening commenced with a whist drive and dart tournament, both proceeding simultaneously. These whist drives and dart tournaments have become very popular with the members of the Mess, and there were quite a good number participating in the games.

At the termination of the games, the interval was announced, during which the

Colonel visited the Mess for the purpose of presenting the Silver Challenge Cup.

Cpl. Garcia performed the duties of Chairman, and introduced the ceremony with a little speech, to the effect that Lieut.-Col. V. J. Greenwood had very generously presented the cup to the Mess to be competed for annually in the Corporals' Point-to-Point Race, and that the Colonel had kindly consented to attend that evening in order to present the cup to the winner.

The cup was duly presented, with a few appropriate remarks by the Colonel, to which Farr./Cpl. Leggett responded on behalf of the Mess members.

The presentation concluded with a toast to the Colonel, followed by three hearty cheers.

The members then sat down to supper. A varied and inviting menu was prepared and very capably served by the N.A.A.F.I. staff.

An added attraction was the Singing Competition, which took place immediately after supper. The judging was by ballot amongst the members of the Mess. In order to encourage the entries, the prizes were given for the best song and not necessarily for the best singer. Here is a list of the entries in the order of the appearance of the singers on the platform, together with the title of their respective songs and the general view of their efforts:—

*L./Cpl. Pope.*—"Parted." This well-known song was very well sung, and met with great approval. L./Cpl. Pope must be congratulated on resuscitating the corpse of an old song and riding it into second place.

*L./Cpl. Barnes* was next to face the audience, and tickled them almost as much as his muffin man tickled his customer. The song was entitled "Ding-Dong Muffin Man," and was very well received.

*L./Cpl. Smith* then followed with "The photo of the girl I left behind." It was obvious that he had forgotten the air, for the song very soon became a recitation. He panted through several verses in a workmanlike manner.

*Sadd./Cpl. Daly* then entertained the Mess with the story of "Paddy McGinty's goat." As he has a good voice, and had not to affect the brogue, being a native of the Emerald Isle, the song proved an easy winner.

*Cpl. Taylor*, being a bit of a romantist, prefaced his effort with a legend that it was original, recklessly infringing several copyrights. It was not until he had exhausted his extensive "repertoire" and had impersonated several well-known music-hall artistes, that he left the platform.

*Cpl. Garcia* concluded the programme with "My little grey home in the West." The song was excellently rendered, but some cynical wag suggested that it should have been "East."

The voting was very keen, and there were only two points between the first and third. The following is the result of the various competitions for which prizes were given:—

*Whist Drive*.—"Ladies": 1, *Cpl. Ennals*; 2, *Farr./Cpl. Clarke*. Gents: 1, *L./Cpl. O'Smotherly*; 2, *L./Cpl. Daly*. Half-time: *Farr./Cpl. Leggett*. Booby: *Cpl. Harrup*.

*Dart Tournament*.—1, *L./Cpl. Vipond*; 2, *L./Cpl. Smith*. (Semi-finalists: *Farr./Cpl. Seily* and *L./Cpl. Barnes*.)

*Singing Competition*.—1, *Sadd./Cpl. Daly*; 2, *L./Cpl. Pope*; 3, *Cpl. Garcia*.

It is a generally-known fact that the M.Ps. ("Married Pads") of the Mess are forbidden, by a very *High Authority*, to remain in the Mess later than 8.30 p.m. nightly.

There are, of course, one or two of these people who still possess a certain amount of spirit (being only recently "hooked at the altar"), and they naturally cavil at the *Order*.

They have formed themselves into a Protective Association, and backed one another's passes to remain away from home after the appointed hour.

Rumour has it that one bold M.P. even stayed away until half-past ten on the strength of a pass backed by the M.P.P.A.

Now, what we want to know is this: Exactly seven days after the inauguration of the M.P.P.A., it was noticed that the majority of the M.Ps. had fallen against doors, and hurt themselves so severely that they were fain to report sick, and the following is an extract from the Quartermaster's "List of Barrack Furniture for Exchange":—

"Pins, Rolling, 16-inch	...	...	33
"Mops, Common	...	...	44

which leads us to ask, "Is there any connection?"

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There is no truth in the rumour that *L./Cpl. Blockley's* mother is about to "buy him out."

Further to the contrary, we have heard from good authority that he has been placed on the Inventory Board, and is consequently in with the fixtures.



## EQUINE BIOGRAPHIES.

### No. 1.—BRONCHO.

THERE is some difference of opinion as to when and where Broncho was born, and when he first joined the Army.

*Capt. (late Sergt.-Major-Instr.) A. E. Stevens* claims to have had him as a remount in his ride at the Cavalry School, Netheravon, in 1909, when he states he was trained by *Cpl.-of-Horse Horseman*, 1st Life Guards. On the completion of that course he was allotted to *Stevens* as a demonstration horse, and remained as such till 1914.

Other accounts show that he was a second-year remount in 1912.

With a horse of such an age, and not being exactly "in the book," it is difficult to establish exactly when he was born.

The official veterinary history sheet in 1919 showed him as sixteen; this would make him now to be twenty-five years, but I think it is more probable that he is now twenty-four or even twenty-three, which is *Major-General Vaughan's* estimate.

He was named Broncho owing to his resistance when the backing stage arrived and it terminated with the student spending several weeks in hospital.

The following is an account of an instructor (*Capt., late Sergt.-Major-Instr., A. R. Sturt*) who was an eyewitness of the incident.

"I happened to be one of the brave fellows giving advice from the floor of the riding school at the time that it was considered that this docile young horse, who had shown proficiency in the long reins, should be asked to carry his trainer. As he had shown some slight resentment at first having a saddle placed on his back, it was deemed advisable to

rob him temporarily of the use of a foreleg, so this was strapped up in the usual manner. By kindness and tact we got his jockey on board, but no sooner had that happened, and before we could get his foreleg down, he hurtled his rider through the air. He was followed very shortly afterwards by the saddle, which, when picked up, was found to have the girth intact and buckled to the saddle on both sides, as when fastened on his back. This was a truly remarkable feat, the like

competitions at the International Horse Show in 1913 and 1914.

In 1913, he got in the "money" once or twice, and in 1914 he won two or three prizes, his best performance being when he tied with two others for King George's Cup, but lost on running off.

Major-General John Vaughan, who was Commandant at Netheravon during the years before the Great War, writes: "He always had a great jump, but would not put in a short one or take much



[Photo: Sport & General.]

#### LIEUT.-COLONEL MALISE GRAHAM ON "BRONCHO."

of which is hard to believe, and had I not personally witnessed it I fear I should be inclined to doubt its veracity."

Stevens states that he rode Broncho in the Cavalry School's N.C.Os.' jumping team at the Royal Tournament, in which competition they were first each year.

He also performed at some local shows with success, except on one occasion at Amesbury, when he had a nasty smash.

Lord Ebrington—then a subaltern in the Scots Greys and an instructor at the Cavalry School—rode him in the Officers'

interest in his work. He was lent to Hamilton Grace to hunt with the Bicester in January and February, 1914. 'H. G.' reported him to be a marvellous hunter, and it did him good. On mobilization, he was detailed as one of Lord Allenby's chargers, and remained as such till January, 1915, when 'H. G.' 'swopped' him with Lord Allenby for a better hack. On 'H. G.'s' death, Ebrington secured him."

Broncho remained with Lord Ebrington till the spring of 1918. He won some

competitions in France in 1916 and 1918, his best performance being when he beat Combined Training in the 1st Cavalry Division Show in June, 1918.

He did not jump in 1917, because he developed ringbone.

It is a curious coincidence that it was Major C. Townsend, our late Veterinary Officer, who saved his life at the time he was Veterinary Officer to the 2nd Cavalry Brigade.

It was proposed that Broncho should be destroyed on account of the ringbone, but Major Townsend asked leave to fire him. He never saw him again until 1925, when he saw him being led into barracks at Aldershot. He called my groom, Ward, heard it was Broncho, and thus renewed friendship with the old horse whose life he had saved.

In March, 1918, Broncho was nearly killed by a shell in a wood near Marcelcave, and shortly after that he was sent down to the Cavalry Equitation School at Cayeux-sur-Mer under Lieut.-Col. Borwick until September, 1918, where on two occasions I was put on him for a nice gallop over the fences. Shortly after that I have recollections of Major-General T. T. Pitman riding him in a sporting match with Brig.-General Neil Haig at a little meeting of the 5th Cavalry Brigade not far from Spa in Belgium. There was much snow on the ground, Broncho jumped far too big, and the match ended in an intentional dead-heat!

Later, Broncho went to Germany with Lord Ebrington, and finally came back to the Cavalry School at Netheravon.

He won the King's Cup at the Royal Tournament in 1919. Then ended a happy association between Lord Ebrington and Broncho; they had been together in peace and war, and obviously must have known each other very well.

I can personally testify to the fact that the old horse knows ever so well when he meets a friend.

Broncho remained on at Netheravon, and in 1920 was reserve for the English team at the International Horse Show. As one of the team was unfit, he was required to jump, and he did well, but unfortunately he jumped too near the side of the first fence, and his jockey's (Capt. Thornton) foot caused four faults by knocking down the upright.

Broncho was allotted to me when I was appointed Chief Instructor at Netheravon in the spring of 1921.

My first impression was that he was rather stale, very cunning, and very wilful. If he did not want to jump a fence—and that was often—no power could make him.

Still, it was obvious that when all went well his wonderful spring was still there. He had a rooted objection to anything in the form of rapping, and if other horses had previously been rapped a little in his presence, it was extraordinary how he would evade going near a fence till all assistants had withdrawn out of range.

The following is a list of his principal performances during the following three years:—

1921.—Won the Aldershot Cup; won many prizes at the International Horse Show.

1922.—Won the King's Cup at the Royal Tournament; won many prizes at the International Horse Show.

1923.—Won the Aldershot Cup (rider, Lieut.-Col. Geoffrey Brooke); first and second in the other competitions at Aldershot; won the Connaught Cup at the International Horse Show, and many other prizes.

During these years he had been at the Cavalry School, Netheravon, and Equitation School, Weedon. The Commandant thought fit to keep him at Weedon when I left there in July, 1923.

He was jumped a certain amount, but met with little or no success in 1924.

I was asked to ride him in the King's Cup at the International Horse Show, and after a morning's school I did so, and, bar a refusal, he did well, but his heart was not in it, and he felt lacking in keenness and confidence. This was probably due to the fact that he had been hunted a bit by a young officer, and jumped at the school much more than was reasonable for him, as he did the work of an ordinary school horse.

Next spring the Commandant asked if I would like to have him back, so, after a trial, I accepted and brought him to the Regiment, where the regimental atmosphere seemed to rejuvenate him, and he started again. I schooled him a few times only, entered him for the Royal Engineers' Sports, which he won, and

within two months he won the King's Cup at the International Horse Show.

The following have been his best performances since then:—

1925.—Won the King's Cup at the International Horse Show; won several other prizes there, and also one or two at Ranelagh and Aldershot.

1926.—Won at the Royal Engineers' Sports; third in the King's Cup at the International Horse Show, and won many other prizes; won the Aldershot Cup and Aldershot Plate; third in the King's Cup at the Royal Tournament.

1927.—At the International Horse Show, won the Canadian Cup and the Connaught Cup; second in the King's Cup, losing first place by half a fault, after a tie; second in the *Daily Mail* Cup, lost by shying at the crowd at the last fence in the run-off after a tie.

This was his best year at the International Horse Show. In his first rounds (viz., eight), he only had a total of two faults. He has been in the English team for the Prince of Wales's Cup every year since the war except 1924.

It was suggested by the Remount Department that, on the termination of my command last year, I should purchase him for £10. Having agreed to pay that amount, we referred to his records, and found that he had been valued at £12 in 1916!

I have often been asked whether he is a difficult horse to ride, and it is rather hard to answer. When being ridden away from home, he feels like an old sheep, but directly he turns towards home there is always an immediate change, and it is never safe to sit anything but tight. When being led at exercise, he has even now more life and kick than most young horses. He has a good mouth, and can do the passage at trot or canter, which is further proof that *manège* work does not always prevent jumping ability.

The old horse's activity is naturally not what it was, and he cannot extend himself so much; consequently, it is all the more important for him to take off for his fences exactly at the right spot and with enough impulsion.

The two difficulties with him have always been that he cannot put in a short

stride, and if things go wrong he starts to refuse. If he is pushed on fast and comes wrong at his fence, he will either refuse or take off too soon, which is fatal in the case of a wide fence. If, on the other hand, he is steadied down too much and then asked to increase his pace again at the last stride, he cannot regain sufficient impulsion.

Except for his old ringbone and a cataract in his eye, which caused a bad fall at Aldershot in the spring of 1927, he is a remarkably sound horse. Possibly one chief cause of this is that he has not been galloped much.

The Broncho Cup will, I hope, serve to remind serving members of the Regiment from time to time of a wonderful old horse.



### OH, THOSE RECRUITS!

The S.I.M. to a recruit, after giving an exhaustive lecture and demonstration on the care of the rifle:

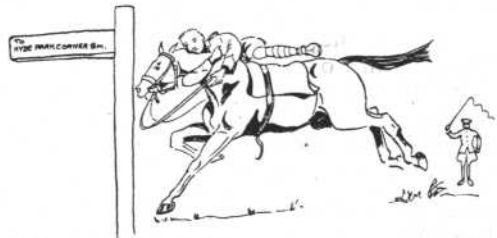
"What is the first thing you do, lad, when you clean your rifle?"

RECRUIT: "Look at the number, Sergeant?"

S.I.M.: "What for?"

RECRUIT: "To see that I am not cleaning someone else's, Sergeant."

(Exit S.I.M. in a westerly direction, undoing his collar.)



The cavalry riding master was waxing sarcastic at the expense of a very gawky recruit.

"'Ere, 'ere," he protested, "cut that stuff out. 'Orses are scarce enough in the British Army without you trying to strangle 'em."

S.M. GUY (to recruit galloping across the heath): "Hi! Where are you going to?"

RECRUIT: "I don't know. Ask the horse!"



**I** THINK all the married people were sorry to leave Aldershot, with its many advantages, such as Chetwode Terrace, the Welfare Centre, and all the other well-equipped institutions. There are no such places at Hounslow.

We are sorry for those who went to Canterbury, and who had no sooner got settled down into comfortable quarters than they were ordered to return to the Regiment at Hounslow.

Beginning on November 15th, 1927, there was a social once a month throughout the winter, ending up with two of them in March.

At the first one, Miss Theobald, from the National Milk Publicity Council, gave an interesting lecture on milk and its food values, and at two subsequent socials Miss James, also from the National Milk Publicity Council, gave cooking demonstrations, and showed us how to cook some excellent dishes. I know they were excellent, as we ate them all for tea afterwards!

At some of the other socials, Mrs. Leggett sang and played the piano, which was much appreciated. Mrs. Druce, as always, worked hard to make the socials a success.

Everyone was very glad to see Mrs. Swadling again, at the last social, as she had just recovered from a serious operation.

The Christmas Tree took place on January 17th at the Old Church. The rooms were beautifully decorated with pictures and decorations kindly lent by the Sergeants' Mess, and lots of balloons. A very good entertainment was given by the Regiment's talented Pierrot Troupe, and after that "Father Christmas" gave everyone a present.

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Now that we are expecting to go to Egypt so soon, it may be of interest to those who have never been abroad before to hear something about the climate and conditions out there.

To begin with, Egypt is a perfectly healthy country, but, as in all warm climates, more care must be taken in all matters regarding health, food, and sanitation.

Before starting, it is a good plan to have your teeth and your children's teeth overhauled by a dentist. Make sure that your children have no enlarged tonsils or adenoids. If they have, take them to the doctor before you leave England.

Everyone should be vaccinated before leaving England, as smallpox is much more common abroad, and vaccination is a certain protection against this horrible disease.

It is also advisable for all grown-ups and all children over four years old to be inoculated against enteric fever (typhoid).

The climate of Egypt is very hot during the summer, but in winter it is often very cold, especially at night.

So take plenty of blankets and coats—in fact, the same sort of clothes as are wanted in England during the winter.

The winter lasts for about five months, and there is often a good deal of rain during January and February. The hottest months are from June to September, when the temperature is often 100 degrees in the shade.

It is a good plan to take out plenty of thin summer dresses, or stuffs for making them, as dresses and materials are very expensive in Cairo. Crepe-de-chine does not wear well in the East, but shantung, voile, and cotton materials do.

Carpets are very expensive, so it is as well to take those you have with you.

The barracks are at Abbassia, about three and a half miles from Cairo in one direction, and about the same distance from Heliopolis in the opposite direction.

From each of these places there is a good service of trams and buses.

The barracks and married quarters are lit by electricity, and the cooking in the married quarters is done on Rippingille oil-stoves, which are provided. During the winter, a warming-stove is also issued to each married quarter.

There is a very good garrison school in Abbassia, and in Cairo there are some very good English schools.

The school children go to school about 7.30 a.m. and leave about 11 a.m., and those are the daily school hours.

Especial care must be taken that the children's eyes are protected from the glare of the sun; a good protective is a veil hung round the children's hats.

## REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION.

ON investigating the reason for the small number of applications to become life members of the Regimental Association, we have decided to publish a copy of the rules, etc.

It seems that quite a number of N.C.Os. and men cannot have read these rules, otherwise undoubtedly the only non-members would be the usual cross-grained grousers.

After reading the following copy of the rules, etc., should you still be in any doubt, please write to us, and we will endeavour to explain the knotty point.

1. A Committee meeting of the Tenth Hussars Association was held in London on January 9th, 1924. The following rules were carried, and were brought into force commencing May 1st, 1924.

### 2. RULES:—

(i) All Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Troopers who have served with the Regiment are eligible to become life members on paying the sum of £1, provided they have the Commanding Officer's recommendation.

(ii) During their service in the Regiment, the sum of 1s. (or convenient equivalent if abroad) will be collected on the first pay day of each quarter, and the sum forwarded to the Secretary.

(iii) Records of amounts collected from each individual to be kept with the Regiment, and the collection cease from any member when he has paid a total of £1.

(iv) Should any Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or Trooper leave the Regiment on discharge or transfer before completing his payment of £1, he may either

(a) pay the difference up to his £1 and become a life member; or

(b) have his subscriptions refunded, in which case he has no further claim on the Association.

(v) The names of all Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Troopers of the Regiment to be sent to the Secretary when they leave the Regiment, with a statement showing whether they are members of the Association or not.

(vi) Should a Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or Trooper leave the Regiment without becoming a life member and subsequently wish to do so, he may on paying £1 to the Secretary.

(vii) All Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers or Troopers leaving the Regiment (or who have left) prior to May 1st, 1924, are automatically members of the Association.

Those leaving subsequently must pay £1.

(viii) No guarantee of financial or other assistance can be made, but, as in the past, every effort will be made.

3. There are two reasons for the adoption of this system:—

(i) From 1912 till August, 1914, all N.C.Os. and men subscribed 2s. 6d. yearly whilst serving, so as to enable them to become members on leaving.

It was desired to restart this system, but on a fairer basis. The old contribution necessitates a man who served twenty-one years in the Regiment paying £2 12s. 6d., whereas a man with only five years in the Regiment pays 12s. 6d.; while, with the present system, everyone will pay the same.

- (ii) Owing to being in England and supplying large drafts to other regiments, a very large number of men pass through the hands of the Regiment. Some before going to another regiment have already three years' service, whereas some men, through no fault of their own, get discharged (probably medically unfit) after three years with the Regiment. If the latter are helped, the draft men should also be helped.

It was therefore felt that there must be some qualifications as to becoming a member, as the Association could not possibly cope with very increased numbers.

4. Squadron Quartermaster-Sergeants will collect these subscriptions and hand in the total to the officer serving on the Committee (at present Major Gosling), after the first pay day in May, August, November and February. Ledgers will be issued by Major Gosling.

5. When any N.C.Os. or men leave the Regiment on discharge or transfer, notification will be sent to the serving member of the Committee, stating whether the man wishes to have his instalments refunded or the balance forwarded with a request to become a member. The names of all men being discharged will be forwarded to the Secretary, with a statement showing whether they are members or not.

6. Possibly an explanation is required to the last words of Rule 1, "provided they have the Commanding Officer's recommendation." Should any man be discharged and the C.O. be unable to recommend him to anyone, the man may claim his subscription back, as he will be unable to get assistance from the Association.

7. Copies of the Annual Report will, in addition to being sent to annual subscribers, be distributed throughout the Regiment, so as to show the amount and nature of the work done during the year.

(Sd.) G. E. GOSLING, Major,  
10th Royal Hussars.

Aldershot, 26/3/1924.

We shall endeavour to publish a copy of the Annual Reports in the GAZETTE following their receipt.



## EQUITATION NOTES.

IT is not intended to go farther back than last year in search of material for these notes.

So much has already been written, and his wonderful performances are so well known, that it is not necessary to write about "Broncho."

Last year the Regiment had its fair measure of success. Sergt. Prince won the Sword, Lance and Revolver event at the Aldershot Command Bronze Medal Tournament, but, on competing at Olympia, was unlucky to lose his sword at the first dummy.

Lieut. Harvey, on Second String, Lieut. Dawnay, on Hooded Beauty, and Sergt. Wells, on Mousie, were jumping at Olympia. Lieut. Harvey won once, and Sergt. Wells, on his famous Mousie, won a second and a third.

Both Mousie and Second String are in Sergt. Wells's troop, "A" Squadron, and great credit is due to this N.C.O. for the way he has trained these two horses and the keenness displayed by him.

We were unlucky not to gain two firsts and one second at Winchester, but came away with one first and one second, both gained by Sergt. Wells.

At the Aldershot Show, Sergt.-Major Haynes won a well-merited victory in the Best Trained Troop Horse Class with a horse he has been training some time for this event. He was second in a similar event at the Southern Command Horse Show.

At Chertsey, Sergts. Wells and Hart, both won a second prize in the jumping classes.

A number of other successes were gained at the local shows, but space does not permit of their inclusion.

So far this year, we have made a good start. At the Eastern Command Bronze Medal Tournament, Lieut. Pepys won the Officers' Class, Sword, Lance, and Revolver, and Sergt. Prince was second, with Cpl. Davis third, in the Other Ranks' Class, Sword, Lance, and Revolver.

Sergt. Prince won the Dummy Thrusting, whilst Cpl. Taylor was third in this event.

The above now compete at the Royal Tournament.

Judging by the form displayed, they should have a great chance of winning some laurels there.

We are also left in the Section Jumping and hope our luck will change in this competition. We shall be represented by S.S.M. Guy, Sergts. Bodill, Wells, Hart, and L./Cpl. Davis. With one exception, all the riders and horses in this Section Jumping are in "A" Squadron, who should therefore have a strong hand in the Broncho Cup this year.

This cup was presented by Lieut.-Col. Malise Graham, D.S.O., on leaving the Regiment. The competition is an Inter-Squadron jumping test for teams of four, consisting of one officer, one sergeant, one corporal, and one trooper from each squadron.

We are getting up a vaulting and trick-riding display this year, as there seems to be a great demand for such events at the local fêtes and horse shows.



## WHY ALL THIS EDUCATION?

HOW often the soldier, struggling with a mathematical problem, has ejaculated this query. When the lesson is on decimals, or proportional parts, the "regimental thinker" (a recent Gibsonian appellation for the unfortunate Regimental Educational Instructor) cannot turn aside to deliver an oration on the "Value of Education."

Perhaps the GAZETTE will afford him an opportunity of answering "Why?"

Education consists of all influences brought to bear upon the individual in the school, and is mainly two-fold in its character, *i.e.*, utilitarian and disciplinary. From the utilitarian point of view, learning is only valuable in so far as it may be useful in the present or after-life of the pupil, while disciplinary education regards the acquisition of learning as a means of training the intellectual powers of the pupil. In Army Educational Training, while the utilitarian aspect predominates, every effort is made to train the intellectual powers of the soldier.

To kill an enemy, a soldier does not require a knowledge of square root, nor is it essential that he should have passed his standard "gym" tests. Yet the physical training is a means to an end. It strengthens the muscles and tones up the body of the soldier to prepare him to resist the hardships of military life. The average individual does not dispute the efficaciousness of "physical jerks," and yet in this age, when mind has triumphed over matter, and brain over brute strength, he will question, "Why all this education?"

In the boxing ring, other things being equal, the man with the quicker mind wins. In the athletic field, the quickest thinker seizes the opportunity which may spell victory. Why deny brains its victories on the battle-field?

In this very imperfect world, the only means of developing the mind of an individual is by exercising it according to its ability, and, as in the case of training a young jumper, to raise the standard when he has successfully negotiated the lower level.

The Army recruit is first instructed so that he may obtain a 3rd Class Certificate,

the syllabus for which is Arithmetic, English, and Regimental History. The memorizing of tables exercises the mind—a sort of mental bending lesson—the simple problems teach it to reason. Simple English lessons are necessary to give Yorkshiremen, Cockneys, and other “foreigners” a knowledge of the mother tongue, through whose medium they are going to be taught multifarious military evolutions. Regimental history lays the basis of *esprit de corps*.

The 2nd Class Certificate, by which “proficiency” is rewarded, is a marked advance on the 3rd Class, and is about equivalent to the “old” 1st. By civilian standard, it compares with the Junior “Locals,” for which children of 15 or 16 are prepared, but, besides the purely scholastic subjects, there is the professional subject of Map Reading.

No soldier can deny the value of map reading, even if he does not believe that mathematics are an excellent “brain food.” History and political geography are the foundation-stone of patriotism. What distinguishes an American from an Englishman but their different traditions? The memory of Agincourt, Warburg, Waterloo, and of the other hard-fought fields may sustain the modern soldier when his turn comes to make history. Patriotism alone assists men facing death. He is a poor mercenary who is prepared to die for two shillings a day.

Yet the Englishman on enlistment is lamentably ignorant of his traditions—perhaps the economic struggle for existence has left him no use for idealism. Education, at least, by kindling the embers of patriotism, gives him something to fight for, and of which to be proud.

Ninety-nine per cent. of the men who enlist are victims of economic circumstances, who just drift into the Army. The Service offers them a refuge from the storm, where one may gain new strength of mind and body, before returning to renew the battle of life. No branch of Army training is so efficacious in the preparation for this return as the Educational Scheme. The miner disdains to return underground, his outlook has been broadened, he settles in one of our Colonies and becomes an Empire builder. The labourer earns a more congenial livelihood as a “pen-pusher” or a trades-

man, while the clerk sets out to be a farmer. From all groups we have an occasional professional soldier who makes a career of the profession of arms.

This great university of life—the Army—enables the individual to sort himself out. There is no need for a square peg to go back into a round hole.

Education is the keystone of success in the workaday world. Bear in mind, however, that *mens sana in corpore sano* is the soldierly ideal. It is no good being a “Knob-on Wallah” if one is useless as a soldier, and a good soldier retarded from promotion by educational deficiency is a tragedy. Educational proficiency, while not more important than military skill, is at least as important to-day.

The public Press often regales its readers with a column of school-boy “howlers,” but nothing can surpass some of the unconscious humour shown by some of the regimental candidates for Army Certificates at our recent examinations.

In the last “Thirds,” the question, “What are the badges of your regiment, and how did it come to possess them?” was answered as follows:—

“The Prince of Wales was Colonel of our regiment during the Boer War. A patrol captured an ostrich farm, and the Prince took three feathers from a bird’s tail, which he presented to the regiment, with his motto.”

But the palm must be handed to the man who said that, “The Battle of the Nile was fought in the Peninsula during the Crimean War. Clive was killed in the moment of victory and also an Indian Rajah, and so the Black Hole was avenged.”

Quite an historical salad!

E. P. M.



EMPLOYER (to applicant for work):  
“What did you leave your last job for?”

APPLICANT: “I had a row with the boss.”

EMPLOYER: “Oh! Why?”

APPLICANT: “He said I smoked his cigars.”

EMPLOYER: “But why didn’t you make him prove it?”

APPLICANT: “He did—that’s what started the row.”

## SPORTS NEWS.

## FOOTBALL.

THE Troop Football Competition was played during the early part of the season, and was keenly contested by the teams.

*First Round.*—The Band beat "C4" 2-1; "C3" and "A2" played three times without a decision, and "C3" ceded the match to "A2."

*Second Round.*—"C1" beat "H.Q." Remainder 3-0; Band beat "A4" 8-2; "A1" beat "C2" 7-1; "A3" beat "A2" 4-0.

*Semi-finals.*—Band beat "A1" 3-0; "A3" beat "C1" 1-0.

*Final.*—"A3" beat the Band 4-0.

The Squadron Football Competition was spread over the season. This was due to the Regimental players playing for their squadrons, and we did not want them to get stale.

As an experiment, both the Squadron Football Competition and the Squadron Hockey Competition were played simultaneously, by the same squadrons, and proved that squadrons were able to produce teams to compete in both competitions, without including the same men in both, thereby increasing the number of men playing games. It is hoped that next year Rugby football will also be included.

The following are the results of the above competitions:—

## SQUADRON FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

		P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals			Pts.
						F.	A.		
"C" Squadron	...	4	3	1	0	18	4	7	
"A" Squadron	...	4	1	2	1	9	7	4	
"H.Q." Wing	...	4	0	1	3	4	20	1	

## SQUADRON HOCKEY COMPETITION.

		P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals			Pts.
						F.	A.		
"A" Squadron	...	4	3	0	0	22	3	8	
"H.Q." Wing	...	4	1	1	2	5	14	3	
"C" Squadron	...	4	0	1	3	3	13	1	

Owing to the Machine Gun Squadron being stationed at Canterbury, they were unable to take part in the foregoing competitions. It is understood that they entered for the local league, and were more than holding their own when they had to move to Hounslow.

The Regiment entered for the following competitions:—

## CAVALRY CUP.

In the first round, we met the Royal Horse Guards. The match was played at Burton's Court, and resulted in a win for us.

In the second round, we were drawn to play the 13th/18th Hussars, at home. Our opponents came to Hounslow on February 25th, and gave us an excellent game, returning to Shorncliffe the victors by 4-1.

## THE BULLDOG CHALLENGE CUP.

In the first round of this competition we drew a bye. In the second round, we were drawn to play the 3rd Coldstream Guards. This match took place at Burton's Court on January 19th, and resulted in a win for our opponents by 4-0.

## THE LONDON AND DISTRICT MILITARY LEAGUE.

In this competition sixteen teams entered; home and away matches had to be played, which made it a big league, as far as amateur football is concerned. In view of our move to Hounslow, we were unable to make an early start, and in consequence we were unable to fulfil all our fixtures.

We are not in possession of a full league table, but the following is the result, as far as our team is concerned:—

Played, 27; won, 17; drew, 1; lost, 9; goals for, 82; goals against, 56; points, 35.

## BOXING.

The Annual Regimental and Novices' Boxing Tournament took place at Hounslow on March 2nd and 3rd.

Keen interest was taken in the tournament by all, and 173 competitors entered for the competition. This, we think, is an improvement on last year's figures.

There were many good fights in the Novices' Competition, and a good number of boxers showed marked ability. It is hoped that they will continue their efforts, and that next year we shall see the results in the Regimental Championships.

The following is the list of winners and runners-up. Space will not permit the

publication of the names of all the competitors, but we take this opportunity of congratulating them on their performance. We should like to mention that they all possess the first essential for all sports, and that is the sporting spirit:—

*Novices' Welter-weights.*—Tpr. Harding (walk over).

*Novices' Middle-weights.*—Tpr. Allison. Runner-up, L./Cpl. Hale.

*Novices' Light-weights.*—Tpr. Gleave. Runner-up, Tpr. Shears.

*Novices' Feather-weights.*—Tpr. Hall. Runner-up, Tpr. Reynolds.

*Novices' Heavy-weights.*—Tpr. Lee (walk over).

*Regimental Welter-weights.*—Farr. Davies. Runner-up, L./Cpl. Allen.

*Regimental Light-weights.*—Tpr. Drury. Runner-up, Tpr. Dawes.

*Regimental Heavy-weights.*—Tpr. Lea. Runner-up, Tpr. Mace.

*Regimental Middle-weights.*—Tpr. Parrett. Runner-up, L./Cpl. Batt.

*Boys, Class "A."*—Boy Evans. Runner-up, Boy Jocelyn.

*Boys, Class "B."*—Boy Brumfitt. Runner-up, Boy Hallett.

#### POINTS FOR BROCKLEHURST TROPHY.

"A" Squadron	...	...	322
"C" Squadron	...	...	245
Machine Gun Squadron	...	...	98
"H.Q." Wing	...	...	82



#### LATEST BOOKS.

- "Facial Alterations," by Gertie.
- "Tactical Problems," by Phil.
- "Bye-Products," by Youngrich.
- "A Soldier's Plate," by Lydia Mestyn.
- "Cutting it Fine," by Cohen and Kelly.
- "Short Issues," by Humph.
- "The Sovereign," by Iona A. Dudden.
- "The Housing Problem," by Rufus Quick.
- "Poki Di," by George, Charlie and Jack.
- "Orchestra Stalls," by Seymour Legge.

SIDNEY: "How do you like your new cigarette lighter. Does it work all right?"

JOE: "Sure; I can light it with one match now."

## REGIMENTAL GAZETTE.

"LONDON GAZETTE" (3/2/28).

The undermentioned Gentleman Cadet from the Royal Military College to be Second-Lieutenant, 10th Royal Hussars: Anthony Desmond Rex Wingfield.

#### POSTINGS.

The undermentioned recruits and boys were attested for the cavalry of the line on the dates stated, and posted to the Regiment:—

2751290	Tpr. P. Fachie, 10/1/28.
772813	Tpr. G. H. Phillpotts, 10/1/28.
547898	Tpr. A. Atkinson, 16/1/28.
547897	Tpr. J. H. Austin, 16/1/28.
547899	Tpr. E. Cleverley, 16/1/28.
547896	Tpr. W. Cummings, 16/1/28.
547895	Tpr. C. T. Devonald, 16/1/28.
547889	Tpr. A. T. Hallett, 16/1/28.
547902	Tpr. T. Holden, 16/1/28.
547893	Tpr. E. E. B. Lee, 16/1/28.
547890	Boy G. W. E. Porter, 16/1/28.
547891	Tpr. R. Rose, 16/1/28.
547894	Tpr. A. J. Sait, 16/1/28.
547903	Tpr. J. Swain, 16/1/28.
547900	Tpr. H. A. Swatton, 16/1/28.
547892	Tpr. C. E. Windle, 16/1/28.
547909	Tpr. F. J. Allen, 17/1/28.
547905	Tpr. E. N. Nowell, 17/1/28.
547912	Tpr. F. Reynolds, 17/1/28.
547901	Tpr. G. Richardson, 17/1/28.
547906	Tpr. S. Smith, 17/1/28.
547910	Tpr. F. W. Watts, 17/1/28.
547910	Tpr. R. C. Cooper, 18/1/28.
547911	Tpr. E. H. Hobbs, 18/1/28.
547904	Tpr. V. H. Jones, 18/1/28.
547940	Tpr. W. D. Lewis, 18/1/28.
547913	Tpr. W. Palmer, 18/1/28.
547941	Tpr. W. C. Thomas, 18/1/28.
547918	Tpr. A. Holland, 19/1/28.
547919	Tpr. G. Moore, 19/1/28.
547937	Tpr. W. E. Dunlop, 20/1/28.
547914	Tpr. F. Gurr, 20/1/28.
547935	Tpr. S. Websdale, 20/1/28.
547956	Tpr. J. Hall, 21/1/28.
547936	Tpr. E. Poole, 21/1/28.
548054	Boy C. J. Scriven, 27/2/28.
548116	Tpr. J. Mottram, 14/3/28.
548098	Tpr. A. Rogerson, 14/3/28.
548101	Tpr. R. P. Bone, 15/3/28.
548115	Tpr. J. Goddard, 15/3/28.
2215501	Tpr. G. M. Fairfax, 16/3/28.
548113	Tpr. N. G. Preston, 17/3/28.
548117	Tpr. W. Noirmott, 19/3/28.

548124 Tpr. G. L. Davies, 21/3/28.  
 548141 Tpr. T. Jackson, 22/3/28.  
 548125 Tpr. J. Mitchell, 23/3/28.  
 548140 Tpr. A. Rhodes, 23/3/28.  
 5667848 Tpr. C. E. L. Smith, 23/3/28.  
 548142 Tpr. H. R. Hallam, 24/3/28.  
 548143 Tpr. G. H. Reynolds, 24/3/28.  
 548144 Tpr. F. G. Bacon, 28/3/28.  
 548146 Tpr. J. D. Locker, 29/3/28.  
 548153 Tpr. R. E. Larman, 30/3/28.

### PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

534096 L./Cpl. T. W. Fortey, appointed Saddle-tree Maker, 11/1/28, *vice* Brooks.  
 7873259 L./Cpl. L. Pollard, appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 11/1/28, *vice* Fortey.  
 534237 Tpr. S. Vipond and 5987942 Tpr. L. D. Smith, appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporals, 14/1/28.  
 387650 Sadd. W. Daly, promoted Saddler-Corporal, 27/10/27.  
 543002 Tpr. W. E. Waite, appointed Farrier, 30/3/28.  
 544450 Tpr. P. Mordaunt, attained the age of 18 years, 15/1/28.

### REVERSIONS.

The undermentioned N.C.Os. reverted to Trooper at their own request:—  
 546195 L./Cpl. T. W. Lightfoot, 13/3/28.  
 543123 L./Cpl. W. Bligh, 28/3/28.

### RE-ENGAGEMENTS AND EXTENSION OF SERVICE.

The undermentioned extended their service to complete twelve years with the Colours:—

543232 L./Cpl. S. Vipond, 16/1/28.  
 6331 Sadd./Cpl. C. H. M. Downes, 7/2/28.

The undermentioned re-engaged to complete twenty-one years with the Colours:—

534156 Bdsn. G. Johnson, 23/3/28.

The undermentioned extended their service beyond twenty-one years:—

7815686 L./Sergt. A. E. Haines, 13/2/28.  
 538799 L./Cpl. A. Blockley, 19/3/28.

### COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

546356 Tpr. W. Codrai, qualified at a Course of Instruction for Squadron Cooks, held at Aldershot on 17/2/28.

546195 Tpr. Lightfoot, qualified at a Course of Instruction in Sanitary Duties, held at Aldershot on 17/12/27.

### EDUCATION.

The undermentioned were awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education at an examination held at Hounslow on 20/2/28:—

547917 Tpr. R. C. Cooper.  
 2207596 Tpr. L. A. Darlow.  
 547937 Tpr. W. Dunlop.  
 2751290 Tpr. P. Fachie.  
 2763231 Tpr. F. J. Gavan.  
 547889 Boy A. Hallett.  
 547918 Tpr. A. Holland.  
 546725 Tpr. G. Jones.  
 547893 Tpr. E. E. Lee.  
 4968904 Tpr. J. Marshall.  
 547905 Tpr. E. N. Nowell.  
 547913 Tpr. W. Palmer.  
 547891 Tpr. R. Rose.  
 547894 Tpr. A. J. Sait.  
 547903 Tpr. J. Swain.  
 547941 Tpr. W. Thomas.  
 547910 Tpr. F. W. Watts.  
 547935 Tpr. S. Websdale.  
 547304 Boy G. Wells.  
 547905 Boy H. Wells.  
 547892 Tpr. C. E. Windle.

### DISCHARGES.

The undermentioned Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer and Men were discharged during the quarter:—

547898 Tpr. A. Atkinson.  
 312968 Q.M.S. (S.T.M.) A. J. Brooks.  
 547896 Tpr. W. Cummings.  
 545225 Tpr. P. T. Dalton.  
 546545 Tpr. E. Edney.  
 547914 Tpr. F. Gurr.  
 6395616 Tpr. T. C. Hoad.  
 546653 Tpr. F. G. Hughes.  
 537330 F.S.S. A. P. Lambert.  
 543020 Bdsn. H. G. Overs.  
 547890 Boy G. W. E. Porter.  
 547901 Tpr. P. Richardson.

### TRANSFERS TO THE ARMY RESERVE.

The undermentioned N.C.O. and men were transferred to the Army Reserve during the quarter:—

546657 Tpr. G. Butler.  
534137 Tpr. P. Miller.  
529425 Tpr. F. E. Peters.  
534553 Cpl. B. Slack.

### BIRTHS.

DEARDEN.—On January 26th, 1928, at Hounslow, to the wife of S.S.M. Dearden—a son (Denis Samuel).  
FORTEY.—On January 13th, 1928, at Reading, to the wife of S.T.M. Fortey—a daughter (Edna Doreen).  
MALINS.—On January 12th, 1928, at Hounslow, to the wife of Sergt. Malins—a son (Frank Leslie).  
VENNING.—On February 2nd, 1928, at Aldershot, to the wife of Tpr. Venning—a son (Donald William).  
WHITTINGHAM.—On February 25th, 1928, at Hounslow, to the wife of Tpr. Whittingham—a son (Charles).

### RECRUITING.

“THERE is always room for improvement. . . .”

This phrase gives food for thought, and leads me to ask: Why not improve the system of recruiting in the Army?

I do not pretend to have evolved any detailed scheme, but will unfold some general ideas which make my meaning clear.

For instance, why approach your victim clad in a uniform which betrays your mission before you bring your powers of persuasion to bear on him? Why not allow Recruiting Officers to wear mufti, so that on spotting a suitable man they may engage him in friendly conversation and then, quite casually, invite him to “have one” (I mean, of course, a cup of tea!). Then, in the fastnesses of a near-by tea-shop, he might display to his, by then, interested companion, a fascinating brochure.

On the first page, I suggest we have a picture of the parade ground after dismissal. Here and there little knots of

men have gathered animatedly discussing little events that have occurred during their hour of footdrill. The host will explain that these men are probably wagering amongst themselves to determine which of them has gained the most mentions from the Regimental Sergeant-Major for smartness at drill, each of which entitles the recipient to miss one footdrill parade if he wishes. Other men may be seen hurrying off to the canteen, there to purchase fresh supplies of “Bluebell” for their swords, which will have become dusty on the square.

On the next page we see a few men who are off duty leaving the barracks. Some are going to watch other units at drill (for the duties will be conveniently arranged to allow of this). While passing the guard at the gates (selected, of course, from a long list of volunteers), those making their way to the town are being commiserated with, and they can be seen to cast appealing glances at the Sergeant of the Guard, in the hope that he will use his influence to get them included in the very next spell of duty.

Another picture will show the interior of a barrack room, where some have elected to remain and clean their rifles, or to practise some complicated evolution which they may not have mastered thoroughly that afternoon.

Such trifles as grooming and working parties will not, of course, be mentioned in the brochure, but every picture will tell a story, in an interesting way. That the guest will reply “I will” to the hardy-spoken query, there is no doubt.

As to his admittance, a suitable function will be arranged, at which there will be due celebration and merry rejoicing. The Master Tailor will, of course, be there to take measurements, but before doing this he will receive the customary warning that, should his work prove unsatisfactory, no fee will be paid, and a forfeit of one pound will be due to the new entrant. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the entrant will be granted six months’ leave before taking up his new vocation.

These, of course, are only the main ideas, and it would be impossible to deal comprehensively with so large a subject in this article. Still, there they are, and the “powers that be” are quite at liberty

to make use of them—and alter them—as they like, for, as I have said, there is always room for improvement.

It may be argued that the brochure will be somewhat of an exaggeration. This is very true, and he who puts his name to the scheme will doubtless have to “face the music” after the first thousand to be enlisted have settled down; that is why I sign myself

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## LATE SCRATCHINGS FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN.

WE are very disappointed at the response to our competition for the would-be artists in the Regiment for possible headplates for the REGIMENTAL GAZETTE, as only one competitor sent in his attempts.

It has often been said that “Hope springs eternal in the human breast,” and we sincerely hope that there will be a bigger response during next quarter.

We want everyone to help us to make this GAZETTE a success, and we shall be pleased to receive any contributions of any kind. All contributions will be carefully considered, and, if acceptable, will be published as early as possible. If any contribution cannot be accepted, it will be returned to the sender. We therefore beg of you, when sending in contributions, to attach your name and address, even if you are writing under a *nom-de-plume*.

Let us also assure all would-be contributors desirous of hiding their identities under a *nom-de-plume*, that, during the time any contribution is in our hands, the source of its birth shall be kept secure from all.

The task of reviving a regimental gazette after so many years is a difficult one, but we hope that this "maiden" effort will be successful. We trust that readers will realize these difficulties, and will come to our assistance, so that each successive edition will prove more successful and popular than the last.

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