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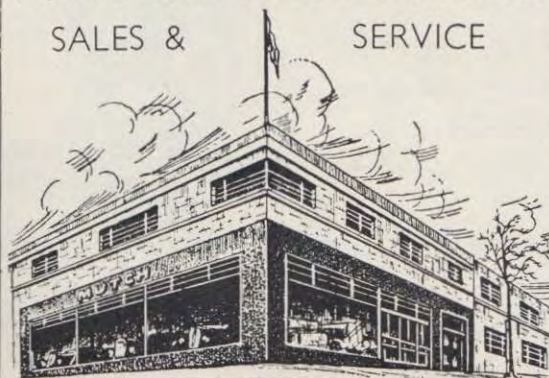
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Brigadier The Earl of Caithness, C.B.E., D.S.O.,  
Colonel of the Regiment.

## BRIGADIER THE EARL OF CAITHNESS, C.B.E., D.S.O.

The appointment of a new Colonel is something of a milestone in the history of a Regiment. Colonel Graham, who retires shortly, has held the appointment for ten years and no one could have taken a keener interest in the Regiment's welfare nor carried out more conscientiously the numerous duties which fall to the lot of all Colonels.

We, in the Gordon Highlanders, can count ourselves lucky to have been so well served in the difficult post-war period and we are indeed fortunate in the appointment of his successor. Most people will agree on the desirability of a Colonel living in the Regimental area and the selection of Brigadier The Earl of Caithness seems to be in every way most appropriate.

Roddy Sinclair, as he was perhaps best known to most members of the Gordon Highlanders, joined in 1926 having gone from school at Marlborough to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. He was posted to the 2nd Battalion then at Bordon, and went with them to Ballykinlar in Northern Ireland at the end of 1928. Always a keen horseman, there he had every opportunity of indulging in one of his favourite pastimes, and his tall, red headed figure on his aptly named mare "Fly by Night" was familiar to followers of the East Down Harriers and at local Point to Points.

In 1929 he transferred to the 1st Battalion which was stationed in India and then in 1934 he was back in Scotland for a two years' tour at the Regimental Depot.

The outbreak of War found him at the War Office in the appointment of D.A.M.S. and in the following

year, after having attended the Staff College Camberley, he joined 15th (Scottish) Division as G.S.O. III. In 1942 he became Brigade Major of 46 Inf. Brigade and later in that year went to India in a similar appointment with 73 Inf. Brigade, subsequently becoming G.I. (Training) with H.Q. Southern Army.

In January, 1944, he was posted to the 2nd Battalion of the Gordons as second in command, taking over command in July of that year and remaining with the Battalion which was in the 15 (S) Division during the Normandy Fighting.

His stay with the 2nd Gordons was shortlived for he was promoted to command 153 Brigade in the 51st (H) Division in August. His tenure of command of this Brigade lasted until 1946 and included much of the fighting in France, Holland and Germany. His successful and inspiring leadership was recognised by the award of the D.S.O. and bar.

After the cessation of hostilities, he took over the 6 (Highland) Brigade in the 2nd Division serving in Germany and remained in command until early in 1947. Serving under his command in 6 Brigade were the 1st Gordons who bade him farewell in true highland custom when he left to take up his appointment with the British Services Mission to Burma.

After two years in Burma he was posted as Military Adviser to the Ceylon Government. The object was the formation of a Ceylon Army, by no means a straightforward matter when starting from scratch. Lord Caithness became in fact the first commander of the Ceylon Army. The successful accomplishment of this task earned for him the award of the C.B.E. in 1951.



His next appointment was to the command of the 51 Independent Infantry Brigade at Barnard Castle and he was in command when the Brigade moved to Tel-El-Kebir.

After so much almost continuous service overseas, his appointment in 1955 as Deputy Commander to Highland District at Perth must have come as a pleasant relief. To his many friends in the Regiment

his retirement from active soldiering shortly afterwards came as something of a surprise, until it was realised that he was to become resident factor for Her Majesty the Queen's Estates of Balmoral and Birkhall.

In such an appointment he is ideally placed to conduct the affairs of the Regiment and we wish him and Lady Caithness many happy years in the Regimental area.

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## COLONEL W. J. GRAHAM, M.C., D.L.

Colonel Graham's retirement brings to an end an active association with the Regiment extending over a period of almost forty-eight years for his first commission was with the 3rd (Special Reserve) Battalion in July, 1910.

He joined the 2nd Battalion in Cairo in December, 1912, with a regular commission and, on the outbreak of war, landed with the Battalion at Zeebrugge in October, 1914, remaining with them until wounded at Festubert six months later. He rejoined in September, 1915, and in the following March went to Headquarters, 20th Infantry Brigade. After a year at home on a staff course and a staff appointment at Cromarty, he returned to France in July, 1917, joining the 1st Battalion. Shortly afterwards he was appointed Staff Captain, 8th Infantry Brigade, and from May to December, 1918, served at GHQ. In 1919 he was DAQM with the British Administrative Liaison Bureau at Brussels.

Returning to regimental duty in 1920 he was appointed Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion whilst stationed at Glasgow, in Ireland and at Fort George, and this was followed in February, 1922, with four years as Adjutant of the London Scottish. After two more years of regimental duty with the 2nd Battalion

at Bordon he went to Kenya, under the Colonial Office, and commanded the 3rd King's African Rifles from 1929 to 1933.

Colonel Graham commanded the Depot from 1934 to 1937 and after a few months as second-in-command of the 1st Battalion at Edinburgh he was posted to the 2nd Battalion in Singapore, which Battalion he subsequently commanded for three years from December, 1938.

On the outbreak of war with Japan, Colonel Graham was appointed Fortress Commander at Penang, on the fall of which he was employed with the III Indian Corps and finally at HQ Malaya Command until the surrender. After four years as a prisoner of war in Malaya, Formosa and at Mukden in Manchuria he returned home and retired with the rank of Colonel in May, 1946.

Appointed Colonel of the Regiment in April, 1948, he has spared no effort to further the interests of the Regiment. Colonel Graham has travelled extensively on visits to units and ex-service organisations, and has rarely missed any of the numerous meetings on regimental business held in Aberdeen.

We wish him, and Mrs. Graham, many years of happiness in his retirement.

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## REGIMENTAL HISTORY

The following copy of a letter, dated 8th April, from The Colonel of The Regiment, was addressed to all units and ex-service organisations and is published for the information of readers, who are invited to co-operate and assist in any way they can:—

### History Of The Regiment

I am writing this letter as Chairman of the Regimental History Committee. The Committee, on which the Territorial Battalions are represented by their Honorary Colonels, has now taken steps to have the history of the Regiment brought up to date. The time has come to report on the present position and to let you know what is required in the future.

**Volume IV.** The history of 1914-1919 has been written by the well-known author Captain Cyril Falls and is now in the hands of the printer. Publication is expected in August or September this year.

The book, which deals with Regular, Territorial and New Army Battalions, runs to about 110,000 words and contains 21 maps and sketches, also brief appendices. The selling price has been fixed at 42/-, though this by no means represents the whole cost to the Fund.

**Volume V.** This volume which is to deal with the Second World War, but which will open with one or two chapters linking 1919 with 1939, has been entrusted to Captain Wilfred Miles. The activities of all Units of the Regiment, including those converted to other arms, will be covered.

Captain Miles was a colleague of Captain Falls in the historical Section of the Cabinet Office where he worked for thirty years. He has written official and regimental war histories. He has already started work on the volume and from May onwards will be giving it his undivided attention.

It is unnecessary for me to stress the importance, and value to the Regiment, of keeping the history up to date and the Committee ask your help in the following matters:—

Firstly, so far as Volume IV is concerned, to stimulate interest and encourage sales amongst serving and former members of the Regiment.

Secondly—the History Fund has resources to cope with Volume IV and to pay the author of Volume V. Whether a publisher will take this on, or whether it will be printed, as in the case of Volume IV, under arrangements of the History Committee, must await the completed manuscript. But certainly it would be prudent to start now to rebuild the fund with the aim of collecting £1,000 by the end of 1959, for that is what it will cost to produce a well-printed and illustrated book of the quality to which we are accustomed.

I would be glad if you will give these matters your consideration and, in due course, inform the Hon. Secretary of the History Committee at the Depot:—

1. The number of copies of Volume IV required.
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## EDITORIAL

The less said about the weather the better. Having nearly achieved a White Christmas, the Meteorological Gods seems to have been undecided whether to provide us with a White January, February and March, or to relent and allow us to enjoy a sort of sub-tropical spring. The resulting chaos has interfered with training and left one with the same feeling of resignation to the inevitable that anyone who has ever organised a picnic in mid-summer knows only too well. One of the more entertaining sights of the quarter was provided by the successful efforts of the Transport Officer, aided by a one-ton truck and a complete fir tree, to clear the square of snow. Every soldier will sympathise with the feelings of the Regimental Sergeant Major, torn as he must have been between apoplexy over the desecration of his Square and anxiety lest the Transport Officer should fail.

In spite of these and other distractions, most companies have spent a period training at Stanford Training Area, near Thetford in Norfolk. With the exception of "B" Company, a successful attempt was made to practise the arts of European Warfare. "B" Company, on the other hand, whose approach to any problem is nothing if not original and whose minds are admirably flexible, elected instead to contribute to the activities of the Geophysical Year and spent a valuable, if unexpected, few days training for survival in Antarctic conditions. Shortly after warnings of somewhat inclement weather had been reported on the British Broadcasting Corporation, a rather plaintive message was received over the air link to say that, as they were snowed up in their huts, could they please be allowed to light fires.

The Quartermaster, esconced in a freezing office, in which the temperature rarely falls below 75 degrees Fahrenheit, pointed out that, whilst "B" Company had his sympathy, he must be ever mindful of the present economic state of the Country, and anyway there was nothing in his Regulations covering the situation. Fortunately for "B" Company the Commanding Officer, whose office boasts two radiators, neither of which work, a coal fire which will not stay alight, and a howling draught under the door caused by the Adjutant conducting the business of the day in dulcet tones, had more than sympathy. "B" Company did not in the end have to be chipped out of their beds with an ice pick.

Elsewhere in this issue the success of the Battalion in the sporting field has been admirably chronicled by our "Genial Sports President," to quote his description in the "Dover Express." Somewhat surprisingly, he was a little astonished at having been misquoted as saying that the Battalion was the best organised for sport in the whole Army, instead of in the District. The fact that it appears to have been accepted outside as quite natural goes to show the esteem in which our teams are held.

This quarter saw the promulgation of the first instalment of the run-down of the Army. Fortunately for us there can be said to be no redundancy amongst the Warrant Officers and Sergeants. As in other Regiments, the same cannot be said of the Officers. On Saint Valentine's Day a small number woke up to find Field Marshals' Batons tucked into their sporrans. The report that one has already ordered his gorget patches is, we understand, quite unfounded. A smaller number found that their

batons had vanished completely. As one patently dissatisfied customer pointed out, the qualification for this category appeared to be the possession of a Military Cross and a successful sojourn at the Staff College. The remainder found themselves in the not unusual position of being left poised in mid-air, somewhere, in this case, between an unplanned career and premeditated unemployment. Judging by the lengthy letters appearing almost weekly from the War Office saying how regrettable this is, at least the Military Authorities are very worried about it. So for that matter are we.

Although it has not been chronicled in the "Tiger and Sphinx" before, it has been common knowledge for some time that the Battalion was due to go to Luneburg in BAOR to relieve the Highland Light Infantry in the early months of 1959. Information was then culled from a "reliable source" (in this case the newspapers) that no more troops would be stationed at Luneburg. This left our destination uncertain but our date still unchanged. But not for long. The other day the Commanding Officer announced to the whole Battalion assembled together that we would move instead in August this year, a prospect which appeared to please all but a few.

Now, the Adjutant, who wages an intermittent warfare with various gentlemen in Headquarters around the country, was rung up the other day by the War Office and told that if we sent our Advance Party on a certain date we could take over direct from the outgoing unit instead of from the Barrack Services. The Adjutant gave this statement sober and considered thought for at least two seconds and said "Where?" only to receive the enlightening reply "We don't know." Not that we are worrying. One morning we shall pick up the newspaper and we will know. Then the Adjutant can ring up the War Office and let them know.

Besides the various items of day-to-day interest, which occupy one at this time of year, such as preparation for the Annual Range Courses, cup ties, the Grand National, and wondering where Potter was last night, two occasions of great importance have been foremost in our thoughts. The first, though not in time, was the Guard of Honour for Her Majesty the Queen on her return from the State Visit to Holland on the 28th March. The Guard, under command of Major Ogilvie and comprising men from all Companies, was drawn up facing the main entrance to Dover Town Hall. The Drums and Pipes and the Military Band stood to the right of the Guard. All were in Number One Dress. On the battlements, high above the entrance, were the Trumpeters of the Royal Engineers. With the welcoming sun smiling brightly on the scene, the crowds and the unaccustomed pageantry, it was a brave sight and one which found universal approval. Apart from the pleasure expressed personally to the Commanding Officer by Her Majesty at seeing the Regiment, and the message from Brigadier Fergusson, who is both our Brigadier and Garrison Commander of Dover, the crowd itself seemed delighted. Following the departure of Her Majesty, the Guard marched through the town, led by the Drums and Pipes and the Military Band.

The first event in time, but more appropriately kept to the last, was the farewell parade on the 4th March for Colonel W. J. Graham, M.C., on the occasion of his relinquishing his appointment as



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The Colonel of the Regiment inspects the Battalion on parade 4th March, 1958.



Colonel of the Regiment. This parade coincided with the Ladysmith celebrations. On Friday, 28th February, the Officers, feeling perhaps that any attempt to equal the efforts of the Sergeants' Mess at their Dargai Ball in Dover Town Hall would be doomed to failure, held a dance in the Officers' Mess, following this on the Saturday by entertaining the Warrant Officers and Sergeants and their wives to a little of what they fancied.

Colonel Graham arrived on the Monday, and having been appropriately entertained that evening in the Officers' Mess, took the salute at the March Past next morning and presented the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to Bandmaster Ford and Sergeant Major Innes. Later he talked to the men

and visited the Sergeants' Mess, departing later the same day.

It is, perhaps, appropriate to end these notes with a word about Colonel Graham, who has been Colonel of the Regiment for ten years. Virtue does not exist in the responsibility that a man carries but in the way that he bears it. Many Regiments have had senior officers as their Colonels, but none has had an officer who has given more of his energy, his enthusiasm and his time than has Colonel Graham, nor one who has battled more untiringly and successfully for his Regiment. The greater part of his life has been spent in its service and his achievements will not be forgotten by those whose interests he has served so well.

## 1st BATTALION NOTES

### HEADQUARTER COMPANY (Group 1)

When the rest of the Battalion complains that nothing exciting has happened lately, it means that this Company has been enjoying itself. Like the three old ladies, nobody knew we were there, which is just as well for our peace of mind.

The Company continues to grow and flourish, and while rifle companies dwindle, HQ (1) gladly "welcomes little fishes in with gently smiling jaws". This quotation is not intended as a personal libel on the Company Commander. The first he knows of any new members of the club is a BRO which informs him that Private McTAVISH has been

transferred to HQ(1) Company for employment as a "Store-man" — what multitude of sins that word covers — and it is generally several weeks before he knows which store Private McTAVISH is supposed to be manning. If it comes to that it usually takes Private McTAVISH quite a while to discover it too.

These mainly subterranean activities sufficed to occupy us from the New Year Leave Grant to the Easter Leave Grant. You may consider it little enough but then you do not know everything that goes on behind the scenes. Nor are we going to tell you either, dear reader; it is more than our job is worth.



MILITARY BAND—Back Row (l. to r.): Cpl. R. Owen, Bdsn. W. Jessop, L/Cpl. R. Rolland, Bdsn. A. McMillan, Bdsn. J. Watson. Centre Row: Bdsn. D. McDonald, Bdsn. R. McRae, Bdsn. N. Linden, Bdsn. W. Thain, L/Cpl. W. Leith, L/Cpl. W. Docherty, Bdsn. V. Grieve, Bdsn. I. Wallace, Bdsn. C. Robertson, Bdsn. A. Rennie, Bdsn. A. Cruickshank, L/Cpl. F. Watson. Front Row: Sgt. J. McCulloch, Bdsn. H. Gove, Bdsn. G. Sefton, Cpl. H. Jessop, Cpl. G. Thomson, B/Sgt. D. Dawson, Bandmaster R. D. Ford, Cpl. D. Colville, Bdsn. G. Beattie, Bdsn. A. Clow, Bdsn. A. Watt, Sgt. J. Thomson.





Her Majesty The Queen inspects the Guard of Honour outside Dover Town Hall, on 28th March, 1958.

#### The Military Band

I see that it is time for our notes to be in once again and, with notes being in our line of business, writing for this edition should be easy. I only wish it was, but still, let us not quaver but get on "commodo e ad libitum" (easy, without haste and at my pleasure).

The Band arrived back from New Year leave on 20th January and opened the 1958 programme by playing at the Officers' Mess on the 23rd. The Dance Section of the Band has been kept fairly busy, playing at the Corporals' Club Dance on 5th February at the Town Hall in Dover for the Dover Football Club Supporters' Dance and also at a dance in Deal for the 6th Battalion The Buffs. On the morning of 1st March, at about four o'clock, eight very weary men could be seen in Number One Dress groping their way across the square from the Officers' Mess. It was the Dance Band who had kept the Officers and their Ladies on their toes till that unearthly hour at the Ladysmith Dance.

During the month of February we were rehearsing on the square for the Farewell Parade of the Colonel of the Regiment. The weather was bitterly cold during the rehearsals, but for the parade on the 4th March it was a beautiful warm sunny day.

An unusual but welcome engagement was fulfilled at the Roman Catholic Garrison Church at

Shorncliffe on the 20th March. There were many distinguished people in the congregation, including the Under Secretary of State for War, Field Marshal Lord Alexander of Tunis, and the Roman Catholic Bishop to the Forces. About a week later a letter was received from the Padre at Shorncliffe saying that the Band had surpassed itself in its playing and turnout. The letter was read to us by our Band President, Major Munro, who in turn congratulated us. So once again the Band has proved in its way a fine ambassador for the Regiment.

The Battalion was given the great privilege of providing the Guard of Honour for the visit to Dover on the 28th March of Her Majesty The Queen, so that meant back to the square again for more drill and rehearsals. However, these were kept to a minimum, so we were quite pleased. The parade was followed by a march through the streets of Dover by the Guard headed by the Drums and Pipes and the Military Band. According to civilian comment the parade was a great success. They said that, besides seeing their Queen, they had the added interest of seeing the Gay Gordons march through their town in full Number One Dress.

Once again the Band shows a few changes since the last issue of the Tiger and Sphinx. Bandmen Bob Forsyth and Robert Lomas-Smith have left us for civilian life, in which we wish them both the



best of luck. We would like to congratulate Bandsman Wally Jessop, who has taken the deep plunge into matrimony, and Lance Corporal and Mrs Docherty, on the birth of their daughter.

Sports unfortunately, have been badly curtailed because of the weather, but we still managed something weekly, if only a road run. We are proud that we can still provide half the Battalion hockey team, in which, of course, Bull-Dozer Bobby Owen is still going strong. The Old Crocks (Married Men) beat the Colts (Single Men) 3 goals to 1 in a recent football match, or should I say blood bath? Anyone watching would have thought that the English F.A. Cup was at stake. By the way, they say that the Drums and Pipes are practising cricket these days. Maybe at last they have had enough thrashings and are hanging up their football boots.

#### Dig That Crazy Fordson

I've studied Bach, I've studied Brahms,  
I've mastered all the marches,  
Each note I play is full of charm,  
And now I've started Waltzes.  
But I wish I were a Skiffle Boy,  
To start them all a-dancing.

I'm known in Bournemouth, Tunbridge Wells,  
Hyde Park, and The Embankment,  
The crowds around me swirl and swell,  
My music spells enchantment.  
Still, I wish I were a Skiffle Boy,  
With Teddy Girls romancing.

I've studied morning, noon and night,  
For me no imposition,  
I've tried and tried with all my might,  
To be a fine musician.  
But, if I were a Skiffle Boy,  
I wouldn't have to be — would I?

#### Transport Section

Since the New Year opened very little has happened or been possible MT-wise due to such activities as Ceremonial Parades, Physical Efficiency Tests, Training Tests and preparation for the Annual Range Courses. This has resulted in the Transport Section being complete in vehicles but deficient in drivers. There is obviously an unlimited future in the Army for a vehicle which drives, maintains and garages itself without human assistance or supervision.

From the M.T. point of view the only event of note during the Quarter was the Company Camps at Stanford, for which the MT provided a detachment under Corporal Daubney.

The Dover weather has varied between sunshine and snow, the latter bringing with it the inevitable traffic chaos on the surrounding hills. Thanks to its four-wheel-drive vehicles the MT were able to clear Whitfield Hill one memorable evening when no one else could move.

Corporal Bisset has now joined us from HQ 29 Brigade and Privates Kidd, Murdoch and Javie from the depot. We have also added to our numbers men who have successfully completed a MT Cadre run by Sergeant Brown, assisted by Corporals Swanson and Daubney, and Lance Corporals Easson, Knox and Calder. Lance Corporal Bisset has instructed a number of men, including the Regimental Police, on the Motor Cycle. Lance

Corporal Calder also attended a Regimental NCOs Cadre.

Lance Corporal Rennie and Privates Findlay, Stewart and Cunningham have returned to civil life. Postings in and out of the Section have been too numerous to mention.

#### Messing Department

During this quarter the Battalion has continued to eat fairly regularly. We are normally led to believe that it is the main function of this department to see that it does so, although occasionally we have cause to doubt it. So many of the inspecting bodies who descend on us periodically seem to be much more interested in where we got the food from than in the food itself. They also seem to have a "thing" about bones. Apparently we are supposed to use them for soup and then cut them up into four-inch pieces and sell them. The local canine population is threatening a sit-down strike. However, if anyone would like to buy some nice clean bones cut up into four-inch pieces we should be delighted to hear about it.

Yes, the Battalion has continued to eat, although how some of the meals appeared on time was little short of miraculous. Owing to the inroads of leave, courses, releases, and the detachment at Stanford PTA, the messing department was at one stage reduced to about three cooks and a Chinese laundry boy. However, Staff Sergeant Healy moved round at a tremendous pace performing prodigies of cooking and organisation and somehow managed to produce regular meals for the Regiment.

During the last quarter we bade farewell to Second Lieutenant Thomson who had been messing officer since the Battalion was at Bisley last year. However, the department carries on and, by the time this magazine comes out, we hope to have self service in operation. It may also have stopped again if the first four hundred soldiers to help themselves eat the entire Battalion rations for a week. However the Command Catering Adviser assures us that the system will work, and he ought to know, even if he is an Englishman.

#### Drums And Pipes

Winter is beginning to leave us and soon we will be back amongst the hard work again, and it is with sad regret that we have bidden farewell to a few hardy annuals in the Drum and Pipe sections. The Drummers are Anderson 14, Johnson 76, and Foley. By the time these notes are published (Morphou) Chalmers and Farmer (Mash) will also have left. Pipers include Hastings and Lindsay, who, owing to Medical Discharge, had to leave us rather suddenly, but may after a years convalescence rejoin our ranks. In the near future we shall be losing McConnachie 35 and twin brother 36.

However, shortly before the exodus to "Civvy Street" began, we were gifted with a new spate of arrivals to both sections to swell the thinning ranks, and now the band rooms include the names of Huntington, King, McQuire, Tildesley, Howie, Davidson, Brown (and the deadly Mantis), Ptes. Wilson, Splaine, Hilton, Wyton, Spooore, Broadley, Craig, Craigie, Clarke, Harman and Noble. We welcome them all and hope their stay will be a long and happy one.

Easter is now upon us, and everyone has gone off on a few days leave. Prior to this, we were given the honour on the 28th March of joining



the Guard of Honour for Her Majesty the Queen, a feat which was excellently performed, and concluded with a stirring march through the town, headed by the Drums and Pipes, and the Military Band. This brought great praise from the town folk of Dover and will remain in their memories for recruiting purposes in the future. We might add that it was to our delight that we discovered the Officer in charge of the Royal Guard was none other than our Pipe President, Major Ogilvie, now second in command of the Battalion. We wish him every success in his appointment. We were looking forward to what might have been another successful season of tours and engagements, ranging from Army Day at Home, to Guildford, and to Hogmanay at the Dorchester, but owing to our unexpected early departure to BAOR in August, many of these have had to be turned down. No doubt a few continental tours await us on the other side.

#### The Quartermaster's Department

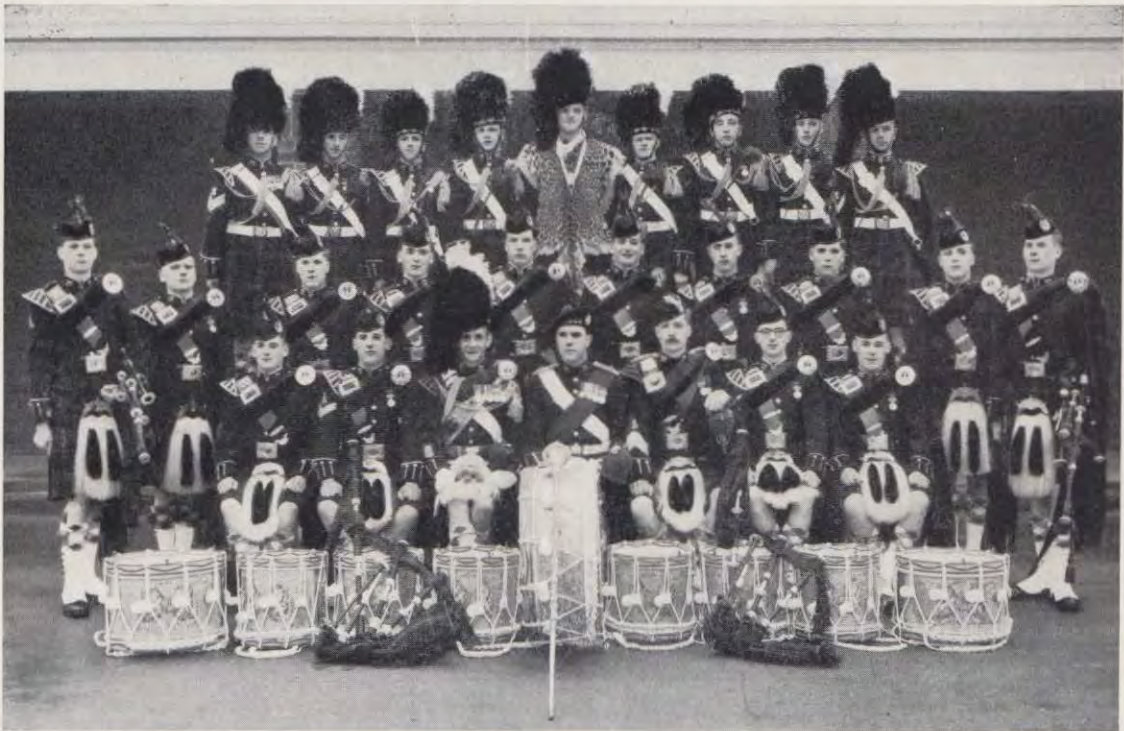
As with the rest of the Battalion the first date in our calendar was the Colonel of the Regiment's Parade. This entailed, as it does with any large parade, the exchanging of many Battle Dresses and the fitting of such items as spats and, just to make sure that the Master Tailor and his staff had their hands completely full, Divisional Signs had to be sewn on. No sooner was this parade completed than we had to prepare for the Guard of Honour

for Her Majesty The Queen. As this was to take place in Number One Dress, which is held in a pool by Ordnance and so cannot be tailored, the original idea was to have the men selected to fit the jackets. The limitations of such a scheme are, however, obvious, but with many deft touches Colour Sergeant Varley overcame most of the difficulties.

During the visit of Queen Elizabeth I to Dover many years ago, the talk of the townsfolk was the way in which the Queen deflated the local Mayor, a man of very short stature. Naturally nothing like this happened this time and our good friend the present Mayor, Alderman Williams, conducted the ceremonies with his usual dignity and charm. The talking point of the townsfolk this year was undoubtedly the appearance of the Guard, to which we hope that in some measure we added.

To round off the quarter there was the Annual Stocktaking and we are happy to report that all our stores are present and correct.

There have been more goodbyes than usual since the New Year, namely Lance Corporal Gordon and Privates Welsh, Murray, Simpson and Forbes; also Corporal Cossar, whom we congratulate on his promotion to Sergeant with the Assault Pioneer Platoon. In their place we welcome Corporal Robertson on taking over the G.1098 Stores, Private Sutherland to the Demobilisation Stores, Private Chaffey (RAOC) as Regimental Cobbler and Private Wilson to the



**DRUMS AND PIPES**—Back Row (l. to r.): Sgt. Fleuchar, L/Cpl. McLaren, Dmr. Mortimer, Pte. Frost, Dmr. Joss, Pte. McDonald 44, L/Cpl. Robertson, Pte. Farmer, Cpl. Reid. Centre Row (l. to r.): Ppr. McConnachie 35, Pte. Tierney, Pte. Spoore, Pte. Splaine, Pte. Craig, Pte. Hilton, Pte. Foster, Ppr. Wilson, Ppr. Duncan, Ppr. McConnachie 36. Front Row (l. to r.): Pte. Harrop, Cpl. Anderson, Drum Major L. Burlton, B.E.M., Major R. Ogilvie (President Drums and Pipes), Pipe Major C. Campbell, L/Cpl. Spiers, Pte. Norrie. Missing: Dmr. Chalmers, Pte. Rosie (Piper).



Tradesmen Pioneers. Lastly we congratulate Lance Corporals Gordon and Harper on their promotion.

The thought of what the next few months will hold in store for us in preparing for the move to Germany, with the packing of stores, advance parties to arrange, and the handing over and taking over of barracks, is not of the most pleasant nature, so we will not speculate further but rather relate the actual happenings in our next notes.

#### HEADQUARTER COMPANY (Group 2)

Fully refreshed from the Christmas and New Year leave, the company assembled at the beginning of January ready to complete individual training and start on section training. Despite the numerous distractions, both social and otherwise, much has been achieved. Without being too optimistic it can be said that the Platoons are almost ready to carry out their roles in support of the Battalion on formation training or whatever other task may be allotted to them.

Since the beginning of the year the Company has received forty-one reinforcements from the Depot. As a result, much effort has been put into specialist cadres to ensure that the newcomers will be ready to take part in field training. We trust that all have now settled down in the Company and are enjoying the life of being "The Specialists" in the Battalion.

The Mortar and Anti-Tank Platoons and the Assault Pioneer Section have had the opportunity of training independently in the Stanford Practical Training Area and much valuable experience has been gained. The Support Platoons will have a further opportunity of firing their weapons when they carry out a Platoon concentration at Lydd during May, prior to Brigade Training.

In addition to training, the Company has taken its full share in Ceremonial, both on the occasion of the farewell visit of the Colonel of the Regiment and also the visit of Her Majesty the Queen to Dover, when we were proud to provide over forty all ranks for the Royal Guard of Honour.

#### MMG Platoon

Lieutenant P. W. Graham returned from Netheravon in the glory that we predicted in our last issue. We extend to him our most hearty congratulations on his "B" grading and for having conquered the Machine Gun in all its moods. Alas, we lose Mr. Graham to "B" Company. We therefore take this opportunity to wish him well in his new venture and hope that his return will not be delayed. Another loss to the platoon is Sergeant Hawkins, who, on his return from Netheravon, much to his surprise found he was posted to the 4/7 Battalion Gordon Highlanders. Best of luck from the lads.

Congratulations also to Corporal Parker on his fine grading of an "A" for his work on the Chemical Warfare Course at Winterbourne, or did you say "comical warfare," Corporal Parker?

Civvy street has claimed three members of the platoon, Privates Hannan, Marshall and Clark. We wish them the best of luck. Remember, we will always have you back!

It is not all losses in our platoon. Our new blood and Machine Gun proteges are Privates Cauld, Watt, McDonald, Hay, Hamilton, McBain, Anderson, Crumpton, McPhee. Welcome to the fold.

Under the capable hands of Captain I. D. Martineau, our Platoon Commander, we feel sure we can mould great Machine Gun teams to surpass any

that have gone before. Our final assault on Stanford will be our milestone for the future.

#### Mortar Platoon

The Mortar Platoon has been one of the luckiest platoons as regards training, and considerable progress has been made in the last three months. In January basic training was completed. In February the platoon had a week's block leave; unfortunately at a time when the North was having its worst snow blizzards. Then we went for a week to the Ashdown Forest training area, where the platoon began to take shape with Battle Procedure. The weather was kind and it was excellent country for our purpose. The camp was good. Crowborough and Tonbridge offered attractions and all round the week was a success.

The platoon came back to Dover to forget about Field training and to prepare and take part in the farewell parade for the Colonel of the Regiment; then, on the 6th March, off again on detachment to the Stanford training area in Norfolk. Here we lived for a fortnight in rather primitive conditions and we had some very cold weather. We had four days' firing, in which 1200 bombs were expended, and from which all the N.C.O.s gained valuable fire control experience. We used three different ranges, one of which entailed a trip to Colchester; so the fire controllers were presented with different problems of country on each day. The mortar numbers made no mistakes and the bombs came down well. For the rest of the time the platoon did exercises, and covered all the phases of war. At present the platoon is short of two N.C.O.s, and one more Corporal at least is required, in order to obtain working efficiency in supporting the battalion. Stanford was enjoyed by all, and Thetford and Norwich offered entertainment at the week-ends. We now look forward to a ten-day detachment at Lydd in May, when there will be two days' firing in which to practice the problem of operational safety, and in which the flexibility of wireless communications within the platoon will be thoroughly mastered. The object will be to know how to overcome breakdowns in communications, which, when they occur, render the platoon ineffective. This was the cause of much trouble on Salisbury Plain last year.

Our congratulations go to Corporal Moir for obtaining a good report from Netheravon and on his promotion, also to Lance Corporal Duncan who has recently been promoted as well. Downie is to be admired for his recent cross country running, in winning the Division and Eastern Command races and by coming 19th in the Army cross country. These were very fine performances.

We were sorry to see Corporal Milne and Private Walker 71 leave the platoon. They are both missed. Both played football for the Battalion. We also wish luck to Corporal Smith, who has been with the platoon in both Edinburgh and Cyprus. Congratulations to Gordon 41 on the birth of a daughter.

#### Anti-Tank Platoon

The main topic of this last quarter was the time spent on the training area at Stanford, which we all seemed to enjoy, with the exception of the weather. I think "Old Mother Nature" must have had it in for the Anti-Tank Platoon as it only stopped snowing so that it could rain; but we did benefit by the training. For instance, we all now know what it is like man-handling a 17-pounder through three or four feet of snow. It's very hard work. We also



did quite a lot of night training, and I am glad to say that we did not lose anyone. To prove our versatility, our training at Stanford was cut short and we had a quick move back to Dover to take part in the Guard of Honour for the Queen's visit to this fair town. So from the day of our return to the day of the parade the time was split up between drill parades and the fitting of No. 1 dress.

At the moment the platoon are still enjoying their Easter leave. When they get back they will be kept busy for some time, as they will be firing their annual range course, and next month we are off to the Anti-Tank ranges at Lydd to fire our allocation of 17-pounder ammunition. We will then start training and preparing for our return to Stanford, with the assistance of the Royal Navy. I hope they have a good supply of pills to stop that "let me die" feeling when the sea starts to get a bit rough. That little exercise will end our training in this country, as in August we will be off to Germany for a tour to which we are all looking forward.

We would all like to wish Craftsman Toft (an ex-Gun fitter) the best of luck on his return to civvy street, and congratulations to Corporal Fawcett on the result of his Anti-Tank Course.

#### Signal Platoon

Once again the wheels of the training season have turned full circle, and in January we welcomed a new draft of recruit signallers to the Hotel Quebec, which, despite numerous take-over bids, still stands where it did. Although the platoon has now become accustomed to the cacophony produced by the tenants downstairs, we are sorry to report that the mixture of morse, rock 'n' roll and Pibroch has proved too much for our pair of potential carrier pigeons, who have decided to raise their offspring this year in the comparative peace and quiet of Trafalgar Square.

We are particularly pleased to welcome back two old faces to the platoon, Private Stewart 40 from D Coy, and Private Conway from civilian life. Perhaps some of our readers may be encouraged to follow the latter's example now that we are bound for BAOR.

In addition to the cadre, which we hope will produce sixteen 3-star Signallers in about a fortnight's time, the platoon has been engaged in numerous other activities. We maintained a wireless link with the Company Detachments at Thetford, a distance of some hundred and ten miles, which gave our morse trained operators a chance to practice their skill. We now have sixteen morse trained operators in the platoon, which we think is quite an achievement.

Privates MacIntosh, Gilchrist and Grant were taught the intricacies of riding a motor bicycle by the transport section in February and, although Private Grant had difficulties with trees en route, all three successfully completed the course. Six members of the platoon attended the last N.C.O.s cadre and we congratulate Lance Corporals Christie, Kelman and Johns on appointment.

A large number of signallers left the platoon this quarter. Sergeant Gavin went to Mons OCS as a Signal Instructor and we would like to take this opportunity of wishing him the best of luck in his new job. The following regretfully took the plunge back to civilian life:—Corporals Badger, Rennie and Stephen, Lance-Corporal Purves, and Privates Melvin, Garden, Souter, Simpson, Watson, and Rettie.

We now look forward to the Brigade Exercise in June and some leave before the move to Germany in August.

#### "A" COMPANY

When the last instalments of these Company notes were written we were just relaxing after the strenuous period leading up to the Annual Administrative Inspection. After this ordeal came a sudden end of term feeling as everyone disappeared off on leave for Christmas and the New Year.

The Company, returning in ones and twos, went straight into section and eventually Platoon training. This training was hampered by the fact that the Company's paper strength had reached an all time low of forty-six, excluding officers (not much comfort in being 85% regular!) and was also disrupted by the weather. Ever since the New Year we have had a blizzard regularly every fortnight, and, as I write these notes, snow is again lying on the ground, right to schedule.

Ten days camp at Stanford PTA in Norfolk during February was very popular, and the training took place in fairly normal country, unlike the desert of Salisbury Plain. All day was spent on Platoon training, field firing and firing platoon weapons. This encouraged very considerable rivalry between the two platoons, which was most pronounced during the two night patrol exercises. Mutual recriminations between the platoons went on for days afterwards.

The recreational run to Norwich one Saturday was a great success. It apparently coincided with the monthly pay day of the local American Forces, and as a result Scottish-American relations were much improved. One NCO who went out with four shillings returned after a first class "binge" that evening still with three and sixpence.

After Stanford the Battalion was told to provide a Guard of Honour on 28th March for Her Majesty the Queen on her return from the State Visit to Holland. Most of the available men in the Company were on this, so that all training virtually ceased because of the frequent rehearsals and general preparation.

In the field of Sport the Company has done well. Our Basketball team was extremely keen and played very well to reach the finals where it was finally beaten by "B" Company, after a very hard game, with the result of 14-31.

Corporal A. Brand, Lance-Corporal W. Taylor, Private J. Davidson, have been playing for the Battalion football team, and Lieutenant W. J. M. Beckwith, Second Lieutenant A. G. Gordon and Corporal J. Douglas have played rugby for the Battalion, and Second Lieutenant R. J. MacLagan has been in the Battalion Hockey team.

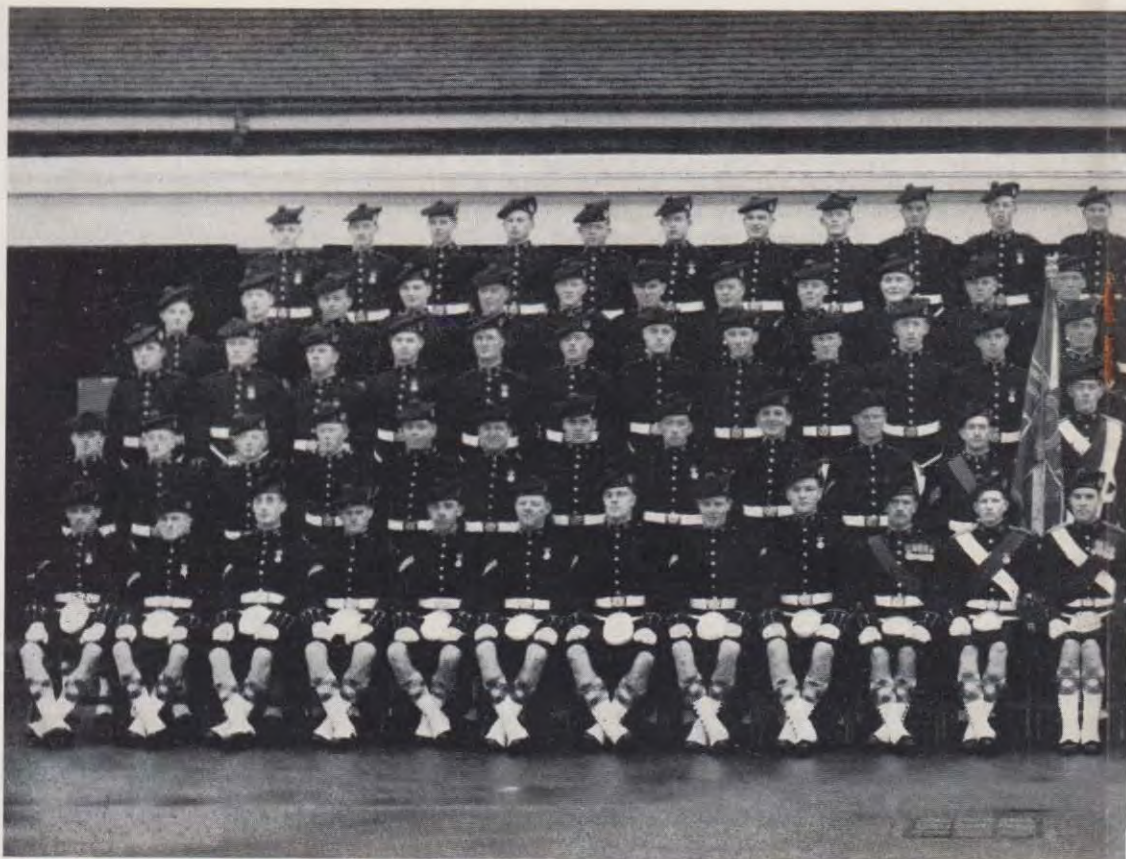
We bid farewell to Major R. Ogilvie who has become Second-in-Command of the Battalion. He took over command of the Company in Cyprus over two years ago, and we wish him the best of good fortune.

Captain R. D. L. Smart has gone to Brigade HQ as GSO 3. Other departures include Privates J. Noble, G. Hardie, B. Douglas, I. Allison, D. Annand, R. Calder, C. Young, A. McQuire, A. Wilken, A. Singer, and J. Reid, all to HQ 1 Company. In addition Lance-Corporal A. McConnachie, Privates F. Walsh and A. McKinnon have gone to The Depot.

Sergeant F. Raeburn has gone to the 4/7th Gordons. We welcome Privates G. Taylor and K. Donn from The Depot. Colour Sergeant L. Ross has come from the London Scottish to take over CQMS.

Captain I. McK. Robertson has arrived from Germany to take over Second-in-Command, and we also welcome Second Lieutenants D. J. S. MacColl from Sandhurst, who has taken over One Platoon from Lieutenant Beckwith. We were also surprised to see Second Lieutenant MacLagan back with us,





**THE GUARD OF HONOUR FOR HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.**—Back Row (l. to r.): Pte. Milne 56 (Keith); Christie 24 (Aberdeen); Pte. Chaytor (Darlington); Pte. Pursglove (Burton); Pte. Morrison (Aberdeen); Pte. M. (Corby); Pte. Shepherd 97 (Aberdeen); Pte. Brindle (Keith); Pte. Brodie (Aberdeen); Pte. Gilchrist (Dundee); 64 (Aberdeen); Pte. Wright (Alness); Pte. Taylor (Aberdeen); Pte. Cumming (Aberdeen); Pte. Smith (Harro); Pte. Ireland (Sevenoaks); Pte. Angus (Lumphanan); Pte. Delaney (Glasgow); Pte. Charles (Inverurie); Pte. Grant (Duns); Pte. Watt (Stonehaven); Pte. Morrice (Aberdeen); Pte. Jones (Prestonpans); Pte. Lawson (Argyll); Pte. (Aberdeen); Pte. Sinclair (Glasgow); Pte. Dryburgh (Kirkcaldy); Pte. Bain (Dundee); Pte. Donald (Aberdeen); Pte. Clark 91 (Laurencekirk); Pte. Morrison 42 (Ballygrant); Pte. Walker (Alford); Pte. Murphy (London); Pte. (Aberdeen); Pte. Walker 28 (Aberdeen); Pte. Mutch (Portlethly); Pte. White (Kelty). 2nd Row (l. to r.): Pte. Scott (Macduff); Pte. Wilson (Renfrew); L/Cpl. Snook (Jarrow); L/Cpl. Robb (Edinburgh); L/Cpl. Taylor (Sun); (Aberdeen); L/Cpl. Archibald (Penicuik); L/Cpl. Cull (Stoke); L/Cpl. McLeod (Louth); L/Cpl. Ruston (London); Bourhill (Loanhead); Pte. Brown (Peterhead). Front Row (l. to r.): L/Cpl. Cowie (Buckie); Cpl. Byers (Cun); Cpl. Bain (Aberdeen); Cpl. Esson (Aberdeen); Cpl. Elder (Stonehaven); C.S.M. L. Dunn, B.E.M. (Lynemouth); Lt. Fawcett, M.M. (Edinburgh); Cpl. Henry (Ontario, Canada); Cpl. Gordon 10 (Llanhilleth, Wales); Cpl. Brand, (Inverness); L/Cpl. Sharpe

apparently bored with civilian life after being demobbed only a month previously.

We congratulate Privates R. Farquhar, P. Fitch, T. McDade on promotion to Lance-Corporal, and Sergeant Ross on promotion to Colour Sergeant.

#### **"B" COMPANY**

##### **General.**

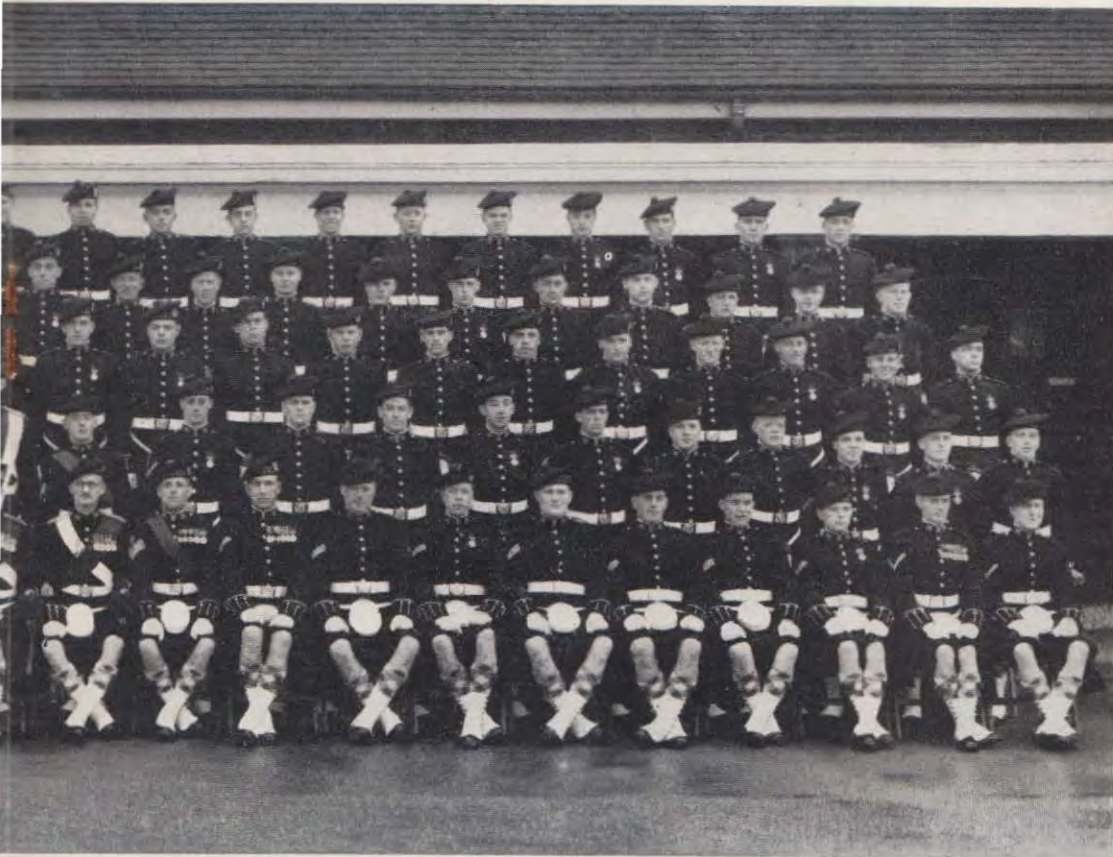
The most noticeable change to have taken place in the Company since our last notes were published is an astonishing depletion of our numbers. The continuous but hardly noticeable drain of time expired soldiers allied to a quite disproportionate and exorbitant demand for ERE has changed us from a Company of three strong platoons to a forlorn and

slightly moth-eaten training squad of about 25! This situation, aggravated by the inevitable but none the less crippling demands for Regimental Employment within the Battalion, has made a brave attempt to sabotage completely our season of individual training. It is, therefore, with a slight sense of gratification and a considerable sense of wonder that we now realize that all available men in the Company have been given the chance to pass their PE tests and TOETs.

##### **Winter Clothing.**

One great factor which tended to make life more bearable was the issue of winter clothing to the Company in November. Surely, we felt, there must be some mistake. Very untraditional and suspicious! Should it not be issued in May or June? However,





h); Pte. Oliver (Kirkcaldy); Pte. Lindsay (Blackburn); Pte. Nicol (St. Combs); Pte. McLean 78 (Buckie); Pte. Maurice (Cullen); Pte. Cragg (Oldham); Pte. Buncd (West Bromwich); Pte. Clerk 81 (Glasgow); Pte. Clerk 79 (e); Pte. Calder (Dunecht); Pte. Kennedy (Edinburgh); Pte. Anderson (Skene). 4th Row (l. to r.): Pte. Walker (regate); Pte. Paul (Inverbervie); Pte. Michie (Stonehaven); Pte. Farquhar (Castletown); Pte. Downie (Edinburgh); Pte. Grant (New Pitsligo); Pte. McIntosh 60 (Gartly); Pte. Bruce 52 (Keith); Pte. Wood 09 (Walsall); Pte. Knox (Pte. Clerk 65 (Newmachar). 3rd Row (l. to r.): Pte. Cookson (Leeds); Pte. Holt (Aberdeen); Pte. Brown (en); Pte. Cavill (Lincolnshire); Pte. Cunningham (London); Pte. Lamb (Edinburgh); Pte. Robertson (Aboyne); Pte. Thomson (Aboyne); Pte. Cousin (Glasgow); Pte. Low (Aberdeen); Pte. Campbell (Dunfermline); Pte. Innes (Pte. Simpson (Stonehaven); Pte. O'Brien (Coventry); L/Cpl. Craig (Huntly); Pte. Erskine (Aberdeen); L/Cpl. (underland); L/Cpl. Tempest (Doncaster); Sgt. Heffren (Kincardine O'Neil); 2/Lt. D. J. S. MacColl; Sgt. Flinn (n); L/Cpl. Waters (Newcastle); L/Cpl. Bruce (Turrieff); Pte. Ross (Skene); L/Cpl. Potter (Greenock); Pte. (umberland); Cpl. Turnbull (Aberdeen); Cpl. Soutar (Buckie); Cpl. Pirie (Liverpool); Cpl. Gordon 93 (Aberdeen); Lt. B. M. M. Simpson; Major R. Ogilvie; R.S.M. Dunn (Lynemouth); C/Sgt. G. Wilkie (Sunderland); Cpl. (Aberdeen); Cpl. Smith (Louth); Cpl. Webster (St. Catherines); Cpl. McDuff (Glasgow); L/Cpl. Farquhar (e (Huddersfield).

our fears were allayed. The clothing was issued to us for troop trials and despite the cynical observation of one hardened campaigner that he had carried out troop trials on this clothing five years ago in Korea, we were to find our new clothing a blessing in the snowbound weeks ahead. Soon the snows came with a vengeance, but snug in our ponchos and windproof trousers, string vests and Arctic sweaters we laughed at the elements. We shot lying in the snow at Lydden Spout, and not badly at that. We ran and marched in blizzards completing our PE tests, impervious to wind or snow. In short, our winter clothing was a success and may the day soon come when it is no longer a novelty, no longer a troop trial but an integral part of our clothing.

#### Camp 700 at Stanford PTA.

Company Camp at Stanford was great fun. Ask us why and we will find it difficult to answer. Apart from the last two days of our 14 day stay it snowed and rained every day. Our three night exercises were carried out under the worst possible conditions, i.e., deep melting snow underfoot, except during the "dog watches" when it froze, and driving rain and sleet atop. The food was indifferent and hardly adequate and there were no baths or showers in our camp.

The main reason for enjoyment was that we were "away from Mum". Detachments are always popular, even if the bright lights—in this case Norwich—are 30 miles away. Secondly, we worked hard over our



training and in off duty hours the "Bull" was cut to the minimum. Thirdly, we had a good little Company canteen and the huttet accommodation was good and warm.

Apart from our own Company party we were lucky to have with us the Anti Tank platoon with their massive tracked towers. Normally they arouse so much abuse that it was nice to see them come in so useful even if it was in a slightly original role. On Tuesday, 25th February, we woke up to find ourselves in the grip of a blizzard—a real blizzard with the visibility down to 5 yards which an Antarctica would have been described as a "white out"! Outdoor training was out of the question but indoor training continued. However, in the afternoon with the slackening of the gale all hands mustered to dig out the camp from under its massive drifts. Then it was discovered that wheeled movement from our camp was quite out of the question. Had it not been for the Stuart towers we would have been in a sorry state. They drew our milk, our beer and our mail, making short and devastating work of the six foot drifts. The following day they bulldozed us on to the training area where we found we were the only people moving in the PTA.

We have seen Stanford at its worst. We hope in June when we go there, we shall see it at its best. Certainly one seldom sees so much game of every sort. It is not often one sees 30 cock pheasants feeding in one field. We did!

#### **Sport.**

In sport we have been more than holding our own. The Company football team continues to do well in the Battalion Inter-Company League. Although we will be lucky to win we are much better than last year and should finish well up among the leaders. Corporals Esson, Soutar and MacDuff, Lance-Corporal Dixon and Privates Chard and Jamieson have been among those who have helped to keep the Company flag flying so high.

Among the rugby players Corporal Gordon 10, and Lance-Corporal Scott have enhanced the Company prestige by playing regularly for the Battalion XV. Sergeant Murray has also on occasions represented the Battalion.

CSM Dunn has continued to captain the Battalion Hockey team with great gusto. His cheery nature, his untiring energy and enthusiasm has done much to make our hockey season so much fun and so successful.

In Basketball we have become pre-eminent. Early in March we played "A" Company in the final of the Inter Company Basketball Competition and beat them by 36-18 with a fair amount to spare. We have to thank the coaching of Sergeant Stephenson and the ability and enthusiasm of CSM Dunn. Sergeant Stephenson, Corporals Esson and MacDuff, "Lofty" Clark, Lance-Corporal Dixon and others for this very gratifying result.

Finally we must congratulate Corporal MacDuff on his magnificent "tour de force" in the Boxing world. Corporal MacDuff, until now a battalion standard boxer, was persuaded, much against his modest nature, to enter for the Divisional Individual Championships. He won his weight with ease. He was only beaten in the final of the Eastern Command Championships, after a very hard and very close fight against a very experienced opponent. Since then he has been selected to represent Eastern Command against British Railways. We wish him every success.

#### **Additions, Subtractions, Elevations.**

The constant flow to and from the Company has continued. Second Lieutenant P. W. Graham has

been transferred to us from HQ(2) and Second Lieutenant I. H. McAuley has joined us from Sandhurst. Sergeant Stephenson has joined the Company from the Officers' Mess and Lance-Corporal Young from the FVRDE at Kirkcudbright.

Sergeant Gee, M.M., has been posted to "D" Company on promotion to CQMS, and Sergeant Williams has gone to the London Scottish as PSI. The following have been posted to The Depot:—Corporal Spence, Lance-Corporals Ogston and Wisely, Private Hampson.

The following have been promoted to Lance-Corporal:—Private Snook, Private Waters, Private Taylor.

#### **"C" TRAINING COMPANY**

The Company's first task in the New Year was to run a second N.C.O.s cadre, which started on the 11th January and finished on 8th February. The cadre was a success, although snow hampered a large part of the outdoor training. The field firing exercise at Lydd in fact finished up in a blinding snowstorm. The rest of the training time for that day was spent practising for Arctic Cooking. The instructional staff on the cadre was Second Lieutenant Watson and Sergeants Symon, Forsyth and Flynn.

The training and administration of the under-age regulars continues. The Cameron contingent joined their 1st Battalion advance party in February at Dover Castle. In addition to under-age regulars the Company has acted as hosts to the infantry section of Edinburgh UTC, which joined us during March. These gentlemen added colour to our barrack life in their splendid uniforms. We miss the smell of tobacco which permeated every nook and cranny of the Company lines during their visit.

We were sorry to lose C.S.M. Stewart in February on posting to H.Q. Company (Group 2). He had served with "C" Company as C.Q.M.S. and C.S.M. since April, 1955. We welcome in his place C.S.M. McAuley from "D" Company. Sergeant Salmon is leaving the Company to become Sergeants Mess Caterer. We congratulate him on his marriage. Lance Corporal McGuinness has been released and his place taken by Lance Corporal Parker, promoted to fill the vacancy of company clerk.

**Promotions:**—C.S.M. McAuley to Sub. C.Q.M.S.; Cpl. Byers to Sub. Cpl.; L/Cpl. Campbell to Sub. L/Cpl.; Pte. Parker to L/Cpl.

**Postings:**—C.S.M. Stewart to H.Q. 2 Coy.; L/Cpl. MacInnes to N.S. Release; C.S.M. McAuley to "D" Company; C.Q.M.S. Brown is leaving the Company on 9th April to H.Q. (Group 1 as C.Q.M.S.; Pte. Fraser is leaving the Company to go to the Depot on 12th April; Sgt. Freeman is joining the Company after Easter.

#### **"D" COMPANY**

A comparison of the Company establishment with the daily parade state would reveal that these notes should be more correctly described as Platoon Notes. However, a Company in name and spirit we remain, and our four platoon commanders anxiously await the arrival of the long promised big draft from the Depot.

These notes are, therefore, largely a catalogue of departures, to the Depot, to civilian life, to other companies, and of course one or two worthies to the Guardroom and places further East.

Lieutenant Cruickshank, as readers of the "Press and Journal" will have noted, has got himself married.



and has retired in matrimonial bliss to the Depot—verily the most fortunate of officers. Sergeant Cullen, Corporal Arthur, Corporal Murphy and Lance Corporal Hutton have all gone to Gordon Barracks as well, so the Depot Commander's old company is well represented on the permanent staff. Privates Forbes 48, Nicol, Reid and Greig, spurning Mr. Sandy's offer, have departed for civilian life, leaving the C.S.M. with many problems in finding his football team. Corporal Brooks has left us for Purfleet, Privates Goudie and Grubb for H.Q. 3rd Infantry Division, and Private Stewart 27 to H.Q. 29 Brigade. In addition, twelve others have departed for other companies, most notable of which is Colour Sergeant McAuley, who, after nearly three years as C.Q.M.S. of the Company in Edinburgh, Cyprus and Dover, has gone to "C" (Training) Company as C.S.M. following a well-earned "B" on the Guards Drill Course. The Company's thanks, Sergeant Major, on a sterling job for us, and best wishes in your new role.

We welcome in his place Colour Sergeant Gee M.M., who recently rejoined the battalion after many years of hospital after being downgraded following a motor-cycle accident in Germany in 1947. Colour Sergeant Gee has the added attribute of being a Class 1 football referee, and will doubtless be able to teach our footballers much from his experience of refereeing the great.

We also welcome three new officers in Second Lieutenants Scott, Trotter and Graham. The first named is habitually seen on a horse, and pro tem sports a most impressive beard which has doubtless caused much speculation amongst local Russian agents as to both his service and arm of service. Perhaps the Russians have never heard of the Highland Horse Marines.

The events of the last three months are unlikely to go down in Regimental History as a period of military saga. Some companies departed for the wilds of East Anglia, and in preparation for our turn winter clothing was tested, spades sharpened and No. 2 cookers burnished. However, all was in vain. The honour of providing a Guard of Honour for Her Majesty the Queen fell to the Rifle Companies and Stanford was cancelled.

Instead the majority of the Company spent many hours on the square in every sort of weather. When Lance Corporal Pollock reached the head of the queue for No. 1 Dress it is reported that the Quartermaster raised his eyes to heaven and snorted "My job is to fit soldiers not a ruddy Daddy Longlegs." The Guard will be reported elsewhere in these pages, but in the event all the hard work was well worth while as Dover was blessed with a glorious morning when Her Majesty inspected the immaculate ranks of Gordon Highlanders.

At the farewell parade for the retiring Colonel of the Regiment, C.S.M. Innes was presented with his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Many younger soldiers might reflect (perhaps a little sadly) on their conduct sheets, and give a thought to the meaning of eighteen years' unblemished service.

For the rest, we have been snowed up twice, the Company is providing the backbone of the Battalion shooting team, the football team has continued to distinguish itself; Private Russell disappeared for a period into a local commando outfit known as the Battalion Patrol; the Doctor has had a field day with his needles (many of course will say that he only

possesses one), most of those who survived donated their blood to the Blood Transfusion Service; Lance Corporal Pollock has passed his W.O.S.B. and has been seen celebrating in the Crypt; Private Walker, after many fights and damage to his opponents, was narrowly outpointed in the finals of the Army Boxing Championships. And last but by no means least Private McGregor 65 has gone into the entertainment business in a big way, appearing with his accordion at many Dover social functions. So far he has spurned rocking round the squeeze-box, but perhaps we will see him on the "Six-Five Special" yet. Who said it was a dull quarter?

### THE SERGEANTS' MESS

As usual, the passage of time has wrought a variety of changes in the composition of the Mess. Amongst those to leave us this quarter have been Colour Sergeants Kent and Christie, both of whom are now at the Depot, and Sergeants Williams and Raeburn, who now grace with their presence the 4/7th and the London Scottish respectively. We wish all of them the best of luck in their new spheres of activity. To fill the vacancies left by these departures, we are glad to have back, or to welcome to the Mess, Colour Sergeants Ross and Rose and Sergeant Byers, all of whom, in conjunction with Gordon McAuley and Bill Ogg, we congratulate on their promotion.

Congratulations of a somewhat different nature are also due to Les Dunn and Sergeant Stephenson, not forgetting their good wives, on the occasion of an addition to their families, in the shape of a son, Martin, to Les, and another daughter, Hilda, to Stevie. Before leaving our hatches matches and despatches, we must not forget to congratulate young Mick Salmon, who, it will be remembered, left us rather hurriedly in early January after celebrating Hogmanay in a somewhat spectacular fashion in order to have his injured leg pulled (or something) at Chester. It would appear that the lasses in that part of the world must have that little extra something not possessed by their more southern sisters in Kent, for young Salmon hardly had time to draw breath in the place before one of them had hooked her fish and for an initial outlay of seven and sixpence Mick found himself to be the very proud possessor of a brand new wife. Joking apart though, we offer our sincere congratulations to them both, and wish them every happiness.

Once the tumult and the shouting that inevitably accompanies the arrival of the New Year had died, we settled down once more to the fairly hum-drum life which is only to be expected in the first quarter of the year after the glitter of the previous quarter's Dargai, Christmas and Hogmanay festivities, and what have you. With the advent of February, the incidence of Company camps at Stanford thinned out the numbers in the Mess, but, in spite of this, any social functions we have indulged in have been reasonably well supported. Apart from our usual mild junketings of a Saturday night we have also held some quite successful evenings devoted to the playing of tombola and whist, and also, filling a long-felt want, a games evening at which we challenged the Corporals' Mess to pit their puny skill against us at such innocuous pastimes as darts, crib, dominoes, etc., not forgetting that slightly less innocuous pastime known as the "Boatrace." Unfortunately the Corporals' skill was not as puny as we had hoped, for a comparison of aggregates at the end of the evening showed them to be the overall winners.



We have managed to fit in only one of our monthly dinners during the quarter, at which we were very happy to have the company of Capt. Inglis and Mr. McColl. We hope they enjoyed themselves as much as we did.

Probably the most brilliant function in which we were involved this quarter was the cocktail party to which members and their wives were kindly invited by the Commanding Officer and Officers on the occasion of Ladysmith Day. Their almost overwhelming hospitality was much appreciated and greatly enjoyed, and older members of the Mess were particularly pleased to see one or two old acquaintances amongst the guests.

### SPORT

Sport in every branch has continued to prosper in the Battalion. Whilst our "Gladiators" have carried the flag deep into the rarefied atmosphere of Divisional Command and even Army Competition, our interest has rightly centred on the bulk of the Battalion.

Our aim has been to ensure that any soldier who has the slightest wish to play games, whatever his standard, is provided with the best facilities to do so. He has excellent games fields, and a first-class gymnasium at his disposal. From his Company

Sports Store or from the Central Sports Store the best clothing and equipment that money can buy is available to him. Once in the field properly qualified officials have been there to ensure the game is well controlled and the maximum use derived from it. To a very large extent our aim has been achieved and whilst there is always room for improvement we can be well satisfied with our achievements this quarter.

It is worth recording that the energy and enthusiasm of Officers in charge of games, team captains and officials have been entirely responsible for this happy state of affairs.

The detailed notes on various games are given below.

### Association Football

At the start of the season we found ourselves with the majority of last year's XI remaining. Prospects were, therefore, fairly bright and, in the matches played prior to Battalion training on Salisbury Plain, this was borne out with two very convincing wins against River Sports Club and St. Bartholomews Old Boys' Association.

The team at this time consisted of a solid nucleus of tried players who had been playing together for



The Colonel of the Regiment with the Warrant Officers—Back Row (l. to r.): CSM E. Coggie, CSM J. Innes, CSM G. Macauley, Drum Major L. Burlton, B.E.M., CSM W. Stewart, CSM L. Dunn, B.E.M. Front Row (l. to r.): Bandmaster R. Ford, Lt.-Col. P. W. Forbes, Col. W. J. Graham, M.C., RSM G. Dunn, RQMS W. Barclay.



over a year. This provided the necessary team work around which the new team was to be built up. The resulting team was one which in fact has held its own against some very good opposition. Right from the capable hands of Corporal Muirhead in goal to Corporals Milne and Brand at back and Private Robson at centre half, the team has had a very sound defence. The forwards have been on the small side, but what they have lacked in inches they have made up for in ball control. When his boxing commitments have allowed, Private Kelly has provided just the driving power that has been necessary in the forward line to score goals. To date the Battalion has done extremely well in the local league. We have played fourteen games and won twelve. The beginning of the season, as far as the league was concerned, was rather disappointing. We got off to a bad start, when half the team was still on leave, by losing to Dover Rangers, and we took a few weeks to regain our confidence. Results have, however, been improving steadily since then and at the time of writing we have just recorded our best win, 16-1 against 10 Coy. R.A.M.C. Shorncliffe, who are leaders in the league. The only other defeat in the league so far has been at the hands of R.S.F.

Since Christmas we have remained unbeaten and, when the pitch has not been under inches of snow,



**THE GLADIATORS** — Back Row (l. to r.): Pte. Downie (Eastern Command Cross Country Champion); Pte. Kelly (Eastern Command Football Team and Command Boxing Champion 1957); Pte. Nimmo (Divisional Boxing Champion). Front Row (l. to r.): Cpl. MacDuff (Divisional Boxing Champion and Eastern Command Finalist); Lt. Col. P. W. Forbes; Pte. Walker (Divisional and Eastern Command Boxing Champion).

have done very well. We played the Royal Fusiliers in the 3rd Inf. Division Cup and beat them 5-3, having been 3-0 up at half-time. In this match the defence lapsed during the second half and at one time it looked as though we would lose, but fortunately the forwards suddenly remembered that it was their job to score goals and two more quick ones settled the issue. In a repeat fixture two weeks later in the league we once again triumphed. This time by 4-2. Up till the New Year we have always beaten the teams that we were expected to beat but had only done so by a relatively small margin. In the last five games, however, the forwards have really put on their "shooting boots" and scores of 11-1 (Dover Coop), 9-2 (Grenadier Guards), 12-1 (Pay Corps) have been recorded. The main goal scorers have been Anderson, Kelly, Hendry, McLellan and Davidson. A certain amount of rebuilding has had to take place as half the team is leaving, all in one draft, in the middle of April. A Battalion trial was held, which proved that the defence would continue to stand as firm as ever, but that good forwards were not as plentiful as one would have liked. Before he leaves the Battalion side, mention must be made of Private Kelly, who has represented Eastern Command and played with some degree of regularity for Dover Football Club. Other players have played for Dover Reserves. These include Privates Walker, Anderson and Watt. The first round of the Inter-Company League has been completed and at the half-way stage "D" Company winners last year, have a one-point lead over H.Q. Company (Group 2). The snow and rain having put the playing fields "Out of Bounds," has meant that there has been little play in the league during the last six weeks.

The Battalion certainly has not disgraced itself on the football field and, although half the team is due to leave by mid-April, there are plenty of first-class replacements who should keep the Battalion at the top of the table. A match has been arranged with Dover Football Club on 29th April with the Drums and Pipes, an added attraction. Last year's match realised £50. This year we hope to better this total.

### Rugby

The rugby team this season has enjoyed a full programme of fixtures, although severe weather interfered with some eagerly awaited return matches after the New Year. It has been difficult for the team to settle down because on no occasion could the same team be fielded as played the previous week.

Several new players were introduced to the game and several old players came out of retirement to give the team a blend of youth and experience. The local Dover Rugby Club have made frequent calls on the Battalion players and, on one afternoon alone, as many as eleven Gordons were playing for Dover teams. An evening game has been arranged in mid-April between Dover and The Gordon Highlanders at Crabble and we hope to field our strongest team for this encounter.

Outstanding players for the Battalion have been Private Ingram, a reliable full-back, Private Smith '54, a real discovery on the wing, and Private Denholm, Lance Corporal Scott and Corporal Knowles among the forwards. Corporal Gordon (broken nose) and Corporal Broadhurst (rib injury) were sadly missed in the latter part of the season. Alan Watson, our captain, has been a tower of strength both as a leader and as an outstanding scrum half. We shall miss him next year. It had been hoped to enter a team



for the Dover Sevens on April 26th, but, unfortunately, this clashes with the Home Counties Rifle Meeting and so the idea has had to be dropped.

The number of players has increased to over forty and this should form a good nucleus on which to build our team next season. A list of fixtures is given below:—

16th October—Tonbridge (lost) 0-3; 30th October—7 Infantry Workshops R.E.M.E. (won) 22-0; 6th November—Buffs Depot (won) 14-0; 13th November—10 Trades Regiment R.E. (lost) 13-14; 20th November—1 Royal Scots Fusiliers (won) 11-8; 27th November—26 Field Regiment R.A. (lost) 0-9; 11th December—1 Irish Guards (lost) 3-13; 29th January—26 Field Regiment R.A. (lost) 3-6; 5th February—S.A.S. Hythe (Officers Division) (lost) 3-13; 12th February—Buffs Depot (won) 8-3; 19th February—Royal Marines Depot (lost) 8-11; 19th March—Royal Marines Depot (win) 35-0.

### Hockey

The Battalion hockey team has had a full season, but, unfortunately, the weather has interfered with a number of our fixtures. No fewer than six of our matches have had to be cancelled as the result of snow. Otherwise we have had a match every Wednesday afternoon and a few Saturday afternoon matches against Dover Hockey Club, and our season does not finish till the end of April. As usual, the Military Band has made up a vital part of the side. In most matches, the team has usually contained at least five assorted musicians and when the band was entertaining the French at Marseilles in November, we had considerable difficulty in raising a side. Our team-finding difficulties were aggravated by the fact that four of our subalterns, all well worth their place, consistently preferred to play a strange game with an oval ball. However, Company Sergeant Major Dunn has played and captained the side on all but two occasions and has always put the younger members of the team to shame by his energy. He also broke the hearts of a good many of the opposing centre-forwards. Corporal Owen has also put down his tuba for most of our matches and proved a solid rock in defence at left back. He generally contrived to terrify the opposition by both the strength of his hitting and the fierceness of his expression. Since he seemed on several occasions to be the only member of the team who could shoot, he regularly came up amongst the forwards to take the short corners. For our Army Cup matches we had our strongest team out. In the first round we defeated 7 Infantry Workshops at Gillingham by 8 goals to nil. Lance Corporal Waters in particular had a field day on that occasion and scored a double hat-trick from centre-forward. In the second round we were unlucky enough to meet 10 Trades Regiment, the ultimate semi-finalists. This match was an exceptionally close one, with our opponents scoring in the final minutes to beat us by three goals to two. Our "friendly" matches have been mostly against other units in the Division, but we have also had several games with the Royal Marines at Deal and the Royal Air Force at Sandwich. Our notes would not be complete without a mention of Colour Sergeant Gee and others who have undertaken the rather thankless job of umpiring our matches. I am sure that the team would like to thank them for the afternoons they have spent standing on the touch-line with a whistle and to apologise for the number of times they have had their parentage called in question. To conclude, the hockey players would

like to say that if their record this year has not been outstanding, it has been an enjoyable season, and it is always a good thing to enjoy complying with a Divisional Routine Order. Matches played 11, won 5, lost 5, drawn 1; goals for 34, goals against 20.

### Cross Country

Our Battalion cross-country season was, to the relief of most of us, short and sharp. It was also to our surprise, quite successful. After the New Year break, a hastily organised Battalion trial was held to unearth likely talent for the forthcoming Divisional race on 29th January. The trial, which was over three miles, was also run as an Inter-Company competition, the first ten home in each Company scoring. The result was:— H.Q. Company (No. 2 Group) 137; "D" Company 164, "B" Company 300, H.Q. Company (No. 1 Group) 346, "A" Company 652.

As a result of this trial, 15 runners were selected for Battalion training. Only a fortnight remained and little specialised training could be done. We could only hope to rub off a few of the rougher edges in the short time at our disposal. Moreover, the weather did not appear to be on our side. Heavy snow fell almost immediately and stayed with us right up to four days before the race. At one time it looked as if the race itself would have to be postponed.

Training conditions throughout varied from the very heavy to the impossible. The Divisional race was run over five-and-a-half miles on a course which contained a little of everything, road, plough, downland, woods and bridle paths. There were thirteen teams competing. Private Downie, whom some members of the Battalion will remember as a previous winner of the Scottish Command race at Edinburgh, was the individual winner. He had a close battle with the second man who was only some two seconds behind him. Then came a whole pack of Irish Guardsmen. They had a strong team and packed well. Our own runners also hung together remarkably successfully considering their comparative lack of experience and the short time available for training. We had two more runners in the first 20, and all our scoring eight were in the first 30. The 1st Battalion Irish Guards won the team event by a clear margin, but we were second, rather to our own amazement.

After the Divisional meeting our team was disbanded. Private Downie went on and won the Eastern Command Individual title by a bigger margin than he had won the Divisional one. He then finally came nineteenth in the Army Championships, an excellent result and a fitting end to our season.

### Fencing

Shortly before the Company training started at Stanford P.T.A., the Battalion had its first fencing match against Deal, winning the sabre and losing the foil. The standard of fencing was low and until there is a regular attendance at the weekly classes there is little possibility of its improving.

Staff Sergeant Instructor Dolphin and Corporal Wallace attended a fencing course at Shorncliffe with very good results and will help to supply the need for instructors. It is hoped to arrange matches with Deal Fencing Club and The Royal Marines as soon as there are sufficient good fencers to make this worth while.



## BOXING

Following our disappointing and unavoidable withdrawal from the Unit Team Championships this year, four boxers continued to train for the Army Individual Championships. Two of them, Privates Kelly and Walker, were Command Champions of last year and two newcomers Corporal MacDuff and Private Nummo.

The first stage of the preliminaries took place at Colchester for the 3 Divisional Championships. Of our four entries, three won their weights, Kelly being the loser. He was unfortunate to meet a low hitter in Private Russell of the West Yorks, and was knocked out rather unexpectedly after being ahead on points. Russell has since won his weight at Command level and has disposed of all his opponents inside the distance.

Of the other three, both MacDuff and Walker stopped their opponents, and Nummo won an excellent contest on points over a very experienced lightweight.

The Command stage of the boxing was held at Shorncliffe and we had high hopes of winning three

weights. Unfortunately this was not to be. Nummo had great difficulty in adapting himself to a most awkward-styled opponent, and was beaten on points after a hard contest. Corporal MacDuff, having disposed of one opponent with a most effective variety of left hooks, met rather stiff opposition in the final and was very narrowly outpointed. Our only winner of the evening was Private Walker who gave a splendid performance of cool and controlled boxing. Walker is sometimes apt to be over impetuous and wastes his energy in a slugging style which does not suit him, but on this occasion he produced his best form, and having weighed up his opponent accurately in the first round, systematically cut him down with a variety of punches in the second. The referee stopped the contest. Walker now goes on to Tidworth and later to Aldershot, where we hope he will win the Bantamweight Championship of the Army.

Our congratulations are due to all four of these boxers who have done much to maintain the boxing reputation of the Regiment. Their fighting spirit, fitness and courtesy in the ring have been widely noticed and we look forward to seeing them again next year.

## ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES—OFFICERS

## Arrivals—

Captain G. Duncan from London Scottish.  
 Captain I. McK. Robertson from British Army of the Rhine.  
 Captain I. D. Martineau from Depot (Permanent Staff).  
 Second Lieutenant A. M. Graham from Eaton Hall.  
 Second Lieutenant I. H. McAuley from Sandhurst.  
 Second Lieutenant D. J. S. McColl from Sandhurst.  
 Second Lieutenant A. N. M. Scott, from Eaton Hall.  
 Second Lieutenant R. G. Trotter from Eaton Hall.

## Departures—

Lieutenant D. C. K. Brown to Depot as Adjutant.  
 Second Lieutenant I. M. Murray to Part Time Service.  
 Second Lieutenant D. W. McIntosh to Part Time Service.  
 Second Lieutenant J. B. Thomson to Part Time Service.

## Marriages—

23468804, Private Anderson, H., to Hilda Davidson, on 8th January.  
 23505574, Private Gannon, P., to Patricia Ann Cottey, on 2nd January.

23526069, Private Gordon, J., to Agnes Stevenson, on 27th December.  
 22531142, Bandsman Jessop, W., to Margaret Beveridge, on 21st December.  
 22843950, Private Johnson, J., to Catherine Ada May Hawkins, on 25th January.  
 23238422, Private Forbes, J., to Kathleen Joan Parkinson, on 12th March.  
 22669181, Private Gillies, J., to Maureen Elizabeth Hale, on 22nd February.  
 22963248, Corporal Salmon, M., to Mary Harding, on 25th January.

## Births—

23303993 Private Kelly, W.—a son, William Brian James, on 14th January.  
 23114443, Corporal Stephen, G.—a son, James Alexander, on 9th January.  
 23464529, Private Skinner, G.—a daughter, Julie Ann, on 26th January.  
 14456791, Sergeant Stephenson, H.—a daughter, Hilda Elizabeth, on 27th January.  
 22531778, Bandsman Watson, J.—a daughter, Margaret Patricia, on 25th January.  
 3449380, C.S.M. Dunn, L.—a son, Martin Charles, on 27th January.  
 22161281, Corporal Slade, R.—a son, Michael Alexander, on 26th February.

## TIGER AND SPHINXMANSHIP

The reader, who approaches the contents of this erudite and advanced publication from outside the Army, or even from the distance of Extra-Regimental Employment, Retirement or Part-time Soldiering, has no option but to take what has been written at its face value. No one who makes a study of the popular Press to-day would be foolish enough to believe that there is necessarily any close connection between what actually happens and what the reporter would like his public to believe happened. The author would be the last person to suggest that this gaping chasm between truth and journalism is as wide in Regimental

writing as it is in the Commercial Press. Far from it. The Regimental Journal sets out to present a picture of the activities of its components. Even so, it would be foolish to hide the fact that, were the various writers to chronicle events exactly as they happened, many readers would be asleep before the end of the first page. Company scribes have, therefore, over a number of years, adopted phrases which add a touch of glamour to the more humdrum and mundane activities of a soldier's life.

A number of such phrases have been selected completely at random from recent issues of the



"Tiger and Sphinx" to serve as examples. These, with the notes that follow, are designed to take the reader behind the lace curtain on the front parlour window and to introduce him to the problems of Regimental Journalism. At the same time they will help the man, who actually took part in the events described, to relate what is written to what actually happened. The fact that neither of these will bear any relation to what he remembers having happened is perfectly natural. It never does. Finally, for the philanthropist who, in a moment of mental aberration, has agreed to write these notes of his organisation, these notes will provide an invaluable guide on how to translate yesterday into history with the minimum of toil, little sweat and, we hope, no tears.

### 1. "Well-earned (deserved) Leave"

The reader must be given the impression that nothing short of a spell of complete rest will prevent a nervous breakdown through long hours and overwork. You should avoid letting on that what you have really been doing is to avoid all kinds of activity in case you should be too exhausted to enjoy your leave. This phrase goes well with that numbered 2 below.

### 2. "After Weeks Of Hard Work"

You should remember that you are trying to cover the events of three whole months. The use of anything less than *weeks* will give the reader the idea that you have not been fully occupied. This will lead to the inevitable conclusion that no one has been doing any work at all. If this is what you mean, do not on any account say so, because the Editor will cut it out anyway, and you may find that you have acquired four other revolting jobs as a result of your pains.

"Weeks of Hard Work" conveys the impression that you have been at it without a let up for at least six weeks. If you use this phrase twice, you can confine your writing to the only two facts which have penetrated your conscious mind during the entire quarter. At the same time you will leave the reader in no doubt that you have been grossly overworked and are in real need of that "Well Earned Leave."

### 3. "Frantically Preparing For . . ."

This one should be treated with some care. Unless you point out that this is due to circumstances well beyond your control, you will leave the reader with little doubt that you are lacking in forethought and have been caught with your trousers down. If you have been caught in this unfortunate predicament, this is no time to make it public. It is best used following, but not preceding, Phrase 7.

### 4. "Settled Down To Prepare For . . ."

This is a very useful expression and should be used whenever you have been given a job in time to do something about it. It can also be used to cover up a lot of frantic activity at the last minute due to circumstances well within your control.

### 5. "With All This Activity"

Avoid this one, otherwise people will think that you find activity unusual. This, if true, must be concealed from the Divisional Commander at all costs,

otherwise you will find yourself on Physical Training before breakfast every morning.

### 6. "Managed To Find Time To"

Are you kidding? After weeks of hard work frantically preparing? With all this activity how can you find time for anything except some well-earned leave?

### 7. "And So The Emphasis Was Changed"

This just a delicate way of answering the question "Why can't someone make up his bloody mind and stick to it for a change?"

### 9. "A Strictly Controlled Programme"

This should be used by Company Commanders and Quartermasters to convey the idea that they have a complete grip of things, or by the man below to suggest politely that, if it was not for "that old so-and-so" sticking his nose in where it wasn't wanted, HE might be able to convey the same impression himself. Unless you are the Company Commander or the Quartermaster, avoid this one.

### 9. "Much Valuable Experience Was Gained"

A pious hope, but it should be put in occasionally to show that someone in the rear rank was awake.

### 10. "The Defenders Being Caught With Their Trousers Down"

This type of Military "One Upmanship" should be treated with caution.

Although only a very few of the favourite expressions have been quoted, a glance at the example below will show that, with almost no thought at all, one can produce some stirring impressions of the quarter, without having to remember anything that happened.

"In January we settled down on a strictly controlled programme to prepare for the Annual Range Courses in March. After weeks of hard work, however, the emphasis was changed, and we found ourselves frantically preparing for Company Camps at Stanford, where much valuable experience was gained, the defenders being caught in each case with their trousers down. With all this activity we still managed to find time for some well deserved Easter leave."

### GORDON HIGHLANDERS REUNION DINNER.

The annual dinner was held in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, on Friday, 14th March, 1958, when there were about forty Officers and their guests present. Colonel C. M. Usher, D.S.O., O.B.E., presided.

Others present were:—

Major General E. C. Colville.

Brigadier Sir Alick Buchanan-Smith.

Lieutenant Colonels Bradshaw, Forbes of Corse,

Polson-Hall, Main, Moffat, and Will.

Majors Burge, Burnett, Donald, Findlay-Shirras,

Gordon, Ironside-Coker, Ross, and Turnbull.

Captains Brown, Buchanan-Smith, Davidson,

Gillespie, Kay, Leslie, Makgill-Crichton-

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Lieutenants Bradshaw, Gordon, and Irvine.

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Lt.-Col. R. W. Petrie, M.C. (EL1)	LAC, London.	
Lt.-Col. I. K. Will, M.C., T.D. ...	G1, H.Q., Highland District.	To Dep (HS) 24 Apr. 58.
Major C. N. Barker, M.B.E., M.C.	JSSC.	To Dep 1 Aug. 58.
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Major H. W. S. Chedburn ...	Adj., 1 London Scottish (TA).	
Major A. J. Close ...	DADPR, H.Q., Scottish Command.	For appt. as ADPR, HQ, BAOR, 8 Jul. 58.
Major R. F. Davies ...	OC, Army Depot Police, Singapore.	
Major G. R. Elsmie ...	Mons Officer Cadet School.	
Major R. J. Gammon ...	Aden Protectorate Levies.	
Major R. W. Gibb ...	11th Bn., KAR.	For QM, 1 London Scottish, during Apr. 58.
Major L. A. Gordon ...	Nigeria Mil. Forces.	RHE, 15 Aug. as DAAG HQ Lowland District.
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Major N. K. Hartrey (EL3) ...	War Office (Q(Stats.))	
Major P. B. Hay ...	DAG(Org.), H.Q., Ghana Mil. Forces.	
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Major G. F. Moir Byres ...	Singapore Guard Regiment.	
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## DEPOT NOTES

After a bleak and snowy winter we are now having a bleak and rainy spring. Outdoor training has been most unpleasant, and on more than one occasion there has been a river running between the 100 and 200 yards firing points on the Blackdog. Mareth Platoon, which passed out on 21st March, are to be congratulated on keeping their enthusiasm and reaching a high standard in spite of the conditions. Somme Platoon, which finished its training back in January, has also left us for service with the 1st Battalion.

On 20th February an unusually large National Service intake of some ninety arrived, which called for extra training staff from the 1st Battalion. These NCOs attended both a Depot Cadre, and a Highland Brigade Cadre at Fort George, where they received exceptionally good reports. The Platoons are Venlo (Sgt. Cameron), Odon (Sgt. McDonald), Cleve (Sgt. Cullen), and Sicily (Sgt. Gordon). The Colonel of the Regiment has kindly consented to take their Passing Out Parade on 1st May, when there should

be over a hundred on parade, and it was hoped that the Highland Brigade Junior Training Unit will be able to field both a Pipe and a Military Band.

The biggest news of this quarter is the selection of Gordon Barracks as the future Depot of the Highland Brigade, and all ranks were delighted to hear it. It seems certain that the other Regiments will not come here until certain buildings have been added, and this may well take some years. When they do come they will be most welcome, and will surely find both Aberdeen and the Barracks much to their liking, sad though it will be to leave their own Depots.

On 23rd January the Army Commander, Lieut.-General Sir Horatius Murray, was to have visited the Depot. Unfortunately his aircraft had to turn back when over Stonehaven because of a blizzard, and it now seems unlikely that we will have an opportunity of seeing him before he leaves Scotland for his new appointment in Norway.

The Annual Administrative Inspection was made by Major-General E. C. Colville on 6th March, and



the Depot was graded by him as "Very Good". This is the top grading obtainable, and all Heads of Departments and their staff are to be congratulated on a fine all-round achievement.

At the end of the morning, General Colville presented the Highland District Cookery Shield to Sgt. Shand and the Depot Cookery Team, in the Dining Hall during dinners. The spontaneous applause from everyone there may well have meant more to Sgt. Shand than did the Shield itself. We wish the team the best of luck in the forthcoming Scottish Command competition.

The Week-End Training Centre is to close at the end of this season, and Captain Dickie leaves the Army after many years as a Gordon Highlander. His administration of the WETC was a model, and Territorial Units from all over the British Isles have tried to get there for their Camps. We wish him and Mrs Dickie every happiness in his new post as estate manager at Tillypronie, near Logie Coldstone.

Another sad loss is RQMS W. Morrison, who has retired from the Army after 25 years, for civil employment with 51st Infantry Divisional Signal Regiment (TA). Our best wishes go to him and Mrs Morrison; fortunately he will continue to be seen at the Depot, because the Signal Regiment is in Aberdeen.

The Depot Small-bore Rifle Club, under the enthusiastic and able leadership of Corporal Gordon, has had a very successful season. In the Highland District competition they were 1st in the Regular Units and 2nd in the Open. Their team of ten had an average score of 95.7 points (Corporal Gordon and Robertson each had 199 out of HPS 200). In the Aberdeen and District Winter League they again won, with 19 match points out of a possible 22, defeating the runners-up (Banchory) by 2 points. The team of five was Corporal Gordon, Captain Wilkinson, Lieutenant Humphreys, Corporal Robertson and L/Corporal Cruickshank. Corporal Gordon had the highest score in the league, dropping only seven out of the season's HPS of 1,100.

The Depot Cross Country Team trained hard, and it was bad luck on them that the Highland District match at Cultybraggan was cancelled because of the weather.

The Football Team has had a good season, and reached the final of the Scottish Command Small Units competition, where they were beaten by 26

Command Workshops, REME, on the South Inch at Perth in a very high wind. They have also had much success locally in the Aberdeen area.

CSMI Brown has produced a good and keen Basketball Team, and it too has had much success. Its best performance was to be runner-up in the Scottish Command Basketball Championships, which was a first-class achievement considering the standard of competition. CSMI Brown has also re-instated the Badminton Club which meets in the Gymnasium every Thursday evening. No outside matches have been played yet.

Pte. English distinguished himself greatly by being runner-up in the Scottish Senior Men's Individual Gymnastics Championships this year.

**Visitors to the Depot** during this Quarter have been:

Major-General Colville.

Lieut.-Colonel Duke, and Lieut.-Colonel Forbes of Corse.

Majors Burge, Ross, Morrison, Richardson, Barker, and Close.

Lieutenants Gordon and Anderson. Lieutenant (QM) Miller (now in 1/10 Gurkha Rifles in Hongkong).

#### **Congratulations to the following:**

Lieut. and Mrs Cruickshank on their marriage in early March. We are glad to have them living at the Depot.

Capt. D. C. K. Brown, Lieut. Cruickshank and Lieut. Paton on passing their promotion exams in late March.

Sgt. and Mrs Lowrie on the birth of a son on the 10th March.

Cpl. and Mrs Sherriff on the birth of a son on 10th January.

Sgts. Lowrie and McDonald on passing the 1st class certificate of Education in Advanced Map Reading and English respectively.

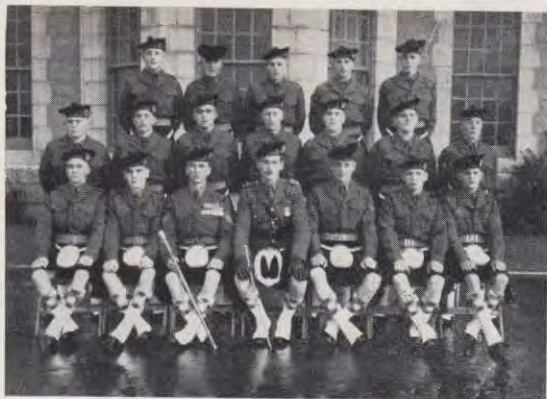
Cpl. Robb on passing the GCE in English.

**We wish the following** who have left the Depot, the best of luck in their new employments:

L/Cpl. Cruickshank, Pte. Davidson 25, Pte. Dyer.

**We welcome the following** to the Depot Permanent Staff:

Sgt. Cullen; Cpls. Murphy, Arthur and Spence; L/Cpls. Ewing, Ogston, McConnachie, Lawrie, and Hutton; and Ptes. Christie, McKinnon, Walsh, Swanson and Fordyce.



Somme Platoon.



Mareth Platoon.



## HIGHLAND BRIGADE JUNIOR TRAINING UNIT

The Annual Administrative Inspection by Major-General Colville is over and we breathe again; after a lot of preparation and work by all concerned it is pleasing to say that we got a good report.

During the quarter, the Military Band has once again performed in Church Services in the Depot Church. A pipe band has again been formed, and has played at both Mareth Platoon's and our own Unit's recruit Passing-Out Parades. Unfortunately, due to our comparatively small numbers, it is not possible to yield both a Pipe and Bugle Band. J/Piper Laing was chosen as Duty Piper for the G.O.C.'s Guard of Honour on the day of the Administrative Inspection. At our Recruits Passing-Out Parade on 27th March, taken by Major Turnbull, J/Bandsman Wilson, H.L.I., was presented with the medal for the Champion Recruit.

Our sporting achievements have been many and varied. The most notable success was that of the Cross Country team which came second in the Army Boys Cross Country Championship (Minor Units — under 200 strong), run at Crookham at the end of February; we were only beaten by the R.A.M.C. Apprentices School, Crookham, on their own ground. J/Piper Laing coming in 15th out of almost 200 runners. The C.I.G.S. presented each member of the team with a medal after the race. In a series of basketball matches against Mareth Platoon, our first team won two and lost one. Football matches have again been played against local teams — still without success. Life saving lessons have been temporarily discontinued owing to the over loading of the Bon-Accord Baths. It is hoped that in the summer a far wider range of sports will be played and that the Depot PT staff will to a great extent take our sport under its wing. We have been allotted three places for the year on the Army Outward Bound School courses at Towyn, Wales. Grant 94 and Fergus went on the first course in March and thoroughly en-

joyed themselves: Fergus was unfortunately returned to the Depot in the middle of the course with a badly sprained ankle. We are looking forward to early start to our summer camps, and to the rumoured founding of a H.B.J.T.U. Cycling Club!

Socially, we have been very active and we gave a concert for the Bridge of Don section of the British Legion in their hall. At one of our weekly social evenings Peter Craigmyle, the famous Scottish football referee, gave a lecture on his experiences throughout the world. Our Easter party was also the farewell to Bandmaster Williams. A presentation baton was given to him by the unit as a token of our gratitude for the immense amount of work he has done for us during the last two and a half years. Once again Miss Findlay and the NAAFI staff excelled themselves and the general consensus of opinion was that it was even better than the Christmas party.

Bandmaster Williams is now Captain Williams, and Director of Music of the Royal Artillery Mounted Band: we would like to take this opportunity of congratulating him on his commission and of wishing him and Mrs. Williams the very best of luck in Aldershot. We welcome in his place Bandmaster Howe of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Also Sergeants Maffia (Cameron), Carruthers (Argylls) and Grant (Seaforth), on loan from their Regiments — all most welcome additions to the staff.

We are very sorry to hear that the H.L.I. boys will be leaving us about the end of April for the Lowland Brigade Junior Training Unit at Lanark. It is sad to lose these friends, and we wish them all the best of luck.

Coming back to the social side again, we would like to put on record our gratitude to the lady members of the Depot Families Club who have put so much work into our highly successful weekly evenings.

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## REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

The third and concluding article on the Museum contains a brief description of the sections not covered in the last two issues.

The area allotted is too small to permit of a spacious entrance; it is much more a passage than a hall and there is no room for large exhibits. However, about a dozen water colours and prints of regimental subjects, both 75th and 92nd, are displayed together with a representative collection of Pipe banners. These include Regimental Banners of 92nd, the Royal Aberdeenshire Highlanders, the 1st and 3rd Battalions; also personal banners of regular and militia officers. The oldest banner has just passed its century. The most interesting water colour is that of a Viceregal Guard of the 92nd in Dublin in the 1840's by M. A. Hayes. This was the subject of the Christmas Card a few years ago.

The Silver Room is small, but adequate to display the most important presentation pieces along with a few Regimental trophies, old table silver and some examples of dinner and dessert services. In the illus-

tration the City of Aberdeen Freedom Casket and Scroll can be seen in the centre with the Grey's eagle and hoof snuff mulls on either side. The 48th Highlanders of Canada spirit cask and the Victorian Scottish quaich can also be seen. The cup to the right of the bust of Sir Ian Hamilton is the "Huntly" Cup presented by the first Commanding Officer in 1806.

The Library houses the Regimental records, which are unfortunately scarce in the case of the 75th, but those of the 92nd date from the formation of the Regiment. There are, too, Army Lists dating from the 18th century, many regimental and military histories and an extensive collection of scrap books and photograph albums. The photograph shows the Colours of the 75th, bearing the Battle Honours "Mysore" and "Seringapatam," which were carried during the Indian Mutiny. These were returned to the Regiment a few years ago by the civic authorities of Stirling where they had been hanging in their headquarters for the past 90 years. The oil painting is of Cameron of Fassifern and was bought from Lieut.-Colonel A. D. McKechnie's bequest, at a sale





in Dublin. On another wall is a collection of prints and photographs of Colonels in Chief and Colonels of the Regiment. This is complete since 1897, but there is a big gap to fill between that date and the earliest prints — those of Sir Robert Abercromby, George, Marquis of Huntly and the Hon. Sir John Hope.

Without spoiling the display, it is now difficult to find space for more exhibits. The store is bulging with an interesting assortment of regimental and personal battle trophies and relics, but there they must stay until another room is acquired.

Two more groups of medals have recently been added to the collection. That of Brigadier H. H. Burney, C.B., C.B.E., which unaccountably found its way on to the market was bought from the McKechnie bequest. An exception to the general rule not to purchase medals was made in this case on account of the long family connection with the Regiment—his son's, Brigadier G. T. Burney, medals are in the collection — as a former Commanding Officer and his long and distinguished service.

The other group of 16 consists of the Orders, Decorations and miniatures of Lieutenant-General Sir Walter Campbell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., presented by his daughter, Mrs. Dunphie. His service with the Regiment began in 1887, and, apart from the British Orders and seven campaign medals, he was awarded the following foreign decorations:—

Order of the White Eagle of Serbia with crossed swords;

Commander of the Legion of Honour;

Royal Order of the Redeemer of Greece;

Order of the Nile;

Jordan Order of El Nahda.





## THE 48th HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA

### History :

Lieutenant Colonel Hamish K. Macintosh, the Commanding Officer of the 48th, has very kindly sent to the Depot a copy of the latest volume and this is now in the Museum Library.

Under the title "DILEAS" this book carries the history of the Regiment from 1929 to 1956 though naturally the bulk of it concerns its fine record in the Second World War. This is a monumental work which, including 32 pages of photographs and 11 maps, runs to 814 pages but nobody should be deterred by that fact.

The author, Captain Kim Beattie, an Officer of the 48th, started his military career at an unusually early age — he celebrated his 16th birthday at Ploegstreet and only when wounded at Passchendaele two years later was his real age discovered. The book is living evidence of the thoroughness and care with which he has treated his subject — every page breathes love of Regiment and of his fellow men. As a Canadian

reviewer has said, "I have never read a war history with so many human beings in it".

### Battle Honours :

The Colonel also writes: "It is also of interest that this Regiment received 26 Battle Honours for 39-45, exactly the same number as the Gordons. They are as follows, with the ones for our Colours being in Block Letters":—

LANDING IN SICILY.	Cassino II.
Valguarnera.	Gustav Line.
ASSORO.	LIRI VALLEY.
Agira.	HITLER LINE.
Adrano.	GOthic LINE.
Regalbuto.	LAMONE CROSSING.
Sicily, 1940.	Misano Ridge.
CAMPOBASSO.	RIMINI LINE.
Torella.	San Martino-San Lorenzo.
San Leonardo.	Fosso Vecchio.
The Gully.	Italy, 1943-45.
ORTONA.	APeldoorn.
San Nicola-San Tommaso.	Northwest Europe, 1945.

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## THE QUEEN'S OWN CAPE TOWN HIGHLANDERS

An author can, at least, write when the spirit moves him but, as H-hour rapidly approaches for these notes to be posted, our Chief Scribe finds himself singularly lacking in inspiration. During the past quarter it has been largely a case of make and mend as a respite from the festive season. The February parade was an all-day occasion at the Range with the morning spent on rifle practices and the afternoon on the Bren. This is in terms of the latest instruction that all details will fire the Bren as opposed to the previous practice of Bren numbers only handling it.

The second half of the N.C.O.'s course was completed at the end of February with a bivvy at the Eerste River camp where the course showed up very well on field work. The results of the courses are in the process of being finalised — usual Army style, everything in quintuplicate and lashings of signatures — and should be available for the next notes.

Our 1958 ballotees finished their training during the quarter and will be attending their first parade with the Unit during April for kitting. On 17th February the Commanding Officer accompanied O.C., Cape Command and C.O., Dukes to Oudtshoorn and inspected the recruits in camp. There appears to be some very promising material and reports were that they had worked with a will. It is noted with regret that nothing has yet happened about the alterations and improvements to the camp that have been promised for so many years.

Results of two courses attended by members of the unit during 1957 have come to hand and the following are to be congratulated on their success — "Q" in the Union — Sgt. D. M. Cooke: Assistant Bren Gun Instructor — T/Cpls. Dalton (distinction), Janke, Levitt, Stembridge, and M. J. M. Sargeant.

### OFFICERS' MESS.

The two-fold congratulations to Capt. C. C. C. Albertyn — on the confirmation of his promotion to Captain and on the award of the John Chard Medal for 12 years faithful service. Congratulations also to our three new subalterns, Messrs. Rae, Dallas, and

O'Brien, may they enjoy a long, happy and useful stay in the Mess. It is recorded with pleasure that 2/Lieuts. Jacka and R. Forsyth were successful on the 2/Lieuts to Lieuts. promotion course.

The best wishes of the Mess go to Capt. Ged. Forsyth and his wife on their venture in South West Africa. Ged goes to take up an architectural post in Windhoek and thus becomes a country cousin seen but once a year, if possible, in camp. Senior Captain and a very able officer it is with regret that the unit sees him go. We shall miss him on parade, his laugh and his ability at certain games peculiar to the wee small hours after Mess dinners.

After very protracted negotiations, mainly in the hands of Capt. Hearn, the design of a Mess tie has been decided upon and it is hoped supplies will be available in the not too distant future.

It is recorded with considerable pleasure that several items of historical value have been donated to the Regimental Museum by Capt. A. E. Jardine and Mr A. H. Jardine. Mr Jardine has also offered a number more items which will be most acceptable either for the museum or the historical records.

The annual pistol competition for the Silver Salver took place at the Range during the February Range parade. Second Lieutenant Rae celebrated his elevation to the Mess by winning the salver very handsomely. Rumour has it that he spent the two weeks prior to the competition practising holding and aiming on the carpet of his lounge.

### SERGEANTS' MESS

Shortly after Christmas the annual Mess party took place and was voted by all concerned as a most enjoyable occasion. We were honoured by the presence of Comdt. Loveland and the 2 i/c. Major Hone and we were also pleased to welcome several familiar faces in the form of ex-W.O.II's Punch, Harris, Norman Wrangmore (still talking as much as ever), and Johnny Kahn. We were once again indebted to Regimental Cook S/Sgt. Savage and the ever-helpful Mrs (RSM) Schwormstedt for all their hard work in arranging such an adequate supper.

The New Year has broken quietly so far although the Mess did have the pleasure of welcoming two



brand-new Sergeants. Congratulations to Sgts. Cooke and Olinsky and may they continue to work as well as they have done in the past.

Assistants at the Junior N.C.O.'s Course at the Eerste River bivvy were limited to S/Major Mullins and Sgts. Feldman and Roberts and, although the training was robust and interesting, the usual Saturday gaiety was not evident — perhaps this was due to the officers locking their cars too securely.

Congratulations to RSM Schwormstedt on his promotion to Grandfather, his daughter having given birth to a bonny future RSM for the Regiment.

Pending confirmation:—

1. That Sergeant Froggy Roberts was seen walking arm-in-arm with — of all things — a female human being.
2. That a certain "not so thin" sergeant is getting married in Cape Town while the rest of the regiment will be in camp.
3. That a sergeant did Sunday duty at the Mess recently — and arrived home for lunch at 16.00 hours.

While the fare this time is poor, the future holds much of interest and there will be much to cover in the next edition.

I. M. M. Mess Scribe.

#### BAND.

As usual, this is a busy period of the Band, but, first things first, our congratulations to the R.S.M. on becoming a grandfather.

This year sees an innovation in that four of this draft of ballotees have been trained as drummers and we anxiously await their arrival to see what sort of job has been made of them.

The Band has assisted at several fetes for churches and other organisations. Apart from adding colour to the scene, the Band usually manages to gather in some shekels which help to swell the funds of the organising body.

The most recent engagement was an appearance on two evenings at the Cape Agricultural Show. On the first evenings the S.A. Navy Band and that of the Dukes preceded us, and on the second evening the S.A. Navy Band only. (Although a little thin on the ground, the Band looked fine on the great open grass arena at the showgrounds moving back and forth in the floodlights, and what better background could there be for the pipes. Chief Scribe.)

#### RIFLE CLUB.

The main accent during this quarter has been on practices for the Gold Cup competition which is fired at the end of March. The attendances have been most encouraging and we intend putting up a great effort in an endeavour to capture the cup for the fourth time since the competition was inaugurated.

A welcome to our midst to Second Lieutenant Martin Rae, who recently joined our Regiment, and congratulations to Second Lieutenant Carl O'Brien on his promotion.

It is most pleasing to see Sergeant John Steyn back on the range after a long absence. Maybe it is the range air, but since his return to shooting, the matrimonial date has now finally been decided upon. Or has it? And while talking of wedding bells, there seems a strong possibility that these bells will be ringing shortly for our worthy ex-Secretary/Treasurer W.O. H. N. Clausen.

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# The cocky wee Gordon HE'S KINDEST OF ALL

**MAY I, as a German, say a word of praise about the KINDNESS OF SCOTTISH SOLDIERS.**

During the summer of 1945, when Germany

was at the mercy of soldiers from many countries of Europe and U.S.A., I came into contact with the Gordon Highlanders.

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Their attitude towards a defeated enemy — at a time when it was easy to sneer at us — **WILL REMAIN UNFORGOTTEN.**

Scotland may be proud of her soldiers. And the first song I learned from them was "Scotland the Brave."

Many hearty wishes for the future for Scotsmen in the world! — **PAUL E. ORTH, Glasgow**



A Gay Gordon as kind as he's brave.

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## REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION.

Hogmanay was well celebrated at a dance organised by the Association. Though the numbers were a little disappointing, it did mean that there was adequate room for dancing and, as the night was hot, this was a big advantage. During the evening, the C.O., the 2i/c and their respective wives, together with the Pipe Major and Pipe Sergeant, paid a courtesy call on the Caledonian Society at their dance in the City Hall, and then, accompanied by the Callie Chief, Mr. John Knox, went on to say cheerio to Mr. Bob Weight — it being his last night as proprietor of the hostelry that he has had for many years. Mr. Weight has always been a great friend of the Highlanders and the Callies and has a great love for pipe music.

February saw the Annual General Meeting of the Association when the following committee was elected:— President, Colonel H. L. Sumner; Vice-presidents, Comdt. Douglas, Mr. Mackie and Captain Lloyd; Members, Majors Hone and Niemann, Captain Albertyn, R.S.M. Schwormstedt, Pipe Major Marwick and Messrs. Williams, Wainwright, Hendricks and Campbell. At the first meeting of the Executive Committee following the A.G.M., Major Hone was elected Chairman and Captain Lloyd, Vice-Chairman. The worthy stalwart, Lyell Williams, once more agreed to undertake the post of Secretary/Treasurer.

## STOP PRESS.

On Sunday, 23rd March, the Sergeants and Corporals Messes played a cricket match, which the Corporals won by one wicket, or so the record has it. Some rain fell and claims are still awaited for damage done to the wicket when one large Sergeant measured his length in the mud while bowling. It is said that some of the members of the team arrived home in the wee small hours, despite the fact that stumps were drawn before last light.

## NOTICES.

## THE URQUHART FUND.

A capital sum has been left to Winchester College by a Miss Edith Urquhart in memory of her brother, Edward Frederick Maltby Urquhart, late The Black Watch, who was killed while serving with 1st Battalion The Black Watch at Ypres on 23rd October, 1914. The proceeds of the bequest, which will rise to about £450 a year, are to be used to assist the education at Winchester of sons of former Wykehamists, preference being given first to the sons of all ranks who have served in The Black Watch and secondly to the sons of all ranks who have served in the other regiments of The Highland Brigade.

The Trustees of the Urquhart Fund are the Warden and Scholars Clerks of St. Mary College, Winchester, and beneficiaries will be nominated by a selection committee consisting of:—

The Headmaster of Winchester—*Chairman*.

An assistant master appointed by the Headmaster—*Secretary of the Committee*.

A former Wykehamist in The Highland Brigade, preferably in The Black Watch—present incumbent, Major J. B. FORTUNE, M.C., The Black Watch.

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

THE HEADMASTER,  
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WINCHESTER,  
HAMPSHIRE.

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

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

## THE BOYD BURSARY.

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

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

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

The system for the assessment of grants and for the selection of beneficiaries will be similar to that of the Urquhart Fund.

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## MILITARY ESSAY COMPETITIONS, 1957-58.

## 3.—GOLD MEDAL and TRENCH GASCOIGNE PRIZE ESSAY COMPETITION, 1958.

Prize—Thirty Guineas and Gold Medal.

Closing Date—15th November, 1958.

*Subject*—1. In a few years time the fear of retaliation may inhibit both East and West from contemplating the use of nuclear weapons against each other. This state of affairs may tempt the Communist parties to increase their efforts to gain limited military and diplomatic objectives by "nibbling" tactics. Discuss this possibility and the ways and means by which the free world can avoid being "nibbled to death" in an age of nuclear stalemate.

OR

2. The thermo-nuclear deterrent is the Western Nations' method of preventing global war. Discuss how the Regular



Forces might be organized and disposed in order to win the present Cold War in the next ten years.

General conditions for this essay competition are contained in ACI 116 1958.

### ARMY ART SOCIETY

The Society, which exists to encourage Art in the Army and Sister Services, is holding its twenty-seventh exhibition in London during October, 1958, at the Commonwealth Institute (Imperial Institute), South Kensington, S.W.7.

All ranks of the Army, the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force, past or present, permanent or temporary, may submit works for consideration.

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

As the Society is non-profit making, the entrance and hanging fees are kept as low as possible.

Intending exhibitors are invited to apply after the 1st May for particulars. Applications should be addressed to:—Hon. Secretary, Army Art Society, Capt. A. J. Daldy, 16 King Edward's Grove, Teddington, Middlesex.

### REGULAR FORCES EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATION.

During 1957, the number of men and women from the Regular Armed Forces of the Crown placed in employment by the National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen was 22,052, which was 83 per cent of those who registered at one or other of the Association's 52 branches covering the whole of the United Kingdom. It is of interest that of this number, 9,057 were from the Army and 57 were from The Gordon Highlanders.

At some time or another, every Regular eventually returns to civil life. When this happens, looking for a decent job can be a trying and lengthy business.

This is where the National Association comes in, completely free, to help you to start right. If you are not absolutely sure of your job, get in touch with the local Jobfinder. Incidentally, he is an ex-Regular like yourself, so you will be quite at home when you meet him. He knows the employers and the vacancies they want to fill and can, therefore, give you an up to the minute picture of the local employment possibilities.

If, when you get home, you have forgotten, lost or have never been told the address of your Area Jobfinder, apply at any big Post Office, or to your own Regimental Association. They'll be able to give it to you.

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