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Editorial.

OUR readers must excuse us if this month's number is late in publication, and contributions, etc., not acknowledged or inserted. We pray for their kind indulgence, and beg to call to their remembrance the great trouble it is to work, or get work done, during 'Xmas time.—In fact, to put it plainly, most of us have been out on the strike!

Now that the new universal head-dress is as good as approved for the land forces, it would be a splendid opportunity for our Corps to change the helmet for a more serviceable "hat." The helmet at present is palpably out of place on board ship, where the spike catches in everything overhead, and the helmet itself is generally knocked out of shape owing to the racks being, as a rule, made too small.

Commencing 1st of January, 1897, the South Eastern Railway have granted officers tickets from Deal to London travelling first class on payment of 2nd class fare.

Captain Godfrey Estcourt Matthews, Royal Marine Light Infantry, who has been selected for service with the Egyptian Army, is one of the most popular officers in the Corps. He held, for five years, the appointment of Adjutant at the Chatham Division, and during that time was untiring in his efforts to promote that feeling of *Bon Camaraderie* between officers and men, which is so beneficial in a widely scattered Corps like ours. It was also whilst performing these arduous duties, that he found time to lift the *Globe and Laurel* to that high pinnacle of success, from which we hope it will never descend. Captain Matthews is in possession of the Hythe, Aldershot Gymnasium, and S M.E. Certificates, and in wishing him "God Speed" and every success in his new life, we are certain that we echo the sentiments of every member of the Corps.

Capt. W. S. Harvest, Royal Marines, has qualified as an interpreter in the German language, having obtained over 80 per cent. of marks.

Major P. Hearle, R.M.L.I., who has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel by brevet, entered the Marines in 1868, and completed 28 years' service. He is a very smart and efficient officer, and was for several years employed on the Musketry Staff. He served in the Ashanti Campaign, 1873-4, receiving the medal with clasp.

We must congratulate Plymouth most heartily on the appearance of this year's almanack. We have been asked to let all our readers know that the charge is only Eight-pence (8d). It is a wonder how it can be sold at the price.

We intend to give a prize for the greatest number of correct solutions to the acrostics for the next six months.

Volume III. is now being bound and will be ready at the end of this month. The cover is superior to the former ones and we hope it will be admired, being "neat and not gaudy." We have plenty of spare covers, which we will forward on application. At present we cannot quote the price, but it will not be great.

The U.S. North Atlantic Squadron passed through the heavy gale of last month when on its way from Hampton Roads to New York. Most of the ships behaved well in the storm, but the crew of the battleship *Indiana* had an experience they will not soon forget. Capt. Evans gave an account of it, from which we take the following—"Soon after we left Hampton Roads, Monday, all four of the 8-in. turrets broke loose at once from their gearing. That was about two o'clock in the afternoon. We went to work with 5in. hawsers to tie the guns up. We tied the two forward turrets together by binding the guns each to the other and fastening the hawsers to the bits, and managed the aft ones the same way. It was a very hard job. About two o'clock the next morning the forward ones snapped their hawsers and got loose again. The storm was then very severe, and the ship was rolling at an angle of 36 degs. The decks were flooded with water, and this, with the pitching of the ship, made working on deck very dangerous. To make matters worse, the forward 13in. gun turret got loose, and those enormous guns began thrashing about in full command of the deck. We fastened a 5in. hawser on the 13in. gun, and it snapped like a cotton string. We finally caught the big guns with an 8in. hawser and tied them securely to the superstructure. It was an awful job, though, and we were in danger of being washed overboard every minute.—*Naval and Military Record.*

Notes by the Way.

IN order to test the efficiency of infantry fire at long ranges, an interesting experiment recently took place in Switzerland. The practice was carried out by fourteen men classed as medium shots. They fired 500 rounds at a surface of snow at a range of about 2,000 yds. A rectangular target, 200 feet by 165 feet was marked out by flags and a piece of black cloth eight feet by ten feet, was laid down as a mark. Sixteen minutes was allowed for the practice, and the reported result was that 338 out of the 500 rounds fired had struck the target, and nearly all the remaining rounds were within 100 yards short or over. The account seems to indicate that the men firing were considerably above their target.

According to *L'Avenir Militaire* Spain is making a very serious attempt to deal with rebellion in her distant possessions. Her effective army, two years ago, including gendarmie and coast-guard, is put down at a total of 140,000 only, whereas there are now said to be nearly 129,000 men in the Peninsula alone, 200,000 in Cuba without native auxiliaries, 31,000 in the Philippines, and enough elsewhere to make up a total of 365,746 men. It is difficult to know how much one can believe of the accounts of the war in Cuba, but if the above figures are correct the operations would be a severe tax on the resources of any empire, and matters must come to some serious development in the near future.

A new departure appears to have been made in the United States Marine Service when the *Brooklyn* was commissioned. Hitherto, small details have been assembled at the nearest barracks to form the detachment to be embarked, and have gone on board without being acquainted with each other or their new duties. In this case, however, the commandant of the Marine Corps took a new departure, and assembled the men some months before at Newport, where they went through a most thorough training in many of the varied duties that fall to the sea soldier. The list of these quoted in the *Army and Navy Journal* includes "battalion drill, extended order; bugle and whistle calls; street riots (*sic.*); incessant target practice with rifle and revolver; pulling in man-of-war cutters; fire drills; signalling; and B.L. gun drill." It is believed by the same authority that a more accomplished marine guard was never embarked in a U.S. war vessel. They certainly seem to be good at most things.

A young man of Hamburg has had his sanity proved by the Rontgen rays. He declared ten years ago that he had a bullet in his head which he had fired into it in trying to commit suicide. He complained of the pain, and as he attacked his keepers and the doctors could find no trace of a wound, was locked up as a dangerous lunatic. The Rontgen rays have now shown the exact place of the bullet, so the *Scientific American* tells us.

In connection with the subject of bullets we read that the Surgeon-in-Chief of the French Army has been investigating the subject of the effects of the new hardened ones of small calibre, and finds that they cause very little pain to those who are hit. This he proves from actual cases of rioters struck by them. On the other hand when the bullets meet with an obstacle at a short distance, say 100 to 150 yards, they are apt to explode and the pieces of scattered metal are capable of doing serious mischief.

The question of expenditure of ammunition in action must always be an interesting one, only it is not very easy to get reliable statistics. From a French source we gather that in 1870 the Prussian infantry carried eighty rounds each, and had twenty more in the battalion baggage. At Mars-la-Tour the 3rd corps used thirty-five rounds per rifle, but the hottest fire having been carried on by local bodies of troops in the corps the want of ammunition was seriously felt, in fact some men of the 35th regiment ran short twice in the day, in spite of an extra supply of 200 rounds per man they had collected together about noon from the pouches of the killed and wounded.

Details about the Nile gunboat flotilla will be of great interest now, and we hope before long to see descriptions of life at Dongola from one of our officers there. Captains Slessor and Matthews left Liverpool Street on Boxing Day at 11 a.m. for the P. and O. s.s. *Caledonia*. It was a very wet gloomy morning, and was blowing half a gale, but the unpleasant time they must have spent in the channel will soon be made up to them.

Items of "Shop."

The reports of responsible officers in the late Chitral Campaign with regard to the want of stopping power of the Lee-Metford bullet have caused the military authorities in India to address themselves to the task of making a bullet, which, without losing its ranging powers should still inflict a wound sufficiently severe to stop the most determined fanatics. The bullet which has given tbe most satisfactory results is one consisting of a thin metal covering at the point with the lead core slightly exposed, the result being that on striking an object the bullet is "set up," whilst its flight through the air is not interfered with.

The following interesting report by *Times* correspondent of experiments recently carried out with it before the Commander-in-Chief, Col. Hill, the A.A.G. for Musketry, and a large number of spectators, is given in full:—

"The experiment consisted in firing at different objects, such as planks in rear of each other, bags of coal, sandbags, tins of dry and moist sand, and wine cases divided into three compartments filled with earth. One butt was specially devoted to carcases of sheep. All the objects were fired at with both the present service bullet and the new bullet, except the sheep, which were only fired at with the new bullet. The result fully justified Col. Hill's confidence in the new bullet, and the difference between the holes made in the various objects and the amount of "setting up" in each case was very marked. The service bullet was found to have drilled clean holes, and where penetration was complete the hole of exit was little, if any, larger than the hole of entry and the bullet itself was not deformed, only showing the marks of the rifling, but the exit holes made by the new bullet were much larger, and, although the penetration was sufficient, the bullet was either mushroomed or the nickel shell and lead had parted company. The wounds made in the carcases of sheep showed that the destruction of bone and tissue perforated by the new bullet was tremendous, and conclusively proved the stopping powers of the projectile. Notes of the various wounds inflicted were taken by medical officers detailed for the purpose. After the conclusion of the firing the men were allowed to inspect the results, and, judging from the numerous remarks that were made, they seemed fully confident of their power with the new bullet to stop any charge. The Commander-in-Chief inspected the results of the firing, more particularly the wounds in the carcases, and it is understood that he expressed himself satisfied that the new bullet met all requirements."

A Soldier's Self-Sacrifice.

General Sir Evelyn Wood, himself a brave soldier, relates a touching story of courage and self-sacrifice. One June day in 1865 a detachment of English marines were crossing the Woronzow road under fire from the Russian batteries. All of the men reached shelter in the trenches except a seaman, John Blewitt. As he was running, a terrific roar was heard. His mates knew the voice of a huge cannon, the terror of the army, and yelled "Look out! It is Whistling Dick!" But at the moment Blewitt was struck by the enormous mass of iron on his knees, and thrown to the ground. He called to his particular chum—"Oh, Welch, save me!" The fuse was hissing, but Stephen Welch ran out of the trenches, and, seizing the great shell, tried to roll it off his comrade. Suddenly it exploded, and with such terrific force that not an atom of the bodies of Blewitt and Welch was found. One of the officers searched out Welch's mother in her English home and undertook her support while she lived.

Three Bad Hats—and a Cocked One.

By Captain W. P. Drury, R.M.L.I.

THE wearer of the latter was one Pringle, Lieutenant R.N.—he, in fact, who is alleged by Pagett (of Pagett more anon) to have rigged an engineless train and sailed it over sixty miles of hostile territory. At the time of this story, however, Pringle's resourceful mind was protected from the tropical sun by a sodden, dissipated-looking pith helmet that its own hatter wouldn't have recognised; while the cocked hat lay in its battered, three-cornered tin case—along with most of the other vanities of life—in the flagship two hundred miles away. For Pringle, you must know, was slave-chasing; and among the five-and-twenty salt-caked, sun-blistered, unkempt tarry-breeks who formed his boat's crew were the Three Bad Hats I speak of.

The first of the graceless trinity was Chesapeake Veever—able seaman, seaman gunner, trained man, torpedo-man, and a string of other diplomas that took four and a half minutes to recite to the captain at each monthly "muster by the open list." Five feet one of extremities and abdomen was Veever—a man *sans peur*, though not, I grieve to say, entirely without reproach. For he was greatly hampered in his professional career by an ineradicable proneness to spit upon the deck – a throwback, probably, to some trans-Atlantic forbear; and many were the lonely, grogless dinners he had eaten under the sentry's charge as a consequence of this besetting sin.

A red-headed, crank-tempered, loose-jointed limb of Satan was Macaterick, the second of the Three Bad Hats. Scot by birth and stoker R.N. by calling, he was unhanged murderer by the grace of God and a combination of human force. For the objects of his deadly hatred were his two brother Bad Hats; and these twain—albeit at issue on every other conceivable point—were driven by the instinct of self-preservation to join hands against their common foe. A grimy thumb-print on the commander's freshly enamelled, upper-deck paint-work being attributed by the astute ship's police to Macaterick, the long arm of naval law had reached him also; and, like Veever, he had known the bread and water of affliction.

Veever, Macaterick, and Pagett—all three were Bad Hats; but the greatest of these was Pagett, private in the Royal Marines and purveyor to the Prince of Lies. Pagett it was who told me this "moving tale by flood;" yet I have reason to know that for once in a lengthly career of undisputed (he could fell an ox with his fist), mendacity, Private Pagett founded his fiction on fact.

"It was at sunrise on Toosday mornin' the twenty-fift' o' Februbary, in latitood one degree ten minutes south and longitood forty-two fifteen east," began Pagett, with the born liar's love of detail, "that we lay-to in the pinnace off a wooded island—Thoalla it's called—on the East African coast. Sometimes we saw the island, and sometimes we didn't—a towerin' great wave like the dome o' St. Paul's blottin' it out about ten times a minute. For it 'ad been blowin' a gale o' wind from noon of the day before till midnight, and the sea was still swollen with rage at the hustlin' it had got from the young monsoon. Ten muggy, sloppy days had seen us dodgin' up the coast, in and out of creeks and mouths of rivers, like a 'tective trackin' along the shadowy side of a street; but devil a dhow had we sighted—or scented for the matter of that. It had taken us all we knew to keep the pinnace from swampin' in the night; and we were smartin' from the salt, and the dangerous early mornin' sun was beginnin' to creep under our 'ats, and we was dog tired, and damned cross, and—well, no fit company for young ladies. Moreover"—Pagett's raucous voice shook with righteous indignation—"as if that weren't enough chastenin' for a Christian soldier o' the Regular Forces, what 'as done 'is sentry-go times without number on the general's 'ouse at Plymouth, there was two swabtails in the boat with us as ought to 'ave been doin' time at Portland by rights. One was a lop-eared leper of a bluejacket, Veever by name, and the other a ginger-whiskered water-rat of a stoker called Macaterick. Ugh!"

He expectorated with great force and deadly precision into the centre of the spittoon under the table. The story was being told by the mendacious private a year after its alleged happening—when he was less of a private, indeed, than a public. For, being discharged to pension, he had straightway applied the loot of his twenty-one years' service *per mare, per terram* to purchasing the goodwill, stock, and premises of the "Coach and Horses;" and it was in the sanded bar of that well-disciplined hostelry that Pagett and I had foregathered.

"Now, when you 'ave four-and-twenty thirsty thieves boxed up in a boat right under that doldrummed, red 'ot line—there was *six*-an'-twenty of us all told," emended Pagett, "but, o' course, I don't reckon as a thief either Mister Pringle or—or—well, it ain't surprising, if your fresh water's always getting low in the breakers, like our's was. Pringle, who knew a lot o' useful things from train sailing to lower-deck langwidge, knowed of a spring on this yer Thoalla; and that's how we came to be 'ove-to off the island. The pinnace, I forgot to say, had the dinghy in tow; and presently Pringle orders her to be hauled alongside and a couple of empty breakers pitched into her.

"'Ever since that blessed Venezuelan train missed stays,' he says to us, 'I've had the devil's own bad luck—as you well know. Ten god-forsaken days and nights have we been away from the ship, and neither stick nor rag shown over the horizon since we left her. But, if I was to take the pinnace inside the screen o' that there island, every stinkin' dhow in the East Indies would pass, and none of us a ha'p'orth o' prize money the wiser! Consequently,' says Pringle, 'I shall stop 'ere while three 'ands go ashore in the dinghy and fill the breakers.'

"'Which three 'ands, sir?' asks Mister Bodger, the bo'sun, glarin' at the three-and twenty sinful faces before him.

"'The three bad 'ats,' answers Pringle shortlike; and everybody 'cept me—the one man in the boat with a easy conscience—pretends to be interested in a shoal o' flyin' fish.

"'I couldn't take my oath,' begins Mister Bodger doubtfully, 'which *ain't* the three bad 'ats: 'owever——'

"'We all knows as this isn't a boatload o' Dresdin-china shepherds,' chips in Pringle impatiently; 'but there's a triplet o' skulkin', grumblin', deck-spittin', paint-spoilin', story-tellin', sea lawyers aboard as puts all the other Queen's 'ard bargains in the shade. Into the dinghy with you Veever, Macaterick, and Pagett! You can take your grievances with you for a airin',' he says; 'likewise your rifles and half-a-dozen packets of ammunition in case of accidents.'

"When I heard Pringle tack my tally on to those other two, I completely lost the run of my tongue—all the wind bein' took out of my sails with the disgrace of the association.

"'I beg your pardon, sir,' I says, after I'd taken a drink of rain water out o' the bottom of the boat, 'but do I onderstand you to say that I'm to go a-picnickin' with them two scallywags?'

"'Mutiny!' roars Pringle—'mutiny on the 'igh seas—and in the R'yal Marines, too! If you ain't in that dinghy in another—'and me my revolver, Mister Bodger!'

In my endeavour to show these ondisciplined seamen that a R'yal Marine can obey an order smartly yet with dignity, I barked my shins against the gunnel of the pinnace and my nose on the dinghy's after thwart. The other two was already at the oars; and, as the boats climbed one of the big grey domes together, I turns round in the stern sheets and looks at Pringle. 'P'r'aps a parable,' thinks I to myself, 'may touch 'is 'ard 'eart.'

"'A certain soldier o' the regular forces, sir,' I begins, 'went down to a dinghy and fell among thieves, which sprang——'

"'Shove off, you insolent brigand!' shouts Pringle, an' he brings the revolver butt down on my fingers, which were hangin' on the big boat's gunnel. So I let's go with a oath, and the thieves give a stroke or two with the oars: and the nex' minute the dinghy was on the cross of St. Paul's in a manner o' speakin', and the pinnace at the bottom o' Ludgate 'ill.

"All of a sudden that bloodthirsty pirate, Macaterick, gives a screech like the bagpipes when their pain first begins. 'A dhow!' he sings out, as we slips down a smooth, deep valley, 'a braw great dhow, standing oot from ahint the land! Back to the pinnace!' he cries, holdin' water hard with his oar—'it's a bonnie fecht we'll hae the morn!'

"At that word 'fight' I jammed the tiller hard over, and Veever pulled the dinghy's head round with a single mighty stroke. From the top o' the next wave sure enough we sighted a big, wicked-lookin'

dhow, reaching away to the nor' east, That liar Macaterick had accidently spoken the truth.

"'Yoicks! Tally ho! Gone away!!' roars Veever, to attrac' the attention o' the pinnace.

"'Haud your noise, ye daft bumclock!' sings out Macaterick; ye'll do weel to make certain o' runnin' wi' the tykes, afore ye set them on the quarry!'

"'My flesh!' says I, as the pinnace swings up against the skyline just ahead, 'Pringle means to leave us in the lurch! He's gettin' the mains'l hoisted!'

"'For the love o' Guid, sir!' howls Macaterick over his shoulder, tuggin' desperate at the bow oar, 'dinna shut me out o' the fecht, after comin' this weary lang gate for no ither purpose!'

"'An' for eaven's sake, sir,' calls out the stroke oar, 'don't forget as Chesapeake Veever's the only man o' the boat's crew as can swear in Arabic!'

"'Mister Pringle, sir,' says I, more in sorrow than in anger, 'when you wishes that there dhow to broach to by 'aving the 'elmsman picked off at fifteen 'undred yards, may you never feel the want of Pagett and his Martin-'Enry rifle!'

"'We'd nearly reached the pinnace, and Macaterick had already fisted the boot-'ook to lay 'old of her stern, when Pringle suddenly turns round. He'd been busy with the mains'l till then.

"'Sheer off in that there dinghy this minute,' he shouts, 'an' carry out your orders, else I'll take you all three back to the ship in irons! When I've took yonder dhow,' he says, 'I shall stand in towards the land, and you'll come out an' meet me with the fruits o' your labours. And I 'ope,' he says, 'as you'll come back from your water picnic *men*, instead o' chatterin' sea lawyer apes!'

"Then the mains'l bellyin' out with the light breeze, the pinnace slipped away on the port tack after the dhow; and Pringle's Three Bad 'Ats were left slidin' up and down a city o' big grey domes in a boat the size o' a 'ip bath."

The pathos of the situation so affected Mr. Pagett that he was on the point of breaking down. A little timely assistance on my part, however, pulled him together; and, wiping his mouth on his sleeve, he was presently able to continue.

"And so we sat staring after the pinnace, while she quickly grew to the size of a copper-punt. 'This,' says Veever, spittin' in the sea, 'is the kind o' thing as sickens a man o' the Service. If I was a blanky orficer I'd send in my recognition to the Adm'ralty, and then show Pringle up properly in *Reynolds'* noospaper!'

"'O mon, to think of it!' moans the cut-throat in the bows—'a bonnie fecht afore the very een of a Macaterick, and him no in it!'

"As for me, I was sore to think that a great man, as stole, rigged, and sailed a train for sixty miles on a beam wind, could stoop to such unchristianlike conduc' as this!'

"In gloomy silence—our nerves were too up-ended for parrot talk—we worked the dinghy round the tail o' Thoalla. Out in the offin' the pinnace was fast over'aulin' the dhow, and I stood up in the stern sheets to see the last of 'em before we got right inside the island.

"'Pringle told Bodger yesterday,' brooded Veever, 'that he would go ashore hisself this mornin' with the waterin' party—who were to be the two proper dinghy 'ands—and get a bit o' shootin'.'

"'Then his *area pansy* was a damned unlucky one for us!' says I, over my shoulder.

"'His 'ow much?' bawls Veever.

"'It's a French flower o' speech for a afterthought,' I explains, turnin' round, 'an' Pringle's mind bein' like a deep arey——'

"I sat down so sudden, that my breakfast—such as it 'ad been—seemed to hit the back o' my throat. I bit my tongue, too, and cut my chin on the top button o' my duck toonic; an' all I could do was to point, like a figger'ead, straight to my front. The other two both looked round—lettin' the oars swing in the crutches; an' Macaterick he thumbs the white paintwork, while Veever spits on the bottom boards o' the boat—the rulin' passion, they say, bein' strong in death.

"For, my flesh! Death was nigh enough in the shape of a dozen villainous, armed Arabs on the deck of the biggest dhow I ever saw. She was headin' towards us, and barely two 'underd yards away—her black hull liftin' an' fallin' on the heaving ground swell like a jet locket on a matron's bosom. The wind inside the island was up and down the mast, and her great lateen sail was flappin' about with a noise like distant guns; and we could lit'rally hear the hum that came from her reekin' 'old. I've got it in my nose to the present day."

Mr. Pagett blew that organ tempestuously on a canteen coloured handkerchief.

"Simotaneously we three bad 'ats grasped the sitiwation.

"'I'm jaloosin',' begins Macaterick, 'that yon hellicat dhow wull be ——'

"'The real article,' continues Veever, 'and Pringle's—serve him right!—is nothin' but——'

"'A blank decoy!!' I yells with delight, untyin' the string of a packit of ammunition with my teeth. 'For what we're about to receive, and ceterer, Amen.'

"As soon as the Arabs ketches sight of us, they bursts out laughin' and points over Thoalla in the direction of the pinnace. We were only three 'ands in a clumsy little potbellied boat; but there were three Martin 'Enrys and six packits o' ball cartridge lyin' on the bottom boards, and—we were three British bad 'ats!

"'The first act opens with a laughin' chorus o' conspirators,' says I, standin' up on the after thwart, an' slippin' a cartridge into the breech o' my rifle; 'it's agoin' to close with a *pas de sool* by the 'ead villain.'

"With that I lets rip at the captain o' the dhow, a swabtail with one 'and on the tiller and t'other to his nose—fingers and thumb extended to the front; an' he springs three foot off the deck, and drops terplink plunk into the sea.

"'Pull, chums,' says I, 'pull like 'ell! Act II. begins with a rattle on the side drums!'

"With my legs I steered the boat end on to the stem o' the dhow, desirin' to see as little as possible of their murderous, long-barrelled guns. But, as my empty cartridge case tinkled against Veever's stretcher, there was a belchin' o' flame and smoke, and the rappin' o' bullets on the white, fat sides of the dinghy. Four or five of 'em come through, mostly below the waterline, and one cut its tally on Macaterick's calf; at which there was a most unholy schreechin' o' the bagpipes.

"'Order, gentlemen, *please!*" I sings out, closin' the loop o' the lever with a snap: "I'm now a-goin' to ring down the curtain on the second act.'

"At the dhow's masthead—just showing over the great, swayin' yard, and dark against the sky—was the 'alliard block; an', bringin' my rifle to the shoulder, I waited for the upward roll. Now, Martin 'Enry's had their good years, same as champagne; and the '78 brand was the best. My rifle was a 'seventy-eighter; and I split that there block with a bullet as easy as I'd have made a bull at a hundred yards on the ranges.

"As the nat'ral result of this fancy shootin', the great, flappin' sail came down with the run; and, the roll of the dhow causing it to spread an' fall across the deck, the entire crew were buried under the stout canvas, or pinned by the 'eavy yard. By this time we were close under her bows—and time enough too! For the sea was wellin' up through the bullet-holes in the dinghy, as if she was bleedin' internal; and the water was up to the thwarts.

"'Out o' the sinkin' ship you pair o' bottled-nosed, ginger-whiskered rats!' I cries: and slingin' my rifle and stuffin' my remaining eight rounds in my pocket, we all three scrambled over the low bows o' the slave-ship together. But the Martin 'Enry's and ammunition of the other two lubbers went to the bottom in the dinghy—for which they are very properly still under stoppages o' pay.

"Under the great sail the Arab crew were still strugglin' like a lot o' stage 'ands working a sea in a pantomime; and, though there were only eleven of 'em, they were gettin' through more shoutin' than a shipful o' gunner's-mates and drill-sergeants combined. Slipping a cartridge into my rifle for fear of accidents, I sits down with my back against the mast, and sings out my orders to Veever and Macaterick.

"'Lay 'old of those brails and 'alliards,' I shouts, and cut 'em up into eight-feet lengths. And look alive about it,' I adds, 'for this wrigglin' spawn o' Beelzebub will be clear of the sail in another minute!'

"'I ain't a-going to take no orders from a sojer—Marine or otherwise,' bawls back that ondisciplined ruffian Veever. 'I belongs to the senior Service,' he says, 'an' I'll see you——!'

"I ups rifle an' fires at him. When the smoke cleared away, the senior Service was hoppin' about on its left foot, while it hung on to its right with both 'ands.

"'Your starboard big toenail wanted cuttin',' I says, jerkin' out the empty cartridge case, 'an' I've done it for you. Your 'air, Mister Veever, now I come to look at it, wants cuttin', too.'

"I picks up another cartridge, but—he was already helpin' Macaterick with the 'alliards. There was no more trouble with the senior Service.

"Just then one of the Arabs shoves his head out from under the sail; and, from the scrubbed-'ammock expression on his face and the 'eartiness of his langwidge, I judged him to be the dhow's first lootenant.

"'*Emshi gehenna!*' says I—the only Arabic I know; and I fetched him a tap with the butt o' my Martin 'Enry as must have given him the 'eadache for a week. After which, Veever an' Macaterick pulls him out and secures him with a bowline on a bight, two round turns and a reef-knot.

"One by one those chokin', strugglin, man-thieves were similar dealt with by the perspersweatin' bluejacket an' stoker, while I sat by with the loaded rifle to see fair play. When we 'ad worked through the lot, we unshipped the dhow's main 'atch, and helped on deck no less than a hundred an' twenty-three black terrors with the cramp in their limbs and nothin' in their stummicks. There were some deaders, as was to be expected, at the bottom o' the basket; and these Veever and I gently dropped overboard, while Macaterick kep' repeatin' the only bit o' the Free Kirk catechism—two questions without the answers—that he could remember. Then we lowered the eleven what had 'ad their innings into the pitch dark 'old, and battened down the 'atch; and, as it wasn't a bit like a flower garding in the month o' May, and as a 'alf-a-dozen o' the biggest buck niggers volunteered to keep 'em comp'ny, they must have had a young gehenna all to themselves.

"We soon fitted a spare block and 'alliards, and re-hoisted the big sail; but the wind fell so light all day, it was not till we picked up the evening land breeze that we were able to creep out to sea and meet Pringle. All three of us were bleedin' more or less; for besides Macaterick's leg wound, the dhow's first lootenant 'ad bit Veever on the nose when he was tyin' the reef-knot, while the kick o' my Martin 'Enery had cut me bad between the fingers. A proud man was I that night, for though the senior Service—including Macaterick—had acted under my orders, it was really me alone as took the dhow with my Martin 'Enery rifle!

"Presently there comes crawlin' along very silently in the moonlight Pringle an' his pinnaceful o' jugginses; for they was all asleep—every mother's son o' 'em.

"'Pinnace ahoy!'

"'Ow!!!' sings out Pringle, wakin' up with a crick in his neck, 'who the red blazes are you?'

"'The Three Bad 'Ats, sir,' returns Veever, 'as went ashore this mornin' in the dinghy for water.'

"'And where's the dinghy?' asks Pringle.

"'At the bottom o' the Indian Ocean, sir,' says Veever, spittin' into it.

"'Then you'll 'ave to pay for her,' says Pringle, properly awake. 'What the heliotrope are you doing with that there dhow?'

"'I'm thinkin',' answers Macaterick, thumbing the poop rail, 'that she wull be *the fruits of our labours!*'

"And, beggin' your pardon, sir, we've come back from our water picnic *men*,' says I bandagin' my finger—'bloody men.'"—

United Service Magazine.

A Marine belonging to one of her Majesty's gunboats lying in Hobson's Bay gave an amusing defence when charged at the Melbourne Police Court with disorderly behaviour in a public-house. He said that he was singing "The Death of Nelson" when three foreigners, one of whom he thought was a Frenchman, interfered with him. He fought the three, and beat them. An excellent character was given to the accused by the master-at-arms of his ship, and the Bench let him off with a fine of 5s.

Entertainments

R.M.A. Theatre.

AGAIN in December the managers are to be congratulated on the production of successful pieces, played to good houses, but where the leading members of a Regimental Theatrical Company happen to be of the stamp of Corpl. T. J. Kerr and Miss Emilie Seymour, this is not to be wondered at, and the well-timed introduction of a variety entertainment during the evenings has doubtless added much to the popularity. That ridiculous farce, "The Widow's Victim," gave ample scope for the genial humour of Corpl. Kerr in the threefold part of an extremely impudent barber's clerk and amateur actor, a very familiar livery servant and a ferocious looking Mephistopheles.

On the 9th and 10th, the Junior N.C.O.'s occupied the boards in aid of a charitable fund for distributing coal among the poor at Eastney during severe weather. In the Musical Burletta, "The Sentinel," Miss Seymour exercised a charm all her own as "Linda," her pervading womanliness when donning the "Post of Honour" captivating all hearts. In the variety entertainment Corpl. Manly, who recently gave our readers such interesting accounts of his experiences in the Dongola Expedition, fairly brought down the house by his inimitable rendering of the character song, "Work Boys, Work," and we now understand his popularity round the evening camp fire on the banks of the Nile.

On the 14th, 16th, and 17th, the members of the Sergeants' Dramatic Company also came to the assistance of local charities and produced the well known comedy, "Fun on the Bristol." Col.-Sergt. Curtis was a complete success as the "Widow O'Brien," and gave a highly amusing and truly characteristic impersonation of the comic side of a daughter of Hibernia. The comedy is a favourable specimen of that form of entertainment shown on the play bills as "musical play" but colloquially known as "variety show," and the scene on the deck of the *Bristol*, depicting a concert arranged by a travelling theatrical company and some of the passengers, was an opportunity not to be lost. Col.-Sergt. Butler, as "Count Menagio," made a decided hit. Col.-Sergt. Sparrow's bright little solos on the mandoline were much appreciated, and that old sea-dog, "Captain Cranberry," and his swab of a son, "Tom," found able exponents in Sergts. Simpson and Hill. We are pleased to hear that the three performances produced about £20.

On Tuesday, 1st December, the officers were "At Home" at Eastney to about 500 of their friends. The entertainment, which partook of the nature of a Conversazione, was more enjoyable than usual. The Colonel-Commandant and Miss Poore received the guests at the entrance to the mess room. The band, under Mr. Williams, played a choice selection of music in the balcony overhead, while refreshments were served in the ante-room, breakfast-room, and library, throughout the afternoon. The arrangements were carried out by a committee, consisting of Colonel Hall, Major Eastman, and Major Trotter.

A highly successful entertainment was given at the R.M. Theatre at Forton on the 17th December, and as is usual on these occasions, the house was packed. The first part of the programme consisted of singing, solos, stump speeches, &c., in fact, an ideal variety entertainment. Ptes. Barker, Philips, and Franks, and Mus. Wood rendered very good songs which were much appreciated. Pte. Mulligan was very amusing with his stump speech "Round the world in twenty minutes." Colonel Gordon was vociferously applauded for his performance on the bagpipes. Another item much appreciated was the rendering of several solos by the mandoline aud guitar band. Major Johnston was exceedingly good in his whistling solo (with guitar) and as a *siffleuse* is *par excellence*. The variety entertainment was concluded by a good comic song by Private Miller. The second part of the programme consisted of a farce in one act entitled "Done on both sides," and was performed with much credit to the *dramatis personæ*. Sergeant Warner made a decided hit as Mr. Giggmalion Phibbs, and Pte. Wilson as Mr. Wiffles was very good. The part of Mr. John Brownjohn was ably sustained by Lce.-Corpl. Weightman. Mrs. Warner and Miss Hodgson performed the part of Mrs. Wiffles and Lydia respectively. The farce was capitally performed and would do credit to any amateur stage. Great praise is due to the committee for their indefatigable efforts to make these entertainments a success, which they undoubtedly are.

The Marines and the Nation.

EXTRACT FROM "THE TIMES," 7TH DEC., 1896.

"SIR,

The recent speeches of the Secretary of State for War and the Chancellor of the Exchequer at the Dolphin Society Banquet at Bristol, have called forth a large amount of discussion in the press, and, taken by themselves, they disclose a condition of affairs which calls for serious consideration by the tax-payers of the country. Whatever views may have been held as to the sufficiency or otherwise of the Military Forces of the Crown for the performance of the ordinary routine duties of the Army in time of peace, such views were at best merely pious opinions until a few days ago. Now, however, that the War Minister has publicly stated, without any circumlocution, that there is urgent need of an increase to the Army, that opinion may be taken to represent the deliberate conviction of the highest Military authorities of the realm.

Lord Lansdowne based his demand for an increased Army vote mainly under two heads, viz: first, on account of a proposed enormous expenditure on works and fixed defences, which in the present state of public opinion is totally opposed to the national or even the Service view; and, secondly, on account of regiments which it is proposed to raise to carry out the linking system of battalions adopted under Lord Cardwell.

Sir Michael Hicks Beach threw cold water on all the War Minister's propositions, and recommended economic reforms from the inside of the War Department rather than additions from the outside, and pinned his faith on the Navy.

When Ministers differ, who shall decide but the public? It is certainly true that the "linking system" in the Army has never been carried out as originally proposed, viz: that one battalion should be at home feeding the battalion abroad; and it is further now than ever from a satisfactory system of working. Lord Lansdowne stated that there were 11 battalions abroad without their corresponding battalions in these islands. In order to state his case as strongly as possible he put the numbers as high as he could, and, although strictly correct, on examination it will be found that matters are not quite so bad as they seem. In short, we have four or five more battalions abroad than we ought to have for the efficient working of the system, on the failure of which the War Minister's appeal for more men is based.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer seemed not unwilling to allow the national purse strings to be untied for the benefit of the personnel of the Navy. Under these circumstances, are we not justified in seeking for a course of action that may meet the views not only of both of these Ministers, but also of the country at large?

Lord Lansdowne wants his extra battalions, and Sir Michael Hicks Beach on his part objects to any increased Military expenditure, but does not object to an increase in the Naval personnel.

I maintain, therefore, that to harmonize these views a considerable increase in the Royal Marines should be allowed for in the next Estimates. Such a course would both add to the personnel of the fleet and at the same time, if the garrisoning of certain stations abroad were intrusted to them, release a certain number of line battalions from island and isolated stations, where in a purely Military sense their utility is very little.

Take the case of Bermuda for instance. A line battalion is locked up in that group of islands, and for all the good it is, as a mobile portion of the British Army, it might as well be written off the Army list at once.

No foreign foe could ever, in any force, land in Bermuda till the fleet had been beaten, and in that event, no matter how great the Naval losses had been, an admiral, going there with his squadron, could not indent from the Military garrison to fill up gaps among his men; and so with several outlying stations, such as Hong-Kong, Singapore, Mauritius, St. Helena, and others that might easily be named. In nearly all of these places a line battalion is stationed, and were the Marines to be detailed to supply the garrisons a sufficient number of infantry battalions would be freed to work the linking system properly. Moreover, were the above stations turned over to the Admiralty, to be garrisoned entirely by the Marines—infantry and artillery—under Marine command, the system of dual control by two departments—Admiralty and War Office—of the sea and land defences of these places would be abolished, and that of itself would add to the efficiency of the combined defence.

A decided economy would be brought about by natural process with an increase of efficiency, for, in the stations above named having garrisons of a battalion and a couple of companies of artillery and engineers, the staff for such a small force is always a large and expensive one under the Army system, with its separate sets of officials for artillery and engineers and other small units. At Bermuda, for example, ten staff officers, nearly of the rank of lieutenant-colonels, are maintained for the control of a force less numerous than a single German regiment, and this, of course, not counting regimental officers. With a Marine garrison all that multiplication of highly-paid officials would be done away with under a homogeneous organization. Does not this proposal, which would be certainly gratifying to the nation at large, who value the Marines, meet the apparent deadlock?

If Ministers agree to it, Lord Lansdowne would get his extra battalions, freed from colonial garrisons, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer could with a clear conscience sanction the increase to the Naval forces of the country.

As it is, with all the new ships recently provided, a large increase of the personnel of the Navy is required in any case. Moreover, it can always be easily raised, whereas an addition of several line battalions to the Army would only accentuate the already great difficulties of recruiting the rank and file of the Service presided over by Lord Lansdowne.

From a common sense and practical point of view it might be desirable for the public to consider this proposition, which I commend to your notice.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
"IMPERIAL DEFENCE."

A Memorable Night.

UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCE FOR A BALL PARTY.

THE Wildfire had been detailed to convey a party of officers and ladies from Chatham to Sheerness to attend a ball given by the Commander-in-Chief and Mrs. Nicholson at Admiralty House, amongst those present being Col. Commandant Colwell, C.B., R.M.L.I., Col. Dowding, Major and Mrs. Willis, Captain Matthews, Captain Cotterill, Mrs. Heath, Col. and Mrs. Newington, &c. On their arrival at Sheerness, however, the wind had become so boisterous that it was deemed unsafe to attempt to land them. The Wildfire just before midnight received orders to return to Chatham with the guests, and was on her way up Sheerness Harbour when she ran into the Raleigh, which was at anchor off Cockleshell Hard with no light burning, and therefore not visible in the darkness of the night. The Wildfire struck the Raleigh amidships, and the ketch at once commenced to fill with water. An ordinary seaman, named Fandemer, clambered on board the Wildfire before she could clear herself from the Raleigh, and Bruce had only just time to save himself by jumping from the deck. Nothing could be seen of the remaining two men of the crew—the mate and the cook. The Wildfire stood by the wreck the whole of the night, and at half-past eight on Saturday morning proceeded to Chatham and landed the ball guests, who had had a most unpleasant experience.

The naval court of inquiry has exonerated Staff-Captain Albert R. Wonham from all blame in connection with the disaster to the Barge *Raleigh*, which was run into, in the Medway, on Friday night last, by H.M. Yacht *Wildfire*, which is under the command of Staff-Captain Wonham. The *Raleigh* had no light burning at the time, the gale having extinguished it a few hours previously.

CORPS GAZETTE.

Promotions.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of General John Michael de Courcy Meade, R.M.L.I., being placed on the Retired List on the 26th inst., having attained the age of 65 years.

Consequent on the retirement of General Meade, their Lordships have approved of the promotion of Lieutenant-General Geoffrey Mairis, R.M.L.I., to the rank of General, from 26th December, 1896, and of the vacancy on the list of Lieutenant-Generals being absorbed by Lieutenant-General Howard S. Jones, C.B., who is now borne as Supernumerary to the Establishment.

CHATHAM—

To be Sergeants—Corpls. A. Andrews, W. F. Pamplin, W. Shaw.

To be Corporals—Lce.-Corpls. C. J. Finemore, F. Williams, A. Muncey, G. H. Hill (*Ramillies*).

PORTSMOUTH—

To be Corporals—Lce.-Corpl. H. J. Taylor (*Victory*) and Lce.-Corpl. W. J. Walley (*Vernon*).

PLYMOUTH—

To be Sergeants—Corpl. R. Denley *(Vivid)*, Lce.-Sergt. A. Elworthy, Corpl. W. Rush (*Redbreast*), Lce.-Sergt. W. Perry.

To be Corporals—Ptes. W. Linnell (*Hermoine*), J. Jarvis (*Impregnable*), A. Beer, J. Corney *(Vivid)*, T. Turner, J. Full (*Halcyon*), A. Macer (*Blake*).

Appointments.

Major G. Raitt, R.M.A., to the Admiralty for the N.I.D., from 1st Feb., 1897.

Captain H. Slessor, R.M.A., and Captain Matthews, R.M.L.I., have been selected for employment with the Egyptian Army.

Captain W. S. S. Harvest, R.M.L.I., is appointed Instructor of Signalling at the Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., *vice* Captain C. E. E. Curtoys, under orders to embark for passage to Bermuda.

EASTNEY—

Gnr. A. W. Kimber to Paid Acting Bombardier.

Sergt. W. C. Wellington to 2nd Clerk, 1st Quarter-Master's Department, *vice* Sergt. Guard to 1st Clerk.

Corpl. G. H. Littleton to Supernumerary Clerk, Staff Office.

Sergt. Geo. Phipps to Land Service Instructor, at 6d. per diem.

CHATHAM—

Lce.-Corpl. J. Burgess is appointed Company Orderly.

Lce.-Corpl. J. H. Smith ,, ,, ,,

Sergt. W. F. Pamplin is appointed Signalling Instructor.

Pte. C. Davis is appointed Probationary Clerk, Quarter-Master's Office.

Pte. A. S. Moore is appointed Standing Pioneer.

Sergt. E. J. Duckett is appointed Paid Instructor of Gunnery.

Pte. W. Smith is appointed Divisional Turncock.

Corpls. C. Rowe, T. Littlewood, to be Paid Lance-Sergeants.

Ptes. J. Watt, F. N. Fielder, H. P. Hutt, O. E. Parnell, to be Paid Lance-Corporals.

PORTSMOUTH—

Corpls. M. J. Press and G. B. Newman to be Lce.-Sergeants.

Ptes. R. James, J. Simmons, W. Smalley, E. Elms, S. Smart, E. Hollomby, H. M. Trodd, J. Carson, W. McVea, to be Lce.-Corpls.

Pte. E. Hollomby to be Probationary Clerk, Staff Office.

PLYMOUTH—

Miss I. Bolton is appointed Pupil Teacher in the 2nd year.

Pte. R. Stow is appointed Lance-Corporal.

Corpl. W. Mullineaux is appointed Divisional Marker and Type Cutter.

Sergt. B. Russell, Gun Battery Armourer, is re-appointed.

Lce.-Corpl. T. Hamilton is appointed for duty on the Garrison Military Police.

Pte. W. Knight to be employed in the Divisional Boats' Crew.

Lce.-Corpl. M. Fitzgerald is appointed Probationary Clerk in the Quartermaster's Department.

Lce.-Corpl. T. Turner to be paid School Assistant.

Lce.-Sergt. Boone to be paid School Assistant, commencing 1st December, 1896.

Sergt. H. Moore to be retained as School Assistant for a further period of 12 months.

Corpl. W. Pulham is re-appointed School Assistant for 2 years.

R.M. DEPOT—

Corpl. G. Boulton to be paid Lance-Sergeant.

,, W. McGregor ,, ,, ,,

Private H. Smith to be paid Lance-Corporal.

Examinations

EASTNEY—

Passed for Sergeant—Lce.-Sergt. J. E. Day, having qualified as Instructor in *Excellent*; Lce.-Sergt. John Hardy; Bombrs. G. H. Messenbird, Geo. Beagley; Corpls. T. J. Kerr, Francis Crilley, J. Harris, W. Rogerson, W. H. Davies; Bombrs. H. Camp, T. Hearne, E. Lockyear, A. Kendall.

Passed for Corporal—Gnr. E. H. Roost (V.G.I. at all drills).

Discharged to Pension.

EASTNEY—

Gnrs. John Griffiths, Edward Beaton, Wm. Jones.

CHATHAM—

Ptes. W. H. Parker, W. Hoile, T. Leslie, J. Guy, and J. Till

PORTSMOUTH—

Cr.-Sergt. J. Clifton, Sergt. E. Barham, Pte. R. S. Worman.

PLYMOUTH—

Sergts. G. S. West; J. J. Dunn; Pte. S. Riley.

Recruiting.

PLYMOUTH—

Sergt. J. L. Massam to Birmingham.

Sergt. J. Winstanley from Birmingham.

Retirements.

Major James Bruce Darling, R.M.L.I., having been found unfit for further active service, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of his being placed on the Retired List, under the provisions of H.M. Order-in-Council of 30th Nov., 1882. Dated 29th Nov., 1896.

Limited Engagements.

EASTNEY—

Gnr. John Darby.

By Purchase—Gnrs. J. P. Sartain, F. G. Jones.

Invalided—Corpl. Geo. White; Gnrs. Thos. Welsh, H. D. Barwick.

CHATHAM—

Ptes. G. Tompkin, A. Thulborn, H. Samways, G. E. Griffiths.

PORTSMOUTH—

Pte. F. Ratcliffe.

PLYMOUTH—

Invalided—Ptes. W. Winn, W. Balfour, J. Sheppard, H. Rook, E. Ridler, J. Branton, H. Hewins.

Ptes. E. Andrews, W. Oldman, R. Clark, R. Escott (12 years).

Purchase—Ptes. J. Jackson, J. Radford.

Signalling.

PLYMOUTH—

The undermentioned, having re-qualified in Army Signalling, are entitled to two sets of crossed flags worked in worsted:—

Sergt. G. Peacock, Figure of Merit—230·07.

Corpl. T. Kenway ,, ,, 236·96.

Transfers.

CHATHAM—

Pte. T. A. Walker to Ship's Police, R.N.

PORTSMOUTH—

Pte. A. Findlay to Ship's Police.

Ptes. W. Durrant, C. W. Gillman, G. Houghton, and Buglr. T. Wait, to Chatham Division.

Pte. J. Farthing to Musician.

Pte. J. Hearsey from 2nd Hants Regiment to R.M.L.I.

Buglr. W. Lucy to Private.

Pte. R. Alcroft to Bugler.

Pte. T. H. Dunn, 2nd Hants Regiment, to R.M.L.I.

Buglr. J. Lanham to Private.

Pte. C. W. Parker to Bugler.

Pte. H. A. Daughtry, 1st Lincoln Regiment, to R.M.L.I., on arrival in England.

PLYMOUTH—

Corpl. D. Colwill and Pte. P. J. Sinnott to Ship's Corporals, R.N.

Ptes. G. Robertson and H. Green to Stokers, R.N.

Pte. G. E. Hoil to Bugler.

Bugler A. J. Banks to Private.

Embarked.

Capt. G. L. Beaumont is to be held in readiness to embark for passage to H.M.S. *Theseus*, Mediterranean Station, to relieve Capt. Wolfe.

Captain E. V. Luke, R.M.L.I. (and Attendant) is to be held in readiness to embark for passage to H.M.S. *Hibernia*, to relieve Captain A. M. Connolly, R.M.L.I.

FROM EASTNEY—

Prince George—Sergt. F. F. Carder; Lce.-Sergt. R. J. Wright; Gnrs. J. Burnes, W. G. Langdon, A. J. Lovecock.

Pembroke—Sergt. H. Preston.

Alexandra—Sergt. R. Price.

Resolution—Capt. P. Peacock; Gnr. R. S. Spanton.

Empress of India—Gnrs. D. Duly, E. H. Roost.

Devastation—Gnr. J. R. Gould.

Repulse—Gnr. E. J. Harcup.

FROM CHATHAM—

Pembroke—Corpls. A. Chapman, J. R. Duthie, G. G. Washbiom, J. Williams, T. A. Bull; Ptes. F. Wager, E. Baggott, T. Farrow, W. Goble, T. Barringer, A. G. Ebsworth, H. Maybank, H. Canning, C. Crockford, J. Barnes, A. Targett, W. J. Morgan, B. Leach, W. Raeburn, D. Cadman, J. W. Wylie, W. de Jong, H. R. Blackeby, A. Newport, F. Targett, G. Jackson, W. Blackman, W. Young, G. Walley, E. Pitts, E. Lucas.

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Wye—Ptes. A. Lumb, J. Purton, H. Arnold, H. Pelling, W. Smith.

Mersey—Pte. C. V. Watts.

Wildfire—Corpl. J. Widowson; Pte. E. Bull.

Sans Pareil—Corpl. G. See.

Euryalus Pte. J. A. Law.

Australia—Pte. A. Leigh.

Galatea—Pte. J. Groombridge.

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Alexandra—Pte. J. Field.

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Hibernia—Lce.-Sergt. H. J. Smith, Ptes. F. Lane, L. Davies, F. Burke.

Hussar– Sergt. H. Hull, Lce.-Corpl. W. Gaskill, Ptes. W. Edwards, E. Evans, T. Essary, J. Clark, R. J. Bunney, A. Murray.

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Alexandra—Sergt. P. McDonald; Gnr. J. Darby.

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Howe—Corpl. R. Denny; Ptes. W. Ash, G. Stiles.

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Vernon—Ptes. W. J. Cartwright, A. H. Leppard.

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Excellent—Ptes. Wm. Harrison, Geo. Hooper, Jno. Carrington.

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Prince George—Pte. Thos. Green.

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Howe—Capt. W. E. Binney.

Black Prince—Pte. J. McKusker.

Britannia—Ptes. S. Make, H. Ottery.

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Officers, late of the Royal Marines, serving in the Indian Staff Corps.

[The following list has been received from Major E. P. Paul, 6th Bengal Cavalry, D.A.A.G., Assam District, who is now at home on a year's leave. We, his old comrades, welcome him back to the old country, and hope that he may bestow the light of his countenance upon us.—EDITOR.]

1. Major L. M. M. Hall, *a b c*—Date of first Commission : 1st October, 1873—Regiment : 2-2 Gurkha Rifles—Present appointment : Officiating Commandant 1-2 Gurkha Rifles.
2. Major J. B. Woon, *a b c d e*—1st October, 1873—20th Punjab Infantry—Commandant.
3. Major J. B. R. Butler, *a b f*—1st October, 1874—6th Bombay Cavalry—Officiating Commandant.
4. Major C. H. Hayes, *a b*—1st October, 1874—1st Bengal Cavalry—Officiating Commandant.
5. Major H. F. Farrant, *a b g*—1st October, 1875—11th Madras Infantry—Commandant.
6. Major E. T. Paul, *a b c f h i j k l*—1st January, 1876—6th (P.W.) Bengal Cavalry—Squadron Commander, Deputy-Assistant-Adjutant-General, Assam District. (On leave out of India.)
7. Major W. W. Taylor, *a b*—1st January, 1876—45th Sikh Infantry—Wing Commander.
8. Major C. V. W. Williamson, *b m*—27th January, 1876—Commissariat Department—Assistant-Commissary-General.
9. Major C. H. Powell, *a b c j*—27th January, 1876—2-1 Gurkha Rifles—Wing Commander.
10. Major K. Baillee, *a b*—27th January, 1876—20th Bombay Infantry—Wing Commander.
11. Major H. M. Abud, *a n o p*—27th January, 1876—Civil employ, Bombay.
12. Major W. Quentin, *a b j q r s*—27th January, 1876—4th Bombay Infantry—Wing Commander.
13. Major G. A. Gott, *a b*—23rd February, 1876—3rd Bombay Cavalry—Squadron Commander.
14. Major F. G. Atkinson, *a b e f h*—1st September, 1876—13th Bengal Lancers—Squadron Commander.
15. Captain and Brevet-Major G. B. Stevens, *a b g*—19th September, 1877—4th Madras Pioneers—Wing Commander, Assistant-Adjutant-General, Bangalore District.
16. Captain A. H. Kellie, *a b t u*—1st February, 1879—2nd Madras Infantry—Wing Commander.
17. Captain R. Wapshare, *a b k*—1st February, 1880—3rd Haidarabad Lancers—Squadron Commander.
18. Captain E. R. Hartigan, *a b*—1st February, 1880—2nd Bombay Infantry—Officiating Wing Commander.
19. Captain M. T. Shewen, *a b h v*—1st February, 1883—4th Haiderabad Infantry—Wing Commander.
20. Captain C. H. Macdonald, *a b h*—1st September, 1880—3rd Haidarabad Infantry—Wing Commander.
21. Captain J. M. Ransom, *a b h*—1st February, 1881—12th Bombay Infantry—Wing Officer, District Recruiting Officer.
22. Captain W. S. Mardall, *a b f k*—17th Bengal Cavalry—Squadron Commander. (On leave out of India.)
23. Captain and Brevet-Major C. V. F. Townshend, C.B., *a b*—1st February, 1881—Central India Horse—Squadron Commander. Employed with Egyptian Army.
24. Captain C. E. Lloyd, *a u*—1st September, 1881—Commissariat Department—Deputy-Assistant-Commissary-General.
25. Captain K. J. Buchanan, *a b f h*—1st February, 1883—4th Sikh Infantry—Wing Officer. Officiating Deputy-Assistant-Adjutant-General for Musketry, Punjab Command.
26. Captain D. Baker, *a b v*—1st February, 1883—2nd Bombay Infantry—Wing Officer.
27. Captain S. L. Aplin, *b k w*—1st September, 1883—Civil employ, Bombay.
28. Captain R. C. O. Creagh, *b f h*—1st September, 1883—5th Punjab Infantry—Wing Officer.
29. Captain J. C. Keown, *a b*—Date of first Commission : 1st February, 1884—Regiment : 4th Bombay Infantry—Present appointment : Officiating Wing Commander.
30. Captain J. F. Whyte, *b f j x*—1st September, 1884—4th Sikh Infantry—Wing Officer. Political employ.
31. Captain P. J. Miles, *b f h i y*—1st February, 1885—4th Punjab Infantry—Wing Officer.
32. Captain A. H. Dennys, *a b h*—1st February, 1885—23rd Bombay Infantry—Wing Commander.
33. Captain C. A. Luck, *a b f h*—1st September, 1885—2nd Punjab Cavalry—Squadron Officer.
34. Captain E. Le Mesurier, *b i*—1st September, 1885—6th Bombay Cavalry—Squadron Officer. Political employ.
35. Lieutenant M. A. B. Kappey, *b h z*—1st February, 1886—26th Madras Infantry—Officiating Wing Commander and Adjutant.
36. Lientenant H. A. F. Magrata, *b f*—1st February, 1886—1st Sikh Infantry—Wing Officer. Quarter-Master and Officiating Adjutant.
37. Lieutenant G. L. C. Berger, *b f*—1st February, 1886—30th Bombay Infantry—Wing Officer. With Hong Kong Regiment.
38. Lieutenant M. R. Hurly, *b h a1*—1st February, 1886—33rd Madras Infantry—Wing Officer and Adjutant.
39. Lieutenant C. J. Windham, *b*—1st September, 1886—5th Bombay Infantry—Wing Officer. (Leave out of India, m.c.)
40. Lieutenant C. W. Tribe, *b h m*—1st September, 1887—38th Dogra Infantry—Wing Officer. Officiating District Recruiting Officer.
41. Lieutenant E. R. B. Murray, *b e*—1st February, 1888—29th Madras Infantry—Wing Officer and Officiating Adjutant.
42. Lieutenant M. F. Harding, *b i*—1st February, 1888—19th Madras Infantry—Wing Officer and Officiating Quarter-Master.
43. Lieutenant H. R. Hopwood, *b*—1st September, 1891—2nd Madras Infantry. Attached. Station Staff Officer, Kampti.

EXPLANATION.

a Passed for Army Staff.
b Passed Higher Stan. Exam. Hindustani.
c Passed Parvatinga, colloquially
d Passed Higher Stan. Exam. Pashtu.
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g Passed for Company Musketry Certificate.
h Passed for Extra Musketry Certificate.
i Passed by Lower Standard in Persian.
j Passed as Interpreter in Russian.
k Passed for Veterinary Certificate.
l Passed in Khasi.
m Passed by Higher Proficiency Persian.
n Passed by Lower Standard Marathi.
o Passed in Lomali.
p Passed by Lower Stan. Arabic.
q Obtained Degree of Honour in Persian.
r Passed by Higher Standard Arabic.
s Passed by Higher Standard Marathi.
t Passed in Russian.
u Passed for 1st Class Musketry Certificate.
v Passed by Higher Standard Persian,
w Passed by Higher Standard Burmese.
x Passed as Interpreter in French.
y Passed Field Course at Chatham.
z Passed in Burmese, colloquially.
a1 Passed by Lower Standard Burmese.

MARINES AS NAVAL SIGNALLERS.—With regard to a former article on this subject and list of Royal Marines transferred as Naval Signallers the *Naval and Military Record* remarks:—"The list certainly proves that if Admiral Fremantle's statement is accurate, the Admiralty have for some unexplained reason taken over a number of men as signalmen who are failures in that branch. It may be said that these men are good signalmen, but that they are exceptions. It appears to us that the exceptions are too numerous to admit of the plea that they prove Admiral Fremantle's rule."

From Cairo to Merrawi.

ABOUT 1,250 MILES.

ON leaving Cairo one has a long and dusty railway journey to Balisana, of no great interest, as one starts at 9-30 p.m. and tries to sleep, with small success, until morning, after that the scenery is mostly dirt and onions. From Balisana one travels on one of Cook's mail boats, stopping to pick up and drop passengers at all the principal villages en route until one arrives at Assouan, which place is at the mouth of the first cataract. The scenery, except at high Nile, consists of mud-banks with palm trees on the top, and an everlasting procession of farm yard animals, varied with an occasional grousing and supercilious camel. I believe there are some ruins further back out of sight. The next interesting feature is the numbers of birds, pigeons, duck, etc., English song birds with iris, flamingo, pelicans, and cranes, to give the crowd a foreign appearance. This reach being frequented by tourists the principal word in the vocabulary of the local heathen is "backsheesh." They are ugly, dirty, and indelicate, this last being due, no doubt, to the number of Americans down the Nile in winter. Their mode of doing things is peculiar: to save repetition they draw a certain amount of water, wash in it according to their religious habits, and afterwards drink it. It saves trouble and breeds cholera. Quite their own business if they would keep the microbes to themselves. At Assouan one takes the train to Sheilah, the other side of the cataract, a journey of only a few miles but entailing a lot of trouble. At Sheilah there are two ruins of Phihar which seem much the same as any other ruins to all except experts. There is a blatant epitaph to a general belonging to the Egyptian army of Napoleon, who died in the beginning of the century, inscribed on one or two walls. From there one takes a government steamer to Wady Halfa, usually called Halfa, passing two marvellous sights, an honest Greek in a tower at Korosko, and the temple of Abu Simhul. This last has three gigantic figures carved out of solid rock.

Halfa is the great junction as it stands at the mouth of the second cataract with the Bab-el-Kabir, the passing of which by the seven steamers is so ably and truthfully depicted in the "Picture Papers." During war-time its principal bounties are overworked officials, broken down engines, and streets of stores. It has one great feature, it is the southernmost point one can obtain iced drinks at. The railway runs from Halfa to Koseh; it breaks there, avoiding cataracts. From Halfa to Gemai, the first station out, the railway runs through desert. It is about fourteen miles and absolutely without interest, but at Gemai itself one gets a lovely view down the river, especially at sunset, the rocks of the cataract standing up in wonderful contrast to the sand. From Gemai to Sarras the railway runs round sharp corners, skirts rocky hills, and is a bit jumpy, especially as one cannot have two engines. Sarras is merely an old fort and some houses. At Sarras the railway leaves the river and goes across the Batn-el-Hagr desert, by Mogrhai Hills and Ambegol, to Akasheh. The desert, however, is not properly flat, in fact, is distinctly hilly being studied with large rocky hills as its name—Belly of Rock—implies. There are one or two hills up which it is sometimes necessary to get out and walk if the engine happens to want repairing or is not in an efficient condition. From Akasheh to Koseh the railway makes a small bend inland and again joins the river. I went up from Akasheh by sailing boat as the railway had been washed away—most enjoyable. A few miles south of Akasheh the river takes a sharp bend to the east, and down that bend the water is very strong. Getting up took time but was full of incidents. The way the ryces or native boatmen take advantage of every eddy and backwater is very clever, shooting from one side of the river to the other to avoid the strongest currents. The scenery is quite pretty, some of the mud huts taking fanciful designs, old abbeys, ruined castles, etc., in fact at a distance they look like the ancient residences of the great, instead of the recent residences of a Brahmin, as the river-bank natives are called. There is a lot of vegetation, trees, duora, or maize etc., which reminds one of home. Before getting to Koseh, in fact, about half way, one has to negotiate the Dal cataract, and the passage was most exciting as on several occasions one hovered on the edge of a rapid, the force of the wind just balancing the force of the current. If the wind drops, you are swept back, if it freshens you go on. It is a bit jumpy at first but after one or two experiences one enjoys it.

Koseh is a large sandy plain subject to frequent dust storms, and occasional showers of rain, when they arrive simultaneously they eliminate all comfort and generate gritty mud, otherwise it resembles Halfa in being full of overworked officials and streets of stores. From Kosheh, at high tide, one can go on by water, although there are two cataracts, Kaibar and Hanneh, to be passed, which, however, in September only, present the difficulty of strong water as they locally term a stream about as rapid as a mill-stream, and which the steamers can just steam up against. After Hanneh it is good water down to Ballal about ten miles below Merrawi where another cataract begins. From Koseh up the country is very fertile, lots of palm trees and crops being grown on both banks, although there are occasional strips of desert. At Dongola there is a grape vine and lemon trees in a garden and the natives grow cucumbers, etc., and now the place has been sown with vegetables one can get spring onions, mustard and cress, and lettuce, and looks forward to tomatoes, beans, peas, and potatoes. At Korti there are also gardens with limes and oranges, the last-named not very first class as regards flavour, but quite good enough. From Dongola to Debbeh the west bank has a belt of cultivation varying from two miles to a few hundred yards in depth, and separated from the desert with a belt of scrub: there are some marshes and lots of birds. This last remark applies all down the river to Bellal. Near Merrawi there are some pyramids of no great size and a temple, the inner chamber of which, or local holy of holies, is cut out of a rock 300 feet high. The ruins, from the size and position of broken pillars and blocks of granite give one the impression that it consisted of a large outer court with these two inner rooms, which rooms are ornamented in the usual Egyptian manner with people wearing impossible hats and having limbs unfit to walk with. Around Dongola, Debbeh, Korti, and Merrawi are the remains of mud huts and two traces of encampments left by the English troops in the former expedition, of no great interest to the new-comer, but affording an object for a ride, especially if accompanied by someone who was up here then, as he can always point his own hut out, somebody's grave, or any other object of interest one would otherwise have missed.

H. OLDFIELD, Capt., R.M.A.

[We received the above interesting account in an unstamped envelope marked "Dongola. No stamps." We wonder whether there will be Dongola postage soon? Look out collectors!—EDITOR.]

Double Acrostic.

To those who read this journal
The uprights must be clear;
They refer to a production
Which all Marines hold dear.

1. Of changes in our head-gear
We have heard enough of late;
But after all this covering
Is the cosiest to our pate.

2. At all the three Divisions
This can be often heard;
With Miller, Winterbottom, Wright,
No competition's feared.

3. "Hands to dance and skylark,"
So the bo'sun pipes;
When playing at this sort of game
The Marine most men's eyes wipes.

4. Did you ever see a Jolly
Without this in his mouth?
When his work is done, and he's on for fun,
In the North, East, West, or South.

5. A Private of another Royal Corps.
Head-quarters are at Chatham.
I cannot tell you more.

"THE DISSOLUTE ONE."

General Sir Edward Nicolls, K.C.B., Royal Marines,

BORN IN 1779—DIED 5TH FEBRUARY, 1865.

[The following is a copy from a printed pamphlet, dated January, 1876, and signed by G. Shanks, Captain, R.M.L.I.]

SIR Edward Nicolls was in action with the enemies of his country 107 times, and it is not too much to say of him "a more distinguished soldier never lived," for certainly no man ever saw more service than he did, and he has left behind him a name and a fame unequalled in the page of history. He was a man whom no dangers could appal, and for whom difficulties existed only to be triumphantly surmounted. It may truly be said of him, in the language of one of our poets—

> Nicolls, where'er he fought,
> Put so much of his heart into his act,
> That his example had a magnet's force,
> And all were swift to follow—whom all loved.

He was constantly under fire, and showed such conspicuous bravery upon all occasions that, even in a corps proverbial for the gallantry and devotion of its officers and men, he earned the soubriquet of "Fighting Nicolls." He was constantly employed in boat and battery actions, and in most desperate cutting out expeditions. In 1803, in a small boat with one gun and 12 men, he beat off a French brig of 18 guns and 120 men in sight of Havre-De-Grace, and carried off two vessels which were under her convoy. On the 5th November, 1803, with a boat's crew of 12 men, he cut out the French cutter *Albion*, of six guns and 43 men, from under the guns of Monte Christo, San Domingo; in this service he killed the French captain in single combat, but was very severely wounded in the struggle—the ball from the Frenchman's pistol striking him in the stomach, passed round his body, and lodged in his right arm. For this dashing exploit he wus presented with a sword of honour, value £30. He commanded the Royal Marines at the siege of Curacoa, in February, 1804, where he stormed and took Fort Piscadero of 10 guns, and drove the Dutch troops from the heights. He served also in the trenches, and for 28 consecutive days had to repel three or four attacks of the enemy daily. He also defeated an allied force of 500 men, and destroyed Fort Piscadero. He served at the forcing of the Dardenelles in 1807, when he captured the Turkish commodore's flag, and assisted in the destruction of his ship. He also captured and destroyed the redoubt on Point Pesquies and spiked the guns therein. He was present at the blockade of Corfu in 1807, and with the expedition to Egypt in the same year, when he rendered very important services in charge of a station in the desert, and was taken prisoner. On the 26th June, 1808, with a boat's crew only, he boarded and captured the Italian gunboat *Volpe*, near Corfu, after a chase of two hours. On the 18th May, 1809, he landed with two lieutenants and 120 Royal Marines on the Island of Anholt, defeated with the bayonet a force of 200 Danish troops, captured the island, and took upwards of 500 prisoners; for this service he received a letter of thanks, and was appointed governor of the island. He served in North America during the war in that country, and raised and commanded a large force of Indians, rendering incalculable service to the British arms by continually harassing the United States army. He co-operated in the siege of Fort Bowyer in 1814 in command of a regiment of Greek Indians, and was three times wounded during the bombardment, he having insisted on being carried to the post of honour, although unable from sickness to walk. He was the senior major of all the force before New Orleans in 1815, and as such urged his right to lead the battalion of Royal Marines in the assault; this honour was refused him on the ground that if he fell, there would be no officer competent to command his army of Indians. He also performed other very important services during the war, and was specially mentioned in the gazette in 1807, 1808, and 1809. During the above brilliant career he had his left leg broken, his right leg severely wounded, was shot through the body and right arm, received a terrible sabre cut on the head, was bayonetted in the chest, and lost the sight of an eye in his last, or 107th action. In December, 1815, he was awarded a pension of £250 a year for these wounds, and received a second sword of honour. He retired on full pay 15th May, 1835; was awarded a good service pension of £150 a year on 30th June, 1842; and was made a K.C.B. on the 5th July, 1855. The heart of every member of the corps may well glow with pride when he claims Sir Edward Nicolls as a brother in arms, for had the Royal Marines no other hero to boast of, his career alone might well suffice to entitle them to a world-wide reputation for gallantry. No better history of the corps—during the half century of his service—can be found than the glorious record of his brilliant exploits, and in the long catalogue of its achievements it is impossible to read a nobler page.

The memory of Sir Edward Nicolls will ever be cherished and regarded with pride by the officers and men of the corps in which he so nobly served. They will remember too, that though "Fighting Nicolls" was ever in the front in all his splendid actions, he was backed up by the strong arms and the dauntless hearts of his soldiers, and the Royal Marines can never forget that the laurels now encircling their badge (the finest in the Service) owed the growth to the torrents of blood shed by those brave men.

DATES OF SIR E. NICOLL'S COMMISSION.

Sir E. Nicoll's commission—2nd Lieutenant, 24th March, 1795; 1st Lieutenant, 27th January, 1796; Captain, 25th July, 1805; Major, 8th August, 1810; Lieutenant-Colonel, 12th August, 1819; Colonel, 10th January, 1837; Major-General, 9th November, 1846; Lieutenant-General, 20th June, 1854; General, 28th November, 1854.

We are much obliged to Lce.-Sergt. White for his trouble in copying and sending to us these interesting memoirs.—*Ed.*

Military Assault-At-Arms at Chatham.

The grand assault-at-arms at Chatham Gymnasium, in aid of the military charities, was concluded last Friday. In the afternoon the preliminary rounds of the various competitions were decided, several exhibition displays also taking place. In addition to the competitions there was a gymnastic display by a squad of the Royal Marines, trained by Staff-Sergt. Currel and Staff-Sergt. Shipp, R.M.L.I., winners of the bronze medals, District Tournament, exemplifying the new system of swordsmanship, as introduced into the army by Col. Fox, inspector of gymnasia. Capt. Graham, of the Royal Marines, cut a bar of lead, resting on two pipes, with the new infantry sword introduced with this system, a feat which puts at rest any doubts as to the cutting qualities of this sword. There were other feats by Capt. Graham, musical club swinging by a squad of Royal Marines, horizontal and parallel bar displays by the instructors, and an exhibition by Capt. Graham, champion of middle and light weights, army and navy, 1896, and champion light weight, 1895, his opponent being, as on previous occasions, Staff-Instructor Clay. At the conclusion of the performances the prizes were distributed by Miss Warren, daughter of Major-General Sir C. Warren, commanding the district. A portion of the Royal Engineer Band provided some enjoyable music. Every praise is due to Capt. Graham, superintendent of gymnasia, and his excellent staff, for the excellent arrangements made for the assault-at-arms.—*Naval and Military Record*, Dec. 3rd.

It appears that the German Emperor is the Sovereign of Europe who possesses the greatest number of uniforms and costumes. He has twelve valets charged with the keeping of the Imperial wardrobe, the value of which is estimated at £100,000. Every uniform bears the most precious decorations. The uniforms of all the regiments of the German Army, with their helmets, caps, shakos, rifles, swords, and sabres, are shut up in immense cupboards. The uniforms of the Imperial German Navy are arranged in the same way. Next to these come the uniforms of the Saxons, Bavarians, Hessians, and others. Separated in other large cupboards are the Austrian, Russian, Swedish, English, and Italian uniforms, all ready to accompany the Kaiser in his journeys or to be used on the occasion of princely visits.

When reading the above clipping from the *Globe* we cannot help hoping that changes in uniform are not so prevalent in Germany as in England.

Shooting.

ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY SHOOTING CLUB.

RECORD OF COMPETITION AND MATCH SHOOTING OF THE ABOVE CLUB FOR THE YEAR 1896.

(N.R.A. Rules, 7 Shots at 200, 500, and 600 yards.)

ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY.		2ND V.B. ROYAL WEST KENT.	
Bombardier Carey	94	Private Napier	86
Staff-Sergeant Brockliss	94	Sergt. Instructor Morgan	85
Q.M.S. Baker	94	Colour-Sergeant Smith	82
Corporal Bowley	93	Private Freemantle	79
Gunner Blay	92	Corporal Fawsett	77
Staff-Sergeant Wynne	92	Sergt. Instructor Lalley	77
Sergt. Instructor Graham	91	Private Williams	75
Sergt. Instructor Foley	89	Sergeant Davis	74
Captain Homer	87	Lieutenant Stringer	68
Sergeant McPherson	85	Corporal Russell	67
Total	911	Total	770
Average—91·10		Average—77·00	

(50 points allowed to West Kent for difference in rifle.)

R.M.A. won by 91 points.—Fired at Fort Cumberland, 7th April, 1896.

ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY.		ROYAL MARINE LIGHT INFANTRY.	
Q.M.S. Baker	96	Lieut. and Q.M. Tucker	91
Sergt. Instructor Wynne	94	Sergeant Finlayson	86
Sergeant McPherson	94	Colour-Sergeant Dickson	84
Staff-Sergeant Brockliss	92	Sergeant Wigginton	84
Captain Homer	91	Lieutenant Collard	83
Corporal Bowley	89	Lieutenant Grover	81
Gunner Blay	88	Sergeant Cole	78
Sergt. Instructor Foley	82	Staff-Sergeant Hayward	75
Sergt. Instructor Graham	82	Sergeant Willcox	74
Bombardier Carey	79	Corporal Mizen	67
Total	887	Total	803
Average—88·70		Average—80·30	

R.M.A. won by 84 points.—Fired at Browndown, 27th April, 1896.

ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY.		ROYAL DUBLIN FUSILIERS.	
Corporal Bowley	94	Bugler Doody	89
Staff-Sergeant Brockliss	93	Lance-Sergeant McEvoy	88
Sergeant McPherson	92	Private White	83
Sergeant G. Turner	92	Private Kennedy	83
Gunner Blay	90	Colour-Sergeant Carolan	83
Q.M.S. Baker	89	Sergeant Daley	82
Sergeant Deacon	88	Lieutenant Hill	82
Sergt. Instructor Graham	86	Lance-Sergeant Gorman	78
Bombardier Carey	86	Q.M.S. Hartigan	71
Sergeant MacAree	85	Bugler Drew	71
Total	895	Total	810
Average—89·50		Average—81·00	

R.M.A. won by 85 points.—Fired at Fort Cumberland, 21st May, 1896.

ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY.		H.M.S. EXCELLENT.	
Q.M.S. Baker	101	1st P.O. Cramer	94
Gunner Blay	99	1st P.O. Sullivan	94
Sergt. Instructor Graham	94	C.P.O. Wroe	94
Staff-Sergeant Brockliss	92	C.P.O. Hall	93
Staff-Sergeant Wynne	90	1st P.O. Robertson	92
Bombardier Carey	90	1st P.O. Jopling	91
Sergeant Deacon	89	1st P.O. Beal	91
Corporal Bowley	88	C.P.O. Bedford	89
Sergeant MacAree	88	C.P.O. Deighton	88
Sergeant McPherson	87	Mr. Wade	87
Total	918	Total	913
Average—91·80		Average—91·30	

R.M.A. won by 5 points.—Fired at Fort Cumberland, 12th June, 1896.

ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY.		ROYAL MARINE LIGHT INFANTRY.	
Gunner Blay	93	Colour-Sergeant Burnett	96
Major Eastman	93	Lieut. and Q.M. Tucker	94
Q.M.S. Baker	93	Sergeant Finlayson	90
Staff-Sergeant Brockliss	91	Staff-Sergeant Luff	87
Sergeant Deacon	89	Colour-Sergeant Dickson	87
Corporal Bowley	89	Lieutenant Collard	85
Staff-Sergeant Wynne	88	Staff-Sergeant Hayward	85
Sergeant MacAree	82	Colour-Sergeant Jones	84
Bombardier Carey	81	Sergeant Cole	79
Sergt. Instructor Graham	81	Lieut. and Q.M. Slaney	68
Total	880	Total	855
Average—88·00		Average—85·50	

R.M.A. won by 25 points.—Fired at Fort Cumberland, 18th June, 1896.

ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY.		1ST V.B. BERKSHIRE REGIMENT.	
Q.M.S. Baker	91	Q.M.S. Moore	83
Staff-Sergeant Brockliss	90	Sergeant Jones	81
Sergt. Instructor Foley	90	Corporal Read	79
Staff-Sergeant Wynne	89	Lieutenant Collins	78
Sergeant MacAree	87	Sergt. Instructor Thompson	78
Gunner Blay	83	Corporal Kirby	77
Sergeant Height	83	Sergeant MacDonald	76
Sergeant Gray	82	,, Green	74
Sergt. Instructor Graham	81	,, Cross	73
Bombardier Carey	81	,, White	73
Sergeant Richards	79	Colour-Sergeant Burling	72
Sergeant Deacon	78	Sergeant Luker	66
Total	1014	Total	910
Average—84·50		Average—75·83	

(60 points allowed to Berkshire for difference in rifle.)

R.M.A. won by 44 points.—Fired at Fort Cumberland, 20th June, 1896.

ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY.		H.M.S. EXCELLENT.	
Corporal Bowley	96	1st P.O. Beale	92
Q.M.S. Baker	93	C.P.O. Bedford	88
Staff-Sergeant Wynne	90	C.P.O. Deighton	88
Major Eastman	89	1st P.O. Sullivan	87
Sergeant Deacon	87	1st P.O. Robertson	86
Sergeant MacAree	87	1st P.O. Cramer	86
Staff-Sergeant Brockliss	84	Mr. Wade	85
Sergeant Height	81	C.P.O. Wroe	85
Bombardier Carey	79	L.S. King	84
Sergt. Instructor Graham	78	C.P.O. Hall	83
Total	864	Total	864
Average—86·40		Average—86·40	

R.M.A. obtaining most points at longest range are the winners.—Fired at Tipnor, 28th August, 1896.

FOUR-SIDED MATCH.—Fired at Browndown, 17th September, 1896.

1ST, ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY.		2ND, ROYAL MARINE LGT. INFNTY.	
Sergeant Deacon	96	Sergeant Burnett	93
Sergeant-Major Rodway	93	Colour-Sergeant Dickson	90
Q.M.S. Baker	92	Sergeant Cole	90
Sergeant MacAree	92	Staff-Sergeant Hayward	89
Sergeant Ansell	92	Colour-Sergeant Jones	89
Sergt. Instructor Foley	90	Staff-Sergeant Luff	87
Staff-Sergeant Wynne	87	Sergeant Wiggington	84
Corporal Bowley	83	Sergeant Finlayson	79
Total	725	Total	701
Average—90·62		Average—87·62	

3RD, RIFLE DEPÔT.		4TH, H.M.S. EXCELLENT.	
Sergt. Instructor Bowden	93	1st P.O. Sullivan	89
Private Pocock	91	C.P.O. Bedford	86
Colour-Sergt. Talkington	89	1st P.O. Beale	86
,, Mephan	87	C.P.O. Deighton	84
Lance-Corporal Leslie	87	C.P.O. Wroe	83
Q.M.S. Line	85	Mr. Wade	76
Bugler-Sergt. Williams	86	1st P.O. Robertson	74
Q.M.S. Hennesey	80	1st P.O. Cramer	71
Total	698	Total	649
Average—87·25		Average—81·12	

METHUEN CHALLENGE CUP.

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Sapper Gale	97
C.Q.M.S. Sheldon ..	97
Q.M.S. Davis	95
Major Cowan	94
R.Q.M.S. Coles	94
Corporal Redpath ..	93
Q.M.S. Kearney.. ..	89
Sec. Corporal Probert ..	88
Total ..	747

Average—93·37

GREEN JACKETS.

Sergeant Cunningham ..	98
Sergeant Howard ..	95
Private Pocock	94
Lieutenant Saville ..	93
Q.M.S. Hennesey ..	92
Bugler-Sergeant Williams ..	90
S.I.M. Bowden	90
Sergeant Foster	88
Total ..	740

Average—92·50

ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY.

Q.M.S. Baker	100
Staff-Sergeant Wynne ..	95
Corporal Bowley ..	93
Sergeant Ansell	93
Gunner Blay	91
Sergeant Deacon ..	89
Gunner Stewart	85
Staff-Sergeant Brockliss ..	84
Total ..	730

Average—91·25

	Pts.
English Team	722
H.M.S. Excellent ..	705
School of Musketry ..	702
Brigade of Guards ..	702
R.M.L.I.	696
Irish Team	679

Fired at Aldershot, 13th June, 1896.

TROPHIES, &c.

Browndown Rifle Meeting, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th July, 1896.

PORTSMOUTH CHALLENGE SHIELD. (Regimental Trophy).

7 shots at 200, 500, and 600 yards.

Sergeant Deacon ..	98
Corporal Bowley ..	91
Staff-Sergeant Wynne ..	91
Sergt. Instructor Graham	91
Q.M.S. Baker	89
Gunner Blay	88
Sergeant MacAree ..	81
Staff-Sergeant Brockliss ..	79
Total ..	708

Average—88·50.

Second Prize, £8 (First Prize, Rifle Depôt, 720 points.)

ADMIRAL'S PRIZE.

Captain of Team: Major Eastman.

Corporal Bowley	Gunner Roost	Gunner Mead
Corporal Murden	Musician Baxter	Gunner Hewlett
Bombardier Carey	Gunner Brooks	

14 hits. First Prize, Cup and £5.

MEW LANGTON CHALLENGE CUP.

Staff-Sergeant Brockliss	Sergeant MacAree	Corporal Bowley
Sergt. Inst. Graham	Bombardier Carey	Gunner Blay

23 hits. Second Prize, £3.

BROWNDOWN CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.

Gunner Blay, 149 points. First Prize, Cup and £4.

SIMOND'S PRIZE.

7 shots at 500 yards.

Staft-Sergeant Wynne ..	34
Q.M.S. Baker	33
Sergeant Deacon ..	32
Sergeant Turner.. ..	32
Staff-Sergeant Brockliss ..	31
Sergt. Instructor Graham	31
Sergeant MacAree ..	31
Sergt. Instructor Foley ..	30
Total ..	254

Average—31·75. First Prize, Cup and £4.

Hants Rifle Association Meeting, Browndown, 25th May, 1896.

HUMPHREY CHALLENGE CUP.

10 shots at 500 yards.

Bombardier Carey ..	49
Staff-Sergeant Wynne ..	46
Sergeant MacAree ..	45
Corporal Bowley ..	44
Sergt. Instructor Graham	42
Sergeant McPherson ..	42
Staft-Sergeant Brockliss ..	41
Q.M.S. Baker	40
Total ..	349

Average—43·62. First Prize, Cup and £5.

Army Rifle Meeting, Aldershot, 11th July, 1896.

REGIMENT CUP.

7 shots at 200, 500, and 600 yards.

Q.M.S. Baker	97
Gunner Stewart	97
Bombardier Carey ..	92
Sergeant Deacon ..	92
Corporal Bowley ..	91
Staff-Sergeant Wynne ..	91
,, Brockliss ..	89
Gunner Blay	88
Total ..	737

Average—92·12. First Prize, Cup (valued 50 guineas) and £12.

N.R.A. Meeting, Bisley, 18th July, 1896.

BRINSMEAD CHALLENGE SHIELD.

Staff-Sergt. Brockliss	Sergeant MacAree	Corporal Bowley
Sergt. Inst. Graham	Bombardier Carey	Gunner Blay

26 hits. First Prize, Shield and £12.

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES IN MATCH AND COMPETITION SHOOTING DURING 1896.

	Shoots	Points	Average
Q.M.S. Baker	11	1035	94·09
Staff-Sergeant Wynne ..	11	987	89·72
Corporal Bowley ..	10	907	90·70
Staff-Sergeant Brockliss ..	10	888	88·80
Gunner Blay	9	812	90·22
Sergeant Deacon	9	806	89·55
Sergeant MacAree ..	8	686	85·75
Sergeant Instructor Graham ..	8	684	85·50
Bombardier Carey ..	8	682	85·25
Sergeant McPherson ..	4	358	89·50
Sergeant Instructor Foley ..	4	351	87·75
Captain Homer	3	263	87·66
Major Eastman	3	259	86·33
Sergeant Ansell	2	185	92·50

PORTSMOUTH DIVISIONAL SHOOTING CLUB.

The season was especially interesting, being the first year of the Divisional Shooting Club. The attendance of members on private practice days was very good, which accounts in some measure for the high figure of merit of the Division in the annual course. Five matches have been won, viz: against H.M.S *Excellent*, twice; Rifle Depot, twice; and Inter-Divisional Match. Three were lost—two R.M.A. and one Rifle Depot. The highest average was 95·62. Cr.-Sergt. Jones and Sergt. Burnett headed the list with scores of 100 each.

During the year 1896, 880 men were exercised at Browndown: 267 of which were exercised under 1894 regulations; 607 under 1896 regulations. Six recruits were also exercised—five being officers—with the following results:—

N.C.O.'S AND MEN—1894 REGULATIONS.

No. Trained	Classification M.	1st	2nd	3rd	Figure of Merit
607 ..	26	88	144	9 ..	125-81
					50-12

N.C.O.'S AND MEN—1896 REGULATIONS.

No. Trained	Classification M.	1st	2nd	3rd	Figure of Merit
607 ..	124	244	235	4 ..	127
					48

RECRUITS.

No. Trained	Classification 1st	Figure of Merit
6 ..	6 ..	246-63
		56-80

The best Shooting Company for the year was K Company (Lieut. C. W. Robertson). Their figure of merit being $\frac{1.4.3}{2.0}$; classification, 19 marksmen—14, 1st class and 9, 2nd class. The following were the Section Commanders: Sergt. A. Howse, Sergt. H. Riley, Sergt. J. Golledge, and Lce.-Sergt. J. Haylett.

The highest score of	Officers—Lieut. Robertson	187 points.
,,	Sergeants—Sergt. Finlayson	187 ,,
,,	Corporals—Corpl. W. Dorey	189 ,,
,,	Privates—Pte. T. B. Davis	190 ,,

Ths highest score made during the year was made by Pte T. B. Davis—190 points.

INDIVDIUAL AVERAGE IN MATCH SHOOTING AT 200, 500, AND 600 YARDS.

Cr.-Sergt. T. Jones ..	6	554	92·33
Sergt. E. Burnett	9	822	91·33
Cr.-Sergt. J. J. Dickson ..	8	723	90·37
Lieut. C. E. Collard ..	9	809	89·88
Lieut. and Q.M. B. Tucker ..	8	715	89·30
Sergt. D. Finlayson ..	10	882	88·20
Sergt. R. J. Wigginton ..	5	443	88·60
Sergt. J. E. Cole ..	8	702	87·75
Staff-Sergt. F. Hayward ..	10	877	87·70
Q.M.-Sergt. E. Luff ..	4	348	87·00
Lieut. John Grover ..	2	173	86·60

TWENTY HIGHEST AVERAGES FOR THE YEAR.

	No. of Shoots	Points	Average
Sergt. E. Burnett	20	1821	91·05
Col.-Sergt. T. Jones	19	1719	90·47
Lieut. and Q.-M. B. Tucker ..	22	1974	89·72
Lieut. C. E. Collard	33	2960	89·69
Sergt. D. Finlayson	42	3738	89·00
" J. E. Cole	38	3352	88·31
S.-Sergt. F. Hayward ..	41	3594	87·65
Col.-Sergt. J. J. Dickson ..	34	2966	87·23
Sergt. R. J. Wigginton ..	29	2501	86·24
Q.-M. Sergt. E. Luff	22	1874	85·18
Lieut. J. Grover	25	2109	84·36
" H. D. Farquharson ..	17	1419	83·47
Pte. T. Lea	15	1240	82·66
Lieut. and Q.-M. J. W. Slaney ..	15	1219	81·26
Sergt. E. J. Butcher	26	2090	80·38
Corpl. R. Mizen	17	1339	78·76
Pte. A. E. Corbett	20	1572	78·60
Sergt. A. Brown	30	2338	77·93
Corpl. W. Dorey	22	1709	77·68
Sergt. F. J. Willcox	35	2706	77·31

ROYAL MARINE RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

ALL RANKS INTER-DIVISIONAL COMPETITION WON BY THE PORTSMOUTH DIVISION R.M.L.I.

Fired at Browndown Ranges, 13th June, 1896. Lee-Metford rifles and Cordite ammunition.

	200	500	600	Ttl.
Colour-Sergeant T. Jones ..	32	35	33	100
Sergeant E. Burnett	33	35	32	100
Colour-Sergeant J. J. Dickson ..	33	35	30	98
Lieutenant C. E. Collard	32	34	31	97
Staff-Sergeant F. Hayward ..	32	32	31	95
Q.M. and Lieutenant B. Tucker ..	30	34	30	94
Sergeant D. Finlayson	32	31	30	93
Sergeant J. E. Cole	28	33	27	88
Totals ..	252	269	244	765
Averages ..	31·5	33·625	30·5	95·625

Officers superintending :—

At the butts: Lieutenant C. Fishbourne, 5th Fusiliers, and 2nd Lieutenant F. Bevan, 5th Fusiliers.

At the firing point: Lieutenant R. P. Prynne, R.M.L.I., Plymouth Division, and Captain G. Ray, 5th Fusiliers.

YOUNG SOLDIERS' INTER-DIVISIONAL COMPETITION WON BY THE PORTSMOUTH DIVISION R.M.L.I.

Fired at Browndown Ranges, 17th August, 1896. Lee-Metford rifles and Cordite ammunition.

	200	500	600	Ttl.
Lieutenant J. Grover	29	34	34	97
Private T. Lea	29	32	30	91
Lieutenant G. F. Muller	30	25	26	81
Private W. V. Webster ..	30	30	20	80
Lance-Corporal C. Turner ..	29	28	22	79
Private G. Dallison	32	19	23	74
Private W. H. Faint	29	17	21	67
Private G. Cashmore	24	17	21	62
Totals ..	232	202	197	631
Averages ..	29	25·25	24·625	78·875

Officers superintending :—

At the butts: Lieut. W. Little, R.M.L.I., Chatham Division.

At the firing point: Lieut. J. R. Garrett, R.M.L.I., Plymouth Division.

MUSKETRY AT THE R.M. DEPOT.

The following number of recruits have been exercised under the Old System :—Recruits trained, 488. 1st Class (qualifying points 180), 242; 2nd Class (qualifying points 120), 229; 3rd Class, 17. Figure of Merit, $\frac{179·39}{39·34}$ Best Company for year, 4th Company, February, 1896. Figure of Merit, $\frac{193·13}{37·28}$ Best shot of Officers, Lieutenant A. G. Little. Points, 230. Best shot of Recruits, G Company, Private John Ross. Points (H.P.S. 350) 273.

The following number of recruits have been exercised under the New System :—Recruits trained, 1027. 1st Class (qualifying points 170), 735; 2nd Class, (qualifying points 110), 291; 3rd Class, 1. Figure of Merit, $\frac{187}{42}$ Best Companies for year, 24th Company, November, 1896; 28th Company, December, 1896. Figures of Merit, $\frac{200}{54}$; $\frac{200}{41}$ Best shots of Recruits, A Co., T. N. Gladdish; D Co., G. B. Mahon; D Co., Joseph Williams. Points (H.P.S. 336), 286; 270; 265.

The range being closed the Non.-Com. Officers and Old Soldiers were trained with Chatham Companies at Gravesend. Best shot of Sergeants, George Elliott. Points, 177. Best shot of Corporals, Charles Holland. Points, 160. Best shot of Old Soldiers, Joseph Nicholls. Points, 182.

The following changes took place during the year :—

Major Oldfield *vice* Major Congdon, promoted.

Sergeant Richards 2nd Instructor *vice* Sergeant Kewin, promoted.

Sergeant Essery to Shooting Gallery *vice* Sergeant Gahan, to Head-Quarters.

"Royal Marines on the Nile."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE DAILY GRAPHIC.

Sir,—I have read with much interest your correspondent's account of the doings of the detachment of the Royal Marine Artillery on the Nile, which appears in the *Daily Graphic* of December 3rd, and think that the following items may be of interest as a kind of footnote thereto. As your article says, Captain Oldfield, who so distinguished himself in command of the Metemmeh in the battle of Hafir, "comes of a race that has served its country well," *and either his grandfather or his great-grandfather* was that Major Thomas Oldfield of the Marines, whose heroism at the defence of Acre by Sir Sydney Smith, in 1799, was so conspicuous that after his death, in leading a sortie against a mine which was being driven towards the city by the enemy, he was buried by the French with full military honours, and the French General Berthier wrote of him: "He was buried among us, and has carried with him the esteem of the whole French Army."

Though the only officer wearing the Marine uniform in the late advance on Dongola, Captain Oldfield was not the only officer of that Corps present, as Colonel David, who commanded one of the Egyptian Brigades, is a Captain and Brevet-Major in the Royal Marine Light Infantry, while the Commanding Officer of one of the Soudanese Regiments, which behaved so well in the various engagements, was Major Townshend, C.B., the well-known defender of Chitral, who commenced his military career in the same Corps, in which he served for some years, till he left it for the Indian Staff Corps.

Yours faithfully, PMPT.

The above cutting from the *Daily Graphic* is not quite correct with regard to Captain Oldfield's ancestor. Major Thomas Oldfield was great-great-uncle to Captain Oldfield, R.M.A. Captain Oldfield's father, General Oldfield, has kindly forwarded to us two very interesting pamphlets of memoirs which we hope to reproduce later on.

Notable Centenarians.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "MORNING POST."

SIR,—The interesting paragraph in your issue of the 24th inst. under the above heading states that Mrs. Hobbs was the last of the widows of officers who fought at Waterloo. This is an error, as my mother, the widow of Major-General Mountsteven, is living, and, I am happy to say, in good health. My father, as an ensign of the 28th Regiment, carried the colours at Quatre Bras and Waterloo, and he was severely wounded in the latter action.

Yours, etc.,

F. H. MOUNTSTEVEN,
Major 3rd Devon Regt.

[This officer was formerly Lieutenant, R.M.L.I., and now Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel].

Answers to Correspondents.

J. MARLOW—Your letter was not stamped; and as we had to pay 2d. you are credited with 1s. 4d. only.

SHEASBY—Your December number is paid for and has been sent.

SERGT. KING, *Plover*—Capt. Drury's Book has been sent, 2s. 8½d. There was no enclosure in your letter.

W. LOVE, *Nile*—Regret that we cannot insert your poem. It has a decided smack of "Ye Mariners of England," but the metre is a little rocky.

We have received an abstract of the doings of the R.M.R.A. and a few new rules made at the meeting in October, but space will not allow us to insert this in full in the present issue.

Births.

BRUCE—At Deal, Nov. 16th, 1806, the wife of Corporal G. H. Bruce, H.M.S. *Theseus*, of a son.

COX—At Deal, the wife of G. Cox, 1st Sergt.-Instructor of Infantry, of a daughter.

PHILLIPS—At Deal, the wife of Sergt. Phillips of a son.

JACKSON—At Deal, the wife of Pte. W. Jackson of a daughter.

Marriages.

STUDD—WOODS—At St. John's, Forton, Pte. F. Studd to Miss Rose Woods.

POWERS—MARSHALL—At the Registry Office, Westhampnett, Chichester, Corpl. R. Powers, to Miss E. Marshall.

ROGERS—SMITH—At Deal on 14th December, 1896, Pte. J. Rogers to Miss F. E. Smith.

TALLENT—DRURY—At St. James' Church, Portsea, 6th December, 1896, Gunner James Tallent, R.M.A. to Miss Louisa Drury.

KELSEY—RODWAY—At St. James' Church, Portsea, 21st December, 1896, Bombr. C. V. Kelsey, R.M.A., to Miss Rodway, daughter of Sergt.-Major S. G. Rodway, R.M.A.

BLUNT—MAWBEY—On the 29th December, 1896, at Malta, Lieutenant William Frederick Blunt, R.N., commanding Her Majesty's ship *Dragon*, to Laura Mary Grace Katherine, only daughter of Major-General H. W. Mawbey, late Royal Marine Artillery.

RIDGWAY—WILLIS—On the 5th December, 1896, at Rawal Pindi, Punjab, Richard Thomas Incledon Ridgway, H.M. Indian Staff Corps, Lieut. and Adjutant 40th Pathans, son of the late Capt. Poltimore Ridgway, 94th Regt., (Connaught Rangers) to Gwendoline Rhoda ("Queenie") eldest daughter of Major W. W. G. B. Willis (Retired) Royal Marine Light Infantry, H.M. Inspector of Prisons, Scotland.

Deaths.

CROUCHER—On the 13th December, 1896, Private W. E. Croucher, aged 18 years.

GILLETT—On December 3rd, at 2 Marshall Street, South Birmingham, from pneumonia, Albert Hodges Gillett, late Colour-Sergeant and Canteen Clerk, R.M.A., aged 40.

MUSKETT—On the 20th October, 1896, while serving in H.M.S. *Ringarooma*, Lce.-Sergt. D. Muskett.

TREMENHEERE—On 19th Dec., at Treneere, Torquay, aged 87, Major-General George Borlase Tremenheere, V.D., Royal Engineers, J.P. for Middlesex, son of the late General Walter Tremenheere, K.H., Royal Marines.

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Editorial.

I WONDER if our readers, especially those abroad, know of the service paper, *The Regiment*, which started last year? Of course we have no wish to decrease our own circulation by recommending another publication, but we feel bound to give honor where honor is due. For service jokes, and useful and reliable information it has no equal, and we are happy to see it is doing so well. This paper is edited by Mr. V. D'O Noble, late 27th Inniskillings, who before he left the service, edited the paper of his regiment, *The Sprig of Shillelagh*.

We have received many Christmas numbers of service papers, which are all well got up and amusing. We notice amongst them *The Pibroch*, the Glasgow Highlanders annual record. It is illustrated by the Adjutant, Major Field, R.M.L.I., and is an excellent number.

We wish to inform our readers that a certain paragraph which was inserted under Editorial in last month's issue, was in its wrong place, as it was a cutting from the *W. M. News*. We offer our apologies to the proprietors of that paper for not acknowledging the source of the paragraph, and also to certain of our readers to whom it has caused annoyance.

The press Association states that the Lords of the Admiralty have definitely resolved upon the extension of the Naval Depôt at Chatham. Two schemes are to be carried out—namely, the erection of naval barracks on a considerable scale and the building of a new hospital for the reception of naval patients, Royal Marines, and dockyard accident cases. The expenditure, which will be spread over several years, will amount to one million and a half of money.

COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION.—The following awards are made on the result of the pass examination, held in the Middle Temple Hall, on December 15th, 16th, and 17th, 1896:—

Middle Temple—Albert Farrar Gatliff awarded the J. J. Powell prize. 61 out of 68 passed.—*The Times*.

This was the only prize granted to those who went up for pass certificates before "call." The whole corps should be justly proud of this achievement. It is no small thing for a man of another profession to be first in an examination like this, and wrest the prize from 60 others, whose special business law is. We, the Editors, heartily congratulate Major Gatliff, who we hear is having a short rest at Naples, before resuming duty at Sandhurst.

Col.-Sergt. Hill, Plymouth Division R.M.L.I., at present serving at the Depot, Walmer, has been awarded a gold medal for taking first place in the Corps Eight this year in the competitions inaugurated by the Royal Marine Rifle Association. Capt. Byrne receives a bronze medal for taking third place in the same event.

THREATENING BRITISH NAVAL OFFICERS.—A telegram from Corfu states:—Two men of the local gendarmes have been sentenced to two and a half years' imprisonment each for threatening Capt. F. G. Kappey, R.M.A., and Lieut. Archibald Cochrane, R.N., of the battleship Anson. These gentlemen went off together to a small bathing resort and landed to take tea. On returning to the waterside they found two gendarmes in possession of their boat. The latter assumed a threatening attitude, and would not leave until they had received five francs each. The officers reported the matter to Capt. W. F. S. Mann, A.D.C., of H.M.S. Anson, who communicated with the Greek authorities, and the men were at once arrested.—*A. and N. Record*.

We fancied that a member of our Corps, Lieutenant A. G. Troup, R.M.A., was the youngest officer in the service, but on referring to the *Army List* we find we were mistaken. According to that book, 2nd Lieutenant W. Gibson, Leinster Regiment, was born on 1st September, 1894, which makes him a little over two years old. This is Infantry indeed. We can't compete.

OUR AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.—On November 14th, Lord Hampden, the Governor of New South Wales, paid a formal visit to Norfolk Island, to instal Colonel Spalding as Chief Magistrate, and to announce to the islanders the new system of government which the Imperial authorities and the New South Wales Ministry had arranged for the island. Colonel Spalding, C.M.G, was formerly Lieutenant R.M.L.I.—*Morning Post*.

While a feeling of general confidence and security was produced, both among Mussulmans and Christians, by the intelligence that the European Commissioners had nominated Major Bor of the British Army as Colonel of the Cretan Gendarmerie, great consternation was caused on 21st January, on the receipt of news that M. de Nelidoff, the Russian Ambassador at Constantinople, had not given his consent to the appointment. The Cretans are dissatisfied with the policy pursued by Russia, which Power is accordingly losing prestige among them. The Bishop has intimated to the Consuls the regret with which the Christians would view the existence of disagreement among the Embassies on Cretan matters. Great anxiety exists amongst the Mussulmans.—*Daily Telegraph.*

We have received the last number of the Royal Navy List and we regret to see that several small inaccuracies such as dates of birth, qualifications, that have been going on for a long time, still exist. This shows that Officers do not give individual assistance to the Editor of the work. This particular list is of the greatest importance to our Corps, but to be of use should be accurate even in small details. This, owing to the large amount of information given in the work, is hardly possible unless Officers point out when mistakes occur. A work like this to be successful, depends, as the Gun Drill Book says, "On Intelligent Co-operation," and we ask our brother Officers to assist Colonel Lean to make our section of the List perfect.



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GENERAL SIR GEORGE C. LANGLEY, K.C.B., who died at his residence, St. Helen's, Queen's Crescent, Southsea, on the 29th December, aged 86, entered the R.M.A. in 1829, and having attained the rank of General in May, 1877, retired in October the same year. He was Deputy-Adjutant-General 1863-66. He served in the operations on the North Coast of Spain, in command of a detachment of Royal Marines from the Castor during 1834 and the two following years, and was severely wounded on the 9th June, 1836, when defending the heights of Passages against a very superior force of Carlists. He was awarded the first class of the Order of San Fernando, and had the same Order conferred on him a second time for his general services in Spain from 1838 to 1840. On retiring he was awarded the K.C.B. and the good service pension. For several years he had taken an interest in the pubiic charities of Portsmouth, and only on very rare occasions was he absent from the annual meetings at any of them. He was ill for a few days only, and a week ago he felt sanguine that he would see the New Year in.

Rewards for Gallantry.

ON December 15th at a meeting of the Royal Humane Society, held at the offices, Trafalgar Square, Charing Cross, Colonel Horace Montagu presiding, many cases of distinguished gallantry brought under the notice of the Society this month from various parts of the United Kingdom, India, and the Colonies, were investigated and rewards conferred. The list of cases comprised several in which officers and men of Her Majesty's land and sea forces were shown, from evidence supplied by the War Office and Admiralty, to have well earned the decorations and testimonials conferred for acts of saving or endeavouring to save life under circumstances of imminent personal danger.

In the harbour at Aden, which at the time was reported to be "swarming with sharks," Corporal William Cune, Royal Marine Light Infantry, on the night of August 2nd, plunged from Her Majesty's Ship *Pigeon*, and in three and a half fathoms of water saved leading stoker John Jarvis. This case, reported through the Admiralty by Lieutenant-Commander Cartwright, shows that Jarvis was washed overboard in his sleep, and that Cune, who was on duty, in full uniform, at once went in, caught the stoker as he rose to the surface and supported him until a boat was lowered, which picked them up. Cune is awarded the Royal Humane Society's recognition of bravery.

Rear-Admiral Cyprian A. G. Bridge, Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Station, and Lieutenant-Commander W. V. Howard, of H.M.S. *Dart*, reported to the Admiralty, for the information of the Royal Humane Society, another case of gallantry at sea which has been duly rewarded, though in this the efforts of the would-be salvors (William Thomas Phillips, A.B. of Her Majesty's ship *Dart*, and Corporal O. Morris, Royal Marine Light Infantry), were unfortunately unsuccessful. The occurrence happened off Night Island, North Queensland, in the early morning of September 24th, when Private T. Marney, R.M.L.I., who had been "suffering from hallucinations" two days previously, and had a sentry over him during the hours between sunset and sunrise, suddenly jumped overboard, and being a most powerful swimmer, swam towards the shore. Phillips and Morris at once sprang in after him where the water was fully six fathoms deep, and with the full knowledge that the sea, especially near the vessel, was "infested with sharks," but owing to the lead Marney had taken they could not overtake him in time. The three men were subsequently picked up by a whaler about 100 yards from the vessel, when Marney succumbed.

The undermentioned awards made by the Committee of the Royal Humane Society have been received by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and forwarded to the Commanders-in-Chief of the Stations, for presentation to the N.C. officers concerned:—

Corporal William Cune, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Pigeon*, bronze medal and certificate, for having on the night of the 2nd August, 1896, saved from being drowned Leading-Stoker John Jarvis, R.N., who walked overboard in his sleep into the inner harbour at Aden. Considerable danger at the time from sharks.

Corporal O. Morris, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Dart*, testimonial on vellum, for having on the 24th September, 1896, jumped overboard from H.M.S. *Dart*, when at anchor off Night Island, and attempted to save Private T. Marney. Danger from sharks at the time, and also from the man himself who was insane.

The D.A. General, Royal Marines, has notified that a list is now kept at the Admiralty of naval pensioners who are candidates for employment as pensioner messengers in Goverment departments, or who are willing to accept employment outside the Admiralty or Government service, and recommendations are made therefrom. Non-commissioned officers and men are permitted to make applications to be placed on this list on discharge to pension, or at any time within six months prior to discharge.

A Cloud of Canvas,

OR, THE OLD ADMIRAL IS RIGHT.

(From an old Magazine.)

SIR HOMINY BLOODYER commanded His Majesty's Ship *The Oak Tub*, one of the oldest and roundest ninety-eight's in the service. Who was Sir Hominy? That indeed is the very important question so often asked, and never philosophically or satisfactorily answered. The *Herald* and the *Navy List* told you what he was officially, and it was a pompous telling. At the Levée and the Drawing-Room, no man's breast glittered with more stars, or was gorgeous with more ribbons. These he had plucked from the whirlpool of actual conflict; and every decoration had the wound of an enemy, inflicted by his own hand for its source. Yet speaking morally and physichologically, who he was, formed the mystery. What he was physically, is soon described. You, who love to contemplate our naval heroes, and ye ought to be many, figure to yourselves a tall and well-made man, of a shape more rotund than graceful, possessing a head perfectly orbicular, with the exception of the trifling inequalities of his exceedingly minute features. His nose, mouth, chin and ears were all delicately small. His large grey eyes were nothing but two copies of his head done in chalk. He had a marvellous voice: he could "Roar you gently like any sucking dove." Indeed, when much excited, and he exerted himself to the utmost, he could be heard across his own dining-table. However, he was a riddle. He had become a naval hero in spite of himself. Happiest of happy men was Sir Hominy. He was continually in a blissful abstraction, seeking for his qualities of heroism. He found himself pre-eminent among skilful and eminent men—their astonishment and his own—wrapt up in the pleasing contemplation that he was, actually and substantially, the very great person that the world and his destiny had made him. It is not to be supposed that he had an idea to throw away. Ideas were too precious for his own private use to be expended in conversation. He had fought like a Paladin during the best part of his life, and he believed himself now privileged to talk like an idiot for the remainder. I, as his midshipman aide-de-camp, have observed him in action, and his demeanor puzzled me much more than the very odd and sinuous courses that the enemies' shot would sometimes take. There sat he, Sir Hominy, on the hammock nettings, his whole person rashly and needlessly exposed, with something as nearly approaching contentment on his rotund face, as that face could express anything. His fine ruddy colour was neither heightened nor paled. His round eyes were, perhaps, a little more opened than usual; and being so conspicuous a mark, whilst the musket balls whizzed by him in showers, and tingled in his ears, not a muscle of that jolly round visage quivered.

I then began to conjecture in what manner this hero was contributing towards the great victory we were fast gaining. He did nothing except gloating with his eyes on the enemy's ship nearly alongside of him; and when he caught a distant view of any particular person, he would clutch the hilt of his heavy service-sword, as if he longed to give him a composing stroke on the skull. It is true, that from time to time he would exclaim to the Master, who was conning the ship: "A little closer, if possible, Mr. Snikes." But to every demand for orders or instructions, his answer was only: "Do what is necessary and proper, Mr. ——" (whoever it may be), varied by: "Do what is proper and necessary"; but which pithy, lucid, and comprehensive speech was always concluded with: "But mind, sir, I lead the boarders!" The only real service that I could discover that he rendered during the engagement, was causing the enemy uselessly to direct much of their musketry upon him, which might have been fatally employed elsewhere. Iron seemed to dread a contact with his cranium, and lead to have a fellow feeling for his head. In all his multiplied engagements, he never was hurt; and he went peacefully to his grave an old unwounded admiral.

I have been, perhaps, a little diffuse upon the character of this hero, but it was necessary, in order that the ridicule of what follows may be better understood. It must be easily supposed that a person who, like Sir Hominy Bloodyer, was continually in a sublime ecstacy of sweet self-contemplation, was not often visible on deck, and that he took most of his exercise in his solitary stern walk. Of course, on deck he sometimes came, but though, when there, he could conceive the existence of midshipmen, he could hardly conceive it possible that he should notice them. We must do him justice. At his own table he remembered that one requisite of a British naval officer was to be a gentleman. There he could be more than condescending; he could be, nay, he always was, cordial. But, upon deck! Now, by all the laws that govern the moral world—and those laws are as fixed as the principles that govern the physical one—it must follow that Sir Hominy must be led by the nose, snubbed as it was, and as his eyes were always turned inwards upon himself, he could never discover it. It was a great marvel in the fleet, that such a quiet placid man as Sir Hominy, was always changing his first lieutenants. He wanted a sycophant, though he himself did not know it. At length, he got beautifully suited. Never did I before conceive that a creature on two legs could creep so abjectly, and, at the same time, wear such high stilts. This first lieutenant was named—ah! how shall I name him, when there are so many names on the *Navy List*, seeing that any honest man would take offence if it bore any similarity to his own. We will, therefore, invent one for him—one that may be a little typical of his nature. This first lieutenant we will name Slaverlick. Mr. Slaverlick was tolerably wise in his generation. He had not many resources, but the few that he possessed he worked energetically. One of his means of power over Sir Hominy was treating him with the most obsequious respect. The other, attending to his personal convenience and comfort.

The service of H.M.S. *Oaktub* was carried on between these two high dignitaries much in this manner: Mr. Slaverlick having ascertained the exact moment that his captain will perambulate the planks of the quarterdeck, he takes care that everything immediately around him shall be in the most precise order; that all ill-dressed midshipmen be popped below, or sent to the mast-head; that seamen with scorbutic elbows, or sore heels, shall not offend the eyesight; or blocks, or uncoiled ropes, endanger the more than regal shins of Sir Hominy. When this is duly arranged, and the gold-laced cocked-hat of Sir Hominy made a sort of yellow refulgent dawn about the after-hatchway, Mr. Slaverlick would take off his hat, and in a stooping position, that constituted a continuous bow, would await the captain's first sentence, which began usually thus:

"Pray put on your hat, Mr. Slaverlick."

"Sir Hominy, with submission, I know my duty."

"You do more than your duty, sir, more than the service requires. By the best authorities, the hat should be raised just three inches and one-half from the top of the hair, when the officer may happen to have any, and thus remain respectfully suspended for the space of seventeen or eighteen seconds; for an admiral, I would say twenty; for the commander-in-chief, perhaps thirty; and, I think, for a lord of the admiralty—a first lord, I mean—I think the hat should not descend until he bowed, or smiled, or waved his hand. I am distinct, Mr. Slaverlick. Be covered."

Mr. Slaverlick covers himself with a look of exalted admiration, and then puts himself into the attitude of a profound and reverential listener, for the accustomed anecdote was coming. But before we give it, we must presume that this lecture of Sir Hominy's was generally accompanied by several ireful looks towards the lee-side of the quarter deck, where certain midshipmites, mates, and luffs, were assembled, who were in the habit of touching their hats, by mere snatching at the rims of them, as if to pluck away an insect, and then withdrawing their hands hastily, as if the said insect had stung them. When he had wasted away all the anger of his look—for Sir Hominy was too good-natured to be angry long, and much too proud to scold—he would turn benignantly towards his first lieutenant, and continue: "You know, Mr. Slaverlick, I sailed with the immortal Nelson for fifteen years; and I had fallen much into the same habit as yourself, of standing long uncovered before my superior. But my departed friend would say sometimes, slapping me on my back: 'Now Hommy, no nonsense.' Now, Mr. Slaverlick, I cannot by any possibility be supposed to slap you on the back, or say to you familiarly: 'Slavey, no nonsense'; because, though you may look upon me in the light of

the immortal hero, I cannot, by any stretch of fancy, conceive you to be Sir Hominy Bloodyer."

At this termination of the condescension, Mr. Slaverlick always made a low obeisance. Whether the man was thankful or not, for not being thought to be Sir Hominy, the man himself only could tell; but as this anecdote always encouraged him greatly, he would then proceed in some way like this, according to the necessities of the day: "Sir Hominy, the surgeon reports that there are several cases of catarrh on the sick-list. Shall we dry holy-stone the decks?" "Do what is necessary and proper, Mr. Slaverlick." "My very idea, Sir Hominy; it shall be done." "The admiral, Sir Hominy, has been again issuing fresh orders about the efficiency of the small-arm men, as they may be soon required to co-operate with the troops. Will you read the order, Sir Hominy?" "Needless, if the commander-in-chief gave it—it is *proper* and *necessary*."

"We will then, with your permission, Sir Hominy, exercise the small-arm men and boarders, with the Marines, all the morning." "Do what is *necessary* and *proper*, Mr. Slaverlick." "Just what I was going to propose, Sir Hominy. Here younker——" "Call him young gentleman, if you please, Mr. Slaverlick. All my followers are young gentlemen," interrupts the Captain. "Here, young gentleman," says Mr. Slaverlick, with a remarkably wry face, "go down to the Captain of Marines and tell him that he is to exercise, himself personally, the Marines, with the divisions of small-arm men and boarders, till eight bells; after which, sir, you will go to the mast-head for the same time, for a *young gentleman* should not come on His Majesty's quarterdeck with one of his shoes untied." "Very *necessary* and *proper*," muttered Sir Hominy.

Having thus vented his spleen on the Captain of Marines, whom he mortally hated, and taught the younker how dangerous it was for him to be justified by his captain, this first lieutenant would feel himself so much emboldened, that trotting all the while in his rear, he would make some obsequious attempts at conversation with the great man. With much tact he would get him into Norfolk, and encourage him to lie like a Spanish historian, about the quantity of game he had bagged, the extent of his manors, and the excellence of his preserves. When he could rightly tune Sir Hominy upon this subject, Mr. Slaverlick was certain that day of breakfasting, dining, and supping with his captain, besides enjoying some shrewd expectations of getting his next step of promotion, for Sir Hominy had great interest at the Admiralty.

Now, it may easily be comprehended, that a person who studied the art of rising so assiduously, might have some few deficiencies, which would make that rising not altogether the most just thing in the world. In fact, excepting when he was making a fool of others, by persuading them that they were very wise men, he was but little better than a mere fool himself. The consequence was, that H.M.S. *Oaktub* was the worst disciplined line-of-battle ship in gallant old Sir Edward Pellew's fleet.

Mr. Slaverlick was a naval house-wife, an old womanly fidget—exacting as to the holy-stones, an inexorable belaying-pin polisher, and wonderfully acute at making size from all manner of substances, animal and vegetable. The happy result of all this was—that the *Oaktub* was the best white-washed three-decker in His Majesty's navy, or rather the Regent's. But a white-washed ship may be, sometimes, in the same reputation as a white-washed man— to say nothing at all about a white-washed sepulchre.

Such being a distinguished part of this lieutenant's character, people must not be surprised to learn that he was always swelling with some magnificent plan of turning vast quantities of old sails into new tarpauling. When we were lying off the Coast of Spain, at single anchor, with a part of the fleet, in a tolerably safe roadstead—no one could tell why, but the commander-in-chief; Mr. Slaverlick, had many hundreds of yards of tarred canvas, which he wished properly to dry and season. We lay exactly opposite to a ruined village—no uncommon thing, ruined villages now, in that distracted country. It had been wisely deserted by the inhabitants, for it presented nothing to the view but roofless and half-destroyed walls; for everything that could be burned had been consumed by the French, who had lately passed over it like a devastating cloud of locusts. Still there remained something which they could not burn, and were too lazy to destroy. An immense extent of stone wall, that had enclosed the garden of a nunnery, still stood, basking in the heat of the sun, with a dry and thirsty aspect, that seemed to say to Mr. Slaverlick; "You see how desperately hot I am: in pity to my parched-up stones and crumbling mortar, cover me up with that cool, damp, tar-besmeared canvas, that lies so incommodiously lumbering upon your booms."

The appeal was not made in vain.

"Sir Hominy," said Mr. Slaverlick that morning, "the sun shines mainly on that old convent wall."

Sir Hominy proceeded—"It is necessary and proper," according to the usual formula by him made and provided.

"Exactly, Sir Hominy," with a very low bow, "the very thing I was just saying. And so, Sir Hominy, if you please, we will send the tarpaulings we have just made for the new hammock-cloths, and trice them up along the walls, where they will dry mainly.

"Do what is proper and necessary, Mr. Slaverlick."

"I think, Sir Hominy, the cutter's crew, armed with a sergeant's guard of Marines, will be quite sufficient to keep off any prowling vagabonds of French that may have strayed from the army. Shall I send them Sir Hominy?"

Here was a proposition that involved some responsibility. The Knight Commander of the Bath drew himself up as a Knight Commander should, stared for a minute fixedly, with his round grey eyes wide open, full upon his first lieutenant, then shut them slowly, and opened his mouth; for the skin was braced so tightly on his plump ruddy orb of a face, that he could not well keep eyes and mouth open together. Having made these preparations, the middies on the larboard side of the quarter-deck fully expected a speech. After this apparent effort to think, great was the disappointment when we were cheated with: "Mr. Slaverlick, do what is proper and necessary." After this sublime effort, Sir Hominy strode off to the solitude of his stern walk, fully impressed with the onerous duties of commanding a three-decker.

(To be concluded in the next number.)

Double Acrostic (No. 2).

In sea-girt towns, and elsewhere too—for that—
You'll find him oft in "Mufti" or Cockaded Hat.

1. To be so, should be each one's great ambition,
   And thus avoid the smallest admonition.
2. An exclamation of surprise.
   I really can't believe my eyes.
3. If into me you sometimes fall,
   It should not be beyond recall.
4. A direful plot against a monarch (late)
   Some time in eighteen fifty eight.
5. A short leave here with proper introduction
   Will give both pleasure, and the best instruction.
6. A narrow pass. When marching through
   We sometimes go by two and two.—BRISTOLIAN.

SOLUTION TO DOUBLE ACROSTIC NO. I.—January 7th.

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Correct answers received from:—Bristolian, Recta, Rigden, &c. We will consider any claim put forward by unsuccessful competitors.

Truthful James is informed that "Opera" cannot be accepted for light two. The mention of the three Light Infantry Bandmasters surely points to the men under their respective bâtons.

We take the opportunity of stating that at the time of publication Mr. Williams had left the Royal Marine Artillery, and his successor had not been appointed.

The Acrostic Editor begs to thank "Bristolian" for his contribution, and will be only too pleased if others will follow his example and send in Acrostics for publication.

The Undisciplined Squad.

By Pte. John Marshall, Portsmouth Division.

There's not the slightest doubt I am a most unhappy man,
And yet my disposition is as quiet as a lamb;
I longed to wear a scarlet coat, to do it I did yearn,
To go and be a soldier bold, my warlike heart did burn;
But since I've joined the Royal Marines, I've quickly found it out
That I've got something else to do besides to gad about,
My troubles weigh me heavily, my heart seems like a clod,
Ever since they put me in that "Undisciple" Squad.

Spoken—Yes! and all I can hear now is that same old cry:—

Chorus.

Left! Right! Left! Right! Steady! By the Right!
Now then, No. 23, you look a pretty sight,
Slope your rifle properly, its all your blessed fault;
Left! Right! Left! Right! Company!—Halt!

Now after we had halted, he would stand us all at ease,
And come up to us smiling as quietly as you please,
I don't know what you came here for, I thought you came to drill,
And you will have to do it, too, or else go back you will;
It matters not to me, my lad, if you pass out or not,
For when you do, I only have to pass another lot,
So pay attention to your drill. "Company!" he roars,
"I want to hear those windows shake when you are forming fours."

Chorus.

Company!—Form fours! Right! As you were!
Don't even know your numbers yet, those feet I want to hear,
Make them tell, those even numbers! like this: one, one—two;
Now then, No. 23, I've got my eye on you.

Now after that we settled down and hard at work we went,
Got through the Manual Exercise and our *new old* Present!
But some were rather shaky, they wouldn't draw back their feet,
Or failed to throw the rifle up, which once was obsolete,
He'd grin and smile and say to us, "Now that looks very nice,
And yet you want to pass out, couldn't do it at the price";
Stand at ease! Stand easy! "Company!" he cries,
"Now let me see how you can do the Firing Exercise."

Chorus.

With 10 cartridges—Charge Magazines!
Press them in! Close your cut-off's!—Call yourselves Marines!
There! now you've been and jammed it, don't seem to have no sense;
Independent Firing, at the Ground Line!—Commence!

Now after one or two attempts, we got through that all gay,
"You've done that pretty fair," perhaps he'll condescend to say,
Keep your wits about you now; Squad!—As you were!
Company!—Shoulder arms! For bayonet exercise prepare!
I know then what is coming, and I feel inclined to shunt,
March! then the order is, Right Dress! then, Company!—Eyes front!
Now don't forget that third Guard, no higher than the breast,
And if we once get over that, we'll manage all the rest.

Chorus.

Guards and Points—First Point, what are you about?
Wait till I give the order, Point! then shove that rifle out,
I'll have to drill you all again by numbers, I can see,
Got to do it all again for No. 23.

Now after that we formed in line and unfixed bayonets,
We'll do a bit of Skirmishing before dismissed we gets;
Now pay attention unto me: you see that whistle there,
Well that is used for signals, which I want you all to hear,
That's Extend—Also Close—Right Incline—Incline—
Advance—Retire—and just bear this in mind;
I only blow this whistle your attention to attract,
Don't start until the hand drops, now just remember that.

Spoken—He would give the signal, Advance, and caution us about keeping correct intervals.

Chorus.

Advance—Incline—Double every one;
Double was the order then, I don't tell you to run,
Listen to the whistle, pay attention unto me;
Hallo! what's that gap there? only No. 23.

Benin.

The following cutting was written by Mr. W. S. R. Brock, London Scottish Rifles, and we think that at the preseut time it will be most interesting to our readers.

In September, 1894, Admiral Bedford hoisted his flag on the *Philomel*, and, accompanied by a small squadron, proceeded to Benin to extirpate the vipers, who, under their King Nana, promised him a warm welcome. Now, the vipers' nest was approached by a creek, in lieu of the ordinary carriage drive, and Nana was mean enough to shoot at, and slay some of the crew of the steam-pinnace that went up to interview him. No white man had ever been up that creek before, so the survivors thought discretion the better part of valour, and returned to the ship. A spar was spliced to the tallest mast of the biggest ship, and a man was sent to the top to reconnoitre, and reported the roofs of the houses nestling amongst the mangroves at the head of the creek. It being certain death to attack by the creek, it was determined to execute a flank movement, and some hundreds of bluejackets were employed during the following days cutting a path through the swamp round to the rear of the stronghold. This was successfully done, and the wily native, to his intense surprise, woke up one fine morning to find himself attacked from the rear, with no means of defence—the hitherto impenetrable mangrove swamp having been reckoned impregnable. The place was seized without bloodshed, and a more extraordinary sight never met the eyes of the besieging force. Two-storied houses, with galvanised iron roofs, contained French bedsteads, thousands of cases of gin, and pieces of cloth; the strangest mixture imaginable; in fact, the storehouses and collections of three generations of powerful native chiefs, who had been successful traders for many years. The king's gold watch was a valuable modern English one. His hat was a 'tile' ever to be remembered. It was of hard felt with a low crown, distinctly clerical in shape, with a broad ribbon of white-watered silk, and the words 'Nana, King of Benin,' embroidered in gold. Sundry feathers were stuck in it, and the whole was set off with a sort of veil of blue gauze, such as is used for mosquito netting. All the materials very European! A very fine china vase, with three handles, and standing about three feet high, with his name painted on it, was amongst the heteregeneous mass of things discovered. Puncheons of palm oil, English sovereigns, native fetishes, unopened cases of tenterhooks, and all the conceivable and inconceivable things possible were found—the weapons ranging from repeating rifles to brass-barrelled blunderbusses. Had the passage of the creek been attempted it would have resulted in an awful loss to us, as, after the place was taken, three batteries numbered no fewer than 106 guns of every possible variety. Some of the cartridges were ingeniously made of strips of bamboo tied together, and containing charges of several pounds of scrap iron and bullets. The guns were all trained down the creek, and were, of course, no use to the defenders when they found themselves attacked in the rear. I don't think we lost a man in action, except those killed in the steam pinnace. These particulars are true, as far as I know. I had them from the officer who gave me the blunderbuss. The watch, hat, and china vase I saw myself.

A new form of smokeless powder has been invented by the Russians, to which the name of pyrocollodion is given. It is a new form of nitro-cellulose midway between gun-cotton and collodion. The advantages claimed for it are its homogeneity, regularity, and completeness of combustion, giving an increased velocity with smaller pressure in the gun. From experiments already made with this powder and the latest pattern guns, muzzle velocities 25 per cent. greater than that of our own latest wire guns with cordite have been obtained. This new powder represents the gun-cotton class, whilst cordite is of the nitro-glycerine class.

Outrages at Las Palmas.

A LANCE-SERGEANT KILLED. A PATHETIC INCIDENT.

LETTERS received from the Training Squadron at Las Palmas, dated the 23rd of December, state that on the previous Sunday night a petty officer of the Active was attacked and left insensible just outside the town. The motive was believed to be robbery. The victim of the outrage recovered consciousness soon after being found, and it is not thought that he is seriously injured. On the following evening, however, Lce.-Sergt. Privett, R.M.L.I., of the Volage, was killed under very singular circumstances. He visited a carbaret with some bluejackets, and he and his companions had drink there. They were eventually requested to leave, and although the accounts of what happened subsequently are conflicting, it seems that the proprietor of the shop drew a revolver and shot Privett in the abdomen. The injured man became insensible, and died without making any statement. He was buried next day with full naval honours, and a party of Spanish Riflemen fired a volley over the grave.

PORTSMOUTH, January, 3rd.

Lce.-Sergt. Privett, R.M.L.I., who was shot at Las Palmas under circumstances described in the *Western Morning News* yesterday, belonged to the Portsmouth Division, and was 29 years old. He enlisted in 1885, became a corporal in 1891, and lance-sergeant in 1894. He was a married man with three children, whose ages vary from six to two years. Privett's father was a pioneer sergeant and has been a barrack contractor since his retirement. He has two brothers in the corps, one a drill instructor at Walmer, and the other employed in the officers' mess at Forton. Mrs. Privett, the widow, has received a letter from the Rev. E. J. Vaughan, chaplain of the Volage, who states that on the 21st December, Sergt. Privett and a party of men from the Training Squadron went ashore at Las Palmas on leave. They visited a billiard-room and bar near the leading hotel, and about ten o'clock at night the Spanish proprietor, wishing to close, asked them to leave. As the liberty men refused to comply the Spaniard became excited, while the men chaffed him. Presently, however, they left, followed to the door by the proprietor, who then drew a Colt's revolver and fired, with the result that Privett fell, mortally wounded. The captain of one of the ships was passing at the time, and, noticing that the Spaniard held a smoking revolver, ascertained the cause of it and its result. He at once went to a neighbouring club, where several naval officers were assembled, and an English doctor was sent for, while the first lieutenant of the Volage identified the injured man. The doctor finding that the wound was mortal, could do nothing to relieve the sergeant's sufferings, and under the superintendence of the first lieutenant and the doctor, the dying man was removed on a stretcher to the ship's boat and conveyed to the Volage. As he was being lifted from the boat to the ship he said: "I am dying: I am dying. My poor wife." He died before reaching the deck. The Spaniard made no effort to escape, and on being arrested by the native police was lodged in gaol. So keen was the resentment of the English sailors that the Spaniard has cause to be thankful for his arrest.—*N. & M. Record.*

The Benin Expedition.

There was a scene of great enthusiasm at the Royal Marine Barracks at Chatham on Saturday, when the Chatham contingent of the Expeditionary Force for Benin assembled on the parade ground. Colonel Commandant Colwell addressed the men.

The party then left the Barracks, amidst the cheers of their comrades and of a large assemblage of civilians. They were played to the railway station by the full brass band of the Division. Although there was a blinding snowstorm at the time, an enormous crowd had congregated in the precincts of the station, and the Marines received a most cordial "send off," whilst the band played "Au Revoir," "Far Away," and "Auld Lang Syne." A party of seamen and sick-berth stewards from the naval depot at Chatham joined the same train, and were loudly cheered by the crowd. Sergeant C. Dennis was in charge of the Royal Marines until they had embarked on the steamship *Malacca*.

The detachment of Royal Marine Artillery for Benin marched from the Barracks, at Portsmouth, to the railway station on Saturday morning, and left by the 8-35 train for London to embark on board the *Malacca*. The detachment of the Marine Light Infantry also left their headquarters at Gosport, on the other side of Portsmouth Harbour, for the same destination. Numbers of comrades, and a crowd of civilian friends, accompanied the drafts to the railway stations, whither they were played by the bands of the respective corps. Before leaving the Barrack squares, both Infantry and Artillery detachments were addressed by their respective Commanding Officers.

Meanwhile, preparations were being made for the embarkation of the men on board the steamer *Malacca* in the Royal Albert Dock. The naval force which embarked was made up of 50 Marines from Chatham and 50 Marines from Portsmouth, with some 300 Bluejackets from the various naval ports. They took with them six Maxim guns, with other light mountain guns, and every member of the force is above 27 years of age. Many of the men travelled by train from Fenchurch street to the Connaught station of the docks, and were heartily cheered by the large crowd that had assembled. At the docks a great number of persons—principally friends of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and the men—had assembled to wish them "God speed," the band of the Grenadier Guards being in attendance. As the men filed up the gangway, the band struck up the Marines' regimental march, "A Life on the Ocean Wave," "Rule Britannia," and the National Anthem. This was the signal for round after round of enthusiastic cheering, renewed again and again as the great steamer gradually made its way out of the dock. As she entered the Thames and proceeded away, under half-steam, the cheers were renewed. The *Malacca*, which is commanded by Captain T. C. Hemming, will, after the landing of the troops, be used as a hospital ship for any indisposed members of the Expedition. Although the vessel sailed in the midst of a blinding snowstorm, the scene was a most enthusiastic one. All along the river the men were loudly cheered by the seamen on board the various steamships, and at Woolwich a number of soldiers assembled, and gave the men a parting send-off.

Captain Gervis T. Byrne, of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, who is in command of the Marines, served in the operations in Pahang (Malay Peninsula), in 1892, being then attached to the Perak Sikhs.

It may be called to mind that the present Bandmaster of the Grenadier Guards is Mr. A. Williams, Mus. Bac., Cantab., formerly Bandmaster R.M.A.

Mastodon Minstrels of H.M.S. "Rainbow."

Last evening a boarding party, belonging to H.M.S. *Rainbow* and self-distinguished by the name of Mastodon Minstrels, attacked and took Penang by storm, without the faintest resistance being offered by the inhabitants. In fact, the entertainment given by the "Rainbows" at the Town Hall must be pronounced a most happy and unqualified success. The first part of the programme consisted of singing, and the second half of the programme embraced dancing and the amusing manœuvres of a body of "darkey policemen," 40 strong, under Sergt. Wakefield, deserve the highest credit for the efficiency of his admirably trained company of coloured constabulary; his own movements on the stage added not a little to the amusement of the audience. Mr. George Eustace as musical director, and Dr. Hamilton Meikle as general manager, deserve the highest possible praise, and the great success which the Mastodon Minstrels achieved last evening is mainly due to the unflagging energy, thought, skill, and patience with which these two gentlemen have devoted to the training of the company. The costumes, drapery of the stage, and accessories generally, were all that could be desired, and betokened an infinite amount of attention to detail.—*Penang Gazette*, Nov. 25th, '96.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place at the end of April, between Frederick Richard Cowper Reed, M.A., of Trinity College and The Limes, Cambridge, and Miss Pauline Florence Elizabeth Wheeler Cuffe, daughter of Major Wheeler Cuffe, R.M.A., of Woodlands, Waterford.

On the 26th January, 1897, the strength of the Royal Marine Depot, Walmer, for the first time on record, exceeded 2,000 men.

CORPS GAZETTE.

Promotions.

Lieut. Charles S. Watson to be Captain *vice* Gibsone retired, dated 16th January, 1897.

Capt. Watson is appointed to the Chatham Division.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of the undermentioned Second Lieutenants, R.M.L.I., being advanced to the rank of Lieutenant with seniority of the 1st January, 1897:—Samuel P. Musson, Henry A. H. Jones, Henry C. Bennett, Gerald C. Rooney, Charles F. O. Graham, George Carpenter, James A. F. Cuffe, Frederick J. Reid, Charles H. Hood, Frank B. A. Lawrie, Francis J. V. Arbuckle. These officers are to take seniority as Lieutenants, as above, according to the order in which they passed the final college examinations.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of the undermentioned routine promotions in the Royal Marines, consequent on the seconding of Capts. H. Slessor, R.M.A., and G. E. Matthews, R.M.L.I., for service with the Egyptian Army:—

Lieut. William Dixon, R.M.A., to be Captain, *vice* Trotter.
Dated 5th Nov., 1896.

Lieut. William A. Harris, R.M.L.I., to be Captain, *vice* Matthews.
Dated 26th Dec., 1896.

Capt. Harris is posted to the Chatham Division.

EASTNEY—

Corpl. E. G. T. Tims to Sergeant.
Corpl. J. Harris to Paid Lance Sergeant.
Bombr. J. Stamford to Corporal.
Gnrs. Willisford and Spanton to Paid Acting Bombardiers.
Bombr. S. Bowden to Corporal.

CHATHAM—

To be Corporals—Pte. H. R. Westbury *(Hearty)*, Lce.-Corpl. C. James.

PORTSMOUTH—

Sergts. C. Calthorpe, E. Clodd, and F. J. Wilcox to Col.-Sergeants.
Corpls. J. H. Southwell, Wm. Lyall, R. G. Wharton, Wm. Hanford, C. Fletcher *(Victory)*, to be Sergeants.
Ptes. W. P. Crowe *(Victory)*, E. C. Mould *(Gibraltar)*, T. W. Weaving *(Narcissus)*, W. Harris *(Victory)*, J. Morris *(Revenge)*, to be Corporals.

PLYMOUTH—

To be Sergeants—Corpls. G. Bryant (*Hibernia*) and W. Foy (*Hermoine*)
To be paid Lance-Sergeants—Corpls. T. Jackson, T. Kenway, and H. Connor.
To be Corporals—Lance-Corpl. F. Rees, at the Depot: Pte. A. Archard (*Black Prince*)
To be paid Lance-Corporals—Lance-Corpls. W. Parnham and J. Harlow; Ptes. M. Fitzgerald, A. Percy, and W. Snape.

Appointments.

The following gentlemen have been selected by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to receive commissions in the Royal Marine Light Infantry, as Second Lieutenants, from the 1st January, 1897:—

Order of Merit.
Sandhurst.
11.—Mr. Maurice Filmer Bennett
36.—Mr. Hugh Watson Channer
University Candidate.—Mr. John Leonard Jesse
82.—Mr. Prescot Sandilands
87.—Mr. James Hazel
93.—Mr. Archibald Malcolm Gillies
98.—Mr. William Patrick Arbuthnot
106.—Mr. Henry Hudson Frazer Stockley
107.—Mr. Charles D'Oyly Harmar
108.—Mr. Henry Ralph Neville D'Oyly
109.—Mr. George Lewis Forster Shewell

These gentlemen were directed to join the Royal Naval College on the 20th instant for the regulated course of study at that Establishment.

Pending the receipt of report of Council of Naval Education, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to appoint, temporarily, Captain W. J. Whiffin, R.M.A., to perform the duty of Second Assistant to the Professor of Fortification at Greenwich, with emoluments similar to those drawn by the Assistant Instructor, viz:—

Full pay of rank.
Provision Allowance, 1s. 6d. a day.
Instruction ,, 2s. 6d. a day and quarters.

Surgeon J. Stenhouse from the Plymouth Division to H.M.S. *Algerine*, and Surgeon E. A. Penfold from H.M.S. *Pembroke* to the Plymouth Division, both commencing 11th February, 1897.

EASTNEY—

Sergt. J. Richards appointed Repository Instructor at 10d. per diem, *vice* Sergt. Gray, appointment expired.
Sergt. J. Wright appointed Repository Instructor at 6d. per diem, *vice* Sergt. Richards to 10d.
Corpl. G. T. Manly appointed Gymnastic Instructor at 1s. per diem, *vice* Sergt. Hill.
Sergt. C. Weatherley Sea Service Instructor at 6d. per diem, *vice* Sergt. J. Turner.

CHATHAM—

Corpl. L. Oakey to be Paid Lce.-Sergeant.
Pte. W. Cox is appointed Cell Cook.
Ptes. H. Tann, W. Hall, J. H. Slaughter, H. Elvin, to be Paid Lce.-Corporals.
Sergt. C. Knight is appointed Gunnery Instructor.

PORTSMOUTH—

Pte. J. T. Stares to be Groom to Lieut.-Col. Quill.
Pte. Bibbey to be Marker.
Pte. Fawcett to be Lce.-Corpl.
Pte. Woodron to be servant to Capt. Harvest.
Pte. Bunn to be Groom to Col. Baldwin.
Bugler H. Geary to be paid Lce.-Corpl.
Corpl. F. W. Watts to be paid Lce.-Sergeant.
Corpl. R. Mizen to be paid Lce.-Sergeant.
Colr.-Sergt. Garrett re-appointed Compy.-Sergt. for one year.
Corpl. Dix to be Pioneer Corpl.
Corpl. Faulkner to be School Assistant.
Sergt. Green to be Musketry Instructor at 6d. per diem.
Sergt. Hartnett to be Musketry Instructor at 4d. per diem.

PLYMOUTH—

Lance-Sergt. H. Hopkins to be Defaulter Sergeant.
Corpl. A. Gilmour to be Lance-Sergeant (unpaid), for duty in the Paymaster's Office.
Lance-Corpl. H. Kingman to be Orderly Corporal of C Company.
Pte. D. Toyne to be Lance-Corporal, for duty as Orderly Corporal of B Company.
Lance-Corpl. J. Harlow to be Orderly Corporal of A Company
Bugler H. Bulley to be Lance-Corporal, for duty with the Buglers.
Pte. G. Rossiter to be employed as Assistant Butcher.
Pte. H. Ottery to be employed on the Divisional Police.
Pte. J. Low to be Probationary Clerk, Staff Office.

DEPOT—

Sergt. G. E. Brown appointed Temporary School Assistant.
Lce.-Sergt. C. J. Challess appointed 2nd Class Drill Instructor.

Examinations

The following officers, R.M.A, have passed in subjects (*c*) (*d*) (*e*) for promotion:—Captain Francis, Special Certificate, distinguished in law and topography; Lieut. Henderson, Special Certificate, distinguished in law and fortification; Lieut. Dibblee, distinguished in fortification and topography; Lieut. McCarthy, passed Artillery distinguished.

EASTNEY—

Corpls. W. Rogerson, James Harris and W. H. Davies; Bombrs. H. Camp, T. H. Hearne, E. Lockyer, and A. Kendall, R.M.A., have passed for the rank of Sergeant at Eastney.

CHATHAM—

Corpl. E. E. J. Carter *(Speedy)* awarded Special Certificate, having passed for the rank of Sergeant. 188 marks.

Discharged to Pension.

CHATHAM—

Pte. Nathan Frost.

PORTSMOUTH—

Col.-Sergt. J. Smith; Musn. and Lce.-Corpl. W. Brooker; Pte. H. Henley; Lce.-Sergt. T. Masters; Pte. J. Davis.

PLYMOUTH—

Sergt. J. W. Marriott; Ptes. E. Anson, J. Shaddick, E. Stevens, C. Mitchell, A. Enwright, A. Mason, G. Norris T. Buttle, J. Oakes.

Recruiting.

Capt. B. C. Couchman is to assume command of the Royal Marine Recruiting Station at Nottingham, on 16th inst.

EASTNEY—

Sergt. P. McDonald to Cambridge.

CHATHAM—

Clr.-Sergt. W. J. Short to Recruiting Service, London.

PLYMOUTH—

Sergt. R. Radford to Exeter.

,, E. Coupland to Bristol.

,, F. Woods from Bristol.

Retirements.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of Capt. Hugh J. C. Gibsone, R.M.L.I., being retired from the Service with a gratuity of £1200. To take effect from the date of Capt. Gibsone's disembarkation from H.M.S. *Inflexible*.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of Capt. G. C. B. Wolfe being retired from the service with a gratuity of £1,200. Dated 26th January, 1897.

Limited Engagements.

EASTNEY—

Gnrs. W. Dancy, S. R. Back, H. Kelly, H. Haynes, S. West, C. E. Smith, J. Priscott, R. Bow, W. Quarterman, T. Walpole; Buglr. S. H. Welch.

CHATHAM—

Ptes. W. Abroms *(Crescent)*, G. Border, Thos. Forrest, H. Wolsey, C. M. Podger, E. Martin.

PORTSMOUTH—

Ptes. J. H. Gamham, W. Watts, W. Hobbs.

PLYMOUTH—

Invalided—Sergt. E. Wilson; Ptes. J. T. Foster, F. Fudge, J. Taylor, T. W. Little, J. A. Neale.

Pte. J. McCusker.

Purchase—Pte. J. T. Hewitson.

DEPOT—

Ptes. Thos. Wakefield, John Toogood.

Transfers.

EASTNEY—

Bandmaster Albert Williams, R.M.A., to Bandmaster of Grenadier Guards. Dated 1st Jan., '97.

Gnr. E. Jones (*Rodney*) to Ship's Police.

Gnr. T. R. Gold (*Dreadnought*) to Ship's Police.

PORTSMOUTH—

Pte. W. Garrick to Musician.

Buglrs. C. H. Samphire and A. S. G. Craze to Privates.

Ptes. F. J. Williams and W. Strachan to Buglers.

Pte. C. Fill to Chatham.

Pte. H. W. Peedle to Plymouth.

Pte. H. Tomlin from Chatham.

Embarked.

The following officers are to embark as under for passage to H.M.S. *Centurion* :—

Major A. C. L. Congdon, R.M.L.I., Lieut. H. W. H. Beyts, R.M.A., with details in H.M.S. *Endymion*.

Lieut. E. K. Story, R.M.L.I. (Supernumerary, to relieve Lieut. R. H. Meister, R.M.L.I.) with details in H.M.S. *Minerva*.

FROM EASTNEY—

Howe—Sergt. J. Stringer; Corpl. J. Race; Bombr. G. Beagley; Gnrs. H. Gould, J. Allum, W. Netley, J. Coldwell, W. Esau, J. R. Withers, P. Riley, A. Grace, G. Quest, W. H. Johnson, H. McIntyre, T. Bryant, F. Morgan, G. T. Tizard, J. Leslie, J. E. Robinson, H. Clifton.

Pembroke—Gnrs. C. R. Noller, W. Henry, E. Watts, J. Barker, J. Angus, E. Tennant, G. W. Gittens, L. Hobby.

Colossus—Gnrs. J. Spruce, F. Hanson.

Resolution—Gnr. E. F. Perry; Buglr. E. Frail.

Magnificent—Sergt. E. Marsden; Buglr. J. R. French.

Sans Pareil—Gnr. W. Goodall.

Majestic—Gnr. J. Bond.

Repulse—Gnr. A. Eaton.

Dreadnought—Gnr. J. Winter.

FROM CHATHAM—

Pembroke—Corpls. H. J. Eccles, A. Collings, H. Sider; Ptes. J. A. Law, J. Davidson, C. Attwood, S. H. Bland, A. G. Fuller, G. Cannon, C. Mumford, M. Bird, J. T. Snook, A. Hill, F. E. Knott, G. Brandon, W. L. Reed, C. Farren, W. Rhodes, H. Walker, B. Withers, A. E. Smith, H. Maybank, F. Patrick, G. Wheeler, J. Wood, P. Parker, H. J. Mitchell, R. Synoun.

Inflexible—Capt. H. G. Cotterell; Pte. J. Taylor.

Empress of India—Lieut. C. W. Brownjohn; Ptes. H. Howland, A. Dicker.

Blenheim—Pte. F. A. Crickmore, J. Paul, M. Lynch.

Repulse—Pte. C. Chamberlain, S. W. Wiggins.

Mersey—Pte. G. West; Bugler C. W. Wickenden.

Speedy—Corpl. E. E. J. Carter; Ptes. G. Burton, F. W. Trett.

Wildfire—Ptes. W. H. Boulton, W. Moore.

Egeria—Ptes. J. P. Higgins, W. J. Sparks, G. Foster, T. Walker, A. J. Shaw, H. J. Williams, J. R. Tress.

Torch—Sergt. A. G. Kay; Corpl. C. Cross; Pte. W. J. Hicks, W. Jee, G. Thomas, F. Evans, G. Woodman, W. Gates, J. Baldwin, H. Tann, A. W. Hicklin, A. A. Walker.

Charybdis—Pte F. A. Bailey, T. Barringer.

Alexandra—Lieut. C. L. Mayhew; Pte. C. Tassell.

Northampton.—Privates H. E. Norman, F. Thompson, J. Bagby, C. Headford, A. Frost, A. Leslie, J. Kemp, A. W. Hicks, C. Loft, J. Stockwell, R. Thompson, W. Liddle, J. W. Robins, J. A. Riggs, C. T. Longley, J. H. Clare, G. S. Leech, G. W. Silk.

Minerva.—Lce.-Sergt. G. P. Monsimer, Privates J. Buckham, F. Parfitt, G. Power, R. Morley, A. Clark, W. Allen, A. Pelton, G. Woolley, R. Rudd, P. Marshall, J. Pearce.

FROM PORTSMOUTH—

Amphion—Lieut. F. T. Phillips; Pte. J. Horlock.

Alexandra—Ptes. W. Crombleholme, T. Brentnall, J. Carsons, A. Jones

Australia—Ptes. A. J. Rogers, F. R. Barnard.

Boscawen—Sergt. W. Lee; Ptes H. Smith, G. Akins, H. G. Lessey, H. A. Privett, H. Cole, J. Murray, W. Wells, H. Waterson, A. Welsh, J. J. Hardman.

Excellent—Ptes. F. J. Harknett, T. Sharpe.

Tauranga—Sergt. Ed. Burnett; Corpl. W. T. Reeves; Lce.-Corpl. T. N. L. Hallford; Buglr. C. Carter; Ptes. A. L. Parry, H. E. Roberts, John Carey, Joseph Wenman, G. F. A. Staples, Thos. Bone, Rob. Brookes, R. C. Binning, Geo. Main, Wm. Bennell, G. B. Boorman, F. G. Moore, Donald Baillie, Joseph Hunt, Richard Acton, T. P. Monahan, W. G. J. Bishop.

Inflexible—Ptes. G. Wright, A. Kelly.

Iphigenia—Sergt. T. H. Parker; Corpl. G. Ashton; Buglr. J. R. Parker; Ptes. T. French, H. Lambert, Wm. Aldryickle, R. Fox, W. A. Shaw, E. H. Bennett, W. Jeffery, T. Hunt, W. Derbyshire, T. Howley, H. A. J. Osman, C. J. Prictor, J. Mulligan, O. O'Malley, J. Gardner, J. W. Nichols, W. R. Dearing.

Majestic—Pte. J. Carrington; Buglr. W. T. Mansfield.
Nelson—Corpl. Street; Ptes. T. Goddard, J. R. Larden, J. Hunt, G. Gaomey, Wm. Warner, G. F. Jarrett, J. Ireland, S. W. Hollins, T. Keating, H. F. W. Broad, W. P. C. Long.
Resolution—Ptes. F. Billinpley, W. McVea, E. G. Hudson.
Terror—Capt. C. E. E. Curtoys; Pte. C. Tompkinson.
Vernon—Ptes. H. Chipperfield, T. Hawkings.
Victoria and Albert—Pte. T. J. Towner.
Victory—Ptes. R. C. Binning, H. Chipperfield, G. F. Drewitt, W. Smalley, W. Redbown; Lce.-Corpl. Diamond; Ptes. C. J. Temple, T. W. Wallis, E. Kennedy, H. Smith, W. G. Capell, C. J. Delmege, D. O'Brien, A. McLaren, E. Elms, W. H. Ratcliff, C. Ball, J. Lovell, E. G. Nash, H. Goodall, J. Docherty, E. C. Wood, T. B. Glen.
Benin Expedition—Lieut. C. W. Robertson; Cr.-Sergt. A. Robotham; Sergt. G. F. Ellison; Corpls. S. W. Hayes, F. Tyler; Buglr. Wm. Allen; Ptes. G. L. Fayolle, C. Pidgeon, T. J. Samels, E. Marsden, H. C. Potter, W. Link, A. Caplin, F. Vaughan, W. J. Martin, A. J. Brown, A. E. Worsford, F. Messer, D. Mead, C. Butt, B. J. Melmer, R. A. Shulver, W. G. Booker, H. Myers, H. T. Cartwright, C. Warren, H. W. Louch, C. E. H. Cleverdon, R. Adams, A. H. Leppard, E. Smith, S. J. Phillips, T. Green, H. J. Perch, R. Smith, E. C. Palmer, H. J. Sloper, W. T. Tillman, H. M. Jones, S. J. Smart, T. B. Davis, W. Hickey, W. Wells, C. Thorne, H. Shore, C. Charlesworth, A. Varndell, H. Newman, A. Goat, G. Hooper, A. Hopper, T. Ball.

FROM PLYMOUTH—

Hibernia—Capt. E. V. Luke.
Monarch—Capt. A. E. Marchant.
St. George—Capt. G. T. Byrne.
Theseus—Capt. G. L. Beaumont.
Amphion—Sergt. G. Webber; Lance-Corpl. W. Jackson; Bugler G. Lavers; Ptes. C. Farr, J. Sullivan, J. H. Stancombe, J. Mather, T. Gilbert, J Lidston, W. Pope, J. Caddy, A. Blane, H. Dooley, R. H. Falthorne, W. Lumley, W. J. Kemp, T. Lockley, W. J. Tyson, D. Dockerty, C. Watson.
Blake—Ptes. W. Dalton, C. Willis, J. Harding.
Bellona—Pte. E. Burch.
Black Prince—Bugler J. S. Garland: Ptes. J. Ford, W. Coles, W. Hughes, T. Abbey, T. Fahey.
Cambridge—Corpls. J. Donegan, F. J. Cummings; Lance-Sergt. G Norman; Pte. G. H. Taylor.
Devastation—Pte. J. J. Terry.
Ganges—Corpl. W. Jewell; Pte. R. Winters.
Halcyon—Ptes. J. Cater, T. A. Davies.
Hermoine—Ptes. A. Cromb, E. B. Burton.
Hibernia—Pte. C. Porton.
Harrier—Sergt. G. Burridge; Ptes. A. J. Smale, S. O. Evans, W. Habley, A. Manning, J. Duncan, A. G. Burdett, J. Roscoe, R. R. Hutton, H. Hutchison, J. Taylor.
Impregnable—Pte. S. G. Hacker.
Karrakatta—Corpl. S. Vickery; Ptes. T. Charles, H. Stride, J. W. Taylor.
Lion—Ptes. A. Dillin, W. Dalziel, F. Hansard, S. G. Fittall.
Magnificent—Ptes. W. J. Bamfield, R. McCullock, J. Ryan.
Melampus—Pte. A. E. Hubbard.
Monarch—Pte. F. T. Rigsby.
St. George—Pte. G. Batchelor.
Thunderer—Pte. T. James.
Theseus—Pte. C. Mill.
Vivid—Corpl. T. Jones; Ptes. W. Thomas, W. Naylor, J. H. Horton, H. Prangwell, G. Gardiner, R. Rose. J. McP. Nicholson, J. Robinson, F. J. Caddy, A. Thompson, C. Collinson, H. Parsons, G. Tanner, R. Nicholas, W. Coleman, W. Steel, W. Farrant, R. Eglen, H. S. Hudson, A. H. Coster, J. R. Rowett, J. Parker, J. Smith, H. Hooley, R. H. Lewis, E. A. Jenkins.

Disembarked.

TO EASTNEY.—

Magnificent.—Sergt. G. Phipps, Gunr. T. Smith, Bugler. W. H. Ife.
Warspite.—Sergt. J. J. Johns, Corpl. G. Grey, Gunrs. D. Reid H. W. Gates, H. Bury, J. W. Berry, J. Wiltshire, R. Bulbeck W. J. Brown, T. Cook, G. Lewis, F. West, J. Hickling. W. A. Long, C. Mabey, C. Jones, A. Berry, W. Marden, J. Goodfellow.
Resolution.—Bugler J. H. Davies, Gunr. J. W. Harman.
Colossus.—Gunrs. H. Haynes and H. Kelley.
Sans Pareil.—Gunr. G. Auchin.
Terror.—Gunr. H. Smith.
Majestic.—Gunr. F. Jones.
Pembroke.—Gunr. H. Haynes.

TO CHATHAM—

Pembroke.—Bugler A. E. Miller, Ptes. W. Brothers, A. Targett, A. E. Cain, G. F. Woodgate, W. Barnes, J. Martin.
Lion.—Pte. T. Anderson.
Howe.—Sergt. J. Benson, Corpl. C. A. Miller, Buglers W. Overton, T. Lismore, E. H. Leigh, Ptes. J. Timmins, T. Whitehouse, J. Plummer, F. Hearn, W. Pallister, W. Rushbridge, R. Chapman, W. Marsh, E. Ellis, R. Parker, J. Leyton, C. Ford, A. Hurst, E. J. Tarry, H. Leary, E. Baker, A. Mansfield, G. Wood, J. Mace, S. Pile, W. Ursel, G. Whitworth, J. Crane, J. Priddy, G. Kirkham, P. Harland.
Dryad.—Pte. T. Forrest.
Impregnable.—Pte. C. Berwick.
Empress of India.—Pte. J. Pell.
Australia.—Pte. G. E. Houghton.
Blenheim.—Corpls. S. Bickmore, F. C. Watkins, F. G. Calcutt, F. Williams, Bugler A. R. Goulding, Pte. W. Hunt.
Endymion.—Ptes. G. Boxall, T. G. Hutcherson, J. T. Edwards, H. Smith.
Wildfire.—Pte. J. E. King.
Mersey.—Bugler J. C. Fowler, Pte. E. Martin.
Speedy.—Ptes. C. Jackson, J. Taylor, W. A. Halls.
Charybdis.—Pte. S. A. Towers.
Gleaner.—Ptes. P. T. Outred, H. Field, W. Dodd.
Alexandra.—Pte. A. J. Saunders.

TO PORTSMOUTH—

Australia.—Ptes. A. R. Brooks, C. Thorne, J. Gosart, E. Smith, H. D. McLean, E. J. Knight.
Alexandra.—Lieut. J. Deed, Ptes. C. W. Goddard, C. Lambert, A. Bowie, G. Reed.
Boscawen.—Corpl. T. York, Ptes. J. E. Ming, T. H. Hillier, P. Murphy, E. McLaughlin, C. G. Baker, A. G. Rolinson, C. Kippen, T. Moore, J. Simmons, G. T. Jefferies.
Excellent.—Ptes. A. S. Aitken, W. Hobbs.
Gleaner.—Pte. E. Baker.
Inflexible.—Pte. H. E. Roberts.
Mohawk.—Pte. J. Murray.
Majestic.—Pte. J. Bunn, Bugler A. S. G. Craze.
Nile.—Pte. W. Watts.
Northampton.—Pte. C. R. Farrant.
Osborne.—Pte. H. Henley.
Polyphemus.—Ptes. E. G. Young, J. Cauls.
Penelope.—Capt. E. E. Chown.
Revenge.—Pte. H. W. Higglesden.
Royal Sovereign.—Corpl. H. V. Williams.
Speedy.—Sergt. E. H. Marshall.
St. George.—Sergt. H. Wildes.
Victoria and Albert.—Pte. J. Davies.
Vulcan.—Ptes. J. H. Gainham, F. Gooderson.
Victory.—Ptes. W. Clarke, R. B. T. Humphries, A. W. Harris, T. Luscombe, Corpls. F. J. Tickner, H. J. Taylor, W. Saralley, R. C. Binning, H. Chipperfield, G. F. Drewett, M. Redbourn.
Vernon.—Ptes. T. Petherick, J. A. Bearder.

TO PLYMOUTH—

Blake.—Corpl. A. Macer, Ptes. F. Pearce, G. W. Nicholls.
Britannia.—Pte. F. Taylor.
Bellona.—Pte. T. Clifford.
Black Prince.—Bugler S. C. Hine, Ptes. F. Shirley, D. Donald, J. Evans, F. Harris, J. Quinn.

Cambridge.—Corpls. E. Scantlebury, J. Parminter, Ptes. J. H. Drew, J. Webb, T. Brightwell.
Cossack.—Pte. A. Roberts.
Flora.—Ptes. H. Kingman, H. Walters, A. Robertson, L. Hatcher, J. J. Waye, T. H. Satchwell.
Ganges.—Corpl. C. J. Chapman, Ptes. J. Nicholas, J. F. Harlow.
Gleaner.—Pte. J. Hall.
Halcyon.—Corpl. J. C. Full, Pte. J. R. Unsworth.
Hermione.—Corpl. W. Linnell, Pte. W. Whalley.
Impregnable.—Pte. J. A. Neale.
Lion.—Ptes. W. J. Bamfield, H. Brady, P. Maher.
Northampton.—Pte. F. G. Lawson.
Sharpshooter.—Pte. F. Lockwood.
Theseus.—Pte. F. Peaty.
Vivid.—Corpls. T. Jones, F. J. Harwood; Ptes. J. Duncan, J. Forbes, J. F. Bryan, S. Johns, C. Burston, J. W. Silvester, J. Percy, W. F. Price, F. W. Little, J. W. Taylor, L. Taylor; Corpl. A. Woolacott; Ptes. R. Duncan, W. Smith, H. Edwards, T. Connorton, T. Austin, W. Chaddock, W. Harrison, F. Down, T. Jones, R. Chalmers, C. Strangers, S. Bates, M. Griffin, W. McDonald, P. Wells, W. G. Cuttiford, F. R. Harvey, F. Lewis, W. H. Davey, J. Brown, D. Heron, P. Kelly, E. Harrison, W. Douglas, A. Black, E. Jennings.

Moves

Lieut.-Col. L. Edye, R.M.L.I., on being relieved in the Naval Intelligence Department on the 1st instant by Major G. D. C. Raitt, R.M.A., is to be attached to Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., from that date, pending his absorption in the Establishment of the Corps.

Lieuts. L. W. Miller and H. M. Howard to Woolwich, for a course of Military Equitation.

PORTSMOUTH—

Lieut. T. B. Luard and Sergt. J. Facer will join the S. of M., Hythe, on the 8th inst.

Sergt. R. B. T. Stevenson and Corpl. W. J. Walley, joined the S.M.E., Chatham, on the 1st inst.

PLYMOUTH—

Ptes. J. Tallon and G. Cordell to Woolwich for a course of Regtl. Transport Duties.

Sergt. E. Thatcher and Lance-Sergt. S. Gunn proceeded to Chatham to join a class of instruction in Military Engineering, on 2nd inst.

Exchanges.

An exchange on the Officers General Foreign Service Roster has been sanctioned between Major H. C. Eagles, R.M.L.I., and Major E. C. L. Congdon, R.M.L.I.

Colour-Sergt. Moore and Sergts. Gingell and Fletcher, belonging to the best shooting detachment of the Plymouth Division R.M.L.I., exercised during the year, have been awarded musketry badges of crossed rifles and crown.

Corps Advertisements.

A. J. UPTON (late Royal Marines) "Bull" Hotel, 115, High Street, Chatham (3 doors from Barnard's Music Hall). Wines, Spirits, and Sparkling Ales all of the best quality. Clean and Good Beds, 1s. per night, can be had at any time up to midnight, or later if ordered; customers can depend upon being roused at any time they wish. Every facility for a Brush and Clean up, with use of Blanco Box, Button Brush, etc.

WANTED—A Lady's and Gentleman's Bicycles. Must be in good condition and by well-known makers.—"B," Care of Editors, *Globe and Laurel.*

The Editors beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions, etc., to 1st Feb., 1897:—

[The donation of £5 from Chatham Canteen was sent in error, and should not have been acknowledged last month.]

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sergt. Seymour ..	0	1	6	Sergt. Brown ..	0	1	6
Mr. Lark ..	0	1	9	Rev. Matthews ..	0	1	6
Mr. Wilmott ..	0	1	7½	Lieut. Cumberlege	0	1	6
Mr. Power ..	0	1	6	Major Hale ..	0	1	6
Miss Milburn ..	0	1	6	Lieut. Farquharson ..	0	1	6
Lce.-Sergt. Reed ..	0	3	0	Chatham Division ..	2	14	1
Mr. Plumstead ..	0	1	6	Mr. Sartin ..	0	1	6
General Gough ..	0	1	6	Gunner Spencer ..	0	1	0
General Thomas ..	0	1	6	Mr. Addyman ..	0	1	6
General Wylde ..	0	2	6	Captain Stokes, R.N.	0	2	6
Major Koe ..	0	1	6	"Gravesend" ..	0	0	9
Sergt. Stickland ..	0	0	9	*Undaunted* ..	0	15	0
E. Pamplin ..	0	1	6	Mr. Treglohan ..	0	1	6
Mr. Hobbins ..	0	1	6	*Galatea* ..	0	1	6
Major Blaxland ..	0	1	6	Captain Prendergast	0	1	6
Major Parry ..	0	2	2	Mr. Blake ..	0	1	6
Col. Bourchier ..	0	1	6	Mr. Tyrrell ..	0	1	6
Mr. Watson ..	0	1	6	Mr. Jones ..	0	1	6
General Scott ..	0	1	8	Corpl. Whitehead ..	0	5	0
Mr. Hughes ..	0	1	6	Sergt. Brightly ..	0	1	6
Mrs. Bourchier ..	0	1	6	*Hibernia* ..	0	6	0
N. Herring ..	0	1	6	Mr. Marriott ..	0	1	6
Miss Saunders ..	0	1	6	Mr. Clunies ..	0	1	6
C. S. Heath ..	0	0	9	*Pelican* ..	0	6	0
Mr. Parkman ..	0	1	6	Mr. Digges ..	0	1	6
Mr. B. Drage ..	0	3	0	Mr. Swales ..	0	0	9
Col. Carlyon ..	0	1	6	Major O. Johnson ..	0	1	0
Mr. Worsdall ..	0	1	7½	Mrs. Carlisle ..	0	1	6
Major Shanks ..	0	3	0	*Icarus* ..	0	16	8
Mr. Braybrook ..	0	1	6	Sergt. Davidson ..	0	1	6
R. Milne ..	0	1	6	Sergt. Guerin ..	0	3	9
Capt. Rose ..	0	3	0½	Colonel Carrington ..	0	1	6
Sans Pareil ..	0	2	6	Mr. Collins ..	0	1	6
Rev. Binney ..	0	0	9	Lce.-Corpl. Rose ..	0	1	6
Mr. East ..	0	1	6	Gunner Stallard ..	0	2	0
Capt. McIlwaine ..	0	1	6	Sergt.-Major Mearles	0	13	10
Theseus ..	0	8	0	Sergt. King, Vol. III.	0	2	6
Mr. Maskell ..	0	2	6	Colonel Nash ..	0	1	0
Mr. Savage ..	0	2	9	Mr. Plumstead ..	0	2	3
Trafalgar ..	1	1	10½	Colour-Sergt. Rodway	0	10	0
Major Peile ..	0	2	7½	*Excellent* ..	0	4	4
Major Lane ..	0	1	6	"Browndown" ..	0	2	0
A. White ..	0	1	11	*Blenheim* ..	0	4	4
Pte. Chandler ..	0	1	6	*Alexandra* ..	0	6	8
Major Smyth ..	0	7	6	*Pembroke* ..	0	12	0
Corpl. Welchman ..	0	1	6	*Champion* ..	0	6	6
Major Stephens ..	0	2	9	*Cordelia* ..	0	9	0
Sergt. Smith *(Melita)*	0	3	6	Plymouth Division ..	2	3	5
Miss Yates ..	0	1	6	*Magnificent* ..	0	13	7
Mr. Nunn ..	0	1	6	Private McCormack	0	3	0
Capt. Lambert ..	0	1	6	*Ramillies* ..	0	2	8
Mr. O'Brien ..	0	1	6	Mr. Larkins ..	0	1	6
Capt. Mackay ..	0	1	6	Mr. Bartholomew ..	0	1	6
Mr. Tolley ..	0	1	6	Private Frisby ..	0	1	6
Sergt. Musson ..	0	1	6	*Australia* ..	0	5	10
Capt. Huggins ..	0	1	6	Lieut. Tupman ..	0	1	6
Major Seager ..	0	1	6	Sergts.' Mess, Sheerness	0	1	9
Miss Onslow ..	0	1	6	Fleet-Surgeon Eustace	0	1	6
Mrs. Zeal ..	0	1	6	Officers' Mess, Forton	2	2	6
C.-S. Dunn ..	0	1	6				

Presentation.—A very enjoyable evening was spent by the Chief Petty Officers of H.M.S. *Northampton* on Wednesday, January 27th at the "Golden Lion" Hotel, Old Brompton. During the evening the chairman, A. W. Yates, N.S., presented, on their behalf, to Sergeant A. Austin, R.M.L.I., who has recently been married, a handsome clock as a testimonial of their esteem and regard for him as a much respected shipmate. His health having been drunk with "Three times three," and a suitable response having been made by him, the company settled down to listen to some capital musical selections by Messrs. Bush (piano), Park and Hall (violins), and to songs ably rendered by Messrs. Beeney, Allen, Pratt, Carter, Shimell, and the popular host, Mr. G. Burrell. The toast of "The Captain and Officers of H.M.S. *Northampton*" having been drunk with great enthusiasm, the singing of "God Save the Queen" brought a very successful gathering to a close.

The Recent Earthquake.

Dame Nature gave the inhabitants of the West of England and Wales a rough awakening on the morning of Thursday 17th December, by shaking some of them out of their beds. It is wonderful that at the places the earthquake was severe enough to throw down chimneys, knock down part of a church spire, and break crockery, there was no loss of life, and the injuries to persons of a trifling nature. It seems that the fires under Great Britain are not yet burnt out, and we may still see Snowdon again a "full blown" active volcano, and lava pouring into the Irish sea as in days of yore.

Talking about earthquakes one may recall the story when some would-be prophet foretold a serious earthquake which was to take place on April 8th, 1750. This proved to be nearly as good a "sell" as the famous "soldino" joke of Plymouth fame. He was so successful in working upon the fears of the people, that thousands, especially those of rank and fortune passed the night of the 7th in their carriages and tents in Hyde Park. Professor Milne, alluding to the "quake" of 17th, says—"It tells us that in Britain bradyseismical action is not extinct, and although our country may be growing less and less by all those actions summed up by geologists in chapters on subærial and marine denudation, these are compensated for by a secular uplifting of strata and mountain growth, the existence of which is announced by earthquakes."

Many of us have been wishing to know about the action of the earthquake, and with this explanation and a dictionary "now we shan't be long."



Col.-Sergt. T. Jones. Sergt. E. Burnett. Sergt. D. Finlayson. Sergt. J. E. Cole. Col.-Sergt. J. J. Dickson.
Lt. & Qr.-Mr. B. Tucker. Lieut. C. E. Collard. S.-Sergt. F. Hayward.

WINNING TEAM—PORTSMOUTH DIVISION—
ALL RANKS' INTER-DIVISIONAL COMPETITION, 1896.

HIS TRAP.

A few days ago an engraver in Bristol happening to look through his shop window, observed an elderly gentleman, whom he recognised as an excise officer, attentively scanning the outside of his premises. After satisfying his curiosity by an outside inspection, he entered the shop, note-book in hand, and opened a conversation with the proprietor. "Mr. Jones, I believe?" "Yes, I am Mr. Jones." "You keep a trap I understand?" "Yes." "Have you a license for that trap?" "No." Down goes an entry of this candid admission in the note-book. "Did you have a license last year?" "No." Another entry in the book. "Why did you not take out a license?" "I did not think it was necessary." "How many does your trap hold?" "Five." Another memorandum. "How many wheels has it?" "None." "None! Why what sort of a trap is it?" "A mouse trap." Officer disappears, and does not even make a report to Somerset House.—*Sprig of Shillelagh.*

Major Henry E. McCallum, C.M.G., Royal Engineers, who has been appointed Governor of Lagos, is a son of the late Major Henry Atkins McCallum, R.M.L.I., and grandson of the late Colonel John McCallum, Commandant, R.M. He succeeds Sir Gilbert Carter, K.C.M.G., who was son-in-law of Colonel Edward Hocker, C.B., R.M.L.I.

As we have had several enquiries about the actual strength and disposition of the Corps, we think that it will not be out of place to publish the official statement made at the end of the year 1896:—R.M.A.—Afloat, 1,567; On Shore, 1,377. Total, 2,944. R.M.L.I.—Afloat, 7,547; On Shore, 5,656. Total, 13,203. General Staff, 12. Receiving Staff Officers, 9. Warrant Officer (Malta), 1; Grand Total, 16,169. Supernumeraries—R.M A., 65; R.M.L.I., 105; Wanting to complete R.S.O., 1—169. Establishment, 16,000.

Entertainments

R.M.A. Theatre.

THE season opened with "A Wife's Revenge," a drama in 4 acts, by J. B. Buckstone, Esq., and was played three nights, crowded houses on each occasion signifying the successful acting and staging of the piece. Miss E. Seymour as "Agnes de Vere" scored a big success, and was warmly applauded for her capable portrayal of the injured wife. Corpl. T. J. Kerr as "Alfred de Vere" was no less successful, if the hootings and "yahs" may be accepted as applause, which is the lot of the "Villain." Little Laura Marsh deserves a meed of praise for her clever child-like acting and clear enunciation. Mrs. Cope as the unwitting supplanter of a true wife's affection made the most of a difficult character. The comic element was represented by Mrs. Jerrome and Corpl. Folland, the latter "fetching" everyone with his clever selections on the "Oompah." Sergt. Sears as "Shafton." Brs. Henning and Muller ably played their parts, and the piece throughout was a huge success. New scenery, dresses, etc., greatly enhanced the success of "A Wife's Revenge," and the management deserve great praise, and we wish them all success in their future ventures.

Royal Marine Theatre, Stonehouse.

An enjoyable entertainment was given in the theatre of the Royal Marine Barracks, on Wednesday evening, to a larger audience than has been present at any time this season. After an opening overture by the band, Col. Wright, who has been most energetic in organizing these entertainments, explained the object in view and appealed for additional patronage, pointing out the good results of such an institution as the divisional fund for the relief of distress (which, by the way, is entirely supported by the officers of the division) and announcing that he had already been able to augment the balance by several pounds. Mr. Derrick then read one of Mrs. Caudle's curtain lectures, after which there was some really good singing by Mesdames Cockayne, Mitchell, Smith, and Miss F. Dingle. Solos were contributed by Messrs. Greenfield, Wills (both members of the band) and Mr. Payne, and a trio for violin, flute, and viola was by no means the least enjoyable item of the programme. Other songs by Lce.-Sergt. Lilly, Staff-Sergt. Brown, and Band-Sergt. Miller; a recitation, "Our folks," by Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. Mitchell, and a hornpipe dance by Mr. Ferris, made up a programme which richly merited the unlimited applause of the audience.—*Western Morning News*, Dec. 10th, '96.

The Compton Club at Operetta House, Edinburgh.

The members of the Compton Club appeared last night in the Operetta House with a new and original drama in four acts, entitled "Idle Words; or, Death or Glory," by Miss Julia A. Fraser, authoress of "Shilrick the Drummer; or, Loyal and True." The entertainment was given under the patronage of Lieut.-Col. T. F. Ross and the officers of the 1st Battalion Royal Scots; Lieut.-Col. A. G. Thompson and the officers of the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons; and Lieut.-Col. J. M. Alves and the officers of the Royal Artillery. Miss Fraser has already done some excellent work as an authoress, and last night's production gave indication of her success as a dramatist. The action of the play was naturally of a military character, and some striking incidents in a soldier's life were represented. The plot was admirably conceived, and the characters were excellently drawn. A capable company gave an artistic performance, the principal characters being ably sustained by Mr. A. W. B. Kingston, Mrs. R. S. Pillans, and Miss A. E. Pillans.—*North British Daily Mail.*

[The above cutting has been forwarded to us from Edinburgh, where the play seems to have been greatly appreciated. The authoress, Miss Julia Fraser, is the daughter of the late Major-General Simons Fraser, R.M., and our readers may remember the review in this paper of another work from her able pen, I refer to "Shilrick, the Drummer." Bugler Hawkins, R.M.L.I., rendered valuable assistance in the set scenes. The orchestra consisted of the band of the 1st Battalion Royal Scots, and the performance was patronised by a large number of officers of 6th Inniskilling Dragoons and Royal Artillery.]

R.M. Theatre, Forton.

A most successful entertainment was given on Monday evening, Jan. 4th, at the R.M.L.I. Barracks at Forton, the audience being unusually large and very enthusiastic. An extremely amusing sketch, entitled "The Three Spinsters," was presented, the authorship of which is attributed in the bills to John S. R. Emelli. The piece, however, emenates from the pen of Major Johnstone, who must have felt extremely gratified with the warm welcome accorded his work. All the performers gave a good account of themselves, but special praise is due to Private Weightman, who was "on the boards" prior to joining the Service, and who played the part of an old maid with a yearning towards the "holy state of matrimony" in a very spirited fashion. Mrs. Warner, an old favourite, and Miss Hodgson likewise acquitted themselves extremely well, while Pte. Wilson, who held the only masculine part in the play, showed histrionic ability of no mean order. In the miscellaneous portion of the programme, a comic song entitled "Musketry," by Pte. Marshall; Whisper and I shall hear," by Miss Hodgson; and the rendering of the part song, "The Hemlock Tree," by the band, are deserving of special mention. Comic ditties were submitted by Dr. Whitelegge and Sergt. Warner, the remaining vocalists being Ptes. Tyler, Miller, and Meadows. Sergt. Millar played a violin solo; Col.-Sergt. Taylor and Corpl. Taylor gave a fencing exhibition; Capt. Fraser performed upon the bones; and Pte. Mulligan appeared in a song and dance. Major Johnstone acted as manager, assisted by Col.-Sergt. Taylor and Sergts. Morris and Hughes. Mr. Wilkins was in the chair.—*Evening News*, Jan. 5th, '97.

On Tuesday, 19th January, at the R.M. Theatre, Forton, to a fashionable and crowded audience, a highly successful dramatic entertainment was given by amateurs. After a selection by the string band under the direction of Mr. G. Miller, Mus. Bac., George Grossmith's delightful operetta entitled "Cups and Saucers," was given, the characters being taken by Mrs. Arnold and Major J. R. Johnstone, R.M.L.I. Mrs. Arnold's rendering of the song, "I Cannot Love My Little Saucer," and the finale, being enthusiastically received. Then came W. S. Gilbert's three-act comedy "Tom Cobb." The piece is far too well known to require description here, it suffices to speak of the individual performances. Taking the ladies first, Miss M. Cobb as Matilda O'Fipp played her part most naturally and spoke her lines distinctly, as did Mrs. Morrison as the romantic Mrs. Effingham. Of the Caroline Effingham of Miss Papillon it is impossible to speak too highly. There are very few, if any, amateurs who can play the part without appearing ridiculous, but Miss Papillon mastered it thoroughly, and she must have been highly gratified with the reception she received from everyone. Miss Miller as a servant made the most, out of a small part. Turning to the gentlemen, Major Johnstone, R.M.L.I., in the title rôle was a great success, receiving round after round of applause for the humorous way in which he delivered his lines. Lieut. Haig, R.E., made a decided hit as Surgeon Whipple and contributed much to the merriment of the evening, as did Lieut. Webb, R.A., as Bulstrode Effingham, the lawyer's clerk. In Colonel O'Fipp Surgeon Whitelegge, R.N., had a character that suited him to perfection, while Surgeon Lomas, R.A., with a marvellous make-up, took the part of Mr. Effingham in a style which showed him capable of greater things. The duties of prompter were successfully performed by Colonel Miller, R.M.L.I., the whole performance being under the direction of Major J. R. Johnstone, R.M.L.I. £31 5s. were taken, and £20 handed over to the Benevolent Fund.—*From our Dramatic Correspondent.*

At the Victoria Regatta at Hong Kong on December 11th, a crew of the R.M.L.I., from the *Victor Emanuel*, won the light gig's race open to Europeans of the Army, Navy, or Police. The winning crew in the *Marjorie* consisted of Sergeant Hone (cox), Sergeant Jeffery, Privates Whitecrose, Hammond, Musselbrook, Peacock, and Lance-Corporal Simpson. The winners rowed in capital style, and did credit to the painstaking coaching of Sergeant Hone. Two Marines, Lce.-Corporal Scott, and Private Page, were in the other *Victor Emanuel* boat, the *Joan*, which came in second. Boats from the R.A. and Kowloon Depôt also competed.

Correspondence.

We have much pleasure in inserting the following letter, giving a short account of the doings of our comrades serving at Victoria, B.C.

The Barracks,
Victoria, B.C.,
18th December, 1896.

The Editors of the Globe and Laurel.

Sirs,—No doubt the readers of the *G. and L.* would be pleased to hear a little of our doings here. There are two detachments here, one from the R.M.A., and the other from the R.E.—the latter to build the fortifications. At present there are two Forts, one close to the Barracks, and the other on the opposite side of Esquimalt Harbour. They both contain 6" B.L. guns on H.P. or disappearing mountains; also Hotchkiss Q.F. and Maxim machine guns. There is also a Battery of 13-pounders for a movable armament. The guns in both Forts have been mounted by the R.M.A., having been sent across to Halifax, and thence by the Canadian Pacific Railway here, a distance of 3,000 miles by sea and 3,000 miles by rail, in less than a month; very different from the old way of doing things by going round the Horn, which takes six months. We have a Cricket and a Football Team in working order.

The Cricket Team has done well during the past season, having played 21 games. Won 14, Lost 5, Drawn 2. Captains Barnes and Poole, two well-known cricketers, are a great help to us. I enclose the Batting and Bowling averages for last season. The Football Team is doing good work up to the time of writing, having played 13 games. Won 11, Lost 1, Drawn 1. Goals for, 78; against, 4.

In conclusion, I can only say we are very happy here, we all enjoy the life and have good health—thanks to our officers, who take an interest in everything that is done. Hoping I have not trespassed too much on your valuable space,

I am, gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
F. J. PORTER, Cr.-Sergt., R.M.A.

"THE BARRACKS" C.C. VICTORIA B.C.

BATTING AVERAGES.

Players	Games Played	Times Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
Capt. Barnes	7	0	165	66	23·5
Gunner Barraclough	21	4	345	91†	20·2
Corpl. Glover	20	0	318	86	15·9
Br. Kelly	20	1	223	49†	11·7
Sapper Spong	20	2	153	38	8·5
" Sweet	19	3	120	21	7·5
Gunner Frain	16	0	116	55	7·2
" Cannon	18	3	89	19	5·9
" Bourner	15	2	66	16	5·07
" Alland	10	1	35	13	3·9
" Sawyer	15	0	42	9	2·8
" Hall	6	1	10	5†	2·0

† *Denotes not out.*

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Gunner Barraclough	272·3	94	506	88	5·6
Sapper Spong	61·3	28	116	26	6·2
Br. Kelly	129·0	21	345	40	8·6
Capt. Barnes	111·4	23	254	27	9·4

Capt. Poole played only five games, and his Batting average was 37·7.

LIST OF GAMES.

Games played, 21; Won, 14; Lost, 5; Drawn, 2.

ROYAL NAVAL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY, R.M. DEPOT.

To the Editors, "Globe and Laurel."

Gentlemen,—Some two years ago you very kindly inserted a letter of mine in the *Globe and Laurel* about our temperance work at the Depôt To show that we are still going ahead, and for the encouragement of our members all over the world, nearly a thousand joined the society last year. A few days ago a Marine told me that when on board *H.M.S. Benbow* last year, nine out of ten members of his mess were teetotallers (three life abstainers). All the ten stopped their rum, taking up tea and sugar instead, and it was the most comfortable mess he was ever in. Among the ten men they had twenty nine good conduct badges, two men had four each, five had three, and three had two. Another man has since told me, that out of fourteen men in his mess on board, twelve were abstainers. The fact is our men begin to open their eyes and to realize that the amount of money lost to them in pay and pension through the drink is enormous. It has been a puzzle to me that this point has not been more thought of. I think the time is drawing near when we should stop "educating our men to drink rum;" as Admiral Sir G. C. Willes put it some two or three years ago at a meeting in London. In my long experience of nearly forty years (eleven on board, and twenty-seven as a reader in Devonport, Malta, Hong-Kong and the Depôt) I am convinced that nothing causes so much crime, punishment, sickness, and deaths, as drink.

I am, gentlemen,
Yours very truly,
G. COAN, R.N., Scripture Reader, R.M. Depot.

MARINE MUSEUMS—A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the Globe and Laurel,

Sir,

In writing to you on this subject I desire at once to say that if there be aught of novelty and originality in the idea I am about to set forth, the credit therefore is in no wise due to me. When talking a few days ago, before I left Sandhurst, to ex-Colour-Sergeant Slanley, late R.M.L.I., and now gatekeeper at the Royal Military College, the idea was mooted by him during our conversation, and seemed to me to be a very promising one. The details I here myself elaborated. To be brief, I suggest that at each of our headquarters a museum be started. In a corps like ours that has men in all parts of the world, having exceptional facilities for picking up curios and oddities in all manner of out-of-the-way places, I venture to think that in a few year's time each division would be the possessor of a collection varied, valuable, and interesting. As a commencement, authority might be obtained for putting therein a specimen of every kind of uniform worn by the corps and the various arms, appointments and accoutrements in use. There might be a difficulty about the officers' uniforms, but not an insuperable one. How interesting it would be to many of us if we were able to look at the actual kind of garments worn by our predecessors in the corps in the days long gone by, instead of merely seeing the pictures of the uniforms in the corps history! And what an assistance to any one interested in such matters to see them at our headquarters instead of having to hunt them up with toil and trouble! And as it may be assumed that our successors will have the same kind of interest in the past that we have, it would be a positive advantage to the corps to establish some such institution as is here set forth. Men on the return from foreign and distant stations with heterogenous collections of rare and curious things that it has been an interest to them to collect during a perhaps wearisome commission. On arriving in England it sometimes happens that they do not know what to do with the things they have got together so carefully and so dispose of them at ridiculous small prices. A headquarter Museum duly arranged and properly managed would meet a difficulty of that kind, and moreover might actually encourage collecting and stimulate emulation. We have lots of officers amongst us who are sportsmen, naturalists, photographers, travellers, warriors, etc., and to them and to hundreds of N.C.O.'s and men we could confidently look for rare birds or beasts or fishes of every kind, views of strange places and articles of peace and war from every country under heaven that the sea touches.

After a while, when a nucleus of a collection had been joined, a room might be set apart at each of the headquarters and fitted up with shelves and cases as requisite. As the work is of an educational character the Lords of the Admiralty might be disposed to sanction in the Naval Estimates the small sum requisite for the latter purpose. Labelled and classified with the names of donors attached, the various collections will in a very few years' time be of interest to visitors, and, personally, I think the men would before long take a pride in adding to their own Headquarter Museum.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
26th December, 1896. A. F. GATLIFF, Major, R.M.L.I.

Shooting.

ROYAL MARINE RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

IF the year 1896 can claim to be remarkable in no other way, it will ever be remembered by those who have the Rifle Shooting interest of the Corps at heart, as one of the greatest importance, for it has seen the inauguration of the Royal Marine Rifle Association, and this is an undertaking which cannot fail to commend itself in the highest degree to those who give the matter a thought. No newly-undertaken enterprise can in justice be expected to be perfect at once, and it would be unreasonable were we to expect the R.M.R.A. to be so. That in the first year of its life the Association has arranged inter-divisional matches for all ranks and young soldiers, a properly organized system of competition for the R.M. eight, and that it offers gold, silver, and bronze jewels for competition, and many prizes for the inter-divisional matches, is, in our opinion, sufficient guarantee of the wholesome work it is likely to effect in raising the standard of rifle shooting in the Royal Marine Corps.

Owing partly to the fact that the Association was not fairly started till somewhat late in the year, and partly to the want of range accommodation, the inter-divisional matches did not meet with the support which we feel sure awaits them in the future. In the "All Ranks" competition in the Portsmouth Division (R.M.L.I.) and Chatham Division only competed, and it resulted in a win for the Portsmouth Division with the excellent average of 95·6, out of a possible 105. The young soldiers of the same Division had a "walk over" in their competition, and averaged 78·8 in the shoot. Subjoined are a list of changes in rules, which, at a recent meeting, the Committee saw good to make; and what will be of universal interest, a photo. of the Winners of the First Inter-Divisional Competition. Before leaving this subject, we feel ourselves bound to pass a vote of thanks to those officers who have borne the burden and heat of the day in the organization of this admirable institution, and to wish them and the Association the very best of good luck in the future.

Alterations of Rules.

On the 13th October a meeting of the R.M.R.A. Committee was held at Eastney Barracks—Col. Poore presiding. Among the principal alterations of rules are the following :—

RULE XI.

(*a*) 6.—Add after 1st October, "No firing to take place before 9 a.m."

(*a*) 7.—Superintending Officer read as follows; "An officer of not less than three years service must be present at the firing point, &c."

(*c*) 1.—Add after "but only one practice may be fired on each day" the words "and no firing is to take place before 9 a.m."

RULE XII.

Add after "certified register" as follows: "The Committee have the power to add to the twenty a number, not exceeding five of well-known shots, who can show to the entire satisfaction of the Committee that they have been unable to complete the five practices."

RULE XIII.

To read as follows: "The twenty or more thus selected will assemble at some suitable range—if possible, Ash or Pirbright—to take part in a three days' competition, the number of shoots being six. At the conclusion of the six shoots, the first eight in order of merit will be *ipso facto* in the ten, and the other two, to complete the ten, will be chosen by the Captain of the team from the remainder."

RULE XIV.

The ten thus selected will be handed over to the Captain, and will be practised together if practicable and advisable. The ultimate selection of the *eight* being left entirely with him.

RULE XVI.

Prizes, read as follows: "A gold, silver, and bronze jewel will be awarded respectively to the three members of the twenty whose scores in six shoots are the highest.—A prize of £4 will be given to the Team making the highest score in the 'All Ranks' inter-divisional match, and the same amount to the winning team in the 'Young Soldiers' match."

RULE XVII.

Eradicate this rule, and read as follows: "Subsistence at the rate of 5s. per diem for officers, and 2s. for other ranks, will be paid to each member of the twenty for each day they are away from their own district for the purpose of taking part in :

(*a*) The competition of the 'Twenty' for places in the 'Ten.'

(*b*) The subsequent practices of the 'Ten' as a Team.

(*c*) The United Service Match at Bisley.

Travelling expenses will be paid to any members of the twenty leaving their Divisions for any of the above-named competitions, provided that their travelling expenses have not been defrayed from any other source. The same rules as regards subsistence and travelling allowance will apply to the Captain of the team. Travelling allowance will be allowed to one officer for each Division who may be elected to represent his Division at any meeting of the R.M.R.A. Committee."

MUSKETRY TRAINING OF THE PLYMOUTH DIVISION R.M.L.I., FOR THE YEAR, 1896.

The first seven detachments for the year were trained under the old system, and of the number exercised 57 were marksmen, 132 first-class shots, 133 second-class shots, and 8 thirds, a percentage of 17·27, 40·00, 40·30, 22·42, respectively. The best shooting detachment amongst these, and for the year, is the 4th, Lieut. Heriot in command, its figure of merit being $\frac{145·80}{58·59}$; in the detachment were 16 marksmen, 19 first, and 12 second-class shots.

Under the new system 531 have been exercised. Of this number 92 or 17 per cent. are marksmen; 218 or 41 per cent. first; 219 or 41 per cent. second; and 2 or none per cent. third-class shots. The figure of merit of these eleven detachments is $\frac{125}{47}$

In addition to this, 48 employed N.C. Officers and men have been exercised with reduced charge: 22 of these are marksmen, 22 first, and 4 second-class shots. Their figure of merit is $\frac{47}{70}$

In the revolver course 20 Officers have been exercised, Captain G. T. Byrne taking highest honours with 82 points; 11 W.O's and Staff-Sergeants were exercised, firing 12 rounds; Staff-Sergeant Woolcock taking first place with 47 points.—The best shots for the year are Private E. Songshaw, with 208 points (old system); Corpl. A Thomas and Private S. R. Hodge, with 191 points (new system).

Military Wedding at Stonehouse.

ST. George's Church, Stonehouse, was crowded on the occasion of the wedding of Capt. Fitzroy Tufton Holt Scott, of the Plymouth Division R.M.L.I., son of the late Deputy-Commissary-Gen. W. H. H. Scott, Ordnance Store Department, and Margaret, second daughter of Mr. T. Leah, Surgeon, of Durnford street, and Medical Officer of Health for East Stonehouse. The ceremony was associated with military honours, which greatly enhanced what was otherwise a pretty spectacle. The company which the bridegroom commanded paraded in church-going order, under Lieuts. Scott and J. R. Nixon, and lined the side entrance to the Church, while two colour-sergeants and six sergeants—also belonging to Capt. Scott's company—took up positions on either side of the chancel. Seats in the body of the church were reserved for Col.-Commandant E. L. Rose and the officers of the Division, most of whom attended in full dress. Punctually at two o'clock the bride entered the church, leaning upon the arm of her father, by whom she was given away. The bridesmaids were Miss Leah, Miss Scott, Miss G. Leah and Miss Dunbar Pope. Capt. Prendergast, R.M.L.I., acted as "best man." The bridal party was met at the entrance to the Church by the surpliced choir and the Revs. B. B. Liptrott, vicar of St. George's Church, and S. S. Browne, B.A., chaplain of the Royal Marines. The service was choral. While the register was being signed, Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" was played, and the bride and bridegroom on emerging from the building passed through the double line of Royal Marines, extended on this occasion by the non-commissioned officers from the chancel. After the ceremony a reception was held at 85 Durnford street, and later in the afternoon Capt. and Mrs. Fitzroy Scott left for Torquay, amid hearty congratulations.

The Royal Marine Almanack.

To the Editors of the "Globe and Laurel."

Gentlemen,

The price of the almanack for 1897, though only half that of the 1896 one, seems to cause a great deal of dissatisfaction. I argue this from the small numbers ordered by the other Divisions, and also from what I have been told by brother officers. May I give a short account of how the almanack is produced, and also what determines the price? When the design has been settled on, a water-colour painter is commissioned to make sketches of the figures; as soon as this is done, tenders are invited for the printing of the almanack. Now owing to the committee being tied down to a small number—1,500—which is, of course, computed from the preceding year's sale, the price of single copies is naturally high. If they could feel justified in ordering three times the number the price would go down in proportion. After all four or five thousand is not a very large number to order for a force of 16,000 strong. I feel sure if this fact was fully realized, officers would exert themselves to increase the sale and so decrease the price, rather than let the Corps Almanack die a natural death. And this is what will happen if the sales do not realize enough to pay off the cost of production.

It may be argued that because the almanack has been produced so far at one Division only that it is only a Divisional and not a Corps enterprize. Though the design, etc., has been determined by a local committee, that committee never once dreamt that by so doing they deprived their production of the right of being called a Corps production. However, as it may be open to this charge, they suggest that, in future, the almanack should be managed on these lines:—

(1) A central committee consisting of a president and four members be elected. This committee to be re-elected as often as considered practicable or necessary. At each re-election, this committee to be moved to another Division, in the same way as the editing of the *Globe and Laurel* is moved periodically from one Division to another.

(2) Sub-committees to be formed at each Division, including Eastney and the Depot, consisting of a president and two members.

These sub-committees will collect ideas and ascertain the views of officers and men at their Divisions, and forward their report to the central committee. They would also inform the central committee as to how many copies would be required, and would act generally as local members of the central committee. The central committee would be the executive body and would be entrusted with the designing and production of the almanack.

It is hoped that if this suggestion is adopted the almanack would indeed be regarded as a Corps production and would increase in popularity.

The present committee invite discussion, and would be very glad if steps could be taken to carry out their suggestion, or any improvement on it, that readers of the *Globe and Laurel* may suggest.

I am, yours truly,

H. C. Evans, Capt., R.M.L.I.,

Hon. Sec., Almanack Committee.

With regard to the above we do not quite agree with the suggestion put forward. As the idea was started at Plymouth and has been so ably carried out, not as a Divisional but as a Corps production, it is not likely that it would be better done at any other place. Suggestions from other Divisions might be called for before publishing, but otherwise we think it a pity ever to take work out of willing and able hands simply for the sake of change. We may give a slight hint, which already has proved useful—The almanack makes a capital recruiting advertisement.—*Verb. Sap.*

Football.

CHATHAM.

Though but a few matches have been played this season, the Chatham team shows distinct promise. The company matches, which were so successful in years gone by, have been revived, and so far G company has distinguished itself by defeating B company 7 to nil.

The divisional team drew a good match with the Royal Warwickshire with 4 goals all, and are expecting a visit from the Depot shortly, when they hope to improve on the result of their last visit to Walmer.

Pte. J. Stopford who leaves for the Cape in H.M.S. *Monarch* will be missed from the team. He is a hard-working player either at half or back, always good tempered, and only at fault in trying to do more than one man's work.

PLYMOUTH.

St. George's United *v.* R.M.L.I.

A League match between the above teams took place on the St. George's ground at Cremyll, on Saturday, 16th January. The Marines started down the hill, and the forward rank at once, by a series of short kicks, got into the United quarters. Play was only confined here for a few minutes before Lillicrap cleared with a kick to the half-way. Here the backs offered some resistance, but the ball was sent out to Stevenson, the left, who raced away, and when close up scored. After this, some very even play was seen in mid-field, but St. George's, after some heavy kicking, gained the advantage, and Stevenson again put in a clever run, and centering well, J. Langley succeeded in heading through a second goal. After this St. George's continually manifested their superiority, and although the Marines occasionally visited their opponents' territory, the play was almost entirely in the vicinity of the visitors' goal. Toward half-time St. George's hotly pressed, and Scawn beat the opposing goal-keeper. Half-time was called with St. George's leading by three goals to nil.

In the second half the Marines played a much better game, and within a few minutes got away through a bit of combined play on the part of the forwards. Lillicrap succeeded in partially stopping the attack, but Davidson received on the extreme right, and easily passing the United back division, scored with a fast shot. After this the Marines played with renewed vigour, and Lillicrap and Dyer were kept well employed on the defence. Davidson, although playing a very rough game, did a large amount of useful work, and was, in a measure, responsible for his side's success in the second half. He was, however, badly supported, which was very fortunate for the homesters, who did not play up to their usual form. As the result of a good corner kick from Langley, the ball was sent to the halves, and Pawley was enabled to register a fourth goal for the United. The visitors. however, replied to this in a most spirited manner, and Davis, after a good individual effort, scored a second point for the Marines. The United were then playing chiefly on the defensive, but could not prevent the addition of another goal, through Foster. Result:—St. George's United, four goals; R.M.L.I., three goals.

R.M. Depot *v.* St. George's, Ramsgate.—Played on the Depot Ground on Saturday last, and, considering the state of the ground, a fast and wonderfully even game was played, ending in a draw of 2 goals each. The visitors led at half-time by 2 to 1, but the Depot seemed to stay better and managed to equalize. Both goal-keepers proved to be in good form, Weigall, for the visitors, saving some capital shots. The following represented the Depot:—Pte. Griffiths (goal), Corpl. Spencer and Lieut. Coke (backs), Corpl. Airs, Sergt. Scougall, and Mus. Lankford (half-backs), Pte. Brown and Sergt. Rutherford (right), Pte. Grieves (centre), Drmr. Cleal and Mus. Murphy (left wing), forwards.—The Depot have now played 16 matches, winning 10, drawing 3, and losing 3. Goals for, 55; against, 15.

The President of the Royal Naval College has been informed, and that their Lordships have approved, of the award of the prize of a sword to Mr. Musson, the first in order of merit.

Answers to Correspondents.

TOBERMORY—Many thanks for the paper sent, and news of the Corps in the old days.

ON BOARD. TIME EXPIRED—You give neither name nor address. So hope you will see this. There are no absolute rules for this. A special case is sometimes made when a man is of exceptional good service, or is specially fitted to fill some particular billet; but this always causes trouble and a lot of writing, and rests entirely with the captain of the ship.

"COSSACK"—Numbers received. You are credited with the value and postage. Subscription paid to August, 1896, inclusive. Amount due after deducting numbers returned, 2s. 7½d.

"HALCYON"—Papers will be sent as requested. It would be convenient to us if you paid quarterly.

PTE. JONES, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Champion*. We much regret that your letter did not arrive sooner, as we have not had sufficient time to answer fully. The case seems doubtful. With regard to prize-money distribution, page 661, *Quarterly Navy List*, and in the scale of pensions and allowances to relatives of men killed on duty, Color-Sergeants R.M.A. or R.M.L.I. are classed with C.P.O.'s; but again in gratuities for G.C. Medal the difference between the two ranks is £5. At present we cannot find out for certainty; and speaking open to correction, we should say Color-Sergeants do not rank with C.P.O.'s, but, being as a rule the senior N.C.O., R.M., on board ship, they are generally permitted to have the same privileges. We would be glad to receive letters on this subject.

Letters received too late for publication from—Lieut. Whitmarsh, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Mildura*, and Corpl. Hooker, Sydney.

Births.

HARVEY—At Chatham, 9th December, 1896, the wife of Col.-Sergt. F. Harvey, of a son.

CARTER—At Chatham, 14th January, 1897, the wife of Sergt. W. Carter, of a daughter.

KEECH—At Chatham, 17th December, 1896, the wife of Pte. J. Keech, of a son.

PLUMSTEAD—At Northfield, Balham, S.W., the wife of Mr. Geo. E. Plumstead, of a son.

THOMPSON—At Stonehouse, on 29th December, 1896, the wife of Sergt. Thompson, of a daughter.

FISH—On 10th December, 1896, the wife of Sergt. J. P. Fish, of a son.

PEATY—On 30th December, 1896, the wife of Sergt. H. F. Peaty, of a daughter.

WATSON—On 28th November, 1896, the wife of Pte. F. Watson, of a daughter.

Marriages.

TAYLOR—BILLSON—At Marylebone, London, on January 4th, Sergt. H. M. Taylor to Miss H. A. A. Billson.

SAUNDERS—BOLWELL—At Deal, on 26th December, 1896, Lce.-Sergt. A. E. Saunders to Miss S. Bolwell.

PAIN—PETTIT—At Deal, 11th January, Corpl. W. N. Pain to Miss R. M. Pettit.

ANNALL—ARNOLD—At Deal, 3rd January, Pte. J. Annall to Miss M. C. Arnold.

LONG—REVELL—At Deal, 12th January, Pte. J. Long to Miss E. J. Revell.

BARRETT—SPAIN—At Deal, 9th January, Pte. C. Barrett to Miss S. R. Spain.

ROWE—PHIPPEN—At Deal, 11th January, Pte. J. S. Rowe to Miss F. A. Phippen.

BEERE—NELSON—At West Derby, on January 14th, Corpl. H. E. Beere to Mrs. H. C. Nelson.

BERNHARD—KEELE—On August 17th, 1896, at Gosford, Australia, Edgar Hugh, third surviving son of Godfrey Louis Bernhard, of East Finchley, to Josephine Laura, only child of the late Joseph Johnson Keele, N.S.W., and niece of Colonel Spalding, N.S.W. Artillery, Governor of Norfolk Island. (Delayed in transmission.)

BROOKES—WAIDE—On December 20th, at the Cathedral, Bombay, the Rev. J. A. Rowland Brookes, M.A., Chaplain on the Indian Ecclesiastical Establishment, eldest son of Captain J. Rowland Brookes, R.M.A., to Ida, eldest daughter of Francis Waide, Esq., of Finchley.

MILLER—BOWSER—At the Chapel of St. Cross, Winchester, on the 3rd January, Pte. Wm. Miller to Miss Bowser.

SMITH—SMITH—At the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Boston, Lincoln, on the 19th December, Sergt. H. Smith to Miss Smith.

ALLEN—EASTLAND—At the Parish Church Walmer, on 23rd December, 1896, Pte. W. Allen to Miss Eastland.

JACKSON—CLAYTON—At Parish Church, Havant, on 24th December, 1896, Gunr. Ernest Jackson, R.M.A., to Miss M. Clayton.

LITTLETON—STONE—At Parish Church, Burnham, Somerset, 26th December, 1896, Corpl. G. H. Littleton, R.M.A., to Miss E. A. Stone.

DEACON—CHAMP—At St. Bartholomew's Church, Southsea, 26th December, 1896, Sergt. F. G. Deacon, R.M.A., to Miss L. M. Champ.

WALL—ALDERMAN—At Parish Church, Hanworth, 25th December, 1896, Corpl. W. C. Wall, R.M.A., to Miss E. Alderman.

MERCHANT—STOCKLEY—At St. Michael and All Angels, Southsea, 19th December, 1896, Gunr. W. Merchant, R.M.A., to Miss E. Stockley.

HARDY—PALMBY—At St. Barnabas Church, Cambridge, 25th December, 1896, Lce.-Sergt. John Hardy, R.M.A., to Miss E. R. Palmby.

CORNWELL—POSTLE—At Ingham, Norfolk, 26th December, 1896, Gnr. J. Cornwell, R.M.A., to Miss E. A. Postle.

WILLIAMS—GAST—At Parish Church, Portsea, 25th December, 1896, Gunr. J. Williams, R.M.A., to Miss F. M. A. Gast.

STEVENS—EDWARDS—At Bible Christian Church, Southsea, 26th December, 1896, Bombr. H. Stevens, R.M.A., to Miss E. Edwards.

OAKLEY—TUGGEY—At Parish Church, Portsea, 15th December, 1896, Gunr. James Oakley, R.M.A., to Miss H. O. Tuggey.

BYRNE—PIKE—At St. James', Portsea, 3rd January, 1897, Gunr. John Bryne, R.M.A., to Miss L. Pike.

GUY—PINTEAN—At District Church, St. Paul, Middlesex, 10th January, 1897, Lce.-Sergt. H. Guy, R.M.A., to Miss J. E. Pintean.

GRIFFIN—FULCHER—At Parish Church, Portsea, 19th December, 1896, Bombr. A. E. Griffin, R.M.A., to Miss A. L. Fulcher.

LEWIS—HILTON—At Parish Church, Stanstead, Sussex, Sergt. W. P. Lewis, R.M.A., to Miss A. J. Hilton.

AUSTIN—BAKER—At Parish Church, Farnham, 28th December, 1896, Sergt. A. E. Austin to Miss Annie Baker.

BARLOW—WRIGHT—At Parish Church, Portsea, 24th December, 1896, Pte. J. H. Barlow to Miss M. Wright.

CARTER—TOMALIN—At Mary's, Chatham, 23rd December, 1896, Lce.-Corpl. W. Carter to Miss Lizzie Tomalin.

CROXSON—HINDLE—At St. Matthew's, Ipswich, 25th October, 1896, Corpl. H. Croxson to Miss M. A. Hindle.

DANIELL—COPE—At St. Margaret's, Rochester, 2nd January, 1897, Sergt. W. R. Daniell to Miss E. A. Cope.

LEITCH—GRAVES—At Parish Church, Ringwould, Kent, 29th December, 1896, Pte. G. Leitch to Miss A. C. Graves.

LOCK—TANNER—At Parish Church, Woolwich, 9th January, 1897, Lce.-Sergt. E. Lock to Miss Kate Tanner.

PARKER—LEWIN—At Paul's, Deptford, 26th December, 1896, Pte. C. A. Parker to Miss Florence Lewin.

ROGERS—SMITH—At Registry Office, Eastry, Kent, 14th December, 1896, Pte. J. Rogers to Miss F. E. Smith.

SCALES—COLLINS—At Registry Office, Chatham, 29th December, 1896, Pte. J. Scales to Miss R. A. Collins.

SPILL—BAKER—At Parish Church, Leyton, 25th December, 1896, Corpl. W. H. Spill to Miss A. E. Baker.

TODD—ABBOTT—At Parish Church, Woolwich, 24th December, 1896, Pte. D. H. Todd to Miss E. M. Abbott.

BARLOW—WRIGHT—At Kingston Church, Portsmouth, 24th December, 1896, Pte. J. H. Barlow to Miss M. Wright,

Deaths.

CLODD—On the 17th January, 1897, Col.-Sergt. E. Clodd, aged 36 years

REDMOND—On the 31st December, 1896, Pte. George Redmond, aged 19 years.

HUTHWAITE—On the 24th Oct., 1896, at Golbourn, N.S.W., Augustus G. D. Huthwaite, many years Crown Land Commissioner, and late Lieutenant, R.M., eldest son of the late Stokeham Huthwaite, Esq., Bromley, Middlesex.

SMITH—On January, at 4, Hova Villas, Hove, Eliza Guyon, widow of Major-General Charles Smith, 20th Regiment, and daughter of the late Captain Triscott, R.M., aged 68.

BRIGHTLY—On the 14th January, at Glasgow, Frank Brightly, aged 6 years and 8 months, only son of Sergt. Brightly.

DIMOND—On Sunday, 10th January, 1897, at R.M.A. Infirmary, Sergt. Wm. Dimond, R.M.A., aged 39.

MEEN—On the 25th December, 1896, on board H.M.S. *Benbow*, Gunr. H. Meen, R.M.A., drowned, aged 27 years.

CLARKE—On 19th January, 1897, at R.N. Hospital, Haslar, Gunr. W. Clarke, R.M.A., aged 25 years and 11 months.

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Editorial.

WE have received a copy of a new marching song for our Corps, entitled "Soldiers of the Sea." The words are by Oxenford, the well-known writer of topical songs. Messrs. Francis, Day and Hunter, 142, Charing Cross Road, are the publishers, and they certainly deserve a word of praise for the great care that they must have taken with the cover, which is well designed and colored, and is correct with regard to details of uniform. The music is stirring without being too noisy, with a good swinging chorus, which ought to make the song take with the public. It was composed by Mr. Geo. Miller, Mus. Bac., Oxon. We hope to be able to enclose a small lithograph of the cover.

IMPORTANT.—We wish to call the attention of our readers to the agency noticed below. It seems to fill a long felt want, and everyone in the Corps should know of it.

THE NAVAL EMPLOYMENT AGENCY.—9, Grigs Court, Whitehall. This excellent institution was started in July, 1896, under the management and control of the members of the Castaway's Club, which is composed entirely of executive officers who have resigned their commissions in the Royal Navy, for the purpose of finding employment for discharged seamen, marines, stokers, and others of the Royal Navy of very good character. We have received a number of pamphlets, and are asked to give our support and publicity to the Agency. The Committee's report for the past six months shows the very satisfactory progress that has been made, and it must be remembered that before any useful progress could be attained, the aims and advantages of the Agency had to be made thoroughly known to the Fleet and the public.

The Agency is purely philanthropic in character, and is almost entirely dependent for support upon the assistance it receives from the officers of the Service, and any such will be thankfully accepted and acknowledged.

Anyone of our readers who cares for an up-to-date story of naval engagements should get the *Golden Penny* for February 17th, 20th and 27th. These numbers contain a short story by Major Field, R.M.L.I., entitled "The Non-Such and the St. Cloud." It is really a naval duel between two of the very latest type ships belonging to the British and French navies, told by a news correspondent on board the English man-of-war.

The work is cleverly illustrated by the author, and the pictures prove a most attractive addition to the magazine in which the story appears.

The author has given rein to his inventive faculties, and although some of his ideas may be smiled at, as far fetched, still, as a rule, they are feasible, and probably may some day be realised. For instance, ward-room furniture made of aluminium to prevent splinters and fire; doors in watertight bulkheads made as half cylinders, revolving like turnstiles, so that they can never be left open; and light Q.F. guns that disappear under the deck during the day time so as not to impede the heavy gun fire, and hoisted upon deck through the hoists at nightfall in order to be ready for torpedo attacks.

The yarn is well told, resulting, of course, in the victory of the "Non-Such," but is closed by a sad incident which will probably be too common when hostile fleets meet in earnest. The "Non-Such" sinks a torpedo-boat at night which proves to be a "friendly," and which was commanded by the Captain's own brother.

THE CORPS DINNER will take place at the Hotel Metropole, on Thursday, 10th June, 1897. Officers on the retired list are requested to notify any change of address to Colonel Reefe, 21, Northumberland Terrace, London, W.C.

Can any of our readers help us to solve the following conundrums?

1. What is the origin of covering the third button with crape when a private, Royal Marlnes, is in mourning?

2. What is the date of the erection of the Dockyard Church at Woolwich, which was built for the use of the Woolwich Division, Royal Marines? It is supposed to be about fifty years old.

POOR OLD TOBY.—On the return of the Royal Marine Battalion from the north coast of Spain in 1836 (I think) a spaniel dog was brought home, which was a general favourite and became established as a regular barrack dog. One day he was missed, and every search was made for poor Toby, but to no purpose. However, shortly after, one of the officers was told that the keeper at Stag Lodge, Mr. Edgecumbe, had a well broken spaniel for sale. On arriving at the lodge, and after a parley with the keeper, who did not cease to expatiate on the dog's capabilities as to trying a hedge, and various other accomplishments necessary in a well broken dog, a price was fixed, and the dog was produced. The officer at once recognized Toby, and said, "Toby! Toby! here! here!" and threw a stone in a particular manner which Toby at once retreived, and sat up for thanks. Then, said the officer to the keeper "That is about all old Toby can do," and retired, followed by Toby prancing triumphantly before him. The keeper was considerably sold and *absquetedatio*. Toby, the dog, lived for many years after, and was buried with all honours in the barrack square, Stonehouse Barracks.

Navy Estimates—Royal Marines.

(Extract from "Times," Wednesday, March 3rd.)

"THE Estimate provides for the addition of a further 1,000 men to "the Corps—500 for R.M.A. and 500 for R.M.L.I., including "for nine officers for each branch.

"It has been decided that the Depot shall be under the command of "a Colonel Commandant. Senior officers, R.M., serving on flagships "to be granted flag allowance as allowed to senior officers of the other "branches.

"Subaltern officers will be paid an allowance to assist in defraying "expenses of messing while afloat.

"Steps are to be taken to render a rifle range at Walmer available "for recruits. Plymouth men will still carry out firing at Browndown."

House of Commons, 8.2.97.

MR. ARNOLD-FORSTER (Belfast, W.) The whole staff of officers of the home battalion had practically not to learn military duties, but to play the part of masters of schools and of drill-masters to the recruits. When the men thus under training began to know their masters and to become soldiers they were sent away to another battalion. Let the House look at the contrary effect of the system pursued in regard to the Royal Marines. The recruits for this force were sent to large depôts and kept there for nine months. They were then turned out the best drilled soldiers in the world—[*cheers*]—and sent straight to the various divisions. To make any comparison between the line battalions at home, and the Royal Marines, either at home or abroad, was perfectly idle and absurd. ["Hear, hear!"]

House of Commons, 12.2.97.

MR. ARNOLD-FORSTER.—Reference had been made to the Royal Marines relieving Line battalions. The Royal Marines consisted of 15,000 men, and had one general officer on active service, which consisted in sitting on a stool in Pall Mall. The Marines as a body of troops were unrivalled, and it was lamentable that they should not offer them a greater objective of ambition.

At the Festival Dinner of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, held on the 24th February, under the presidency of H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, among the Stewards' list we notice:—Major J. G. Shanks, for Cornwall, £179 16s. 0d. Captain Portlock-Dadson, J.P. Friends-in-Council Lodge, 1383, £103 19s. 0d. Major J. G. Shanks, St. John's Lodge, No. 70, £17 17s. 0d.

The Editor, Globe & Laurel.

H.M.S. Melita, Constantinople, 25-2-97.

Sir,

I should like to bring to your notice the particulars of a gallant act on the part of Pte. F. Dockett, on the 22nd of February, when we were at sail drill. The after part of the watch had shifted and set main topsail, and were piped to shift it again, when I heard a cry from the petty officer attending the main bitts, and on looking round I saw Pte. Dockett jump overboard from the after nettings. It appears that the captain of the main top, a petty officer named Gray, missed his hold of the futtock rigging and fell backward on to the nettings and overboard. Pte. Dockett jumped from the nettings, and a seaman named Pearn from the poop, they managed to get hold of Gray, got his head above water, and kept him afloat till a bluejacket swam to them with the life-buoy. They were carried a long way astern, and were picked up by a boat from the Russian man-of-war *Chimonoretz*, and taken on board there; Gray was in an unconscious condition and had a fearful cut on the head; he was brought on board later on, and is now progressing favourably, but undoubtedly owes his life to the prompt action of the men who jumped overboard. There is a very strong current here, and the water was icy cold at the time. The particulars have been forwarded to the proper quarter, and no doubt their gallant conduct will receive recognition,

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

J. SMITH, Serg. R.M.L.I.

Obituary.

LIEUT.-COLONEL R. BALLARD GARDNER, late R.M.A., who died at his residence, Willurah, Craneswater Park, Southsea, on 22nd December, 1896, after some weeks illness, entered the service as 2nd Lieutenant, 25th September, 1854. He was promoted to Lieutenant, 22nd March, 1856, and in August, 1857, embarked in H.M.S. *Diadem* for service in the West Indies. In November, 1860, he returned to head-quarters, and remained there till May, 1863, when he embarked in H.M.S. *Esk* for service on the Australian Station, and went through the New Zealand War of 1863-64, taking part in the Thames Expedition of November, 1863; the Waikato Campaign, February to April, 1864; and the assault on the Gate Pah, near Tauranga, 29th April, 1864; and was landed for the defence of camp during the action at Teranga, in June, 1864. During the war he was in command of all the Marine forces. He was promoted to 2nd Captain on 3rd August, 1867; and for his service in New Zealand was awarded the brevet rank of Major. He rejoined head-quarters in October, 1867; and next served in H.M.S. *Monarch*, Channel Squadron, from December, 1869, to October, 1870; was promoted to Captain, 20th May, 1872; served in H.M.S. *Hercules*, Channel Squadron, October, 1873, to June, 1874; and in H.M.S. *Sultan*, Channel Squadron, September to October, 1874; retiring with the honorary rank of Lieut.-Colonel on 10th November, 1874.

MAJOR J. WALTER GRANT, late R.M.A., who died at Lassodie, Dunfermline, on 3rd February, entered the corps as Lieutenant, 15th July, 1872; and served in H.M.S. *Black Prince*, Channel Squadron, September, 1875, to October, 1877; and in H.M.S. *Invincible*, Mediterranean Squadron, March, 1878, to April, 1882. He also served with the R.M. Battalion through the Egyptian Expedition of 1882, being present at actions at El-Magfar, Kassassin (twice), and Tel-el-Kebir (Egypt medal, Tel-el-Kebir clasp, and Khedive's bronze star). Was promoted to Captain, 15th July, 1884; served in H.M.S. *Bacchante* (East Indies), August, 1886, to November, 1888; and in October, 1889, was appointed Staff Officer, holding this position the full period of five years. He was promoted to Major, 2nd May, 1893, and retired at his own request as recently as 5th November, 1896.

MAJOR W. H. KING, R.M.L.I.—The death occurred at East Stonehouse, Plymouth, on the 29th ult., in his 80th year, of Major W. H. King, one of the oldest surviving members of the Plymouth Division of Royal Marine Light Infantry. He entered the Service as a boy in 1826, and in 1857 was promoted to the rank of Quartermaster, retiring in 1881, after 55 years connection with the corps, with the honorary rank of Major. The funeral took place February 1st, and was attended by Col. Com. Rose and chief officers of the Plymouth Division of the Corps. Major King was born 1816. Drummer, 19-8-26. Private, 13-9-33. Corporal, 3-8-34. Sergeant, 7-12-35. Superintending Clerk S.O. Plymouth, Quarter Master, 23-8-57. Hon. Captain, 1-7-81. Hon. Major and retired, 3-12-81. Died, 29-1-97.

CAPTAIN J. H. WARD, R.M.L.I.—We regret to announce the death, on the China Station, of Captain Jno. Harris Ward, of the Portsmouth Division. No particulars are to hand beyond the mere communication of the fact by telegram from the Commander-in-Chief to the Admiralty, from which it seems that the death occurred on the 22nd February. Captain Ward entered the service 1st September, 1885. He embarked for the China Station for service in the *St. George* 14th February, 1896, and at the time of his death was serving in *H.M.S. Grafton*.

Captain J. Maitland Lennox, R.M.L.I., attended the funeral of his brother, General Sir Wilbraham Pates Lennox, R.E., V.C., K.C.B., at Brighton, on February 15th. He was the son of the late Colonel Lord George Lennox and grandson of the late Duke of Richmond.

Funds of the "Globe and Laurel."

1st JANUARY TO 31st DECEMBER, 1896.

Receipts, £372 19s. 8½d.; Expenditure, £319 13s. 9½d. Balance credit, £53 19s. 8½d. The sale of the "Petrified Eye" is included in this, and up to date, has realised £18 8d. 10d., after payment of all expenses. Any of our readers who might like to see a complete statement of accounts, can have a printed balance sheet on application.

A Cloud of Canvas,

Or, The Old Admiral Is Right.

(Continued from the last number.)

In obedience to this implied permission, Mr. Slaverlick proceeded to do what he might have thought to be necessary; but which proved to be not at all proper. Why should the fact be disguised? Ralph Rattlin, that unlucky reefer, was sent for, and speedily found himself under the supercilious frown of Mr. Slaverlick.

"Mr.—Oh!—hah! Mr.—I say,—Mister. You will take the first cutter, with her crew armed; and tell the Captain of Marines to give you a sergeant's guard. You'll then get some of the boatswain's crew; bundle the tarpaulings into the boat, and—Mister, do you see that wall? You'll trice up the hammock cloths in a seaman-like manner, and see that it is done equally. Do you hear!"

Ralph's impertinence not being under sufficient control, he answered, "Mr. Slaverlick, if it is proper and necessary, it shall be done—" If we were to attempt to write the oath that hereupon exploded, it would make my iron pen red-hot; and if it could be printed on asbestos, it would melt the types in that compositor's hand who would endeavour to set it up. Set then the dashes. Represent something thrice horrible. "— —Mister— —he is— —mocking— —Sir Hominy!"

"I beg your pardon, Mr. Slaverlick. I did not mean to mock *him*. I will unsay what I have said, if it displeases you, sir. Even if it is improper and unnecessary, if you order it, it shall be done."

We really believe that if he had not entertained some idea that the French Chasseurs would be down upon us, or that he would, in some way, signally miscarry on this paltry service, Mr. Slaverlick would have mast-headed and annoyed him on board to the utmost. He was content, for the present, to order Ralph into the boat with a malicious grin, and with multiplying his verbal orders so profusely, that it was morally certain that he must forget the half of them. As the party was to stay there all day, their dinners were sent with them; and, in due time, the whole white side face of the walls was covered with blackened canvas. The Marines were posted properly to guard against surprise; and the poor reefer had nothing else to do but to walk up and down all the livelong day, broiling under the sun, with his hands in his pockets to keep them warm, and his thoughts upon his far-away native land.

The then Sir Edward Pellew, afterwards Lord Exmouth, had all the frankness of a sailor; and was sometimes not only abrupt, but boisterous. I speak of his manners at times only. He was a gallant officer; the good man's true friend; and loved by everybody in the fleet who knew, and did his duty.

It was about one p.m. that he landed on the coast, with a small cortège of officers; and shortly after, they all mounted upon asses, and a very pretty procession they made, with the bluff and stout commander-in-chief at the head of it. They came trotting magnificently along the beach (for asses will trot in Spain), and when they came opposite to the disconsolate Ralph, they all pulled up with a jerk—or, to speak more intelligently, brought up all standing.

"Holloa! younker, what the devil's the meaning of all this?" said Sir Edward.

Being enjoined in a name so universally respected, he briefly explained.

"Jump into your boat, and pull off directly to your ship, and tell your first lieutenant he is a fool."

The commander-in-chief vouchsafed him no more words, but rode on, talking to the right and left; and all the officers in his train rode on also.

Now, Mr. Rattlin knew very well that, cunning as was Mr. Slaverlick, he was a fool; but having the authority of the commander-in-chief, it was a grateful office—that of announcing the pleasant intelligence to the person in the world the least likely to believe it.

The proceedings on shore being watched by the signal men, the parley with Sir Edward, and Ralph's approach to the ship, were duly announced. This report brought Sir Hominy on deck, and most of the officers. Never before did the advent of midshipmen cause more excitement.

As Ralph's heart was laughing exceedingly, he dressed up his wrinkled little face with a gravity that must have been provokingly ridiculous. He advanced to where Mr. Slaverlick was doing the obsequious near Sir Hominy, whilst every officer was eager for the news.

"Well, sir!" said both captain and lieutenant at the same moment.

"Mr. Slaverlick, the commander-in-chief says you're a *fool*."

"A fool!"—"A fool!"—"A fool!" Everyone thrice repeated the word, but with many variations and significant looks. Ralph only appeared to be unmoved, and looked as if he had performed the merest piece of routine duty.

"A fool! A fool! The commander-in-chief says *my* first lieutenant is a fool. It can be neither necessary or proper. He will say I am a fool next," said the indignant Sir Hominy.

But Mr. Slaverlick did not intend to sit down quietly under the imputation, and explanations were eagerly demanded. Ralph had nothing to offer but the bare fact. Indeed, though Ralph could have sworn to the general truth of the accusation, he knew not on what precise grounds Sir Edward had advanced it. The only reason that occurred to anyone was, that the French were nearer than we supposed, and that the hammock cloths, and the party in charge of them, were endangered. This, however, the more judicious knew could not be the case, as the commander-in-chief was too careful of his men to jeopardize them uselessly; and he would have ordered them on board directly, had there been any proximate danger.

The boat's crew were then summoned aft, in the hopes that their version of the affair might a little mend the matter. There was a great deal of "haw-awing" and "your honoring," and stroking down the front locks; but little could be got from them in elucidation.

Tom Tripin, the coxswain, was closely examined. He had heard the words, or something very like them.

"Now, Tripin, my man," said Mr. Slaverlick, with a hideous grin on his countenance, and a glass of grog in each eye, "Now, Tripin, my good man, don't you think the admiral meant Mr. Rattlin?"

"No, sir, he couldn't by no means mean he."

"Why, my good man?"

"Cause, sir, d'ye see as how he said as how, sir, you were a damned old fool; and seeing as how Mr. Rattlin——"

"Go down, sir! A very sorry fellow, Sir Hominy; and as to his rating——"

"A follower of mine, Mr. Slaverlick. I brought him out of the *Agamemnon*. No follower of mine, sir——"

"I humbly beg your pardon, Sir Hominy. Permit me, Sir Hominy, to get at the right version of this strange affair. There must be some mistake."

"Do, Mr. Slaverlick, what is necessary and proper."

"Does anyone of the boat's crew know the rights of this ridiculous business?" roared out the now terribly incensed first lieutenant. So, thereupon, a lank-haired noodle, who pulled one of the larboard oars, and mightily wished to creep into Mr. Slaverlick's good graces, stepped forward, and said, "As how he warn't by some ship's length within hail, when the a'm'ral said as Mr. Slaverlick was a fool, and, thereby, he couldn't say as how he said that 'ere; but he did hear sommat in explification——"

"No other insult, I hope?"

"No, sir, by no manner of ways. Lord love your honour! it wasn't anything like what Mr. Rattlin, begging his pardon, said. It was only——"

"Only what?" said the eager lieutenant.

"Mr. Rattlin," said Sir Hominy Bloodyer, with solemn gravity, "you are in jeopardy. If you have reported falsely, you leave *my* ship."

"Only what?" repeated Mr. Slaverlick, his ugliness brightening into hope.

"Why, sir, as the a'm'ral was bousing up his topping lifts, and making sail upon his hanimal, he says, says he, to the skipper alongside on him, 'the man who ordered these 'ere tarpaulins to be triced up on that 'ere wall, must be a more infernal ass than this 'ere beast that I'm a straddle on.' Nothing more than that, your honour."

"You may go down," said the mortified luff.

"Very singular conduct in the commander-in-chief," muttered Sir Hominy. "It cannot be necessary——"; but before he had got to the word proper, he had withdrawn his presence from the longing eyes of his officers, and was undergoing the laborious process in his cabin of endeavouring to think. I presume enough of Sir Hominy's character is already understood to make it apparent that he possessed an excessive share of self-love, and that that self-love was sorely wounded by the slighting manner that his first lieutenant and prime sycophant had been treated by Sir Edward. He consequently sent for Mr. Slaverlick, and the result of their conference was to send another midshipman on shore to take charge of the canvas, and poor Ralph himself, on board the *Caledonia*, with a letter to the admiral, requesting to know if the said Ralph had not misunderstood, or wilfully misrepresented the message.

The poor midshipman was, merely as a foretaste of what was to come, ordered to the mast-head, with his glass, to watch the motions of the admiral, and report immediately when he was on the point of returning on board.

All this was duly performed; and, in the meantime, Sir Hominy, with the assistance of the chaplain, indited a polite, non-official note to Sir Edward, and made Rattlin the unwilling bearer.

With awe and trembling, the poor little middy stood upon the vast quarter-deck of the *Caledonia*. The admiral was also there, in all the majesty of command. Ralph handed the document to the mate of the watch, who touched his hat and handed it to the lieutenant, who lifted up his hat and handed it to the flag-captain, who took off his hat and handed it to the commander-in-chief, who fell back from his circle of officers with a slight bow, and broke the seal. All this etiquette would have infinitely delighted Sir Hominy.

Sir Edward read the letter, smiled, and casting his eyes upon the rather uncomfortable Ralph Rattlin, beckoned to him, and walked into the cabin. This was a distinction for Ralph that made him, for the moment, the envy of many. When the admiral had written his note, and had very kindly asked him after the health of Sir Hominy, Ralph felt so much reassured, that he was determined to put in a word for himself, and modestly, with a little hesitation, thus began: "If you please, Sir Edward, I hope you will speak a word for me?"

"How, my young friend?"

"Why, Sir Edward, to stand between me and Mr. Slaverlick—because—because—when I took your message, Sir Edward, I didn't laugh."

"You didn't laugh, eh?" then patting him kindly on the head, he continued, "You were a good boy for not laughing"; and he then actually broke open his note, added a few words, and then dismissed him, with a most favourable impression of the goodness of Sir Edward's heart.

Ralph returned on board in much lighter spirits. He was ordered into Sir Hominy's cabin, with the admiral's answer; and Mr. Slaverlick was sent for. The captain read the letter three times in silence, and his round countenance looked a very labyrinth of puzzles. At length he broke forth: "Mr. Slaverlick, the commander-in-chief is jocular. You know, sir, I never joke. I never could understand a joke—a funny story now—but that is neither here nor there, Mr. Slaverlick. If the commander-in-chief is inclined to be jocular, no doubt it is very proper and necessary, because—because—he is commander-in-chief. He says in his letter to me—a kind and friendly letter—that he is inclined to believe that the tarpaulings will be found missing without leave before they are dry; but that he is inclined to interfere no further in the business. That um! um!—if they should be found missing, the value must be stopped out of your pay, Mr. Slaverlick, which is quite proper and necessary—and—ah—that he likes—this lad—and that—good—to him—and that—so, Mr. Slaverlick, I shall take Ralph under my especial protection—and you will be good enough never to punish him without consulting me; and, Rattlin, when you want to go on shore, ask me."

Exceedingly pleased with this, Ralph bowed himself out f the august presence.

Now, Mr. Slaverlick was immeasuredly annoyed, and did not know how to act. He could not conceive of any accident happening to his darling tarpaulings; but he did not like the idea of paying for them in the event of their being lost; so he chose a middle course, not wishing to pronounce himself a fool by re-embarking the canvas at once; and yet afraid to leave it on shore all night, as he had previously intended to do, so he went down to dinner, resolving to send for them at once.

But dusk was too late. Whilst he was getting down his dinner, the wind was getting up. The hurricane came down from the mountains, howled round the corners of the monastery and among the desolate buildings of the village, and made the old *Oaktub* strain again, as she rode with two cables on end.

It was utterly impossible that any boat could have lived through the surf that immediately got up on the beach. The tarpaulings, the boat's crew, and the Marines were left to shift for themselves during the night, which dreadfully annoyed Sir Hominy, who declared emphatically that it was neither necessary nor proper.

At length it became nearly dark. The captain, Mr. Slaverlick, and most of the officers were standing on the poop, all anxiously looking towards the shore, which was no longer visible. The storm blew off from the land, trending a little along the coast. When all at once, a heavy dark cloud seemed to descend from the rest of the flying host of vapours, and to come directly down upon the old *Oaktub*.

"What can this be, in the name of all that's dreadful?" cries one.

"It's a water-spout," cries another.

It was nothing but about one thousand yards of blackened canvas, that the storm had whirled from off the walls of the convent, and which storm was kindly endeavouring to put on board the *Oaktub* without a boat. They missed the ship, however, and were never after heard of; but as making a dreadful large deduction in Mr. Slaverlick's pay.

"Well," said an antique quarter-master, hitching up his tarry trousers, "I have lived to see summut extraordinary. I have lived to see the old *Oaktub* riding out a gale of wind, at single anchor, *under a Cloud of Canvas*, yet with never a sail set."

The old admiral was right.—*From an old Magazine.*

Hobart Garrison Sports.

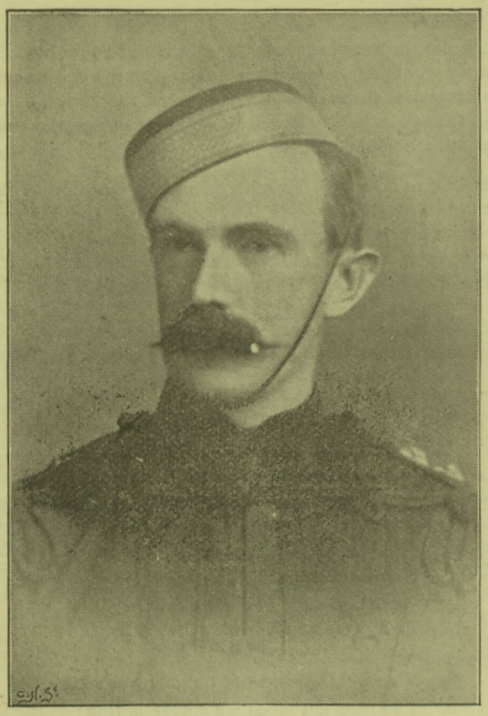
SOME years ago the Garrison Sports meeting was looked upon by the citizens of Hobart as one of the most interesting athletic events of the summer season, but latterly, for a variety of reasons, no meeting has been held. This year, however, it was determined by some of the officers and members of the Defence Force to resuscitate the fixture.

Lord Gormanston was especially pleased with the field-gun work and the bayonet exercise. The latter, he said, was done as well as he had ever seen it performed, and as His Excellency has himself seen active service, this is no mean compliment to the "Orlando" Marines and their smart sergeant.

Mounting and Dismounting Field Gun Competition.—Local Forces and Marines. Drill to be carried out in accordance with M.F.A. Gun to be dismounted as a 9-pounder. Prize, £2 10s. R. Marines, H.M.S. *Orlando*, Sergt. Speight, 1; No. 2 Co. S.T.A., Sergt. Jackson, 0; No. 1 Co. S.T.A., Corp. Chisholm, 0. Two local and one naval squad entered for this. The No. 1 S.T.A. dismounted their piece in 34 sec., and remounted it in 57 4-5th sec., total 91 4-5th sec.; the No. 2 S.T.A. dismounted in 35 3-5th sec., and mounted in 52 sec., total 87 3-5th sec.; and the *Orlando* squad dismounted in 31 sec., and remounted in 55 sec., total 86 sec. The last-named therefore won by 1 3-5th sec. Both the winning and the second squad were warmly cheered.

The Royal Marine Artillery (under Sergt. Speight) won the 9-pounder class in 65 1-5th sec., 22 sec. for dismounting, and 43 1-5th for remounting. The *Orlando* seamen were not so smart, taking in all 76 sec.

Bayonet Exercise.—Men of the Fleet only (squad of 12 men in review order). Prize, £3.—H.M.S. *Orlando*. Two squads had entered for this event, but only the Marines of H.M.S. *Orlando* faced the judges. They went through the exercise in capital style, under Sergt. Stevens, and were warmly commended for their efficiency.—*Extracts from the Hobart Mercury.*



MAJOR J. H. BOR, R.M.A.

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MAJOR JAMES HENRY BOR, R.M.A., who has been provisionally appointed Commandant of the Mixed Forces of Gendarmerie, which is being raised for service in Crete by the Ambassadors of the Great Powers at Constantinople, was born in Donegal on March 3rd, 1857, and is a son of the late Rev. J. H. Bor, Rector of Raymunterdoney and Dunlewey. He entered the service as Lieutenant on 1st October, 1874, and embarked in H.M.S. *Monarch* for service in the Mediterranean on 17th April, 1878. When the Island of Cyprus was annexed in the autumn of that year, he was one of the first English officers to be landed, and was appointed on 17th August Local Commandant of Military Police, a post he held till 26th February, 1883, when, from his special knowledge of the subject gained in Cyprus, he was selected to proceed to the Bombay Presidency of India to carry out the destruction of locusts. In this he was most successful and returned to Cyprus, where he was Adjutant of the Military Police from 1st December, 1883, to 31st July, 1884, when he was appointed Chief Commandant of the Force, a post he retained till 31st August, 1892. He was promoted to Captain 1st August, 1885, and embarked in H.M.S. *Trafalgar* (Mediterranean) in February, 1895; promoted to Major 17th August, 1895, and transferred to H.M.S. *Revenge*, in 1896, when Admiral Harris transferred his flag. He has been employed as Turkish Interpreter on the Staff of the Naval Commander-in-Chief in the Mediterranean.

Major J. Bor, R.M.A., whose name was mentioned in the House of Commons on Tuesday night as now employed in the organisation of the new Cretan gendarmerie, and who will, we understand, have the command of the corps when fully raised, has had many years of experience in similar duties. He was selected by Lord Wolseley, shortly after the landing of the troops in Cyprus, for a civil appointment, with a view of improving and drilling the corps of zaptiehs, or native Greek and Turkish police, in that island, and did excellent work in co-operation with the late Captain Croker, of the Sutherland and Argyllshire Regiment, under the late General Gordon ("Houssa Gordon.") By their efforts a splendid force of soldier-like fellows were got together, whose conduct was proverbially excellent, being in this respect a reflection upon the Greek or Turkish zaptiehs as organised under native authority. He succeeded to the command of the Cyprus Police in 1884, when General Gordon went to Hong Kong and gave up his appointment as Chief Commandant of it in 1893, having, therefore, had some fifteen years' experience of the work. Independently of this, however, Major Bor is specially suited for the new post in Crete by his thorough acquaintance with Turkish and modern Greek, he having occupied for some time the post of interpreter at Constantinople. But he will have a tough matter to accomplish in training the excitable natives of Crete. We wish him well through his task.—*Army & Navy.*

Ascension "en fete."

Ascension,
20th January, 1897.

To the Editors of the "Globe and Laurel."

Sirs,—Thinking that the following may be of interest to the readers of the *Globe and Laurel* (many of whom, no doubt, have at sometime or other found themselves stranded on the "Clinker," as Ascension is locally termed), I trust you can find space in your columns for a brief sketch of how Christmas was spent on the Island.

The creature comforts on Christmas Day were about the main feature of any importance; for a tropical sun pouring out its vast strength on one's head, did not remind one much of the Christmas that is spent on the shores of dear old England. Boxing Day was a day of some importance. In the afternoon we started with a cricket match, which was brought to a close by the unexpected arrival of the mail-boat, and, of course, letters take precedence of everything else, even cricket. In the evening, by the kind permission of Captain J. E. Blaxland, R.N., a concert was given in the billiard room, which was tastefully decorated. Our next item took place on January 4th, when a smoking concert was held in the 1st Petty Officers' mess, a most enjoyable evening being spent and some good songs rendered. On January 5th, a ball was given by Staff-Surgeon and Mrs. B. Hamilton, to which the Officers, Petty and Non-Com. Officers were invited. There is no doubt that the Christmas of 1896 will long be remembered by all those who were privileged to take part in the festivities connected with it.

I remain,
Yours faithfully,
R. H. WINNE, Sergt., R.M.L.I.

CRICKET.

ASCENSION ISLAND *v.* H.M.S. "WYE."—Played at Ascension, on the 2nd January, 1897, and resulted in a win for the Island by 22 runs on the 1st innings.

H.M.S. "WYE."		ISLAND OF ASCENSION.	
Mr. Lann, b Hunt	4	Gnr. Taylor, c Keddil, b Champ	5
W. Mitchell, run out	18	,, Perkins, b Lann	2
H. Ratcliffe, b Taylor	0	Mr. Barnett, c Keddil, b Lann	26
Mr. Cronk, b Hunt	7	Pte. Hunt, b Champ	0
,, Lascey, b Taylor	0	,, Beach, c & b Mitchell	15
Pte. Ruffhead, c Barnet, b Taylor	0	Sergt. Winne, run out	0
Pte. Keddil, c Capt. Blaxland b Hunt	18	A.-Bdr. Edwards, c Lascey, b Mitchell	9
J. Day, b Hunt	4	Capt. Blaxland, R.N., c Ruffhead, b Mitchell	7
Sergt. Quick, b Taylor	1	Harris, A.B., c Lascey, b Mitchell	2
A. Champ, b Hunt	0	Mackie, D., not out	19
Moutt, not out	0	Durant, S.C., b Lann	0
Extras	0	Extras	6
Total	52	Total	91

BILLIARDS.—A team of six members of the Sergeants' Mess of the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment met a similar team of the Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I., in the latter's mess-room at Stonehouse on Friday evening, 19th February, for a friendly game of billiards. There were six games, and whilst several of them were closely contested, the Royal Marines managed to pull off all of them, winning on the aggregate by 134 points.

Benin.

ADMIRAL'S DESPATCH.

Special Telegram. London, Tuesday afternoon.

THE following telegram has been received from Rear-Admiral Rawson, dated Brass, 22nd February :—

"No. 32.—In continuation of my telegram of 22nd February, No. 31.—Force left Ologbo 14th February. Captured Benin city 18th February after sharp fighting.

NAMES OF KILLED AND WOUNDED.

"Casualties :—13th February, one Houssa wounded ; 14th February, three Houssas wounded ; 15th February, one Houssa killed, one native scout, one native carrier, wounded ; 16th February, one native scout, killed.

17th February, Robert Dye, A.B., No. 131,263, *(St. George)*, slightly wounded ; one native carrier dangerously wounded, since dead, one native scout severely wounded.

18th February :—Surgeon C. J. Fyfe, *(St. George)* ; Sydney Ansell, C.P.O., No. 98,504, *(St. George)* ; E. Howlett, gunner, R.M.A., 5,254, *(Malacca)* ; M. Varndell, private, R.M.L.I., 3,193 *(Malacca)*, killed.

G. T. Byrne, captain, R.M.L.I., seriously wounded ; W. Johnston, gunner, (T) (*Philomel*), W. Simister, gunner, R.M.A., 1,932 *(Malacca)* A. E. Targett, gunner, R.M.A., 3,404, *(Malacca)*, F. Samels, private, R.M.L.I., 5,251 *(Malacca)* G. Hooper, private, R.M.L.I., 1,426 (*Malacca*) Henry Grant, second class petty officer, No. 130,990 *(St. George)* ; George Green, A.B., No. 141,856 (*St. George)* ; four Houssas, six native carriers, one native scout, one native interpreter, all severely wounded ; George A. Smith, A.B., 147,654 (*St. George*) : S. Denman, gunner, R.M.A., 5,249 (*Malacca*) ; T. H. Jones, gunner, R.M.A., 1,665 (*Malacca*) ; E. Palmer, private, R.M.L.I., 5,471 (*Malacca*) ; Tom Sedgwick, A.B., 144,273 (*St. George*), slightly wounded.

CASUALTIES AT SAPOBA.

Casualties at Sapoba, 11th February, besides those previously telegraphed :—Arthur William Cheverell, A.B., 147,439 (*Alecto*), killed ; Richard John Titty, 1st class petty officer, 137,123 (*Alecto*), severely wounded ; Henry Cook, A.B., 142,525 (*Alecto*), died from heat apoplexy.

17th February, Thomas Baker, private, Chatham Division, 5,119 *(Malacca)* died from sunstroke ; 16th February, further casualty at Gwato, W. McCarthy, A.B., 128,627 (*Barrossa*) slightly wounded.

ANOTHER ATTACK.

Enemy again attacked force near Sapoba, 20th February.

Casualties :—Frank Stentiford, private, R.M.L.I., Plymouth, 3,774 (*Phœbe*), killed ; John Corcoran, private, R.M.L.I., Plymouth, 7,214 (*Phœbe*), W. Scott, private, R.M.L.I., Portsmouth, 7,264 (*Phœbe*), slightly wounded.

Copy of a telegram received at the Admiralty from Rear-Admiral Rawson, sent via Brass, dated 26th February, 1897 :—

34.—Re my telegram 32, whole force, except Houssas, left Benin morning 22nd February, embarking wounded *St. George* and *Theseus*, 25th February. They will leave for Forcados same evening. Marines from *Malacca* embark 26th February. *Forte's* now at Ologbo clearing base of stores, hope to have them embarked 28th February. Force Sapoba embarks 25th February. *Phœbe's* very sickly, shall send her to Cape, immediately. Force Gwato embarks 27th February. Shall get everyone out of river as quickly as possible.

Further casualties :—21st February, Surgeon Richard H. Way died from heat apoplexy at Warrigi.

17th and 18th February, At Gwato, William Farmstrong, bugler, Royal Marines, Plymouth, 6,282, *Barrossa*, William H. Baser, Leading Seaman, Official Number 118,641, *Philomel*, one native carrier, slightly wounded.

Up to the time of going to press no definite news as to the condition and disposal of the wounded had been received from Rear-Admiral Rawson, beyond the fact, as notified in the Admiral's telegram of the 26th February, that the wounded belonging to the *St. George* and *Theseus* were embarked on the 25th February, and would leave Forcados the same evening. It is noted, however, in the same telegram, that the marines belonging to the *Malacca* would be embarked on the 28th Feb., so that it is fair to suppose that Captain G. T. Byrne and the bulk of the seriously wounded, belonging as they do to the last named ship, are now also receiving the care and attention of the hospital staff afloat, and benefitting it is to be hoped under more congenial surroundings and enhanced medical comforts.

The papers are now (3rd March) printing a report that Capt. Byrne has succumbed to his wounds, and state that the information was supplied from a private wire received at Forton Barracks. No wire has ever been received, as far as we can find out, and the cruel statement is evidently the work of newsmongers in search of copy.

Double Acrostic, No. 3.

A treacherous aid to a peaceful mission
Will get its well deserved punition.

1. A useful vehicle in our streets,
   Which one very often meets.
2. A well known cry in the circus gay,
   As *les mam'selles* this jump display.
3. Makers of a well known drink,
   Non-intoxicant, I think.
4. A portion once of clerical attire ;
   To a plain round collar they now aspire.
5. A division in the world ; great history ;
   This light should not be long a mystery.
6. The fragrant weed we smoke is this ;
   In moderation, naught amiss.
7. The English word for this I ween
   May be cited as *between*.
8. A well known river, sailing through,
   Some part 'tis white, and some part blue.—*Bristolian.*

SOLUTION TO DOUBLE ACROSTIC No. 2.

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No correct solutions to the above have been received—*Acrostic Editor*

The following sums have been received up to 21st February, towards the "Noble Memorial Tablet" :—

	£	s.	d.
Capt. W. B. Harkness, R.M.A.	0	5	0
Lieut.-Col. Boyd-Hamilton	0	5	0
Col. V. D. Mathias	0	5	0
Maj. R. Woollcombe	0	5	0
Maj.-Gen. H. Adair	0	5	0
Lieut. J. Tupman, R.M.L.I.	0	5	0
Capt. G. E. Matthews, R.M.L.I. ..	0	5	0
Gen. Sir Geo. Schomberg, K.C.B. ..	0	5	0
Capt. Gunning Campbell, R.M.A. ..	0	5	0
Lieut.-Col. A. B. Milne	0	5	0
Lieut.-Col. Rawstorne, R.M.A.	0	5	0
Capt. G. E. Barnes, R.M.A.	0	5	0
Capt. G. R. Poole, R.M.A.	0	5	0
Lieut.-Col. F. Roberts	0	5	0
,, W. H. Poe	0	5	0
,, Pyne	0	5	0
,, A. B. Shakespear, R.M.A. ..	0	5	0
Maj. J. H. Bor, R.M.A.	0	5	0
Gen. H. S. Jones, C.B.	0	5	0
Officers, R.M. Depôt, Walmer	3	0	0
Officers, R.M.A., at Head Quarters ..	9	17	6

It is hoped that any other officers desirous of subscribing will send their subscriptions as soon as possible to the Staff Officer, Eastney Barracks, Portsmouth.

CORPS GAZETTE.

Promotions.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the following routine promotion in the Royal Marine Light Infantry, viz.:—Lieutenant Wilfred Hugh Moore Smith to be Captain, *vice* Wolfe retired. Dated 26th January, 1897. Captain Smith is appointed to the Plymouth Division.

CHATHAM—

To be Corporals—Ptes. F. E. Towner (*Pembroke*), J. Mason (Benin).

PORTSMOUTH—

Ptes. W. J. Evans to Corporal (*Volage*), E. Jarman to Corporal; Corpl. W. Adams to Sergeant.

PLYMOUTH—

To be Col.-Sergeant—Sergt. C. Dunn.

To be Sergeant—Lce.-Sergt. J. Clapp.

To be Corporal—Pte. J. Sparkes, in H.M.S. *Lion*.

To be Paid Lce.-Sergeant—Lce.-Sergt. W. Wisely.

To be Paid Lce.-Corporals—Lce.-Corpls. J. Crowdy, R. Chalmers; Pte. G. Fry.

To be Unpaid Lce.-Corporals—Ptes. A. Norris, F. Cockayne, F. Dunstan, F. Aldous, C. Smith, A. Headley, J. Payne, J. Mace, W. Lyons, H. Gordan, J. Cope, G. Jarritt, H. Antrebus, T. Bently, R. Humphries, W. Milton.

Appointments.

The Admiralty have granted General Geoffrey Mairis, R.M.L.I., the good service pension of £200 a year, in the vacancy caused by the death of General Sir G. C. Langley, K.C.B. They have also granted Colonel J. A. Stewart, R.M.L.I, the Greenwich Hospital Pension of £80 a year, vacant by the death of Colonel W. R. Seale.

Seven commissions to the Royal Marine Artillery, and eight to the Royal Marine Light Infantry, will be offered for competition at the next summer examinations for Woolwich and Sandhurst.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of Lieutenant R. P. Prynne, R.M.L.I., taking employment in the Constabulary of the Royal Niger Company for a period of twelve or fourteen months, and of his being seconded from the date of his embarkation. Lieutenant Prynne is to be informed that his employment with the Royal Niger Company is granted with the understanding that he will be liable, at the discretion of the Admiralty, on his retirement on retired pay or gratuity, should he have earned such by service, to a deduction of £5 a year from his retired pay, or an equivalent deduction in the case of a gratuity, for each year, or portion of a year, during which he shall have been so seconded.

War Office, February 23rd.—Captain H. S. Ainslie, Northumberland Fusiliers, to be Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency Lieut.-Colonel Sir Charles B. H. Mitchell, G.C.M.G., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Straits Settlements.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of the services of Sergeant S. M. Jenkins, R.M.L.I., being placed at the disposal of the Egyptian Government, for duty with the Egyptian Army, the terms of his appointment to be governed by the following conditions:—(*a*) To be borne as supernumerary in the Corps during his absence with the Egyptian Army. (*b*) To cease drawing pay and allowances from naval votes, from the date of his embarkation for Egypt. (*c*) To be eligible for promotion in the Corps when his turn arrives. (*d*) Service with the Egyptian Army reckon towards pension in Royal Marines, under the conditions stated in Article 1150 of the Army Pay Warrant.

Mr. Gordon Morice, son of the late Captain J. Morice, R.M. (Morice Pasha), who was killed when serving with General Hicks in Egypt, has been appointed to the Coast-guard service in Egypt.

INDIAN STAFF CORPS.—The undermentioned captain is granted the temporary rank of major whilst serving as regimental 2nd-in-command, Indian Army—R. Wapshare.

CHATHAM—

To be Paid Lance-Corporals—Ptes. J. H. Cartwright, W. Clark, J. Shepherd, H. Steere, E. Brown, J. J. Bent, C. H. Everden, J. Brent, C. G. Stokes.

Private	D. Benfell	is appointed	Boats Crewman.
,,	M. Jennings	,,	Cook at Gravesend.
,,	G. E. Houghton	,,	Assist. Provost, Garrison Cells.
,,	J. Pitman	,,	Standing Pioneer.
,,	H. J. Rundle	,,	Assistant Printer.
,,	J. Baker	,,	Officers' Library Fatigueman.
,,	T. Bishop	,,	Servant to Lieut. Milner.
Col.-Sgt.	W. J. Gunton	,,	Company Sergeant.
,,	C. See	,,	,, ,,
Corpl.	C. W. Foley	,,	Gunnery Instructor, 4d. per diem.
,,	D. M. Saunders	,,	Bugle-Major on Probation.
Lc.-Cpl.	F. J. Hanson	,,	Assistant Orderly Room Clerk.
Sergt.	M. J. Mahoney	,,	Gunnery Instructor (Temporarily)
Corpl.	A. W. Pink	,,	,, ,, ,,

PORTSMOUTH—

Sergt. W. Tovey re-appointed Armourer-Sergeant, G D Battery, for one year and five months.

Sergt. Boxwell to be Sergeant-Major of Corean Police Force for one year, from 1st October, 1896.

Pte. A. F. Corbett to be Paid Lance-Corporal.

Pte. Humber to be Groom to Lieut.-Col. Edye.

Pte. Franks to be Servant to Lieut. Reid.

Ptes. T. Hodsdon, F. Hankin, C. Fitch, J. T. Davis, J. Fraser, C. M. Davis, F. C. Staples, A. J. Cox, to be Lance-Corporals.

Pte. H. Percy to be Servant to Lieut. Benett.

Corpls. D. Edwards, F. Taylor, A. R. Davies, to be Paid Lance-Sergeants.

Ptes. W. Davis, A. Fraser, Bugler S. M. Pardon, Musn. J. Woodward, to be Paid Lance-Corporals.

Pte. H. Lucas to be Servant to Surgeon Pickthorne.

Ptes. E. Turrell and F. C. Staples to be Paid Lance-Corporals.

Pte. R. Jackson to be Servant to Major Cochran.

PLYMOUTH—

Sergt. J. Jeffery is appointed Pioneer Sergeant, on probation for two months, commencing 3rd inst.

Sergt. G. Warren is re-appointed Senior School Assistant for one year.

Lce.-Corpl. A. Percy is appointed Orderly Corporal of E Co.

Discharged to Pension.

EASTNEY—

Gnrs. T. Griffiths, J. Duggan, G. Dumper, E. Blackman.

PORTSMOUTH—

Sergt. E. J. Edwards; Ptes. H. Gupwell, G. Martin, T. Feeley, J. Murray, D. S. Davies.

PLYMOUTH—

Clr.-Sergt. T. Power; Ptes. J. Nicholas, F. Dawes, E. O'Gara, W. Sealey, O. Andow.

Recruiting.

PLYMOUTH—

Capt. B. C. Couchman to Nottingham.

Limited Engagements.

EASTNEY—

Gnrs. J. G. Peavot, D. Stewart.

Purchase—Gnrs. F. Austin, A. Chinn, C. W. Toms, E. Rhodes, A. G. Legge, and Pte. H. Kirk.

Invalided—Gnrs. G. Rogerson, T. McNulty, Ptes. C. Browning and C. R. Bell.

CHATHAM—

Ptes. C. Jackson, B. E. Collins, J. Seago, A. Ringrose, H. Smith, A. S. Moore, F. G. Oberman, J. Skeen, F. Maguire.

PLYMOUTH—

Invalided—Corpls. H. J. Griffiths, P. D. Cuthbertson; Ptes. R. O. Coles, A. Roberts, J. Jamieson, J. Devlin, W. Lowe.

Purchase—Ptes. J. A. Roberts, J. A. Munns, J. Muir.

Twelve Years—Ptes. H. Powel, J. Woodbury.

Transfers.

CHATHAM—

Buglers D. V. Cady, T. A. Lambert, W. B. Whincup, are transferred to the Ranks.

PORTSMOUTH—

Buglers W. G. Sainsbury, H. G. Hewett, M. W. Provis, W. Walters, H. A. Blinco, to Privates.

Privates A. E. Barington, W. G. Hooper, C. H. Robbins, H. Holton, J. Herbert, to Buglers.

PLYMOUTH—

Bugler T. J. Powell to Private.

Ptes. C. Smith, J. McNaughton, J. E. Freestone, to Chatham Division.

Medals.

The Ashanti medal of Major Denny has been inscribed on edge, "Mwele, 1895," in accordance with notice in the *London Gazette* of the 22nd ult.

Embarked.

FROM EASTNEY—

Monarch—Lieut. Guy Senior; Clr.-Sergt. G. H. Dyson; Lce.-Sergt. G. Gill; Corpl. S. Bowden; Bugler A. Trayfoot; Gnrs. W. Holloway, F. Mitchell, W. Hawkins, H. J. Fisher, J. H. Howard, J. Read, W. Toogood, G. Patton, F. Ridgway, C. Herring, H. Johnson, J. G. Willis, G. Allchin, G. Cunnington, H. Locke, C. T. Brown, W. Spencer, W. Clark, A. Smith, A. Bennett, W. J. Brown, A. E. Gosling, A. E. Elliott, E. Earle, R. T. Arthur, S. Burgess, B. H. Pape, E. G. Ashard, L. A. Martin, G. Thomas, A. J. Spiller, J. Norris, C. E. T. Clayden, J. Parry, D. Stevens, A. Foster.

Devastation—Gnr. G. Bratley.

Alexandra—Gnrs. T. Gilbert, H. Spooner.

Inflexible—Gnr. G. H. Russell.

Dreadnought—Gnr. G. Ceato.

Pembroke—Gnr. T. Birch.

Terror—Gnrs. J. Tallent, T. Hoare.

Majestic—Gnrs. T. Skein, W. Smith, J. Souch.

Royal Sovereign—Gnrs. N. McAuley, F. Jones; Actg.-Bombr. C. M. Ash.

Prince George—Bugler W. T. Keene; Gnr. G. J. Burgess.

Centurion per *Endymion*—Lieut. H. W. H. Beyts; Sergt. R. W. Emmerson; Lce.-Sergt. W. H. Davies; Bugler J. W. Offord; Gnrs. O. H. Willcox, A. Wall, W. Jupp, J. Neilson, E. Lunn, J. Holloway, J. Bairno, M. Hirsch, W. Fifield, H. Calloway, H. Martin, L. Goldstein, G. James, S. Parker, A. Wales, J. Hirso, H. Miller, G. Hewitt, D. McGiffen, F. West, W. Marden, E. Hussey, J. Gainsley, W. Smith, J. Hickling, A. Bone, J. Tanner, A. Sissons, E. W. Rossiter, J. Deal, J. Yates, B. Ash, W. Duly, H. Foster, W. Long, H. Brooks, G. Clapson, T. Bull, A. Clout, H. Johnson, A. Moore, R. Stevens, G. Kemp.

Australia for disposal per s.s. *Warrigal*—Gnrs. T. Forsyth, W. J. King, E. Boyes, H. Lockyer, T. Kelly, G. Care, C. Light. H. J. Every, J. Spencely, E. Loversend, H. W. Gates, J. Wiltshire, A. W. Edwards.

Pembroke—for *Audacious* Lce.-Sergt. S. Martin; *Victorious* Lce.-Sergt. H. Perrott; *Superb* Lce.-Sergt. W. Carey; *Warspite* Lce.-Sergt. H. W. Green.

FROM CHATHAM—

Pembroke—Corpls. H. T. Lee, F. Atkins, W Stokes, G. E. James, W. Calcutt, W. Prior, C. Rowe, H. Servent, W. Lesson; Privates J. W. Nicholls, C. Loft, D. E. Eccles, A. Hammond, A. J. Doyle, J. A. Watts, J. T. Binns, A. R. Palmer, W. Turbyfield, T. Muston, C. Powell, W. Loveday, H. Elvin, F. Moore, E. Yeo, F. E. Broadfield, E. Bunning, G. Watson, E. Came, A. Targett, J. Duffy, S. Petty.

Monarch—Capt. Marchant; Sergts. C. Matten, F. Waters; Corpl. A. T. Flack, Bugler R. Taylor; Ptes. H. Bonsor, R. W. Compton, W. Goddard, A. Collins, C. J. Lamb, A. Males, C. H. Gibbons, F. N. Buck, C. Manning, J. Stopford, C. Walker, N. Worsfold, A. F. Ray, C. V. Potts, H. Freeman, W. H. Porter, L. C. Mason, E. Bunkhurst, E. Kemp, C. Barber, W. Withers, T. Parfitt, S. Harrison, J. Shaw, F. T. Rigsby.

Caledonia—Corpl. A. W. Muncey; Ptes. A. G. Clements, G. W. Bell

Repulse—Pte. G. H. Dewel.

Northampton—Pte. T. Allen.

Wildfire—Ptes. W. Giller, H. H. Norris, R. O'Brien.

Empress of India—Pte. S. Carroll.

Endymion—Corpl. B. King.

Minerva—Sergt. W. H. Turner; Bugler T. F. Bennett.

Hearty—Bugler A. W. Hesleton; Pte. G. E. Wilson.

Centurion—Major E. C. L. Congdon; Pte. J. Searle.

Sans Pareil—Ptes. W. H. L. Wells, E. F. Coley, C. Haselup, G. Wood.

Rattler—Corpl. W. Fraser; Ptes. J. Price, W. Cox, A. T. Nightingale, G. W. Powers, J. Barker, A. G. Elsworth, J. Copeman.

Galatea—Pte. J. Hannah.

Mildura—Sergt. A. Loates; Corpl. H. B. Astle; Bugler H. Easdown; Lce.-Corpl. W. Clark; Ptes. L. Lovering, H. Wiffin, W. J. Betts, H. Harrison, H. Burdett, A. Sturgeon, E. Jones, W. Maybrey, T. Crossley, C. E. Birkenshaw, C. Thorpe, C. Cronin, G. Hartness, T. Hall, H. Murray, H. Wicks, H. Jarvis.

Terror—Ptes. W. Riddle, R. Symons, G. Powers, J. W. Wylie

Wye—Ptes. C. W. Wood, J. Rhodes, E. Spickett.

Stork—Corpl. A. Taylor; Ptes. G. Bustard, C. Chamberlain, H. Payne.

Disposal, China Station—Ptes. J. Buckham, E. W. Seath, E. Gibney, F. H. Bayley, H. H. Bailey, J. O. Barkley, F. Robinson, E. Porter, J. W. Standley, W. Pearce, J. Bolton, W. Jones, H. Able, D. J. Turner.

FROM PORTSMOUTH—

Alexandra—Ptes. J. R. Sullivan, F. W. Jannaway, W. Arnold, W. H. Joynes.

Australia—Pte. W. D. Tavner, Bugler A. J. Buckler.

Boscawen—Pte. J. A. Perrott.

Centurion per *Endymion*—Ptes. H. Trodd, J. Jackson, J. Rosser, C. H. Smith, J. Hunt, C. Durrant, C. Lambert, C. Goddard, C. Knowles, L. Lepla, E. W. Hardiman, H. Webb, C. Rippen, J. Solen, C. Potter, C. Farrant, F. Purse, L. Groves, C. Metcalf, H. Sampson, F. Ford, J. Grosart, H. McLean, J. Verrier, J. Leir, F. Briggs, W. Hobbs, A. Bailey, W. Amos, W. Gage, A. Guy, G. Lee, L. A. Lawson, C. Smith, I. Felton, A. J. Smith, R. Burns, A. Stamsfield, R. Whitworth, E. O'Neal, W. Dobinson, F. Wilkinson, H. S. Sharp, Bugler A. Priscott.

Centurion per *Minerva*—Lieut. E. K. Story; Sergt. H. J. Lawrence; Ptes. E. Simpson, E. Lloyd.

Calliope—Ptes. C. Woodroffe, O. Westoby, H. Hodder, H. Bell, T. Moore, F. Turner, F. Stimpson, D. Davidson, C. Hobbs, H. Smith.

Excellent—Bugler C. Chandler; Ptes. T. White, W. Robinson, G. F. Drewett, T. Thompson, G. Young, J. Portsmouth, Bugler T. W. Armitage, W. Hooker, I. Vivash, M. Ruff; Bugler W. R. May.

Inflexible—Pte. A. Jameson.

Melpomene—Pte. J. T. Holywell, W. Coles, S. Merrell, F. Richardson.

Osborne—Pte. J. Elkins.

Royal Arthur—Capt. W. P. Drury; Ptes. G. Thorne, J. Goulding, E. Brannan, F. Jones, J. Weaver, J. Amos, W. Hills, E. Robinson. F. Truefell.

Royal Sovereign—Pte. W. Gill.
Resolution—Ptes. W. Browne, H. J. Henwood, A. Lee.
St. Vincent—Ptes. F. W. Lawrence, A. G. Robinson, E. W. Player, H. Vincent, W. Stephens.
Terror—Sergt. A. G. Warwick; Corpl. W. Linington; Ptes. T. Beachaw, J. Dean, M. Redbourn.
Vernon—Corpl. H. V. Williams.
Victory—Corpl. R. Fuller; Ptes. A. Julien, T. Esnag, C. Barnes, J. Marshall, W. Gulliver, D. Holland, F. Gleed, J. Long, B. Wilson, J. Skerry, H. Dance, G. Hoare, H. Keil, J. Macfarlane, H. Reynolds, J. Emery.
Waterwitch—Corpl. A. Lambden; Ptes. W. Chapman, J. Cooper, G. Binnstead, J. Cotton, H. Cookson.
Wallaroo—Sergt. W. Kenchington; Corpl. G. J. Ryder; Bugler W. T. Claydon; Ptes. W. Smale, J. Terry, G. Dorman, F. Gooderson, A. E. Smith, J. Leishman, P. Wade, G. Hammond, J. Doughty, W. Knight, J. Fox, G. Baugh, J. Barker, F. Holmes, A. Banks, J. Reid, A. Owens.

FROM PLYMOUTH—
Algerine—Surgeon J. H. Stenhouse, M.B.; Sergt. G. Robinson; Lce.-Corpl. H. J. Carpenter; Ptes. J. Burrows, C. E. Fryer, T. J. Adlam, J. Percy, T. Jefferies, J. J. Hayle.
Britannia—Corpl. J. Jenkins; Pte. W. Hodge.
Cambridge—Bugler P. J. Quelch; Ptes. Mitchell, J. Preston, J. J. Flynn, W. F. Coleman, T. P. McCann, G. C. Trevett, A. Young, J. H. Hodkinson, T. H. Satchwell.
Colossus—Pte. G. F. Bryan.
Cruiser—Sergt. H. Warren; Ptes. J. Dodsworth, W. Howden.
Devastation—Bugler G. J. Brook; Ptes. F. Harris, R. J. Hutton, C. F. Hards.
Firebrand—Corpl. T. W. O'Brien; Ptes. T. Finnie; J. Clew, A. E. Timewell.
Ganges—Bugler A. Haldane; Pte. H. Davey.
Gossamer—Corpl. W. A. Barnett.
Hermione—Corpl. E. L. Colban.
Impregnable—Ptes. W. Risby, S. Adams, E. W. Neate, A. Elly.
Lion—Ptes. J. Barrow, S. Hamer, A. Seymour.
Lapwing—Lce.-Sergt. W. J. Perriam; Ptes. J. W. Sylvaster, F. W. Tomlinson, R. Russell, P. Maher, W. G. Fairwheather, H. Mahoney, C. Parker, D. T. Read.
Phœnix—Sergt. S. Craig; Ptes. J. Struthers, W. Crane, A. L. Davidson, J. Moran, T. R. Walker, J. Woolhouse, J. R. Knight, W. Walters, A. H. Bayford.
Sharpshooter—Corpl. G. Worsdall.
Swift—Corpl. W. N. Gambril; Ptes. T. Davis, J. E. Smith, G. Currans.
Thunderer—Ptes. C. Spicer, J. S. Glen.
Vivid—Corpl. F. J. Harwood; Lce.-Corpl. F. W. Fouracre; Ptes. H. Reeves, W. Lynch, J. Connolly, F. G. Lawson, J. J. Waye, J. Dorgan, W. Morrison, T. Roberts, H. Nicolson, C. L. G. Hearn, F. W. Boulter, H. T. Davey, H. T. Harley, J. Thompson, J. Heeley, S. Bending, R. Nicholson, E. Butcher, T. J. Muge, C. Phillips, F. Hamlyn, J. Hesketh, J. Brown, T. McGowan, G. Raymond, A. Youlden, H. F. Blackwood, W. E. Carroll.
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TO EASTNEY—
Dreadnought—Gnr. T. McNulty
Devastation—Gnr. A. W. Edwards.
Howe—Gnr. G. Paynter.
Vivid—Gnrs. J. G. Rose, H. Evins, W. H. Wellman.
Pembroke—Gnrs. J. C. Bateman, J. C. Peavot.
Inflexible—Gnr. G. Beveridge.
Ascension—Gnr. L. Chant.
Mohawk—Gnr. C. W. Toms.
Alexandra—Gnrs. D. Stewart, W. Macdonald.
Royal Sovereign—Gnrs. W. Robertson, B. Bridgwater, R. W. Keys.
Majestic—Gnr. F. A. Quest.

TO CHATHAM—
Pembroke—Corpls. R. Jeffs, W. M. Saunders; Ptes. E. Yeo, E. Britchford, W. G. Butt, M. Jennings, W. Wright, J. W. Wylie. J. Buckham, G. W. Power, J. Bary, C. Bartlett, W. B. Evans, A. Grearson, A. Tidbury, F. Mortlock, J. Golding.
Northampton—Pte. C. Loft.
Minotaur—Pte. E. Wellstead.
Caledonia—Corpl. B. Collins; Pte. H. Mills, H. Egar.
Wildfire—Ptes. F. G. Smith, J. Brent, J. Giles.
Endymion—Pte. C. J. Hammond.
Sans Pareil—Ptes. C. Rushton, G. Bustard, J. T. Bowles.
Hearty—Corpl. H. R. Westbury; Bugler E. Croucher.
Penelope—Ptes. C. Keddie, R. Ruffhead, J. A. Skeen.
Vivid II—C. G. Stokes, T. Stevens, A. Kelly, W. Rackham, F. Nash.
Gleaner—Corpl. J. Nealon.
Hibernia Pte. G. Bowles.
Mohawk—Sergt. H. Henry; Bugler G. Rix; Ptes. G. Forrett, G. Lelant, A. Haines, F. Jull, A. Prior, J. Armitage, J. Thornton, W. Sallows, W. Denhart, W. Baker, G. S. Woollett, F. Westfield.

TO PORTSMOUTH—
Alexandra—Ptes. H. J. Henwood, J. Nicholson.
Australia—Pte. H. Farrow; Bugler H. A. Blinco.
Boscawen—Pte. H. Bell.
Cruiser—Sergt. J. Watson.
Excellent—Bugler W. Hanham; Ptes. W. Hooker, A. Lee, H. Wells, M. McGeehin, W. E. Pearce, S. Merrill; Bugler E. Rawlings; Ptes. S. Kelley, R. T. Lord, A. Shadbolt.
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Nile—Bugler J. S. Pembroke.
Narcissus—Pte. A. Allen.
Nelson—Sergt. J. G. Sampson; Ptes. J. J. Goulding, F. Ford, F. Gleed, S. G. Cooper, W. Coles, H. J. Webb, A. Walker, J. W. Hunt, J. T. Hollywell.
Majestic—Pte. W. Costello.
Melpomene—Pte. F. Palmer.
Mohawk—Ptes. F. Purvor, J. Munden, C. E. Ball, J. Currigan.
Prince George—Pte. J. B. Wright.
Penelope—Pte. G. E. Shave.
Royal Sovereign—Pte. S. O. Green.
Resolution—Ptes. W. Francis, D. Hunt, W. Connor, R. Sheppard.
Sparrow—Sergt. A. H. Rayworth; Bugler E. Roberts; Ptes. E. Edge, G. Thompson, W. Smith, W. R. Gamlin, F. C. Lewis.
St. Vincent—Ptes. T. Jones, C. Waterman, H. Morris, T. Kelly, F. H. Kemp.
Vernon—Corpl. J. Hunt; Ptes. W. Cooling, J Ketchingham, C. Hester.
Victory—Sergt. C. Fletcher; Corpls. W. Crowe, R. Stagg; Ptes. J. Conway, H. Whitbread, B. Oakley, W. Tavander, F. Stevenson, W. McCrohan, E. Piddington, G. Thompson.

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Cambridge—Bugler T. J. Powell; Ptes. W. Rowe, C. J. Carpenter, G. Lord, A. E. Jenkins, O. J. Dockery, T. McMullin, H. Marton, F. E. Russell.
Cambrian—Pte. M. Hurley.
Colossus—Pte. J. Devlin.
Devastation—Bugler H. A. Gafford; Ptes. J. Woodbury, J. D. Thompson, G. Cousins.
Ganges—Bugler C. R. Stone; Pte. J. J. Lovays.
Hermione—Sergt. W. Foy.
Impregnable—Ptes. F. C. Sparkes, R. Trudgeon, W. Hamilton, G. Taylor.
Lion—Ptes. A. Gooch, J. McGuirk, E. Hooley.
Lizard—Pte. W. Winston.

Mohawk—Pte. C. J. Nurse.
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Racoon—Pte. J. Bracey.
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MUSKETRY INSTRUCTION IN THE CHATHAM DIVISION, 1896.

During the year 1,296 officers, non-commissioned officers, and men were exercised through Musketry with the following results:—

Old System, 531. Figure of merit, $\frac{123{\cdot}11}{47{\cdot}66}$

New System, 765. Figure of merit, $\frac{117}{42}$

CLASSIFICATION.

Marksmen, 133; First Class, 466; Second Class, 635; Third Class, 62.

The Best Shooting Company was the 13th Detachment, Lieut. F. Drage, with Srgts. Murphy, Essery, Elliott, Cole, Lucas and Riddiford.

Figure of merit, $\frac{131}{45}$

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Officers.—24 rounds.—Capt. Byne, 80 points.
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INTER-DIVISIONAL ALL RANKS RIFLE MATCH, 1896.

Rank and Name	200	500	600	Total
Staff-Sergt. Lane	29	34	31	94
Lieut. Tupman	30	34	30	94
Sergt. Kay	32	32	29	93
,, Mohr	29	31	31	91
Sergt.-Major Clark	29	31	31	91
Sergt. Scott	28	34	27	89
Colr.-Sergt. Andrews	28	31	24	83
,, Braybrooke	28	28	25	81
	233	255	228	716

Captain of Team, Major Horniblow.—Average 89·50.—Fired on 30th July, 1896.

THE "METHUEN" CHALLENGE CUP.

This cup, which is presented by Lord Methuen, C.B., C.M.G., is competed for annually by teams representing the following:—H.M.S. *Excellent*, Royal Marine Artillery, Royal Engineers, Brigade of Guards, Green Jackets Hythe Staff, Naval School of Gunnery, Sheerness; Royal Artillery, Cavalry, Royal Marine Light Infantry; English, Scotch, Irish, and Welsh Regiments. Last year the R.M.L.I. entered for the first time, but was only successful in taking the ninth place on the list. The following is the statement of accounts of the R.M.L.I. "Methuen" Cup Competition Fund for 1896:—

RECEIVED.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDED.	£	s.	d.
Chatham Division, Sub.	4	0	0	Entrance Fee ..	10	0	0
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Plymouth ,, ,,	4	0	0	Railway and Cab Expenses ..	1	11	4
R.M. Depot, ,,	4	0	0	Challenging Targets at Match ..	0	2	6
					13	11	10
				In hand	2	8	2
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Gibraltar.

THE above is the only name of a military achievement retained on our colours, the remaining actions being so numerous and varied that they were embodied in the device, "The Globe." H.R.H. Duke of Clarence speaking for George IV., when presenting colours to Chatham, 1827, said, "His Majesty has selected for the Royal Marines a device to which their achievements have entitled them . . . . . From the difficulty of selecting any particular places to inscribe on your standards, your Sovereign has been pleased to adopt "the great globe itself" . . . . . The motto peculiarly your own, "Per Mare Per Terram," has been allowed to remain, and surmounting the entire is the word **"Gibraltar"** in commemoration of the important national services you performed there."

We feel sure that a short and correct history of the rock, published in parts, will be interesting and instructive to our readers. The following work is taken from the Gibraltar Directory and revised from the original compilation of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Gibbard, Police Magistrate of Gibraltar, and kindly contributed by Major R. H. Alexander, R.M.A. (retired).

The Mountain of Gibraltar is situated in the Province of Andalucia, the "Tartesides" of the Phœnicians, the "Iberia" of the Greeks, and the "Bœtica" of the Romans. Gibraltar is the "Mons Calpe" of the Ancients, and was known as one of the Pillars of Hercules, the other being Monte Almina, Apes Hill in Africa. The Phœnicians visited it, but there is little doubt that it remained uninhabited until the Mahommedan Invasion of Spain, which established an infidel dynasty in that country for upwards of 800 years. Gibraltar was possessed successively by the Phœnicians, the Carthaginians, the Romans, and the Visigoths, and became of great use to the Carthaginians, a watch tower being erected thereon, whence the Roman galleys might be observed. Scipio dispossessed the Carthaginians of Bœtica (now Andalucia), and the Romans held that and Calpe till A.D. 412, when the Goths gave the first check to the Roman power, and the Visigoths seized on ulterior Spain, the Romans being entirely driven out of Spain A.D. 568.

In A.D. 710 the Gothic Kingdom, which had existed in Spain for three hundred years, was distracted by internal dissensions, the nation had become effeminate and totally neglected the military discipline of their ancestors. A small detachment of 500 Moors under Tarif-Abú-Lara, embarked at Tangier in September, A.D. 710, and landed on the coast near the present town of Tarifa, where finding no opposition they ravaged the neighbouring country and returned laden with spoils; this invader gave his name to the town of Tarifa. On April 30th, 711, the Moorish Chief, Tarik-Ibu-Leyad, landed with 12,000 men at Algeciras, and possessed himself of all the principal points in the Bay of Gibraltar. He determined to secure communication with Africa by establishing a post on the coast, and preferring the strong natural position of Mons Calpe, sent a detachment there, giving orders to erect a castle on the face of the hill; the present Moorish castle is all that remains of this once magnificent pile. From this chieftain the rock took its name, "Gibal-Tarik," or the "Mountain of Tarik," hence the name "Gibraltar." Naturally the Moors attached the greatest importance to the rock and the port was greatly frequented. Of the important events, which in the years after the first occupation, continually occurred in the district of Gibraltar, little is now known, but it is certain that they were connected with the frequent revolutions and wars in which Spain was continually engaged with the opposite coast of Africa.

In 1086 Gibraltar was in the possession of the Caliph Yusef-ben-Taxfin. In 1161 the primitive fortifications constructed by Tarik were largely increased by Abd-el-Mumen Ibu, Caliph of the Almohades, who named Gibraltar "Jehalu-l-Fatch" (Mountain of Victory). In 1309 the rock was, for the first time, exposed to a regular siege, and taken by Alonzo de Guzman, detached from the army of Ferdinand IV. of Spain. Ferdinand settled the government of Gibraltar and granted a municipal constitution to the place. It was retaken by the Moors in A.D. 1333; but it reverted to the dominion of the Christians in 1462, when the Spaniards wrested it from the Moslem dynasty. The Moors held Gibraltar altogether for 751 years. Up to this time Gibraltar had sustained light sieges, and was to sustain many more before it remained finally in the hands of the English nation.

The sieges were:—

(1). In 1309—Taken from the Moors by Alonzo de Guzman.

(2). In 1315—Ismail-ben-Feras of Granada, unsuccessfully besieged Gibraltar.

(3). In 1333—Besieged by Abul-Hasar, Sultan of Fez, and taken, owing to starvation, after a gallant defence of 4½ months.

(4). In 1333—Besieged unsuccessfully by Alphonso XI. of Castilla, when battering machines of various kinds were used.

(5). In 1349—Besieged again by Alonzo de Guzman, whose death of the plague in 1350 caused operations to cease.

In 1410 the inhabitants of Gibraltar rose against the Granadian Moors, drove them out of the fortress, and placed themselves under the protection of the Emperor of Morocco, who sent 1000 horse and 2000 foot to garrison the rock.

(6). In 1411—Besieged by Yusuf, King of Granada, and taken through starvation.

(7). In 1435—Besieged unsucccessfully from the sea by Henri de Guzman Count de Niebla, who was accidently drowned in the retreat. Artillery was used against Gibraltar for the first time in this siege.

(8). In 1462—Taken by the Spaniards.

(9). In 1467—Taken by the Duke of Medina Sidonia, after a desperate resistance of 14 months from the lieutenant of the city, Estevan de Villacreces. The city and territory of Gibraltar was conferred on the Duke of Medina Sidonia by Don Alonzo, King of Spain.

(10). In 1504—Gibraltar having been annexed to the Crown of Castille; on the death of Queen Isabella, Castille was threatened with a revolution, during which time Don Juan de Guzman, Duke of Medina Sidonia, attempted to repossess himself of Gibraltar, but failed.

(11). In 1704—During the war of the Spanish Succession, which commenced in 701, Gibraltar was taken by the English on July 24th, 1704, after a siege of only three days, by a squadron under the command of Sir George Rooke, in co-operation with a land force of 1800 English and Dutch troops under Prince George of Hesse Darmstadt. Although the works were very strong and mounted 100 pieces of ordnance, well appointed with ammunition and stores, yet the garrison consisted of only 150 men. The inhabitants numbered 6000. A bombardment took place on the second day and lasted six hours, when 15,000 shots were thrown into the town.

(12). In 1704-5—Besieged by Spain and France, with a French squadron of 12 ships of the line and 7 frigates, and 17,000 Spaniards and French under the Marquis de Villadarias. The garrison consisted of 3000 men, and the siege which lasted for six months was unsuccessful, and cost the besiegers 10,000 men. It was during this siege that a party of 500 Spaniards under Colonel Figueroa ascended the east side of the rock, hid themselves in St. Michael's Cave, and surprised and put to the sword the Middle Hill Guard, but were afterwards nearly all killed by the Grenadiers of the garrison. During this siege 70,000 shots and 8000 shells were thrown into the garrison, the English loss being 400 men.

In 1706 Gibraltar was made a free port. In 1713 it was finally ceded to Great Britain by the Treaty of Utrecht.

(13). In 1727—Besieged by the Spaniards entirely by land, and having lasted for five months, was ended by peace being concluded between the two countries. The Spanish Army amounted to 19,270 men, under the Count de las Torres. The garrison of Gibraltar was at first 1,500 men, under General Clayton, but was reinforced by 5481 men, under the Earl of Portmore. The Spanish batteries of 92 guns and 72 mortars opening fire in May, discharged 700 shots per hour into the town for 14 days, to which the garrison could only reply with 58 guns (21 on the Grand Battery, 23 on the old Mole, 9 at Willis's, and 5 from the Moorish castle) many of them 6-pounders only; indeed, the ordnance was of so small calibre, that nearly all the guns at Willis's were 6-pounders, and a 3-pounder is spoken of as having inflicted great loss on the enemy. Twenty-three guns were dismounted in seven days, but by the end of May the enemy's fire was kept under, and by the beginning of June 100 guns were in position and numerous

mortars on the heights. When this mass of ordnance opened upon the Spanish batteries, so crushing was the fire that not a single gun replied. Early in the day the trenches were a heap of ruins, and the magazines blown up. During this seige a conspiracy was detected among some Moors and Jews within the walls to sieze upon the gates, and, by a preconcerted arrangement, open them to the Spaniards. Two Moors were found guilty, put to death and afterwards flayed; their skins were then nailed to the gates of the town, a great many pieces being cut out afterwards, to send to England. The English fired 52,950 rounds, and destroyed 23 mortars and 73 guns of the enemy during this (the 13th) siege.

In the year 1757, Mr. Pitt conceived the idea of surrendering Gibraltar to Spain, in order to secure her alliance against France and to recover Minorca; but although the Ministry depreciated the value of the possession, the people began to form a just estimate of its importance. The gallant defence during the last siege was a military achievement that excited the popular admiration, and Gibraltar became valuable in the eyes of the public when its name was associated with British gallantry and blood. It was the dread of popular indignation that deterred subsequent Cabinets from bartering with Spain for the restitution of the Rock, the possession of which was spoken of at the time as a questionable advantage to the nation.

In 1760, during the Earl of Home's Government, two regiments, becoming discontented, formed a plot to massacre their officers, seize the military chest, and secure an escape by delivering up the fortress to the Spaniards. The conspirators numbered 730. An accidental quarrel in a wine house disclosed the plot, and the ringleaders were punished with a vigorous but necessary and just severity.

Peace lasted in Europe until 1779, when the disturbance in the British colonies in America revived the hopes of the Spanish Court, and in the year 1774 an order was issued throughout all the colleges and military schools of Spain that they should suspend all studies but those which had for their object the mode of attack upon fortified places by sea and land.

(To be continued).

A Pensioner's Yarn.

One day, while I and my old dad our faller field was turnin',
I said I'd be a soger—for with valour I was burnin';
The old dad wanted I to wait till after turmot harvest,
Oh, no! I said, I'm going at once to join the glorious sarvis'.

Straight to a Sargent then goes I, who gives to me a shillin',
And said he'd like to drink I'se health—that was, if I was willin';
And every time his glass was out he laid to me a wager,
That, years before my time was up, I should be Sargent-Majer.

He sent I off by train next day, Deal was I'se destination!
An acting Corporal there I found awaiting at the station,
Who hoped like he I should get on. (I tendered him my thanks.)
He'd twelve years service only, and had risen from the ranks.

My uniform I soon put on, and to a bed was posted
Next to a Balaclava man who to me kindly boasted
That he could get up belts and straps in quite a splendid manner,
And just for friendship he did mine for just three-and-a-tanner.

When pay-day came he took I out to shew I what was proper,
And very soon my "four-and-eight" had dwindled to a copper;
When this was gone, and he found out I had no further figure,
He knocked I down, swore I was drunk, and puts I in the digger.

They sent I round to Portsmouth then, and soon I had a notion
That a smart, bright, active chap like I, should put up for promotion,
My requisition was approved, and here I can't help sayin' it,
The proudest moment of my life was when I shipped the bayonet.

In a fight at Apple Dumpling Bridge the foe were fast retiring,
I found my back-sight had been bent when we had finished firing;
I took it to the Armorer, who said, 'tis greatly damaged,
A pound or more you'll have to pay unless it can be managed.

Soon after this I got the stripes, and hard work was my motto;
I jogged along quite easy till they fitted out the "What O."
The dangers of a Flying Squad, I thought I'd like to share it,
Though three months pay I had to give ere I contrived to square it.

Around the world this fleet was bound—and in the Bay of Biscay,
The wind came on to blow a bit and our old ship got frisky.
I could not eat, I could not sleep, I was so sick and ill, Sir!
I often wished I's self safe home with my old dad in Willshire.

Next day at sail drill exercised—and did'nt I feel horrid,
The Captain sent for me to know what was the matter for'ad;
Said I, Sir! the main t'sail brace has fouled the starboard anchor,
And the fore to'gallant mast aloft has got jammed in the spanker.

Straight down in irons he placed I then, for this false information
And read a warrant out next day for insubordination;
He said it was intentional and well I did contrive it,
So he put I in the second class and smashed I to a private.

The glories of a soldier's life I thought was now a failure,
And so I left the sarvice when we anchored in Australia.
I shipped on board an Ocean Tramp, and for the trip engages,—
When we got home they run I in, and would'nt pay I'se wages.

The Portsmouth Admiral-in-Chief believed this bold assertion,
And tried I with two more next day on the charges of desertion.
A Corporal from the Barracks came to recognise and view us,
And I was let off quietly with sixteen weeks in Lewes.

The time seemed long, but passed away, and gladly be it said,
I tramped away to Barracks with the canteen right ahead.
But two-pence nowhere could I get, till meeting a kind lady,
And she advanced I half-a-crown for three-and-six on pay day.

Home service then I wanted, but they would not let me be—
A week had barely passed when I was warned once more for sea.
No chance this time to pick my ship—I had no cash to traffic,
They packed I off as super to the Western coast of Afric.

King Koffee now got striking out; around the news was handed,
And very soon all hands aboard in Ashantee was landed.
Before Coomassie I got hit, but afterwards 'twas told I,
Some sailor shot I through the leg to square accounts he owed I.

They sent I home to Haslar then, and docked I'se starboard leg,
When well, I hopped to Barracks on two crutches and a peg.
They invalided I, of course, and here I'd like to mention,
I got a bob a day for wounds, and just the same for pension.

Straightway to Wiltshire then goes I—the old farm hove in view;
The turmots they looked very well, the mangold wurzels too.
The folk they all stood in the yard; I close to them did draw,
They were counting up the pigs they'd have when th' old sow went to straw.

The old dad's eyes flew open wide, and mother's opened wider,
All they could say was, "Come inside and have a cup of cyder."
I told them my adventures, and I'se wooden leg I shewed 'em,
And now they cannot sleep at nights for yarns that I have told 'em.

Each night, now, at the "Spotted Cow" I sits and takes I'se ease,
And spins these grinning Wiltshire lads long stories of the seas.
They take in all I choose to say, and everything until, Sir!
I tell them that in all the world there's not a place like Willshire.

E. L.

WHIST.—The members of the Sergeants' Mess of the Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I., and of the Welsh Regiment, met in a friendly rivalry in the spacious and handsome mess-room of the former, on the night of Thursday, February 4th, over a game of whist. Ten players of each regiment, making twenty in all, formed five tables of four. The R.M.L.I. won by two games. Inter-whist parties and billiard matches with the other regiments in garrison are being arranged by the Royal Marines, and it is hoped to wind up the winter series of re-unions, which do so much to establish good feeling in the garrison, with an attractive smoking concert.

Fire put out by our Marines.

WHEN the fire broke out at the palace in Canea, the British Marines quartered at the Greek School close to the palace were (says the *Daily News* correspondent) immediately marched to the square by Major Brittan, who with Lieut. Nelson, proceeded to attempt to extinguish the fire; but the palace being a Turkish Government institution, of course neither pumps, hose, axes, buckets, water, nor other appliances were available. The difficulties, therefore, were immense. A fresh breeze was blowing, and the palace being surrounded by a dense mass of wooden houses inhabited by Moslems, there was imminent danger that the whole populous district would be involved, and a repetition be witnessed of the lamentable conflagration of a fortnight since. Major Brittan and Lieut. Nelson, seeing the impossibility of otherwise saving the quarter, then set to work with their men to isolate the fire, tearing down the buildings abutting on the palace literally with their hands, having no other means.

It was a hard fight against time. The lofty wooden walls of the palace were fiercely aglow only ten feet away, with the connecting corridor and timbers well alight. The heat was intense, and the danger very considerable. The Marines worked splendidly, displaying infinite pluck and indefatigable energy. The struggle lasted three hours before success appeared even possible. Ultimately the efforts of the Marines prevailed, and the quarter was saved. During the progress of the fire bands of sailors from the warships, British and foreign, arrived to take part in the work of salvage, but although the British sailors did excellent work, it is not too much to say that the chief credit in saving the town from another appalling disaster rests with Major Brittan and Lieut. Nelson and their men. I have seen many great fires, including the burning of Alexandria, but I have never seen more ably-conducted work, in most unfavourable conditions, than this morning.—*Southern Daily Mail*, Feb. 25th, 1897.

Royal Marine Rifle Association.

WE have much pleasure in inserting a photo of Colour-Sergeant C. Hill, R.M.L.I., of the Plymouth Division, who distinguished himself by taking the first place in the shoot of the R.M. twenty, and thereby winning the gold jewel for 1896. His four shoots in the competition for the 'Eight' were 87, 98, 97, 88, total 370. Lieutenant Collard, R.M.L.I., won the silver jewel with 368, whilst Captain Bryne, R.M.L.I., took the bronze jewel with a total of 366.



We heartily congratulate Colour-Sergeant Hill on his success in the past year, and wish him the best of luck in the future.

The Hon. Secretary of the R. M. R. A. has asked us to remind all interested in the Corps rifle shooting that the competitions for the R.M. twenty commence on the 1st April, and that all who desire to compete should send in their names with the entrance fee (officers 2/6, warrant officers 1/6, other ranks 1/-), through the Musketry Instructor of their divisions, or direct to the Hon. Sec., R.M.R.A., Forton Barracks, Gosport, who will forward to the competitors the five register cards.

The following is the statement of accounts of the Royal Marine Rifle Association from its formation on 13th May, 1896, to 31st December, 1896 :—

Receipts.	£	s	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Balance from R. M. Eight Club ..	13	15	3	Account Books, Printing Rules, Scoring Cards, etc.	3	9	0
R.M.A. Subscription	10	0	0	Clerk for sundry clerical work	0	5	0
Chatham Division Subscription	10	0	0	Railway, Cab, & Brake Expenses of men attending the Twenty Shoots, and of Team at Bisley	8	3	8
Portsmouth do. ..	10	0	0	Subsistence of men attending the Twenty Shoots, and of Team at Bisley	6	13	0
Plymouth do. (including £4 for Methuen Cup Fund)	14	0	0	Marking Expenses during the Twenty Shoots	0	13	6
R.M. Depot Subscription	10	0	0	Entrance Fee to United Service Match ..	1	10	0
R.M.A. share of entrance fee to United Service Match ..	0	6	0	Challenging Targets at Bisley	1	0	0
Chatham Division do.	0	6	0	Postage, telegrams, &c.	2	15	2
Portsmouth do. ..	0	6	0	Cheque Book ..	0	2	0
Plymouth do... ..	0	6	0	Goldsmiths' & Silversmiths' Co. for six badges and eight bars	6	11	4
R.M. Depot	0	6	0	Goldsmiths' & Silversmiths' Co. for engraving names on badges	0	4	0
Individual Subscription of Officers ..	1	15	0	Goldsmiths' & Silversmiths' Co. for gold, silver, and bronze jewels, and die for same	9	12	0
Entrance Fee of competitors for R.M. Twenty	4	0	6	Prize for 'All Ranks" Inter - Divisional Competition ..	4	0	0
				Prize for 'Young Soldiers'' Inter-Divisional Competition	4	0	0
				Refunded to Methuen Cup Fund	4	0	0
					52	18	8
				Balance ..	22	2	1
	£75	0	9		£75	0	9

Audited (at the request of the Deputy-Adjutant-General, the Royal Marines) and found correct. The balance in hand is £22 2s. 1d.

G. Hobart, Lieut.-Colonel, R.M.L.I., 19-2-97.

Charles E. Collard, Lieut., R.M.L.I., Hon. Sec. R.M.R.A.

Australian News.

OUR comrades were well to the fore as usual at the athletic meeting held at the Agricultural Grounds, Sydney, on Boxing Day, by the friendly societies. The team from H.M.S. *Mildura* swept the board at Military Competitions, taking 1st prizes in Manual Firing and Bayonet Exercises. The R.M. team was most enthusiastically cheered by thousands of spectators. They were admirably trained by Sergt. Jackson, R.M.L.I., and a list of their names is appended below. The Scottish Rifles, Sydney Volunteers, R.N.A. Volunteers, and H Coy., 3rd Infantry Regiment, were the other competitors.

The Tug of War was won by H.M.S. *Pylades*, Ptes. Connolly, Gilbert, Watson, and Wood being members of the team.

R.M. Team, H.M.S. "Mildura."

Lce.-Corpls. Jas. Dawe, F. T. Robinson; Ptes. Geo. Bolt, E. A. Way, Hy. Page, A. E. Summerlayes, Hy. Lambert, Alf. Topping, P. F. Bishop, Wm. Lane, F. R. Munday, Fdk. Gillman.

River Plate Expedition.

IN the year 1854, affairs in the River Plate were in a very disturbed state, and much injury was done to commerce by the arbitrary conduct of General Rosas, President of the Republic of Buenos Ayres, or as it is now better known by the name of the Argentine Republic. No vessels were allowed to trade up the Rivers Parana or Uruguay. A large force of English and French ships of war were assembled at Monte Video, and it was decided to send an expedition to force the passage of the Parana. Accordingly the combined force of English and French started in November, 1845, and reached a place called Punta Obligado on the 19th November. Present, six English and five French ships, under the joint command of Captain Hotham, English, and Captain Trehouat, French. The Buenos Ayrean force consisting of four batteries mounting 24 heavy guns, besides a number of field pieces, and a large force of infantry, also a schooner called the *Republicano* on the opposite bank of the river, at the end of a strong boom consisting of 23 merchant vessels dismantled and bound together with their cable chains under their bottoms and over their upper decks. The ships weighed anchor at half-past ten on the morning of the 20th November, and were gallantly anchored as close as they could get to the batteries, some of them not more than 200 yards from the two centre batteries. In the middle of the day the *Republicano* blew up with a tremendous explosion, and soon after a boat, with Captain Hope of the *Firebrand*, and Midshipman Commerell (now Sir J. E. Commerell), proceeded to cut the chains which fastened the boom together; a boat from the French steamer *Fulton* going at the same time. The English being the first to cut the chains, the vessels parted asunder, leaving a clear space for the steamers to go through, when they anchored a short distance above in such a position as to pour in a raking fire, which speedily silenced the three lower batteries, the higher one firing occasionally, the commander of the battery most pluckily standing on the parapet waving his sword in defiance at every shot that was fired. In the evening between five and six a force of Royal Marines and small arm men and armourers landed under the lowest battery which was placed on the top of a high bluff with a steep ascent. The Marines under the command of Captain Hurdle, a gallant old fire-eater of the time of the old French War, and his officers were Lieutenant Laurence, R.M.A. (acting as aide-de-camp to Captain Hotham who was in command of the combined force of Seamen and Marines), 2nd Lieut. Barnard, 2nd Lieut. J. C. D. Morrison, and 2nd Lieut. Domville. No time was lost in forming in column of sections, and a rush was made up the face of the hill, and on reaching the top a sharp fire was opened, and one seaman called Polyblank was shot through the head, they had fired too soon, and no other casualty took place on shore. After forming across the rear of the battery, the seamen spiked the guns, and a party was sent out to skirmish into the wood; many shots were fired, but the enemy retired rapidly out into the open where there was a large force of cavalry and infantry collected, who began to feel the effects of long range firing from the ships. After the guns were all spiked, the force retired to the boats, with 40 English and French killed and 55 wounded. Two English officers were killed and several French, some by splinters on board *San Martin*, built of fir. The carnage amongst the Buenos Ayrean force was very considerable, but one man was caught in the act of firing at an officer, he having pretended to be dead, and was promptly disposed of by a plucky old Sergeant Pheeps of the Plymouth Division. On the following day the French small arm men had their little innings, they being so knocked about the day before that they could not organise a force; however, they had a little skirmishing and dismantled the fourth battery. There were several brass guns of large calibre, for those days, taken in the fight, and several were sent home, only to be ignominiously returned by the British Government a short time afterwards. The French Government gave the Legion of Honour to their officers, and many rewards were given to others. But the British Government in those days was not so liberal. No medal was given for the participators in an action which opened to the world the commerce of one of the greatest granaries and food producers of the world, and an action which lasted altogether afloat and on shore for more than nine hours, and was marked by acts of gallantry by both Seamen and Royal Marines, such as it would be invidious to particularise.

This account is copied almost verbatim from letters written on the spot by one who was present in that and subsequent affairs in the River Plate from 1845 to 1847. There was a battalion of Royal Marines composed of the detachments serving in the ships at Monte Video, landed there for three or four years, under the command of Major Leonard, and, as was notified by the government of Monte Video, distinguished for their good conduct, discipline and amiable relations with the towns people.

COLONEL E. C. DOMVILLE.

Useful Manoeuvres.

AN artillery colonel makes a valuable suggestion as to military manœuvres in a letter to the *Times*. He points out that the the modern demand for manœuvres over wide areas of ground and on a feeble imitation of the Continental system can scarcely be adapted to the needs of the British army. And for this reason. The presumable raison d'etre of the home army is that it may be landed at some favourable strategic point upon the enemy's coast after the Navy has cleared the way for such a landing. This is, undoubtedly, an accurate definition, and it does seem so absurd that we should neglect to train the force in an operation of war which it may at any time be called upon to perform, and whilst we are so anxious to imitate the Continental system of manœuvring. The critic suggests that a force of, say, 5,000 men shall be taken afloat in transports and make a raid upon some point of the coast where troops may be assembled to resist the landing. This is an excellent notion, and fully deserves the attention of the authorities. Such an experiment might be considered instructive from more than one point of view, and might test the supposed possibility of a surprise invasion of these islands by a relatively small force during what is usually described as "the temporary absence of the fleet." The attacking force might very well start from Ireland and land at any point on the English coast selected by the leader of the expedition. This point being unknown a good test would be afforded of the War-office plans for assembling large bodies of troops and volunteers at short notice. As for the expense, this would be small compared with the cost of inland manœuvres on a large scale, whilst the results would be infinitely more valuable.

A MODEL WITNESS.—"Now, sir, I hope we shall have no difficulty in getting you to speak up," said the lawyer, in a very loud commanding voice. "I hope not, sir," shouted the witness at the top of his lungs. "How dare you speak to me in that way?" angrily asked the lawyer. "Because I can't speak no louder, sir," said the ostler. "Have you been drinking?" "Yes, sir." "I should infer so from your conduct. What have you been drinking?" "Coffee," hoarsely vociferated the knight of the stable. "Something stronger than coffee, sir, you have been drinking. Don't look at me like that, sir! (furiously). Look at the jury, sir! Did you have something in your coffee, sir?" "Yes, sir." "What was it?" "Sugar." "This man is no fool—he is worse," stormed the counsel. "Now, sir," turning to the witness, "look at me! What besides sugar did you take in your coffee this morning?" The ostler collected his forces, drew a deep breath, and in a voice that could have been heard half a mile away, bellowed out—"A spune! a spune! and nuthin' else!"

A few days ago at a ball in Berlin, a colonel advanced toward a young lieutenant, who bore on his breast as sole decoration a large badge richly set with diamonds. "Tell me, young man," he said, "what is that thing you have got there?" "It is an order, my Colonel," replied the lieutenant. "An order!" exclaimed the Colonel. "It is not Prussian, then, for I don't know it." "It is an English order, my Colonel," responded the juvenile officer. "Ah, indeed!" said his superior; "who, for goodness' sake, could have given you such an order?" "My grandmother, my Colonel," was the reply. "Your grandmother!" ejaculated the Colonel, bursting out laughing; "what is her name?" "Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Queen of England," answered the young lieutenant, who was Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein. The Colonel suddenly disappeared.—*A. & N. Journal*, 26-1-96, New York.

Entertainments

R.M.A. Junior N.C.O.'s Dance Club, Eastney.

THE members of the R.M.A. Junior N.C.O.'s Dance Club, held one of their pleasant Soirées in the Lecture Room, at Eastney, on Monday, 15th February. The walls were draped with red and white bunting, and decorated with devices of arms; while the flags of all nations floated from the ceiling, the "tout ensemble" having a particularly pleasing effect. Colonel Pengelley, Major and Mrs. Gaitskell, Captain and Mrs. Osmaston, and several other officers, and Sergt.-Major and Mrs. Rodway, and Sergt.-Major and Mrs. Baker were present during the evening, and joined in the dancing, which was kept up with much spirit till 2 a.m. About 200 were present. Refreshments were served in the Reading Room during the short intervals of a good selection of music. Corporal Hounsell presided, and was ably assisted by his Hon. Secretary (Corporal Coney) and the Master of the Ceremonies (Bombardier Roost).

R.M.A. Theatre, Eastney.

The theatre still continues to draw good houses twice a week, when the regular Corps Dramatic Company, under Lieutenant Henderson's management, occupies the boards. It is no less crowded when the Chaplain, the Rev. C. E. York, gives his free Magic Lantern Entertainments; and on occasions when the theatre is used on behalf of charity, we are always sure of a bumper house. Such was the case on February 22nd, when a Grand Variety Entertainment was given for the benefit of Mr. G. White, late Corporal, R.M.A., and for the last year of his service employed as Clerk in the Staff Office, who was invalided last December. Our old friend, Miss Emma Masher, ever ready to do a good deed, gave her services on this occasion, and received a hearty welcome; while Master Allen, in the character song, "It's a great big shame," was a very decided success.

Royal Marine Theatre, Forton.

The Theatre at Forton Barracks was crowded last night when another entertainment was given. The first part of the programme was given up to vocal variety. Private Bailey's singing of "It's a Great Big Shame" provoked general laughter and applause. Private Dennis, too, was in fine form, not only in song, but also in a novel "finger dance" which was deservedly applauded. Private Osborne warbled "I Did Laugh" (and so did his hearers), and Private Franks told in song of "The Gallants of England," while Corporal Stonhold contributed "Genevieve." Miss Warren delighted old and young by her splendid vocalisation of "Beauty's Eyes," and Miss Haswell gave in pleasing tones "A Summer Shower." Lieut.-Colonel Gordon was to the fore with the bagpipes, and Major Johnstone, who takes a keen interest in promoting these entertainments, utilized operatic airs by way of a whistling solo, which was evidently appreciated by the hearers. The remainder of the evening was given up to the performance of a new farce by John S. R. Emelli, entitled "Simple Interest." The characters therein were sustained thus: Mr. Le Gros (a retired tradesman), Sergeant Warner; Ida (his daughter), Miss Hodgson; Bertie Lavors (a clerk), Lance-Corporal Weightman; Elijah (a servant), Private Wilson; Wheeler (a cabman), Sergeant Hughes. The author, if we mistake not, is a military gentleman who is no stranger locally, and on the success of last night's presentation he will doubtless feel grateful to those who supported the various characters. For their efforts and evident desire to achieve success they deserve a word of praise; for the antics of the chloretic tradesman and his "encounters" with the ardent clerk who "made up" to his daughter, were received with every mark of public favour.—*The Southern Daily Mail*, 3rd February, 1897.

The theatre at Forton Barracks was crammed to the doors last evening, when a more than usually successful entertainment was given. Amongst other instrumental pieces a trio for guitars and zither by Captain Fraser, Lieutenants Burge and Lees should specially be mentioned. Captain Fraser was also applauded for his manipulation of the bones. Mrs. Arnold, a vocalist very popular at these entertainments, was applauded to the echo of her splendid singing of "My Gal;" and Private Waterman was equally well rewarded for his songs. Another vocalist to score a huge success was Sergeant Warner in a comic ditty "Villians of the Vic." Bandsman Wood sang "It Was Me," and a musical treat was provided by Miss Haswell, Miss Warren, Major Johnstone, and Capt. Luard. Corporal Jones sang "For the Best," and Corporal Jenvey played a 'cello solo. A lively three rounds boxing competition was given by Colour-Sergeant Taylor and Sergeant Beaumont. The concluding part of the entertainment was yet another original farce by an inventive local author, entitled "The Cracked Teapot." Characters: Arthur Isidore (a spendthrift), Private Wilson; Kate (his wife), Miss Warner; Uncle Benjamin (their uncle), Sergeant Beaumont; George and Sarah (servants), Sergeant and Mrs. Warner. The piece went excellently from start to finish; the series of amusing complications was well worked, and when the curtain was finally rung down, the heartiest applause told how thoroughly author and actors had scored a success, which was mainly due to Sergeant Warner's rendering of "George" and to the fact that the piece had been well rehearsed.—*Southern Daily Mail*, 17th February, 1897.

Royal Marine Theatre, Stonehouse.

The Dramatic Club at the Royal Marine Barracks, Stonehouse, entertained a crowded audience on February 2nd, with their production of the nautical drama, "Ben Bolt," and the old but always welcome farce, "Slasher and Crasher." The drama is now looked on as an annual institution, but it is doubtful if ever it was placed on the boards more effectively than it was last night. Several items were introduced which added considerably to the success of the entertainment, notably, two songs, "My donah" and "Who gives this woman away," by Private Foster, banjo solos by Private Hesselgrave and Trivett, and a clog dance by Private Ferris. Sergt. Hopkins assumed the title role in the drama for the first time, in a manner which left his predecessors in the shade, and Sergt. Smith excelled himself as the villain, Ivan Ironlink. Colour-Sergt. R. M. Crowe once more appeared, to the amusement of the audience, as the rolling stone Reuben Raggs, and Colour-Sergt. Parsons filled the part of Christian Comfort capitally. To the ladies, Miss Beatrix Vane and Miss Luise Elmar, as Alice and Mary Moonlight respectively, too much praise cannot be given, their acting throughout the evening leaving nothing to be desired. The minor characters were will filled by Messrs. Howe, Elworthy, Pitchford, and Bentley. The farce was productive of unlimited laughter, and the music during the evening was decidely nautical, and, consequently, popular. The performance was repeated.

Colonel Rose and Officers of the R.M.L.I. held a Matineé Musicale in the divisional theatre at the Royal Marine Barracks, Stonehouse, on Monday afternoon, February 22nd, which was attended by a fashionable audience. The string band of the division, under Mr. Frank Winterbottom, performed the following programme of music:—Overture, "Fest," Leutner; four English dances (stately, rustic, graceful, country), Cowen; a. Aubade printaniere (Lacombe), b. Simple aveu (Thome); ballet music, "La Gioconda," Ponchielli; suite, "Peer Gynt" No. 1 (morning, death of Ase, Anitra's dance, orgie), Grieg; two woodland songs (night and morn), Eilenberg; landler, "Auf Bergeshohen," Gung'l; selection, "Erin," Basquit.

R.M. Sergeants' Dance at Stonehouse.

Warrant Officers, Staff-Sergeants, and Sergeants of the Plymouth Division R.M.L.I., gave a dance at Stonehouse Town Hall on February 10th. Between 500 and 600 guests, including representatives of all corps, regiments, and departments in garrison accepted invitations. The hall wore its best appearance, and the dance music was provided by a portion of the excellent string band of the division. The attendance included:—Colonel-Commandant E. L. Rose, Mrs. Rose, Colonel 2nd Commandant Wright, Fleet-Surgeon and Mrs. Murray, Major and Mrs. Denny, Major and Mrs. Eagles, Captain and Mrs. Curteis, Captain and Staff-Officer Vincent, Captain and Adjutant Bendyshe, Captain Evans, and many of the subaltern officers of the division, as well as Sergeants-Major Blackler and Perry. Light refreshments were served in the small hall, and the bars, as well as card-rooms, were laid out in the upper apartments. A committee, consisting of Quartermaster-Sergeant J. Mc F. Mitchell (president), Colour-Sergeant J. H. Parsons (secretary), Staff-Sergeant E. Woolcock, Colour-Sergeant J. Bath, and Sergeants R. Bell, J. N. Alsop, J. H. F. Edwards, and J. Gribble, superintended the arrangements of a highly-successful dance. The M.C.'s were Colour-Sergeants J. H. Parsons and J. Bath.

Answers to Correspondents.

A.B.C.—The custom of covering the third button with crape when a private, Royal Marines, is in mourning, is not recognised by any authority, so far as we know. The only answer that can be given when this privilege is questioned is "the custom of our Corps." The origin seems lost in the mists of obscurity, but we would be very sorry to see this habit discontinued or allowed to die out. Recruits, please note this !

Mr. Plumstead—You are right with regard to the price of numbers sent. I fear my letter was ambiguous.

Births.

Matthews—At Chatham, 28th January, 1897, the wife of Private John Matthews, of twins (sons)

Brown—At Stonehouse, on 24th January, 1897, the wife of Private G. H. Brown, of a daughter.

Marriages.

Connolly—Carleton—On the 23rd February, at Coberly, near Cheltenham, by the Rev. C. H. Wilson, great-uncle of the bride, assisted by the Rev. J. Elwes, cousin of the bride, Captain Arthur Matthew Connolly, Royal Marines, to Frances Laura, daughter of the late Captain Percival Carleton.

Hutchings—Berry—At the Register Office, Taunton, 29th January, 1897, Gunner W. Hutchings, R.M.A., to Miss M. E. Berry.

Compton—Mullinger—At Parish Church, Portsea, 26th Jan., 1897, Br. T. Compton, R.M.A., to Miss A. Mullinger.

Pickard—Richardson—At S. James' Church, Portsea, 30th Jan., 1897 Gunner F. Pickard, R.M.A., to Miss R. Richardson.

Sills—Wood—At Parish Church, Portsea, 3rd February, 1897, Br. W. J. Sills, R.M.A., to Miss E. Wood.

Mathieson—Franks—At S. James' Church, Portsea, 3rd Feb., 1897, Corpl. S. T. Mathieson, R.M.A., to Miss J. T. Franks.

Dalton—Jay—At Parish Church, Portsea, 10th February, 1897, Corpl. A. Dalton, R.M.A., to Miss S. Jay.

Offord—Gleeson—At St. John's Cathedral, Portsea, 4th February, 1897, Bombr. J. W. Offord, R.M.A., to Miss E. M. Gleeson.

Lalto—Gilbert—At St. Matthew's, Gosport, on 26th December, 1896, Corpl. J. E. Lalto to Miss W. E. Gilbert.

Clarke—Anderson—At Parish Church, Alverstoke, on 6th February, Corpl. H. J. H. Clarke to L. Anderson.

Stevens—Barron—At Registry Office, Alverstoke, on 23rd January, Pte. W. Stevens to J. Barrow.

Ohlson—Darnell—At St. Mary's, Kingston, on 16th February, Ernest Ohlson, late R.M.L.I., to Alice Maud Darnell.

Mace—Wilkins—At Abbey Church, Minster, on 25th January, 1897, Pte. J. J. Mace to Miss C. C. Wilkins.

Riley—Black—At Registry Office, Chatham, on 8th February, 1897, Pte. F. Riley to Miss Susannah Black.

Deaths.

Grant—On 3rd February (suddenly), of heart disease, at Lassodie, Dunfermline, Major James Walter Grant (retired), R.M.A., aged 43.

Gardner—On December 22nd, 1896, at his residence, Willurah, Craneswater Park, Southsea, Lieut.-Col. Robert Ballard Gardner (retired), R.M.A., J.P., aged 60.

Sykes—At Gibraltar Hospital, 9th November, 1896, on passage to H.M.S. *Anson*, Gunner J. H. Sykes, R.M.A., aged 20 years.

Fleetwood—At Eastney, 9th February, 1897, Wm. Fleetwood, late Pay-Sergeant, R.M.A., aged 39.

Murray—At Melville Hospital, 15th February, 1897, Pte. W. C. Murray, R.M.L.I.

Couper—Pte. D. G. Couper (*Victory*).

Varndell—A. Varndell (Benin Expedition).

Bowker—At London, 20th February, 1897, Samuel Bowker, late Sergeant, R.M.A., aged 46 years.

Walton—At Sowerby Bridge, Yorks, 10th Feb., 1897, aged 62, William Walton, late Staff Sergt.-Instr. in Gunnery, Plymouth Division.

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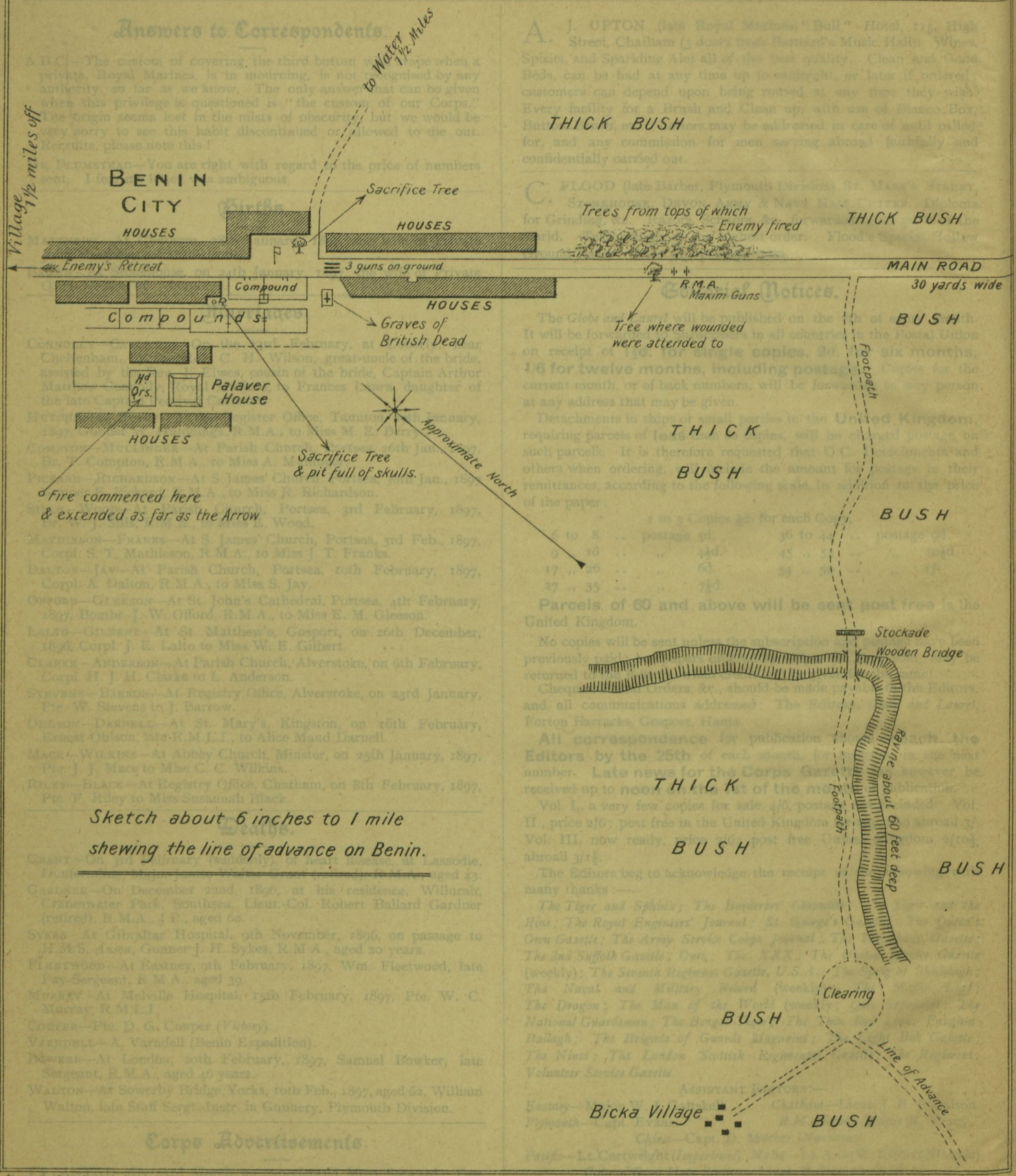
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Editorial.

THE PETRIFIED EYE, 1st Edition, is now out of print. Please note this, gentle readers. We have a few of the paper-covered 1s. edition left, which are sold to members of the Corps for 9d. We have had one or two letters asking for 1st edition, and had to return subscriptions, which causes trouble and correspondence. We hope shortly to publish a new edition, and would like to receive orders in advance as was done previously.

POSTAGE. We hear, with much regret, that several of our subscribers were charged double postage last month. All those who complained have had their accounts credited with 1d. There has been a searching inquiry into the charge, and the facts are as follows:—Each paper was under 2ozs. when posted; other copies have been submitted to eight different post offices and in all cases weighed under 2ozs. Still, when these same copies had been exposed to a damp atmosphere for a few hours, they weighed just over 2ozs. The theory put forward by the G.P.O., London, is that although under 2ozs. when posted, the amount of moisture absorbed from the atmosphere or damp mail bags on their journey to London, where they are weighed and stamped, caused them to be over weight. Anyhow, the over weight in all cases was so slight that several of the post office officials consider it rather sharp practice on the part of the London Department: but we have no redress.

The Editors have been greatly inconvenienced by contributions and corps news arriving very late. If the date of publishing is to continue 7th of each month, copy must be all ready by the 30th, as the latest date.

We have been asked to insert the following, as a somewhat garbled account has got into the English papers:—The day after arrival at Salamis Bay, Captain Kappey, R.M.A. and Lieut. Cochrane, R.N. of H.M.S. *Anson*, went for a sail in the skiff. The wind was squally and when near a Greek man-of-war the skiff capsized. The contents of the boat were lost, and the occupants saved themselves by holding on to the bottom of the boat until rescued by a boat from the Greek ship, which took them on board and looked after them hospitably until the arrival of a boat from H.M.S. *Anson*. The incident has been much exaggerated in the Athens papers, probably owing to the excited state of public opinion at the present moment.

We have been asked to state that the account of the services of the late General Sir E. Nicolls was originally from the pen of Major Shanks, R.M., who presented the portrait in oils to the Officers' Mess, Plymouth, and also photos of the same to the Sergeants' Messes at Chatham and Plymouth. The picture in Vol. I., October 1894, was a reproduction of one of these.

CORPS ATHLETIC MEETING. It has been proposed to get up a Corps Gymkhana and Athletic Meeting some time this summer when the Diamond Jubilee Demonstration is going on. Portsmouth has been proposed as the most central place. How does the proposal recommend itself to the R.M.A. and Divisions? If feasible a central Committee and local Sub-Committees should be formed at once.

We regret to hear that Major G. D. C. Raitt, R.M.A., the Marine Head of the Naval Intelligence Department at the Admiralty, is seriously ill. He is in St. Thomas' Hospital, so that everything that medical skill aud careful nursing can do for him, will be done. We feel sure we echo the feelings of every member of the Corps when we wish him a speedy recovery and return to health and duty.

We have received the following interesting letter in answer to our query about Woolwich Dockyard Church:—

SIR,

I believe the church was built in 1855—not before—for the following reason;—The Woolwich Division used to attend Divine Service when it was held in the timber shed alongside the basin. Towards the end of 1854, H.M.S. *Adventure* was being floated out of the basin after repairs, and being heavily rigged and light in the water, capsized and knocked the temporary praying domicile to smithereens. This was a cause of great jubilation to many of us, as there was no church parade for seven weeks or so. This accident caused a new church to be built, which must have been commenced in '55, as when I returned from the Crimea early in 1856 on board H.M.S. *London* the church was opened. I believe this is correct.

Yours faithfully,
R. FIELD,
Late Color-Sergt., R.M.L.I.

We read that owing to the water carriers bolting during the Benin expedition, water was very scarce, and could not be spared for the Maxims. However, lime juice was used with good results.

R.M.R.A. PROGRAMME. We are asked to state that in the programme for 1897, in giving the score of the Royal Marine 'Eight' in the United Service Cup Competition, Sergt. F. Deacon should be R.M.A., and not R.M.L.I.

PLUCK. During the Benin expedition Gunner Targett was the first of the Royal Marine Artillery to be wounded. After he had been shot he sat down and took "pots" at the enemy, and when no longer able to fire, cheered his comrades on. Gunner Howlett had just reported to the Sergeant that Targett was wounded, and Turner had given directions for the application of a bandage, when suddenly Howlett put his hand to his chest and exclaimed, "I am done for! I am shot; but let them have it!" Soon after the brave fellow breathed his last. When Mr. Johnson, a naval warrant officer, was shot through the heel, and was left lying by the roadside, Bombardier Town carried him through a heavy fire to a place of safety. Gunner McCarthy also volunteered to fetch in a wounded "red" marine, and did so in the teeth of a fierce fusilade from the foe.

CORPS DINNER.—All communications should be addressed to Colonel Scafe, 21, Northumberland Avenue, W.C., and not as was printed in last issue.

PROPOSED RESERVE OF MARINES—Mr. Arnold-Forster asked the First Lord of the Admiralty whether, under the proposed scheme for the reorganisation of the Royal Naval Reserve, it would be open to men of the Royal Marines, of 12 years' service, discharged with good character, to enter the reserve of qualified seamen, or whether the class would be confined to A.B.'s. Mr. Goschen replied that the class of "qualified seamen would be confined to able-bodied seamen, but a scheme for establishing a reserve of marines was under consideration.

Loyal Royal Marine Lodge.

THE members of the Loyal Royal Marine Lodge of Oddfellows spent a very pleasant evening at their Lodge Room on Thursday, March 25th. The chair was taken by Bro. J. Fleming, P.G., who very ably filled it. The entertainment commenced by singing the National Anthem, with musical accompaniment, and songs were given by Bros. W. Beal, Smith, Moody, P.G.; Lyne, Roberts, Millar, West, Brown and Bryan, G.M. During the evening the Chairman, on behalf of the Lodge, presented purses of gold to P.G. Lance (Secretary) and P.G. Richardson, the senior Trustee of the Lodge, as a mark of the appreciation of their services—which both recipients suitably acknowledged. A Past Officer's Emblem was also presented to Bro. Robotham, P.G. (Color-Sergt., R.M.L.I.), and he having just arrived safe and sound from Benin, was undoubtedly the "lion" of the evening, and in responding to the presentation gave the Brothers a thrilling account of his experiences during the Expedition, which was listened to with rapt attention, and his health was drunk again and again with cheers three times three. The proceedings were enlivened by a selection of music by the Brothers of the Band, which was highly appreciated. Bros. Gorman and Millar also acted as accompanists. The Lodge has made very satisfactory progress during the year 1896, and after paying sick and funeral allowances amounting to £230, has added to its funds £262 11s. 7½d., making its total cash value £3447 17s. 8½d., all safely invested at good interest, which must be very gratifying to the absent Brothers of the R.M.L.I. in all parts of the world to hear.

FUNERAL OF LIEUT.-COL. SPRY.—The remains of Lieut.-Col. Spry, R.M.L.I., were, on 3rd March, laid to rest in the Plymouth Cemetery. The cortege left Montville, Lockyer Terrace, the deceased's residence, about eleven o'clock, and proceeded to the Cemetery Chapel, where the Rev. Mr. Hodge conducted the service. The coffin was of oak, with brass mountings. By request, no wreaths were sent. The chief mourners were the two sisters of deceased, who were led by Captain Pound, R.N., and Captain Salmon, R.A., respectively, and Captain Ralph, Messrs. Broad, Hill. Richards, Williams and Watts. The arrangements were entrusted to Messrs. Popham, Radford & Co., and carried out most efficiently,

The Late Capt. Byrne, R.M.L.I.

THE death of Captain Gervis Taylor Byrne, who died early on the morning of the 24th March, from the effects of a wound received in action during the advance into Benin City, has caused wide-felt regret throughout the Corps.

Capt. Byrne was born on May 1st, 1861, and joined the service on 1st September, 1880. He was promoted Captain 28th December, 1889, whilst serving in H.M.S. *Hyacinth* on the China Station. He had previously served in H.M.S. *Hercules* and *Northampton*. From July to September, 1892, he was employed by the Colonial Office with Malay Police in Pahang. He was present at the engagements at Bukit and Brapit in Burmah, and was mentioned in despatches for his services against the rebels. On his return to England, he served at Plymouth from December, 1892, to September, 1893. He then went to the Depôt, and left there in August, 1894; and went recruiting to Liverpool till the end of 1895, when he rejoined Plymouth; and left again in November last for a Gymnastic Course at Aldershot, which he had not completed when placed under orders for the *Malacca*.

He was shot in the right side by a large jagged bullet, which had passed round the back, injuring the spine. The seat of the injury was located by the Röntgen Rays, but no operation was performed. The doctors speak in the highest terms of his patient endurance of suffering: always striving to maintain a cheerful demeanour in spite of great pain. The verdict of the coroner's inquest was: "Died of a gunshot wound in active warfare for his Queen and Country," and expressed their regret at the sad occurrence. In Capt. Byrne we lost one of our best soldiers, and a keen sportsman. Those who knew him best can testify to his having been a sincere friend, and—in the highest sense of the word—a gentleman.

FUNERAL.

The body of the late Capt. Byrne, R.M.L.I., left Waterloo at 11-30 a.m., March 27th, and arrived at 2-30 at Stokes Bay Station. The arrangements of the funeral were in the hands of Colonel-Commandant Byam, R.M.L.I; while Colonel Baldwin of the same corps was in command. Admiral Sir Nowell Salmon, V.C., Commander-in-Chief, accompanied by his Staff, met the funeral train at Stokes Bay; and all branches of the service were well represented. The service was performed by Rev. Dr. Shone, Chaplain of Forton Barracks. The crowd was very great, but the road was well kept, and not a hitch occurred. There were many beautiful wreaths sent by the brother officers of the deceased from the ther Divisions and Head-Quarter Staff.

MR. JAMES PRESSEY.—We regret to announce the death of Mr. James Pressey, late R.M.L.I., which took place recently at Forton. Deceased joined the Royal Marines on the 3rd December, 1847, had seen a considerable amount of war service, being in possession of the Burmah medal, 1852-53, with clasp for Pegu; Crimean medal, with Sebastopol clasp; Turkish medal; Baltic medal, 1854; China medal, with clasp for Canton; and long service and good conduct medal. He had served afloat in H.M. ships *Hastings*, *Princess Royal*, *Imperador*, *Fury*, *Excellent* and *Duncan*; having in all served afloat 15 years and 97 days, shore service 5 years 351 days. Deceased retired to pension on the 23rd February, 1869.

MR. HART.—We also regret to announce the death of Mr. Hart, late master shoemaker, Chatham Division, who died recently, aged 75. Deceased was born in March, 1822; enlisted in the Marines on 26th March, 1842. Served in the *Calypso* from February '46 to September, '49; promoted Corporal, October, '62; Sergeant, November, '63; Discharged to pension 6th January, 1888, Deceased was in possession of six good conduct badges and two good conduct medals—first granted 1868; second, 1884.

The funeral of Lce.-Corpl. William Pickard, R.M.L.I., took place in Plymouth Cemetery on the 8th March with military honours. The funeral cortege was provided from amongst deceased's comrades at headquarters, where he was highly respected. The Rev. John Brabazon, M.A., chaplain to the hospital, officiated

Told in the First Watch.

The wind was west, and west steered we,
With sheets all aft——

PRAY, how could that happen? The man who was asked for the solution of the above problem was a long, lanky, Marine, who, although answering to the name of John Green when mustering with the watch, was better known to his shipmates as Jack Bunkum, owing to a propensity he had for speaking anything but the truth.

He was seated on the to'gallant foc'sle of one of H.M. ships, surrounded—as was usual about this time—by the remainder of the watch on deck. The ship was under easy sail, two days from Barbadoes, homeward bound; the weather everything that could be desired, and a tropical moon was shining as it never does in this fog-enveloped country.

"The wind was west, and west steered we," repeated half the watch, "with the sheets all aft," murmured the remainder; and the general verdict was, that this particular evolution was impossible.

"It's easily explained," remarked the Marine. "I'll give you an hour to work it out, and whilst you are taking the turns out of your thinking tackle, I'll give you a song." When I was in the *Doris* we were the cleanest ship on the station, simply because our No. One had a rooted objection to a black coal bag being stowed in the bunkers after use. Then leaning back against the combings and fixing his eye on the lower reef-band of the fore topsail, he commenced a song, the chorus of which ran something as follows:—

Did you ever see a coal bag, a dirty, blooming coal bag?
Did you ever see a coal bag scrubbed and then hung up on high?
No matter wind or weather, they all go up together,
And you jam your optional cocoa till your coal bags dry.

"Pray in what year were you in the *Doris*, Mr. Bunkum?" inquired an inquisitive youth fresh from Forton, after the last chorus had died away.

"What year, my lad!" well, several years, and all before you ever thought of flying the quarantine flag at the mizen, but as I was about to remark, as well as being the cleanest, the *Doris* was also the fastest ship under sail (with one exception) that ever I was in. One day she ran away with all hands. I will tell you how it happened.

We were bound from Spithead to the Mediterranean at the time, and under close-reefed topsails and foresail was driven south by a nor' westerly gale at a tremendous rate. In three days after clearing the Channel, what we supposed to be Cape St. Vincent was sighted broad on the beam. We had been running free, so took a pull on the starboard braces and altered course four points to the eastward, but instead of breakfasting next morning at "Gib." on soft tack and butter, as we fondly expected, I'm darned if we did'nt pick ourselves up in the Gambia, where the stink of mud and palm oil was strong enough to stop the half deck clock.

"Of course, Mr. Bunkum," ventured the youth before-mentioned, "Your Captain could not distinguish between Cape Verde and Cape St. Vincent, nor was he—as all Captains should be—versed in the science of climatology."

"Did'nt I tell you, you unbelieving son of a sparrow starver, did'nt I tell you as this happened in the middle watch. But there goes "five bells," and the Sergeant-Major wants you."

"Where do you think I shall find him?" asked the youngster, whose questions irritated truthful John Green, and who thus took this opportunity of sending him on a bogus errand.

"Oh! about this time," replied Green, "he will be up the muzzle of the seven pounder playing chequers with the ship's cook," and after the boisterous laughter which followed had ceased he continued.—

"When I mentioned the *Doris* as being the fastest sailer ever I was in, if you remember I barred one, and that's the craft that ought to be flying R.O.B.'s broad pennant now instead of laying up and rotting in some fourth class reserve or other round the westward. I mean the *Inconstant*, the ship that brought home the news of the loss of the *Captain*. Lord! she did travel. Under sail and steam we ran from Finisterre to Plymouth in 13 hours and 10 minutes. You may laugh, continued the narrator, but that was not her best performance either. When commissioned as Flagship of the Flying Squadron she returned all her light sails into store, and then under topsails only, sailed around the world, and 5,000 miles more, in 70 days."

This statement was received by his audience with the most undisguised incredulity. Cries of "Give us another"—"What a beautiful liar"—"More Bunkum"—mingled with others of a less delicate nature, followed each other in rapid succession. During this uproar Private Green smoked peacefully on until the clamour had subsided. When being pressed to proceed he continued—

"You see it happened like this. When the Fleet left the Cape for Australia, the signal was made "Chase Flag"—which might as well have been "Chase moon" for all the chance there was of overhauling the *Inconstant*, as in less than an hour she was hull down and out of sight.

According to order the remainder made haste to follow, but the wind being through the hawsepipes they could only make about 70 miles good in every 24 hours. Well! to make a long story short, on the 70th day a ship was sighted astern coming up hand over hand, and was soon made out to be the missing flagship, who—I repeat—had sailed clean round the world, and 5,000 miles more, in 10 weeks. What makes it the more remarkable, she had a stoker's fair wind all the way, and though close-hauled, never found it necessary to haul her bowlines." Here he was stopped again by dissentient voices who challenged proof.

Gazing sorrowfully around, Private John Green refilled his pipe, and thought what a pity it was that a plain statement could not be taken as a fact, unless backed up by proof. In this case, however, he was prepared and proceeded.

"Prove it! of course, I can. I was in the *Garnet* at the time, beating up towards Port Stanley, when that identical flagship passed us to the eastward in a snowstorm. We made out her number or should have concluded that the *Flying Dutchman* had got out of his latitude."

Here he was again interrupted with: "I presume, Mr. Bunkum, you mean longtitude, as the latitude of the Falklands and the cruising ground of the *Flying Dutchman* are, comparatively speaking, identical."

"Hallo! you attenuated purser's dip, I thought I sent you to the Sergt.-Major, Did'nt you see him."

"No, Mr. Bunkum, but I saw the ship's cook and he informed me that the Sergt.-Major had had his tot and turned in immediately after the rounds. I thought it would be *infra. dig.* to disturb him."

"Never mind the youngster, Jack, spin us another yarn," said the Captain of the Hold, one of the ground tier party that did not keep watch,

"Alright," replied the story-teller, "if you want another I will tell you something this time that even that herring-built messmate of mine will not be able to query. It was written by an old chum of mine when serving up the Nile with Boscawen, and begins thus—

"Tell that to the Marines," they say
When anything out of the way is spoken,
So when Old England stands in need of men,
"Tell this to the Marines"—
You're wanted at the front! where fly
The foeman's banners flaunting high
O'er many a serried line; and they,
Will thank you, and upon the way
Will quickly be. And soon the foe
Will have undoubted cause to know
That you've told the Royal Marines.

There's a lot more, but the third reliefs have been piped to "Fall In," and I have got the last trick at the wheel. "But what about your conundrum" asked several together, "What about your ship sailing west with the sheets all aft?" "Quite simple" replied the Marine. "Who is quarter master of the first watch?"

Then everyone could see it, for all knew that William West, P.O., was conning the ship.

E.L.



UNRECORDED HISTORY!

TELLING TO THE MARINES ON BOARD H.M.S. *TARADIDDLE* THE DETERMINATION OF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT—AS A CONCESSION TO THE PREJUDICES OF THE CONTINENTAL POWERS—TO EVACUATE EGYPT AT AN EARLY DATE: PROBABLY THE FIRST OF APRIL, 1897.

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"Tell it to the Marines."

REGARDING that excellent cartoon which lately appeared in *Punch*, wherein Mr. Goschen was depicted telling to an incredulous squad of Marines on board H.M.S. *Tarradiddle* that, in deference to the susceptibilities of the Powers, Egypt was to be evacuated by the British at an early date—probably the 1st April, 1897—apropos of this it may not be out of place to tell the true story of this saying, and so correct many a misapprehension. The story in the cartoon about our evacuating Egypt now or at any time "lacketh likelihood," and so was first told to the Marines. The true yarn, which appears in the preface to Captain Drury's book, *The Petrified Eye*, and is taken from *Pepys' Diary*, is as follows:—

"The time of the saying was towards eleven of the clock, on an autumn morning, in the year of Our Lord one thousand six hundred and sixty-four, and the place—the Green Park of St. James.

"The wherefore you shall hereinafter learn.

"It so befell that His light-hearted Majesty, Charles the Second, with an exceeding bored expression on his swarthy face, was strolling in the shade with the ingenious Mr. Pepys, Secretary to the Admiralty. The latter, having put on for the first time his fine suit of flowered tabby vest and coloured camelate tunique (the one with the gold lace at the bands), had been minded to approach the King once more on the question of a uniform for the officers of the Royal Navy. Now naval affairs—indeed, any affairs of State—were ever a thorn in the flesh to Charles. He stifled a yawn with his royal right hand, and would—as was his wont—have postponed the business *sine die*, had there not chanced to canter by at that moment a seventeenth century lady with a Past—and Present for the matter of that. Dexterously converting the action into a surreptitious hand-kiss to the fair mistress—I did as much myself only last week as she smiled at me from Lely's canvas at Hampton Court—the King drew Pepys' attention to the blue and white habit she was wearing.

"'The wench hath an extraordinary fine figure,' said he, 'and a mighty pretty taste in colours. 'Ods fish man'—here he poked the dignified Admiralty official in the flowered tabby vest—'touching this question of uniform—with a murrain to it! ye do perceive yonder in the facing of her Grace's ample bodice the conclusion of the whole matter. 'Twill so make an end of what is but sorry discourse, please my lady mightily, and leave Us,' he added significantly, 'some little leisure for entertainment.'

"And thus it came to pass that the Navy go apparelled in blue and white to this day.

"'Talking of the fleet, Sire,' continued Mr. Pepys, mindful of his master's hint, yet unable to abandon entirely the subject nearest his heart, 'I had speech yestere'en at Deptford with the Captain of the *Defyance*, who hath but lately returned from the Indies, and who told me the two most wonderful things that ever, I think, I did hear in my life. When weighing the anchor very betimes one morning in the Red Sea, there came up with it a mighty cumbrous wheel of exceeding great antiquity, which he will have to be none other than a chariot wheel of Pharoah's overwhelmed host!'

"'Gadzooks!' exclaimed Charles sharply, detecting the ring of irony in the other's voice, 'Our royal navy is not officered by fools—it may well be, as Our trusty well-beloved saith; what think you, Mr. Secretary Pepys?'

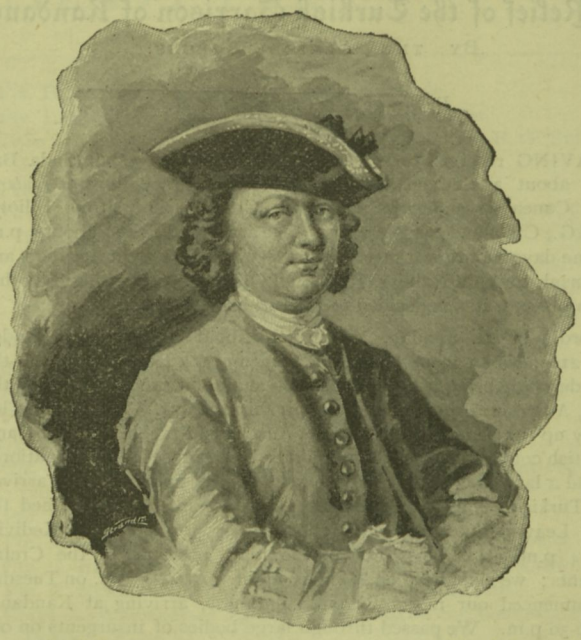
"Whatever the Secretary thought, Pepys the Courtier made haste to agree with the King that nothing was more likely. 'And secondly,' he continued, 'whiles the ship did sail in southern latitudes, shoals of fish were daily met with flying in the air!'

"The Merry Monarch laughed. 'Now do I begin to perceive, Mr. Pepys,' said he, 'that this captain of thine possesses a very pretty wit. Fish flying in the air! Ha! ha! a quaint conceit, which 'twere too good to spoil wi' keeping! What ho! sir'—he turned and beckoned the Colonel, Sir William Killigrew, (nephew of the celebrated George Monck, Duke of Albemarle) of the newly raised Maritime Regiment of Foot, who was following, in close conversation with the Duke of York—'We would discourse with you on a matter touching your own element. What say you, Colonel, to a man who swears he hath seen fishes to fly in the air?'

"'I should say, Sire,' returned the sea soldier, simply, 'that the man hath sailed in southern seas. For when your Majesty's business carried me thither of late, I did frequently observe more flying fish in one hour than the hairs of my head in number.'

"Old Rowley glanced narrowly at the Colonel's frank, weather-beaten face. Then with a laugh he turned to the Secretary.

"'Mr. Pepys,' said he, 'from the very nature of their calling no class of our subjects can have so wide a knowledge of seas and lands as the officers and men of Our loyal Maritime Regiment. Henceforward, ere ever we cast doubts upon a tale that lacketh likelihood we will first *tell it to the Marines*.'"



James Wardell, pinxt. *John Johnson, fecit.*

MRS. HANNAH SNELL

Who entered herself as a Marine in Colonel Fraser's regiment by the name of James Gray, November 27th, 1745. She received twelve wounds, one of which she cured herself, to prevent the discovery of her sex; and after having been five years in the service, was discharged June 9th, 1750. But upon her petitioning His Royal Highness the Duke, he was pleased to order her a pension of £30 per annum as a reward for the many signal services she did her country in that expedition.

This portrait, which was photographed from an old print by Lieut. Willis, R.M.L.I., has appeared in January number of "Good Words." Messrs. Isbister & Co., London, kindly sent us the block on loan. Readers should refer to Vol. III., No. 3, "Globe and Laurel" for her history.

The Song of the Royal Marine.

Tune—"A Life on the Ocean Wave."

*The life of a Royal Marine,
Dear Boys, is the life for me,
With a spell ashore serene
And a spell afloat at sea,
Through the earth and sea we roam,
Where the whales 'mid icebergs rise,
Where the torrid breakers foam,
And the Cross gems southern skies.

CHORUS—*The life, &c.

No danger may daunt advance
When ordered we onward go,
In our front our chief perchance
And before the gallant foe;
We assaulted Bunker's Hill,
And the Algerine made quail,
We assisted at the Nile,
And we docked John Chinaman's tail.

CHORUS—The life, &c.

The restless, murmuring waves,
As scolloped and pinked they flow,
Are the sea-shrouds of our braves
Who repose asleep below;
May their hammocks gently swing
In the ocean's throbbing swell,
Where the mermaids ever sing
To the music of the shell.

CHORUS—The life, &c.

The fame our bold comrades gained
At sea and upon the shore,
Is a glory that unstained
Must reflect for evermore;
And would we be worthy them,
We must be as brave as they,
With a spirit none can stem,
And a prowess nought can stay.

CHORUS—The life, &c.

J. J. LANE, Major.
2nd V.B. Middlesex Regiment.

The Relief of the Turkish Garrison of Kandanos

BY THE ALLIED FORCES.

By Sergeant O'Connor, R.M.A.

HAVING received orders to proceed to Selino, we left Suda Bay about 3 a.m. on the morning of the 5th, calling *en route* at Canea to embark the British Consul (Sir Alfred Biliotti, K.C.M.G., C.B.) and his Secretary. We arrived at Selino about 5 p.m. the same day, and after a meeting between the Insurgent Leaders and our Consul, Captain Rainier, R.N., and Officers representing the other Powers present, it was decided to land an armed force.

Accordingly on Sunday, March 7th, about 1-30 p.m., we landed about 210 seamen from H.M.S. *Rodney* and 24 Royal Marines—the remainder (40) being ashore at Canea—and about 100 each from the Italian, Austrian, French, and Russian ships of war. The Italians led the way up the pass, followed by the Austrians, French, and Russians, the British coming last; each nationality being preceded by its national flag, and a large flag of truce at the head of the column. We arrived at the Turkish village of Spaniakos about 6 p.m., and remained the night. Leaving about noon the following day, we arrived at Kediviki about 4 p.m.—this being one of the main positions of the Cretan insurgents; we slept here on Monday night. At 4-45 a.m. on Tuesday we commenced our march in pitch darkness, arriving at Kandanos about 6-30 p.m. We passed through large bodies of insurgents on our way, and on our arrival at the head of the valley, the inhabitants commenced to move out. Each nationality had taken turns daily to lead the column—Austrians, Monday; French, Tuesday; and so on. On our march back the Russians took the lead, followed by the men, women and children, then a company of Turkish troops and a company of British seamen, then the Governor of Kandanos with the Royal Marines, followed by the Italians and Austrians; next the remainder of the Turkish Garrison, and the French brought up the rear. Captain Rainier, R.N., of H.M.S. *Rodney*, was in command of the column; he left a company of bluejackets and a Russian field gun and crew at Spaniakos to cover our retreat in case of danger—and these formed our rear guard. We relieved about 350 Turkish troops, 523 men, 1,047 women and children from Kandanos, and as we came over the mountains we withdrew all the Turkish outposts and about 350 troops from Spaniakos, leaving only two outposts at the mouth of the pass, and before these could get down the mountain, the insurgents had completely surrounded the post on the right of the pass. Arriving on the plain between Selino and the mountains, we threw a line of men right across the plain to protect the town until all the refugees had embarked. Just after dusk a few shots were fired—but we took no notice; then several more were fired amongst us, and then we advanced at the double and placed about 1,000 yards between our line and the outer wall of the town, and as the insurgents seemed to be mustering in force we opened fire upon them, and they soon ceased fire and retired up the mountains. The outpost on the left of the pass came in, but the right could not, owing to being surrounded by great numbers of Cretans; so we had to remain in our advanced position all night. About 6 a.m. the following morning (Wednesday) a large number of the rebels came down, and we immediately opened fire (Marines volley firing), and then fixed bayonets and cleared the plain.

We then unfixed bayonets, and A and B companies of seamen, and the small force of Marines, under cover of the guns of the international squadron, went up the side of the mountain to relieve and bring in the Turkish outpost; we, the Royal Marines, went up another slight incline—just beyond the outpost—while they got their wounded men down. From thence we saw about 60 or 70 insurgents standing on the right of a bridge about 1,600 yards away. In that position they could have held the pass against hundreds of men, but we had taken them unawares by climbing up the face of the hill. We were ordered to put a couple of volleys into them at 1,600 yards and they immediately vacated that position. We took several prisoners and sent them to the rear, and to show the fighting spirit of the Royals of to-day is the same as of yore, I may mention that one of our young Buglers took one of the prisoners' rifle and bandolier and dropped into the fighting line when any firing took place.

Canea, Crete,
18th February, 1897.

An order was given about 10 a.m. on Monday, 15th February, 1897, to have a portion of the detachments Royal Marines, belonging to the *Revenge*, *Rodney*, and *Barfleur*, ready to land at a moment's notice. The Italian (senior) Admiral made a signal to the International Squadron—"On gun being fired from my flagship, landing parties will land without further orders."

About 3-30 p.m. the gun was fired, and within six minutes all our men were in their boats and on their way ashore; the second to land being the French, about ten minutes after us. The following is the strength of our men ashore:—

Ship	R.M A. Bglrs.	R.M A. Sgts.	R.M A. R. & F.	R.M.L.I. Sgts.	R.M.L.I. R. & F.	Officer in command.
H.M.S. *Rodney*	1	1	14	1	13	Major Brittan, R.M.L.I.
,, *Revenge*	1	1	17	1	17	Lieut. Nelson, R.M.L.I.
,, *Barfleur*			19	2	15	,, Molloy, R.M.L.I.
Total	2	2	50	4	45	

The men landed in M.O. (except valises) serge tunic and small articles in haversack; 100 rounds of ammunition were served out to each man, and 80 rounds sent ashore in reserve. The remainder of the detachments, and the detachment of H.M.S. *Camperdown* (who arrived on Tuesday morning) are to be held in readiness to land at any hour, day or night.

The men landed are patrolling the town day and night, and are also with the other nationalities garrisoning a small fort on the left of the town.

The "Noble" Memorial.

The following further subscriptions towards this fund have been received up to March 24th:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	17	12	6
Lieut.-General Sir H. B. Tuson, K.C.B., R.M.A. ..	0	5	0
Major-General A. French, C.B., R.M.A.	0	5	0
Lieut.-Colonel W. T. Adair, R.M.L.I.	0	5	0
Major S. Le Quesne, R.M.A.	0	5	0
Major H. de la Poer Beresford	0	5	0
Captain A. H. Cox, R.M A.	0	5	0
Captain J. L. Homer, R.M.A.	0	5	0
Captain R. C. Brown, R.M.A.	0	5	0
Major W. J. Langford, R.M.L.I.	0	5	0
Forton Barracks	1	5	0

SERGEANTS' MESS, R.M.L.I.—After extensive alteration and renovation, the very fine mess of the warrant officers, staff-sergeants, and sergeants of the Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I., was again formally opened. A "convivial" was chosen as the most popular form of opening, and under the direction of the Mess Committee, proved an unqualified success. Sergeant-Major Blackler presided, Sergeant-Major Perry being in the vice-chair. A capital variety programme was rehearsed, those assisting being Messrs. Lovell, White, Pearce, Pierce, J. Varcoe, Mitchell, Bogan, Chettle, Ough, Greenleld, Bayman, and Dalwood. Vocal and instrumental music beguiled the time up to midnight, and both hosts and visitors, the latter including representatives of every regiment, corps, and department in garrison, and ships in Hamoaze, as well as of the auxiliary forces, had an uncommonly good time. A few toasts were permitted, the loyal sentiments, of course, being given prominence. "The Visitors" were cordially recognised, but for none of the sentiments was there more distinct cordiality than for that of "Colonel-Commandant E. L. Rose, and the Officers of the R.M.L.I.," and that of the chairman (Sergeant-Major Blackler), a good fellow, and, therefore, a most popular president.

CORPS GAZETTE.

Promotions.

Lieut. John Raymond Garrett to be Captain *vice* Ward, deceased, dated 23rd February, 1897. Captain Garrett is appointed to the Portsmouth Division.

Lieuts. A. F. Binney, E. Henderson, E. D. E. Geddes, R.M.A., to be Captains, dated 1st April, 1897.

Lieut. C. E. Collard, R.M.L.I., to be Captain *vice* Byrne, deceased, dated 25th March, 1897.

Lieuts. H. E. Blumberg, J. E. Crowther (seconded list), F. T. Phillips, to be Captains, dated 1st April, 1897.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of 1st Sergt.-Instructor of Infantry, Teddy Kelly, R.M.L.I., being promoted to Warrant rank from the 11th March, 1897, inclusive, on his appointment to be Sergt.-Major of the Chatham Division, in the vacancy caused by the promotion to Quartermaster of Sergt.-Major Clark, R.M.L.I.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to promote Colonel and Second Commandant John Ignatius Morris, R.M.L.I., to be Colonel Commandant of the Royal Marine Depot, Walmer. Dated 1st April, 1897.

EASTNEY—

To be Paid Lance-Sergeants—Corpl. F. Ford, Bomb. J. S. Stanton.

To be Paid Acting-Bombardiers—Gnrs. W. Robinson, J. Beveridge, W. J. Kemsley.

CHATHAM—

To be Corporals—Ptes. O. E. Parnell, F. Burton.

To be Sergeant – Corpls. W. M. Saunders and appointed Bugle-Major.

PORTSMOUTH—

Ptes. J. T. Burlling to Corporal *(Minotaur)*, H. Grant to Corporal, H. Bayman *(Boscawen)* to Corporal.

PLYMOUTH—

To be Sergeant—Corpl. R. Spencer, serving at R.M. Depot.

To be Corporals—Paid Lce.-Corpl. J. Cowdy, at Head Quarters; Ptes. F. Brown in H.M.S. *Vivid*, W. Howe at R.M. Depot.

Appointments.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the appointment of Captain H. C. Evans, R.M.L.I., to the Adjutantcy of the 4th Volunteer Battalion Manchester Regiment, and of his being seconded for this service from the 1st April, 1897. Capt. Evans will proceed to Burlington Street, Manchester, in sufficient time to take over the duties of his appointment on the 1st prox.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Lieut. A. R. H. Hutchison, R.M.L.I., being appointed Assistant Instructor of Musketry at the Plymouth Division, in the vacancy caused by the promotion of Lieut. J. R. Garrett, R.M.L.I., to the rank of Captain.

EASTNEY—

Corpl. T. P. Hanlon to be Probationary Clerk, Staft Office.

Provost-Sergt. C. Clarke nominated for appointment of Officers' Mess Sergeant.

Sergt. Joseph Constable nominated for appointment as Provost-Sergeant.

CHATHAM—

To be Lance-Sergeants (Paid)—Corpls. J. D. Watts, J. Smith, F. Harding, R. Denny.

Lce.-Corpl. J. H. Willoughby is appointed Supernumerary Clerk, Quarter-Master's Department.

Pte. W. Hutton to be Probationary Clerk, Quarter-Master's Dept.

Pte. A. McKnight to Barrack Labourer.

Pte. R. Chapman to Fatigue Man, Sergeants' Mess.

Pte. H. Leary to be Servant to Lieut. Arbuckle.

Pte. L. C. Tansley to be Servant to Lieut. Hawkins.

To be Lance-Corporals (Paid)—Ptes. W. J. Chandler, F. G. Smith, T. E. Brooks, H. Hoare.

Pte. J. Fergie to be School Assistant.

To be Lance-Corporals (Unpaid)—Ptes. A. R. Fergie, B. T. P. Collins, T. Martin, J. T. Appleby, C. E. Gould, W. Ward, H. A. Morris, E. W. Haines, C. A. Parker, G. A. Jenkinson, P. F. Stevens, E. J. Rayner, F. G. Spicer, H. A. Ashford, C. Churchill, C. Knight, H. S. Orgar, H. W. Howes.

PORTSMOUTH—

Sergt. C. Fletcher to be Swimming Instructor.

Ptes. W. Simmons, E. Bray, to be Paid Lce.-Corporals.

Pte. W. Francis to be School Assistant.

PLYMOUTH—

Clr.-Sergt. H. Gillanders is appointed Company Sergeant of F Company

Pte. J. Eccles to be employed as Constant Pioneer.

Pte. A. Soper is appointed Assistant Cook in the cook-house.

Pte. G. Eaton to be employed in the Divisional Boat's Crew.

Pte. R. Nixon to be employed as Cook in provost cells.

Corpl. A. Woolacott is appointed for duty on the Garrison Military Police.

Pte. W. Wills is appointed as Marker in the bowling alley.

DEPOT—

Sergt. S. Jenkins embarked for service with Egyptian Army.

Clr.-Sergt. Chas. Hill has been nominated to fill the appointment of First Sergeant Instructor of Musketry, which becomes vacant at the Depot in May next.

Corpl. J. Kalry appointed Gymnastic Instructor, H.M.S. *Impregnable*.

Examinations

EASTNEY—

Passed for Sergeant—Lce.-Sergt. F. J. Sears; Corpls. R. A. Trowbridge, W. C. Wall; Bombs. A. S. Dutton, C. T. Wellman, C. H. May.

Passed for Corporal—Gnrs. E. J. Barnes, F. Fallon, W. Green, T. G. Goater, W. Hutchings.

Master Shoemaker—Bomb. Ferguson passed satisfactorily.

CHATHAM—

The following have passed for the rank of Corporal:—Ptes. A. R. Fergue, B. T. P. Collins, T. Martin, J. T. Appleby, C. E. Gould, W. Ward, H. A. Morris, E. W. Haynes, C. A. Parker, G. A. Jenkinson, P. F. Stevens, E. J. Rayner, F. G. Spicer, H. A. Ashford, C. Churchill, C. Knight, H. S. Orgar, H. W. Howes; Lce.-Corpls. H. Jefford, H. Hoare, J. Shepherd, C. H. Evernden.

PLYMOUTH—

The undermentioned Officers have passed in subjects *(a) and (b)* for promotion;—Capts. Kennedy and Scott; Lieuts. Disney, Nixon, and Walthall.

Medals.

EASTNEY—

Long Service and Good Conduct—Clr.-Sergts. M. Duncuff, N. Butler; Sergt. T. Stacey, J. Jackson; Gnrs. W. Webber, C. Curtis, G. Murdoch.

CHATHAM—

Long Service and Good Conduct—Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. J. W. Peart; Sergts. J. Morley, H. Clark, A. Loates *(Mildura)*; Ptes. L. Branson, J. Cant, C. Baker.

Discharged to Pension.

CHATHAM—
Pte. R. Smith.
PORTSMOUTH—
Ptes. J. Putman, P. Foy, W. Stack.
PLYMOUTH—
Ptes. C. Logan, J. Bartlett, S. Mills, E. Wey, H. Richards, T. Small, T. Culkin, E. Hamlyn.
DEPOT—
Sergt. G. A. Welch; Ptes. W. McDonald, J. Putman.

Limited Engagements.

EASTNEY—
Gnrs. F. J. Yorke and A. Brunt.
Purchase—Pte. F. Aldridge.
Invalided—Buglers E. A. Gould, C. F. Phillips, and H. W. Clark; Gnrs. R. W. Keys, D. Mead, J. Murray, A. Hipwell, W. Robertson; Ptes. J. Willcroft, H. Brooks.
Transferred to Royal Navy as Ship's Corporal—Gnr. Robert Chadder, H.M.S. *Orlando*.
CHATHAM—
Ptes. T. Goulden, F. Sharkey, F. Maguire, A. Dixon, F. Hare, W. Algar, R. Jessup, J. Seago, W. Alrons, G. W. Farris.
PORTSMOUTH—
Twelve Years—Pte. A. Allen.
PLYMOUTH—
Twelve Years—Ptes. J. Bracey, J. Cockayne.
Invalided—Ptes. R. Middleton, D. Ogilvie, H. Dyer, T. C. Eyard.
Purchase—Ptes. S. H. Steer (*Hibernia*), C. H. Ellnor, E. H. Dobb, J. Pitchford; Corpl. A. E. Pearse.

Transfers.

CHATHAM—
Pte. J. Edwards, Corpl. A. Brooks to Naval Police.
Pte. C. E. West to Army Ordnance Corps.
Pte. H. W. Kurty to Naval Police.
Buglers A. Goulding, W. H. Trowells to the Ranks.
PORTSMOUTH—
Buglers S. T. Washburn, A. Martin to Privates.
Ptes. R. W. Hague, A. E. Perry, H. Mould to Buglers.
Transferred to R.N. as Ship's Corporal—Ptes. J. Woodford, F. G. Parry
PLYMOUTH—
Bugler H. A. Gafford to the ranks.
Ptes. J. M. Brice and W. Simpson to Chatham Division.
Pte. D. G. Henderson to R.N. as Plumber's Mate (*Vivid*).
Ptes. G. Plume, W. H. Gammon, and T. S. Henderson to Ship's Corporals, R.N.

Embarked.

FROM EASTNEY—
Royal Oak—Lieut. Edward McCarthy; Sergts. A. J. Lunn, J. C. Mingay; Bomb. H. Camp; Gnrs. A. J. Kennedy, G. Walker, S. Parkes, S. Rudman, L. Lewins, D. Wickin, T. H. Runer, W. H. Brown, A. Levin, H. Shephard, W. Green, A. Bishop, J. Webb, J. Goodfellow, T. Cook, W. Reid, R. Bulbeck, W. Leach, E. Barnes, A. J. Roberts, F. Fallon, J. White.
Collingwood—Bugler C. Haynes; Gnrs. A. Bramhall, E. Towill, J. L. Pollard, L. Millner; Corpl. F. Crilley.
Ascension per *Wye*—Gnrs. W. Dibble, M. Matthews.
Victory for *Sultan*—Gnr. A. Chubb.
Alexandra—Gnrs. A. Spiers, R. W. Glass, W. Hutchings.
Pembroke for *Audacious*—Gnr. J. H. Loughman.
Inflexible—Gnr. J. Maddison.

FROM CHATHAM—
Ascension per *Wye*—Ptes. A. Harding, P. O'Brien, F. Glazebrook, W. Hensman, A. Colton, C. R. Winterman, F. W. Barltrop, W. Harold, R. Goodwin.
Alecto per *Wye*—Corpls. P. T. Rye; Ptes. G. L. Rooke, A. T. Hodgkin, H. McLeod, H. J. Howard, S. Kemp, T. Flannery, W. G. Morgan.
Pembroke—Ptes. C. J. Hearn, T. B. Best, L. Jeffries, A. Blunden, M. O'Connor, J. Goodwin, D. Martin, W. A. Penry, T. J. Fawbert, G. J. Parker, A. Humphries; Corpls. H. T. Croxson, W. G. Leeson, W. Prior, C. Rowe, G. James, H. R. Servent, T. G. Callcutt, W. Stokes; Ptes. T. E. Bradfield, E. Bunning, G. Matson, E. Came, A. Targett, J. Duffy, S. Petty, B. Hackshaw, R. H. Langridge.
Edgar—Capt. A. W. Wylde; Pte. J. W. J. Rogers.
Sans Pareil—Ptes. P. Duke, J. Allen, G. Hood.
Sheldrake—Pte. S. J. Roberts.
Mersey—Pte. W. J. Gardner.
Sealark—Ptes. A. Charman, A. E. Cain.
Caledonia—Bugler F. C. Welch.
Galatea—J. Hannah.
Pembroke—Lce.-Sergt. F. W. Moss; Ptes. J. York, G. Tibbles, L. Jeffries, W. Kimberly, L. E. Padget, J. Powells, T. H. Cornthwaite, J. Blain, J. Covly, E. Britchford, D. W. Daries, F. Fedder, W. T. Repton, H. J. Hawes.

FROM PORTSMOUTH—
Australia—Ptes. J. F. Davis, A. J. Cox.
Alexandra—Ptes. P. Broster, J. W. Phillips, G. J. Ray, E. Harrington, E. C. Brown, T. Barsby.
Boscawen—Clr.-Sergt. C. Calthorpe.
Collingwood—Corpl. J. Buss; Ptes. G. Lever, W. L. Furlong, W. Driscoll, J. Johnstone.
Calliope—Pte. F. Hodsden.
Excellent—Buglers W. R. May, S. H. Hopkins; Pte. F. Summers.
Eclipse—Lieut. N. O. Burge; Sergts. A. C. Carter, F. Thompson; Corpl. H. Grant; Bugler A. H. Noble; Ptes C. Turner, R. Essery, F. Porter, E. C. Carpenter, J. E. Ming, W. Kellaway, W. Lawson, S. J. Michell, R. Johnson, A. J. Taylor, A. Marsh, E. Kelly, W. V. Webster, H. Cornell, F. W. Walton, A. Blows. H. Carter, W. Runham, H. E. Cook, H. W. C. Read, W. Clark, E. H. Jackson, C. F. Boulton, G. Cashmere, W. J. Rogers, A. Cameron, H. A. Jones, G. Hearden, J. W. Russell, J. G. Craig, H. Farrow, E. Piddington, H. T. Layton, G. Thompson.
Inflexible—Pte. J. G. Smith; Bugler A. E. Giddings.
Martin—Ptes. F. Palmer, E. Frisby.
Melpomene—Ptes. H. Tomlin, C. Hester, R. F. Crouch, J. Kitchingham; Sergt. J. Dobson; Corpl. R. H. Stagg; Ptes. C. C. Fitch, J. Cooper, T. Collier, G. H. Russell, W. C. Males, J. A. Bearder, A. Mackett, F. J. Fullilove, G. S. Morey, J. Cleary, W. S. Horseman.
Minotaur—Pte. Waffleck; Bugler E. Rawlings.
Research—Corpl. A. Wapshare; Ptes. T. Fletcher, J. West, F. H. Kemp, E. Graham.
Royal Oak—Ptes. W. H. Lambert, J. Allen, A. Mitchell, A. W. Alderton, J. T. Holywell, T. J. Hawkins.
Seaflower—Ptes. R. T. Lord, R. Biggen.
St. Vincent—Ptes. T. H. Bennett, E. E. Bushell, F. Hampson, H. Hart.
Vernon—Pte. T. Horton.
Victory—Corpls. H. E. G. Bethell, H. G. H. Clarke, J. E. Baker, G. W. Jonkers, F. Anning, J. J. McLoughlin: Ptes. J. T. Redding, T. Watkins, W. H. Smith, Wm. Sharp, S. H. Batchelor, J. Laker, J. M. Murphy, S. J. Herrington, J. Williams, P. Murphy; Corpl. E. Nobbs; Ptes. W. Watt, H. O. Porter.
Wye for *Ascension*—Ptes. J. Vaughan, G. W. Nason, H. White, F. W. Smith, A. H. Wellstead, M. J. Cheyney, J. Reed, H. C. Farrant.
Wanderer—Corpl. T. York; Bugler A. W. Pritchard; Ptes. A. R. Robertson, H. T. Pilham, F. Troth, H. Watford, H. W. Thomas, D. Hunt, C. Barter, T. C. Bartlett, W. J. Young, P. Cunningham, W. Seaman, E. G. Young.

FROM PLYMOUTH—

Britannia—Ptes. J. Prust, J. Neeve, F. Shirley, W. J. Stephens, T. Bainbridge, W. F. Price, W. Carnegie.
Cambridge—Ptes. W. Gillard, J. Smith, C. Fisher, H. Carpenter, W. Hawkings, J. Knight, J. W. Bolter.
Collingwood—Bugler W. J. Cook; Pte. J. Salley.
Defiance—Pte. J. W. Whincup.
Devastation—Pte. G. Cater.
Edgar—Sergt. H. Clarke; Ptes. N. McKay, F. Holland, A. Chalk, R. Yeandle.
Ganges—Ptes. A. Smith, G. Eglen.
Grafton—Capt. L. C. Peters; Pte. T. Patterson.
Imperieuse—Sergt. F. A. Simmonds; Ptes. T. Wall, G. Baird, G. Sullivan.
Impregnable—Ptes. L. Westcott, G. Bidgood, G. Gentles, W. Brown, H. Roff.
Lion—Ptes. J. Quinn, J. Warnes, E. G. Morey, T. Connorton, J. White.
Penelope—Pte. J. Whitefield, W. T. Perrett, F. Smart, P. McGinley, W. Murphy, A. Hebdige, W. H. Wellington.
Racer—Corpl. J. C. Full; Lce.-Corpls. Snape, H. Kingman, J. W. Robinson, S. Johns, D. McDonald, J. H. Horton.
Sharpshooter—Pte. A. H. Elson.
Undaunted—Sergts. J. Butterfield, S. Cockram; Corpls. T. Jackson, F. Warren, J. R. Jarvis; Lce.-Corpls. S. Jones, A G. Percy; Buglers B. G. A. Priddis, W. P. Richardson; Ptes. G. German, G. B. Harrison, R. W. Francis, W. Harris, J. Trudgeon, L. R. Wills, W. Ball, F. W. Bolter, W. Thomas, C. A. Reddie, T. Rice, C. Howes, H. Mitchell, P. Small, W. J. Hall, R. Reed, E. Doble, W. G. Foster, R. Hayburn, W. Eadie, F. Impey, J. Bradford, A. T. Elmer, F. Tompkins, J. Openshaw, F. Spencer, G. Collins, W. Fury, C. Jamieson, F. Berry, A. S. Burton, M. Duffy, T. W. Williams, S. Keech, G. Garland, J. Scripps, T. Parker, J. Davis, A. Spencer, R. Davidson, J. C. Connor, B. J. Hudson, J. Sloman, J. Gibbons, T. H. Judge, H. J. Powsland, J. C. West, T. Beard, A. Smith, A. Wright, W. Parsons, W. Jones, H. Reid, J. E. Thorne, J. Franklin; Bugler H. A. Moores.
Vivid—Sergt. G. Peacock; Ptes. W. H. Pope, C. W. Soanes, T. W. Brown, A. Cole, F. Clarke, J. McLaughlin, C. S. Ayrton, J. Jones, J. T. Hayes, H. Chapman, J. Dunill, R. McLaughlin, D. Mitchell, C. C. Amos, E. H. Hubbard, J. Bossons, T. Lacey, W. Voysey, J. A. Chandler, W. E. Powell, C. W. Temple, J. Millard, J. Banks, E. W. Gillard, J. T. Evans, W. McDonald, A. Shattock, R. Owen.
Wild Swan—Pte. G. Stocker.
Hibernia—Clr.-Sergt. J. H. Parsons; Sergt. H. Reading; Lce.-Sergt. H. Connor; Corpls. A. J. Frost, J. R. French; Bugler T. H. White; Ptes. T. Dougherty, G. Howard, F. Bateman, W. J. Roach, G. H. Page, W. Stroud, A. Farr, W. H. Swift, J. H. Drew, T. Brightwell, J. R. Unsworth, C. Burston, H. Brady, F. Peaty, R. Duncan, W. Smith, T. Austin, J. D. Wills, C. Stranger, S. G. Bates, M. Griffin, W. G. Culliford, P. Kelly, W. Douglas, C. J. Carpenter, A. E. Jenkins, A. Gooch, C. Black, R. McDonald, J. A. Moore, W. Caulfield, A. Drysdale, F. King, A. J. Brooker, J. Smith, G. W. Lord, G. Taylor, J. D. Thompson.
Impregnable—Ptes. T. W. Kibble, F. Trott.

Disembarked.

TO EASTNEY—

Benin Expedition per s.s. *Malacca*—Lieut. F. L. Dibblee; Sergt. J. Turner; Corpl. W. Rogerson; Gnrs. A. Berry, J. Fraser, A. W. Mead, J. McCarthy, S. Denman, C. W. Mabey, T. H. Jones, C. A. Poate, H. H. Bury, W. Burgley, W. Sheriff, R. Town, W. Simister, A. A. Targett, J. Kelly, H. Lucas, E. Flatman.
Majestic—Gnr. J. Murray.
Alexandra—Gnr. F. J. Yorke, G. Teague, S. Rodway.
Prince George—Bugler G. Whitwell; Gnr. A. Hipwell.
Ramillies—Gnr. A. Whitwell.
Repulse—Gnr. H. Gerrard.
Trafalgar—Sergt. W. Ayling.
Pembroke—Gnr. W. Sloane.
Magnificent—Gnr. A. Mengham.
Victory—Bomb. E. T. Smith; Gnrs. W. Allport, J. Maddison, G. Dew.
Sans Pareil—Bomb. S. J. Cattle.
President—Corpl. F. Merckel.
Collingwood—Sergt. W. Thompson; Bombrs. H. Boyce, T. Partridge; Gnrs. H. Gregory, E. Dolby, A. Spooner, E. Buckingham.
Inflexible—Gnr. H. Jakes.

TO CHATHAM—

Terror—Capt. W. S. Cumming; Ptes. S. Butler, W. Heughes, F. E. Teush, H. Grady.
Collingwood—Ptes. F. Simpson, S. E. Devoil, G. J. Gallant.
Cambridge—Pte. S. Green.
Wildfire—A. Hopker.
Skipjack—Corpl. A. W. White; Ptes. F. Fenfold, E. Barnett.
Mersey—Ptes. G. Fordham.
Tyne—Pte. W. W. Morgan.
Undaunted—Pte. J. Boswell.
Hawke—Sergt. E. J. Monatt.
Forte—Pte. F. Harris, R. Bryan.
Barracouta—Sergt. G. T. Tully; Ptes. E. J. Knell, H. H. Rose, G. Percival, W. Benjafield, W. Chapman, G. Shaw, J. Hill, A. G. Ford, J. Port, H. Miles, W. Marshall; Lce.-Corpl. J. T. Galliford.
Boscawen—Clr.-Sergt. A. Oakley.
Pembroke—Ptes. A. Makin, W. Gadsden, W. H. Bentley; Corpl. J. W. Greenaway; Pte. J. Riley, A. Dixon, J. Watson, W. B. Cooper, C. Webster, J. Burton, A. J. Coulten, N. Gourlay, J. Fallons, H. P. Wroe, J. Tray, C. Mumford, M. O'Connor, W. W. Burkin, E. Pitts, H. Anderson, J. J. Mullen, A. Wardlow, A. Moody, H. W. Perry, H. Swaker, P. T. Fawsitt, A. Costin, F. J. Burton, H. J. Howell, W. J. Ivory; Corpls. F. E. Towner, J. W. Greenaway.
Sans Pareil—Pte. W. J. Ivory.

TO PORTSMOUTH—

Australia—Ptes. H. Cooper, A. Peck.
Alexandria—Ptes. E. E. Wiltshire, W, Townsend, J. Bush.
Cruiser—Ptes. J. G. McCrohan, W. Coster.
Calliope—Pte. O. Westobey.
Camperdown—Pte. I. O. Bullard.
Collingwood—Ptes. W. E. Stubbs, S. Dale, A. Kimpton.
Benin per *Malacca*—Lieut. C. W. Robertson; Ptes. G L. Fayolle, D. Mead, C. E. H. Cleverdon, E. Marsden. E. Smith, A. H. Leppars, A. Caplen, H. Myers, F. Vaughan, T. Ball, C. Pidgeon, A. Goat, A. E. Worsfold, H. J. Porch, W. Wells, A. Hopper, R. A. Shulver, S. J. Phillips, H. T. Cartwright, W. J. Martin, C. Charlesworth, H. Potter, W. T. Tillman; Sergt. J. F. Elliman; Corpls. S. W. Hayes, F. Tyler; Ptes. G. Hooper, C. Thorne, E. C. Palmer, R. Smith, A. J. Brown, W. G. Bookey, H. Shore, W. Hickey, H. J. Sloper, T. B. Davis, C. Butt, H. Newman, H. M. Jones, B. J. Millmer, W. Sink, T. Green, S. J. Smart, F. Messer, R. Adams, H. W. Loush, T. J. Samels, C. Warren; Clr.-Sergt. A. Robotham, Bugler Wallen.
Excellent—Buglers S. T. Washburn, F. Jenkins; Pte. C. Dumbleton.
Gibraltar—Pte. H. Blackmore.
Inflexible—Pte. F. J. Cullum; Bugler A. Martin.
Impregnable—Sergt. J. M. Parrott.
Melpomene—Ptes. J. T. Hollywell, F. J. W. Richardson.
Minotaur—Pte. W. Leggett; Bugler C. F. Clarke.
Skipjack—Pte. W. Gagan.
St. George—Pte. P. Gray.
St. Vincent—Ptes. E. Hancock, W. Brewer, A. Silley, H Wickens, J. Jackson.
Thrush—Corpl. A. Levett.
Terror—Ptes. F. F. Whittaker, C. Howard, W. Grundy.
Vernon—Pte. C. Smith.
Victory—Ptes. W. A. Sanford, M. J. Cheyney; Corpl. F. Bailey; Ptes. A. G. Ward, J. Read, C. E. Weatherhead, W. Affleck, C. Turner, T. Fletcher; Corpl. E. Nobbs; Ptes. R. Compton, G. E. Hatherell, J. Flotley, J. T. Johnson.

TO PLYMOUTH—

Black Prince—Corpl. A. H. Archard; Pte. W. Ward.
Barracouta—Bugler G. F. Collins; Ptes. S. Jackson, T. Shaw, O. Bulley.
Britannia—Ptes. H. Dyer, W. J. Summers.
Cambridge—Ptes. T. W. Wills, G. Woodbury, W. Gristock, A. H. Elson, W. Davies, F. H. Radford.
Collingwood—Bugler G. W. Hunt; Pte. H. Perriman; Bugler R. King; Pte. A. Bancroft.
Defiance—Pte. E. H. Dodd.
Devastation—Pte. T. Culkin.
Ganges—Ptes. H. Staples, A. Maddison.
Hibernia—Lce.-Sergt. W. Higgans.
Impregnable—Ptes. C. Jones, A. E. Day, E. Beales.
Lion—Corpl. J. Sparks; Pte. J. Withnall.
Lapwing—Sergt. E. Wheaton; Ptes. J. H. Webb, T. Jordan, J. Walker, J. J. Davis.
Magnificent—Pte. A. Chilcott.
Sharpshooter—Corpl. C. Higgins; Pte. J. Reardon.
Stork—Pte. W. G. Berry.
Vivid—Sergt. J. H. Greenfield; Corpl. F. E. Brown; Ptes. E. Way, A. Gilby, J. A. Barltrop, S. Mills, R. Swift, A. Blackburn, E. Bourn, A. E. Allard, W. H. Wellington, J. H. Narramore, J. Small, A. Jenkins, A. E. Connor, J. Harvey, W. H. Heyward, W. Barry, W. White, J. Cockayne, T. W. Bolter.
Terror—Ptes. G. Webber, A. E. Edgecombe, F. Bowker, A. Hughes, J. Margerrison, B. Faux.
Vivid—Corpl. A. J. Frost; Ptes. F. Gelder, J. Vousden, A. E. Franklin, H. W. Pratt, T. Knowles, F. Carlile, G. Raymond, H. Blackwood, A. Youlden, W. E. Carroll.
Skipjack—Pte. F. A. Norris.
St. George—Pte. A. Batchelor.
Archer—Lce.-Corpl. G. W. Ash; Pte. C. T. Duke.
Arolas—Pte. A. F. Trodd.
Alexandra—Pte. A. Roe.
Lapwing—Ptes. A. Kelsey, J. Tarry, J. Hucker.
Pigeon—Corpl. W. Cune.

Moves

Major A. E. Wylde, R.M.L.I., having been found medically unfit for service on the East Indies Station, Major A. E. Horniblow, R.M.L.I., will embark in H.M.S. *Eclipse* on the 23rd instant. Major Horniblow is to be detached to Portsmouth Headquarters in sufficient time for this duty, having reference to G.S.O., Section VII., Article 4.

The undermentioned Officers and N.C. Officers are to be detached to Aldershot in sufficient time to commence a course of instruction at the School of Range Finding on the dates stated:—Lieuts. J. A. Clark, R.M.L.I., R. O. M. Doig, R.M.L.I., 21st April, 1897; Sergts. H. Evans, R.M.A., F. L. Champ, R.M.L.I., Corpl. J. Hunt, R.M.L.I., Sergt. E. Channon, R.M.L.I., 24th June, 1897.

PLYMOUTH—

Capt. H. St. L. Curteis to the *Cambridge* to re-qualify as Gunnery Instructor.
Sergt. W. J. Barnard to the *Cambridge* to qualify as Gunnery Instructor.
Corpl. A. Beer and Lce.-Corpl. W. J. Stephens to Chatham for Pioneer Sergeants' Class.
Lieut. N. A. W. Scott and Lce.-Sergt. A. H. Archer to Hythe on 13th inst.
Sergt. J. Greenfield and Corpl. H. Fletcher to Chatham for course of Military Engineering on the 15th inst.

Signalling.

PLYMOUTH—

Sergts. F. A. Simmonds and W. Naylor have qualified in Army Signalling with figures of merit of 566·55 and 556·46 respectively.

Certificates.

PORTSMOUTH—

Corpl. W. Holland has obtained 1st class certificates for Gymnastics and Fencing at Aldershot.

PLYMOUTH—

First Aid to the Injured.—The undermentioned have been awarded Certificates for proficiency in First Aid to the injured:—First class, Pte. F. Spencer and Lce.-Corpl. R. Stow; second class, Ptes. H. Chapman, W. Field, D. McColl.

The Editor begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions, etc., to March 31st, 1897:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Alexandra ..	0	1	5	*Thrush* ..	0	7	6
Mr. Grills ..	0	1	6	Mr. Keen ..	0	1	6
Sergt. Hussey ..	0	1	6	*Hibernia* ..	0	6	6
Corpl. Gilbert ..	0	1	6	*Repulse* ..	0	6	0
Mrs. Clarke ..	0	1	6	Corpl. Andrews ..	0	1	6
Hermione ..	0	3	0	*Pembroke* ..	0	6	0
Sergt. Burbridge ..	0	1	6	Mrs. Gaitskell ..	0	1	6
Sans Pareil ..	0	3	0	Col. Hearle ..	0	1	6
Thunderer ..	0	2	6	Sergt. Speight ..	0	1	9
Col. Matthias ..	0	2	6	Gr. Burgess ..	0	1	6
Col. Thompson ..	0	1	6	Gr. Ashley ..	0	1	6
Mr. Field ..	0	1	6	Pte. Smith ..	0	1	0
Lieut. Prynne ..	0	1	6	*Camperdown* ..	0	9	0
Hawke ..	0	1	6	*Blenheim* ..	0	4	4
Capt. Gibson ..	0	1	6	Mr. Tyler ..	0	1	6
Mrs. Parker ..	0	1	6	*Alexandria* ..	0	3	4
Pte. Hooper ..	0	1	6	*Australia* ..	0	5	7½
Mr. Stobart ..	0	1	6	*Imperieuse* ..	1	18	0
Mersey ..	0	2	9	Mrs. Cartwright ..	0	1	6
Barfleur ..	2	0	0	Mr. France ..	0	1	6
Sergt. Ryder ..	0	1	6	Mrs. Perry ..	0	1	6
Major Langford ..	0	2	6	Mrs. Best ..	0	1	6
Basilisk ..	0	3	0	Sergt. Guerin ..	0	3	6
Br. Beagley ..	0	1	6	Clr.-Sergt. Rodway ..	0	9	7
Pte. Rhodes ..	0	1	6	Sale of Papers at Forton	0	10	9
Mr. Ballard ..	0	1	6	Sergt.-Maj. W. Nearles	0	11	6
Talbot ..	0	19	6	*Browndown* ..	0	1	2
Colossus ..	0	6	0				

Sports at the R.M. College.

THE football season has been fairly satisfactory, especially since Christmas, the best victories being over the R.E. (Chatham), the R.M. Academy, St. George's Hospital, and Queen's (Kent Senior Cup Tie, in which we were beaten in the semi-final.) Among the Marines several have assisted in the College team and have shown good form. E. W. Harding played three-quarter back at the beginning of the season and again later on. T. H. Jones (forward) and A. W. G. Ridings (three-quarter) played in nearly all the matches, and Lieuts. Farquharson, R.M.L.I., and C. L. Raikes regularly during the last three months. Hall and Hazel were tried at full-back, the latter playing a very good game. Three matches were played between the Marines and Sub-Lieuts R.N. during the season, the first two resulting in wins for the latter, but in the third the Marines won a good game by a goal and a try to nil. Hankey and Temple played well at half-back, and in the third match Stopford, who took Hankey's place, also showed great promise, while Hazel's collaring and kicking at full-back was particularly noticeable. The forwards played well together, and it is unfortunate that we do not get more practices, but football before Christmas is almost impossible except on half-holidays. Early in the season an Association team was started, but did not prove so popular as the Rugby game.

The Athletic Sports were held on the 31st March, and in spite of several heavy showers, which turned later to a steady downpour of rain, an excellent programme was carried through, and several exciting finishes resulted. The heats were decided on the preceding Monday, when in the Tug-of-War our team, which had been well trained by Corpl. Merchell, R.M.A., and pulled well, were unfortunately drawn against the Lieutenants, who were much too heavy for them, and eventually won in the final.

The Benin Expedition.

THE following extracts are taken from the diary of Corporal Rogerson, R.M.A., kept during the late Benin expedition :—

February 9th.—The Royal Marine detachment together with the forces from the Fleet disembarked and proceeded up the Forcados River in the English steamship *Florin* and the German steamship *Eko* as far as Waru.

February 10th.—Weighed anchor at 5-30 a.m., and steaming through beautiful scenery reached Warrigi on the Benin River: here H.M.S. *Phœbe* and *Widgeon* and some transports were disembarking stores.

February 11th.—Disembarked, picked up our carriers and stores, and with a temperature of 140 degrees in the sun, commenced our eight miles march through the bush to Seri. Three halts were made, one for fifteen minutes, the second for two hours and the last for fifteen minutes, during which lime juice and water was served out. Reached camp at 4 p.m., had tea, and made things as comfortable as possible. The two Maxim guns were mounted, and all preparations made for a possible attack. About 10 p.m., turned out by night alarm and went to quarters.

February 12th.—Remained in camp expecting to cross river, but first line could not clear the village of enemy till too late, so only the baggage was forwarded across. Gunner Mabey sent back to *Malacca* spitting blood violently.

February 13th.—Left Seri at 9 a.m., but had to wait in the bush for boats to convey our party up river. Sergeant Turner, eleven gunners, fifteen rifles and one tripod went in one native canoe, which was down to the water's edge when manned. Thirty niggers, Bombr. Town, a Houssa and our stores and carriers went in another, while I accompanied the Admiral and staff in a Niger Police boat with our two Maxims and the other tripod, with orders to fire from the port side if necessary. We had a difficult passage as the current was very strong, and it required some manœuvring to turn the corners. We reached Olobo about 4 p.m., made a hut, and encamped for the night, our guns loaded for rapid firing, defending the east side of camp.

February 14th.—Turned out at 4 a.m. in case of attack, but were not molested. The enemy had burnt all their houses but one, which was converted into an hospital.

February 15th.—The 1st division had left camp last night for the cross roads, and Lieut. Dibblee with our 1st section left at 8 a.m. to-day to reconnoitre, Sergt. Hayes, R.M.L.I., was sent back to *Malacca* suffering from a strain, and then we set out for cross roads camp in the usual order, forming the Admiral's body-guard. The *St. George's* bluejackets and marines were left in camp, and had just started to build a stockade. Private Baker was also left behind. Reached cross roads camp at 4 p.m., and were quartered in a hut to the front, mounted the Maxim and made ready for night. About six bells, middle watch, one of the Admiral's staff came with orders for a N.C.O. and four reliable good hands to carry despatches back to Olobo.

February 16th.—Soon after fresh orders arrived. Sixty of the Marine Battalion to proceed to the front, including all officers and both Maxims, so unfortunately our five picked men on special despatch duty had to be left behind. Left at 9 a.m., and reached Ugigi about 1 p.m. This village had evidently been vacated by the enemy the previous night. Here we picked up the Houssa Battalion, which had been in front of us during the advance. A stampede occurred in the carrier column owing to the Houssa carriers charging on for water which they had been without for two days; we lost a lot of water, and had to use force to get them together again. Ugigi possessed two wells, and the *Theseus* Marines had been digging for water overnight, but failed to find. The rumour went round that they were sacrifice holes.

February 17th.—A peaceful night. Off at 7 a.m. for Awoko. Plenty of resistance on the way, but we had no casualties, and reached camp at 4 p.m. Made ready for night, and were just having a drop of tea when several shots were fired, and plenty of holloaing from the east end of camp; one blue-jacket and two carriers were shot; we turned out and cleared the bush with volleys and rapid firing from the Maxims. Soon after settling down, the Marine outlying picquet on the front road gave the alarm, and this time we made a thorough clearing through the bush.

February 18th.—Left at 8 a.m.; Benin; 3 miles; expect to arrive at noon. No sooner had we started than we were attacked from the rear of the camp with a sharp musket fire—this was soon silenced. No casualties. Proceeded, and did 3 miles, but no signs of Benin yet, though "hard on" the enemy, as the first gun had to proceed twice to the assistance of the Houssas during the advance, and orders were passed for Houssa ammunition to be passed to the front—eventually it all got there. On the way up we passed two sacrifices (two slaves), their bodies cut open and disembowelled—one with a goat (it's legs broken) tied close to him A sickening sight. During the afternoon the order to "double and close" was passed. The Houssas had come on to a clearing full of the enemy. It was flanked by banana plantations, with thick wood at the far end. We got into the clearing, and the two 7-pounders were brought up, mounted and opened fire with common and time fuze at 1,800 yards into the plantations on the right and left front, and the rocket tube was very busy, sending them anywhere To our left rear was Bicka village. Col. Hamilton gave me orders to send my Maxim gun's crew out as a covering party to the right front during the cannonade to cover a flank and rear attack. Half an hour after resuming the order of march we reached a large open clearing about thirty yards wide and a mile long as far as one could see. It did seem glorious to get out of the bush into the open and see the sky overhead. There was no firing, so the force was halted and formed up as we came out of the bush. Water was being served out, our guns put down, and we were lying about, glad of a rest, when, suddenly, fire was opened on us. "Mount the gun," was the order, and mounted it was, and in action, in less than thirty seconds, on the bush to the right, while the infantry fired volleys. The *St. George's* bluejackets, the 1st Section of the Marine Battalion, under Captain Byrne, our two Maxims and their thirteen men, were the only troops in front, Lieut. Robertson, with the 2nd Section of the Marine Battalion being with the carrier column, in the rear. As soon as the bush had been silenced, "Advance" was given; the guns were dismounted, and we were moving off, when a hot fire was opened on us from the bush to the right. Everything was stopped, as before, by the carriers, guns, tripods, and belt boxes being anywhere, and the carriers burying their heads in the earth. The respective Nos. 1 shouldered the guns, another picked up the tripods, and the rest of the guns' crews brought up the belt boxes, but it was with difficulty that any advance was made, as the coolies laid down on, and hid, the ammunition.

Meanwhile the Bluejackets and Marines had left us about 200 yards in rear, while desultory firing from the right bush was still going on. This became so hot that Sergeant Turner halted and mounted his gun in a position just in front of the hot spot and backed by a large tree, I came up and took up a position and mounted three yards on his right and immediately opened fire. We had not been there five minutes before Gunners Howlett, Targett and Sinister were wounded—Captain Byrne was shot through the right side and Private Varndell in the open during the advance, while Gunners Jones and Denman were wounded slightly. An incessant fire came from the trees opposite, scarcely fifty yards away and as the guns had not sufficient elevation to clear them, I directed Gunner Flatman to place boxes under front legs of tripod: a box of 7 pr. 12 oz. charges was placed under the right leg and a belt box under the left: these gave me the necessary elevation and I cleared the trees, not a shot coming from that quarter afterwards, though they still kept it up slowly from the bush. Dr. Fyfe of the *Forth* was shot dead whilst attending the wounded under the large tree. We had been in action about half-an-hour now and were terribly in need of water both for the wounded and ourselves, so a call was made for water and right good drink we all had, as Lieutenant Dibblee filled our bottles during the fighting. Lieutenant Robertson with the 2nd Section of the Marine Battalion now came up and we thought he was going to stand by us, but no, he had orders to move on to the front, so we had to remain with the wounded till the rear guard hove in sight, when we dismounted and made the best of our way forward: the carriers followed, I should say, crawled after us to the position we had great difficulty in getting them up, for they had suffered severely after being half-an-hour in such a

warm corner. Five minutes later, we suddenly found ourselves in Benin and not sorry either. The niggers evidently intended making it warm for us and had three guns, six and nine prs., placed in the main road. They were simply placed on the ground and loaded to the muzzle with all manner of gear, nails and shot of all sizes. They managed to fire one and a warrant officer of the *St. George* was hit in the heel and severely wounded, the other two had not been fired. The wounded were brought up later from the large tree and lodged in the second compound for treatment. We placed our Maxims in position on either side of the main gate and made our quarters by the hospital. Word was now passed that water would be served out, water bottles *only* to be filled. The Admiral gave up his private supply that he had and told us that next morning, though we had to fight for it, we should go down to the river and get a supply. The city was smeared all over with blood and stunk horribly. Two sentries, posted on a side gate, fainted and had to be replaced. At dusk, the guns were ordered to be brought in and the Houssa Battalion mounted guard on the front.

February 19th.—The Captain of *Theseus* went in charge of a party, led by a guide, to get water and returned in three hours and-a-half with plenty, having encountered no opposition. Bullocks were shot and dinner prepared in the Square, and we had orders to prepare to advance on the Palace at 3 p.m. The Marine Battalion, *St. George's* Bluejackets and the Houssa Companies were detailed for this work. At 10 a.m. I relieved Sergeant Turner on the Main Gate where one Maxim was mounted. A nigger came in, an escaped prisoner, who had been in captivity 12 days: he said he had been out with a party of nine, gathering india-rubber and was captured. I was relieved off the gate at noon, and with Bombardier Town and Gunner Lucas attended and assisted at the burial of Dr. Fyfe, Private Varndell and Gunner Howlett, the Admiral and Staff being present. At 3 we proceeded forward for the Palace, the road from the city to the bush being strewn with bodies in all states of decomposition and the stenc most horrible. There must have been hundreds, tied hands and feet to poles, and a sacrifice tree was surrounded with skulls and skeletons. —Met with no opposition, burnt the Palace and returned to the City to take up new quarters in what appeared to be a priest's house with only one entrance—not very comfortable, but we made the best of it. During our absence the wounded were shifted to the Palaver House.

February 20th.—Water party went at 6-a.m. as yesterday—Carriers and "Hands" occupied themselves looting all day.

February 21st.—Nothing of importance—but lived on "wind" as the saying goes- a helmet full of biscuit served out daily for over 40 men. We were told to go out and kill our own meat, and there was no need to say this twice, for hadn't we just done it ever since we set foot in Benin. We made chicken soup for breakfast each morn, and had either boiled goat or "tin bag" for dinner. Word was passed for all troops to parade in *Theseus* compound at 5-30 p.m. for prayers, after which the Union Jack was to be hoisted, there were to be three cheers for the Queen, photographs were to be taken, but unfortunately this never came off.

The demolition party working away to windward, pulling down outlying buildings and destroying huts by fire, accidentally set the roofs of the city houses on fire, and the wind becoming gusty just at this time, rapidly drove the fire right through to leeward burning everything before it. With difficulty the sick and wounded were got out of harm's way in time, and I managed to get out one Maxim, (the others and 15 long belts having gone with Houssa Company in the morning) but a lot of ammunition was lost, also several rifles, marching order equipment, most of the curios we had collected and two monkeys which we had lashed up and had no time to loose. As we only had about five minutes to shift everything, it was a race for dear life, and everybody made for the front road with what they could save. Found Sergeant Turner and two others missing, but 15 minutes later they turned up, having escaped by cutting their way out in rear when they found escape to the front cut off. The fire burnt itself out in about 45 minutes, and then making our way back into the city, we found every thing gutted except the Palaver House. We prepared to camp out for the night in the 2nd compound, and a stinking hole it was too. Just after getting a bit settled, a war correspondent arrived on a donkey from the Base, together with the "Fortes" Blue jackets, and a convoy of provisions. Orders were received to leave for the Base to-morrow, the Royal Marine Battalion forming escort for the wounded, and the R.M.A. to pack kits and rifles in bundles, and assist the wounded.

February 22nd.—Left at 8 a.m. with our charge and just after heard the cheering, as the Union Jack was hoisted. Halted at Awako about 3 p.m. and camped for the night.

February 23rd.—Left at 7 a.m. in same order, and halted at Ugigi soon after noon, for two hours. Had dinner and *one bottle of stout*. Reached the Cross Roads about 5 p.m., having covered thirteen miles since 7 a.m.

February 24th.—No disturbance during the night. Left at 8 a.m., and reached lower Olobo about noon, where we embarked the wounded in a barge to go down to Warrigi. Our duty as escort ended, and we were not sorry either. Went to our old hut and made the best of it till 4 p.m., when we embarked in a Niger Coast Protectorate boat for Seri, leaving Lieutenant Dibblee and the 2nd Section behind, as there was no room for them. Landed at Seri at dusk, and marched the eight miles to Warrigi in the dark. Luckily, we had a box of candles, so formed an illuminated procession, but it was horrible, tree stumps and holes innumerable. Reached Warrigi about 11 p.m., Lieut. Dibblee and the 2nd Section arriving an hour later. Having a man down with fever, we demanded an issue of stout from the *Phœbe*. This obtained, we coiled down for the night, very pleased that all the marching was over.

February 25th.—Lay quiet till 4 p.m. The party at the base appear to have been having a very good time; plenty of everything, whilst we had been digging out on what we could catch. We had, to-day, the first wash we had had for three weeks, and took off our clothes for the first time also. An unfortunate accident happened during the first watch. While embarking on board the s.s. *Eko*, a Private, R.M.L.I., fell overboard from a barge, and when we left, about six bells in the middle watch, he had not been found.

February 26th.—Making our way down the river.

February 27th.—Reached s.s. *Malacca* at 1 p.m., and down went several of us with fever at once. We had been on shore eighteen days, completed the job we were landed for, and I think all hands were pleased to be once more on board Transport No. 7. The different places mentioned at and near Benin, will be found on the accompanying sketches, kindly drawn by Lieut.-Colonel Leefe, from the rough sketch made by Corpl. Rogerson, on the spot.

"British Beef."

THE following incident may be of interest in showing the innate sense of humour in the Royal Marines, even under the influence of severe pain. Not long ago, at a certain port in China, my servant went ashore on usual leave, with a companion. They unfortunately got to loggerheads with five sailors belonging to a foreign man-of-war. The chum was soon put out of action, but Private X quickly flattened out the whole of the remainder. During the fracas, however, one of them succeeded in biting the entire lobe of one of his ears clean off. He then went to the Civil Practitioner, who was kindly looking out for me that day, and asked him to attend to the damaged organ. The doctor gave me his words, verbatim: "If I had known the 'gentleman' was hungry, I wouldn't have minded standing him a dinner; but I don't see why he should have good British beef for nothing." And from the fact that three of his opponents were on the sick-list next morning, I think the bill was paid. It is, perhaps, needless to say that Private X did not use the word 'gentleman.'

On the 15th March, 1897, Pte. O'Neal and Pte. Crook had a slight difference of opinion, which they determined to settle with nature's weapons, with the result that Pte. Crook having dealt Pte. O'Neal a severe blow in the region of the right ear, knocked him out—gave him concussion of the brain, from the effects of which he died. Pte. Crook is now committed for trial at the Maidstone Assizes on a charge of manslaughter. This ought to be a warning to all recruits who want to have a fight. Therefore go to the Gymnasium, put on the gloves, and you will get all satisfaction with little risk of being run in for manslaughter—probably murder. Pte. Crook was bailed out by two of the officers of the Depot.



THE ROYAL MARINE
RIFLE ASSOCIATION JEWEL.

Royal Marine Rifle Association.

THE Royal Marine Rifle Association Jewel, a picture of which is above, was designed and executed by the Goldsmiths' and Silversmiths' Company, and, whilst quite plain, is extremely appropriate and effective. Three jewels of this design—a gold, silver, and bronze one—are each year given respectively to the members who make the three highest scores in the competition of the R.M. 'Twenty' for places in the 'Eight.' We are just in receipt of the 1897 Programme of the Association, and when we remember that it is not yet one year old, we feel ourselves bound to congratulate the Committee on the way in which they have pushed forward the matter, and to express our hope that this most popular movement will receive the liberal support of all ranks in the way of subscriptions, which we venture to remind our readers are as follows:—Officers, 2s. 6d.; Warrant Officers, 1s. 6d.; other ranks, 1s. Other subscriptions at the same rate as for officers; whilst a donation of £1 for officers and 10s. for other ranks will constitute a life membership.

Winners of Jewels.



LIEUT. CHAS. E. COLLARD, R.M.L.I.
PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.
Winner of Silver Jewel.



THE LATE
CAPT. GERVIS T. BYRNE, R.M.L.I.
PLYMOUTH DIVISION.
Winner of Bronze Jewel.

The Programme, which contains all the Rules of the Association, together with the conditions and results of the various competitions in the past year, has its interest heightened by several photographs of the principal winners, etc. A copy of the Programme can be obtained from the Musketry Instructors of each Division, or direct from the Hon. Secretary.

With great interest and satisfaction we note that the Queen's Cup, which is shot for by the different regiments of our Army under exactly the same conditions as our Inter-Divisional competition, was won by the 1st Battalion Gordon Highlanders with an average of 93·4, or rather more than two points per man less than that with which the Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., won the All Ranks' Competition last year.

We are asked to remind those who wish to compete for the R.M. 'Twenty' this year, that they must send in their names, together with their entrance fee, to the Musketry Instructor of their Division, or to the Hon. Secretary, R.M.R.A., Forton Barracks, Gosport, by the 14th April.

Football.

PORTSMOUTH.

THE final tie of the Company Cup Competition was played on March 29th in the Barrack Field in the presence of an enthusiastic crowd of spectators. The teams, G Company and E Company, had played previously, but could only make a draw after extra time—neither side scoring. G Company, however, after a good match, managed this time to beat E Company by 2 goals to nil. The competition throughout has been as follows:—D beat A, G beat C, E beat F, B scratched to Band and Drums, G beat D, E beat Band and Drums, G beat E. The Colonel Commandant presented the cup to the winning team at the conclusion of the match, and also made a brief and appropriate speech in favour of all manly sport.

Winning Team.—Sergts. Carroll and Jamieson (backs), Mr. Griffiths, Corpl. Williams, Pte. Day (half-backs), Ptes. Fry, Dees, Mr. Clark, Pte. Wilson, Lce.-Corpl. Parkinson (forwards). Great credit is due to the captain of the winning team (Sergt. Carroll) for his fine display at full-back, also Mr. Griffiths (half-back), and Sergt. Jamieson, the other full-back.

SERGEANTS' FOOTBALL MATCHES, PORTSMOUTH DIVISION—

Matches Played, 10; Matches Won, 6; Matches Lost, 1; Matches Drawn, 3; Goals for, 26; Goals against, 15.

R.M.A. (DRUMS) v. R.M.L.I. (DRUMS).

Played at Forton, on 3rd April, in miserable weather, and after an interesting match, resulted in a draw, the R.M.L.I. scoring once in each half, and the R.M.A. twice in the second half. Lce. Cpl. Jenkins played a very good game, his centres being well judged. The R.M.A. were afterwards entertained by the R.M.L.I. in the shape of a meat tea, to which full justice was done, followed by an impromptu concert.

We congratulate Private Dearlove (Portsmouth) on having won his county badge in the match played at Ryde, Isle of Wight, where he played, as usual, a splendid game. We hope that he will figure as prominently in our next season's team, as he has done this season, when he has undoubtedly proved himself a footballer of no mean order.

Gibraltar.

(Continued from our last.)

(14). In 1779—War was again declared, and on the 11th July the 14th, or what is known as "The Great Siege of Gibraltar" by the French and Spaniards commenced, which continued until the 12th March, 1783. The news of the signing of the preliminaries of a general peace then reached the Garrison, and General Eliott (the English Governor) and the Duc de Crillon met amicably on the neutral ground. This was the last siege the Rock of Gibraltar has sustained, and despite the most strenuous efforts of soldiers in the field, and of diplomatists in the Cabinet, the Rock has remained in possession of the English Nation since its first capture in 1704.

The "Great Siege" lasted for 3 years 7 months 12 days, during which time the Garrison and inhabitants were often reduced to the greatest straits from starvation; indeed in January, 1780, had not relief arrived by Rodney's Fleet, the Garrison must have surrendered. General George Augustus Eliott was the Governor at the time, Lieutenant-General Boyd was Lieutenant-Governor, and Major-General de la Motte commanded the Hanoverian Brigade. The Spanish Army consisted of 28,232 men under Don Martin Alvarez de Sotomayor; the French Army of 33,038 men was commanded by Baron Falkenstein. The whole force was under the command of the Duc de Crillon. The Garrison of Gibraltar consisted of 5,382 men, —— Artillery, Engineers, and a company of Artificers; the 12th, 39th, 56th, 58th, and 72nd Regiments, and Hardenberg's, Reden's and De la Motte's Hanoverians, and was reinforced in 1780 by the 73rd Highlanders (1,052), in March, 1781, by the 97th Regiment (700), and in October, 1782, by the 25th and 59th Regiments (1,600 men).

The Naval Force was commanded by Admiral Duff, and comprised the *Panther*, 60 guns; *Enterprise*, 28 guns; *Childers*, 14 guns; *Gibraltar*, 12 guns; and *Fortune*, 19 guns. Nine hundred men were landed from this Fleet, and did duty on shore as a "Naval Brigade" under the command of Captain Curtis, R.N.

Fire was first opened from the Fortress on the 12th September, 1779, by Mrs. Skinner, wife of an officer of the Artificer Company, who discharged the first gun to the signal of General Eliott, *Britons, strike home!* On the 7th June, 1780, the squadron was attacked by nine Spanish fire boats, but they were driven off and the boats destroyed; after which a fleet of gunboats was organized by the enemy, each carrying a 26 pounder. They bombarded the town and barracks nearly every night during the remainder of the siege, and caused great annoyance. The town was reduced to ruins, and the inhabitants were obliged to seek shelter among the rocks at the south for the safety of their lives.

On the 12th April, 1781, the Garrison was relieved by an English fleet, under Admiral Darby, at which time the Fortress was in the greatest extremity for want of provisions, the ordinary means of sustenance being almost exhausted. Bread had to be served out under protection of a guard, and roots, reeds, thistles, and wild onions were greedily sought after and devoured by the famished inhabitants. At this time the Governor made trial of what quantity of rice would suffice a single person for 24 hours, and actually lived himself eight days on four ounces of rice per diem. During this dreadful time—in spite of every precaution—the merchants managed to conceal their goods and sell them at exorbitant prices.

The relief of the Garrison by Admiral Darby infuriated the besiegers, and a furious bombardment was opened by the enemy from 170 guns and 80 mortars for six weeks; 56,000 shot and 20,000 shells being fired into the town. Only 70 men of the Garrison were killed. The town—deserted by the population—became the prey of the excited troops; the shells breaking through the buildings and bursting the walls of the stores, opened up the large accumulation of spirits, provisions, and stores of all descriptions, and gave rise to unrestrained plundering.

The Governor, learning that the enemy left their works weakly defended and their guards were negligent and listless, determined to take advantage of the false security into which they were lulled, and to endeavour to destroy by a bold stroke the whole of the magnificent works in the advanced trenches. Accordingly on the 27th November, 1781, a "Great Sortie" was made by the Garrison on the enemy's trenches. The force consisted of 103 officers and 2,065 men, under General Ross, 72nd Regiment. These were formed up on the Red Sands (the Alameda) at midnight without any previous warning to the troops; the countersign for the night was "steady,' and steadily indeed they fell into their appointed places for the assault. The daring enterprise was completely successful; the enemy fled on all sides, abandoning their formidable works, which were completely destroyed, the assailants losing only 4 men killed and 1 officer, and 25 men wounded. In the enemy's lines, ten 13-inch mortars and eighteen 26 pounders were spiked. Never was success more complete. The Pioneers and Artillerymen speedily levelled and destroyed the stupendous parapets; the gabions and gun platforms were kindled, and the fire spread with such rapidity that in half-an-hour all the lines of approach, communications, and traverses were in flames and soon reduced to ashes. The mortars and cannon were spiked and nearly all the magazines exploded. The inactivity of the Spanish Cavalry has been much commented on; about 40 of the Cavalry did come out of the lines, but upon seeing such superior forces hurried back again as fast as their horses legs could carry them. The following are the few words in which this splendid expioit is recorded, as taken from the Garrison Orders:—"The bravery and conduct of the whole detachment, officers, seamen and soldiers on this glorious occasion surpasses the Governor's utmost acknowledgements." In the same order book, Brigadier Rossalso begs to thank the Governor for entrusting him with the command, and desires to make a most public avowal of the firm and good behaviour of the officers and men on that occasion. On the works being repaired they again were considerably damaged by a continued fire of red-hot shot, and the whole of the advanced works were consumed. In the summer of 1782 the famous batteries in the galleries were commenced.

In September, 1782, a supreme effort was made by the enemy (French and Spaniards) to reduce the Fortress, for which the most extensive preparations had been made by land and sea. The defence having been hitherto so stubborn, rewards were offered to the most skilful engineers in Europe for plans to subdue the Fortress. That of the Chevalier d'Arcon was accepted, consisting of a combined attack by sea and land upon a most formidable scale, and assisted by floating batteries *incombustible* and *insubmergible*, of the most ingenious invention. A short description of these formidable vessels will be interesting. Ten ships of from 600 to 1,400 tons burden were cut down to the proper proportions, and upwards of 200,000 cubic feet of timber were used in their construction. Each was clad on its fighting side with three successive layers of squared timber, three feet in thickness; within this wall ran a body of wet sand, and within that again was a lining of cork soaked in water, to prevent the effects of splinters. The whole was bound together by strong wooden bolts. To protect the crews from shell or dropping shot, a hanging roof was contrived, composed of strong rope-work netting covered with wet hides and shelving to prevent the shot from lodging. Not the least remarkable part of these vessels was a plan to prevent combustion. A reservoir was placed beneath the roof, from which numerous pipes circulated through the sides of the ship, giving a constant supply of water to every part, and keeping the wood thoroughly saturated. Each floating battery was armed with from eight to twenty heavy brass cannons of new manufacture, and the crews varied in number from 250 to 760. Total, 138 guns, and 5,190 men. One large sail propelled each ship.

The Land Batteries amounted to 246 guns and mortars, protected by an army of 40,000 men, under the Duc de Orillon; and on the 9th April, 1782, Gibraltar was again bombarded by sea and land, commenced by a general discharge of 170 guns from the land batteries. The bombardment continued on the 10th, 11th, and 12th of April—4,000 rounds being fired in each 24 hours. On the 12th the combined fleets of France and Spain arrived in the Bay, consisting of 7 three-deckers, 31 two-deckers, 3 frigates, and a number of xebeques, bomb vessels, etc., raising the enemy's naval force to 47 sail of the line; 10 battering ships carrying 212 guns, besides a large number of smaller vessels. On the 13th, the whole of the enemy's fleet ranged up to within 900 yards and 1,200 yards of the sea face of the Rock in two lines from the King's Bastion northward, and opened fire continuously for eight hours. Upwards of 500 guns were playing at the same time from the land batteries, ships of war, and the "incombustible and insubmergible battering ships."

(To be continued.)

Entertainments

R.M.A. Theatre.

THE burlesque extravaganza, "The Babes in the Wood, and the Good Little Fairy Birds," has been the great draw during March, and the Dramatic Company are to be congratulated on the successful production of so important an undertaking. Gunner E. Benton was a wonderful get up as the remorseless uncle, Sir Roland Macassar, and by his diversity of expression demonstrated to the audience the reality of the shadow which haunted his every movement. Corporal Hounsell, as the nursery governess, kept the house in convulsions by his vain attempts to keep those dreadful babes, Naughty Tommy (Corporal Kerr) and Saucy Sally (Miss Emilie Seymour) in order. A most demure looking school girl (Gunner Percival Knight) was delightful in the pleasing song, "What Could the Poor Girl Do?" and we feel sure the management would be well advised in more fully developing the latent talent of so volatile and fascinating a comedian. Gunner Tuttlebee, who played the part of the villian in his own peculiarly funny way, should endeavour to articulate more distinctly for the benefit of his gallery friends. Miss Ada Morgan made her dêbut as the Queen of the Fairy Birds, and won the hearts of all by her gentle manner and sweet voice.

On the 29th and 30th the Sergeants' Dramatic Company gave special performances of "Still Waters Run Deep" for the joint benefit of the widows and children of Pay-Sergt. W. Fleetwood and Gunner Rogerson (divisional carter). Our old friends, Miss Emma Masher as Mrs. Sternhold, and Mr. Harry Grigg as Captain Hawksley, were the moving spirits of the piece, but through being obliged to go to press, we were unable to glean any details of the play. The orchestra was occupied by the string band, under the direction of Bandmaster B. S. Green.

We are glad to hear that Corporal Folland, who broke his arm a short time back through a fall, and who takes the funny parts in the Dramatic Company for so many years filled by Musician Whitewell, is progressing favourably, so that we may soon hope to see him back again in his old place.

R.M.A. Dance.

On February 26th, the Mess House at Eastney was the scene of a gay and festive dance. About 350 guests accepted the invitation of the officers. They arrived fashionably early, and by their reluctance to leave in the early hours of the morning, evidently enjoyed themselves. The string band, under our new Bandmaster (Mr. B. S. Green), occupied a temporary platform erected inside the bay window of the Mess Room, and raised about four feet off the floor. This—as far as the music is concerned—was generally voted an improvement on previous positions. The Colonel Commandant and Miss Poore welcomed the guests on their arrival in the large hall. The approaches to the Mess were covered in as usual; the balconies, ante-room, and library provided accommodation for sitting out, and supper was served in the billiard room. The "Washington Post" was a feature of the programme; this lively introduction from over the herring pond requires a certain amount of grace, elegance and deportment, which was decidely lacking on this occasion, but no doubt there will be an improvement. Lieut.-Colonel Leefe, Captains Brooke and Dixon, and Lieut. McCarthy are to be congratulated on their arrangements, as well as the ladies of the Corps, who kindly assisted them with the decorations.

H.M.S. "Curacoa."

On board H.M.S. *Curacoa* at Las Palmas, on 5th March, 1897, an entertainment was given by members of the ship's company, a great number of visitors from the shore being present. The songs, dances, musical selections, as included in the first part of the programme, were greatly appreciated. Amongst those who distinguished themselves were Lce.-Sergt. Lilley with his song, "Then We Had Another One;" M.A.A. Davies with "Teddy Brown at Margate;" and Ship's Steward Harvey in his mandoline solo "Cavalleria Rusticania." The best of the entertainment, however, was undoubtedly the farce "Billy Doo," given as the second part. In this Chief Yeo. Sig. Champion as "Billy Doo," the bill poster, figured to advantage; A.B. Henderson as "Mr. Spruce," an old gentleman with an intense hatred to advertising, was very good; Lce.-Sergeant Lilley as "Dick Spooner," the grocer's assistant, was as funny as ever, and Writer Henwood as "Serephina Wiggins" a young lady on the matrimonial lay, was charming. Altogether the programme, which was a very good one, went through without a hitch, and at the conclusion every one was pleased at the manner in which the thing was carried out. The *Curacoa* arrives in England about the 25th March.

Royal Marine Theatre, Forton.

Another excellent variety entertainment took place at the Theatre, Forton Barracks, on the evening of March 4th, in which the management (if possible) surpassed all previous efforts. The crowded houses which these entertainments always draw, testify to their ever-increasing merit and popularity. Amongst the items in the variety part of the programme, Sergt. Warner, as the clown in the gymnastic display, won great applause. The ventriloquism of Mr. Tucker and the laughing sketches of Sapper Lockwood were also much appreciated. Private Hoare danced a "Killee-kallum" in good style, and Private Hawkins delighted the audience with his rendering of "Down by the Old Log Cabin" and by his dancing. Private Johnson sang "Sunshine Above," which was heartily applauded. Lieut. Lees showed us how easily the hand deceived the eye (especially when the latter was blindfold). Miss Hodgson, who has frequently lent her vocal and histronic services before, sang the favourite old Irish ballad "Killarney." Corporals Wainwright and Weightman succeeded in being funny without being vulgar in their respective songs, and Private Mann was responsible for yet another comic song. The entertainment was concluded with a musical farce entitled "Topsy-Turvy," from the pen of Jno. S. R. Emelli.

Double Acrostic, No. 4.

Where'er he's seen, he wears this on his brow,
His forbears won it; may he deserve it now?

1. They fearless brave the battle, foe, and sword,
   And this their guerdon, this their high reward.
2. Swift fled the maid, until he, guileful, tossed
   The glittering prize, and then the race was lost.
3. With these a question you may start
   That may bring joy or rue.
   Two letters seldom far apart
   May make this clear to you.
4. I will not plainly state it, but, mayhap,
   You'll catch my hidden meaning. Verbum sap.
5. O mystic flood, along thy banks of old
   The glorious fanes of mighty monarchs rose;
   Now hoary ruins speak their greatness past,
   Yet in their ruin show their glory still.
6. "Say, dearest heart, wilt thou be mine,
   Sweet, now and ever, I am thine."—*Recruiter.*

SOLUTION TO ACROSTIC No. 3.

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NARCOTIC
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N I L E

Correct answers received from "B.O.M," "Ellesdee," "The Pensive Gargler," "Widdow." Many incorrect solutions received, one of which is so ingenious that our readers might like to see it:—

T U B
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COLLAR AND TI(E)
RECORD REIGN
EXPENSIVE
TWO STOOLS
EUPHRATES

—Looney.

Answers to Correspondents.

ONE INTERESTED.—The only reason that we can suggest for such a course being taken, is that owing to the touchy condition of affairs, and that English power depends on the ships and guns being well manned, the authorities naturally kept the best men on board.

CORPL. KELLY.—Many thanks for enclosure, but much regret that it is considered unsuitable.

SERGT. YOUNG, ESQUIMALT.—Your subscription for "Satellite" paid to January, 1897, inclusive.

SERGT. O'CONNOR, R.M.A.—Much obliged for your interesting letter. It had to be slightly altered. Your former one was too late for publishing in last issue.

H.M.S. "SPHINX."—Your numbers have been forwarded regularly, and must be waiting for you somewhere your end.

CAPT. EVANS.—Colour Photography will be reserved for another issue.

BRISTOLIAN.—Thanks for Acrostic.

H.M.S. "IMPERIEUSE."—Half-crown edition "Petrified Eye" out of print. Sending one copy of 1/- edition. Your account credited with extra 1/6.

Births.

FIELD.—At Woodlands House, Milngavie, Glasgow, on the 20th inst., the wife of Major C. Field, R.M.L.I., of a son.

APPERLY.—At the R.M. Depot, the wife of Sergt. Apperly, of a son.

HARLEY.—At the R.M. Depot, the wife of Lce.-Sergt. Harley, of a daughter.

OGBORNE.—At the R.M. Depot, the wife of Pte. Ogborne, of a son.

KEMP.—At the R.M. Depot, the wife of Pte. Kemp, of a daughter.

BENNETT.—At the R.M. Depot, the wife of Lce.-Corpl. Bennett, of a daughter.

Marriages.

RICHARDS—ARNOLD.—At Deal, 26th January, Pte. Richards to Miss L. M. Arnold.

HILLER—TERRY.—On 28th January, Pte. Thos. J. Hiller to Miss A. Terry.

CLARK—BARRON.—On 4th February, Corpl. H. F. Clark to Miss M. S. Barron.

ALDHOUSE—SMITH.—On 16th March, Pte. Aldhouse to Miss E. A. Smith.

HOLLAND—CULL.—At Alverstoke, on 6th March, Corpl. W. Holland to Miss F. M. Cull.

KENNINGTON—DAVEY.—At St. James' Church, Portsea, on 27th February, 1897, Act.-Bomb. W. Kennington to Miss E. Davey.

RAYWORTH—STROUD.—On 2nd March at St. Mildred's, Canterbury, Kent, Sergt. A. H. Rayworth to Miss M. E. Stroud.

GODMAN—WHITTAKER.—On 24th February, at St. John's, Forton, Pte. W. Godman to Miss E. A. Whittaker.

WILCOX—MARTIN.—On 1st March, at St. John's, Forton, Pte. E. Wilcox to Miss E. Martin.

In the list of marriages in February number for "Bowser" read "Bowsher."

Deaths.

SHEWEN.—On 6th March, at St. Mawes, Cornwall, Georgina Sophia, widow of Colonel E. T. P. Shewen, R.M.L.I., aged 74 years.

HARLEY.—On 22nd March, Rachel Hannah, the wife of Lce.-Sergt. H. Harley, aged 26 years.

O'NEAL.—On 22nd March, Pte. T. P. O'Neal (suddenly), aged 18 years.

HOWLETT.—On 18th February, 1897, at the taking of Benin city, Gnr. E. H. Howlett, R.M.A., aged 20 years and 10 months.

BALLS.—On 25th February, 1897, on board H.M.S. *Sans Pareil*, Gnr. J. Balls, R.M.A.

SHIPLEY.—On 25th February, 1897, on board H.M.S. *Sans Pareil*, Gnr. W. Shipley, R.M.A.

BOUGHTON—Pte. A. Boughton *(Victory)*.

HALL.—Pte. A. Hall *(Narcissus)*.

EASTON.—Pte. T. S. Easton, H.M.S. *Theseus*, of fever and dysentry.

MILLS.—Pte. Colin Mills, H.M.S. *Theseus*, of heat apoplexy.

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Editorial.

PETRIFIED EYE—The half-crown edition is out of print. A few of the cheap editions are still in stock. Price one shilling, post free.

CONTRIBUTIONS. The Editors beg members of the Corps, serving abroad, to send letters a little more frequently. They like to know home news, and we like to know foreign. It's only a system of exchange after all.

POSTAGE. Our paragraph in last issue has been noticed in several periodicals, and we have received many letters of sympathy stating similar cases. Amongst others is the following:—

> "Sir,—I am pleased to find you are aware of the sharp practice of the Post Office. As we must render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, otherwise 'je rends à chacun la monnaie de sa pièce,' I beg leave to announce the dreadful condition eggs, if sent by parcel post, arrive in. Yours etc.——"

We see the Sultan was so delighted that his ironclads were able to steam, and in clearing the Golden Horn ran down nothing more expensive than the bridges, that he presented his Minister of Marine with a jewelled sword. We congratulate the Minister of Marine, as rumour hinted darkly at the possibility of a bowstring, if failure occurred.

The following is an extract from the *7th U.S. Regiment Gazette*, and strikes one as a very good manner of putting the case:—

The salute is one of the elementary lessons taught the recruit, in its value, purpose, and import. Practice will soon come to the assistance of the young soldier in rendering a salute properly. Now, having acquired this knowledge by habit and instruction, does it not seem like a sheer waste of time to rake over the regulations to find out exactly what one's duty is toward an officer while he is in citizen's dress, whether he is to be treated as an officer, by a soldier, or with the bluff vulgarity more befitting a boor?

When does an officer cease to warrant proper recognition? Only when by some untoward act of his own he forfeits this respect, and until then he does not doff his rank with his uniform. The relative position of the officer and the soldier does not change with the change of dress. If the tension of discipline be then relaxed, it is a concession to the intelligence of the men, and not a right they can claim or assert on the miserable plea that, "we are as good as he is, out of uniform." No *soldier* ever derived comfort from such sickly twaddle. Salute an officer on the street as a gentleman or as a soldier. You can then afford to risk any penalty arising from mistake.—OLD SOLDIER.

A correspondent writes from Bermuda:—

In Bermuda the Marines shoot their fish from the ramparts surrounding Commissioner's House. Sergeant Little, R.M.L.I., has shot two within the last week, the first weighing 42 lbs. and the second 60 lbs. They are called rock cod, and lie usually about a foot below the surface of the water. Daybreak is the best time for sighting them. Sometimes the tide carries the dead fish away from the shore, and then it is a case of swimming 300 or 400 yards to secure the prize.

Woolwich Church. A reader writes to correct Sergeant Field, who stated that H.M.S. *Adventure* capsized at Woolwich. The ship was the trooper *Perseverance*. We have it now on good authority that Woolwich Church (dockyard) was built 1858.

The Secretary of the Woolwich District Antiquarian Society writes: Dear Sir,—I have found in a local journal, under date *September 1st, 1856*, "The new chapel is to be erected, on the approval of the plans by the Admiralty. The building will be in Gothic style, from designs by Mr. Gilbert-Scott," &c. On *October 1st, 1858*, I find a paragraph: "On the 18th September, the Lords of the Admiralty visited Woolwich Dockyard and inspected the interior of the new church." I can find no account of the opening of the church.

We have seen many weird jokes perpetrated by printers, but the one below, from a Service paper of April 25th beats most. Assistant-Engineer Pendleton to the *Victory*, additional, for the *Hannibal*, March 29th, unobserved in his nightshirt early on Thursday morning. We have heard of putting on the "invisible coat" when unofficial leave was taken, but to be "unobserved" in a night shirt beats our comprehension.

The report of the wreck of the *Warren Hastings*, Indian Marine troopship, which ran on the rocks at Réunion at 2.30 a.m. on the 14th January last, should fill every heart with admiration. The discipline and thorough control of the troops on board cannot be too highly spoken of. It proves that the "Birkenhead drill," as Rudyard Kipling calls it, is not a thing of the past, and men are now as capable of facing death without fear as their comrades were 45 years ago. Lord Wolseley has issued a special Army Order on the occasion, but perhaps extracts from a Parliamentary paper will be more interesting. The troops on board were the 1st K.R. Rifles, 2nd York and Lancaster, and a detachment Royal Artillery. This is the extract :—

There was no noise, no confusion ; for two hours the men remained silent and motionless, not knowing but what at any moment the ship might drop off the rocks and go down in deep water. Meanwhile, the engineers down in the dynamo room remained at work and kept the dynamo going until they were forced to leave by the inrush of water, and then, at the last moment, steam was turned off to prevent an explosion. But, thanks to their heroic efforts, the electric light lasted until half-an-hour before daybreak, and the great danger of working in the dark was averted. The cabins were speedily flooded and the vessel heeled rapidly. Fishermen, attracted by the noise of the grinding of the vessel, ran to the shore. In the darkness they saw a huge vessel lighted dimly, but heard no sound, no cry. The only reply to their hail was a bugle call.

It being now near daylight, and no immediate danger being expected, Commander Holland, fearing the risk of landing women and children in the dark, commenced to disembark the troops. All proceeded quietly, and in order, by word of command, when suddenly the vessel heeled over to such an extent that one could not stand on the deck. Orders were then given to disembark women and children ; the soldiers opened a lane and passed them through, no man murmuring, no man moving from his post. Finally, all were landed, except two Indian servants who jumped overboard, and could not be saved.

There were many narrow escapes, many deeds of heroism in saving life, but in the dim light it could hardly be seen who performed them, and the men will not come forward. When the roll was called, no one, man, woman, or child, was missing of troops or crew except the two Indians above mentioned. All behaved splendidly, and to that is mainly due the fact that no European lives were lost.

The Treasurer wishes to thank St. Lucia correspondent for foreign stamps. If all Royal Marines abroad would send stamps of the countries they visit, imagine what a wonderful *Globe and Laurel* stamp album we should have.

The appearance of the entrance hall at the Officers' Mess, Chatham, has lately been much improved by a re-arrangement of the arms taken in recent small wars, and the addition of two fine artist proof engravings—"The Chariot Race" and "The Return of the Victor"—both by Checa. Some good heads are wanted to complete the decorations, but unfortunately officers do not have much opportunity of big game shooting during their service afloat. Perhaps old comrades in the Indian Staff Corps might be inclined to help us, there are great shikaris among them.

Our readers will remember the narrow escape of our China correspondent, Captain Mercer, who was one of the few saved when the galley of H.M.S. *Narcissus* capsized. It seems that the body of Capt. Lang has been recovered.

> "Letters from Nagasaki received at Plymouth report the recovery of the body of Captain Lang, of H.M.S. *Narcissus*, on the China station. Captain Lang, R.N., with the members of his boat's crew, was drowned six months ago in Groomvitcha Bay. It is alleged that a Japanese sailor and four others discovered the bodies washed up 7½ miles south of Groomvitcha Bay on September 30th last, and that on one of them (evidently Captain Lang's) a gold watch, rings, and other jewellery were found. These were taken to Japan and sold. The Japanese sailor and his confederates were imprisoned for the theft. A portion of the jewellery has been recovered and forwarded to England to the deceased officer's widow."—*Daily Graphic.*

In the *Daily Graphic* of a recent date some snapshots by a Naval Officer appeared, amongst others, a curious one, "At Canea,—Royal Marines returning their arms under the supervision of Mr. Boxhall, chief gunner, when relieved by the Seaforths."

The Days of Old.

IT is interesting to look back occasionally and see what the services were doing in former times. Few things tend more to keep alive the spirit of emulation and daring than a study of the deeds performed by our forefathers.

The following facts are gleaned from a Navy List printed in 1796, which is now in my possession. In the first three years of the war which commenced in 1793, we had taken or destroyed no less than 175 French, 20 Dutch, and several Spanish ships. Of these, 86 French (namely, 15 line-of-battle ships, and 71 frigates and small craft), 9 Dutch, and 3 Spanish, were added to the British Navy. During the same period we lost 35 vessels (including 8 line-of-battle ships), only 12 of these, however (3 being liners), were *captured* by the enemy ; and the opposing force in each case was vastly superior to the British both in men and guns.

In June, 1796, we had 454 ships in commission, of which 120 were liners, 188 frigates, and the rest small craft. There were in reserve 117 vessels, including all classes ; and 32 ships were building. We also had in our pay a Russian fleet (commanded by one Vice and two Rear-Admirals), consisting of 12 liners, 8 frigates, and 1 brig. Surgeons in those days were not commissioned officers ; their pay was only £60 a year, supplemented by an allowance of £5 a year *in lieu of venereals* (such is the wording) for each 100 men ! Surgeons' Mates got £5 a month, *if they possessed a case of instruments.*

With regard to the Marines, the corps was not *Royal* then. Lord Howe, Admiral of the Fleet, was General ; the Hon. S. Barrington, Admiral of the White, was Lieut.-General ; and Sir Alan Gardner, Bart., Vice-Admiral of the White, Major-General. Horatio Nelson (the hero of Trafalgar) then the Senior Captain in the Navy, was the Senior Colonel ; while Captains the Hon. T. Pakenham and the Hon. E. Berkeley were also Colonels. The Colonel-Commandant (in chief) was then William Souter, and he resided in London. The divisions were at that time commanded by officers who were called "Colonel's Commandant and Captains." Harrie Innes at Chatham, Maurice Wemyss at Portsmouth, and John Bowater at Plymouth. There were also nine officers who were called "Lieut.-Colonels and Captains," and nine who were "Majors and Captains," distributed between the three divisions. More than a third of these officers were Major-Generals in the Army by Brevet, and nearly all the rest were Brevet Lieut.-Colonels. There were 108 Captains, 40 of whom were Brevet Majors ; and the senior one, Horatio Spry—an ancestor of Lieutenant Geo. E. Spry, who died at Plymouth recently—was a Major-General by Brevet, though a Captain of only 12 years' standing in the corps. The next rank was that of Captain-Lieutenant, which was held by 21 officers. These were followed by 239 Lieutenants, and 117 Second-Lieutenants. The Adjutants were John Long and Andrew Macintosh at Chatham, William Wemyss and Trevor H. Latham (or Lotham) at Portsmouth, James Maxwell and Frederick Liardel at Plymouth. All these officers are on the list of First-Lieutenants, except William Wemyss, whose name, strange to say, does not appear at all on the general list of the corps. There is, however, a *James* Wemyss on the list of Captain-Lieutenants, and this is probably the Adjutant ; but a mistake has been made in his Christian name in one case or the other.

The whole establishment of the corps was 130 companies—40 being at Chatham, and 45 at each of the other divisions. There was but one Paymaster—the Hon. George Villiers—who was stationed in London ; and each division had a Deputy-Paymaster : namely, Captain William Seaward at Chatham, Captain William J. Madden at Portsmouth, and Captain Henry Weir at Plymouth.

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The Home-Coming of the Strange Children.

By Captain W. P. Drury, R.M.L.I.

"Rid me, and deliver me out of the great waters, from the hand of strange children: whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of vanity.

On the table in Jannaway's quarters—Jannaway himself, subaltern of the Sea Regiment and unrepentant prodigal, was playing black pool at the mess—I found a Bible. My tobacco being low in the jar and dusty withal, I had been minded to plenish it neighbourly fashion from Jannaway's and Jannaway's chief earthly solace stood by chance upon the Book. The latter opened readily midway the Psalms of David, where the verse set forth above was scored about with a thick blue pencil line.

Now, before the average British subaltern betakes himself to the underlining of jeremiads in Holy Writ, he must have endured many things worth the hearing. Wherefore, on Jannaway's return—which, by reason of the alluring nature of black pool, happened not till the night was far spent and I had consumed great store of his Navy Cut—I confronted him with the blue-bordered text, and demanded the tale which hung thereby. At first Jannaway, my host, swore, and so far forgot himself as to suggest bed, but presently, repenting him of his churlishness, he set upon the table vessels of whiskey, and soda, and gin, and in fine, nervous prose, which I shall not attempt to reproduce, unfolded to me this matter of the home-coming. By the time the cock in the barrack stables and his naval rival at the coastguard station had begun their exasperating *tu quoque* repartee, I fully comprehended why that blue-pencilled prayer had lain continually for the space of a fortnight on the sorely-tried Jannaway's tongue-tip.

It appeared that Jannaway at the present moment was enjoying "the blessings of the land with the fruits of his labours" after three and a half years' exile in the Pacific squadron. He was enjoying them immensely, so said Jannaway, the "blessings" meaning, as far as he could see, unlimited war-game and drill, and the "fruits" a certificate of sobriety from his late skipper, rheumatism in the shoulder-blades, and a subpœna to attend early in the Michaelmas term at the court of Sir Francis Jeune. With the prodigal's business there, any more than with the previous business in British Columbia which necessitated it, I have no concern; but the tale of his journey from Esquimault to London seemed, as I heard it, to be well worth the re-telling. If to the reader it should appear otherwise, then *mea*—not Jannaway's—*culpa*.

That promising youth having been ordered to rejoin the head-quarters of the Sea Regiment in England, the Admiral directed that he should conduct to this country a batch of invalids and time-expired men from the fleet. At five o'clock on a radiant June evening Jannaway smilingly watched the shepherding of his flock before the Royal Naval Hospital at Esquimault. At five o'clock on a rainy July evening twelve days later he gloomily contemplated from Waterloo platform the vanishing tail-lights of the train which contained the last of them. Nevertheless was Jannaway's prayer to be rid of the strange children answered in that hour, and the rest of the evening the prodigal spent at the "Empire."

Jannaway's personally-conducted party numbered about thirty, and comprised half the ratings in Her Majesty's naval service. Besides Jannaway himself there were three officers, viz., a boatswain, a chief engineer, and a surgeon, the latter having medical care of the invalids as far as Montreal, whence he was to return to his ship. The chief engineer's diagnosis of his own case being diametrically opposed to that set forth on his medical history sheet, he was not on speaking terms with the surgeon, and during the journey across the continent he dwelt continuously and with much emphasis on the extreme gratification the parting from his medical attendant at Montreal would afford him. In the matter of the boatswain's conduct, however, they were both agreed, that subtle seaman having taken advantage of their final wrangle at Vancouver to secure for himself and Jannaway the two best berths in the car. All three of them, on the other hand, secretly resented the youth of their temporary commanding officer, although, had they sat but an hour at his feet, they would have learned concerning the ways of men and women—especially women—much quaint and unprinted knowledge.

Jannaway's troubles began with the muster outside Esquimault Hospital. An open barouche and two large 'buses had been chartered for the hour's drive to Victoria, and a British-Columbian crowd, composed in the main of respectable matrons and maids, had gathered to watch their departure. The hour had dwindled already to fifty minutes, and the Victorian steamer was advertised by her Yankee skipper to sail on the stroke of the bell, "D.V. or not." But a certain time-expired private of marines had not yet turned up, and Jannaway, watch in hand, was tenderly inquiring after his lost sheep at the 'bus doors.

"Private Pagett o' the *Canarybird!*" echoed a bluejacket with that ship's name on his cap ribbon, "why, I see 'im last in the forenoon watch, an' 'e was under more sail—beggin' *your* pardon, Mister Jannaway, sir—than what even a marine can properly carry! 'Ere 'e comes, look?"

So much sail had that frail vessel carried, indeed, that he was now on his beam ends, being borne in that position on the shoulders of four sympathetic shipmates. To fittingly celebrate their comrade's return to his native land and civilian life, it appeared that the *Canarybird's* detachment of Marines had insisted upon his drinking the midday grog ration of the entire mess, with the result that Mr. Pagett had lain at a waterside pothouse, in a state of coma and with his head under a tap, the greater part of the afternoon. This ornament to his regiment having been packed from the public gaze in the straw of the nearer 'bus, and covered up with his kit-bag, arms, and accoutrements, Jannaway was on the point of giving the order to start. But, attracted at that moment by a sudden stir and commotion among the womenfolk, his eye lighted upon another of his flock, and he swore very fervently instead.

On the steps of the second 'bus hung a struggling, shouting, more than half-naked bluejacket. His trousers already lay in the dust, and he was in the act of pulling his shirt and jumper over his head, when Jannaway charged across the road and shot him, by the force of the collision, into the fore end of the vehicle. This seemingly abandoned tar—it was explained to the scandalised ladies—was a harmless, if somewhat embarrassing, lunatic, invalided home to the Naval Asylum at Yarmouth. In the absorbing interest of Pagett's disgraceful arrival, this hitherto tractable patient had been for the moment forgotten. The general excitement had roused his slumbering madness; and throughout the drive to Victoria, his head still muffled in the flannel shirt and the jumper, he unceasingly and with much bitterness demanded to be informed what an adjective bathing-machine was for if not to undress in!

Well did Jannaway know that, given a volatile steamboat, a troubled sea and eight hours of moonless night, the occasion is fraught with infinite possibilities for a restless idiot and a stertorously unconscious inebriate. With the readiness of resource born of a roving life, his first act on embarking was to lock these thorns of anxiety into an empty storeroom and pantry respectively under the paddle-boxes, and to post a sentry between them. When in the summer dawn at Vancouver, the doors were thrown open, Jannaway knew he was justified of his act of illegal imprisonment. For, seated astride his kit-bag, with his head between his hands was Pagett, loudly praying for sudden death; while in the pantry over the way stood the madman, nude as the hour he was born, and asking the rest of the party what had become of *their* blistered bathing-machines.

Then came the long train journey through the canons and rifts of the Rockies over the prairie ocean to far away Montreal. Jannaway—to whose voluptuous nature all beauty appealed, whether flower, or moonrise, or sunset, or the face of a lovely woman—looked forward with no little keenness to enjoying this little scenic magnificence. Small leisure, however, in the end did that much-harried subaltern get for gazing on skies or on landscapes. For the mouths of the strange men-children from the outset began to speak vanity; while their right hand, being forcedly idle, was ever a hand of iniquity.

Every conceivable means had been taken by the railway company for the comfort of these, Her Britannic Majesty's servants. In the matter of rations, indeed, they seemed to the vigilant Jannaway to have touched the verge of extravagance. For, whenever he made the rounds of the men's car, were it noon-day, or evening, or midnight, its

inmates were busily eating; and yet, like the widow's inexhaustible cruse, their plates never seemed to grow empty. Nevertheless, on the first day's journey at dinner-time, they demanded, by the mouth of a chief petty officer, "to see Mister Jannaway."

"Well," said that sorely-tried officer, entering the car, "what is it?"

The daily ration of grog had just been served out, and stood untouched on the tables, while each weather-beaten face wore an expression of the deepest resentment and indignation. In the background, with tears in his eyes, hovered the courteous representative of the railway company.

"Beggin' your pardon, sir," exclaimed the mouthpiece—somewhat sheepishly it must be owned, "but the men don't seem to fancy this 'ere rum no'ow."

"What's wrong with it?" demanded Jannaway; "hold on! I'll taste it myself."

He did so—slowly sipping the tot, and carefully turning the spirit about on his tongue, as though he were sampling some priceless vintage. Then he set down the empty cup with a vigour that broke it in two.

"Great Scott!" he exclaimed, "where the deuce does your grievance come in?"

"I beg your pardon, sir—with the colour," explained an aggrieved one, which it's more lighter than the Service rum, an' we think as the comp'ny's tryin' it on, an' givin' us inferior liquor!"

"You are a lot of suspicious, ignorant sea-lawyers," laughed Jannaway, "who don't know good liquor from poison. Excellent as the Service rum is, this spirit is even better; personally, I should say it's the very best that money can buy." Which, indeed, was no more than the truth.

Then, with a brief reference to the section in the Queen's Regulations *re* the making of frivolous complaints, Jannaway left the car; and, sending for the railway official, he soothed him with honeydew 'baccy and honied words of much wisdom. "When you know the British tar," he concluded "as intimately as I do, you'll perceive that a grievance of some sort is the very breath of his nostrils. If he has no legitimate grievance—and rarely, indeed, can he find one—he'll invent it with great ingenuity and the ease that comes of long practice."

And the railway official withdrew, much impressed with Jannaway's knowledge of human nature in general, and of seafaring men in particular.

Now, when on Her Majesty's business, a score of her redcoats or blue-jackets journey for long together, it is customary to enforce—for the proper maintaining of discipline—some sort of daily routine. Jannaway's orders on this point were clear and very imperative. He therefore mounted a guard, and posted a constant sentry to keep the Queen's peace in the men's car. "Reveillé," "retreat," and "last post" were sounded, each in its season, and he duly inspected the party at a morning and evening muster. He had them turned out of their bunks at the man-o'-war hour for rising, and at ten o'clock every evening the hands were piped down as on shipboard. Whenever the train stopped long enough he marched them about for exercise; in short, he fathered his children like a middle-aged *paterfamilias*. Whereat their mouth spake much vanity, for children are ever ungrateful. The train, they indignantly swore, was an adjective shore-going flagship; and they cursed at having to sail under "Admiral Jackanapes Jannaway." They had looked to spend their time solely in eating, and smoking, and slumber; and they deeply resented this wholesome and very mild man-o'-war discipline.

A cloud no bigger than a man's hand, but which presently completely overshadowed Jannaway's bright spirit, arose at eventime on the first day's travel. This was the matter of the woollen underclothing, which had been specially issued at Esquimault to the invalids of the party. The Pacific station orders directed that it was to be put on when leaving the cars at stopping-places, and taken off on returning to them; that it was to be worn in crossing the Atlantic, and then returned to store at Deptford. At the first depot Jannaway accordingly commanded that the garments in question should be donned by all invalids wishing to get out and walk. Now the time of the year being midsummer, they took to the thick wool as kindly as a nigger would take to a waist cloth midway an Arctic December. Under their breath they cursed the clothing, the order, the weather—even the innocent Jannaway; and at every subsequent stopping-place, by every means in their power, they endeavoured to hoodwink the latter. But Jannaway, young as he was, hadn't been born on a yesterday—an additional grievance, indeed, with his froward and stiff-necked children. Thus the underwear was, to the end, a bone of contention between them.

While engaged in haranguing his contumacious sick on the subject, and a few minutes before the train proceeded, a telegram was handed to Jannaway informing him that a marine's greatcoat had been left behind at Vancouver. Jannaway dropped the sick and their underwear, and for fully five minutes let Pagett—the only marine in the party besides himself and his man—have the rough edge of his tongue on the subject of drunken forgetfulness. As he presently paused for breath, the servant, unconscious of what was going forward, arrived on the scene and saluted.

"I've looked 'igh an' low for 'im, sir," said he, "and I can't find a trace of 'im nowhere."

"Trace of whom?" asked Jannaway testily

"Of your greatcoat," answered the man, "what you told me this morning to look for. I believe, sir," he suddenly added, "that you left 'im be'ind at Vancouver!"

Whereupon, with the face of an image, Pagett drew his own coat from the corner.

But the tableau was lost upon Jannaway. For the train was beginning to move when a cry smote his horrified ears of "Stop that old cowcatchin' injin—we ain't got our loony aboard!" Then, thrusting the head from the window, the blood in his veins turned to water, and he bitterly cursed his position. In view of the whole of the passengers, the waiting-room door was flung open, and, hotly pursued by the porters, a nude figure tore down the platform and leaped in the rearmost compartment. By the time Jannaway himself reached it, the ladies were all in hysterics; while the lunatic, with a purloined collector's punch in his hand, was peremptorily demanding their tickets. Masking him with railway rugs, Jannaway and the male passengers locked him into a lavatory at the end of the car, till such time as he could be fitly removed in a borrowed suit of clothes. His own, he triumphantly explained, were in his bathing machine at the last station.

And so the long journey wore on, each hour bringing its peculiar trial to the joyless and jaded Jannaway. Nevertheless did he comfort himself with the reflection that, before he can wear the major's crown, or even attain to the heights of the captain's stars, the subaltern of marines must endure the cross of strange children no less than that of great waters. At Winnipeg, where the train was timed to stop an hour and a half, Jannaway turned out his flock, and seduced them into exercising their legs about the town by telling them wondrous tales of pigs made into sausages while you wait. On their return to the station—highly incensed at his failure to show them these promised joys—a certain tar made great uproar, saying he had lost a dog he was taking home to his sweetheart, and that he'd be withered, and singed, and condemned if he entered the train without it. Jannaway's spirit by this time being completely broken, he allowed the man to go back with a search party, thereby delaying the train and rendering exceedingly choleric the traffic manager and others. Nor did their righteous anger abate one jot when, the searchers having returned, the innocent cause of the trouble was discovered curled up in his owner's bunk—which, it transpired, he had never quitted at all.

But the next day a thing befell which produced the first of Jannaway's prematurely grey hairs. The train had just left a small prairie station, where the wily tars, unknown to themselves, had been grossly cheated in the matter of buffalo horns by still wilier Indians—when word was brought that Private Pagett had been left behind! He had been last seen haggling with a copper-coloured gentleman of loudly-vaunted integrity over the purchase of a pair of horns destined for the bar of a certain Dartmoor hostelry he had long had his eye on. These were the self-same horns, indeed, under which Mr. Pagett subsequently related to me *his* version of the home-coming. It was interesting in showing how different is the style of two artists in telling the same simple story. From it one gathered that the irreproachable soldier of long and varied experience had been throughout that trying journey the mainstay and trusted counsellor of his officer; and that,

at parting, the latter had shaken hands, and, with tears in his eyes, thanked him for his invaluable assistance and advice. But whatever Jannaway may have said to Mr. Pagett on Waterloo platform—and I have reason to believe he said many things—at the present juncture of affairs, and for fully five minutes, he damned the absentee with a marvellous wealth of epithet. Yet the most impassioned utterances are ever unavailing to restore the lost one; and that night Jannaway dreamt he was arraigned before a general court martial on the charge of losing by neglect the following article, namely, soldiers (one in number) of Her Majesty's regular forces.

Heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning; and lo! at daybreak Private Pagett was back again. He had his cherished buffalo horns with him, and he was in a condition of complete nervous collapse. For, the station-master—anxious, apparently, to be rid of him at all costs—had forwarded the laggard on a light pilot engine; and the twelve hours' jumping and rocking thereof over the roughly-laid track had well nigh shaken (this is Pagett's expression) his something liver out of his something mouth.

And so it came to pass that Jannaway and his children were presently brought to Montreal, whence they went down to the sea in an Allan steamship. The voyage across the Atlantic was a time of comparative peace to the former; for the familiar surroundings of their native element seemed to exercise a restraining influence upon those horny right hands of iniquity. Yet on the first morning out, a middle-aged, very damp citizen sought audience of Jannaway, loudly reviling the tars, who were berthed in his part of the vessel. They had risen at four, he complained, and, following Jannaway's orders and their barbarous naval routine, had flooded the place with cold water and a fiendish racket of scrubbing. He had paid for his berth, he said, and he preferred it dry and dirty; and he would see Jannaway in Hades before he would be woke up at cockcrow and compelled to spend the rest of the day in a snipe marsh. Jannaway, well knowing that his black sheep themselves were at the bottom of this overdone indignation, conferred with the skipper, with the result that the purser presently shifted the damp agitator to a berth near the galley fire. Whereat he was very pleased, and the machinations of the wicked were brought to nought.

In spite of this unpromising beginning, Jannaway ever after regarded the six days between Montreal and Liverpool as an interval of blessed consciousness in a long and dreadful nightmare. From the outset the youthful, dissipated-looking shepherd roused the interest of his fairer shipmates—who correctly guessed at a third of his sins, and satisfactorily (to themselves) invented the remainder. Jannaway, who loved the sex in general, had focussed his affections by the end of the first day on two members of it in particular, and, before the close of the second, he had determined to prolong the acquaintanceship by travelling with them to London.

But face to face once more with the grim realities of life on the Liverpool landing stage, he had to climb down from his newly-built castle in Spain. For, indeed, the fair ones must have been half way to Euston before the last of Jannaway's happy tars rolled into Lime Street Station. With the sole exception of Pagett—who would have conjured liquor out of the sand of a desert island—they were fearfully and wonderfully sober, though they were perfectly intoxicated with joy at setting foot once more on an English pavement. They dawdled along, chattering in front of Jannaway like a kindergarten class out for an airing; and each man carried a pair of buffalo horns, or shells, or a parrot cage, or a banjo, or a combination of two or more of these necessaries of sailor existence. In rear came Mr. Pagett and the "loony," each led by a couple of comrades—the former because he was obviously incapable of steering himself through the traffic, and the latter because of his great desire to bathe in the public street from a cabman's shelter. Finally, like the angel in the garden of Eden driving before him our unwilling parents, stalked Jannaway with his sword, driving his children. And when he had seen them and their parrots and banjoes locked safely into the train, in the temple of Spiers and Pond he poured out for thankfulness a libation of golden whiskey.

But Jannaway had other things to do before the train started besides the drinking of whiskey. For, at Liverpool began the scattering of his flock to folds all over the United Kingdom; and to hospitals, coastguard stations, depot ships and barracks, telegrams must needs be sent heralding their arrival. Although these strange and wayward sheep drifted away shepherdless in threes, and twos, and singly to their distant destinations, to the credit of the Service be it recorded that everyone of them turned up at the hour stated in the telegram.

With the bulk of the party Jannaway went on to London, and on arrival he was nearly as mad as the bathing machine monomaniac. For, great is the mental anxiety of him who conducteth the volatile tar on a homeward-bound railway journey. To travel on the footboard of an express train seemed to be the correct thing in naval circles, and a glimpse from the window of a phantom bluejacket dancing a hornpipe on the roof of the train's shadow, affected Jannaway's nerves for weeks afterwards. At the stations, to assure himself that no one was left behind, he perpetually attempted the impossible feat of looking out of both windows at once; and Willesden Junction, where half the party had to change, reminded him of a giddy-go-round railway at a show. The three precious moments available for the change were frittered away by the tars in gingerly handing to each other from the carriages their parrot cages and shells; and great was their indignation when the buffalo horns and banjoes were left behind on the platform. Small wonder the guard blasphemed when a bluejacket genially asked him not to shove off with the qualified train till he'd said good-bye to Bill in the other party.

But to the bitter end the greatest of all Jannaway's trials was Private Pagett of his own regiment. The nearer that Queen's hard bargain approached his destination and civilian life, the greater grew his reluctance to travel in the same compartment with common bluejackets. At length, wearied by his importunity, Jannaway arranged with the guard to transfer him to an empty second class, where he speedily fell asleep and was forgotten. Naturally, he failed to get out at Willesden; and when Jannaway mustered the party at Waterloo, it was found that Mr. Pagett for the second time had been left behind. While the weary shepherd, however, was expending curses on lost sheep himself and sixpences in telegraphic enquiries after him, there arrived in the station-yard on the top of a Victoria 'bus a snoring private of the regular forces with a pair of buffalo horns buckled up in a waistbelt. On being roused by the conductor, he explained that he was Mr. Pagett, the landlord, and that he would have him (the conductor) understand that he allowed no shady characters to hang about his "Coach and Horses."

And so it came to pass that Jannaway, subaltern of the Sea Regiment and unrepentant prodigal, stood presently upon Waterloo platform, gloomily watching the tail lights of the train which bore away upon their home-coming the last of the strange children. Of the subsequent official correspondence, relating mainly to the suit of warm clothing left by the lunatic in his prairie bathing machine, Jannaway spoke with tears. It promised, he said, to run through the rest of his life like the sad coloured strand which is woven with government rope. But that wet July evening, at all events, the prodigal spent at the "Empire," for, after three years of great waters, he hungered for footlight frivolity.

Yet the candle—and this is wisdom—may not be burned at both ends. With his head on a marble table, Jannaway, leader of men, slept like a worn-out child.—*The United Service Magazine.*

Death of another Crimean Veteran.—In the village of Kingsbury Episcopi, Somersetshire, the death has occurred of Walter Harvey, an old Crimean veteran. Deceased joined the Royal Marine Artillery at an early age, and served 21 years and 10 days with his regiment. On his discharge he was in possession of five good conduct badges, and was awarded the long-service silver medal. He served throughout the Crimean campaign, receiving two medals—one for the Crimea, 1854, with clasp for Inkerman, Balaclava, and Sebastopol, and the other for Crimea, 1855. On leaving the Crimea he was drafted to the Atlantic slave squadron, and subsequently took part in the China War, receiving a medal, with clasps for Canton, 1857, and Taku Forts, 1858. He also wore the Abyssinia medal being present at the storming of Magdala, under Lord Napier of Magdala. Few soldiers have seen more real active service than deceased, who was 65 years old. He was greatly respected in the parish, and was accorded a military funeral.

Marines Landed in Crete.

IN October, 1896, the *Barfleur* was ordered to Crete to relieve the *Hood*. The island was then in a very peaceful state, although in the previous summer there had been trouble there. There were rumours, however, that as soon as the harvest was gathered in, fighting would commence once more.

Soon after we arrived, the weather became cooler, and we used to go riding a great deal, and we occasionally got some shooting. Games too, such as hockey and football were also indulged in.

About the end of December, the Cretans commenced to gather in the olives, great quantities of which are grown in the island. No place seemed more peaceful then, and even later, than did Crete. However, on 1st February, reports were brought in that murders had been committed in the village in the neighbourhood. Later on during the day we observed dense clouds of smoke rising in the direction of Canea (the capital), and firing soon broke out among the hills between the natives and the Mussulmen. This continued for two or three days, during which time we landed a guard consisting of a bombardier and four men to protect the telegraph office at Suda. The British Consul then sent from Canea to say that a battleship was required there to protect British subjects in the town, so we had to proceed there as soon as possible after withdrawing the guard on shore.

A few days after our arrival off Canea, fighting commenced in the town, and several houses were set on fire. As this fire was seen to be rapidly increasing, it was decided to land a fire party to endeavour to extinguish it if possible. Accordingly, a party, including marines, was told off to land with fire-engine, grapnels, &c. We soon arrived on the scene of the fire, and at once got to work with the pumps. This, however, soon proved useless, for the water gave out on all sides, so that we were reduced to pulling down the adjoining houses by means of grapnels and drag-ropes. This was a very slow process, as the streets were very narrow and soon became blocked with *débris*. There was a great quantity of oil stored in nearly all the houses in this quarter, and when this once caught alight it was quite impossible to extinguish the flames. Once some gunpowder, which must have been stored in a house close to where we were at work, suddenly exploded, causing quite a panic at first, but luckily no one was found to be injured. This fire lasted about five days, and eventually burnt itself out, but not until the centre of the town was entirely destroyed.

As fighting was still going on in the island, it was decided to land a detachment from each nation to occupy Canea. Accordingly, thirty-three N.C.O's and men were told off to land from the *Rodney*, *Revenge* and *Barfleur*, respectively, under Major Brittan and Lieuts. Nelson and Molloy. We landed in the afternoon with a week's provisions, and soon after were told off to our quarters, which in our case was a Turkish school. This we found in a terribly dirty state, and it took a week's scrubbing with soap and water to make the place at all clean, and sometime longer before we got rid of the insects with which the rooms abounded. The men slept in the class-rooms, lying on the floor or on the tables, but always in their clothes as we had to be ready to turn out at a moment's notice. We officers had a room between us where we slept, tubbed, and had our meals. The Austrian bluejackets were also quartered in the same building as ourselves, and they soon became very friendly with our men.

The duties we had to perform were to supply a picquet consisting of an officer and twenty men, at first each day, on one of the bastions overlooking the fortifications. Each picquet went on duty at 8-o a.m., and was relieved by one of a different nation at 8-o a.m. the following morning. Tents were provided by the Turkish authorities, but these were very small for the number of men they had to contain.

On the parapet of the bastion we had two sentries posted, who had a perfect view of the town and surrounding country. Our duty here was to report any movements of troops which we might observe, and any firing in the neighbourhood. For the first two weeks or so, firing was going on almost incessantly in the hills during the daytime.

The tents of the Turkish outposts were clearly visible from the bastion, but the camp of the Greek army under Col. Vassos was hidden by a low ridge of hills, although only some five or six miles distant. Occasionally a report was brought in that the insurgents intended attacking the town on a certain night, when the Turkish soldiers would at once prepare their field guns for action, and drill at them all day; but the attack never took place.

Another duty we had later was patrolling the quay in order to protect the consulates and also the boats belonging to the Greek men-of-war lying off Canea, whom the Turks had threatened to fire on when communicating with the shore. Two nations provided patrols for twenty-four hours, an officer always being present. It was the duty of the officer to take charge of the patrols and also to prevent arms being landed by insurgents.

As soon as the Powers decided to send troops to Crete, we were re-embarked, after a pleasant change of five weeks' duty on shore.

Capt. Hire, R.M.A., relieved Major Brittan in command of the detachment on 15th March.

Latest Modern Artillery.

THE CANET Q.F. GUN AND THE DUDLEY DYNAMITE GUN.

THESE two very important inventions in artillery for the field have been tested lately with surprising results, and the "Canet" will probably cause important changes in tactics as laid down at present. The actual gun itself has no particular points about it, except that it is a good pattern quick-firer; the improvement lies in the mounting. Everyone who has seen the ordinary field-piece fired must have noted how the gun runs back, sometimes jumping and turning partially round. This is, of course, a great drawback to rapid firing, as the gun has to be run up and relaid between each round. Now M. Canet has almost entirely overcome this defect by making the tail piece or "trail" consist of two strong cast steel tubes, closed at the outer ends, which telescope one inside the other on recoil, and act as a buffer on the hydro-pneumatic system. The ground end of the lower tube is fitted with an inclined anchor plate, like a spade. This is driven into the ground and keeps the gun more or less stationary as to position. The gun itself is placed a little lower, than usual, on the carriage, and the "trail" or "flêche elastique" as it is called, is rather larger than the ordinary one for field guns. This class of gun was tested at a target three yards high, two yards wide, and fired ten rounds at 120 yards with no rectification in training or elevation. The target was struck ten times and nearly in the same place as the first round. The gun is made in three sizes, 2·56, 2·75, 2·95 inches diameter of bore. The largest weighs 9 cwt. Two men work the gun and two the ammunition. Maximum range over 7,400 yards.

The Dudley Pneumatic Dynamite Gun. This gun is specially constructed for firing shells containing large charges of high explosives. The gun consists of one long tube with a short tube on either side of it. The centre tube is the gun proper. It is a smooth bore and closed at the end with a breech block like an ordinary breech loader. The right hand cylinder may be called the "explosion chamber." The breech end is closed by a block the same as the gun proper, and the fore end is cast solid. A strong tube connects the fore end of this cylinder with the one on the left of the gun. The left hand cylinder may be called the "compression chamber," it is cast closed at both ends. The front end is connected with the right hand cylinder, and a tube passes from the rear end into the gun behind the space for the projectile. To fire the gun: the projectile, which is very long with a winged wooden tail to steady it in flight, is placed in the gun proper, and the breech closed. A small charge of smokeless powder, some few ounces, is placed in the explosion chamber, the breech of which is then closed, the gun laid as usual, and the charge fired. This causes great compression of air in the compression chamber, which, mixed with the expanding gases generated by the combustion of the powder, rushes into the gun proper, with great force, and so propels the projectile. A range of one and a half miles is claimed for this gun, and nothing can stand before the explosion of the projectile, which covers a considerable area. However, Lieut. Rogers, who has lately been using this gun in Cuba against the Spaniards, says that the best range is half a mile, or about 900 yards. This is very short compared to modern artillery, besides, the gun is somewhat slow in action. His report reads, "Wherever the projectile struck, the ground was broken and *furrowed*, and bodies of soldiers were found torn limb from limb.—THE EDITOR.

CORPS GAZETTE.

Promotions.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the following promotion in the Royal Marine Light Infantry, consequent on the increase to the establishment of the Corps:—Lieutenant C. E. F. Drake-Brockman to be Captain. Dated, 1st April, 1897. Captain Drake-Brockman is posted to the Portsmouth Division.

EASTNEY—

To be Colour-Sergeants—Sergts. G. H. Ansell, J. A. Joyce, T. Stacey, O. J. Lovejoy, J. McPherson, H. J. Burrage.

To be Sergeants—Corpls. J. Williams, W. Fraser, S. J. Miller, G. Bullock, F. Ford, H. Guy, A. J. Chatfield, J. Lawrence, J. Jeffery, W. G. Morgan, T. Jones, G. H. Wolfe, H. Perrott, H. Bulbeck.

To be Corporals—Brs. C. Dadd, F. C. Cottle, H. W. Lodder, E. Spink, J. T. O'Neil, C. J. Roost, J. W. Offord, H. Boffey, C. E. Powell, J. S. Stanton, H. T. Phillips, J. Taylor, J. Gilliam, F. J. Chivers, G. Hart, H. Camp, T. H. Hearne, W. J. Sills, A. Firminger, A. Tildesley, C. T. Wellman, W. Whitworth, W. Carey.

To be Bombardiers—Gunrs. J. W Flynn, C. A. Poate, H. Gillett, A. Pickworth, E. W. Dix, A. W. Pool, A. G. Sears, J. Reeder, S. J. Rodway, R. Welsh, G. R. Waterman, R. F. Reynolds, C. W. Reynolds, R. Hardy, J. J. Jenkins, T. Hanly, F. J. Skinner, E. S. Claydon, H. Foster, E. A. E. Porter, W. F. Harper, R. C. Brigham.

To be Paid Lance-Sergeants—Corpls. A. W. Sparks and H. G. Grover.

To be Paid Acting-Bombardier—Gnr. R. Town.

CHATHAM—

Cr.-Sergt. R. Moffat to be 1st Instructor of Infantry at Headquarters, on augmentation.

To be Colour-Sergeants—Sergts. G. Purkis (Rectg., London) and C. Rubie.

To be Sergeants—Corpls. A. Collins, L. G. Leeson (*Pembroke*), J. Hatherill (Depot), Lce.-Sergts. A. V. White, G. J. Kenney.

To be Corporals—Ptes. J. Shepherd (*Pembroke*), J. Milliken (*Wild Swan*), J. F. Johnson (*Blenheim*), A. Press (*Centurion*), G. Eagle (*Theseus*), Lce.-Corpl. D. Evans.

PORTSMOUTH—

Col.-Sergt. Lennon to be 1st Sergt.-Instructor of Infantry, at R.M. Depôt.

Sergt. A. Frost to be Col.-Sergeant.

Corpls. E. Rider (*Terror*), F. Taylor, A. Lambden (*Waterwitch*), to be Sergeants.

Ptes. A. Motley (*Volage*), F. J. Purse (*Centurion*), F. C. Joyce (*Mildura*), to be Corporals.

PLYMOUTH—

To be Corporal—Lce.-Corpl. W. Rowe, in H.M.S. *Vivid*.

DEPOT—

Staff-Sergt. T. Kelly to Warrant Officer and Sergt.-Major, and transferred to Chatham Division.

Corpl. Spencer to Sergeant.

Pte. Howe to Corporal.

Appointments.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of Lieutenant Frederick L. Dibblee, R.M.A., being appointed Assistant-Instructor of Gunnery at the R.M.A. Division, *vice* Henderson promoted, from the 1st April, 1897, inclusive.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Lieutenant Edward M. Ommanney, R.M.L.I., being appointed Assistant-Instructor of Musketry at the Portsmouth Division, in succession to Lieutenant Collard, promoted, from the 25th March last.

Capt. A. J. Luard, 2nd Batt. Norfolk Regt., having been appointed Superintendent of Gymnasia, Southern District, is taken on the strength from the 12th inst., *vice* Capt. G. N. A. Harris, R.M.A.

EASTNEY—

Capt. A. Y. Barton, Ordnance Officer, 4th Class, at Devonport.

Sergt. J. Turner, Orderly at R.M. Office.

Corpl. J. Birch to Dispensary Corporal.

Corpl. G. H. Littleton to 4th Clerk, Staff Office.

Cr.-Sergt. J. Wilton to Barrack Sergeant.

Provost-Sergt. C. Clarke to Officers' Mess Sergeant.

Sergt. J. Constable to Provost-Sergeant.

Sergt. W. Howell to Pay-Sergeant.

Sergt. W. Marshall to Supy. Pay-Sergeant.

Cr.-Sergt. J. Squires, 1st Class Sergeant-Instructor of Infantry.

CHATHAM—

Sergt. A. J. Long to perform duties of Qr.-Mr.-Sergeant during absence on furlough of Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. Smallshaw.

Sergt. C. Trengrove, Temporary Clerk, Staff Office.

Lce.-Corpl. F. G. Smith, Assistant Postmen.

Pte. F. C. Mortlock, Batman to Sergt.-Major Kelly

Pte. W. Cox, Canteen Potman.

Pte. A. Hewitt, Servant to Lieut. Bocket-Pugh.

Sergt. C. Cousins, Sergeants' Mess Steward.

Pte. L. Bramson to be Cell Cook.

Pte. J. Jones to be Lce.-Corpl. (Paid) and Company Orderly of D Company.

Pte. J. Cook, Servant to Major Houghton.

Corpls. A. W. White and F. E. Boone to be Lance-Sergeants (Paid).

Pte. T. H. Hormsby, Servant to Lieut. Abrahall.

Corpl. O. E. Parnell to be Telephone Clerk, Staff Office.

Pte. I. J. Armitage, Orderly Room Clerk, Gravesend.

Pte. E. A. Langford, Prob. Clerk, Staff Office.

PORTSMOUTH—

Buglers F. Jenkins, J. Gallagher, to be paid Lce.-Corpls.

Pte. S. J. Smart to be paid Lce.-Corpl.

Corpl. J. E. Latto to be paid Lce.-Sergt.

Pte. Petherick to be Assistant Groundsman.

Clr.-Sergt. J. McKenzie to be acting 1st Sergt. of Infantry at Headquarters.

Sergt. W. Warner to be 1st Class Drill Instructor at Headquarters.

Clr.-Sergt. Ryman to be acting Sergt.-Major at Camp, Browndown.

Clr.-Sergt. Corben to be Clr.-Sergt. of E Company, on probation.

Corpl. Wainwright to be School Assistant.

Bugler J. Rowlett to be Lce.-Corpl.

PLYMOUTH—

Sergt. E Thackray is nominated for the appointment of 1st Sergt.-Instructor of Gunnery, on the discharge to pension of Staff-Sergt. T. Lee.

Corpl. S. Digby to be Lce.-Sergeant (unpaid) and appointed Junior Clerk in the Paymaster's Office, *vice* Lce.-Sergt. Gilmour.

Pte. H. Martin to be employed as Probationary Clerk, Barrack-Master's Office.

Lce.-Corpl. R. Chalmers is appointed Probationary Clerk, Paymasters Office, *vice* Lce.-Corpl. Digby.

To be Paid Lce.-Sergeants—Corpl. M. Riddle, commencing 11th March, 1897; Corpl. W. Cune, commencing 27th March, 1897; Corpl. W. Stubley, commencing 31st March, 1897.

To be Paid Lce.-Corporals—Lce.-Corpl. G. Abraham, serving at R.M. Depot; Pte. C. Jones; Lce.-Corpl. G. Ash; Pte. T. Basting.

Examinations

CHATHAM—

Passed for Rank of Sergeant—Corpls. F. Knill, F. E. Boone, Lce.-Sergt. G. R. Joy, Corpls. C. Rowe, R. Jeffs, W. G. Leeson, J. W. Greenaway.

PORTSMOUTH—
Sergt. W. Knight has passed for Captain of Gun and Gunnery-Instr.
PLYMOUTH—
Lieuts. A. G. S. Heycock, C. F. Barber, H. N. H. Houghton, and J. M. Little have passed in subjects (a) and (b) for promotion.

Passed for Corporals—First Class—Lce.-Corpls. J. Payne, G. Jarrett, W. R. Reynolds, A. J. Norris, D. Toyne, H. Antrobus, J. Cattell, J. W. Mace, W. Charlick, T. Bentley, H. Mc N. Gordan, R. Humphries, W. H. Milton, J. Cope, J. F. Stroud. Second Class—W. A. Lyons, F. H. Aldons.

Medals.

CHATHAM—
Long Service and Good Conduct—Sergts. C. T. Tully and J. T. Kerr.
PORTSMOUTH—
S.-Sergt. T. Broster; Cr.-Sergt. Woods; Corpl. Jarman.

Discharged to Pension.

EASTNEY—
Barrack-Sergt. M. McCartan; Cr.-Sergt. W. Skinner; Corpl. W. Carter; Pd. Acting-Br. W. Cheesman; Gnr. W. Chamberlain.
CHATHAM—
Ptes. J. Strongetharm and W. Grant.
PORTSMOUTH—
Sergt. R. Morris; Pte. H. T. Moore: Corpl. T. Davies (Depot.)
PLYMOUTH—
Col.-Sergts. C. Hooper, J. Paul; Corpl. W. Higgans; Ptes. E. Hamblin, J. McCafferty, T. Ware, E. Hill, H. Downman, M. Hurley.
DEPOT—
Ptes. J. Mackintosh, J. Mercer, W. Bailey.

Limited Engagements.

EASTNEY—
Gnrs. M. Carney, A. E. Shearman.
Purchase—Gnr. M. Pinnock.
Invalided—Corpls. J. J. Moore, E. Finn, and W. Atkinson; Gnrs. A. E. Cartwright, F. W. Jeffries, and D. Davies.
CHATHAM—
Ptes. J. Fenn, T. Gregory, R. Phillips, W. G. Sawyer, A. W. Veale, R. W. Rushbridge, G. Matson, W. A. Burridge, H. G. Cole, E. Wellbourne, F. Waters.
PORTSMOUTH—
Purchase—Ptes. A. Smith, D. Stubbington; Corpl. W. H. Round *(Mildura)*.
12 years.—Ptes. H. Saddler, J. Taylor.
Free.—Bugler S. J. Attwell.
PLYMOUTH—
Invalided—Ptes. C. T. Duke, G. Grieves, E. England, C. T. Jones, E. Ingram, F. Smerdon.
Purchased—Ptes. T. M. Lower, E. Miller.
12 Years—Ptes. M. McKernan, J. Harrison, J. Atkinson.

Transfers.

EASTNEY—
Bugler F. M. Rann to Private at Forton Division.
Bugler E. Coombes to Gunner.
PORTSMOUTH—
Pte. A. J. Lintern *(Volage)* to R.N. as Ship's Corporal.
1st Sergt. Instructor of Infantry M. Lennon to Depot Staff.
Pte. H. Dodge to R.N. as Stoker.
Pte. A. J. Bryan to Hampshire Regiment.
Buglers J. W. G. Caygill, H. F. Bourton, J. S. Pembroke, to Ptes.
Ptes. W. J. Plested, C. T. Oakes, E. F. Polkenhorne, O. G. B. Ettie, J. W. Lusted (Depot) to Buglers.
Pte. T. J. Crossley to Musician.
PLYMOUTH—
Pte. F. Partridge from 10th Hussars.
Bugler E. G. Brailey to Private.

Embarked.

Lieutenant H. M. Howard, R.M.L.I., and attendant, are to embark for passage to Montreal, *en route* to join H.M.S. *Amphion*, relieving Captain F. T. Phillips, R.M.L.I., on promotion.

Directions have been given for Major E. L. McCausland, R.M.L.I., to embark in H.M.S. *Vivid* at Devonport, to relieve Major A. E. Houghton, R.M.L.I., whose period of service afloat has expired.

FROM EASTNEY—
Imperieuse—Lt.-Col. E. Wheeler; Gnr. W. Hazlehurst.
Collingwood—Sergt. A. Gray.
Alexandra—Br. C. T. Wellman.
Edinburgh—Gnrs. E. Brumpton, E. H. Brown, W. Smith, J. Gardner, G. Parnell, C. W. Hodson, J. Buckenham.
Benbow—Gnrs. E. Scrivener, B Keywood, C. J. Richardson, W. Martin, J. Nealon.
Colossus—Gnrs. J. Thompson, C. J. Gilmore, H. Warrington, H. Smith, C. G. Looker, A. B. Joyce, C. W. Lodge, G. Cooper, W. Guest, and Corpl. G. Freckelton.
Sans Pareil—Gnr. J. Haydon.
Prince George—Gnr. W. Ratcliff.
Pembroke for *Ajax*—Gnr. A. J. Holloway.

FROM CHATHAM—
Bermuda, per s.s. *Mongolian*, Lieut. G. V. Robinson and Pte. A. Verren.
Pelorus—Sergt. G. E. Bullen; Corpl. F. L. Lismore; Bugler G. Hair; Ptes. W. G. Wright, F. Castle, A. E. Pummery, G. Smith, W. A. Jevon, C. Davis, G. H. Allen, F. N. Fielden, T. Hammond, E. Norman, G. Kingdon, J. Rogers.
Wildfire—Pte. F. A. Bishop.
Galatea—Sergt. T. G. Secret; Ptes. T. Wilson, J. York, E. A. Goodings.
Mersey—Ptes. E. Blaise, A. W. Phillips, J. R. Carmichael.
Sans Pareil—Sergt. A. McKay; Corpl. J. W. Greenaway; Pte. C. J. Suffolk.
Caledonia—Pte. W. Impey.
Pembroke—Corpls. A. Owen, T. A. Bull; Ptes. H. W. Offen, W. G. Offen, W. G. Evernden, E. H. Swinyard, G. James, S. A. Ballcombe, W. Rogers, F. French, J. McCarthy, C. H. Cartwright, T. Stansfield; Corpls. N. Austin, H. D. Kirk, C. J. Finemore; Ptes. T. Stevens, W. H. Osborne, F. C. Wright, P. E. Butcher, W. O. Deadman, A. E. Wakerell, J. T. Dean, J. Robbins, F. G. Fielder, J. Chambers, E. J. Heath, G. Elsley, F. Potter, H. Pawley, J. Shepherd, W. J. Dunn, G. M. Anson, J. Baker, T. E. Tinsley, A. Jarrett, A. C. Day, J. F. Leonard.

FROM PORTSMOUTH—
Australia—Ptes. B. Stratton, H. Sloper, W. Whitmore, W. McCrohan, A. Peck.
Boscawen—Ptes. C. Dumbleton, R. Compton; Bugler H. Geary.
Calliope—Pte. T. Richards.
Excellent—Ptes. F. J. Brandon, E. Marsden; Buglers S. H. Pardon, T. W. M. Lynas.
Enchantress—Pte. J. H. Ford.
Edinburgh—Ptes. W. Leggett, A. Brown.
Inflexible—Pte. T. H. Hillier.
Prince George—Pte. C. Martell.
St. Vincent—Ptes. S. Kelley, J. Williams.
Volage—Ptes. A. H. Leppard, C. G. T. Hall.
Victory—Clr.-Sergt. F. J. Wilcox; Corpl. R. Ledingham; Ptes. C. Howard, S. G. Cooper, A. Walker, G. Poyser, J. H. Huley, H. H. Hitchcock, G. Cresswell, F. Freeman, T. J. Hames, H. Eastings, H. Field, W. Ware, C. R. Elderfield, J. Rose, G. S. Day, H. Chelk, W. Jaffee, H. Chapple, G. H. Botting, C. Wilkins, G. H. Wheavil, A. R. Brooks, J. B. Wright, E. McLoughlin, C. G. Baker, A. Bowie, T. A. Jones, E. Steel, J. Brine, E. Woods, H. Harris, J. S. Lee, G. Rose, H. Holloway, A. H. Browne, A. Baker, J. Flatley, W. H. Chamberlain, W. J. Baston, H. Dukes, J. Spackman, E. E. Wiltshire, G. F. Bye, F. C. Maidment, A Cox, W. H. Bees, W. E. Clarke, C. Stones, H. Loft, G. T. D. C. Nicholls, G. A. White, J. Dimmer, H. E. Robinson, F. A. Hope,

G. W, Bailey, H. McLoughlin, T. Lucas, A. E. Hall, W. E. Pearce, W. J. Costello, G. Chanons, A. Tripp, E. Bateman, H. Evans, W. J. K. Page, G. Fox, H. C. Robinson, E. Hann, F. Warn, R. S. Smith, E. J. Carver, J. Simmonds, C. Ledger, W. E. Joy, W. Heald, H. March, G. A. Emm, A. J. S. Moody, R. Costin, F. G. Morgan, A. J. Bailey, H. Newland, J. Cox, W. Townsend; Bugler E. J. A. Perry; Ptes. R. Dick, C. Smith, A. W. Mears.

FROM PLYMOUTH—

Pembroke—Lieut. L. W. Miller.
Black Prince—Pte. W. H. Bidgood.
Benbow—Pte. W. Naylor.
Britannia—Pte. J. McFarlane; Lce.-Sergt. W. C. Wisely; Ptes. F. Day, J. Cope, F. Hutchings, G. Sizer, W. Palmer.
Collingwood—Lce.-Corpl. D. Toyne; Ptes. F. Lockwood, G. Gate, J. H. Holmes, J. Ede, H. Antrobus, W. Tallick.
Colossus—Ptes. H. R. Scantlebury, P. S. Cobley, A. J. Brown, R. R. McKnight, A. Ramsey.
Cambridge—Bugler T. E. Byne.
Calypso—Lce.-Corpl. J. Cattell; Ptes. F. J. Tucker, J. Payne, A. Ling, W. Goss.
Curacoa—Pte. E. Andrews.
Defiance—Pte. J. Evans.
Impregnable—Pte. J. Powlesland.
Melampus—Lc.-Corpls. G. Jarrett, J. W. Mace; Ptes. T. Bainbridge, V. Fisher, F. G. Savage, J. Smith, J. J. Flynn, F. Jolley, R. Sings, A. Edmunds.
Pembroke—Pte. J. Cooke.
Vivid—Lce.-Sergts. W. Gibbett, S. Gunn; Corpl. J. Radford; Ptes. J. Scamp, F. Parr, P. Duffy, A. J. Peacock, W. Briggs, A. Key, T. Leggett, A. Jones, C. A. Beacham, P. McOnie, A. Harris, W. H. Horwell, F. Smith, G. Raymond, E. Holman, H. Ottery, J. Withnall, J. Brown, T. H. Radford.

Disembarked.

TO EASTNEY—

Imperieuse—Lt.-Col. A. B. Shakespear; Gnrs. W. Mitchell, G. W. Peach.
Alexandra—Gnr. J. Buchanan; Corpl. W. Parrott.
Pembroke—Corpl. H. W. Green; Gnrs. C. R. Noller, E. A. Watts, G. Barker, J. Angus, E. Tennent, G. W. Gittins, L. C. Hobby, A. E. Shearman.
Collingwood—Sergt. G. Champ.
Edinburgh—Gnrs. T. Gratton, J. Arnold, W. Williams, J. J. Cochrane, A. J. Singer, G. Baker.
Benbow—Gnrs. T. Ward, T. J. Hill, J. Brough, W. Payne, H. Avis.
Colossus—Corpl. W. Fisher; Gnrs. J. O'Connor, D. J. Hargood, W. Kirkup, J. H. Carter, W. Bareham, H. Webb, J. Wheeler, J. Rich, C. Evans.
Sans Pareil—Gnr. E. H. Fulker.
Centurion—Gnr. W. Notley.
Victor Emanuel—Gnr. T. W. Megeary.

TO CHATHAM—

Vivid—Major Houghton; Ptes J. M. Brice, W. H. Bayes.
St. George per *S.S. Malacca*—Sergt. C. Dennis; Corpls. J. R. Duthie, J. Mason; Lce.-Corpl. A. Jackson; Ptes. D. E. Veale, G. Axey, T. G. Wilson, E. G. Peckham, R. J. Moore, J. Rogers, C. Pain, J. W. Sudaday, W. Taskey, J. Jones, W. G. Franklin, A. Bates, T. Mabrey, A. J. Minchin, S. J. May, E. Tipple, L. Willett, M. Pyke, E. Parsons, T. Cheese, W. Toogood, A. Colman, E. H. Morgan, W. Barnes, C. Willis, W. H. Kelly, E. H. Worts, W. J. Potter, W. R. Chinery, W. Reves, A. Calloway; Bugler J. Andrews.
Galatea—Sergt. G. Mansell; Ptes. E. Wellbourne, T. Cooper, A. E. Watson, H. J. Howlett.
Sans Pareil—Sergt. P. Jerome; Corpls. J. F. Kemp; Ptes. T. Surrage, A. Rods.
Mersey—Ptes. F. L. Attewell, G. L. Watson, H. Hosiel, F. Crase.
Blenheim—Bugler W. T. Levy.
Stork—Ptes. H. R. Hall, T. Tilley.
Theseus—Pte. G. W. Steer.
Victory—Pte. R. H. Yeates.
Colossus—Ptes. H. Izzard, C. Williams.
Pelorus—Bugler H. Hair.
Cruiser—Pte. W. Wells.
Wildfire—Ptes. D. Fraser, T. A. Carter.
Barfleur—Pte. H. G. Cole.
Caledonia—Pte. T. Martin.
Pembroke—Corpls. T. Taylor, W. T. Clark; Ptes. W. E. Wren, G. H. B. Randall, J. H. Laurence, F. W. Pratt, A. Roberts, W. J. Carter, J. Martin, F. H. Burley, A. T. Channon, J. Fisher, C. H. Dawson, S. Barrett, G. E. Ashforth, A. Matthews, F. Hobbs, G. Stroude, W. A. Burridge, G. Watson, F. Waters, P. Hewett, H. Fear, M. J. Morgan, A. Sinclair, D. Axon, J. Fisher, I. A. M. Hackwith, A. Standing, H. H. Hill, A. G. Haynes, J. Barnes, C. H. Bishop.
Melampus—Pte. B. W. Milton.
Æolus—Ptes. E. C. Stewart, C. Hammerton, I. I. Pilgrim, G. Hunter.
Hibernia—Ptes. J. E. Fisher, D. Latto, J. Bateson, F. C. Yorwarth, W. F. Francis, W. Cain, F. Bowers.
Rodney—Pte. R. Flawn.
Northampton—Pte. G. Lewis.

TO PORTSMOUTH—

Australia—Ptes. A. Humphry, H. H. Grant, T. H. Neal, C. G. T. Hall, F. A Silke.
Æolus—Clr.-Sergt. J. Buxton; Sergt. F. Box.
Boscawen—Bugler S. J. Attwell.
Cordelia—Pte. C. B. Hay.
Edinburgh—Ptes. F. C. Tumber, H. Crowhurst, J. McBride.
Excellent—Ptes. W. Jenkins, C. Cooper.
Enchantress—Pte. E. Anskuther.
Ganges—Corpl. A. Noble.
Hibernia—Ptes. A. J. Joiner, R. J. Lepine.
Inflexible—Pte. J. Michie.
Minotaur—Ptes. T. Harding, H. Wealthy.
Nile—Buglers H. F. Bourton, J. W. G. Caygill; Sergt. T. Wells.
Resolution—Pte. H. Kitts.
Spartan Ptes. A. Buckingham, C. M. Pope, S. Garnsey, W. E. Campion, G. Oakford, S. E. Fleming.
St. Vincent—Pte. R. J. Faulkner.
Victory—Clr.-Sergt. J. T. Rodway; Corpl. T. Denman; Ptes. W. B. Angliss, C. R. Walker, F. Rogers, E. D. Bundy, D. Lyons, F. J. Miles, F. Grayell, W. Buckley, W. Macklin, F. Mabbett, G. Ellis, H. Ponsford, H. Harvey, H. W. Noble, H. Mace, F. Guyatt, T. Jones, H. Houghton, H. J. Launder, A. Worsley, E. Wilson, W. J. Baker, W. A. Everard, R. Lessey, H. C. Pratt, A. S. Fry, F. Street, G. T. Skelcher, T. S. James, H. W. Cates, A. J. Graham, W. J. Stroud, H. T. Moore, J. Snelgar, C. Futcher, H. Addison, R. Viney, G. W. Oliver, J. O. McCullough, E. Giles, W. J. Faulkner, G. Blandford, T. Temple, J. McGown, J. F. Brien, A. Tilling, A. J. Todd, T. Dunford, W. Edgar, G. E. Jones, J. Marchant, T. Richards, F. H. Besley, J. E. Bomford, F. Hicks, H. Greagsby, F. Donaldson, E. J. Hughes, G. W. Stone, N. Oxley, S. Casey, W. R. West, B. Smith, A. W. Flynn, H. N. Stanley, F. R. Swindon, E. A. Lattaney, M. H. Rosborn, M. Dumie, H. Rixon, W. Johnson, J. Taylor, D. Bough, A. W. Bennett, T. W. Leftwich, D. Sedbrook, A. A. Bastin, P. J. Lyons; J. Palmer, A. Hillyer, G. Smith, T. A. Jones, D. Stubbington.

TO PLYMOUTH—

Æolus—Ptes. J. Atkinson, M. Mulkearn.
Archer—Pte. J. Manley.
Britannia—Ptes. T. Bainbridge, J. Prust, J. Neeve, F. Shirley, E. Ingram, W. J. Stevens.
Black Prince—Pte. F. Amos.
Benbow—Ptes. J. Jack, A. E. Robinson.
Collingwood—Ptes. A. F. Knight, A. Hird.
Cruiser—Pte. J. R. Brewster.
Colossus—Ptes. F. Brown, G. Masterton, F. B. Frost, W. R. Perry.
Curacoa—Pte. T. A. Wilks.
Cambridge—Bugler E. G. Brailey.
Calypso—Corpl. W. Bounds; Ptes. J. Syarkes, H. Lewis, A. E. Knott.

Collingwood—Ptes. T Fitzgerald, J. Rice, R. Davies, F. Perry, J. Sinclair.
Hibernia—Pte. E. Miller.
Lapwing—Pte. C. Ebsworth.
Melampus—Ptes. W. Peavot, A. Simmons, J. Selby, H. W. Adams, E. Casserley, H. Adams, T. E. Sycamore, G. H. Hall, R. H. Newham.
Spartan—Ptes. F. Holloway, J. Easby.
Talbot—Ptes. J. Smerdon, F. B. Lockwood.
Vivid—Lce.-Sergt. J. Stone; Corpls. W. Nurse, W. J. Rowe; Ptes. J. Taylor, G. Piper, D. Austin, C. G. Aston, F. Hunt, J. Webb, G. Evans, J. Barber, W. Willcocks, J. Harrison, J. Gilmour, C. H. Turner.

Moves

CHATHAM—
Lieut. Little and Lce.-Sergt. L. Oakey to Hythe for Course of Instruction.
Sergt. F. Champ to Depot for duty.
Ptes. J. Collings and H. J. Burgess to Woolwich for Instruction in Regimental Transport.

Signalling.

The following have been awarded prizes for Signalling:—Corpl. D. Evans and Pte. C. G. Huggett—*1st Prize, £2 0s.* Ptes. W. H. Seacombe and H. I. Tristram—*2nd Prize, £1 15s.* Lce.-Corpl. H. N. Fielden and Pte. H. Stokes—*3rd Prize, £1 10s.* Ptes. J. Allen, E. Pitts, J. Cooper, A. Weller, W. A. de Jong, J. Neale—*15s. 0d.*

R.M O. Memo. April 27th, 1897.

Attached is a list of Royal Marines whose names have been specially brought to the notice of the Admiralty by the Commander-in Chief, Cape of Good Hope Station, for their services during the Benin Expedition. The names of these N.C. Officers and Men should be noted for early promotion—if otherwise qualified.

(Signed), H. B. Tuson, D.A.G.

R.M.A.—Sergt. A. A. Mastin performed his duties with great zeal and ability.

R.M.A.—Sergt. J. Turner, Corpl. W. Rogerson, Acting Bomr. R. Town, Gunr. E. Flatman; performed their duties in a very satisfactory manner.

R.M.A.—Gunr. A. A. Targett; performed the duties of signalman in a very satisfactory manner. Was wounded.

R.M.A.—Sergt. J. Harrison, Acting Bombr. W. Luker; performed their duties with zeal, and in a most satisfactory manner.

R.M.L.I.—Corpl. H. Cozens, Pte. P. Nicoll; performed their duties with zeal, and in a most satisfactory manner.

R.M.L.I.—Sergt. Jas. Frederick Ellison. A most successful and hard working N.C. Officer. Performed his duties in a highly satisfactory manner.

R.M.L.I.—Pte. T. B. Davis. A good and steady soldier.

R.M.L.I.—Pte. Jack Jones. A most zealous young soldier.

R.M.L.I.—Pte. A Batchelor; was unremitting day and night in his attention to his master, Capt. G. T. Byrne, R.M.L.I., who was wounded, and he assisted wounded men to a tree, where they were attended to.

R.M.L.I.—Pte. H. Daysh. On 9th February, this man volunteered to guide Officers with important despatches from Warrigi to Ceri (the front), at 9-30 p.m. He having that day already marched that distance and back—some 14 miles; also on arrival of orders from Benin to forward 4 days' provisions at Cross Roads, he started alone and took them to Ologbo, arriving in time to start the provisions that night, which the Houssas—who had arrived—were unable to do. He had had a long march that same day.

R.M.L.I.—Corpl. J. R. Duthie. This N. C. Officer was in command of the advanced post at Ogagi with 17 men for some days. The post was fired on on the 20th February, and he was in a very responsible position. His arrangement for defence, and the general state of efficiency and discipline maintained by him, were excellent.

The Editors beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions, etc., to 30th April, 1897:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Lieut. Morgan ..	0	2	0	*Cordelia* ..	0	9	0
Colonel Macnamara	0	1	6	Mr. Fitzgerald ..	0	2	0
Mr. Bowerbank ..	0	1	6	Pte. Palmer ..	0	0	9
R.M. Depot ..	3	12	11	Mrs. Willis ..	0	2	6
Halcyon ..	0	4	0	Sergt.-Major Mearles	0	12	7
Mrs. Vanston ..	0	1	6	*Galatea* ..	0	2	9
Nile ..	0	8	6	Pte. Mather ..	0	0	5
Sans Pareil ..	0	2	6	Mr. Wharrie ..	0	0	9
Thunderer ..	0	2	6	Sergt. Pritchard ..	0	1	6
Sheerness ..	0	3	6	*Benbow* ..	0	5	0
Pte. Coles ..	0	1	6	*Barrossa* ..	0	5	0
Marchwood ..	0	3	0	*Ringarooma* ..	0	3	0
Sergt. York ..	0	0	9	Gravesend ..	0	1	6
Major Pearson ..	0	2	6	Sergt. Baillie ..	0	1	6
Mr. Ricketts ..	0	1	6	Mr. Logan ..	0	1	6
C. S. Jaminson ..	0	1	2	*Champion* ..	0	6	6
Edinburgh ..	0	10	0	Lce.-Sergt. C. H. Allen	0	1	0
Col.-Sergt. Rodway..	0	10	0	Chatham Division—			
Mr. Osler ..	0	3	0	Quarter ending 31 Mar.	2	19	11
Sergt. Dix ..	0	1	6	Sergt. Burges ..	0	3	6
Major Hext ..	0	1	6	Pte. Oates ..	0	0	9
Staff-Sergt. Tomlin ..	0	1	6	Capt. Evans ..	0	1	6
Sergt. Bullock ..	0	1	6	*Hibernia* ..	0	7	0
Royal Sovereign ..	1	10	0	*Cossack* ..	0	5	0
Eastney ..	2	18	10	Plymouth Division ..	5	11	5
Sergt. Hellier ..	0	1	6	Sheerness ..	0	3	6
Officers' Mess, Forton	1	2	6	Sergt. Guerin (London)	0	3	7
General Bland-Hunt	0	1	6	*Pembroke* ..	0	6	0
Tartar ..	0	3	0	Major Wilkinson ..	0	1	6
Narcissus ..	0	13	6	Lieut. R. Pearse ..	0	1	6

District Tournament Shorncliffe, 1897:—The following is a copy of a telegram received from the Deputy-Adjutant-General, Royal Marines. "My congratulations to the Depot on their fine record at Shorncliffe Tournament." The Colonel Commandant is much pleased with the success of the representatives of the Depot at the Shorncliffe Tournament. The names are published for information and record. No. Depot 59 B Co. Staff-Sergt. F. Medlon, 1st prize, Fencing, £3 and medal; Ch. 3453 A Co. Sergt. J. I. Cole, 1st prize, Sabre *v.* Sabre, £2 and medal; Po. 2552 G Co. Sergt. G. Martin, 2nd place with foils.

Bayonet Exercise and Physical Drill Team:

Nos. Po. 3242 C Co. Sergt. H. F. Peaty, Instructor; Ch. 2538 C Co. Sergt. F. Coombes, Assistant Instructor: C Co. Ptes. H. B. Akers, W. Ayres, W. Baker, F. Barrow, Ch. 6234 G. Beagley, H. Belville, W. Blanchard, J. Broster, Po. 5942 W. L. Burns, W. Chittenden, B. J. Chivers, T. Dickson, Po. 6063 A. J. R. Ford, L. French, G. Goodyear, J. Gordon, C. J. Halls, Ch. 5943 W. A. Harris, E. Howell, E. Hurley, J. F Jones, Ply. 5923 W. C. Lawson, E. B. Leonard, H. Neal, J. Perkins, W. F. Reynolds. R. Robertson, E. Saunders, Ply. 6813 E. Seerey, G. Stubbs, J. Thatcher, and P. Tucker.

Tug of War Team:

Sergt.-Major House, Capt., Nos. Ch. 5970 B Co. Lce.-Sergt. A. Scougall, Ply. 2041 B Co. Sergt. A. Clarke, Ch. 1185 C Co. Sergt. G. Sampson, Ply. 2165 C Co. Segt A. Young, Ch. 2776 C Co. Pte. J. Rogers, Ply. 4279 C Co. Pte. G. C. Woodbury, Ply. 3914 D Co. Pte. G Warren, Ply. 2235 E Co. Pte. J. Evans, Ply. 3880 F Co. Sergt. F. T. Pedrick, R.M.A. 1678 H Co. Corpl. T. Jones, R.M.A. 3772 H Co. Gnr. C. Jolly, R.M.A. 4168 H Co. Gnr. E. A. Marchman, R.M.A. 5182 Gnr. W. C. Frampton, and R.M.A. 1812 Gnr. S. Montgomery.

It is with much regret that we publish the following notice, and we are certain that all our readers will join with us in expressing deepest sympathy with Major Brittan, R.M.L.I., for his loss. Our readers will remember that Major Brittan was one of the first Editors of this paper.

"Sudden Death of a Vicar.—The Rev. Charles Brittan, vicar of Darley Abbey, near Derby, was found dead in his study chair. The rev. gentleman, when unable to sleep, was in the habit of getting up and reading in his study. The family were disturbed by a noise during the night, and on his son entering the study it was found that his father had passed away."

Benin Expedition, 1897.

[*We publish the following extracts from the diary of Sergt. Ellison, R.M.L.I. Some of the minor details have appeared in last number, but it was impossible to curtail it without destroying the continuity. It will be found interesting reading.*—ED.]

January 23rd.—Left Forton Barracks, and proceeded by rail to London, and embarked on board the P. and O. steamer *Malacca*. Sailed at 3 p.m., en route for Benin river.

January 30th.—Arrived Las Palmas; coaled, and sailed at 3-30 p.m.

February 8th. — Arrived mouth of Benin river, found *St. George*, *Theseus*, *Forte*, *Widgeon*. Received orders to stain suits and helmets in Condy's fluid and proceed up river next morning.

February 9th.—Fell in to leave; served out with 150 rounds ammunition, 50 rounds of which had points cut off—to be used at close quarters. The idea of this was to allow the leaden core to come out on striking, thus inflicting a more serious wound. Left *Malacca*, and embarked on board a little river steamer *Eko* at 2 p.m., and anchored about 7 p.m. for the night.

February 10th.—Got under weigh about 6 a.m.; steamed down a splendid winding river, almost touching each bank—scenery beautiful. A great number of crocodiles basking in the sun. Arrived Warragi about 6 p.m.; buried a Lance-Corporal from one of the other steamers, who died of sunstroke; found *Phœbe* had landed stores and formed base.

February 11th—Disembarked, and made our first march to Seri (8 miles). Bush very thick. Had to travel single file. Water in kerosine tins, and provisions in tin boxes, carried by coolies. Arrived Seri in the evening. A little amusing incident happened here: a blue-jacket who, no doubt, had never done sentry-go before on terra firma, received orders to challenge all persons approaching his post. About 1 a.m. he heard steps; with a loud roar he broke the still air with "Boat ahoy," much to the amusement of the men in camp.

February 12th.—A day's rest. Heat 150 degrees in the shade. Houssas (black troops) gone to river with Maxims to clear bush and allow us to cross.

February 13th.—Made another move; each section of the Red Marines leaving independently. Got in a native canoe and crossed river. To do this we had to row down about 2 miles. We arrived at Ologbo without being fired upon; formed outpost, built huts, and settled down for the night.

February 14th.—At daybreak outpost reported enemy in sight. At once prepared for an attack, which did not take place. Lieut. Dibblee, R.M.A., and first section R.M.L.I., ordered to take water to a village, which was said to be three miles away, but we found, unluckily, it was seven miles. Had no provisions with us, but had to contend with a little biscuit got from *Theseus'* Marines. Found the Houssas had three wounded, whom we brought back, getting into camp at 7 p.m.

February 15th. –Left Ologbo with Admiral and staff; continually fired at from bush en route. Great difficulty was experienced in bringing up the water; the coolies threw down their tins and bolted directly they heard firing, only to be stopped by the rear guard at the point of the bayonet; but the damage was done, most of their tins being broken and the water spilt. Arrived cross roads, and camped for the night.



Walery & Co., Photographers.] [*Regent Street.*

THE LATE CAPT. G. T. BYRNE, R.M.L.I.

[*Who died of wounds received in the Benin Expedition.*]

February 16th.—The Admiral decided to form a flying column, which consisted of sixty of *Malacca's* Marines (known as Marine battalion), *St. George's* Bluejackets, *Theseus'* and *Forte's* Marines and Bluejackets, *Philomel's* rocket party. We had to leave a few men behind, much to their disgust, as all were so eager to go to the front. Started about 8 a.m.; arrived at Ugigi in evening, and camped for the night.

February 17th—Away went the flying column, accompanied by the Admiral and staff, all eager for the fray. The enemy kept up a running fire; had some very narrow escapes, but no casualties. Arrived at Awoko at 5 p.m. Fired at from the flank immediately we arrived, wounding one Bluejacket and one Coolie. I was sent with my section (first) to form an outpost, about 100 yards from camp, on the cross road from Benin. We concealed ourselves in bush, and had a double sentry. Orders were not to fire unless fired upon, as one shot would rouse the whole camp. Of course, the men keeping up their spirits, and glad of a chance to joke, made a bye-word "Don't fire unless you are hit." On our left flank was an Houssa sentry. I had the opportunity of seeing him posted; he got his orders in broken English, brief but to the point: "Dis am your post, dat am de road to Benin; any black devil come dat road shoot him stone dead." About 12 midnight heard noise in bush of enemy approaching, and jabbering. We were preparing to fire, when out steps, right on top of us, three great stalwart niggers, rifles in hand; we brought them down without giving them time to fire. Fired two volleys in the direction they came—fell back on the camp. After the bush was cleared with volleys and Maxims, we again formed the outpost.

February 18th.—Left at daybreak to attack the city. Fired at continually by the retreating enemy, and had to halt every few minutes to fire volleys, which was done in grand style, bringing out many a

concealed nigger. Our first casualty was C. P. O. Ansell, who was killed by an hidden nigger. We passed on the road two human sacrifices, which had only been done within half-an-hour, completely disembowelled: two goats with their throats cut lying alongside. I was told by a Major of the Niger Coast Protectorate Force that any neighbouring black tribe would never attempt to pass the sacrifices, as in their belief, it meant sure defeat. I noticed the Houssas as they passed (being superstitious) plucked a leaf from the nearest tree and placed it in the cracks of another tree. Arrived at a heavy stockade with one M.L. gun. Houssas opened fire with 7-pr., and we poured in volleys to cover the demolition party, who placed a gun cotton charge under it and levelled it to the ground. We now came to a wide open road leading to the city. At once formed the firing line for the attack. Heavy fire was poured on us from the city, but most shots whizzing over our heads. Capt. Byrne, Pte. Varndell, Pte. Samels, R.M.L.I., fell dangerously wounded. Pte. Hooper, R.M.L.I., and Pte. Palmer, R.M.L.I., although badly wounded, after being bound with a field dressing, continued the advance with the firing line. The enemy now opened fire with heavy M.L. guns, pouring all manner of slugs and articles in our direction, but having too much elevation, most went over our heads. It was from a shot like this that the Warrant Officer in charge of the rocket party got badly wounded. The rocket party had been doing grand service with 24-pr. Hale's War Rockets. We could now see four heavy pieces of ordnance on the ground, but a few volleys soon scattered the gunners. Admiral Rawson gave the order, "Now, men, before they load again, charge." Bugler Allen, R.M.L.I., sounded the "charge," and with one mighty yell the Red Marines, Bluejackets, and Houssas charged and took the city and guns, scattering the enemy in all directions. "Halt" was sounded, and independent firing ordered—mowing the blacks down as they retreated. Every man being now thoroughly exhausted, the Admiral ordered them to rest and wait for the rear of the column bringing up the wounded. When they arrived, we went into the compound and rested, after which we prepared defence against an attack. Horrible sights were to be seen; city reeking with blood; human sacrifices everywhere; place like a slaughter-house. A huge tree in the centre of the city had poles erected alongside it, with cross pieces, to these were tied human bodies, which had been sacrificed, in a state of decay. After a rest we were served out with a quart of water; each little party was addressed by the Admiral, who said he had heard that a nice running stream was 1½ hours march from the city, and we should obtain a supply in the morning, but in all probability we should have to fight for it. We then camped for the night—all being thoroughly exhausted after a fourteen hours running fight.

February 19th.—No sign of enemy returning. Hoisted a large flag of truce. We had now to bury the dead bodies of Dr. Fyfe, Pte. Varndell, R.M.L.I., and Gunr. Howlett, R.M.A. A party to cover the coolies digging the grave advanced a little way into the bush, and to our surprise found two poor helpless slaves with their legs chained, and a deep well full of dead bodies. In this well was one little lad (still living) with legs chained and two dead bodies thrown across him. I got two coolies to go down the well, but they would not remove the bodies on account of the blood; a rope was obtained, and Pte. Shore, R.M.L.I., descended the well and rescued the lad. We learnt after that this lad was one of Consul-General Phillips' carriers, and had been in the well for five days. In the meantime the *Theseus'* Marines went for water, and obtained a good quantity without any resistance, and a liberal supply was issued. Found in city a great number of chicken, ducks, goats, calves, &c., and an unlimited supply of yams and gin. Had permission to kill what we liked for dinner - so we dined on chicken and veal. In the evening we sent out a reconnoitring party, and destroyed neighbouring huts and crucifixion trees. We passed through a long valley, which we named the valley of skulls; it contained thousands of human skulls and bones and bodies lashed to long poles, which had been thrown there to die and rot as human sacrifices; bodies in various states of decomposition, showing that this horrible work had been going on for years. The stench was almost unbearable.

February 20th.—Took up our new abode in the back-yard of a Priest's house, and living fairly well. Permission was given to loot, and we found some beautiful carved ivory anointed with human blood, and a great number of other curios. Some of the boxes of Consul-General Phillips' party were found in the King's palaver house.

February 21st.—City caught fire through some careless Coolies making fires. All attention was paid to wounded—who were in King's palaver house. Some men had very narrow escapes, and we had to beat a hasty retreat through the back way. City now smells quite fresh after the fire. Got news to start back to-morrow with the remaining white troops, leaving the place in charge of Niger Coast Protectorate Force.

February 22nd.—Union Jack hoisted and saluted. Started at 8 a.m., and formed escort for wounded, who found it very trying being carried by Coolies in hammocks. Arrived at Awako in evening without meeting any opposition, and camped for the night.

February 23rd.—Moved on, and arrived at Ugigi, where we found a base had been formed. We rested here for an hour, had stout issued, started again, and reached cross roads camp about 5 p.m. Here we found another base had been formed and stockaded.

February 24th.—Left at 8 a.m.; reached Ologbo about noon; got the wounded in a launch—which was ready to receive them, crossed river, and reached Warrago at 11 p.m. The wounded went down to *Malacca* direct from Ologbo. After this tedious march, stout was issued. Men now going down with fever. Rested here the night.

February 25th.—Embarked aboard *Eko*. A sad accident happened to Pte. Heath, R.M.L.I. *(Forte)*, attached to first section, who had been right through the expedition and escaped everything. We had piped down at 9 p.m.; about 11-30 I was awoke by the jabbering of the native crew, who seemed greatly excited. One of them who could speak broken English said, pointing over the side to the water, "White man go, no come up." In the meantime a boat had been lowered from the *Phœbe*, but no trace of anyone could be found. On mustering we found Pte. Heath, R.M.L.I., was missing. He must have walked overboard in his sleep.

February 26th.—Left at 3 a.m. Getting out of the river as quick as possible. Men going down with fever hourly. As some cases were serious, and no doctor onboard, we anchored alongside one of the gunboats and obtained medical assistance.

Reached *Malacca* in forenoon, and got on board as soon as possible. Had to throw overboard all articles of clothing that had been landed. Fleet dispersed, and we left "Homeward Bound" amidst the cheering of the fleet.

Souvenir of the Diamond Jubilee.

A Royal Marine Artillery Souvenir Card of the 60th year of Her Majesty's reign, is being published, and may be had, when ready, on application to the Manager, R.M.A. Canteen, Eastney Barracks, Portsmouth, price 6d. each, or post free, 8d. each to any address. The card has been designed for this work, by Mr. A. Wyon, Principal Engraver of Her Majesty's Seals, and consists of two portraits of the Queen, each one surrounded by beautifully embossed sprays of the national flowers (rose, shamrock, &c.) in gold, silver, and colours, accompanying the regimental monogram and suitable inscription. The portraits of Her Majesty have been specially selected, the first being a picture of the young Queen, from a print of the painting by Challon, the first for which Her Majesty sat in coronation robes. The second portrait is a very fine photograph, one of the most recently taken, by Messrs. Hughes, of Ryde, the copyright being purchased for this card. Orders in advance will be much appreciated, as only a limited number can be printed.

ROYAL MARINES' BOOTS.—In the House of Commons on Tuesday night, Mr. Kearley asked the First Lord of the Admiralty whether the compensation allowance of 4d. per day, recently conceded to the troops which took part in the last Aldershot manœuvres as compensation for extra wear and tear of clothing, occasioned by the bad weather, would be made to the Royal Marines who also took part in the same manœuvres. And whether, in consideration of the amount of route marching and manœuvring now imposed on the corps, the same issue of boots as now received by the army, would for the future be granted.—Mr. Macartney replied: The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. As regards the second part, the question of the issue of boots to the Royal Marines, has been carefully considered and it is not intended to alter the present regulations.

Royal Marine Rifle Association.



This badge, which is presented to each member of the Royal Marine Eight taking part in the United Service Match at Bisley each year, was designed and made by the Goldsmiths' and Silversmiths' Company.

We are asked by the Hon. Secretary to draw the attention of all competitors for the Royal Marine Twenty that the last of the five completed cards must reach the Secretary by the 7th prox., instead of the 14th as stated in the rules and on some of the cards issued to competitors.

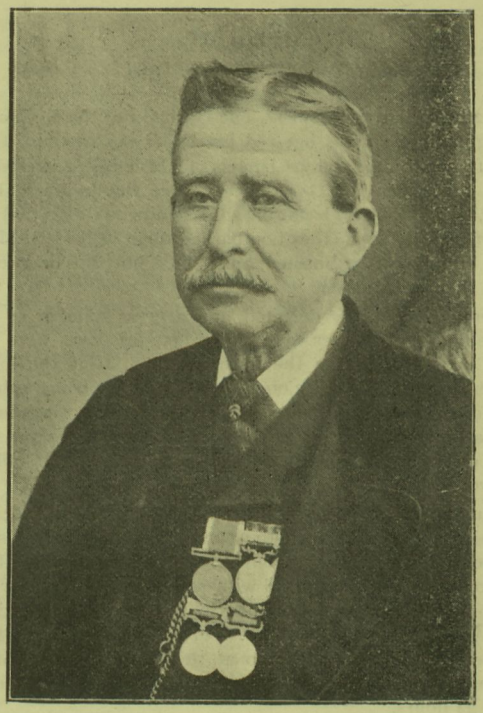
Officers' Rifle Match.

ON the 29th April a match took place at Browndown Ranges between teams of officers, Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I. and R.M.A. After a closely contested and interesting struggle the former team proved victorious by seventeen points. Appended below are the individual scores of the different ranges:—

R.M.L.I.	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.
Lieutenant Jones ..	30	34	26	90
Captain Collard ..	29	31	28	88
Lieutenant Tucker ..	23	33	28	84
Captain Garrett ..	28	30	26	84
Captain Harvest ..	28	28	27	83
Lieutenant Clark ..	28	27	19	74
Average 83·83.				503
R.M.A.				
Major Eastman ..	28	33	31	92
Colonel Burrowes ..	31	31	28	90
Captain Osmaston ..	30	30	27	87
Captain Dixon ..	24	31	23	78
Captain Bishop ..	28	27	23	78
Captain Henderson ..	22	21	18	61
Average 81.				486

Captain Vere Alfan Butler, of the Mauritius Constabulary, has been appointed to act as chief officer of Police in charge of Port Louis, in place of Captain T. Trew, who has been temporarily promoted. Captain Butler was formerly in the Royal Marine Light Infantry, and entered the Mauritius Police Force seventeen years ago.—*The Colonies and India, 24th April, 1897.*

Capt. A. J. Luard, 2nd Batt. Norfolk Regt., having been appointed Superintendent of Gymnasia, Southern District, is taken on the strength from the 12th April, *vice* Captain G. U. A. Harris, R.M.A.



THE LATE MR. PRESSEY, R.M.L.I. (Retired.)

This block was subscribed for by a few friends of the deceased, as a token of regard.

(For record of services, &c., see our last issue.)

Double Acrostic, No. 5.

The civilized world would united greet,
A hoped for settlement of affairs—re Crete,
May Europe's hand such turmoils quell,
And *these* e'er more in concert dwell.

1. When reading for your next exam.,
   Such surface study shun—this learning sham.
2. A group's chief town in North Pacific,
   I really can't be more specific.
3. In holiday time our members roam,
   Some near, some very far from home.
4. Aborigines of the Western States,
   By name of "squaw" they term their mates.
5. Andalusian town of opera fame,
   A luscious fruit appends its name.
6. Alas! I'm short, but were I *so*,
   Conspicuous should be to my foe.
7. Read me right, nor ignorance feign,
   Though I use this, my meaning's plain.
8. Section on which a building stands,
   Superficial content of a piece of land.
9. A devotee to the cause—religion,
   Also a certain kind of pigeon. BRISTOLIAN.

SOLUTION OF ACROSTIC No. 4

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Correct solutions were received from Sammy, A 1, Hornby. A printer's error showed the seventh light of No 3 Acrostic as INFER, whereas it should of course have been INTER.

Gibraltar.

(Continued from our last.)

(14). 12th April, 1782 (cont.)—The Garrison of the Rock could only bring 96 guns into action, but red hot shot was used by them, and upwards of 8,300 rounds and 716 barrels of powder were expended. The story goes that when the Garrison observed that red-hot shots were ineffectual against the new battering ships, owing to the special invention "*water laid on throughout*," they bombarded them well with cold shot till the water supply was exhausted, and then a hot shot or two speedily completed their destruction.

The enemy was entirely defeated, and a great number of his ships and all the floating batteries were burnt; 357 prisoners were saved by Captain Curtis, R.N., from the burning ships. But the loss of the enemy was very great—over 2,000 altogether, 1,473 being either killed, wounded, or missing from the "incombustible" and "insubmergible" floating batteries alone; while the loss of the Garrison of the Rock was only one officer and fifteen men killed, and five officers and 63 men wounded.

In Spain the news of the failure of the attack was received with consternation and despair, and the countless thousands of spectators who covered the enemy's camp and the surrounding hills, and who had hurried from all parts of Spain to witness the fall of Gibraltar, returned to their homes disappointed and chagrined. Two French Princes (the Comte d'Artois and the Duc de Bourbon), besides the Prince of Nassau, were in the Spanish camp at this time. The bombardment was continued till the end of September, 1,200 rounds being fired on an average in 24 hours.

On the 10th October, Lord Howe's fleet of thirty-four sail of the line with six frigates and thirty-one transports arrived in the "Straits," but adverse winds prevented any but a few transports and the *Panther* frigate from reaching the Rock; the rest being driven by the current, assembled off Marbella.

The combined fleets of France and Spain, eighty sail of the line in all, left the Bay to the eastward in pursuit of the English fleet, but by an able manœuvre, Lord Howe avoided battle, slipped round them and anchored off Tetuan, from whence he sent the *Latona* with twelve transports. Afterwards the *Buffalo* with the rest of them safely reached Gibraltar with their supplies and a re-inforcement of 1600 men. After this, Lord Howe sailed to the west, on his homeward voyage, still pursued by the allied fleets, to which he gave battle off Cadiz, and proceeded on his way. Meanwhile negotiations for peace were proceeding, and France offered to give up Martinique and Guadaloupe to England, receiving San Domingo from Spain, if Gibraltar was restored to the latter. This proposal was entertained by the Ministry, but not by Parliament, who saw the unconquerable and absolute repugnance of the nation to restore the fortress. At the end of October, the camp of the enemy began to break up, and the shot fired into the garrison, only averaged 250 rounds daily, which gradually decreased. On the 20th January, preliminaries of peace were signed, in which Minorca was ceded to Spain in place of Gibraltar, it having been taken by Spain during the siege.

During this "Great Siege," the English loss was as follows:—

The garrison lost, killed and died of wounds ..	333
Died of sickness	536
Discharged from incurable complaints ..	181
,, ,, wounds	138
Deserted	43
Total	1,231

The Spanish loss is stated by them at 6,000 men, but it must have been larger.

The English expended 205,328 rounds and 8,000 barrels of powder, and had fifty-three pieces of ordnance damaged or destroyed. The besieging force expended 258,387 rounds of shot and shell.

This siege cost the Spaniards twelve million dollars.

On the termination of the siege, reciprocal visits were paid to the Spanish works and Gibraltar by General Eliott and the Duc de Crillon. On the duke exploring the gallery above Faringdon's Battery, he turned to his suite and exclaimed, "These works are worthy of the Romans."

On the visit of the duke to the garrison, the officers of the Artillery being mentioned, he said to them, "Gentlemen, I would rather see you here as friends, than on your batteries as enemies, where," he added, "you never spared me."

For his services during this remarkable defence, General Eliott was rewarded with a pension of £1,500 a year, the order of the Bath, and the thanks of Parliament; but it was not till four years later that he was raised to the peerage.

In 1830 the first Charter of Justice was given to the city. A magistracy was established, and the advantage of civil liberty accorded to the inhabitants.

Gibraltar may be described as a bold headland promontory, jutting insularly into the sea at the entrance to the Mediterranean, and is separated by a ridge, from north to south, dividing it into two unequal parts, running nearly due north and south. It is about three miles in length, greatest breadth about three-quarters of a mile, and circumference about seven miles. The greater part of the rock is incapable of cultivation. On the north, it is connected with the mainland by a low sandy isthmus, 1,500 yards in length, from the Bayside Gate, and from 950 to 1,800 yards in breadth in different parts. On the western side of the Rock, where the town is built, the slope is gradual in most parts, but the eastern side, which faces the Mediterranean, is an inaccessible cliff, bare of vegetation, and forming a series of rugged precipices, broken only, in one spot, by an immense bank of sand, 450 feet in height the accumulation of many ages. This is said to have been blown over from Africa. At the northern face, the mountain rises a perpendiular and unbroken cliff to a height of nearly 1,400 feet, terminating in a narrow plateau. At its extreme height the rock is marked by three points, viz: at the north, the Rock Gun, or Wolf's Crag, 1,337 feet, in the centre, the Upper Signal Station, 1,294 feet high, and at the south, Sugar Loaf Hill, where O'Hara's Tower formerly stood, 1,361 feet high. The greatest height is a point between the Upper Signal Station and O'Hara's Tower, 1,396 feet high. The rock is composed of compact limestone, varied by beds of red sandstone and fissures of osseons brecchia which contains the bones of various animals:—The fossil elephant, ox, deer, cave-bear, sheep, horse, ass, snakes, and many others, both of existing and extinct species. At the northern extremity of the town is the Moorish Castle with its ancient walls bearing a silent witness in its battered masonry to the assaults of time and many famous sieges. It was completed by the Moors in 742 A.D. The only houses on the east side of the Rock, if we except the cottage or summer residence of H.E. the Governor, at Europa, are those of the village of Catalan Bay, the inhabitants of which are chiefly fishermen, and of Genoese origin. There is also a detachment of soldiers from one of the regiments in the garrison, always quartered there, in a small and convenient barrack. The population at the census in 1891 was 25,755 including 5,896 military. The population in 1791 was 2,890, and a census taken then contains a declaration that no person can possess a right to enter and reside in Gibraltar, even although a natural born subject of the crown, without permission of the Governor of the Fortress, and no general right of way to this end has ever been granted.

The "Noble" Memorial.

The following further subscriptions have been received up to 24th April:—

	£	s	d
Amount already received	19	19	6
Captain J. M. Rose, R.M.A.	0	5	0
Lieutenant-Colonel N. Macnamara	0	5	0
Colonel C. J. Ellis	0	5	0
Lieutenant-Colonel H. H. Kelly	0	5	0
Captain A. H. Hire, R.M.A.	0	5	0
Colonel C. S. F. Fagan, R.M.L.I.	0	5	0
Captain A. Paris, R.M.A.	0	5	0
Lieutenant-Colonel E. R. M. Crooke ..	0	5	0
Lieutenant-Colonel H. Everitt ..	0	5	0
Major A. F. Gatliff, R.M.L.I.	0	5	0

Entertainments.

THE members of the R.M.A. Junior N.C.O's Dance Club gave their annual ball in the recreation buildings at Eastney, on April 19th. Corporal Hounsell performing the pleasing duties of president, assisted by an energetic M.C. in Corporal Roost, and an excellent secretary in Corporal Corey. The rooms were prettily decorated with bunting and plants, and the floor was in capital dancing condition. The Colonel Commandant honoured the ball with his presence, and joined in the dancing. Major and Mrs. Gaitskell, Capt. Cottingham, Mrs. Redhead, Qtr.-Master Hill, Sergt.-Major and Mrs. Rodway, Sergt.-Mjr. and Mrs. Baker were present, as well as representatives from the different corps in the garrison, and several old R.M.A's.

The weekly practice nights and the occasional soirées during the season have been much appreciated, but it is hoped that another year a larger number of the Juniors will become members of the Club, for on the night of the ball we noticed with regret that many of the fair sex were obliged to sit out every dance for want of partners.

The members of the R.M.A. Sergeants' Dance Club gave a soirée in the lecture room at Eastney on Wednesday, 24th March. Sergt.-Major Rodway was president, and Sergeant Weatherley made a capable master of the ceremonies. Miss Payne was, as usual, in charge of the music, and the enjoyment of the dancing was greatly due to her well-timed playing. Several officers and ladies of the Corps were present. Dancing commenced about 9 p.m., and, with a short interval for refreshment, was carried on till after 2 a.m.

R.M.A. Theatre.

The net proceeds of the two special performances given on 29th and 30th March of "Still Waters run Deep" by Members of the Sergeants' Mess, in aid of the widows and children of Pay-Sergeant W. Fleetwood and Gunner C. Rogerson (Divisional Carter), amounted to upwards of £34, which breaks the record at the Theatre with "prices as usual."

The regular dramatic company of the Corps brought the season to a close on Easter Tuesday with a variety entertainment. Mr. Titheridge was much applauded for a successful imitation of the notes of birds and animals, his impersonation of a little chicken trying to elude its captor being particularly good. In the musical duet, "My Ma-in-law," both Miss Emilie Seymour and Corpl. T. J. Kerr received a genuine recognition of their light and airy performance at the hands of the audience.

A new member, Private C. N. Fradelle, joined the dramatic company during April, having come round with the last batch of recruits from the Depot. He brings a reputation with him, and we hope to find him in future seasons a distinct acquisition.

Volunteers at Eastney.—The 1st Middlesex Royal Engineers (Volunteers) under Colonel F. Josselyn, V.D., were accommodated at Easter in the R.M.A. Barracks. No time was lost by them during their short stay in endeavouring to fit themselves for their part in the defence of the Kingdom, should occasion ever arise, yet they found opportunities for friendly contests with us on the rifle range and in the football field, while our Sergeants arranged a "Smoker" in their honour, the Dramatic Company produced the two good farces, "On the Brain" and "The Widows' Victims" with a highly ertertaining Variety Entertainment during the interval, and the Junior N.C.O's. gave their Annual Ball.

Smoking Concert at the Royal Marine Barracks.—A capital smoking concert was arranged on Thursday April, 15th, in connection with the Junior Non-Commissioned Officers' Club, Plymouth Division R.M.L.I. The gathering took place in the Divisional Canteen at Stonehouse, Barracks, Q.M.S. Mitchell, who presided being supported by Sergt.-Major W. Blacker, Sergt.-Major S. W. Perry, and Corpl. S. W Digby, secretary of the club. Among those who helped to sustain the harmony of the evening were Lce.-Corpls. Gilmore, Wakeham, Greenfield, and Payne; Corpl.Cooper, 1st Worcester Regt. Br. Amos, R.M.A.; Musicians Higgs, Gimblett, and Baker; Bugle-Major Howe, whose ventriloquial entertainment was much enjoyed; and Messrs. Dennis, Mitchell, White, and Watson. An acceptable item in the programme was Lce.-Corpl. Gilmore's recitation, "A Tale of the 10th Hussars." The hero of this episode is Trooper Hayes, late of the 10th Hussars, and now in the band of the Scots Guards, performing on the pier, who was specially invited, and had the satisfaction of hearing his own valour applauded at the end of the recitation. Selections were also played by a portion of the Royal Marine string band, and during the evening suitable toasts were proposed, including "Our guest" and "The performers." Mr. J. N. Pearse made an efficient accompanist, and on the part of the officials of the club nothing was left undone to promote the pleasure of the company.

On Tuesday evening, 20th April, the old soldiers of the R.M. Depot held the last smoking concert of the season at the "Fountain" Hotel, Deal. Host Fryers provided supper, which was all that could be desired. After full justice had been done to the repast, the following programme was gone through. The party broke up at 12-30 a.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Programme.—Chairman, Pte. R. Milne (President).

Song—We have Lived Together	Pte. R. Hutton.
Song—Rounding Cape Horn	Pte. J. Gibbins.
Song—Partners	Pte. Callum.
Song—On Guard	Gnr. Josey.
Song—The Judge	Gnr. Edwards.
Song—Let us be Sweethearts again	Pte. A. Presland.
Song—For Business	Pte. Hayes.
Sond (Parody)—Au Revoir	Gnr. Tyrell.
Song—Primrose Day	Gnr. Montgomery.
Song—The Welcome Letter	Gnr. Sheppard.
Song—The Bugler	Pte. Billow.
Song—Two Little Girls in Blue	Pte. Ruffhead.
Song—One, Two, Three	Gnr. Edwards.
Song—Old Brigade	Mr. Harris.
Song (Encore)—Boney Hodger	,,
Song—I was on it	Pte. Palmer.
Recitation—Ben Battle	Pte. Cochran.
Song—Flanningins Band	Pte. Hambrook.
Song—I'm a Soldier	Pte. Doak.
Song—Nil Desperandum	Host Fryers.
Song—Three Leaved Shamrock	Pte. Wild.
Song—Evolution Day	Pte. Billow.

God Save the Queen.

The Duke of York at Haslar Hospital.

[*Readers should refer to No. 14, Vol. III page 163, after reading this*—] Ed.

H.R.H. the Duke of York, accompanied by Capt. the Hon. Derek Keppel, left London for Portsmouth, and was received at the Harbour by Admiral Sir Nowell Salmon, V.C., Commander-in-Chief, and at once went on board the Commander-in-Chief's pinnace and steamed across to Haslar, where they were joined by Sir James Dick, Medical Director General, and Inspector-General Turnbull, the head of the medical staff at Haslar Naval Hospital. Most of the medical and surgical wards were visited by his Royal Highness, but special attention was paid to the 40 cases of sick and wounded from the Benin expedition. There are only five cases of wounds under treatment, and Gunner Targett, R.M.A., who was the first man to be wounded in the campaign, still retains the bullet in his body, but Mr. Johnson, gunner, R.N., who was the last to be wounded, has had the bullet extracted from his heel, and the missile, which is about the size of a walnut, was shewn to his Royal Highness as an interesting curiosity. To each patient his Royal Highness conversed for a few minutes, inquiring after the character of their illness, the progress they were making and expressing a hope for their speedy recovery. Next visiting the pensioners' ward, his Royal Highness was highly amused by a "yarn" told him by an Inkerman veteran named Rolls, who was rescued under circumstances that led to the V.C. being conferred on a sergeant of Marines. Pointing to a picture of himself that Captain Drury had had painted for him, Rolls humorously and patronisingly patted the Duke of York on the back while expressing a wish that he could serve his 21 years over again. His Royal Highness left the hospital soon after two o'clock and crossed over to Portsmouth in company with Admiral Sir N. Salmon and Sir James Dick, leaving by the 2.45 train for London.

Sergts. C. Townley and J. C. Cluff, Plymouth Division R.M.L.I., of the Cruiser Barrosa, have been specially mentioned in despatches for their service in connection with the recent Benin expedition. This is the second time Sergt. Cluff has received recognition, he having been specially promoted sergeant for his services with the Brass River expedition, 1895.

Answers to Correspondents.

PER MARE PER TERRAM.—If you are a really good workman you can count on employment here to a certainty. It is a pity that you were not tested before you sailed as the application could be made for your disembarkation. Provided you are skilled in your work and good character, I think that you might make the request you name, of course whether it is allowed or not is another matter.

HIBERNIA.—60 copies, post free, only applies to United Kingdom.

CORPORAL BURLEY.—Thanks for interesting article, which has arrived too late for this number.

R.M. DETACHMENT, CANEA.—Photo not clear enough for reproduction.

SONS OF NEPTUNE OF THE WEST.—Photo received with thanks.

CORPL. "C."—As you state the case, perhaps a mistake has been made, but there are many other points which bear on the matter, for instance:—special qualification and selection often go before seniority, as he has been sent to fulfil a certain qualification he must retain the billet unless recalled. We would advise you to consult your officer.

W. BLYTH.—Regret to inform you that after careful consideration your contribution was found unsuitable for insertion.

Births.

PARKER—At 2, Seton Terrace, Glasgow, on the 28th of March, the wife of Captain J. H. Parker, R.M.L.I., of a daughter.

SEABRIGHT—On 6th March, 1897, wife of Sergt. G. Seabright, R.M.A., of a daughter.

LAWRENCE—On 12th March, 1897, wife of Sergt. J. Lawrence, R.M.A., of a daughter.

WILMER—On 24th March, 1897, wife of Gnr. J. Wilmer, R.M.A., of a son.

AUSTIN—On 16th April, at Chatham, the wife of Corpl. W. M. Austin, of a daughter.

GAHAN—On 18th April, at Chatham, the wife of Sergt. G. Gahan, of a daughter.

HARLEY—On 22nd March, at Deal, the wife of Corpl. H. H. Harley, of a daughter.

WHITE—Wife of Private L. White of a son.

ROWE—Wife of Musician J. Rowe of a daughter.

Marriages.

COCHRAN—NOBLE—On the 28th April, at the Parish Church of Remenham, Henley-on-Thames, Major Archibald Gell Cochran, R.M.L.I., son of the late Admiral Cochran and Mrs. Cochran, of Buntings, Uxbridge, to May Gwendoline, second daughter of the late John Noble, and of Mrs. Noble, of Park Place, Henley-on-Thames.

SMITH—DUNKERLY—On the 21st April, at St. Mary's, Beverley, East Yorkshire, by the Rev. Lewis A. Smith, Vicar of Little Bedwyn, Wilts, brother of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. J. C. W. Burnaby, Vicar of the parish, Capt. Wilfred Noel Smith, R.M.L.I., youngest son of George Smith, of Sydenham, to Elizabeth Ashforth, eldest daughter of Charles Henry Dunkerly, of Beverley.

CHIVERS—SEARLE—At St. James's Church, Portsea, 3rd April, 1897, Corpl. Chivers, R.M.A., to Miss G. G. Searle.

BARKER—HAMPTON—At St. Simon's, Southsea, 14th April, 1897, Gnr. H. Barker, R.M.A., to Miss E. L. Hampton.

WRENN—LINDSEY—At St. James's Church, Portsea, 12th April, Gnr. T. E. Wrenn, R.M.A., to Miss R. Lindsey.

HUGHES—MCDOWELL—At St. James' Church, Portsea, 25th May, 1896, Corpl. A. Hughes, R.M.A., to Miss C. McDowell.

TIMS—ILLSLEY—At St. Mark's Church, Portsmouth, 19th April, 1897, Sergt. E. G. T. Tims, R.M.A., to Miss K. ILLSLEY.

WILLIAMS—THOMSON—At Edinburgh, 4th January, 1897, Gnr. W. W. Williams, R.M.A., to Miss M. E. Thomson.

HEARN—MORRIS—On 17th April, at Rochester, Corporal G. Hearn to Miss E. Morris.

HARVEY—READ—On 22nd April, at Gravesend, Private G. Harvey to Miss E. M. Read.

MARSHALL—SMITH—On 5th April, at Tynemouth, Private C. E. Marshall to Miss J. Smith.

PINK—HOOK—On 15th April, at Deal, Corpl. A. W. Pink to Miss E. A. Hook.

ROGERS—KNOWLES—On 10th April, at Chatham, Private W. Rogers to Miss P. R. Knowles.

WHITE—MOORE—On 30th March, at Deal, Lce.-Sergt. A. W. White to Miss A. Moore.

SMITH—KNIGHT—At Deal, on March 1st, 1897, Sergt. C. Smith to Miss M. Knight.

RICHARDS—LAMING—On March 27th, 1897, Pte. F. Richards to Miss N. Laming.

TAYLOR—REYNOLDS—On 17th April, 1897, Pte. J. Taylor to Miss E. J. Reynolds.

Deaths.

MCKITTRICK—On March 6th, while serving in H.M.S. *St. George*, Sergt. W. McKittrick.

CLEVERDON—On 6th April, at Haslar Hospital, Pte. C. E. Cleverdon.

BARKER—On 26th April, at Melville Hospital, Chatham, Pte. J. Barker, aged 21.

R.M.A. Officers' Cricket Club.

MATCHES, 1897.

Saturday	May 1st	—N.C.O.'s and Men	Eastney
Tuesday	,, 4th	—Royal Dublin Fusiliers	U.S. Ground
Saturday	,, 8th	—Stubbington House School	Eastney
Thursday	,, 13th	—Cameronians, Scottish Rifles	U.S. Ground
Thursday	,, 20th	—Wiltshire Regiment	,,
Wednesday	,, 26th	—The King's (Shropshire L.I.)	,,
Saturday	June 5th	—H.M.S. "Excellent"	Whale Island
Monday	,, 7th	—Portsmouth Grammar School	Hilsea
Thursday	,, 10th	—Horndean Cricket Club	U.S. Ground
Monday	,, 28th	—Wiltshire Regiment	,,
Tuesday	,, 29th	—Royal Artillery	,,
Wednesday	July 7th	—Royal Artillery (Hilsea)	,,
Saturday	,, 10th	—Portsmouth Grammar School	Eastney
Saturday	,, 17th	—Stubbington House School	Stubbington
Thursday	,, 22nd	—Royal Marine Light Infantry	Forton
Tuesday	,, 27th	—Royal Artillery	U.S. Ground
Friday	,, 30th	—Royal Dublin Fusiliers	,,
Thursday	August 5th	—Cameronians, Scottish Rifles	Parkhurst
Saturday	,, 14th	—The King's (Shropshire L.I.)	U.S. Ground
Wednesday	,, 18th	—Horndean Cricket Club	Horndean
Wednesday	,, 25th	—Royal Marine Light Infantry	Eastney
Monday	,, 30th	—Westbourne Cricket Club	Westbourne
Saturday	Sept. 4th	—H.M.S. "Excellent"	Eastney

FOOTBALL AT CHATHAM—A Company by beating E Company in the final four to nil for Company Challenge Cup, have secured the Cup for the third time out of four it has been up for competition.

The dates set apart for the Thames District Rifle Meeting are 30th June, 1st and 2nd July.

Corps Advertisements.

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Editorial.

DIAMOND JUBILEE.—Our present number will be in the hands of our readers in the midst of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, in honour of Her Most Glorious and Gracious Majesty having completed the longest reign on record. The length itself, though wonderful, is of least importance, for under her beneficent rule it has covered the period during which the country and empire in general has made vaster strides forward in all things which tend to the happiness and contentment of a great and proud people, due to a combination of her wisdom, and the love, devotion, and confidence she has inspired in the hearts of her subjects from the highest to the lowest. It is no exaggeration to say that no monarch in history has reigned so completely and thoroughly as our Queen, our very own Queen; for beyond the rights attaching to her august office, which she has exercised so firmly and wisely, she has made herself the "Queen of the hearts" of the whole of her subjects. Thus she sits on a throne resting on certain and sure foundations. Her honour is our honour, her country is our country. She has made the terms synonymous so that "Queen and Country" is as it never was before, indivisible, one term, one idea. We need not refer to our Royal Corps in this connection with this feeling, for as Rudyard Kipling says, "We have proved it straight and true."

A back number of the *Cyclist* contained an article on cycles in war time, and after referring to the R.M.C.C. which was started at the Depôt (and showed all the world what could be done on "cycle back" at the Military and Naval Exhibitions) continues (completely settling to their own satisfaction the objections that cycles would lumber up the ship and that the opportunities to use them would be so rare that there would be no adequate compensation for the inconvenience of carrying them to and fro over the seas) in the following manner:—"There is always ample head room between decks in any man-of-war, and with pedals removed and handle-bars slewed round quite a large number of machines could easily be triced up between the deck beams. Every man-of-war carries nowadays a number of skilled artificers, who would take but very few minutes to put a sufficiency of machines in running order to equip the necessary force, and repairs would also present no difficulty." In these days of surprising changes it is risky to class any suggestion as impossible or absurd, but we think the day is far distant when several hundred cycles will be regarded as a necessary part of the stores of a man-of-war.

The Editors return thanks to the unknown contributor for the following letter on Turkish affairs. We will endeavour to publish as much as we can:—"The inveterate impecuniosity of the Constantinopolitan hegemony is ultimately attributable to the inordinate prevalence of a crustaceous parochialism. Notwithstanding the extraordinary avaricious-ness of the Padishah's profligate subordinates appearing contemporaneously with the unnecessary exasperation of the multitudinous fanatical differentiations, whose problematical eventuation in Mahommedan denominationalism,"——(We regret we have now used up all the small type.—ED.)

The following is an extract from the *7th Regt. Gazette, U.S.A.*:—A medal was presented to Pte. Wells for his phenomenal score of thirty-one consecutive bull's eyes. The medal is made of gold and is studded with thirty-one diamonds, indicative of his score. The centre of the medal has a miniature target in enamel and gold, which is surrounded by a wreath of laurel leaves. Each leaf is tipped with diamonds. On the lower part of the medal two rifles are crossed, and on the upper part there is a figure "7," composed of brilliants. The medal is considered an artistic triumph. The donor is one who is near and dear to every man in our Regiment, Mr. Edward Kemp. (Musketry Instructors desirous of raising the shooting standard, should import a few Mr. Edward Kemps—ED.)

INDIAN STAFF CORPS.—We have to congratulate Lieut. H. R. Hopwood, late R.M.L.I., on his appointment as Station Staff Officer at Kamptee, Central Provinces, India. Mr. Hopwood had only been 1½ years in India when he got this billet.

"Who would have thought it? and from the respectable *Globe*, too!" A force of 300 Houssas, led by three Englishmen, has started from Lagos for the Gold Coast to oppose the Sofas on the frontier. A small force of upholsterers should be held in readiness to repair the Sofas after the Hous(e)a gents have, as Thomas Atkins would say, "knocked the stuffing out of them." They will probably offer a stout resistance, being from their name of the "Ottoman tribe." So-fa' so good, but we refuse to publish more.

Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to accept a copy of "Lean's Royal Navy List," from the Editor, Lieut.-Col. Francis Lean, R.M.L.I. (retired), who has received, through Col. Sir Arthur Bigge, an expression of Her Majesty's acceptance and thanks.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have recently received on behalf of the Greenwich Hospital several valuable legacies. Amongst these are one of £2,000 under the will of the late Mr. W. F. Waller, and freehold property in Swansea under the will of the late Miss J. D. Rotely, of that town. Miss Rotely was the daughter of the late Lieut. Lewis Rotely, Royal Marines, who was wounded in the *Victory* at Trafalgar. She exhibited some very interesting relics of Nelson at the Naval Exhibition. The legacies are applicable for the benefit of old or disabled officers and men of the Royal Navy, their widows and children.

Corps Dinner.—The Annual Corps Dinner will be held in the Whitehall Rooms, Hotel Metropole, at 8 p.m., on Thursday, June 10th, 1897.

Colonel Somers Reginald Lewis (formerly R.M.L.I.), commanding the 4th Volunteer Battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps (West London Rifle Volunteers), has been awarded the Volunteer Decoration.

Saving Life.—A notification has been received from Officer Commanding H.M.S. *Black Prince* as to the gallant conduct of Corpl. A. H. Archard, R.M.L.I., who, on the 13th February last, jumped into the water from a brow between that ship and the jetty, to the assistance of Ship's Corporal, 1st Class, J. Burke, R.N., who fell overboard and was disabled from swimming. Corpl. Archard kept the man up until further assistance arrived.

Presentation for Bravery.—A pleasing ceremony took place at the parade of the Corps of Commissionaires, in the square of the Houses of Parliament towards the end of April. Sergt. Charles George Gray Brooke, who was invalided out of the Royal Marine Artillery as a Corporal in August, 1891, after four and a half years service as a clerk in the Staff Office, was presented by the Chevalier Lumley, C.H., Delegate General of the Royal Belgian and French National Life Saving Societies, with the Decoration and Diploma of Honour conferred by La Société Nationale de Sauvetage, in the presence of the Commander and Founder of the Corps, Sir E. Walter, K.C.B., Colonel Brind, and the Staff of the Force. The Chevalier warmly congratulated Sergt. Brooke on his gallantry in saving, when at Southsea, a number of lives, and delivered to him the Diploma of Honour, after affixing the decoration, depending from a yellow and tricolor ribbon to his tunic.

In the special number of *Navy and Army Illustrated*, May 21st, is the following record of the gallantry of a Royal Marine. Sad to say name not mentioned. On the 9th November, 1813, the *Undaunted* and two frigates went in to cut out seven French vessels which were anchored under the batteries of Port Nuvelle. They took the ships and stormed the batteries, and when taking a tower 30 feet high the following account is given by an officer present. The *Undaunted's* boats being always provided with scaling ladders, the height of the tower was no security to it; but owing to the eagerness of the gallant fellows employed on the service, so many men got on the first ladder at once that it broke under their weight—only two men being able to obtain a footing on the wall. These (a boatswain's mate of the *Undaunted*, and a Marine) were furiously attacked by some forty French soldiers. The sailor was overpowered, and the enemy was dragging him to the oven used for heating shot, which was then alight, when the brave Marine flew to the assistance of his companion, bayoneted two of the Frenchmen and succeeded in releasing the tar. Notwithstanding their apparently desperate situation the two Britons now became the assailants, and—incredible as it may appear—their forty opponents not only had to cry for quarter, but were actually placed in confinement before a single man from the party outside mounted the ladder.

At a meeting of the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree, on May 10th, the 33rd was conferred on Captain Portlock-Dadson, J.P. (late R.M.L.I.), secretary to the council.

Will any subscriber who wishes to have a copy of the portrait of the late Captain Byrne, which appeared in last number, kindly send their names in to the Editors. We cannot guarantee to print unless 30 names are forthcoming.

Obituary.

Lieut. Reginald P. Prynne.—We write this notice of the death of Lieut. Reginald P. Prynne with sincere regret, which we feel will be shared by all who knew him during his brief career on earth. He possessed many lofty and sterling qualities of mind and heart, and was singularly free from conventionality, in that he ever found happiness in the simple pleasures of nature in the fields, woods, and waters. Fly fishing, sketching, and canoeing were his chief delights, and his canoe cruise around Sicily—which was reported in these pages—will be remembered as an example of his daring and indifference to hardship. In sketching, fishing, and canoeing we may fairly lament the loss of an artist and an expert, who combined with these accomplishments and proclivities a singular sweetness of disposition which endeared him to his many friends, and it is some slight consolation to them to think that he must have died happy, for a retrospect of his life discloses nothing but a blameless and dutiful existence and behaviour in this world. He was born at Gravesend on the 20th August, 1868, being the second son of Lieut.-Col. Pyrnne, R.M.L.I., and we may be permitted to record the interesting fact that General Gordon, R.E., became his Godfather, and characteristically entered his responsibility and the date in his own Bible, which is now one of the treasured possessions of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen in one of her most valuable caskets at Windsor. Lieut. R. P. Prynne entered the service as Second Lieutenant 1st February, 1888. He passed through the School of Musketry at Hythe, obtaining an extra certificate in November, 1896, and applying for an appointment in the Royal Niger Company's Service, was seconded on 20th February this year. He sailed for Africa with anticipations of active service, in which, in many ways, he was eminently qualified to excel, and would no doubt have been heard of favorably had his life been spared, but the coast fever of that malarious region is supposed to have laid him low; and to the great grief of his relations, friends, and comrades the news of his death at Lakoja, on the 8th of April, reached this country by cablegram on the 8th May. A noble hearted and promising young officer has thus been snatched away from the service and the Corps in which he was much beloved.

Major-General George Gardiner Alexander, C.B., on retired full pay, R.M.A., died at Eastbourne, May 16th, aged 76 years. He was born in 1821. A son of the late Commodore Thomas Alexander, R.N., C.B. Entered the service as Second Lieutenant 14th August, 1838; became Lieutenant, 17th June, 1842; Captain, 19th January, 1852; Brevet-Major, 12th December, 1854; Brevet Lieut.-Colonel 2nd November, 1855; Colonel, 23rd March, 1863; Colonel-Commandant, 28th November, 1865; retiring on full pay with the honorary rank of Major-General, 9th April, 1867. He served during the operations on the coast of Borneo and capture of Brunei, 1846; with the Baltic expedition in 1854 (medal); commanded the R.M. Artillery with the Brigade in the Crimea in 1854-55; and was employed in the siege train in the batteries before Sebastopol during its siege and fall; and was also at the bombardment and surrender of Kinburn (medal and clasp, Brevets of Major and Lieut.-Colonel, Knight of the Legion of Honour, Sardinian Military medal, 4th class of the Medjidia, Turkish medal, and Companion of the Bath, 2nd January, 1857). Awarded the Good Service Pension 10th November, 1866. He was an authority on Chinese literature, and was the author of works on the subject, as also of a novel called "Doctor Victoria." At the request of the Foreign Office he had charge of the first Japanese Embassy to this country. He married 10th March, 1853, Marianne Helen, third daughter of the late Rev. George Treweeke, of Illogan, Cornwall.

Mr. John Winterbottom, who was for upwards of twenty-one years Bandmaster of the Royal Marine Artillery, and perhaps better known to the general public than any other person in Portsmouth, died on the 14th May at Putney, aged 60. He came of an old military family, and his father (whose portrait, painted by order of King William IV., hangs in Windsor Castle corridor) was reputed to be the finest swordsman in the Army. Mr. Winterbottom commenced life as a bassoon player in Tullien's famous orchestra, and afterwards conducted a band in Melbourne and Sydney. He joined the R.M.A. as Bandmaster, 26th November, 1870, and was discharged to pension on 31st March, 1892, when he became Bandmaster to the 20th Middlesex (Artists') Rifle Volunteer Corps.

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The Nile between Merawi and Khartoum.

BEFORE reaching Khartoum, anyone performing the journey by boat from Merawi has to pass three distinct cataracts, besides various rapids and pieces of "bad water." So as it is possible that some of the readers of the *Globe and Laurel* may in course of time have to undertake this voyage, a short description of what they may expect should be of some interest.

At Merawi the river is flowing S.W. roughly, and as the prevailing wind is N., or nearly so, sailing boats have wind and stream to contend against. Consequently, passengers usually get out and walk across the desert to Berber, or any other place they want to get to fairly quickly.

There are a good many sunken rocks in the stream between Merawi and the first rapid, forming in places, notably at Abu Harras, about 25 miles north, dangerous bars. It was at this place that in 1884, the *Abbas*, a small steam launch, containing Stewart, his staff, and the French and English consuls, stuck as they were returning from Khartoum, and all the party, with the exception of a few Greeks, who changed their religion suddenly, were massacred.

The first rapid that one meets is that of Gerendid, which is very similar to all the others, being formed by the intervention of islands. Two at the southern entrance, and six others at intervals, break up the stream into a number of channels, causing the current to become strong and rapid, which, however, at high Nile does not present an unsurmountable obstacle to steamboat, although sailing boats have to be hauled up.

The next rapid, Terai, about 12 miles farther up, is of a very similar nature, but the current is less strong, as with the exception of three large islands, the four-and-a-half miles of its extent is practically clear, these islands being at the southern, and the middle and the northern end. It may almost be considered as a part of the fourth cataract, as it is only two-and-a-half miles from it ; and the water up to the cataract is "strong." This cataract (the fourth) is not quite four miles long, but is filled with masses of granite, porphony, and basalt of every conceivable shape, size, and form, between which the water roars and foams at a stupendous velocity, rendering navigation almost impracticable and highly dangerous, as at certain points it is difficult to place ropes or men for hauling purposes, on account of the large number of small rocks separated by deep and rapid channels, and at others the river is so shallow that boats have literally to be hauled over the sandy or rocky bed. The ascent consists in a number of narrow escapes. Nine miles farther on is the rapid of Bahak, about two-and-a-half miles long, and is formed by the large and rocky island of Kordi dividing the Nile into two branches, being studded with small rocky islands and large sandbanks, so that by Reises it is considered as one of the most dangerous passages between Assuan and Khartoum.

The northern branch is extremely shallow and impassable, even under the most favourable circumstances, so that it is always necessary to use the southern branch, which is only navigable at high Nile.

Steamboat travelling on the Nile is not always plain sailing. Eleven miles from Bahak, the island of Akhiki guards the entrance to the rapid of Edermah, which is easily passed at high Nile, although the drop is thirty-two feet in nine miles, as there is only one island of any size in its length until the island of Dulkah, its northern limit, is reached.

At Dulkah the river makes a sharp bend, turning nearly due south, and continues in this direction until it reaches the two contiguous rapids of Kabenat and Terai, where it again travels S.W. The rapid of Kabenat has a large island—Boni – in the centre, dividing the main stream into two arms, both of which have rocks in turn, and at low Nile are cut up into a number of channels flowing between these same rocks; but at high Nile the river rises superior to such trifles, and makes a navigable stream on both sides of the island.

The rapid of Terai, a few miles above, is formed by two islands—Ous and Kamsah, one behind the other, but presents practically no obstacle to steamboats for six months in the year ; and the next rapid, Om-dera, hardly deserves mention, as it is passable, except at very low Nile, and like those above is formed by a large and rocky island springing up in the middle of the river.

The next rapid, Mograt, however, is of a different nature, and its passage is full of incidents. The island Mograt, from which it takes its name, is, except Argo near Dongola, the largest in the Nile. It is nearly nineteen miles long and about three broad. Mograt is an immense mountainous rock, splitting the main stream in two, both channels being obstructed by islands large enough to make a rapid on their own ; so that on the journey up, one has to run minor rapids for upwards of twelve miles.

At the southern or down stream entrance, where the river is narrowed and choked by three large islands, it is usually necessary, even with steamers, to employ blocks, tackle and manual labour to get the boats up. Afterwards, a careful and instructed navigator may get through in safety. The river about the centre of this cataract changes direction, and is now flowing nearly due north.

Abu Hamed, the village near which a railway, now in the course of construction, may eventually find its way, being on the north bank about opposite the centre of Mograt Island. When finished it will avoid three cataracts (second, third and fourth), besides rapids, and thus facilitate and expedite the passage of stores and troops ; although a railway journey of over 200 miles, with no water, may be far from comfortable. But what an Arab can do on a camel, should be more than possible to a white man on a train.

Proceeding southwards, several rocky islands are passed, but nothing of any importance until the three islands—Artol, Gan-Kowi and Khandesa are reached, about 50 miles from Mograt. The Nile whose direction is approximately N., makes a bend round the island of Artol, and then continues N.W.

The island of Gan-Kowi, about 1,000 yards broad and four-and-a-half miles long, divides the river into two parts; the eastern rapid is called Bagarah and the western rapid Abu-Hashem. These rapids although full of rocks are not very dangerous at high Nile, and are both navigable during most of the year. The next 25 miles to the fifth cataract is full of small islands and sunken rocks, requiring very careful navigation.

The fifth cataract, called Solimanah, from a village on the west bank near the centre of the cataract, is formed by seven large islands, and several smaller ones, besides bars of sunken rocks. Two islands bar the southern entrance; and about the centre of the cataract, which is hereabout 500 yards broad, five almost abreast break up the river into a number of rapid streams, the pace of the current appearing much less than it really is owing to its smoothness. All these channels, with the exception of the two which separate Darakah, the most easterly island, from the bank, and the next one, are very shallow and full of rocks; and these two, although deep, have a drop on the north side, varying from 20 feet at low Nile to practically nothing at high Nile, so that boats have, except under favourable circumstances, to be hauled up.

Forty-five miles south is the confluence of the Nile and Atbara, N. latitude 17° 35′, this latitude being the line of demarkation dividing the rainless portion of the Soudan from the rainy. The rainy season proper on the White Nile, Blue Nile, and Atbara, begins about the middle of June, and lasts until the middle of September, causing the Nile floods in the following manner. The Equatorial rains on the Upper White Nile causes it to rise about April, the green swamp water from the lakes appearing in Egypt about the middle of June. It is advisable to boil this water before drinking it, as it is crawling with microbes. Next, the Blue Nile starts rising, sending down red fertilizing matter, which reaches Egypt about the middle of July. Afterwards, the Atbara, fed by the tropical rains and melted snow from the mountains of Abyssinia, rises very rapidly, and sends down muddy water, making the Nile its highest and muddiest about the end of August. The Atbara then falls very rapidly, followed by the Blue Nile ; but the White Nile continues to rise, its effect being noticeable until October, when it falls very slowly.

The flood moves about 100 miles a day ; the average difference between high Nile 10th September), and low Nile (23rd May), for the last 20 years, being 26 feet. 28 feet would cause a serious inundation, and 22 feet a famine in Lower Egypt.

From the fifth cataract, there is a run of nearly 120 miles of clear water before reaching the next obstacle, Abu-el-Ramleh (Father of Sand, near Shendy, which as its name implies, consists of a series of sand-banks.

The great difficulty attached to this rapid is the extreme softness of the banks of the river, being in some places quick-sands, so that towing boats up is almost impossible; and as at high Nile the wind is nearly always south, towing is absolutely necessary.

Steamboats drawing less than three feet of water can get up at any height of the Nile, provided they avoid the banks.

From Shendy to the island of Maruad (about 50 miles) the river is free from obstruction and of considerable breadth. This island forms the northern entrance to the sixth cataract, or cataract of Sabaloka, which is the last before Khartoum, and about 55 miles off that place.

This cataract is about 10 miles long, studded with islands and large rocks, among which the river leaps and foams, throwing up showers of spray, through which the sun's rays reflect in the form of innumerable rain-bows. The contrast the glistening water makes with the dark and rugged rocks, makes this one of the most picturesque stretches of the river known; delighting the eye of the man on the bank with a sense of the beautiful, but not so much that of the steamboat passenger with an eye to personal safety. The effect is further heightened by the fact that the river bed is enclosed, for most of the extent of this passage, by a chain of hills of volcanic origin; the faces next the river being precipitous and devoid of vegetation, and coming down to the water's edge, narrowing the channel and thus increasing the force of the current, which averages nearly 11 miles per hour.

The surface of the water in the more rapid portions is curved, being higher in the centre than at the sides, making it imperative to keep in the centre, or highest portion, the slightest deviation meaning a shoot to the side, down the slope, and a crash into a rock. This phenomenon of a curved surface is also noticeable in some of the other cataracts, notably the fourth, Hannek and Tangour.

The southern limit of this cataract is the island of Raoyan, which takes or gives it name to a hill on the east bank; and on either side of this island the river is at its worst, towing being necessary even for steamboats. In addition to the rocks and islands (of which the natives say there are 99), there are sand-banks to impede and render more difficult navigation.

After Sabaloka, the Nile is clear until we reach Halfayeh, a large island a few miles north of Khartoum; but this forms no great obstruction, the river on either side being easily navigated. South of this is the island of Tuti, which divides the Blue Nile into two branches at its point of junction with the White Nile. On the south of the Blue Nile which is here flowing due east, and on the east of the White Nile which is flowing due north, is Khartoum. Omdurman is on the west bank of the White Nile opposite.

The above account being "hearsay evidence" taken from the legends of foreigners, I cannot vouch for the accuracy of the distances; and the names are spelt phonetic. But the general descriptions are so like that of cataracts I have actually seen myself, that I have no reason to doubt the veracity of their statements. I have left out the fairy tales and fancy figures of speech with which the Tomanagur tell their narratives, because if I were built on the lines of a native, my article would be too long for insertion.

H. OLDFIELD.

The Sultan's Church Parade.

AS it does not often fall to the lot of the "Royals" to pay a visit to the Sultan, I thought perhaps you would like to hear of my experiences. The occasion was at the ceremony of the Salamlik, which takes place every Friday, which is the Turkish Sabbath. It was a lovely day, and as hot as a good mid-summer day in England. We left the ship about 11 a.m., and after a good walk of about three or four miles, began to arrive in the vicinity of the Yildiz Kiosk, which now forms the Imperial residence. The roads are a great deal better kept here than those in the city (Constantinople) and are very clean. They were now full of officers and officials in full uniform all bound for the Palace. At the entrance to the grounds we were subjected to a strict scrutiny, and our interpreter was interrogated as to our rank, &c. (I told him to tell them I was a lance-corpl. with two) and we were then allowed to pass. All civilians have to be provided with a permit obtained through their ambassadors, but in our case the uniform was sufficient. We were conducted by a police official to a splendid position, and as I was the only possessor of a red coat present, I can assure it came in for a good amount of notice, and, I suppose, criticism.

The position we occupied was about half-way between the Kiosk and the Mosque, and was within a few feet of where the Sultan passed. Large bodies of troops were now seen approaching, the bands playing very familiar tunes, some, in fact, I had marched to myself, and they were played quite decent. The regiment stationed by us were from the Asiatic portion of Turkey, and I was told were the best fighting troops Turkey has; in fact, they were the same as those that fought so well at Plevna. They were dressed in a sort of zouave style of dress, something like the Soudanese regiments wear. They were all armed with the Martini-Henri rifle and a four-edged bayonet, and *also* a sword like our artillery used to have, but their equipment was not in a very good state. Opposite to us were stationed the naval brigade, consisting in this case mostly of marines, as nearly all the seamen have gone with the Turkish fleet. These also had the M.H. rifle and bayonet.

We were now rather startled by the voice of a priest, who appeared at the top of the minaret attached to the mosque, calling the faithful to come and pray. He was a good distance from us, but his voice was very clear, and, in fact, would have done credit to a drill instructor had it not been of such a wailing tone. The troops now came to attention and presented arms, and three carriages containing *some* of the Sultan's wives drove by, attended by about a dozen Eharies. The roads, which by the way were strewn with sand, were again swept, and after a loud fanfare by the trumpeters, the Sultan's aides and other high officials of the army and navy appeared, the uniforms were literally covered with gold and silver lace, and all had several decorations; and then the Sultan's carriage hove in sight. It was a state carriage, covered with gilt, &c., and drawn by two magnificent horses. The old gentleman appeared to wear a worried look, and seemed awfully nervous, and well he might, as war with Greece had only been declared about three or four days, and this was his first appearance since. Of course I gave him a "right-hand salute." The troops all cheered and bands played, and there was a fine old row for two or three minutes, the old chap returning the salute in rather a jerky automatic sort of a fashion. He was followed by some of his household cavalry, and then some Albanian troops on foot. Their rifles (M.H.) were all highly polished, and the steel parts and bayonets nickel plated. These were followed by four of the most magnificent horses possible to imagine, led by elegantly dressed Cavassies; then followed more officers and other state officials. The troops now "stood easy," and we were evidently honoured guests, for servants now appeared carrying silver trays with tea, biscuits and cigarettes. The tea was delicious in the Russian style, *i.e.*, a small piece of lemon and no milk. There was a lot of other visitors, tourists, &c., but we were served first, and they wanted us to have more, so we made a good "stand easy," and smoked one of the Sultan's "fags." The Sultan's prayers by this time were finished, and the troops now formed up and marched passed the door of the mosque where the Sultan was seated, a splendid regiment of cavalry going by first, they, like our Scots Greys, had all grey horses. The Asiatic regiment I mentioned before, marched passed with rather a peculiar step of their own, something like the high step we used to do, only in quick time. They all marched very well indeed. After the troops had all passed, a light carriage was brought up, drawn by two milk white horses, His Highness got in and drove off by himself, all the officers bowing and salaaming as he went by. He was followed by the escort, but not in such good order as he seemed to be in an awful hurry to get back to the Palace. The troops now began to move off, and the show was over, and we were on board again by 3 p.m.

F. MEAKINS, Lce.-Corpl. (*Melita.*)

"TELL THIS TO THE MARINES."—From *The Pioneer*, and Indian Paper at Allahabad, 17th March, 1897:—The New Commander of the Cretan Gendarmes is Lieut.-Col. Bor, a well known and distinguished Dutch Officer. He is 54 years of age. In 1867 he served with Lord Napier in Abyssinia and he bears the medal of that expedition. Since then he has seen much service in Acheen. The selection of a Dutch Commander for the Island Police is due to the fact that international difficulties stood in the way of the appointment of any Officer belonging to the Military Establishments of the Great Powers.—(What does our new D.A.A.G. think of this?—ED.)

A Visit to a West African Chief.

Sir,

We had been lying in the Benin river for about six weeks, landing each day to take part with the remainder of "all available hands," in the work of cutting a road through the dense mangrove swamps, by which the town of Brohimie was surrounded, as this appeared the only way practicable, to enable us to make an attack on the stockade in the rear. Brohimie, the principal town and stockade of the slave chief Nana, was at last captured by the usual handful of marines and blue-jackets (about 200 all told) assisted by a company or so of Houssas, and it was the day before the date on which the admiral intended to leave in H.M.S. *Philomel* for the Cape, that I (the admiral's orderly) received orders from his secretary about 6 a.m. to rig myself in a helmet, tunic, white pants, leggings, belt and side-arms, and also that I was to find another man in the marines on board to go with me in the same order. The admiral was going up the river about twenty miles to visit Chief Dorè, one of the friendly chiefs who had materially assisted the Benin River Expedition of 1894. Nearly the whole of the officers of the ships at Benin were invited to partake of the chief's hospitality, and glad enough to break the monotony of the last few weeks, accepted the invitation. Of course I was highly delighted at the idea of going, and had no difficulty whatever in finding my companion in good fortune, as my "towny," "Cock C——r" (ask the Junior N.C.O's, Forton Barracks) had the morning watch and would therefore be entitled to a "stand off" for twenty-four hours. He immediately fell in with my suggestion, The whole party started away from the ship about 8-30, and proceeded up the river in two small steamers specially built for river work, and kindly lent for the occasion by the Niger Coast Protectorate people. Cock and I stowed ourselves aft in the first boat, the quarter-deck being forward, and the fo'csle aft in these boats, if one can understand such a state of things. The scenery was not particularly inviting as we started, in fact, for about fifteen miles mangrove swamps lined either bank and as the river narrowed the water rolled off the shelving banks of mud, and disclosed to our view what at first looked like the trunk of a tree floating about in the water, but there was a suspicious wriggle in the mud, and presently two huge jaws opened and shut with a snap, showing that a crocodile had been disturbed from his siesta. The heat on the boat was awful, and being in such warm clothing naturally made us very uncomfortable for a time until we got used to it. To our relief the boats turned up a narrow creek, and we were told that "now we shan't be long," which assertion proved in a few minutes to be correct, as a sharp bend in the creek—which almost resulted in one of the boats running ashore—and we saw the banks running much clearer of vegetation and lined with natives, all in, I presume, their very best. What a crowd to be sure, every other individual banging a tom-tom, everyone singing and yelling their loudest as we came nearer, until the perspiration rolled in streams down their ebony faces and made us feel much warmer looking at so much exertion. So we went on, the crowd getting more dense on either side of us, the noise becoming deafening, when groups of huts shewed themselves among the trees and told us we were nearing the town. Just as we began to wonder how on earth we should be able to slew round to get out again, (Cock suggesting that we should have to go backwards), the narrow creek opened out to the dimensions of a lake, and we were in front of the town, in the centre of which was a very big house made of wood and painted a brilliant blue, and which we rightly guessed to be the chief's house. But what a fearful racket! thousands of natives yelled a greeting to us from the shore. Tom-toms beat, evil-looking Sniders (which I should think demanded a large amount of pluck to handle and much more to fire) blazing away among the crowd, others striking with a small bone, what appeared at first sight to be a highly burnished bar of steel, but on closer inspection proved to be a hollow nickel tube about three feet long, which, when a number of them are placed side by side, formed a musical instrument known locally as "Bobbery Bells," but I could not appreciate the music produced by these fellows incessantly striking them, who, however, seemed perfectly satisfied with the result. I heard afterwards that it was Dorè's intention to receive the admiral with a royal salute of twenty-one guns, but, unfortunately, this effect was spoiled, as I will explain later. On the end of a small landing stage, stood Dorè, clad in a rich purple silk robe, edged with some kind of animal's fur, and his breast simply covered with orders! no! watches, gold, jewelled, and silver ones. I should imagine he must have carried quite a thousand pounds worth of time about with him. He was a splendid specimen of mankind, standing about 6ft. 4in. in his stockingless feet, and proportionately broad. Almost as richly dressed as himself and vieing with him in stature, stood about him his head men. A peculiar feature about the chief's dress was his hat. This was a conical shaped thing, having a crown quite three feet high, but with a small flat brim. Half way up the crown was a very wide band of white silk ribbon embroidered in gold with the word Dorè in large letters. Fastened to the back of this creation was a bunch of many coloured silk ribbons, which reached almost to his heels. And so he stood waiting for his guests. At a signal from him the noise instantly ceased, the whole crowd of natives threw themselves flat on the ground in respect to his command given in a very powerful voice. After a little delay occasioned by a mishap with our whaler, which was nearly capsized in being lowered from its davits, the admiral and his staff landed, Cock and I being in the same boat. Dorè advanced and shook hands with the principals, and the salute commenced. It was being fired from a battery of ten M.L. guns of French manufacture, and they had fired about fourteen rounds when the next charge burst the gun, pieces of which came flying in all directions, some bits coming dangerously near the small party already on shore. This ended the salute, as Dorè was good enough to explain that a devil had got inside the gun, and bewitched the man who fired it. In this I quite believed, as I thought at the time it would have to be a very powerful devil to possess me to go near the thing when loaded, much less to fire it. The preliminaries being over, the whole party marched up to the Palace, headed by a band of "Bobbery Bells" and tom-toms, which kept up an incessant din the whole way. As we drew nearer the Palace, we found it rather a big square building, two storeys high, the upper storey having a verandah running round the outside, the whole being substantially built and quite at variance with our ideas of a native's house.

It being now about noon, and of course fearfully hot, luncheon was served in the upper rooms, which were reached from the outside by a wide wooden staircae. In front of the house was an open space on which was erected a large galvanized iron shed, open all the way round at the sides, used as a courthouse, place of execution, and in fact a general meeting house. As Cock and I stood looking, a crowd of women and girls, numbering about forty, all being the wives of Doré came filing into the place and took up a position two deep at one end. In one corner was a stand occupied by the aforesaid band, and the whole waiting the arrival of the head dancing man, who, when he came, placed himself in the centre of the crowd, and, on a signal, the dance commenced, the whole of the dancers sending up a most unearthly yell, and pointed their hands in our direction, which made us wonder whether they were coming for us or not. I cannot fully describe the dance, suffice it to say that it consisted for the main, in the whole party forming a ring two deep, and swaying the body first to one side and then to the other, suddenly leaping in the air and falling inwards, falling flat on the ground, rising and clapping their hands in the utmost glee. I don't know what it all meant, however, they seemed to be enjoying themselves very much, so I suppose they had some meaning to it all. Leaving this, C. and I went for a stroll round the town, which consisted of four or five principal streets of native houses, constructed of wood and covered on the outside with matting and on the inside with a reddish-looking clay, the whole household eating, sleeping and existing in the same single room. We had been attracting a great deal of attention in our red coats, and were followed all round the town by an admiring group of men, women, and children, who gazed upon us with eyes open wide with wonder and awe. It was very funny to see the way in which we were treated. Some of the people, I firmly believe, thought we were there for no good purpose, as they would go rushing away into the jungle, no doubt firmly convinced that we belonged to a party of slave raiders, which is quite a common occurrence in these parts. Others, having less fear of us, would come up to us and look admiringly at us and especially took notice of the brass buttons on our tunics. These they would touch very gently, and by their manner I presume they thought these were very valuable. Having a loose one in my pocket I gave it to a small boy who had been following us about all the time. Immediately, he was surrounded by the crowd, and with a most important air, began shewing it round.

Beginning to feel rather tired, and, at the same time, peckish, we returned to the palace, and at the bottom of the ladder met Dorè, who, in very good English, asked us whether we had had our lunch, and receiving a negative answer, he informed us that as the great white chiefs had gone off to see the place, he would be pleased to have lunch with us. Nothing loth, we went, and were quite struck with the gorgeous appearance of the dining room. Down the centre of the room ran a long table, covered with spotlessly white linen, and on which was also arranged in crystal vases most beautiful flowers, everything being laid out to the merest detail in perfect order. Having seated ourselves, a dozen slaves, dressed in flowing white robes, began putting plate after plate of various delicacies in front of us, which no sooner showed themselves before the now famished pair, than they were promptly demolished, Dorè, in the meanwhile, plying us with such questions as his knowledge of the English language enabled him, and having learnt from us our names, what part of England we came from, and, in fact. all about ourselves, thanked us for coming among his people as we two were the first redcoats ever seen in his little kingdom. He withdrew, but before doing so informed us of the position of several dozen bottles of Bass, which we sampled later on, wishing us good luck and good-bye as he did so. About three p.m. the whole party returned and took leave of the chief and his people, giving him three British cheers, which were heartily returned three times three. And so ended our visit to a West African Chief. We reached our ship about 5-30, everyone having spent a most enjoyable time, the two Joeys showing unmistakable signs of merriment, due, no doubt, to the fearful heat in the boat. (Or the several dozens of Bass? Ed.)

Corpl. Henry L. Burley, R.M.L.I.,
H.M.S. *Alacrity*, Hong Kong, China Station.

H.M.S. Trafalgar, Candia Bay, Crete.

OUR monotonous stay off Candia was interrupted last Friday, 23rd April, by a terrible accident, which has plunged the whole Ship into mourning, and leaves a gap in the Detachment, caused by the loss of a cheery and bright young messmate. Bugler John Albert Stubbles, R.M.L.I. aged 17 years, was accidentally shot about 5-45 by a Marine who was cleaning a revolver and talking to Stubbles at the same time, who was standing at the cabin door just outside the Barracks. Death was instantaneous, as the poor boy was shot through the head.

The funeral took place on Sunday morning, the 25th, the Chaplain reading the first part of the Burial Service on board at 6-30 a.m. After which the party landed on the jetty, where the Band and Gun Carriage were waiting, having landed beforehand. The Infantry of the detachment furnished the guard and Bearers, and the Artillery the Field Guns Crew. After forming up, the Procession passed through the town, preceeded by a guard of Turkish Soldiers, on approaching the South Gate, a large party of the Seaforth Highlanders, accompanied by their Band and Pipers, and the band of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, joined the procession. The red tunics of the Soldiers and while uniforms of the Sailors and Marines, making a picturesque contrast.

The Christian Cemetery is situated about ¾ of a mile outside the fortifications and surrounded by a high wall.

At the conclusion of the service the Pipers closed round the grave and played a Lament, "The Land o' the Leal," after which the buglers sounded the "last post."

There were present among the mourners Colonel Chermside, C.B., C.M.G. and Staff, the Consuls of the Powers, and most of the officers of the ship.

Among the numerous wreaths was one sent by the Turkish Soldiers.

On the 26th April, 1897, a court of enquiry on the accident was held. Commander Hewitt (Rodney), Captain Homer, R.M.A., and Captain Binney R.M.L.I., sitting on it. They found that there was no culpable blame attached to anyone; this the Captain read out before the Detachment.

Private A. Batchelor, Plymouth Division R.M.L I., who was servant to the late Captain Byrne, was on Saturday presented by Col-Sec.-Commandant W. P. Wright, on behalf of Mrs. Byrne, with a gold watch and chain, suitably inscribed, in recognition of faithful and devoted services rendered to the late captain during the Benin Expedition

Royal Marine Rifle Association.

THE OFFICERS' CUP.

IN consequence of a widely-expressed wish amongst the Officers of the Corps to raise a Cup or Trophy for the Royal Marine Rifle Association, the Committee have decided to invite all Officers (past and present) to subscribe to a Cup which is to be called "The Officers' Cup." The competition for which this cup is to be offered is the Inter-Divisional "All Ranks" match, which takes place this year at No. 4 Ash Ranges, Aldershot, on June 15th.

For this competition, one team of eight men will be allowed to enter from each Division, and the conditions will be the same as in the United Service Match at Bisley. The Officers' Cup will be held for the year by the Division whose team is successful in this match. Whilst making due allowance for the difficulties with which some Divisions have of late had to contend from the want of range accommodation, we cannot but think that the result of this match, being as it is, absolutely the first occasion of a general Inter-Divisional competition, will be the question of the hour to all who take the slightest interest in the rifle shooting of the Corps. On the three days following the "All Ranks" match, the competition of the R.M. "Twenty" for places in the "Eight" will take place on Ash Ranges, when the gold, silver, and bronze jewel of the Royal Marine Rifle Association will be awarded to those competitors who take the first, second, and third places, respectively, in the competition.

The Hon. Secretary desires us to state that he has made every endeavour to acquaint all officers (serving and retired) of the proposal to raise "The Officers' Cup," and trust that in cases where he has failed to do so, Officers will be kind enough to forward any subscription they may wish to give to the Hon. Sec., R.M.R.A., Forton Barracks, Gosport.

R.M.L.I.

Rank & Name.	Scores. 200	500	600	Ag. Tls.
Lt. Tucker	30	33	33	96
Capt. Collard	32	34	29	95
Sgt. Finlayson	30	29	35	94
S.-S. Hayward	35	33	26	94
Cr.-Sgt. Jones	29	34	28	91
Lt. Jones	29	27	29	85
C.-S. Dickson	29	30	24	83
Sgt. Brown	29	28	25	82
Totals	243	248	229	720

Average—90·00.

RIFLE DEPOT.

Rank & Name.	Scores. 200	500	600	Ag. Tls.
Sgt.-Inst. Bowden	31	33	29	93
Sgt.-Bug. William	30	31	31	92
Sgt. Churcher	32	33	27	92
Q.-M.-S. Hennessey	30	32	28	90
Pte. Pocock	30	34	24	88
Lce.-Cpl. Leslie	31	32	24	87
Sgt. Housman	30	26	27	83
Cr.-Sgt. Talkington	29	28	23	80
Totals	243	249	213	705

Average—88·12.

This match was fired at Browndown, May 6th, 1897, the R.M.L.I. winning by 15 points.

R.M.L.I.

Rank & Name.	Scores. 200	500	600	Ag. Tls.
Lt. B. Tucker	31	34	33	98
Capt. Collard	29	34	33	96
C.-S. Jones	29	33	29	91
,, Finlayson	29	34	28	91
S.-S. Hayward	30	32	28	90
Sgt. Cole	30	28	31	89
Lt. Jones	28	32	24	84
Sgt. Brown	30	27	26	83
Totals	236	254	232	722

Average—90·25.

R.M.A.

Rank & Name.	Scores. 200	500	600	Ag. Tls.
S.-Mj. Rodway	29	35	31	95
Gr. Blay	30	34	30	94
Sgt. Deacon	30	31	32	93
Sgt. Foley	31	34	26	91
Major Eastman	30	33	27	90
Sgt. Mac Area	30	34	26	90
S.-Mj. Baker	27	31	29	87
C.-Sgt. Simms	30	28	24	82
Totals	237	260	225	722

Average—90·25

This match was fired at Browndown on May 19th, resulting in a tie and win for the Light Infantry with the highest score at the longest range.

SERGEANT MAUGHAN.

Sergt. Maughan, who was invalided 12th May, has a capital record as a rifle shot. On six occasions he has helped to represent the Corps in the United Service Match. Twice he was a member of the R.M.L.I. teams when they were successful in the Brinsmead competition, and more than once helped his side to take the Simonds cup. His greatest victory, however, was in 1890, when in a minute he put on eight bulls, one inner, and one outer—46 out of a possible 50—and with that score won the Financial Times Challenge Cup. At Malta too he kept up his reputation as a shot, and seldom failed to be at the head of the list of prize winners.

CORPS GAZETTE.

Promotions.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the following routine promotion in the Royal Marine Artillery :—Lieutenant F. J. F. French, to be Captain, *vice* Barton seconded. Dated, 9th April, 1897. The promotion of Lieutenant French is conditional upon his passing the necessary examination for promotion on the first available opportunity.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of General Francis William Thomas, R.M.L.I., being placed on the retired list on the 10th May. Consequent on the foregoing retirement their Lordships have approved of the following promotions taking place in the Royal Marine Light Infantry, from the 10th May, 1897, viz. :—

Lieut.-General H. S. Jones, C.B., to be General, *vice* Thomas.

Major-General S. J. Graham, C.B., to be Lieut.-General, *vice* Jones.

Colonel-Commandant G. H. T. Colwell, C.B., to be Major-General, *vice* Graham.

Colonel 2nd Commandant F. V. G. Bird to be Colonel-Commandant of the Chatham Division, *vice* Colwell.

EASTNEY—

To be Clr.-Sergeant—Sergt. J. Glover.

To be Sergeants—Corpls. H. Geal, W. F. Briston.

To be Corporals—Bmbrs. G. Bengley, G. H. Messenbird.

To be Bombardiers—Gnrs. J. Stanley, A. S. Edwards, S. L. Spittles

To be paid Lce.-Sergts.—Corpls. A. Morley, G. H. Littleton.

CHATHAM—

Sergt. A. J. Long to Quarter-Master-Sergeant.

To be Colour-Sergeant—Sergt. E. Ratcliffe *(Hibernia)*.

To be Sergeants—Lce.-Sergt. C. Danes ; Corpl. J. W. Dunn.

To be Corporals—Lce.-Corpls. H. Brent, A. Pells, H. Smith *(Pembroke)*, H. G. Smith, W. A. Young, F. Groves.

PORTSMOUTH—

To be 1st Sergeant Instructor of Infantry—Col.-Sergt. J. McKenzie.

To be Color-Sergeants—Sergts. H. Thompson *(Bonaventure)*, F. J. Ellison, E. Burnett *(Tauranga)*.

To be Sergeants—Corpls. H. Peck (*Excellent*), J. Hunt, T. J. Loftus (*Victory*), H. J. Gibbs (*Urgent*), H. R. Underhay, J. G. Porter, T. York (*Wanderer*), P. J. Upson (*Excellent*), H. G. Hearsay (*Crescent*), J. Johnstone (*Vulcan*).

To be Corporals—Ptes. C. Kinsella, J. T. Redding and A. J. Diamond *(Victory)*, H. M. Jones, H. King *(Fox)*, W. Thomson *(Nymph)*, A. Stanbridge (*Volage*), G. Cooper (*Waterwitch*), F. J. Mansbridge *(Indefatigable)*, J. Hawser *(Royal Sovereign)*, C. Woodroffe *(Calliope)*, F. A. Trufitt (*Royal Arthur*), W. H. Parkinson, F. J. Brandon (*Excellent*).

PLYMOUTH—

To be 1st Sergeant Instructor of Infantry—Clr.-Sergt. W. Skinner.

Clr.-Sergt. C. Hill is promoted 1st Sergeant Instructor of Musketry at the Depot, and transferred to that establishment.

To be Color-Sergeants—Sergts. G. Moran (*Penelope*), C. Waring (R.M. Depot), H. Pollard (*Pelican*), E Thackray (Head Quarters), J. Skellern (Head Quarters), C. Townley (*Barrosa*).

To be Sergeants—Lce.-Sergts. W. Cune, A. Dodge, A. Hopkins (Head Quarters), R. Rice (*Victor Emanuel*); Corpls. E. Hann (*Impregnable*), G. Parsons (*Black Prince*), G. Norman (*Cambridge*), W. Bunn (*Lion*), A. Hayslip (*Vivid*).

To be Corporals—Lce.-Corpls. A. Miller (Depot), E. Hancock (*Howe*), G. Trice, J. Harlow, T. Basting, G. Ash (Head Quarters), J. Dawe (*Mildura*), S. Salkind (*Brisk*), G. Fogden (*Orlando*); Ptes. F. Meakins (*Melita*), F. Ashworth (*Jackal*), P. Conroy (*Howe*), J. Williams (*Orlando*).

R.M. DEPOT—

Color-Sergt. C. Hill to be 1st Sergeant of Musketry at R.M. Depot.

Sergts. C. Waring and Wickenden to be Color-Sergeants.

Corpl. Hatherill to be Sergeant.

Ptes. Miller and Pells to be Corporals.

Appointments.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to select Colonel William P. Wright, R.M.L.I., for appointment as Assistant Adjutant-General of the Royal Marines, from the 10th May, 1897, in succession to Colonel-Commandant Frederick V. G. Bird, R.M.L.I., appointed to command the Chatham Division of Royal Marine Light Infantry.

EASTNEY—

Fleet Surgeon H. M. Ellis to R.M.A. Infirmary, *vice* Fleet Surgeon Mahon to *Excellent*.

Capt. J. M. Rose to Land Service Instructor, *vice* Major Trotter.

Bombr. S. G. Rodway to Probationary Clerk Staff Office, *vice* Corpl. Hanlon to supernumerary.

Sergt G. Champ to Recruiting at Liverpool.

Capt. H. D. Drake, R.M.A., to Naval Intelligence Department, *vice* Major Raitt.

1st Col.-Sergt. I. of M. J. Graham is nominated for the appointment of Q.-M.-Sergt.

Gunr. W. J. Back to Naval Police, on probation.

Sergt. S. J. Miller to Recruiting at Hull.

Sergt. J. McPherson to 1st Clr.-Sergt. I. of M., *vice* Graham.

CHATHAM—

Corpls. J. F. Kemp, T. Taylor, J. Nealon, W. V. Kent, to be Paid Lance-Sergeants.

Sergt. H. G. Braybrook to Pay Sergeant.

Sergt. F. E. Teush to Sup. Pay Sergeant.

Sergt. Levi Carter is appointed Swimming Instructor.

Corpl. C. A. Miller to Pioneer Corporal.

Corpl. W. Burrett is appointed School Assistant.

Sergt. J. Furze is appointed Provost Sergeant, Gravesend.

Sergt. J. Mansell is appointed 2nd Clerk, Quarter-Master's Office.

Corpl. C. B. Collins to Provost Corporal.

Pte. A. Skinner to be Servant to Capt. Brabaryon.

Sergt. C. Taylor is appointed 2nd Clerk, Staff Office.

Sergt. A. E. Brown ,, 3rd ,, ,,

Lce.-Sergt. J. Nealon ,, 4th ,, ,,

Ptes. W. Wallace, A. Watt, to be Paid Lce.-Corporals.

PORTSMOUTH—

Pte. Nicholson to be Divisional Baker.

Sergt. A. Brown to be Boat's Crew Sergeant.

Sergt. H. J. Tabner to be Garrison Police Sergeant.

Pte. J. Lidbury to be Barrel Browner, Armourer's Shop.

Ptes. R. Jackson and J. McGown to be Probationary Lce.-Corporals.

PLYMOUTH—

To be paid Lance-Sergeants—Lce.-Sergts. F. Hill, A. Frost, J. Davey, W. Wisely ; Corpls. J. Connolly, J. Medlon, S. Smale.

To be paid Lance-Corporals—Lce.-Corpls. W. Milton, T. Bentley, A. Norris, H. Gordon, C. Phippen, T. Sanger, J. Cope.

Clr.-Sergt. J. Bath is appointed Acting 1st Sergeant Instructor of Infantry, *vice* Skinner, promoted.

Pte. T. Wilks to be temporarily employed in the Divisional Boat's Crew.

Corpl. G. Trice is appointed Lce.-Sergt. (unpaid) whilst employed as Supernumerary Clerk, Barrack Master's Office.

Pte. A. Hird to be employed as Servant to Quartermaster and Hon. Lieut. A. Clark.

Pte. A. Batchelor to be employed as Assistant Billiard Marker at the Officers' Mess.

Pte. A. Moon is appointed Assistant Postman.

Pte. W. Lee to be employed on the Divisional Police.

Ptes. J. Low and C. Dewing are appointed Lce.-Corpls. while employed in the Staff Office.

Miss M. Poole has been appointed Assistant Mistress in the Girls' School at a salary of £44 per annum, commencing 26th April, 1897.

Pte. J. Stone to be employed on the Divisional Police.

Pte. T. Jordan is appointed Lce.-Corpl. for duty as Orderly Corporal of F Company.

R.M. DEPOT –

Sergt. Harrison to be Canteen Sergeant (2).

Corpl. Littlewood to be Paid Lance-Sergeant.

Ptes. Smith, Pallister, Gordon, and Liston to be Paid Lce.-Corpls.

Examinations.

EASTNEY—

Passed for Sergeant—Corpls. J. T. O'Neil, A. Hortin, J. Taylor; Brs. S. Cheesman, T. McDonald, W. J. Coen, P. Connor, J. Haddon.

Passed for Corporal—Gnrs. J. Masterton, T. Cathie, S. A. Allison, P. T. Boulger, J. H. Seaman, Geo. Potter, F. Colborne, A. W. Baystring, W. Giles, A. C. Burrell, H. Thorogood.

PLYMOUTH—

Passed for Sergeant—Corpls. J. E. Connolly, T. H. Turner, J. J. Wilkinson, J. S. Rice, F. E. Rippon.

Discharged to Pension.

CHATHAM—

Q.-M.-S., J. Smallshaw; Clr.-Sergt. A. Oakey.

Ptes. G. Dipple, H. Hemmings.

PORTSMOUTH—

Col.-Sergt. J. J. Dickson; Ptes. A. Buckingham, W. Oram, W J. Dutton.

PLYMOUTH—

Clr.-Sergts. W. Cooper, T. Marsh; Ptes. W. Amery, T. Clarke.

R.M. DEPOT—

Staff-Sergeant Jones and Color-Sergeant Marsh.

Transfers.

EASTNEY—

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of the services of Sergt. Hugh Evans, R.M.A., being placed at the disposal of the Egyptian Government, for duty with the Egyptian Army.

CHATHAM—

Pte. R. Crammer to Stafford Regiment.

PORTSMOUTH—

Bugler A. Berry to Royal Marine Artillery.

Ptes. H. Young, W. Clark, J. W. D. Clinton, A. F. Price to Buglers.

Bugler G. W. Chant to Private.

PLYMOUTH—

Clr.-Sergts. C. Waring and W. Watts to Depot Establishment.

Limited Engagements.

EASTNEY—

Clr.-Sergts. G. H. Ansell, T. Stacey; Sergts. J. Robertson, C. Sutherland; Gnrs. H. Jakes, R. Boltwood, T. H. Peach, T. Dooker, J. Gardiner, and A. Hunter.

Invalided—Gnrs. C. H. Poor, A. Chubb, E. C. Day.

Purchase—E. H. Fulker, G. Heron.

CHATHAM—

Corpl. G. Lewis; Ptes. R. Flawn, C. Cook, G. Nunn, A. White, C. W. Smith, W. Wells, H. C. Dore, E. Jackson, C. Neale, R. Read.

PORTSMOUTH—

Purchase—Ptes. W. Dean, S. Renshaw, A. J. Nicholson, A. Bowers. Ptes. T. Ward, W. G. Wethers.

PLYMOUTH—

12 years—Ptes. A. E. P. Robinson, W. Snow, R J. Trivett, T. Ternant, F. Ward, B. Bryant.

Invalided—Corpl. W. H. Delaney; Ptes. T. Ware, A. F. Trodd, J. Small, A. R. Parish, J. W. Leak; Bugler G. P. Y. Mascett; Gnr. E. C. Day.

Purchased—Pte. A. S. Nicholls.

R.M. DEPOT—

Pte. E. Jackson

Recruiting.

CHATHAM—

Sergt. Marks to Glasgow for Recruiting Duty.

PLYMOUTH—

Sergt. E. Wheaton to Exeter.

Certificates.

CHATHAM—

Sergt. A. E. Brown and Pte. T. Bilney have been awarded 1st Class Certificates of Education.

Embarked.

It is notified that orders have been given for H.M.S *Royal Sovereign* to be paid off at Portsmouth on the 7th June, and for her officers and crew to be transferred to H.M.S. *Mars*.

The *Mars* will be commissioned at Portsmouth, on the 8th June, with a complement of 758 officers and men, to replace the *Royal Sovereign* in the Channel Squadron.

The *Royal Sovereign* will be re-commissioned on the 8th June with a temporary crew, proceeding to the Mediterranean after the Manœuvres to relieve the *Trafalgar*, when the *Trafalgar's* crew will turn over to the *Royal Sovereign* and the *Royal Sovereign's* to the *Trafalgar*.

The *Trafalgar* will then return to Portsmouth, on arrival at which port she will be paid off and re-commissioned the following day to relieve the *Inflexible* as Port Guard Ship at Portsmouth, with the crew of the latter vessel.

The *Inflexible* will be paid off on the same day as the *Trafalgar* into the Reserve at Portsmouth.

The officers in these ships will be disposed of as follows:—

Captain C. McN. Parsons, R.M.L.I., and Lieut. A. P. L. Foulis, R.M.A., to turn over from *Royal Sovereign* to *Mars*. Lieut. J. R. Nixon, R.M.L.I., to embark in *Mars* on her commissioning to complete complement. Captain E. J. Stroud, R.M.L.I., to turn over from *Trafalgar* to *Royal Sovereign*. Lieut. B. J. D. Walthall, R.M.L.I, to embark with temporary crew in *Royal Sovereign* for service in *Trafalgar*, *vice* Captain Binney, R.M.A., who will return to England in *Trafalgar*.

It is notified that orders have been given for H.M.S. *Empress of India* to be paid off at Chatham on the 7th June, and for her officers and crew to be transferred to H.M.S. *Jupiter*. The *Jupiter* will be commissioned on the 8th June, with a complement of 758 officers and men, to replace the *Empress of India* in the Channel Squadron.

The *Empress of India* will be re-commissioned at Chatham on the 8th June, with a complement of 712 officers and men, for service on the Mediterranean Station to relieve H.M.S. *Rodney*.

The *Rodney* on being relieved will return to Chatham, and on her arrival will be paid off and re-commissioned the following day to relieve the *Edinburgh* as Coast Guard Ship at Queensferry, with the officers and crew of the latter vessel.

The *Edinburgh* will be paid off on the same day as the *Rodney* into the Reserve at Chatham, becoming a Chatham ship, the *Rodney* remaining a Chatham ship for manning and other purposes.

The following disposition of officers will be made:—

Captain S. Gaitskell, R.M.A., and Lieut. C. W. Brownjohn, R.M.L.I., to turn over from *Empress of India* to H.M.S. *Jupiter*. Lieut. C. F. Barber, R.M.L.I., to embark from Head-quarters to complete complement in H.M.S. *Jupiter*. Captain G. N. A. Harris, R.M.A., and Lieut. A. G. S. Heycock, R.M.L.I., to embark in *Empress of India* on that ship re-commissioning 8th June.

It is notified that orders have been given for H.M.S. *Powerful* to be commissioned at Portsmouth on the 8th June, for service on the China Station.

The officers (R.M.) for this ship are:—Captain A. G. B. Urmston, R.M.L.I.; Lieut. F. J. Saunders, R.M.L.I.

It is notified that orders have been given for H.M.S. *Victorious* to be commissioned at Chatham on the 8th June, as an additional ship for the Channel Squadron.

The officers (R.M.) for this ship are:—Captain C. L. N. Bishop, R.M.A.; Lieut. F. E. C. Burnard, R.M.L.I.; Lieut. F. H. H. Hall, R.M.L.I.

The Paid Lance N.C. Officers allowed for this ship are to be distributed as follows:—Lce.-Sergeants—R.M.A., 1; R.M.L.I., 1. Lce.-Corporals—R.M.A., 1; R.M.L.I., 1.

It is notified that orders have been given for H.M.S. *Renown* to be commissioned at Devonport on the 8th June, for service as flag ship on the North America and West Indies Station.

The officers (R.M.) for this ship are :—Major W. C. Nicholls, R.M.A. ; Lieut. H. D. E. O'Sullivan, R.M.L.I.

The Lance N.C. Officers allowed will be distributed as follows :—R.M.A.—1 Paid Lce.-Sergeant ; R.M.L.I.—2 Paid Lce.-Corporals.

It is notified that orders have been given for H.M.S. *Leander* to be commissioned at Chatham on the 8th June, for service on the Pacific Station.

The officer (R.M.) for this ship is :—Lieut. A. P. Grattan, R.M.L.I.

It is notified that orders have been given for H.M.S. *Phæton* to be commissioned at Devonport on the 8th June, for service on the Pacific Station.

The officer (R.M.) for this ship is :—Lieut. F. J. W. Harvey, R.M.L.I.

FROM EASTNEY—

Esquimalt—Major W. F. Trotter ; Gnr. A. Hewlett.

Thunderer—Capt. H. Worthington ; Gnr. J. Morriss.

Prince George—Capt. E. R. Cottingham ; Gnr. T. Alfred.

Sans Pareil—Gnrs. W. Caunt, A. J. Davis, H. Norgate, R. W. Wright, A. Wingfield, G. Benson, H. Mackey, F. Pickett, F. Hardy, A. W. Mead, W. Garwood, R. Woodward, S. T. Owen, A. B. Bennett.

Pembroke for *Victorious*—Corpl. H. W. Green.

Inflexible—Corpl. T. J. Kerr.

Alexandra—Sergt. W. Ayling ; Gnr. W. Brooks.

Vivid—Corpl. W Rogerson.

Howe—Gnr. W. Fisher.

Crescent—Gnrs. J. Masterton, T. Cathie, R. Price, W. Kennington, T. Pickard.

Victory—Gnr. G. W. Gittins.

Collingwood—Gnr. C. W. Maby.

FROM CHATHAM—

Swallow—Sergt. C. Elliott ; Lce.-Corpl. C. A Parker ; Ptes. J. W. Farr, H. I. Hornbrook, S. D. Pile, J. Baker, J. S. Matton, G. Turner, W. A. Rugan, I. H. Smith, A. Purchase, J. Clark, A. Gearson, H. G. Coulter, J. Fallows, A. Roberts, J. Colbourne.

Repulse—Corpl. F. E. Boone ; Bugler W. A. Miller ; Ptes. S. J. Goodwin, H. J. Garner, A. J. Long, A. M. Cox, A. Allison, R. Lynoun, W. A. Penry, J. Barnes, A. S. Wells, J. W. Neale, G. Brandon, H. W. Turner, A. Steadman, G. H. Harvey, J. Simmonds, C. T. Morris, J. W. Farey, C. W. McCullock, A. Helsbrye, E. Excell.

Blenheim—Corpl. W. Cook ; Bugler J. Andrews ; Ptes. H. Payfield, R. F. Baxter, J. E. Brooks, C. Knight, C. H. Evenden, R. Edmonds, J. Griggs, A. McWilliams, J. Simmons, H. R. Hasleham, A. Cunnell, N. N. Nighall, G. Daniel, C. J. Smith.

Pembroke—Corpls. J. C. Duthie, W. Still, F. C. Watkins ; Ptes. W. A. Kimberley, W. Fagan, F. Drury, W. Hall, A. F. Fowkes, C. E. Frisk, J. Muirhead, G. H. Cudkin, W. Barnes, J. Rogers, L. Willett, I. Connor, H. Golding, H. Rickson, G. E. Cowley, I. Messenger, W. Hammerman, J. C. Burrows, A. Calloway, H. Stokes, W. H. Evans ; Corpl. H. R. Westbury.

Caledonia—Clr.-Sergt. R. Weston ; Ptes. E. Tipple, T. Brodie.

Champion—Corpls. J. D. Watts ; Ptes. M. McCommisky, R. J. Miller, H. A. Morris, F. E. Cannon, J. T. Bowles, J. Sargent ; Bugler H. C. Suckling.

Sans Pareil—Ptes. W. J. Carter, J. H. Slaughter, A. Floyd, F. T. Wilson.

Wildfire—Ptes. J. Baldwin, J. Hugger, W. Cordell, J. Clay.

Wye—Pte. J. J. Gregory.

Circe—Pte. W. H. Dixon.

Mersey—Pte. A. Southee.

Galatea—Pte. G. Wheeler, T. Cronin, A. E. Green.

FROM PORTSMOUTH—

Active—Corpl. G. H. Arrow ; Bugler J. W. Clifton ; Ptes. G. W. Oliver, A. Hopper, G. Hooper, H. Newman, W. Link, F. G. Lovell, A. J. Pook, H. S. Marks, L. Martin, E. Unwin, R. Burns, E. Smith.

Australia—Ptes. A. Ward, H. Mace.

Boscawen—Bugler J. Rowlett, Pte. H. J. Sloper.

Britannia—Corpl. F. Tyler.

Excellent—Pte. W. Coster.

Edinburgh—Sergt. S. A. Burnett.

Majestic—Corpl. G. Sales ; Ptes. C. Pidgeon, R. A. Clarke, W. Clark, H. Kitts, F. Miles, C. Daniels, Ned Tether, C. Gear.

Osborne—Pte. J. Wright.

Resolution—Ptes. E. C. Grout, H. W. Noble, W. Gilbert.

Seaflower—Pte. Albert Heames.

St. Vincent—Pte. W. Jenkins.

Volage—Sergt. W. Waldron ; Corpl. J. H. Ashlin ; Ptes. W. Smalley, W. R. Gamlin, T. C. Bartlett, H. Potter, B. J. Brown, A. E. Dinnie, H. Head, C. H. Holmes.

Vernon—Pte. F. Street, F. Albutt.

Victory—Ptes. F. W. Burton ; R. Smith, C. E. Weatherhead, W. G. Hughes, H. J. Salvin, T. H. Neal, F. W. Hawkin, H. Crowhurst, S. D. Ayerst, H. Martin, H. T. Cartwright, R. Adams, I. G. Bird, H. Harvey, A. A. Bastuo, H. H. Grant, F. Rogers, E. D. Bundy, D. Lyons, C. Smith, W. H. Barnes, T. A. Allistone, W. Knight, W. R. Squires, S. Dowland, T. F. Garrett, F. C. Tumber ; Corpl. R. T. Reeve ; Ptes. H. Wealthy, W. Buckley, H. Longstaff, T. Christie, W. J. Dancey, T. Dunford, H. Banister, F. J. Stevenson, W. E. Fennell, F. W. Torr, E. Turrell ; Corpl. A. G. Goodall.

FROM PLYMOUTH—

Amphion—Lieut. H. M. Howard ; Pte. H. J. Chesher.

Andromeda—Lce.-Corpl. R. Humphries ; Ptes. J. Minton, J. B. Black, W. W. Hayward, G. Stewart.

Britannia—Pte. W. J. Summers.

Calliope—Ptes. J. Prust, F. W. Allen.

Cambridge—Ptes. E. H. Warren, W. Warnes, E. J. Baxter : Corpl. J. Prescott.

Collingwood—Sergt. W. Foy ; Ptes. A. Thomson, J. McLachlan, E. Jones.

Crescent—for Halifax Dockyard—Corpl. W. J. Rowe ; Ptes. C. W. Driscoll, W. Lewis, W. Yarrow, M. J. Lamb, H. Wickham, A. G. Seibal, G. Ross, T. Gollop, T. H. Wilson, J. Blackmore, S. A Morgan, A. E. Doggett.

Crescent—Pte. D. Donaldson, A. Murray, W. Hudson, E. Noble, J. Ravall, J. J. Brown, A. Clayton, C. Napper, C. Meredith, F. Shirley.

Howe—Pte. G. Hall.

Impregnable—Ptes. F. Day, T. Charles ; Lce.-Sergt. A. T. Gilmour.

Jackal—Pte. J. Clarke.

Lion—Pte. T. H. Radford ; Lce.-Sergt. W. C. Wisely.

Northampton—Pte. G. F. Steele.

Thunderer—Ptes. R. Aitcheson, T. Howlett, H. Brown.

Urgent—Clr.-Sergt. C. Dunn ; Sergt. J. Winstanley ; Corpl. H. Cordwell ; Ptes. J. Ruthven, J. P. Rogers, R. H. Newham, J. Neeve, A. Rogers, T. M. Taylor, F. Johns, W. Isbister, C. H. Hatchwell.

Vivid—Corpls. A. H. Sparkes, A. H. Macer, C. J. Chapman, C. Higgins : Ptes. A. McKenzie, G. McArthur, S. Berry, J. Alston, J. R. Gibbons, C. Boyle, J. Dixon, A. B. Johnstone, R. Ellis, S. G. Hurley, H. J. Totham, C. Taylor, W. Wills, S. Lloyd, C. E. Saxton, T. W. Wordley, J. Walker, B. McHugh, F. Hunt, P. Gavin, A. E. Packer, F. Heselgrave.

Defiance—Pte. G. C. Case.

Disembarked.

TO EASTNEY—

Pembroke—Sergt. H. Perrott ; Gnr. W. Henry.

Inflexible—Sergt. W. Fraser.

Sans Pareil—Gnrs. J. W. Collins, A. R. Gorham, A. G. Leslie, B. Grimmer, A. J. Boullier, F. W. Simmons, W. J. Garner, T. Gillard, L. W. Agnew, F. Simmons, W. Hunter, J. Howard, H. Cushion.

Royal Sovereign—Gnr. C. H. Poor.

Revenge—Gnr. A. J. Rush.

Ramillies—Gnrs. F. Kwasnieuski, S. Hillyard.

Alexandra—Clr.-Sergt. J. McPherson ; Gnr. A. Gibbard.

Ascension—Gnrs. G. Perkins, C. J. Phillips, P. W. Taylor, J. C. Stevens, W. Elwin, J. Gardiner, G. Grist, A. Johnston.

Vivid—Sergt. S. J. Miller ; Gnrs. G. Burrowes, A. Andrews.

Thunderer—Capt. J. M. Rose ; Gnr. W. Robinson.

Prince George—Capt. H. D. Drake ; Gnr. J. Brandish.

Repulse—Gnr. G. Heron.

Centurion—Capt. J. R. H. Homfray ; Sergt. J. Williams ; Corpls. W. Cannon, J. Dudley, T. Henry ; Bombr. W. Swift ; Gnrs. H. Chambers, C. Woodward, C. Creamer, F. Cheney, J. Frall, C. Erwood, A. Hawkins, W. J. Harding, W. Woodward, F. Tunnicliff, F. Johnson, C. Calvert, J. C. Price, A. Greenwood, W. J. Tothill, W. Taylor, H. Collings, A. Partridge, W. Richards, R. Bailey, E. Driver, W. H. Godfrey, J. Sidebottom, T. Black, G. Brown, R. J. Allen.

TO CHATHAM—

Hibernia—Ptes. D. Latto, J. Bateson, F. C. Yorwarth, W. F. Francis, A. Linden, W. Cain, H. Bowers.

Caledonia—Clr.-Sergt. Hammond ; Ptes. E. Colman, H. Waller.

Sans Pareil—Ptes. G. Robertson, J. Barrand, R. Hill.

Spartan—Ptes. G. Collins, J. Scullery, W. J. Sparkes.

Pembroke—Sergts. A. Collins, W. G. Leeson ; Corpls. J. Shepperd, W. V. Kent, A. Morris; Ptes. F. C. Levett, C. E. Rowe, G. G. Hubbard, A. M. Crabbe, A. Wells, H. E. Elvin, W. Wallace, H. J. Sharp, A. Adams, E. F. Garrod, J. J. Skinner, A. White, H. Hemmings, T. Hawkes, A. Busbey, J. W. Ferguson, J. E. Pike, J. B. Needes, A. Mackey, W. Bottomby, M. R. Venn, J. D. M. Coombs, E. A. Miles, F. T. Seymour, J. Berryman, J. Butcher, W. McGill, A. Hoult, G. Robinson, F. Buck ; Corpls. M. Morris, A. Gates.

Repulse—Corpl. W. H. Tagg; Ptes. W. Pressney, G. T. Neal, J. Wilkins, J. H. Barlow, A. W. Thatcher, W. G. Thompson, A. Budd, F. A. Green, J. Moore, S. H. Newman, J. C. Hurrell, J. J. Norman, C. Edwards, G. S. Soar, P. J. Cronin.

Wildfire—Ptes. A. H. Morrison, F. A. Barritt, H. M. Saunders, S. Harrison, F. Langford.

Alecto per *Wye*—Corpls. W. P. Smith, P. Austin ; Pte. A. Saunders, W. Hammant, H. Lockie, G. Gorrie, C. J. Sayer.

Porpoise—Ptes. C. W. Gillam, A. J. Spratt, C. Rolls, G. Bearns.

Galatea—Pte. G. E. Critchell.

Champion—Pte. H. T. Smith.

Northampton—Pte. G. Lewis.

Rodway—Pte. G. Flawn.

Theseus—Corpl. C. E. Peters; Ptes. G. Simmons, H. T. Venus, C. Morgan, M. J. Golding, W. G. Hurley.

Blenheim—Corpl. H. Farmer; Ptes. H. Hawley, C. F. Bush, A. H. Martin, A. Gage, J. Gellatley, A. Ould, H. C. Attenborough, R. McBean, C. C. Wray, H. Chittleburgh, C. W. Hendry, A. Waterman, G. A. Balls, G. Hollis, P. Glanville ; Corpl. F. J. Johnson.

TO PORTSMOUTH—

Australia—Ptes. Alfred Boltz, G. Smith.

Active—Sergt. J. Hine ; Bugler G. W. Chant ; Ptes. J. L. Peel, G. J. Scarlett, F. R. W. Osborne, W. Lowe, J. Walters, T. Perkins, J. O. Crouch, A. Leitch, W. G. Greenwood, R Northover.

Beagle—Ptes. W. S. Blewden.

Boscawen—Bugler G. E. Bailey ; Corpls. H. J. Bayman. J. T. Beerling ; Pte. R. Biggen.

Cordelia—Pte. E. Davey, T. Ward.

Camperdown—Ptes. J. Hoy, F. W. Weller.

Centurion—Corpls. F. Mason, H. Best, G. Stapleton, H. Mayes, J. C. Ward ; Buglers L. J. Barnes, W. C. Welsh, W. A. Roper ; Ptes. T. W. Land, E. Wadhems, J. E. Walker, J. James, J. Derrick, J. L. Churchman, S. Shearing, W. F. C. Howard, F. Taylor, T. H. Lambourn, W. R. Mainwood, H. Walters, W. Adey, T. Dowd, C. Terry, J. Foster, E. Holmes, A. W. Booker, J. O. S. Belfour, B. Jackson, C. H. Windmill, P. F. Bullen, C. H. Atkins, G. West, W. Tooke, A. Tandy, H. Langridge, W. H. Eden.

Excellent—Pte. S. Renshaw.

Majestic—Corpl. W. Prentice ; Ptes. A. Cousins, F. J. Grover, J. Mulhall.

Narcissus—Pte. W. G. Wethers.

Osborne—Pte. A. Cunnington.

Penelope—Ptes. J. Martin, I. W. Hoare, C. Norris, J. Tilley, I. W. Read, C. T. Cole, S. Vaughan, J. Williams, J. Maxwell, M. Fielder, S. F. Lintorn, W. Donaldson.

Porpoise—Col.-Sergt. G. Coleman ; Corpls. J. P. Luttrell, H. C. Goslin ; Bugler W. J. Johnson ; Ptes. G. E. Harvey, P. Wenlock, J. Bird, W. Hester, D. Jones, H. J. Croucher, W. J. E. Hurdle, J. P. Tarling, H. G. Dalby, C. J. Howes.

Rodney—Pte. J. Dickenson.

Repulse—Pte. H. Bright.

Royal Oak—Pte. D. Coughlin.

Ringarooma—Ptes. G. E. King, G. Nobbs.

Ramillies—Pte. A. E. Hewett.

St. Vincent—Pte. J. Williams.

St. George—Pte. A. G. King.

Volage—Sergt. H. F. Rookwood ; Corpls. J. W. Parker, A. Stanbridge, A. Motley, W. I. Evans ; Ptes. A. Butler, W. J. Dutton, A. W. McKown, V. Winter, T. G. Gauntlett.

Victory—Sergt. T. J. Loftus ; Corpls. J. T. Redding, A. J. Diamond ; Ptes. S. Roy, W. Dean, E. Sadler, A. O'Malley, A. M. Poole, W. J. Albery, D. Sloane, W. Johnson, R. Willis, G. S. Day.

Wanderer—Pte. T. C. Bartlett.

TO PLYMOUTH—

Aeolus—Corpls. J. J. Peach, J. Davey ; Buglers F. Howard, S. E. Curling ; Ptes. C. H. James, P. Maher, E. Flaherty, F. Ball, H. A. Pilbeam, A. E. Young, J. T. Chard, A. W. Gull, J. Blinman, W. Williamson, J. Brown, W. Howarth, J. H. Huggins, H. R. Thompson, A. J. James, R. Paterson.

Britannia—Sergt. C. A. Shapland : Lce.-Sergt. W. C. Wisely ; Ptes. F. Day, J. Cope, F. Hutchings, G. Sizer, W. Palmer, R. Turner.

Cambridge—Ptes. J. Pook, P. Abbott.

Colossus—Bugler G. P. Y. Mascell

Collingwood—Sergt. W. G. Childs ; Ptes. F. Godwin, S. J. Read, S. J. Leavington.

Centurion—Ptes. G. Barney, E. Vowles, C. Kennedy, H. Penning, J. S. Moore, R. E. Clarke, A. Luscombe.

Firebrand—Sergt. W. A. Harverson ; Bugler W. Murray ; Ptes. J. Dare, H. Knott, H. A. Kitt, J. Jones, C. Russell, J. Walker.

Ganges—Pte. R. Colwill.

Hibernia—Clr.-Sergt. L. F. Hawkins ; Lce.-Corpls. R. Bevan, T. Sangers ; Bugler R. C. Hooper ; Ptes. S. Cope, F. W. Webber, C. R. Phippen, T. Ryan, H. A. Cockram, G. Pearce, T. Moore, J. Fear, R. Jones, J. Kendell, F. J. Lawrence, C. Chant, J. Impey, P. Sweeney, J. Adams.

Jackal—Pte. G. Roberts.

Lion—Pte. H. T. Marsh.

Magnificent—Pte. R. McCullock.

Narcissus—Pte. J. Nicholson.

Phoebe—Ptes. G. Bateman, J. T. Wright, S. Rivell ; Corpl. W. J. Battershall.

Pique—Pte. J. Wordley.

Philomel—Ptes. H. J. Jennings, R. Muncey.

Repulse—Ptes. R. J. Trivett.

Penelope—Ptes. G. Palfrey, J. Greedy, R. Naysmith, J. Mitchell, C. Gray.

Spartan—Sergt. P. Macdonald ; Corpl. R. H. Burnard ; Buglers H. Nicholls, S. V. Colenutt ; Ptes. S. E. Humphries, J. R. Garner, F. Farrington, P. Thompson, J. McNullan, T. Wright, M. Slessor, A. Coles, E. Lawson, G. H. Fleming, W. Woods, T. H. Bowman, J. R. Sealey, W. Nicholas, J. O'Meara, F. Martin, J. Brine, W. Johnstone, R. Hardy, D. D. Pidgeon.

St. George—Ptes. G. H. Allen, A. Baker.

Terror—Lieut. A. R. H. Hutchinson ; Pte. C. F. Chanter.

Thunderer—Ptes. T. Rimes, A. J. Phillips, B. Bryant.

Vivid—Corpl. W. H. Delaney ; Ptes. J. R. Horsfield, J. Brown, T. H. Radford, W. Snow, H. Rendell, W. H. Dymond, E. H. Hubbard, W. H. Taylor, J. G. McStewart.

Moves

The undermentioned officer and N.C. officer have proceeded to Aldershot for a course of instruction at the School of Signalling :—

Lieut. A. S. Morse, R.M.L.I. ; Corpl. D. E. Evans, R.M.L.I.

PLYMOUTH—

Lieut R. Cator to Depot, for duty.

Corpl. J. Crowdy, Ptes. E. A. Franklin and G. Piper, to Woolwich, for course of regimental transport duty.

Lce.-Corpl. T. Rendle to the *Cambridge* to qualify as Captain of Gun.

Major F. G. Cotter proceeds to Colchester on the 5th June, to be tested as to tactical fitness for command.

R.M. DEPOT—

Color-Sergts. Hammond and Sheppard from Chatham Division to Depot Establishment.

Color-Sergts. Watts and Waring from Plymouth Division to Depot Establishment.

Color-Sergt. Wickenden from Portsmouth Division to Depot Establishment.

Pte. Stripe to 1st Royal Sussex Regiment, to serve with an elder brother.

Musketry.

By Private J. Marshall, Portsmouth Division.

I needn't tell you who I am, the fact is plainly seen,
My uniform will tell you that I am a Royal Marine.
I like my duty pretty well, by land as well as sea;
But one thing which I do not like, is a course of Musketry.
I am not a timid sort of chap, but I can't find the pluck
To fire that blessed rifle off when it is loaded up.
I am very good at taking aim, that is an easy job,
But when I pull the trigger, why I shut my eyes and bob.

Spoken.—And the Instructors would stand over me and say, "Now, steady, lad, don't forget to—

Chorus.

"Place it into your shoulder, so,
Mind and aim a trifle low,
Don't forget to press it in, or else you'll get a job.
Never mind the wind or rain,
But take a calm and steady aim,
Press the trigger gradually, and mind don't 'bob.'"

He'd get me down upon the knee, and tell me when to aim.
"I got a bull's eye then myself, and you can do the same.
Hold the rifle steadily, and glance along the sight,
Press the trigger gradually, and you'll get in alright.
Take your time about it now, keep your aim well on,
Stick to it like grim death, lad, until the bullet's gone,
And if you take my tip, and pay attention unto me,
Why, when the course is finished, a 'marksman you will be.'"

Chorus.

I placed it into my shoulder, so,
Tried to aim a trifle low,
But I forgot to press it in, and had my shoulder jobbed.
Didn't mind the wind or rain,
Took a calm and steady aim,
But I pulled the trigger to the right, and, oh lor, "bobbed."

I heard a roar behind me, like a wounded lion at bay;
In fact I thought the bullet had come out the other way.
I thought I struck the Sergeant, but I very quick found out
That he was still alive, and Great Scott! he did shout,
"What's the good of issuing a rifle out to you,
A mop stick would do just as well, for all the good you do.
Surely, you are not afraid of it, a sturdy chap like you,
Try another shot now, I'll just see what you can do."

First Chorus.

I thought this time I'd try my best, and make a tidy score,
Although the rifle kicked me hard, and made my shoulder sore,
But I wasn't going to take notice of a little thing like that,
But let him see that I could shoot as well as any chap.
I loaded very carefully, placed the cartridge in,
Closed the breech and waited, then ready to begin.
"Steady, now," the Sergeant said, "take it calm and cool,
Aim low and right, say four o'clock, and you will get the bull."

Chorus.

I placed it into my shoulder, so,
Aimed a "four o'clock," you know.
Thought I would let him see that I could shoot as well as he.
But when I let the bullet go,
I shut my eyes and bobbed, you know,
And as a natural consequence, I got a "raco-shee."

I looked up at the Sergeant, I could see it was a case.
He didn't say a single word, I knew by his face.
"Beg pardon, sir. This man, sir, is simply throwing shots away.
'Tisn't only once, sir. He's been at it all the day."
"Hey, what," the Major growls, bristling ready for a ruction.
"Look here, my lad, I'll have to give you 'out of hours instruction.'
Surely you're not frightened. Are you a timid chap?
Let me load your rifle. There now, take a steady snap."

Chorus.

I placed it into my shoulder, so,
Aimed a little trifle low.
Thought the rifle empty, so took it calm and cool,
But when I fired the blessed thing,
I found he'd shoved a cartridge in.
By gum! I hit the target though. Hallo! by jingo! "Bull."

Extracts from the Records of Officers' Services,

R.M.L.I., Book II.

Services of David Anderson Gibsone, R.M.

Date of Commission as 2nd Lieutenant—15th April, 1801, at Plymouth; 1st Lieutenant of Artillery—15th August, 1805, at Chatham

While serving on board the *Safe Guard*, mortar brig, in the Baltic, on 29th June, 1811, when cruising between Anbott and Jutland, in the Baltic, they were attacked by a division of four Danish gun-boats of the largest class, in a calm. During the action the enemy cheered, and anticipating their intention, Lieutenant Gibsone not having seen the Commander on the quarter-deck for some time, ordered cease firing, to allow them to close. He then addressed the ship's company, renewed the action, and repelled a formidable attempt to board, continued the action for a hour-and-half longer, until the Commander came on the quarter-deck, and said: "Nothing more can be done for the brig." He replied, "If we are to fight, I will do so whilst there is a timber above water to stand on." The colours were being hauled down, when a cry was heard: "Fight the brig Mr. Anderson (now Gibsone), and we will go to the bottom with you." The action lasted three hours and half; 19 men killed and wounded out of 29 (the rest being away in prizes); and between five and six feet of water in the hold. The brig was taken and carried into Renders Rivers. On his parole in Whyberg, Jutland, he was allowed by the Danish Government to retain his sword.

On July 10th, 1813, he was present at the attack on Craney Island, and the town and fortified camp of Hampton, America. He was ordered to take command of the 2nd Company of Artillery. Entered the Potomak River, ascended as high as Maddox Creek, in which some armed vessels were seen. The boats were sent in, but retunred with loss, the Commanding Officer being killed. On July 16th, rejoined the Admiral off Clamanties Island. July 26th, landed near the town of Georges. On 3rd November, 1813, marched to Point Clere; on the 4th, to the Ceders; on the 5th, to Côte Du Lac. On the 19th February, 1814, crossed the River St. Lawrence on the ice; entered the State of New York by way of Salmon River. The enemy continued to fall back. When on picquet, a Corporal and three Dragoons came out of the bush, and unexpectedly finding themselves near Gibsone's battery, with no way for their escape, surrendered. Towards the end of these operations, he was the senior officer of Artillery with the army. July 14th, 1817, had his left arm fractured; was present at the defence of the lines of Chippeway, where the Marine Artillery under his command were highly applauded for the precision and execution of their practice during the whole time.

Promoted to Captain, at Portsmouth Division, 31st July, 1827. Re-appointed to Marine Artillery, 5th September, 1830. Promoted to Brevet-Major, 23rd November, 1841. Promoted to Lieut.-Colonel, 12th February, 1842. Promoted to Colonel 2nd Commandant, 25th May, 1849. Promoted to Colonel Commandant, 12th November, 1851.

The "Noble" Memorial.

The following further sums have been received by the Staff Officer Eastney Barracks, up to May 24th:—

Amount already received ..	..	£23	12 6
Major-General J. W. Scott ..	..	0	5 0
Major E. G. Wilkinson, R.M.L.I.	..	0	5 0
Capt. W. A. C. Grant, R.M.L.I.	..	0	5 0

Cricket.

R.M.L.I., FORTON.—CRICKET FIXTURES, 1897.

Mon.	May	10th	R.M.L.I.	*v* Shropshire Regiment	
Wed.	,,	12th	,,	*v* Royal Artillery	Hilsea
Sat.	,,	15th	Officers	*v* Jun. N.C.O's and Men	Forton
Sat.	,,	22nd	R.M.L.I.	*v* Stubbington	,,
Sat.	,,	29th	,,	*v* H.M.S. "Excellent"	Whale Island
Sat.	June	5th	,,	*v* Royal Artillery	Forton
Thur.	,,	10th	Officers	*v* Sergeants	,,
Sat.	,,	12th	,,	*v* Jun. N.C.O's and Men	,,
Wed.	,,	30th	R.M.L.I.	*v* Royal Artillery	,,
Sat.	July	3rd	,,	*v* Stubbington	Stubbington
Mon.	,,	19th	,,	*v* Shropshire Regiment	Forton
Thur.	,,	22nd	,,	*v* R.M.A.	,,
Thur.	Aug.	19th	Officers	*v* Sergeants	,,
Wed.	,,	25th	R.M.L.I.	*v* R.M.A.	Eastney
Mon.	,,	30th	,,	*v* Royal Artillery	U.S. Ground

FIXTURES FOR JUNIOR N.C.O'S & MEN'S CRICKET CLUB, R.M.L.I.

Date	Versus	Ground
June 3rd	Sergeants, R.M.L.I.	Forton
,, 12th	Officers, R.M.L.I.	,,
,, 19th	St. Simon's Institute	,,
,, 25th	Sergeants *v* Junior N.C.O's	,,
July 7th	King's Shropshire L.I.	U.S Ground
,, 10th	St. Simon's Institute	Forton
,, 21st	White Company	,,
,, 28th	King's Shropshire L.I.	U.S. Ground
,, 31st	R.E., Monckton	Forton
August 4th	M.S.C. Gosport	,,
,, 14th	Alverstoke Rovers	,,
,, 28th	White Company	,,
Sept. 4th	Sergeants *v* Junior N.C.O's	,,
,, 11th	Orleans C.C.	,,
,, 18th	St. James' C.C.	,,

R.M.A. OFFICERS *v* N.C.O'S AND MEN

Played at Eastney on 1st May, and won by the Officers by 34 runs.

N.C.O'S AND MEN.		OFFICERS.	
C.-Sgt. Ellis, c Dibblee, b Harris	47	Lieut. F. L. Dibblee, lbw b Gaubert	19
Gnr. Longhurst, c Cox, b Brittan	17	Capt. E. P. Brittan, c Dolohan b Gaubert	31
Mus. Binns, c Dibblee, b Brittan	1	Mjr. A. G. Tatham, c and b Gaubert	22
Sgt. Turner, c Tatham, b Brittan	4	Capt. A. H. Cox, b Gaubert	9
Gnr. Bendall, b Brittan	5	Mjr. W. E. Trotter, c Smith, b Bendall	17
,, Knight, c and b Brittan	0	Mjr. A. Orford, b Turner	30
Sgt. Gaubert, l b w, b Harris	4	Capt. C. L. Brooke, run out	14
Q.M.S. Dolohan, c Trotter, b Harris	10	Mjr. W. Gaitskell, b Turner	8
Cpl. Cottle, not out	21	Capt. G. N. A. Harris, b Binns	1
Gnr. Baurle, c and b Brittan	5	Capt. W. Dixon, b Turner	3
Bmbr. Smith, b Tatham	17	Lt. T. P. W. Dyer, not out	5
Extras	5	Extras	11
Total	136	Total	170

R.M.A, *v* STUBBINGTON HOUSE SCHOOL.

Played at Eastney on 8th May, and drawn.

R.M.A.		STUBBINGTON HOUSE SCHOOL.	
Lt. F. L. Dibblee, b G. West	9	Mr. D. Lever, not out	32
Mjr. A. G. Tatham, b Brown	41	,, P. J. Ellis, c Cox, b Gaubert	0
,, W. F. Trotter, b G. West	21	,, H. G. Adams, b Harris	10
Capt. A. H. Cox, b Lever	3	,, G. West, b Harris	0
Mjr. A. Orford, b C. C. West	18	,, F. A. Hanks, b Harris	1
Gnr. Bendall, c Adam, b C. West	3	,, B Shaw, not out	4
Mjr. W. J. Gaitskell, b Foster	13	,, R. F. C. Foster	did not bat
Sgt. Gaubert, not out	23	,, G. A. Brown	
Capt. G. N. A. Harris, not out	9	,, F. Middleton	
,, E. Henderson	did not bat	,, C. C. West	
,, W. Dixon		,, E. E. Udal	
Extras	25	Extras	5
Total (for 7 wickets) Innings declared closed.	165	Total (for 4 wickets)	52

R.M.A. *v* 26TH (CAMERONIANS) REGIMENT.

Played at the U.S.R.G., Portsmouth, on 13th May, and won by 26 runs.

R.M.A.

Capt. E. P. Brittan, c Wright b Gordon	17
Lieut. F. L. Dibblee b Gordon	12
Capt. C. L. N. Bishop, run out	44
Major A. G. Tatham, b Gordon	6
Captain A. H. Cox, b Thomas	20
Sergt. Gaubert, c and b Thomas	0
Gunr. Bendall, c Thomas, b Reilly	0
,, Longhurst, b Carpenter	15
Capt. G. N. A. Harris, b Gordon	5
Surgeon Andrews, c Carpenter, b Gordon	1
Capt. E. Henderson, not out	0
Extras	4
Total	124

The Cameronians made 98 and 81 for eight wickets.

R.M.A. *v* WILTS REGIMENT.

Played at the U.S.R.G., Portsmouth, on 20th May, and won by 163 runs. This was an extraordinary game. In the Wilts first innings, seven wickets fell for two runs, a record for the U.S.R.G., and Sergeant Gaubert performed the hat trick, taking in the innings six wickets for twelve runs and in the match eleven wickets for twenty-eight runs, this, too, on a very fast true wicket.

R.M.A.

Capt. E. P. Brittan, b Heath	69
Lieut. F. L. Dibblee, b Mellish	0
Capt. P. Peacock, b Mellish	9
,, A. H Cox, b Heath	64
Major A. Orford, not out	9
Lieut. Kendle, not out	6
Sergt. Gaubert, Gnr. Bendall, Major Gaitskell, Capt. Harris, Major Tatham	did not bat.
Extras	29
Total (4 wickets)	186

The Wilts Regiment scored 23 and 47 for 7 wickets.

THE BRITTAN CRICKET CHALLENGE SHIELD.

1ST ROUND.

I Co. beat P Co. by 25 runs.

I Co.	109	(Capt. Bishop 66)
P Co.	84	(Col.-Sergt. Ellis 37)

O Co. beat K Co. by 103 runs.

O Co.	189	(Gnr. Allfrey 55, Gnr. Gibbon 56, Bglr. Richards 12)
K Co.	86	(Mus. Binns 35, Corpl Pain 32)

D Co. beat F Co., by 26 runs.

D Co.	101	(Corpl. Lodder 24)
F Co.	75	(Capt. Cox 35)

A Co. beat H Co. by 58 runs.

A Co.	102	(Gunr. Kemp 54)
H Co.	44	

C Co. beat L Co. by 128 runs.

C Co.	205	(for six wickets, innings declared closed. Gnr. Burnard 127, Gnr. Dossett 27, Capt. Pym 20.)
L Co.	77	(Corpl. Phillips 25.)

B Co. beat G Co. by 5 wickets.

G Co.	57 and 49	
B Co.	30 and 84	(for 5 wickets: Gnr. Bendall 3 and 59.)

N Co. beat E Co. by 13 runs.

N Co.	67
E Co.	54

R.M.L.I. (PORTS. DIV.) *v.* KING'S SHROPSHIRE L.I.

Played on the United Service (Officers') Ground, on May 10th.

SHROPSHIRE L.I.		R.M.L.I.	
Lieut. Bailey, c O'Sullivan, b Jackson	14	Capt. Beith, c Treadaway, b Worsell	1
Pte. Worsell, b O'Sullivan	5	Lieut. Reid, b Atcheson	21
Lieut. Atcheson, b Broster	37	Pte. Sutcliffe, c Heytham, b Atcheson	0
Lieut. English, l b w, b Jackson	36	Col. Quill, not out	86
Capt. Heytham, c Sutcliffe, b Broster	39	Sergt. Wigginton, run out	66
Capt. Judge, b Broster	2	Extras	21
Capt. Doyle, b Sutcliffe	1	Lieuts. Griffith, O'Sullivan, Luard, Marshman, Sergt. Broster, and Pte. Jackson did not bat	
Capt. Higginson, c Sutcliffe, b Broster	24		
Pte. Treadaway, not out	60		
Lieut. Battye, c & b Broster	7		
Pte. Mayhew, b Sutcliffe	9		
Extras	21		
Total	255	Total for four wickets	195

R.M.L.I. (PORTS. DIV.) *v.* STUBBINGTON HOUSE SCHOOL.

Played at Forton on May 22nd.

R.M.L.I.		STUBBINGTON HOUSE SCHOOL.	
Corpl. Faulkner c Udal b Lever	7	J. Tyte b Headlam	11
Pte. Sutcliffe b Lever	18	D. Lever c Beith b Headlam	12
Sergt. Wigginton b Dert	41	G. C. Middleton b Jackson	7
Lieut Headlam c Middleton b Foster	1	R. F. C. Foster (run out)	7
Col. Quill (retired hurt)	71	G. C. Adams c Diggington b. Sutcliffe	25
Capt. Curteis (not out)	93	G. West l b w, b. Headlam	7
Lieut. Reid (not out)	51	E. R. Udal (not out)	68
Col. Baldwin, Capt. Beith, Lieut. O'Sullivan, and Pte. Jackson did not bat.		F. Hanks (not out)	8
		Extras	2
Extras	21		
Total for four wickets, (Innings declared closed).	303	Total for six wickets,	147

R.M.L.I. PLYMOUTH *v* GLOUCESTER REGIMENT.

R.M.L.I.		GLOUCESTER REGIMENT.	
Cpt. Crowther, run out	43	Cpt. the Hon. R. French, c Morce, b Bentley	24
Cpt. Curteis, b Edwards	2	Lt. F. Burges, b Bentley	16
Lt. A. S. Little, c Smith b French	44	Sgt. Livingstone, c Rooney, b Morce	17
Mjr. Plumbe, c Johnston b French	1	Pte. Smith, run out	8
L.-Cpl. Bentley, c Baxter b Burges	69	Cpt. C H. Baxter, c Bentley, b Williams	88
Lt. Heycock, lbw, b Edwards	2	Lt. D. Burges, c Williams b Hood	1
Lt. Morce, c D. Burges, b Ingham	64	Pte. King, c Morce, b Hood	1
Davidson, b Edwards	4	L.-Cpl. Johnstone, b Hood	5
Pte. Williams, b Edwards	14	Lt. Wethered, not out	67
Lt. Rooney, not out	0	Sgt. Hingham, c Davidson b Bentley	8
Lt. Hood, b Edwards	2	L.-Cpl. Edwards, c Hood, b Rooney	24
Extras	14	Extras	14
Total	269	Total	273

R.M. DEPOT *v* CHATHAM DIVISION.

Played on May 22nd, and won by Chatham Division by 24 runs.

R.M. DEPOT.		CHATHAM DIVISION.	
Mjr. Percy, b Hobbs	1	Mjr. Hadley, b Shine	9
Cpt. Raitt, c Hobbs b Burnard	60	Lt. Finlaison, b Gwyn	28
Mr. Keightley, c Finlaison b Burnard	10	Cpt. Hobbs, c Palmer, b Shine	7
Lt. Coke, c Hadley, b Burnard	14	Lt. Storry, b Gwyn	10
Lt. Shine, b Burnard	0	Mjr. Peile, c Gwyn, b Shine	0
Cpt. Urmston, c Hall, b Burnard	0	Lt. Burnard, c Keightley b Gwyn	37
Pte. Gwyn, b Burnard	0	Lt. Gardner, run out	8
Cpt. Palmer, b Burnard	0	Col. Newington, c Urmston b Raitt	8
Pte. Callam, c & bHobbs	21	Lt. Hall, c Browne b Gwyn	36
Surgn. Browne, not out	16	Lt. Tupman, b Keightley	1
Lt. Noble, b Burnard	1	Cpt. Watson, not out	1
Sgt. McGinley, c Storry b Hobbs	1	Lt. Carpenter, run out	0
Extras	9	Extras	12
Total of Innings	133	Total of Innings	157

R.M. DEPOT OFFICERS *v* N.C.O'S AND MEN. (13 A SIDE)

Played on the 1st May, and drawn.

OFFICERS.		N.C.O'S AND MEN.	
Capt. Raitt, b McGinley	32	Sgt. Sillitoe, c and b Raitt	15
Mjr. Percy, b McGinley	19	Sgt. Phyllis, b Raitt	0
Capt. Binney, c Ellingham b McGinley	3	Mr. Keightley l b w, b Binney	0
Lt. Coke, c Keightley b Webb	2	Sgt. Brown, b Binney	11
Capt. Urmston, b Keightley	35	,, Sugden, c Browne b Raitt	10
Lt. Bewes, b McGinley	0	,, Ellingham, c Shine b Raitt	0
Surgn. Croneen, b McGinley	0	Mus. Murphy, b Binney	39
Capt. Saumarez, c Brown b Keightley	41	Pte. Callam, c Raitt b Shine	14
Lt. Way, not out	33	,, Brooks, not out	15
Surgn. Brown, b McGinley	2	Sgt. McGinley, ,, Scougall, Pte. Webb, Cpl. Simpson	did not bat
Lt. Noble, b McGinley	0		
Lt. Shine, b McGinley	5	Extras	6
Lt. Heriot, c Murphy, b McGinley	3		
Extras	14		
Total of Innings	189	Total for 8 wickets	110

OFFICERS R.M. DEPOT *v* OFFICERS R.N. COLLEGE, GREENWICH.

Played on 12th May, at Walmer, and won by the Depot by 113 runs.

GREENWICH.		R.M. DEPOT.	
2nd-Lt. Shewell, c & b Shine	1	Mjr Percy, b Mulleneux	15
,, Stopford, b Raitt	27	Capt. Raitt, b Ridings	48
,, Kendle, b Shine	6	Lt. Coke, c Mulleneux, b Richmond	60
Sub-Lt. Mulleneux, c Palmer b Shine	7	Capt. Urmston, c Farquharson b Ridings	12
Sub-Lt. Reinold, b Shine	43	Lt. Shine, c & b Reinold	22
2nd-Lt. Harding, c Heriot b Raitt	7	,, Bewes, b Shewell	8
Lt. Farquharson, b Raitt,	0	Surgn. Brown, c Mulleneux b Shewell	14
2nd-Lt. Ridings, b Raitt	0	Lt. Noble, c Ridings, b Richmond	0
,, Richmond, b Raitt	0	Surgn. Croneen, b Harding	17
,, Hall, b Raitt	0	Capt. Palmer, not out	13
,, Hazel, not out	13	Lt. Heriot, b Mulleneux	0
Extras	10	Extras	24
Total of Innings	122	Total of Innings	235

CORPS CRICKET FUND.—It has been considered desirable to divide the balance of this fund equally between Divisions and Depot. This has been done and the balance sheet is shown below.

BALANCE SHEET, R.M. CORPS CRICKET CLUB, 1891.

Vide also Supplement to Globe & Laurel, 1893, page x.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand from 1890	25	15	4	Officers & Men's Expenses	25	5	5
Subs., R.M.O.	1	0	0	Umpire for week	6	14	10
,, R.M.A.	5	0	0	R.M. Mess, Chatham, for entertaining Corps Cricketers (exclusive of dinners to R.E. XI.)	12	9	4
,, Chatham Div.	5	0	0				
,, Portsmouth Div.	5	0	0				
,, Plymouth Div.	7	15	0				
,, R.M. Depot	4	10	0	Postage & Telegrams	1	9	6
				Printing	0	13	1
				Balance handed over to Col. Bird, A.A. Genl. Royal Marines, 5th November, 1895	7	8	2
	£54	0	4		£54	0	4

Balance forwarded to			
Col.-Com., R.M.A.	1	9	7
,, Chatham	1	9	7
,, Portsmouth	1	9	7
,, Plymouth	1	9	7
,, Depot	1	9	7
	7	7	11
Postage	0	0	4
	£7	8	3

J. PHILIPS,
Col.-Com., R.M.L.I.
(Portsmouth Division).

ATHLETICS.—At the Royal Naval Depot (Chatham) Athletic Sports, the Chatham R.M.L.I. team won the open tug-of-war competition; Pte. R. E. Harding the quarter-mile (open) race; Pte. F. Potter the mile race.

Gibraltar.

(Continued from our last.)

THE first garrison orders in existence are dated 1720, and the power of the Governor to expel all persons he did not deem desirable was always recognised and exercised. The regulations constantly made with reference to the admission and residence of Aliens were based on—

1.—The absence of all *right* to a residence.
2.—The military expediency to exclude all foreigners.
3.—To prevent overcrowding.

It is only by such measures that the population of Gibraltar can be kept within reasonable limits consistent with safety to health.

The general character of the climate is very agreeable from November to May, but the remaining five months are hot, and the east wind or Levanter prevails. The Levanter is most unwholesome; it is usually accompanied by a dense mass of dark cloud which hangs over the Rock and dissolves in a clammy and unpleasant moisture. In the winter the cold is never excessive; snow falls very seldom, but hail often rattles down. Ice is a rarity, yet upon the summit of the Rock and on the neutral ground it has been as thick as an eighth of an inch. When a north wind blows in the winter (which is rather uncommon), it is oftentimes bitterly cold, from passing over the snows of the Sierra Nevada on its route, but no great extreme cold is ever known. The easterly winds are most prevalent in the summer months, and the westerly in the winter. The supply of water was, until 1868, entirely dependent on the rainfall, but since the discovery of wells on the north front, and the supply of better tank accommodation, the benefit is everywhere manifest. Constant experiments have been carried out in many parts of the Rock for the discovery of the best water, and large condensing machinery was erected in the Southport ditch near the Ragged Staff in 1884. The rainy months are from September to May, and the average rainfall taken for twenty years is 34·53 inches.

The fortifications of Gibraltar are amongst the most formidable in the Universe, and the value of the Rock to England has induced the Government to maintain the defences. At the end of the "great siege" the tiers of batteries and the fortifications generally were (as may be supposed) considerably damaged or thrown down. The town also was little better than a great ruin, the inhabitants being sheltered in caves or under canvas. The work of restoration, therefore, was both extensive and pressing, and was carried out in a great part by the company of Royal Sappers and Miners, who had been formed into a Military organisation on the Rock in 1772, as the officers were unable to place any reliance on civil artificers. There was then a total of 234 of all ranks, who had done the greatest service during the siege. Every encouragement was given to them to work well and assiduously, and no men could have performed their duties better. One amusing instance is told of the indulgences shown them—they being also struck off all guards, fatigues, and Garrison duties—General O'Hara, to mark his appreciation of their services, gave them permission to pass to the neutral ground and out of Garrison on Sundays and holidays, without a written pass or any restraint, even as to dress. It was not uncommon, therefore, for the N.C.O.s. and privates to stroll about the Garrison, or ramble into Spain, dressed in black silk or satin breeches, white silk stockings, and silver knee or shoe buckles, drab beaver hats and scarlet jackets tastefully trimmed with white kerseymere. The Sergeant-Major of the company, Ince, was the original proposer of the galleries, and carried out their execution. He was promoted Lieutenant in the Royal Garrison Battalion. Two boys of the Soldiers' Artificers Company are spoken of very highly as being remarkable for their quick sight, they were employed to be with the working parties and warn the men when the enemy was firing in their direction. This duty was most important, as in the Princess Amelia Battery shot coming had so terrible an effect that striking four men it cut off seven legs among them. He (Richmond), as well as two other boys (Brand and Parsons) were possessed of such uncommon quickness of sight that they could see the enemy's shot almost immediately after it quitted the gun, and by their vigilance they were the means of saving many valuable lives. Richmond was known by the name of "Shell," and Brand as "Shot." They both died in the West Indies of yellow fever, and both were Second Lieutenants in the Royal Engineers. The model of Gibraltar, which was destroyed by fire at Woolwich in 1802, and those of the King's Bastion and of the north front, now at the Rotunda at Woolwich, were the work of these youths — for these they obtained their commissions.

Among other anecdotes of the "great siege" we find the following: A shell falling in Southport street blew an old Genoese woman out of the window, but she sustained no hurt beyond a few bruises.

During the blockade of the Bay, the *Buck*, English privateer, Captain Fag commanding, succeeded in getting into Gibraltar. At the entrance to the Straits Captain Fag met with three English cutters. The Captain of one of them endeavoured to dissuade him from the attempt to get into Gibraltar, saying that it was impossible. Captain Fag jocosely asked if there was room for a coach and six to get in, and being answered in the affirmative he rolled his "quid" two or three times, and with an audible oath swore he would get in if Beelzebub himself gave chase, and he succeeded.

A soldier rambling about the town found in the ruins of a house several watches and articles of value, which he carried off, but as every soldier was examined on his return to his bomb-proof, he resolved on a singular expedient to secure his prize. Taking out the tompion of a gun in the King's Bastion, he lodged his booty, tied up in a handkerchief, as far as he could reach within the gun, and then returned the tompion to its place. Unfortunately, while he was fast asleep, the Gunboats attacked the town, and this richly-loaded gun was one of the first discharged, and with it disappeared all the riches that had been so badly invested.

During the grand attack the furnaces for heating the shots were found to be too few, and huge fires were kindled in convenient corners of the streets; 2,000 red-hot shots were fired in the first two hours. Altogether, upwards of 8,000 shot and 716 barrels of powder were fired by the Garrison during this attack.

When the "battering ships" were first proved for the attack, it was found there was a deficiency of water for preventing the effect of red-hot balls. It was, however, thought lightly of, Don Cayetan Langara bombastically saying "he would receive in his breast all the red-hot shot of the enemy."

(To be continued).

An Old Marine.

A CORESPONDENT writes:—As an instance of the various directions in civil life in which old Marines turn, I may mention that when recently staying in Paris at the Hotel Chatham (a very good hotel too by the way, whose very name might perhaps commend it to our Corps), I found that the hotel guide and interpreter, Mr. J. D. Stickney, is an old Marine, though not an English one. We had several yarns together, and I learned that he had served in the American civil war, and is in possession of a "certificate of honourable service" from the United States Marine Corps. He has been a professional Paris guide for many years, having received a permanent authority as guide and interpreter from the Custodian of the National Palaces of France as far back as February, 1879. Mr. Sticking can boast of more than two hundred testimonials from prominent English, French, and American visitors to Paris. When a detachment of U.S. Marines went to Paris in 1889 for the exhibition there, he was their official guide, and I can well believe as he told me, "I *was* a proud man, sir, when I marched at the head of this detachment of my old corps along the Boulevards, &c., when they arrived in Paris." The said detachment showed their appreciation of Mr. Stickney's services in a way, I think, rather dear to the old Marine's heart, *viz.*: by presenting him with a very handsome gold headed Malacca cane. Though I did not have occasion to avail myself of the veteran's services as a guide—for I knew Paris fairly well—I listened with interest to several of his yarns, and always found him most courteous and agreeable, and shall hope to find him still in harness and "going strong" at the Hotel Chatham next time I visit Paris.

Malta.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

THE annual naval athletic sports took place on the Corradino Cricket Ground on the 6th May. At one time it was feared that, owing to the Cretan disturbance, there would be an insufficieut number of ships in harbour to admit of their being held this spring. Happily, this was not the case; and with 12 ships in harbour, the sports were carried out with even more than usual success—thanks to the efforts of a very able working committee.

The afternoon of the previous day had been devoted to working off heats, and in the case of the 9-pr. field-gun competition, to getting over the first of the three trials which each of the teams had to put in. As usual, this was quite the most popular event, and many teams were entered for it, amongst them being four composed of Royal Marines from the *Ramillies*, *Royal Oak*, *Hood*, and *Barfleur* respectively. The *Barfleur's* Marines are to be congratulated on the excellent manner in which they went to work, but their time was not quick enough. This first trial left the seamen crew from the *Cambrian* leading by one second, the Marines from the *Hood* being next.

The day of the sports was favoured with magnificent weather, which enticed out a large number of spectators The enclosure, roped in in front of the pavilion for officcrs and their friends, filled up very well as the afternoon wore on. The pavilion has recently been enlarged by the addition of a wing at each side. This is a great improvement, and was particularly useful at the sports, as it admitted of a large number of chairs being provided along its extended front, which being on a higher level than the cricket ground, enabled all to obtain an uninterrupted view above the heads of those close down at the ropes.

There were twenty-seven events on the programme, and all were brought off well up to time. The obstacle races were—as usual—highly appreciated. In the boys obstacle race the winner was the only one to surmount one of the obstacles. This shows they were not all child's play. Among the spectators were officers and men from an Italian training brig, which had arrived in harbour the day before. Two races were got up for the crew—one for the men and one for the boys. They quite entered into the spirit of it. Everyone was struck with their neat appearance. The programme ended with the final tie of the 9-pr. competition, and a general move to the ropes made to get a closer view. The Italian officers were very much impressed at the way in which the guns were handled. The result of this competition—which was not known till all the other prizes had been presented—proved the naval team from the *Cambrian* the best by 1/5th second; the *Hood's* Royal Marines coming next. This is the first time (I believe I am right in saying) that the "Undaunted" cup has been won by a naval team since the cup was presented. The "Undaunted" cup—perhaps I should have explained—is held by the winning team (*i.e.* the ship) 9-pr. field gun competition for the ensuing year.

The prizes were given away by Lady Hopkins, for which kindly office Captain Hamilton called for three cheers to express our thanks, which was responded to right heartily, and thus ended a very successful and pleasant afternoon.

The following is a list of events won by men of the Corps:—

Veteran's handicap. 220 yards (flat). 2 yards start for every year over 15 years' service. 1, Sergt. Ratcliffe, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Hibernia*.

Consolation race. 220 yards (flat). 1, Pte. Miller, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Royal Oak*; 2, Lce.-Corpl. Campbell, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Hibernia*.

Tilting at the Bucket. 2, Pte. Buckingham, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Cambrian*.

ARMY RIFLE MEETING.

The annual rifle meeting took place at Pembroke Camp on 19th April and following days. The weather on the whole was very fine, but a rather tricky wind made high scoring a difficult matter. The Malta Challenge Cup, open to teams of eight men from each regiment or ship, was won by the *Hibernia*, and great credit is due to our Musketry Instructors for the way in which they worked up the team. The cup was first competed for in 1887, and since that time has only gone to the Navy twice, viz.; in 1892, when it was won by the *Colossus*, and in the present year by the *Hibernia*. The conditions are seven rounds at 200, 500, and 600 yards. The volleys at 500 yards competition, open to teams of ten men from each regiment or ship, was won by the Marines of the *Barfleur*, who are to be congratulated on their achievement.

The Ladies' competition created considerable excitement; a large number of competitors coming forward. The conditions were seven rounds (standing) at a 3-in. bull at 50 yards. Any rifle; unlimited entries. Eventually three ladies obtained 26, Mrs. Chichester being first, Miss Hawksley second, and Mrs. Homer (in whom all Marine hopes centred) third.

The prizes were distributed at the conclusion of shooting by Lady Freemantle, who charmed everyone by the graceful manner in which she performed her self-imposed task. On the completion of the ceremony, Major-General Lord Congleton, Commanding Infantry Brigade, proposed a vote of thanks to Lady Freemantle, and called for three cheers, which were heartily given. His Excellency in returning thanks for her ladyship, called attention to the great success which had attended the Navy throughout the meeting, and said that the Army were always glad to welcome their Naval brethren in friendly rivalry, and were still more pleased when the latter won. After the prize distribution, the Worcester's (with their usual hospitality) invited everyone to partake of refreshments.

Appended is a list of those of our Marine comrades who have taken prizes:—

Name	*Competition*	*Points*	*Amount* £	*s.*	*d.*
Sergt. W. Ross	Mediterranean Sweep., 200 yds.	28	0	6	0
,, E. Ratcliffe	,, ,, ,,	27	0	5	0
,, F. C. White	Sergeants and P.O's., 200 yards	27	0	5	0
,, W. Ross	Sergts. and C.P.O's., 500 yards	32	0	10	0
,, F. C. White	Mediterranean Sweepstakes	33	0	5	0
Pte. Hy. Hastings	Soldiers and Seamen	31	0	7	6
,, Robt. White	,, ,,	29	0	5	0
,, Arthur C. Dwyer	,, ,,	28	0	2	9
,, Jas. Ross	,, ,,	28	0	2	6
Sergt. C. T. Evans	All Comers, 600 yards	32	1	0	0
,, ,,	Tradesmen's Plate (3rd Prize) 500 yards	34	1	10	0
L.-Cl. J. J. Simmonds	,,	32	0	10	0
Pte. Robt. White	Soldiers and Sailors	28	0	10	0
L.-Cl. J. J. Simmonds	,, ,,	26	0	2	6
Sergt. F. C. White	9th in the aggregate in three ranges				
,, ,,	Mortimer's Cup, 200, 500 & 800 yds.	88	0	5	0
Lieut. Armstrong	Tradesmen's Plate, 500 yards	34	3	5	0
,, ,,	All Comers, 600 yards	29	0	5	0
,, ,,	Challenge Cup Team	92	1	0	0
			£10	11	0

Volleys, 500 yards, won by H.M.S. *Barfleur's* Marines. Team composed of:—Sergt. Bryne, R.M.L.I. (in command) Gunr. Noble, Bombr. Firiger, Gunr. Harris, Gunr. Webster, R M.A.; Pte. Taylor, Sergt. Vyree, Lce.-Corpl. Jarvis, Ptes. Arnold, Griffiths, Megis, R.M.L.I.

GOLF HANDICAP, MALTA.

A Golf Handicap, open to officers R.N. and R.M., recently took place over the links near the Porte des Bombes, and was won by Capt. Luke, R.M.L.I., after a hard struggle in the final round with Lieut. Dumas.

The Royal Military Tournament.

THE Southern District Tournament to select competitors to represent the District at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, this year, was held in the U.S. (Men's) Recreation Ground on April 27th. Only two teams entered for the Bayonet and Physical Drill Competitions, D Co, R.M.A., and a company of the Wiltshire Begiment. A committee of officers, acting as judges, awarded the first place in each competition to the R.M.A. under Col.-Sergt. Sparrow. Sergt.-Instr. Hill won the Bronze Medal and a £3 prize for fencing with foils. We hope the Corps representatives may be successful at the Agricultural Hall this month.

Answers to Correspondents.

ST. GEORGE.—Including May and two books, 12s. 5d.

NERO.—Your suggestion is excellent, but fear it will take up too much room. We may try it. Your numbers have been sent regularly, better enquire your end.

PERPLEXED.—Your statement is not exactly accurate, let me try and put the case clearly. A Private's pay is not 1s. 3d. in Barracks, but 1s. 2d. pay and 1d. beer money. The 1d. beer money is not given on board, as he receives rum in lieu. Corporals receive the same pay afloat or ashore. They are not entitled to beer money.

CORPL. HAMILTON, G.M.P.—Very much regret that your letter was mislaid, and now cannot be inserted in this number. Will note it for July.

Births.

STANTON – At Deal, the wife of Lce.-Sergt. Stanton, of a son.

FULLILOVE—At Deal, the wife of Sergt. Fullilove, of a son.

BARNES—On 4th May, at Chatham, the wife of Pte. E. Barnes, of a son.

POPE—On 8th May, at Chatham, the wife of Pte. A. Pope, of a daughter.

OWEN—On 21st May, at Chatham, the wife of Pte. W. Owen, of a daughter.

HIGGS—On 28th May, at Chatham, the wife of Pte. E. S. Higgs, of a daughter.

SEE—On 24th May, at Chatham, the wife of Cr.-Sergt. C. M. See, of twins (son and daughter).

Marriages.

DRYSDALE—FESTING—On the 27th inst., at the Parish Church, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, by the Rev. J. Merriman, D.D., rector, Colonel R. C. Drysdale, late R.A., to Selina Eleanor Mary, widow of Major-General Sir Francis W. Festing, K.C.M.G., C.B.

HURST—FOREMAN—On 8th May, at Margate, Corpl. W. J. Hurst to Miss H. A. Foreman.

TRIANCE—JACKSON—On 28th April, at St. Simon's, Southsea, Corpl. W. G. Triance, R.M.A., to Miss J. Jackson.

ATKINSON—BROWN—On 28th April, at Registry Office, Portsea, Gnr. C. Atkinson to Miss E. Brown.

HUDDLE—TRISTRAM—On 28th April, at St. James', Portsea, Br. G. Huddle to Miss E. F. Tristram.

PAGE—BRISTOWE—On 15th April, at Parish Church, Alverstoke, Pte. W. Page to Miss M. Bristowe.

SPENSER—HEDGES—On 15th April, at Congregational Chapel, Deal, Kent, Pte. H. J. Spenser to Miss C. Hedges.

RAPKINS—IVEN—On 19th April, at St. Mary Magdalene, Islington, Corpl. A. J. Rapkins to Miss L. Iven.

COPELAND—GODMAN—On 17th April, at Parish Church, Hertford, Pte. C. G. Copeland to Miss E. J. Godman.

DORIAN—TERRY—On 5th May, at St. John's, Portsea, Sergt. J. I. Dorian to Miss E. A. Terry.

MARTIN—SHAW—On 10th May, at Alverstoke, Sergt. G. Martin to Miss S. E. Shaw.

Deaths.

WINTERBOTTOM—On May 13th, at 27, Spencer-road, Putney, John Winterbottom, late Bandmaster, R.M.A., and the Artists' Corps (20th Middlesex).

BARTLETT—On 18th May, Pte. C. F. Bartlett, aged 18 years.

KENNEDY—On 19th May, Pte. B. Kennedy, aged 37 years.

SEE – On 26th May, at Chatham, infant daughter of Cr.-Sergt. C. M. See.

STUBBLES—Bug. J. A. Stubbles (*Trafalgar*).

SEABROOK—Pte. S. Seabrook (*Crescent*).

Double Acrostic, No. 6.

Two stations known throughout the corps,
They're red and blue. I'll say no more.

1. He may be Colonel or lower grade ;
   His men must always know some trade.
2. Here, too, the Turkish rule was tried,
   But for a change the people cried.
3. A city of historic fame,
   With people difficult to tame.
4. Of mystic lore this is the seat,
   Not far from where three empires meet.
5. To reach it, all wish, more or less,
   But where it is, no one can guess.
6. Great love of this oft proves a sorrow,
   With aching head upon the morrow.
7. Sometimes a planet, sometimes a God,
   Sometimes a metal or journal odd. F.G.C

No solutions have been received for Acrostic 5.

Corps Advertisements.

A. J. UPTON (late Royal Marines) "Bull" Hotel, 115, High Street, Chatham (3 doors from Barnard's Music Hall). Wines, Spirits, and Sparkling Ales all of the best quality. Clean and Good Beds, can be had at any time up to midnight, or later if ordered; customers can depend upon being roused at any time they wish. Every facility for a Brush and Clean up, with use of Blanco Box, Button Brush, etc. Letters may be addressed in care of until called for, and any commission for men serving abroad faithfully and confidentially carried out.

REQUIRED—During June, a man leaving the Corps on pension, to enter the service of a gentleman in London, must be single and steady (abstainer preferred), able to clean silver and wait at table; height 5ft. 7in. or upwards. Address in writing—Col. Brown, 208, Mare Street, Hackney.

The Editors beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following sub scriptions, etc., to May 31st, 1897 :—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Forton ..	0	8	2	*Mersey* ..	0	3	5
Victory ..	0	10	0	Sergt.-Major Evans ..	0	1	6
Lieutenant Hopwood	0	2	6	Sergeant Hooper ..	0	1	6
Private Edwards ..	0	1	6	*Pembroke* ..	0	6	0
Alexandra ..	0	3	4	Officers' Mess, Forton	1	3	5
Private Cotton ..	0	1	6	Colonel Thompson ..	0	1	6
Mildura ..	0	1	6	Colonel Nash ..	0	1	6
Wallaroo ..	0	1	0	Sergeant Hine ..	0	1	6
Royal Arthur ..	0	1	0	Sergt.-Major Mearles	0	9	3
Sergeant Robinson ..	0	1	6	General Colwell ..	0	2	0
Mrs. Byrne ..	0	1	6	Colonel Farquharson	0	1	6
Hood ..	0	9	0	Sergeant Young ..	0	1	6
Blenheim ..	0	5	0	*Hibernia* ..	0	6	3
General McArthur ..	0	2	6	Corporal Christer ..	0	4	6
Revenge ..	1	3	0	*Galatea* ..	0	1	5
Rodney ..	0	15	0	*Wildfire* ..	0	3	2
Major Kennedy ..	0	3	0	*London* ..	0	3	7
Benbow ..	0	2	6	*Edinburgh* ..	0	2	0
Mr. Holdstock ..	0	1	6				

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Editorial.

THE "UNDAUNTED" CUP, MALTA.—We hasten to correct an error which appeared in last number, with regard to the competitors for the *Undaunted* Cup at Malta. We now find that the second place was given to the Royal Marine gun detachment of H.M.S. *Barfleur*, not H.M.S. *Hood* as we stated. We much regret this error, as probably it has caused some heart burnings; but the report was seen in the *Malta Chronicle*, and accepted as correct. We hasten to give "honor where honor is due," and now, that the official time has been forwarded to us, we must heartily congratulate Sergeant Brewer, R.M.A., on the performance of his team (mixed red and blues). The times of dismounting and mounting are excellent, and the total was only three-fifths of a second behind that of the winners—the bluejacket gun's crew of H M.S. *Cambrian*. Seeing that the *Barfleur's* team had to pay a heavy penalty (over three seconds) for dropping a rammer, there seems to be little doubt of the result if that accident had not occurred. We thank the several correspondents for pointing out our error. The team from H.M.S. *Hood* took third place. The times were as follows:—

	Dismount.	Remount.	Add.	Total.
1.—*Cambrian* (Seamen) ..	45⅜	99	1⅘	146⅖
2.—*Barfleur* (Marines) ..	44⅜	99⅕	3⅕	147
3.—*Hood* (Marines) ..	45⅗	101⅖	1⅕	148⅕

THINGS MATRIMONIAL.—

Sir,—Viewing the epidemic of matrimony that has suddenly seized the Royal Marine Corps, and taking into consideration the famous dictum, that "a soldier married is a soldier marred," I beg to suggest to your notice, a scheme that might be brought into vogue to lessen the evil in some degree. It is, that all subalterns on joining should be asked, invited, or forcibly induced to sign a paper declaring that they will not marry as subalterns, except on penalty of a fine of (say) £30; nor as captain, except under a penalty of £15. This scheme, which may at first sight appear Quixotic, would have the effect of deterring early marriages, and making the hot-blooded youth of the Royal Marine Corps think twice before taking a step that leads, in but too many instances, to life-long regret, and which can, *in no case*, be conducive to the best interests of the Corps, for, say what you will, a married man cannot have the same zeal for the service as a single man, when his own interests and his family's are the ones which his first thoughts are directed to; and the continual exchanges on the foreign service roster, cannot be looked on as at all a good thing for the Corps at large. The fines, of which, if the scheme fulfils its ends, there should be very few, might be given to the mess of the division to which the offender belongs, to purchase some memento that records the offence of the donor, and would stand out as a warning beacon to young and newly-caught "subs." I beg to suggest that a committee of captains and subalterns of each division should be appointed to work out this scheme in conference, and to decide the actual amount of the fines to be levied. I only regret that my absence from England prevents my taking an active part in a measure that I honestly feel is in the best interest of the Corps. I write now to prevent, as soon as possible, any further epidemic of marriage, and giving in marriage, such as is now taking place in *one* division, whose welfare I have most at heart.

Yours truly,

CŒLEBS FELIX.

[The fines might be used to assist in lessening the charge for wedding presents.—Ed.]

Dear Mr. Editor,—Can any of your readers inform me why the names of Marine officers who pass in (*c*) and (*d*) for promotion, are never included and published with the list of Army Officers.

Yours faithfully,

PUZZLED.

THE CORPS JUBILEE SOUVENIR & HISTORICAL RECORD DURING THE QUEEN'S REIGN.—This is a capital production, and besides being very ornamental, shows clearly what our Corps has done during the past 60 years. It can be obtained at each Head-Quarters, Canteen, or Library Sergeant. We believe the price is 6d.

R.M.A. JUBILEE SOUVENIR.—We have received a copy of this (published Eastney Barracks). The card is tastefully got up, and most useful for sending to one's friends. The two photos of Her Majesty, 1837-1897, are exceptionally well produced.

THE JUBILEE HONORS.—The following promotions and appointments in commemoration of the completion of the 60th year of Her Majesty's reign, have been approved by the Queen:—General Sir A. B. Stransham, G.C.B.; General H. S. Jones, K.C.B.; Major-General J. P. Philips, K.C.B.; Brevet-Colonel H. S. G. Schomberg, C.B. *Civil Division*—Colonel Somers Reginald Lewis, V.D., 3rd Volunteer Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps (late Royal Marine Light Infantry), to be C.B.

We have great pleasure in noticing among the recipients of the Diamond Jubilee Honors the name of General Sir Anthony Blasland Stransham, on whom has been conferred the Most Honourable Order of the Grand Cross of the Bath. This officer has the distinction of being the senior General of H.M. Forces, notably the oldest officer of flag rank in the the naval service, and, until now, the senior Knight Commander of the Bath in that branch. He was born 22nd December, 1805, and is consequently in his 92nd year, and entered the Royal Marines, 1823, fourteen years before the accession of Her Majesty to the throne. He was actively engaged with pirates in the Archipelago in 1827; and commanded the three detachments of his Corps at the taking of Syra. Was present at the battle of Navarino, October 20th, 1827, and is one of the few of the memorable remaining survivors. Served in the Chinese war, 1841-42, and present in every engagement with one exception: was invalided for wound and malarial fever. Mentioned in despatches. Was specially promoted to brevet rank of Major on attaining his company. Selected for special duties at Lisbon during the revolution organised by Don Miguel, and garrisoned Fort Julian—receiving the thanks of the Ambassador and Commander-in-chief for "his able conduct in very peculiar circumstances." Served in the Baltic, 1854. Commanded the Woolwich Division, 1858 to 1860, when he was promoted to Major-General. Was Inspector-General of the Corps, 1862 to 1867; and attained the rank of General 1st April, 1870; and placed on the retired list under the age warrant, 24th December, 1875.

It will be a long time before such a splendid assemblage of ships, as have been at Spithead, is seen again. Every British subject's heart must throb with pride, when proof like this is given that Britain still can rule the waves. The most beautiful part of the pageant was the illumination of the fleet, which showed up every ship from mast-head to water line, and drew thousands of spectators to the shore. The actual number of ships assembled for the review on 23rd April, 1856, outnumbered the present one, but of course the tonnage and gun-power was much less. The review was held after the the return of Baltic and Black Sea Fleets, and was far in advance of anything before seen. Steam had gained a firm hold, and ironclads were first floated, altho' they were only squat floating batteries, designed for the attack on Kronstadt. In 1856, 240 warships of all kinds assembled at Spithead, whereas, now, 1897, there were only 165 British and 12 Foreign war ships. The *personnel* of the British fleet was 38,577 officers and men.

It is interesting to look back on the changes which have occurred in naval construction during the reign. The Royal review of 1845 sealed the fate of the sailing ships of war, altho' great opposition was caused by naval officers, who objected to steam on account of "the smoke from the funnels being injurious to the health of the topmen." In 1850, the knell of the three-decker was sounded by the introduction of the iron-clad battering ship, low in the water and impervious to the shot of that day. In 1867, at the review in honour of the Sultan, sea going iron-clads were seen side by side with three-deckers, but these iron-clads were wooden ships sheathed with iron, and it was not till 1887 that steel and iron had finally driven wood out of the field. Then came continuous changes, owing to armour competing against guns, which led to huge unwieldy constructions, and the introduction of B.L. and Q.F. guns and the torpedo. At the Jubilee Review, 1887, there was what might be called a jumble of specimens. Now at last we seem to have arrived at a good serviceable type and model, which makes our present fleet of a homogeneous character and pleasing to the eye. The great inventions of this present year have been the monster cruiser, the heavy Q.F., the destroyer, and high explosives.

A Royal Marine Reserve.

AT the Royal United Service Institution on Tuesday May 25th, Captain Lord Charles Beresford, C. B., R.N., presided on the occasion of a well-considered paper on the above subject being read by Major A. F. Gatliff, R.M.L.I.

Major Gatliff admitted that circumstances had moved rapidly within the past year, but he had decided to bring his views before the Institution notwithstanding the announcement that the Government had the question of a Royal Marine Reserve under consideration.

In the course of his paper the gallant Major showed conclusively, first, that the Marines could no longer be counted as a Reserve to the Navy; secondly, that the Marines had themselves no real Reserve; thirdly, that the Navy might run short of men at a critical time from various causes, and, in any case, had no adequate Reserve of men who had actually served in its ranks: fourthly, that it was an erroneous idea that would defer the formation of an internal Reserve at present for some future crisis, when it would probably be too late; and fifthly, that large numbers of men would be wanted at the very beginning of a war, and the corps might even require to be largely increased.

The desirability, and even urgent necessity, of forming another Reserve was therefore apparent. A Marine Reserve would be located in these islands and be available at once, for neither their ability nor their predilection led them into the merchant service.

Following the analogy of both Navy and Army, Major Gatliff suggested that two classes of Marine Reserve should be instituted. The second class should comprise of all Marine pensioners up to 55 years of age, and should only be available for permanent service after all the First class Marine Reserve had been called up. The second-class should be exempt from all drills. The First class Marine Reserve should comprise all men of sound body who had been discharged from the Corps with less than 21 years' service. Three sections, A, B, and C, might be formed, but the liability of all should be the same, viz., to be called out annually for 12 days or 20 drills.

Section A should consist of men discharged at 12 years, who had elected to join the Reserve for 9 years at a retaining fee. Section B should consist of men allowed to join after 10 years' service with the colours, who would remain 11 years in the Reserve at a retaining fee. Section C should consist of men allowed to go to the Reserves after 17 years in the ranks. These men would receive Reserve pay for 4 years, and then be awarded the same pension as if they had served 21 years in the Corps. A supplemental Reserve D might be formed of men who elected, after 12 years, to join the Reserve without pay, but to gain a pension of £12 a year at 60 years of age.

As regarded the pay of a Marine Reservist, it would seem only fair, considering the longer service and the generally superior qualities of the men, that the retaining fee should be somewhat higher than that given to those who enter the Army Reserve. Moreover, a private, after 7 years in the Army, received £21 in deferred pay when he joined the Reserve, and it is not proposed that a Marine shall receive any thing more than the discharge allowance at present granted. The Reserve pay should be at the rate of sixpence a day, paid quarterly in arrear; and in addition, sections A and B should receive Reserve deferred pay at the rate of twopence a day, paid at the end of the financial year. Section C, who, under this scheme, would receive a pension after serving four years in the Reserve, should not be entitled to the deferred pay.

A Marine, therefore, on reaching his period of limited engagement would have several courses open to him, and every man would, in one way or another, be utilised for State service, and in the way most acceptable to the man himself. A real Reserve of trained men would thus be obtained, and it would be composed of men in the prime of life—from 30 to 40 years of age— who had learnt discipline.

With a Reserve taking men from the ranks who would otherwise remain twenty-one years, the pension list would be reduced; but additional numbers of recruits would be annually required to keep up the Corps to its existing establishment. The matter that militates most against the supply of men is the ration stoppage. The Marine was the only man in Her Majesty's Service—sailor or soldier—who paid for the food issued by the State; and it seemed a great hardship to one whom Rudyard Kipling called "soldier and sailor too," that he alone should be mulct of 4½d. a day.

In the discussion upon the paper, Sir John Colomb, M.P., contended that we had no definite policy with regard to the *personnel* of the Navy at the present moment.—Vice- Admiral Bowden Smith said one of the best ways to add to Reserves in the Navy was largely to increase the force of Marines.—Admiral Close, Commander Caborne, R.N.R., and other officers also took part in the discussion.—Lord Charles Beresford said it was known pretty well what the fleet ought to be in numbers, but there had been a mistake made by authority with regard to the numbers. Authority was 14,000 men out in the numbers, and out of those 14,000, 3,000, according to his calculation, were Marines. So that, if we manned our ships at this moment, we were 14,000 men short, 3,000 of them being Marines.

A Veteran's Tribute of Loyalty and Devotion.

MR. ISAAC PEPPIN, ex Colour-Sergeant, R.M.L.I., Plymouth Division, decided a few weeks ago to give a proof of his loyalty and devotion to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen by walking from Plymouth to London (a distance of 216 miles), in order, as far as possible, to do homage to our Sovereign in person and to witness the celebration in honour of the commemoration of the sixtieth year of Her Majesty's reign

Mr. Peppin very happily succeeded in accomplishing the whole of his laudable purpose.

As the details of his journey will doubtless prove interesting to the corps generally, we give the following extracts from his diary :—

Monday, 7th June—Started from Plymouth 3.40 a.m. arrived at Chudleigh 8.30 p.m. Distance, 33½ miles.

Tuesday, 8th June—Left Chudleigh 5.30 a.m., arrived at Honiton 5 p.m. Distance 26 miles.

Wednesday, 9th June—Left Honiton 6 a.m., arrived at Crewkerne 5.30 p.m. Distance 24½ miles.

Thursday, 10th June—Left Crewkerne 6.15 a.m., arrived at Shaftesbury 9 0 p.m. Distance, 31 miles.

Friday, 11th June—Left Shaftesbury 4.30 a.m., arrived at Salisbury 6 p.m. Distance 20 miles.

Saturday, 12th June—Left Salisbury 6 a.m., arrived at Whitchurch 10 p.m. Distance, 24½ miles.

Sunday, 13th June—Left Whitchurch 5.0 a.m., arrived at Basingstoke 8.0 a.m. Distance, 8 miles.

Monday, 14th June—Left Basingstoke 6.0 a.m., arrived at York Town 1.30 p.m. Distance, 15¼ miles.

Tuesday, 15th June—Left York Town 6.0 a.m., arrived at Hammersmith 8.0 p.m Distance, 26 miles.

Wednesday, 16th June—Left Hammersmith 5.30 a.m. arrived at Hyde Park Corner 6.45 a.m. Distance four miles.

Time, 9 days, 3 hours, 5 minutes. Total distance, 216 miles.



BUGLER J. A. STUBBLES.

WHO WAS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT DEAD ON BOARD H.M.S. "TRAFALGAR," 23rd APRIL LAST

[*Messrs. Sedgwick & Co. have kindly presented this block to the "Globe and Laurel," in consequence of hearing that his former drummer comrades wished to subscribe to the expense. We greatly appreciate the kind feeling which prompted Messrs. Sedgwick & Co. to make this offer, which we gratefully accept.*]

On his arrival in London after a general clean up, Mr. Peppin "reported himself" at the R.M. Recruiting Offices, Spring Gardens, where he stayed until midnight on the 22nd June.

Fortunately, he had favourable weather throughout his journey. Of course, at this time of the year, the usual amount of heat and dust had to be contended with. The veteran had no adventures worth recording.

The only unpleasant incident he met with, was the disinclination of the keepers of roadside inns to have anything to do with him, presumably, owing to his unkempt and travel-stained appearance, which was not calculated to impress them.

Mr. Peppin on one occasion offered to buy the bed right out, but in spite of this generous offer and his protestations the people were not moved to relent, and the old soldier had to plod on. On another occasion he had to invoke the assistance of a friendly policeman who brought the majesty of the law to bear on the question, the result being that Mr. Peppin was put up at a place of entertainment for man and beast, but he avows that he received the hospitality generally accorded to the latter.

However, he met with a very different reception at the R.M. Recruiting Offices.

Mr. Peppin is loud in his praises of the truly cordial welcome he received from our recruiting staff, and says that he will never forget the extreme kindness and consideration shown him.

Through the kind intercession of Colonel Wright, A.A.G., he was provided with a ticket which secured him a window for himself, from whence he very comfortably viewed the whole of the procession on the 22nd June.

The expenses incurred by the veteran for his entire journey amounted to £2 5s.

Mr. Peppin is nearly 66 years of age. He joined the R.M.L.I. on the 26th September, 1853, at the age of 22 years and was discharged Colour-Sergeant on the 9th September, 1875. He was serving in H.M.S. *Calcutta* in 1855 when he earned the Baltic medal. His sea service amounts to 16 years 122 days.

He is a well-known character in Plymouth garrison, as he has taken part in all route marches and attended every field day for some years past.

He was recently the recipient of a silver mounted walking stick, suitably inscribed, of which he is very proud. It was presented by Colonel Quirk, of the Welsh Regiment, who complimented Mr. Peppin on the extraordinary powers of endurance exhibited by an old soldier of such advanced years.

S.W.P.

DIVISIONAL CHALLENGE CUP.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, on the occasion of the annual dinner of the Royal Marines at Whitehall Rooms on Thursday, presented a handsome silver trophy to be shot for annually by the several divisions of the Corps. General Geoffrey Mairis, the senior officer present, accepted the cup in the name of the Corps, and expressed to his Royal Highness the thanks of all ranks for his handsome gift.

Royal Marine Sports.

THE ANNUAL CONTESTS AT CHATHAM.

THE Chatham Division annual athletic sports were held on Chatham Lines on 27th May. The programme was, as usual, an interesting and well-varied one. In fact several new features were introduced, notably the officers' bicycle gymkhana, the company competition, and a display of free gymnastics by a squad of Royal Marines, in which the various exercises were gone through in a very efficient manner. On the whole the competitions were very keen, close finishes being the rule and not the exception, while each event attracted a good field. The band of the Division, under Mr. J. Wright, was in attendance. The president and referee was Lt.-Col. T. W. Dowding. At the close of the sports Mrs. Dowding distributed the prizes.

The events were as under :—

Best Dressed Privates in Marching Order.—Pte. H. Davenport, Pte. A. Tidbury, Pte. J. L. Timmins, Pte. H. Shaw.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—Pte. G. Dyer 1, Pte. A. Adams 2, Pte. S. Jones 3.

100 Yards' Flat Race.—Pte. Gardiner 1, Sergt. Smith 2, Corpl. Bishop 3, Pte. Stafford 4.

Long Jump.—Pte. Meckiff 1, Corpl. H. New 2, Pte. A. Adams 3.

Quarter-mile Flat Race.—Pte. R. Harding 1, Pte. W. Denhart 2, Pte. W. H. Wroe 3.

Putting the Shot.—Pte. Meckiff 1, Pte. Willett 2.

High Jump.—Pte. Adams 1, Pte. Meckiff 2, Corpl. New 3.

150 Yards' Race for Boys in Divisional School.—D. Griffin.

150 Yards' Race for Girls in Divisional School.—W. Small.

120 Yards' Hurdle Race.—Pte. A. Adams 1, Col.-Sergt. Gunn 2, Corpl. New 3.

Veterans' Race, over 15 years' man's service, 300 yards.—Lce.-Corpl. Griffin 1, Pte. Wright 2, Pte. Donovan 3.

Flat Race, 300 yards, handicap for Buglers under 17.—Bugler Lambert 1, Bugler Masters 2, Bugler Jordan 3, Bugler Hobbins 4.

Tug-o'-War, open to Army and Navy in the district.—First heat—The Stokers of the *Royal Adelaide* beat the R.M.A. of H.M.S. *Repulse;* the Pembroke Marines beat the Divisional Marines; Royal Scots Fusiliers a bye.

Second heat—The Pembroke Marines beat the Royal Scots Fusiliers. In the final heat there was a very hard struggle between the Marines and the Stokers. The latter won the first pull, but at the second trial the redcoats reversed the verdict. The Stokers won the deciding pull.

Obstacle Race, open to Army and Navy in district—Pte. Good 1, Corpl. Pink 2, Corpl. Burton 3, Pte. Denhart 4. All the prize-takers were Royal Marines. A fairly easy win. The course was a very punishing one, several of the obstacles taking a lot of negotiating. Twelve ran.

Mile Race.—Pte. Harding 1, Pte. Potter 2, Pte. E. C. Muggridge 3, Pte. G. Drew 4. This was a good race.

The Divisional Race, half-mile, open to all ranks, for the silver shield.—Pte. Harding 1, Pte. Potter 2, Pte. Denhart 3. Seven started. Six yards divided second and third. Time 2m. 19secs.

Company Competition for challenge cup, to be competed for by six men under a N.C.O. from each Company. An obstacle had been erected to represent a stockade, on the other side of which there was a dummy to represent a wounded man. On the order being given the section had to advance at the double, and on scaling the stockade, fire a volley. Then they rushed on, secured the wounded man, and returned with him, carried him over the obstacle, a portion of the section firing to cover this operation. When the wounded man had been carried over the stockade, the whole retired, the wounded man being carried right home, whilst the remainder of the section not employed in carrying him fired another volley. They retired again and fired one more volley to cover their retreat, and then doubled home. The trophy was gained by F Company (Corpl. Pink) with 29 points, the section performing the operation very smartly. A Company (Corpl. Bishop) were second with 19 points, and G Company (Lce-Sergt. Willing) third with 10 points.

Officers' Bicycle Gymkhana.—The conditions were as under—A lady to nominate one gentleman. The gentleman to ride once round the course, making the best of his way over obstacles on the course. He will ride up to the lady who nominates him. Each lady will be provided with a cigarette, a box of matches (safety) and an umbrella. The lady will give the cigarette to the gentleman and light it for him, the gentleman will take the umbrella from the lady, put it up; the lady will then receive from the gentleman a piece of ribbon, after which the gentleman will ride round the course and procure a needle from a pin cushion placed on the course; in the meantime the lady will make a rosette with the ribbon; the gentleman will return to the lady with the needle, she will thread it and sew the rosette on the gentlemen's coat, after which the gentlemen will ride round the course again and finish. The winner to be first past the post, cigarette alight, rosette neatly sewn on and umbrella up. Lieut. Hall (nominated by Miss Bell) was first, Major Evans (nominated by Mrs. Evans) second, and Capt. Hobbs (nominated by Mrs. Brabazon) third. This event caused a lot of amusement and produced a keen contest. Major Evans appeared to have a good chance of winning, but came a cropper through a collision. The winner owed his success largely to his superior turn of speed.

Obstacle Race.—Corpl. Bishop 1, Corpl. Pink 2, Pte. Fokes 3, Pte. Harding 4. Winner led all the way.

Companies' Tug-o'-War, final.—D Co. (Col.-Sergt. Brittan) beat F Co. (Sergt. Pamplin) two pulls out of three.

Quarter-mile Race, open to the district.—Pte. Goode, R.M.L.I., 1, Stoker Phillips, H.M.S. *Pembroke*, 2, Sap. A. Pengelley, R.E., 3. Five started. Goode led throughout, and won by 20 yards, same distance separating second and third.

Officers' Sons' Race.—Master B. Dowding 1, Master Westcombe 2.

Officers' Daughters' Race.—Miss Hynes 1, Miss Stewart 2, Miss Hugo 3.

Tilting the Bucket.—Sergts. Baker and Sandeman 1, Buglers Miller and Lambeth 2, Ptes. Wright and Harvey 3.

Three-legged Race—Ptes. W. Reed and J. W. Smith 1, Ptes. J. Fagan and G. H. Fowkes 2, Buglers Jordan and C. F. Buckingham 3.

Company Sergeants' Race, 300 yards—Col.-Sergt. Brittan 1, Col.-Sergt. See 2, Col.-Sergt. Hill 3. An easy win.

Band Race, 300 yards—Mus. Dickie 1, Band-Sergt. Clements 2, Mus. Symonds 3, Mus. Trowell 4.

Officers' Race, 100 yards—Lieut. Burnard 1, Lieut. Hall 2. The winner, who is a good sprinter, forged in front at the start and won by several yards.

Pensioners' Race—A. Smith 1, R. Savage 2, R. Cooney 3, T. Rix 4.

Consolation Race—Pte. Armytage 1, Pte. Houghton 2, Lce.-Corpl. Orgar 3; Pte. Stokes 4, Pte. Parker 5.

Best Dressed Competitor—Pte. Stafford 1, Pte. Denhart 2, Corpl. New 3.

THE ANNUAL CONTESTS AT FORTON.

Unsettled weather attended the annual sports of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, which were brought off on the Forton drill ground on Thursday, before a very large gathering of spectators. The entries were up to last year's standard, and some very keen contests were witnessed. During the afternoon the band played lively selections. The flags around the course were arranged to signal, according to the Naval code, "The Longest Reign, 1837 to 1897." The following were the results of the various events: –

120 Yards' Flat Race.—Lce.-Sergt. Newman 1, Provost-Sergt. Carter 2, Bugler Way and Sergt. Warner dead heat for 3rd place.

200 Yards' Flat Race for Buglers over 15.—Way 1, Heddiker 2, Helbert 3.

100 Yards' Flat Race for Buglers under 15.—Hague 1, Polkinghorne 2, Robbins 3.

120 Yards' Bandsmen's Race.—Farthing 1, Dorrington 2, Lovett 3.

100 Yards' Flat Race, open to Officers' Servants.—Woodrow 1, Franks and Grant dead heat for second place.

High Jump.—Lce.-Corpl. Weightman (5ft. 2in.) 1, Pte. Henning (5ft.) 2, Pte. Stafford (4ft. 5½in.) 3.

Three-legged Race.—Pte. Henning and Musician Lovett 1, Corpl. Falkner and Lce.-Corpl. Allan 2, Corpl. Sanders and Corpl. Marks 3.

200 Yards' Handicap for Soldiers over 17 Years' Service.—Pte. Stafford 1, Col.-Sergt. Gill 2, Sergt. Newbold 3.

Pick-a-Back Race.—Pte. Henning and Musician Lovett 1, Corpl. Marks and Corpl. Sanders 2, Corpl. Falkner and Lce.-Corpl. Allan 3.

Quarter-mile Flat Race for Rank and File.—Lce.-Sergt. Newman 1, Lce.-Corpl. Weightman 2, Bugler Way 3.

Quarter-mile Flat, open to members of the Sergeants' Mess.—Sergt. Stevenson 1, Sergt. Warner 2, Lce.-Sergt. Beard 3.

120 Yards' Hurdle Race, open to Buglers and Privates.—Pte. Stafford 1, Pte. Henning 2, Pte. O'Neill, 3.

120 Yards' Hurdle Race, open to N.C.O.'s.—Provost-Sergt. Carter 1, Lce.-Sergt. Newman 2, Lce.-Corpl. Weightman 3.

Company Tug-o'-War.—In the final, G Company met F Company, the former winning.

Tilting at Buckets.—Ptes. Cook and Walters 1, Ptes. Neil and Major 2, Ptes. Shepherd and Bryant 3.

Tent Pitching Race.—Won by B Company (under the command of Sergt. Warner) with 16 points. G Company (Corpl. Falkner) was awarded 15 points. The highest possible number of points was 20.

Mile Flat Race, open to the various regiments in the garrison.—Nine started, and the race was won easily by Stevens, R.M.L.I., who held the lead throughout. Bugler Moore, Rifle Depot, was second, and Pte. Ellworthy, Medical Staff Corps, third.

Obstacle Race.—Pte. Henning 1, Pte. Stevens 2, Sergt. Warner 3.

Consolation Race.—Pte. Rees 1, Pte. Sperrier 2, Pte. Bunford 3.

At the Sports held at the U.S. Ground at Portsmouth, for the crews of the Jubilee Fleet, the following Marines were successful—

100 yards (open to army)	1st,	Lce.-Sergt. G. B. Newman.
	3rd,	Provost-Sergt. W. A. Carter.
300 ,, ,,	1st,	Lce.-Sgt. G. B. Newman

Death of a Royal Marine Veteran.

THERE has recently passed away at 10, Hope Street, Chatham, another of those old soldiers who fought in the Crimea. Mr. Samuel Clissold was born on the 8th of November, 1819. He enlisted in the Royal Marine Light Infantry in 1838 at the age of 19 years, joining the Woolwich Division. In 1842 he took part in the expedition for the release of Sir Henry Smith at Port Natal. In 1844 to 1848 he served in H.M.S. *Dædalus*, and took part in the expedition against the Malay pirates in the seas round Borneo. In 1851 to 1856 he served in H.M.S. *London*. During this period he was landed with a party acting against the Cossack stations on the Danube, and was present when Captain Sir W. Hyde Parker and the sergeant of Marines (Sergt. Sparrow) were killed. For his services on this occasion he was promoted by Captain (afterwards Admiral) Charles Eden. He was afterwards present at and received the medal and clasps for Balaclava and Sebastopol. On returning to England in 1857 he volunteered for the *Agamemnon*, and was engaged in the laying of the first Atlantic cable, a portion of which brought home by him is now in the museum at the Veterans' Club, New Brompton.

He was discharged in 1860, after 22 years' service, of which upwards of 16 years were spent on foreign and active service. In 1859 he was appointed a sick attendant at the Royal Naval Hospital, Greenwich, being transferred as a drill instructor in the Royal Hospital School for Boys at Greenwich in 1861, which position he occupied until the re-organization in 1870. During this period many hundreds of boys passed through his hands.

In 1873 he was appointed by the Thames Conservancy, on the recommendation of Admiral Eden, as lock-keeper at Marsh Lock, Henley-on-Thames, which post, through advancing years, he felt compelled to resign in 1882, being then 63 years of age.

In 1889 he took up his residence in Chatham, and since the formation of the Veterans' Club at New Brompton has been one of its most popular members, his photograph, together with that of other veterans, hanging in the club room.

Mr. Clissold was one named to attend the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty on the 22nd of June. Efforts will be made to obtain for his widow some consideration from the Royal Patriotic Fund raised by the country for the benefit of those who fought in the Crimea.

For the Credit of the Ship.

By Captain W. P. Drury, R.M.L.I.

From the "Naval and Military Record," June 10th, 1897.

WHEN I tell you that the ship was no other than the historic four hundred and sixty-five ton, three hundred and sixty indicated horse-power, second class screw gunboat *Seaslug* —the fastest of all the "Greased Lightning" class—you will not wonder at the burning desire of her officers to live up to her brilliant reputation and do her credit. It is true that embittered men, whose best years had been frittered away in flagships and first class cruisers, were wont to sniff scornfully at the mention of her name; but to the *Seaslug's* officers themselves this conduct was so obviously a case of "sour grapes" that it roused their pity rather than their resentment. We have the word of those five gallant officers and gentlemen for it—and who is so likely to know as they?—that their ship was at once the pride of her own squadron, and the terror of half a dozen foreign ones. When, however, you ask me on what grounds this splendid prestige rested, I reply that—not being a student of naval history—there you have me.

There were, nevertheless, dark hours, the breakfast hours towards the close of the financial month mainly, when the quintet told themselves in mournful numbers that things are not always what they seem. The truth is that more than one skeleton lay hid in the *Seaslug's* lockers; and although the combined pains and penalties of the Articles of War would not have wrung the admission from them, in the privacy of their own wardroom it was an entirely different matter. There was no getting away from the fact, for instance—as the engineer invariably remarked with his second bad egg—that when a composite vessel of the *Seaslug's* antiquity takes to jumping about in a big sea the odds are in favour of her framework giving way and letting the engines drop through the bottom. As well expect a broad-beamed, middle age chaperone, added the engineer, who was cursed with an imagination, to bump round a ballroom without danger to her stays and internal machinery! Nor was it to be denied, even by the gunnery lieutenant, that the quarterly firing of Barking Billy, the 'midship 4-inch (and only) gun, was a terrible strain on the *Slug's* anything but iron constitution. Moreover, when, from lack of space, five matutinal tub's full of soapy water have to be removed from the wardroom before the breakfast cloth can be laid, and the coalscuttle has to be kept in the cabin nearest the stove for the same reason, one can understand the rooted antipathy of the mess to visitors. Once over the terror of Europe's gangway, and Ichabod stared you in the face.

But, as the very weakness of woman is not the least of her many charms, so the shortcomings of their ship endeared her the more to her officers. In the matter of the engines, the gun and the coalscuttle, indeed, they were accounted as bagatelle; it was at the skipper that they drew the line. For, frail as his vessel was, he himself was yet frailer; and of all the skeletons in her lockers his—metaphorically speaking, for he ran greatly adipose tissue—was the most obtrusive. On the stalk of the faded rose—to use a final metaphor—Commander Jan Polwhele was a painfully prominent thorn.

Though his seamanship was above criticism, among the refined and scientific officers of the latter-day Navy, Jan was the round man wedged in the square hole. "Shaggy" is the adjective that best describes his general appearance, and his crinkled collar stuck out beneath his peaked beard like an Elizabethan ruff. Indeed, it was popularly supposed that in a previous existence he had sailed with Drake and Salvation Yeo at the heels of the Spanish Armada. Although in cases of grave emergency—such as the shoving off of a boat with a fender hanging over her bows—he could speak at great length and with burning eloquence, yet ordinarily he was the most reticent of men. He had one story, however, which he invariably related on his own and each of his officers' birthnights, the salient features of which were the Red Sea, the ladies' cabin in a troopship, and a looking glass. There was a Rabelaisian quaintness about it which ensured its favourable reception by the mess, even after it had been worn threadbare; but, as the respectable editor would not dream of printing it, I must perforce leave the details to your imagination.

Now, to give the devil his due, Jan was as proud of the "Slug's" reputation as the wardroom quintet itself—nay, he had often been heard to declare that, were it possible to enhance that reputation by

the deed, he would not hesitate to murder and sell his own grandmother for the price of her aged skin. There was one sacrifice alone which—and here lay the rift within the lute—he resolutely refused to make; and that was to enter society. In vain did his officers urge upon him the necessity for observing those social duties which devolve upon the captain of a British man-of-war. He would see them—officers and social duties alike—d—d; he very improperly retorted, before he would so much as peep through the chink of a drawing-room door. Nevertheless, as the constant drip of water will sooner or later bore through a block of Cornish granite, so the resolution of this tough West Country seaman was in the end worn down by the importunity of his subordinates.

Under pretence of defects, the Slug had crawled in from a dreary exile beyond the pale of civilisation to that hub of the station from which the ever circling cruisers radiate. Then the quintet of officers, stimulated by a mental picture of the wardroom mirror stuck full of invitation cards, redoubled their efforts; and the harassed Jan so far weakened as to consent to write his name in the visitors' book at Government House.

The doctor and engineer were thereupon chosen by throw of dice to escort their captain to his Excellency's that same afternoon—on the principle of striking the iron whilst it is hot—and this duty they so conscientiously performed, that they stuck to Jan like limpets to a seaworn pile until his signature lay wet upon the fashionable page.

When, in due season, this little seed bore fruit in the form of an invitation to dinner, the language that broke forth from the captain's cabin was appalling. With one accord the first-lieutenant, navigator, and paymaster, who were in the wardroom, hurriedly arose and sought the asylum of their own apartments, while the doctor and engineer, recalling their more active agency in the matter, hastened to the remoter sanctuaries of the sick bay and screw alley respectively. Not until the day was far spent and the homicidal yearnings of their commander somewhat abated did the guilty five feel justified in adventuring themselves forth from their retirement. Their first step on foregathering in the wardroom was to ask him to dinner that evening—partly as a conciliatory measure and partly to breathe him by a preliminary canter for the bigger event. This invitation the mollified Jan was graciously pleased to accept, and the question of her drawing-room frock was never more burningly discussed by a debutante and her friends than the topic of Jan's dinner dress round the gunboat's table that night.

For—let me whisper the truth at once—the commanding officer of Europe's Terror had not a single decent rag to his back! In scantiness his kit resembled a Pacific islander's, which, as everyone knows, consists of three plantain leaves—one in his bag, one at the wash, one on—while the little he did possess should have been discharged, as time expired, years before. It was evident that to be a persona grata at Government House one must at least dress for dinner when bidden thither, and for the credit of the ship the officers resolved to see that her captain did so in the orthodox manner.

Waking very betimes on the dreaded day with a sinking sensation at the pit of his stomach, Jan prescribed for himself a stiff whiskey and soda. A cocktail followed the prescription ere ever the sun shewed over the Slug's foreyard, and the natural reaction at lunch time was met with a pint of bubbly wine. The afternoon hours were picked out with brandies, so to speak, like diamond points on a watch-dial, and by the time the anxious quintet arrived to superintend his toilet, Jan had so far succeeded in shaking off his reticence as to have the appearance of speaking with many tongues.

Then began the adorning of Commander Jan Polwhele, R.N., for his Excellency the Governor's dinner party; and for the credit of the ship each of the quintet had brought along with him a portion of his own wardrobe, for Jan's would have been rejected with scorn by an Adelphi drama sandwichman.

After a desperate five minutes' encounter with one of the paymaster's highly-starched shirts, he took on single-handed the doctor's gold-laced trousers, which defeated him utterly. It was only by the united efforts of the five perspiring officers, equipped with trouser-stretchers, shoe-horns, button-hooks, and other satorial instruments, that he got into them at all; and then it was discovered that the new shirt had been so crumpled by the operation as to necessitate its being peeled off his suffering body and replaced by one of the first-lieutenant's. While the latter garment was being fetched, the engineer dried the moist martyr with cotton waste from the engine-room; and, finally, at imminent risk of manslaughter, and in a withering fire of invective, the navigator succeeded in buttoning one of his No 16 collars round the bull neck of his commanding officer. Then the few deft finishing touches were added, and Jan, scarce daring to breathe for fear of bursting something, stood limply in the middle of the circle, as though he were a performing ourang-outang at a circus. Behind him, like a keeper, stood Private Logan, of the Royal Marines—"the captain's valley," as he styled himself; who, although he had not moved a hand's turn in effecting it, now plainly assumed all credit for the result.

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Well into the small hours of the morning sat the wardroom mess, planning social triumphs for many a week to come, and impatiently awaiting Jan's return. But ere he arrived, a signal was brought to the first lieutenant upon a slate by the barefooted signalman of the watch. Had the man been Azrael himself, or the slate one of "Barking Billy's" live shells dropped in their midst through the skylight, the effect could not have been more paralysing. With service laconism the Seaslug was bidden to sail at daybreak for those dismal isles beyond the pale of civilisation whence she was newly come!

At three o'clock, having spent the last four hours and a half at the club, Jan came over the side. His reticence had returned to him in a tenfold degree, and upon his face was a smile of great fixity, which not even the crushing news of the signal had power to relax. "Eashtern question goin' to be solved by 'Sheashlug,'" he confidently opined, as they hoisted him into his bunk limb by limb, and thereafter fell asleep. So potent a charm against insomnia is a mind conscious of rectitude!

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On the first day of the Slug's return to the islands beyond the pale, the officers of three small gunboats belonging to three Great Powers came on board to welcome back their dear brothers, and pledge eternal friendship in Collier's sweetest bubbly wine. Plainly, therefore, the Eastern Question was not the cause of the Terror of Europe's flitting. The heart-broken quintet in her wardroom were utterly at a loss to account for the Vice-Admiral's brutal conduct—imaginary grievances of happier days grew into stern realities to be brooded over; and the little matter of the engines, the gun, and the coalscuttle was no longer accounted as bagatelle.

It was just a month after this that one of the six birthday festivals—the engineer's—came round again; and the skipper, in accordance with the traditions of the ship, dined in the wardroom. Equally in accordance with those traditions he told the story—with all its vivid local colour of the Red Sea, ladies' cabin, and looking-glass.

The seven seafarers—the sentry was also listening through the skylight—gave way to paroxysms of mirth; and certainly it was a most humorous and evergreen tale.

Jan himself was the first to recover speech.

"Yes," he mused, leaning back in his chair, "it's devilish funny, isn't it? The last time I told it was at his Excellency the Governor's din——"

Instantly every spark of hilarity died out of the five faces around him and even the sentry's grin twisted itself into a look of disapproval. Dawning enlightenment, mingled with a lust for blood, was the predominant expression now.

Presently the First Lieutenant spoke with icy distinctness. "Do you really mean to say," he inquired, "that you told—that you told that story before her Excellency and the ladies?"

"To say nothing of the Governor, the Bishop, the General, and the Vice-Admiral?" added the Navigator, bitterly.

Jan could not deny it.

"I hope to goodness," gasped the Doctor, after a deadly pause, "that you had the gumption, anyway, to skip that part about the——?"

"And the——?" sighed the Paymaster.

"And above all, the—?" said the Engineer, hysterically.

No. Jan, it appeared, had never told the story with a greater regard for details than he did that night. "Indeed," he concluded, thoughtfully, "I remembered it so particularly well that—between ourselves—I fear I must have been a trifle tiddley."

A trifle tiddley, forsooth! The whole thing was as plain as a pikestaff now. The Vice-Admiral was in no mind to suffer a second public recital of Jan's troopship reminiscences. Wherefore Jan and his officers who were doubtless as bad as their captain—were hustled out of polite earshot to the back of beyond for the credit of the ship.

CORPS GAZETTE.

Promotions.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. A. S. S. Burrowes, R.M.A., to be Lieut.-Colonel.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. G. A. L. Rawstorne, R.M.A., to be Lieut.-Colonel.

Capts. H. L. Talbot and C. L. N. Bishop, R.M.A., to be Majors.

Lieuts. T. W. P. Dyer and T. L. Dibblee, R.M.A., to be Captains.

Captain H. C. Fraser, R.M.L.I., to be Major. Dated 4th June, 1897.

EASTNEY—

To Color-Sergeants—Sergts. J. Johns, W. Thompson.

To Sergeants—Corpls. H. W. Green, P. M. Miller, T. Chambers, W. Carleton, A. Morley.

To Corporals—Brs. W. E. Smith, H. W. Boyce, E. Lockyear, T. Tunnicliff, C. R. Kelly, C. H. May.

To Bombardiers—Gnrs. F. Waldron, A. W. Mead, W. H. Feltham, F. Devoil, G. Barraclough, E. Voffe, F. B. Nibbett.

CHATHAM—

To be Sergeant—Corpl. C. Cross *(Egeria)*

To be Corporals—Lce.-Corpl. J. E. Carter and Pte. A. C. Wood *(Charybdis)*

PORTSMOUTH—

To Sergeant—Corpl. F. W. Watts (Head Quarters).

To Corporals—Ptes. C. J. Temple (*Victory*), J. H. Jevon (Head Quarters).

Appointments.

Capt. F. G. Kappey to Musketry Instructor, R.M.A., *vice* Major A. G. Tatham to Senior Majors' List.

Capt. C. L. Brooke, R.M.A., to Signalling Instructor, *vice* Capt. E. R. Cottingham.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of Capt. Frederick M. B. Hobbs, R.M.L.I., being placed at the disposal of the Egyptian Government for service with the Egyptian Army.

Capt. F. M. B. Hobbs R.M.L.I, embarked in P. and O. steamer *Parramatta*, which left England on 1st July, for passage to Port Said, to join Egyptian Army.

The Rev. Eugene Sullivan, Chaplain H.M. Dockyard, Devonport, is appointed Chaplain to the Plymouth Division, *vice* Dickson to half-pay.

EASTNEY—

To Paid Lance-Sergeants—Corpls. G. Ballard, H. J. Beale.

To Paid Acting Bombardiers—Gnrs. R. Newman, H. C. Orridge.

Corpl. C. J. Hill to 4th Clerk, Pay Office.

Corpl. C. E. Powell to 5th Clerk, Pay Office.

Br. Thos. Compton, Proby. Clerk, Pay Office.

Brs. A. S. Dutton and A. E. Kelsey to School Assistants.

Sergt. T. Clowes to Musketry Instructor, at 4d. per diem.

CHATHAM—

Sergt. A. G. Kay *(Torch)* has been nominated for the appointment of 1st Sergeant Instructor of Gunnery at Chatham, *vice* Tozer, whose appointment expires on 16th November, 1897.

Bugle-Major Saunders is appointed Drum-Major.

Sergt. J. W. Dunn is appointed Bugle-Major.

Sergt. W. Gray is appointed 2nd Clerk Quarter Master's Office, *vice* Mansell.

Pte. J. Buttfield to be employed as Officers' Mess Fatigueman.

Pte. S. Hall to be employed as Pantry Man, Officers' Mess.

Pte. A. Churchill Division Lamplighter.

Pte. A. Kemp is appointed Assistant Postman.

Pte. A. Phillbrick to be employed as Canteen Shopman.

Pte. P. Holness to be employed as Barrack Store Labourer.

Pte. S. Cooper, Standing Pioneer.

Clr.-Sergt. T. Sweet is appointed Recruiting Sergeant at Chatham Headquarters.

Sergts C A. Welch and E Collins to be employed as unpaid Gunnery Instructors.

To be paid Lance-Sergeants—Corpls. G. J. Copeland, W. H. Tagg, J. Luther, F. A. Woodward, C. Catlin, H. Cushway.

To be paid Lance-Corporals—Ptes. J. Ruttle, L. Ursell, L. A. Hulls, L. J. Stewart, T. Bilney, P. Armstrong, L. Rackham, J. Wyborn, A. Cain, C. Pratt, G. E. Morgan, J. Watson, J. L. Martin.

PLYMOUTH—

Lce.-Sergt. Hermon is appointed Armourer-Sergeant of the Plymouth Division.

Pte. J. Narramore to be employed as Servant to Sergt.-Maj. Blacker.

Pte. G. Bate to be employed as Assistant Butcher, for a period of 12 months.

Sergt. W. Nation is appointed Swimming Instructor.

Sergt. H. Beech is appointed Post Sergeant.

Pte. W. Lewis is appointed Lce.-Corporal for duty as Orderly Corporal of B Coy.

Pte. T. Wilks to be employed in the Boats' Crew.

Pte. G. Rossitter is appointed Divisional Butcher.

The undermentioned have been awarded 1st Class Certificates of Education:—Cr.-Sergt. T. Smith and Lce.-Corpl. W. Pratt.

Examinations.

Major H. C. Money, R.M.L.I., passed the tactical test for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, at Shorncliffe, on 3rd May, 1897.

The undermentioned officers, R.M.L.I., have passed in subjects 'C' and 'D' for promotion:—

Capt. Evelegh, Capt. Beith (distinguished in Law), Capt. Lywood (distinguished in Tactics), Lieut. Muller (Special Certificate, distinguished in Fortification and Topography), Lieut. Grover (Special Certificate, distinguished in Fortification and Tactics), Lieut. Harvey.

EASTNEY—

Corpls. H. T. Phillips, H. T. Mathieson; Lce.-Sergt. G. Boulton; Corpls. H. Willmott, A. V. Conway; Bombr. E. A. Kelsey—passed for Sergeants.

Gnrs. T. Spain, J. E. Jaggard, H. H. Simco, G. H. Walton, R. Spencer, F. W. Middleton, D. Robertson, J. Atkins, H. Ching—passed for Corporals.

Discharged to Pension.

EASTNEY—

Cr.-Sergts. T. Stacey, H. J. Knapp; Sergt. T. Northrop; Corpl. A. L. Hughes; Gnrs. W. Limb, J. Littlejohn, Wm. Jones.

CHATHAM—

Musician J. H. Carter.

PORTSMOUTH—

Pte. E. Wood.

PLYMOUTH—

Armourer-Sergeant T. H. Comerford; Ptes. W. Gristock, D. Colwell.

Transfers.

EASTNEY—

Gnr. J. Beveridge to Naval Police.

CHATHAM—

Ptes. W. Dockree, J. Durham, A. R. Furminger, to Naval Police, on probation.

PORTSMOUTH—

Pte. A. B. Jeram to Bugler.

Bugler W. Allen to Private.

Pte. J. Robinson to R.M.A.

Pte. J. Carpenter to R.A.

Clr.-Sergts. G. Duncan and H. Williams to Depot Staff.

PLYMOUTH—
Lce.-Corpl. A. Foxwell (*Cambrian*) and Pte. G. H. England (*Collingwood*) to Ships' Corporals, R.N.
Ptes. M. Macdonald, A. E. Clarke, H. G. Bone, H. D. McHughes, A. Cook, H. D. Bennett, and A. B. Williams to Chatham Div.
Pte. J. T. Eccleston to Portsmouth Division.

Limited Engagements.

EASTNEY—
Gnr. A. A. Boyes.
Invalided—Gnrs. H. Gregory, A. J. Rush, F. Simmons, T. Farr; Ptes. J. L. Burnand, W. Wingfield, H. Knowles, J. G. Dowell.
CHATHAM—
Discharged—Corpl. A. E. Maycock; Ptes. W. Bottomley, J. Nicholls, C. Berryman, C. Sear, G. A. Frost, J. Poole.
PORTSMOUTH—
12 years—Ptes. J. Tilley, G. Brown, J. Osborn, G. Oakford, G. Smith.
Purchase—Ptes. F. J. Bourne, W. Smith, G. S. Day.
PLYMOUTH—
Invalided—Corpl. E. J. Roberts; Ptes. W. G. Grass, T. Escott, J. Mc G. Stewart, G. Eaton, W. Fox, H. Underwood, W. J. Olding, H. T. Hartey.
Purchased—Bugler R. A. Frowde; Ptes. R. McCluskey, W. Morrison, J. Bending, W. Elsmere (*Penelope*).
12 Years—Ptes. C. Thurston, G. Rimes, B. Faux, J. Hesketh, R. G. Clarke, H. T. Marsh.

Recruiting.

PLYMOUTH—
From Exeter Cr.-Sergt. G. Taylor; *from Glasgow*—Sergt. F. Brightly.

Embarked.

FROM EASTNEY—
Renown—Major W. C. Nicholls; Col.-Sergt. T. E. Richards; Corpls. W. Chester, J. T. O'Neil; Bugler W. A. James; Gnrs. T. Honeywill, S. Allison, M. McWhinney, H. U. Lambert, A. Coutts, W. Threadgold, G. H. Carter, M. C. Tayler, W. Haynes, H. Simco, P. Boulger, J. C. Brown, J. Pink, A. Dearing, S. W. Baker, E. Sizer, A. Hillier, T. Brodrick, J. Kidd, W. F. Edwards, J. V. Biggs, R. Nelson, S. Price, G. H. Brown, S. Huggins, E. Sedgbeer, R. Tuttlebee, H. Gerrard, J. H. Carter, W. A. Lawrence, F. G. Goater, T. Davies, A. G. Fox, G. E. Clark, S. Pope, L. C. Hobby, J. J. Burnes, A. W. Hollis, A. A. Howard.
Victorious—Capt. C. L. N. Bishop; Sergt. E. G. Tims; Corpl. H. Boffey; Bugler W. J. Coles; Gnrs. A. W. Baysting, H. Taylor, W. King, W. J. Hamilton, J. Buck, W. Jackson, R. Knox, G. Warner, A. R. Cowell, F. Middleton, H. C. Rivers, G. Stephens, F. Joyner, J. McLean, R. Roper, C. W. Goodall, C. Jones, R. Legg, A. J. Hearn, C. L. Hayes, J. Calton, W. Hinton, J. Kelly, W. Mosely, H. J. Jackson, W. Burden, B. W. Eames, W. Stallard, H. J. Wheeler, F. Peters, J. Spencer, J. J. Foster, J. Beveridge, J. W. Collins, T. Ward, W. Kirkup, C. Smith, W. Henry, J. Brough, G. Summerfield, J. F. Jeffries, E. Ray, T. McCubbine, J. Wheeler; Br. C. H. May.
Magnificent—Gnrs. E. W. Austin, W. Payne, G. H. Walton.
Resolution Gnr. A. Johnston.
Empress of India Capt G. N. A. Harris; Sergt. H. Perrott; Corpl. F. J. Chivers; Bugler R. Priscott; Gnrs. W. Davies, J. Seaman, H Ching, A. King, C. St. Ledger, J. Smith, A. C. Vass, F. Krecker, A H. Parr, H. W. Bennett, H. Corless, D. Robertson, C. H. Jent, V. B. Hill, J. C. Beal, A. Wood, W. Bruce, E. A. Watts, J. T. Baker, A. C. Burrell, W. Day, A. J. Cobb, T. Wall, C. Gray, R. Forder, W. Hay, W. Ilott, J. White, T. M. Whatling, A. Mengham, C. Buckingham, G. Baker, R. Spencer, T. Spain, P. R. Masters, G. Teague, D Campbell, H. Thorogood, C. Stiggants, G. Garner, W. Winn, G. Barker.
Jupiter—Corpls. A. Hortin, W. Walker; Gnrs. J. Atkins, T. Burningham, W. Giles, S. Jones.
Mars—Gnrs. F. E. Colborne, R. S. Pottinger, G. Potter.
Prince George—Gnrs. W. Hunter, F. J. Budd.
Repulse—Sergt. E. W. Perring; Gnrs. T. J. Hill, W. Bareham, H. Webb, J. Rich, A. Godfrey, F. Wheatcroft, H. Lucas, C. R. Noller, J. Hodgson, H. J. Minchin, F. J. Rule, C. J. Bishop, J. Hastie, F. G. Pudner, H. Miles, J Wallace, H. Haynes.
Majestic—Gnrs. W. F. Bingley, J. McCarthy; Corpl. J. Hardy.
Victory—Sergt. W. P. Lewis.
Pembroke—Gnr. J. Fraser.
Sans Pareil—Gnr. W. Allen.
FROM CHATHAM—
Orlando—Sergt. G. H. Stallwood; Lce.-Sergt. A. W. White; Ptes. J. S. Brett, J. Bond, J. Wallis, G. L. Liversay, D. R. Gare, F. G. Allen, A. Jordan, J. Parker, W. Stokes, A. Jackson, R. J. Moore, W. Reeves, F. Reynolds, W. Melhuish, W. H. Cripps, A. T. Tilbury, F. J. Marsh, G. Davies.
Empress of India—Sergt. G. E. Danes; Corpls. C. E. Peters, F. G. Smith; Bugler H. Ria; Ptes. G. E. Miller, W. Bilsom, T. G. Hutcherson, W. T. Munday, J. E. Pike, F. Excell, H. C. Prior, P. H. Hamlin, G. R. Brooks, M. Pryke, W. Toogood, C. Pain, W. H. Kelly, A. Bates, G. Brown, E. Parsons, G. Cronin, F. Smith, P. T. Fawsitt, J. M. Bruce, F. W. Pratt, A. T. Channon, F. Hobbs, A. Matthews, H. Hosiel, F. W. Attewell, J. G. Watson, H. H. Hill, J. A. Hackwith, J. Burrand, J. W. Baker, S. Harrison, A. Sinclair, A. H. Morrison, T. D. Coombe, E. A. Miles, F. W. Sparshott, W. J. Woodroffe, G. Langler, G. Hunter, G. Hubbard.
Victorious—Lieuts. F. E. Burnard, H. H. Hall; Sergts. F. W. Woodcock, G. Gahan; Bugler T. Lismore; Ptes. D. E. Veale, A. Gane, S. J. May, A. Standing, A. W. Hurst, D. Axon, H. Field, A. G. Ford, W. H. Barker, E. Delsbridge, J. W. Ferguson, A. Long, F. J. Suddaby, A. Minchin, J. Aldis, W. J. Barnes, H. Tyler, A. Oxborough, G. W. Conway, F. J. Gore, C. Cant, G. F. Coward, J. G. Deller, W. Bettinson, C. W. Hill, H. M. Saunders, T. Hollis, C. J. Hand, W. H. Day, E. Dobson, A. B. Cutler, C. Evans, W. Tasker, A. Bennett, T. A. Day, H. Petherbridge, J. H. Manning.
Leander—Sergt. H. Harding; Corpl. F. Williams; Bugler E. Miller; Ptes. F. G. Spicer, L. Green, F. Langford, H. Wilson, A. Haynes, A. H. Creswell, E. R. Chadwick, W. Boker, G. Radford, A. Harvey, H. Steere, W. Ward, W. Hall, E. J. Rayner, E. W. Haynes, J. Rogers, A. T. Fowkes, F. J. Webb, W. Davidson, H. M. Ashford.
Barracouta—Sergt. B. Rolles; Corpl. F. Groves; Ptes. A. W. Batten, H. Knight, E. Thackrey, J. Fisher, W. Brothers, C. Rose, W. Edgecombe, E. Barnett, W. Pople, C. W. Mitchell, W. B. Evans.
Sans Pareil—Ptes. G. Reed, W. G. Franklin, A. J. Mully, J. Outlaw, J. Clark, F. Dainton, E. Bassett, D. C. King, H. Barkhurst, A. J. Saunders.
Howe—Capt. A. H. Brabazon; Pte. C. Skinner.
Powerful—Lieut. F. J. Saunders; Ptes. H. R. Isern, H. Newman.
Repulse—Ptes. H. Miles, W. R. Forker, E. H. Hankin, T. H. Appleby, H. O. Long, A. C. Woodcock, C. J. Hammond, J. Stickley.
Blenheim—Ptes. W. C. Petts, G. T. Jones, D. A. Kennard, R. Burfield, A. W. Balsom.
Charybdis—Pte. S. J. Steer.
Champion—Pte. J. H. Laurence.
Agincourt—Sergt. G. E. Sandeman; Ptes. A. Gilbert, F. C. Yourwoth.
Pembroke—Ptes. J. Wakefield, C. A. Farthing, E. J. Ball, A. Kett, H. W. Brooker, H. B. Hunt, J. T. Walsh, W. Moore, W. R. Chesney, E. G. Peckham, C. Warren, E. Clark, G. E. Ashforth, W. J. Ridgewell, A. G. Clark, G. W. Murphy.
FROM PORTSMOUTH—
Boscawen—Pte. W. Connor.
Excellent—Corpls. J. W. Parker, A. Levett; Ptes. J. L. Peel, F. V. Waiter.
Inflexible—Ptes. F. Lee, J. Logan, W. H. Kirby, J. Naylor, T. J. Haslett, H. G. Ralph, T. Gibbs, E. A. Pittes, J. North, W. C. Carter, A. F. Carroll, A. B. Cox.
Leander—Lieut. A. P. Grattan; Pte. T. White.
Mars—Ptes. H. W. Norris, J. H. Rippon.
Minotaur—Sergt. W. Featherstone.

Northampton—Ptes. H. Ricketts, S. Tapp.
Osborne—Bugler F. O. Botterill.
Powerful—Sergts. F. Churchman, E. P. While, H. J. Wells; Corpls. W. C. Holland, H. J. Taylor; Bugler L. J. Rann, W. J. Lader; Ptes. S. J. Smart, G. L. Fayolle, F. W. Purvor, E. C. Palmer, F. Martin, A. J. Brown, W. Lowe, C. Butt, W. Leach, F. Mabbett, F. Guyatt, A. Goat, J. A. Roades, T. Jones, A. E. Whale, H. J. M. Elmes, E. J. Prescott, J. R. Carpenter, F. J. Honor, G. Chrystal, G. Cassey, J. H. Golding, E. A. Walkesdene, F. G. Sedman, G. Franklin, E. A. Hill, A. Harwood, F. C. T D. Watson, J. Cull, J. G. Wheeler, A. H. Hall, A. J. Mann, R. W. Lock, P. Wells, B. M. Winn, J. C. Watts, W. A. Bennett, V. E. Watts, J. Metcalfe, R. Davey, A. E. Lampard, W. Johnson, J. A. Bartlett, G. Leverton, J. Varey, W. Clark, C. Warren, H. J. Launder, H. C. W. Shute, J. Donaldson, E. Wadhems, H. Shephard, C. T. Piper, W. R. West, B. Smith, W. Tolley, Alf. Selley, J. Conway, F. Blanchard, C. Cooper, A. Caplen, W. T. Tillman, E. W. Phillips, J. H. Tildesley, F. Turner, R. Truefitt.
Phæton—Lieut F. J. W. Harvey; Pte. W. Small.
Royal Sovereign—Sergts. J. Milne, J. Abbott; Corpl. P. J. Abbott; Bugler F. J. King; Ptes. E. E. Paget, A. S. Fry, W. Wells, S. J. Phillips, J. Caives, H. Bass, P. Perkins, F. Huskinson, F. J. Tuffin, H. J. Perch, R. Dearlove, W. H. Thomas, W. Luckey, J. T. Johnson, A. Fraser, W. Davis, H. N. Stanley, F. R. Swindon, G. Smith, A. Randel, A. Watts, J. A. Warren, W. H. Brakes, G. T. Cartwright, R. Foggitt, E. Hunt, J. Gibson, R. Hardy, H. Hastings, G. T. Back, T. N. Gladdish, F. E. Heard, F. W. Lewis, E Dyer, T. W. Lee, W. F. Williams, A. W. Kemp, W. Codson, C. E. Breeze, W. J. Waters, J. Cook, T. W. Meager, B. S. Parnell, C. H. Turberfield, A. Worsley, M. H. Rosborn.
Research—Pte. G. Thompson.
Resolution—Corpl. W. T. Grimes; Pte. J. G. Kinch.
Renown—Lieut. H. D. O'Sullivan; Pte. W. J. Maling.
Victory—Corpl. E. Jarman; Ptes. E. J. Anderson, A. G. Graham, W. J. Albery, B. J. Milner, T. A. Jones, C. Fisher, J. Brockway, W. Bone, E. Hancock, W. Brewer, E. Davey, A. Cousins, H. Shore, R. W. Ball, O. Westoby, F. Vaughan, W. Harrison, J. O. Bullard, F. C. Staples, F. A. Silke, A. Hillyer, W. B. Angliss, W. Macklin, R. J. Faulkner, F. Buckland, E. J. Hughes, S. Casey, C. Hansford, R. F. Carpenter.
Vernon—Pte. J K. Long.
Wanderer—Ptes. A. J. Joiner, F. H. Weller.

FROM PLYMOUTH—
Cambridge—Sergt. Brightly; Corpl. J. Presscott; Bugler H. Eakins
Calypso—Pte F. Claridge.
Defiance—Pte. G. C. Case.
Britannia—Ptes. J. Reardon, J Moore.
Black Prince—Corpl. J. F. Harlow.
Lion—Lce.-Sergt. W. C. Wisely; Pte. W. Johnson.
Empress of India—Lieut. A. G. S. Heycock; Pte. J. Cox.
Flora—Pte. J. Seymour.
Ganges—Pte. W. Rogers.
Hermione—Bugler W. E. Gregory; Ptes. H. Taylor, T. Hayes.
Howe—Ptes. J. Shearn, J. Johns.
Impregnable—Lce.-Sergt. A. T. Gilmour; Pte. A. Hughes.
Jupiter—Lieut. C. F. Barber; Pte. W. J. Gould.
Magnificent—Bugler W. S. Dayment; Ptes. J. A. Barltrop, R. Swift, T. Shaw, E. A. Connor, W. White, W. G. Oram.
Mars—Lieut. J. R. Nixon; Pte. C. Moore.
Royal Sovereign—Lieut. B. J. D. Walthall; Pte. G. H. Brown.
Phæton—Sergt. W. T. E. Hussey; Corpl. W. G. T. Bounds; Lce.-Corpl. J. Stroud; Bugler C. R. Stone; Ptes. J. Gillard, J. Howe, W. Snell, H. Adams, A. Gilbey, C. Chillcott, H. King, J. Reeves, T. Eales, T. Jones, T. J. Baldwin, T. R. Harvey, F. Lewis, D. Heron, E. Harrison, A. Black, E. G. Pike, E. Loveys, R. Trudgeon, W. Street, F. Godwin, G. W. Shentum, J. Hucker, W. Hamilton, F. Russell.
Renown—Sergts. W. G. Childs, F. A. Chettle; Lce.-Corpls. A. Waller, J. Cope; Bugler J. R. Horner; Ptes. F. Carile, H. Burton, W. S. Wathen, E. Cartmall, A. Simmons, J. Impey, A. E. Edgcombe, G. Ham, W. G. Berry, R. O'Neil, H. F. Blackwood, A. Youlden, W. H. Dymond, E. H. Hubberd, H. B. Verity, F. W. Heath, G. Milton, H. Wisbey, G. Goode, W. R. Reynolds, L J. B. Ricketts, A. J. Stephens, W. Ball, H. Perry, J. Robinson, T. Brickell, P. McCluskey, W. Holmes, F. Hatherall, A. J. Delbridge, T. R. Perks, J. T. Roberts, H. W. E. Edwards, W. J. H. Palmer, F. Bowker, W. G. Smith, M. McGuirk.
Vivid—Corpl. A. J. Hare; Ptes. W. H. Davey, P. Pavin, F. Haselgrave, C. F Chesher, W. Green, M. J. Attwell, G. Sizer, E. S. Stonehouse, W. Garner, E. A. Packer, J. Long, S. Benyon, P. Donovan, E. Tyler, T. T. O'Connor, C. Blackledge, F. Hern, J. Friend, H. M. Wareham; Corpls. A. B. Baldwin, E. Willis.

Disembarked.

TO EASTNEY
Prince George—Gnr. J. Brandish; Brs. C. Reynolds, Ed. Porter.
Flora—Gnr. H. A. King.
Crescent—Gnrs. J. Littlejohn, J. R. Marshall.
Victory—Cr.-Sergt. J. Glover.
Majestic—Gnrs. A. Pratt, A. A. Boyes, R. E. Potter; Corpl. A. Chatfield.
Repulse—Sgt. J. Waters; Gnrs. J. Buckley, W. Betsworth, G. Wrangles, H. C. Bailey, A. Bridges, J. Hughes, T. Foulkes, A. L. French, J. Wainwright, P. Gross, A. Buick, F. J. Field, J. Byrne, J. Cameron.
Pembroke—Gnr. T. Buckton; Sergt. H. W. Green.
Hood—Brs. Eclaydon, C. Pragnell.
Terror—Gnrs. F. Boyes, W. Coombes, J. Harman.
Magnificent—Br. F. Waldron.
Jupiter—Corpl. A. J. Guyton.
Sans Pareil—Br. A. W. Mead.
Penelope—Sergt. A. A. Martin.

TO CHATHAM—
Swift—Bugler J. Grady; Ptes. E. R. Welch, H. Chamberlain, A. A. Murfitt, T. Brand, H. Ransham, A. E. Tudgey, J. Pickett, C. W. Lloyd, E. J. Hester, G. Oberst.
Imperiuse—Sergt. J. Young.
Minerva—Pte. W. H. Turner.
Alacrity—Bugler H W. King; Ptes. J. Short, J. Spooner.
Victor Emanuel—Sergt. H. Hore; Ptes. J. W. Whitecross, R. J. Boulton, A. Finch, T. W. Page, J. H. Beale, A. Pilsworth.
Rattler—Corpl. J. G. Copeland; Bugler H. Sands; Ptes. H. Brownrigg, A. R. Firminger, H. J. Wright, E. Parrott, J. Hutson, W. Wright, T. Hawkes.
Camperdown—Bugler H. C. Wickenden; Ptes. J. T. Sykes, G. J. Thompson.
Repulse—Ptes. J. H. Coughlin, W. Edgecumbe, H. Bukhardt, D. H. Todd, E. Cackett, H. Britton, E. Nunn; Bugler W. C. Senior.
Flora—Clr.-Sergt. H. T. Hayward; Corpl. A. E. Maycock; Bugler W. McKoy; Ptes. F. B. Goodry, J. H. Harper, A. Weaver, E. M. Dietz, E. Dobson, R. Dixon, H. Yeates, E. A. Coates, J. J. Purcell, J. W. Marshall.
Centurion—Ptes. J. Constable, R. Staples, E. J. Durrant, J. S. Bunn, J. Sullivan, W. M. Howard, A. Bedwell, C. Sear, A. H. Burr, H. Lambert; Corpl. C. Cattin.
Scout—Ptes. R. J. Drake, A. Dwyer, G. H. Cross, A. Gill.
Sybille—Pte. A. Kemsley.
Blenheim—Bugler W. Brown; Ptes. W. J. Hobbs, H. J. Smith, A. Kemp, D. Vincent.
Katoomba—Bugler C. D. Cutts; Ptes. J. E. Downs, A. W. Chase.
Marathon—Sergt. W. E. Croombes; Corpls. T. A. Woodward, J. Luther; Bugler D. E. Young; Ptes. J. H. Adams, A. G. Noble, W. Cocks, A. G. Nobbs, T. W. Pearce, W. H. Clarke, W. Burton, T. Batter, E. H. Cox, C. F. Bennett, A. E. Hearnden, W. W. Best, J. L. Goudie, W. A. Stewart, R. Pile, F. W. Garton, J. E. Dobson.
Pembroke—Sergt. H. Smith; Corpls. W. Bridgman, H. J. Eccles, F. Groves; Ptes. W. Read, J. Clifford, A. Laud, T. Cooper, F. E. Lyons, H. Woolard, A. G. Clarke, A. B. Cutler, A. C. Smith, T. Hollis, J. W. Young, R. C. Beeton, H. E. Butler, W. H. Williams, H. J. Hawkes, C. Berryman, J. Clarke, J Baker, R. Moir, E. W. Price.

TO PORTSMOUTH—

Crescent—Pte. Geo. Browne.
Calliope—Pte. S. W. Osborn.
Excellent—Sergts. H. Peck, P. J. Upson.
Imperieuse—Pte. F. C. Ellis.
Katoomba—Corpl. G. J. Sheppard; Ptes. W. North, J. Osborn, W. Abbott.
Minotaur - Pte. W. Rendle.
Majestic—Ptes. A. Cresden, W. Bigg, J. Chellingsworth.
Mars—Corpl. J. Hawser.
Powerful—Pte. E. Wadhems.
Penelope—Ptes. H. Summerton, H. Dunkinson, C. Hope, W. J. Calon, T. Dolan; Bugler G. Godden.
Repulse—Ptes. J. Wells, J. Osborn.
Resolution—Ptes. A. Lee, J. Robinson.
St. George—Ptes. A. Raker, G. H. Allen.
Urgent -Ptes. J. H. Adams, C. E. Freeland.
Vernon - Pte. F. J. Bourne.
Victory - Corpl. W. Harris; Ptes. W. Bone, G. Hoare, W. Watt, J. Williams, W. Heald, A. Baker, W. Ware, C. T. Piper, J. McGarry, J. Page, B. K. Wilson, H. A. Smith.
Widgeon—Pte. E. T. Ashby.
Wanderer—Ptes. H. Watford, W. H. Thomas.
Waterwitch—Ptes. J. Shayler, W. J. Pearman, F. A. Greenslade, W. A. Curtis, G. Cooper, W. Smith.
Wallaroo—Sergt. G. J. Batten; Corpls. C. Chiverton, S. Langdon; Buglers F. O. Priscott, P. W. H. Ranner; Ptes. C. Tovey, E. J. Galer, H. Booth, W. Thorn, J. Wingham, C. P. Dickinson, W. Botham, J. Goodyear, J. Dicks, D. McDonald, R. Wyatt, T. McCoy, H. T. Artus, A. E. Headley.

TO PLYMOUTH—

Archer—Pte. H. T. Miller.
Black Prince—Sergt. G. A. Parsons.
Bellona—Sergt. J. H. Davidson; Corpl. F. M. Worters; Bugler S. Tamlin; Ptes. F. Ottaway, E. Humphries, P. Rigg. J. Miller, J. Brooks, S. Robertson, W. Dallen, A. E. Martin, G. J. Ford, J. Gordon, E. Burch.
Britannia—Pte. W. J. Olding.
Cambridge—Sergts. G. Norman, H. E. Beech; Ptes. E. J. Baxter, W. Kelland.
Centurion—Bt. Lieut.-Col. A. O. de B. Nepean; Pte. H. T. Bull.
Dart—Pte. H. Villis.
Flora—Corpls. S. M. Cooper, V. G. Croad; Ptes. A. E. Hansell, R. Sanders, T. Allott, F. J. Osborne.
Hermione—Bugler W. R. Peay; Ptes. H. Underwood, E. Peters, W. Jones.
Howe—Corpls. E. Hancock, P. Conroy
Hibernia—Pte. J. H. Brian
Impregnable—Sergt. E. Hann
Katoomba - Sergt. E. H. Symons; Ptes. H. Goff, H. Butt, W. Northmore, F. Lavers, R. Davies, W. Boundy, F. C Holt, J. Carr, A. Cook, S. Robinson, H. Phare, E. Kilbray, J. W Morris
Lion—Sergt. W. Bunn; Pte. J. Seymour
Lizard—Bugler J. Lambert
Magnificent—Pte. A. A. Wills
Mildura—Ptes. T. Marney, T. Jones, W. Lewis
Pelican—Corpl. H. Brice
Philomel—Lce.-Sergt. W. Titchmarsh; Ptes. G. Muncey, C J Gosling
Pylades—Pte. L. Brown
Repulse—Pte. A. Pritchard
Satellite—Pte. W. C. Shawyer
Talbot—Pte. R. J. Mourton
Terror—Ptes. W. Dixon, A. W. Holmes
Undaunted—Pte. J. E. Thorne
Vivid—Corpls. J. F. Roberts, G. Cockram, J. Sparkes; Ptes. D. Sutherland, R. White, E. Holman, W. Morrison, W. Styles, W. G. Pritchard, E. Hinds, W. A. Berryman, M. Golding, W. Johnson, R. Rogers, E. Fuller, A. Longworth, J. Coster, G. Raymond, J. T. Evans, G. F. Stacey, H. J. Harley, J. Walker, B. McHugh, F. Hunt, A. Whitcombe, J. Routley, W. Gibbons, J. Bower, R. J. Greep, J. Gray, F. Davis, E. Coulthread, W. Chinnick, W. Dyer, J. Moon, W. Seabrook, E. Reynolds, J. Fisher, D. Mitchell, F. Hamlyn, T .M. Looney, W. Macdonald; Corpl. C. Higgins
Wallaroo—Ptes. J. C. Hellens, F. Clarke
Widgeon—Pte. S. J. Pengelly

Moves

PLYMOUTH—

Major F. C. O. Johnson from 1st V.B. Bedfordshire Regt. to Plymouth Division.

22nd June, 1897.

IN this thy year of Jubilee,
We hail thee Empress Queen.
Thy vast realms all in unity,
Upraise one glorious peœn.
Thy praises o'er the globe resound;
Thine empire girdles it around,
With shouts of joyous praise—
Victoria, Hail!

Triumphant still the joyous strain,
Thy myriad subjects rise;
The glories of thy happy reign
Are echoed to the skies.
Thy nation, happy, great, and free;
Thy land, the home of liberty;
Thy people's hearts, thy throne—
Victoria, Hail!

What brotherhood can spread the news?
Who can perform this best?
Who, but the gallant Reds and Blues.
See! everywhere our crest.
Now raise the shout from shore to shore,
My comrades in our loyal Corps,
One voice throughout the world—
Victoria, Hail!

At the Grand Lodge, held at the Albert Hall, on Monday, June 14th, in commemoration of the completion of the 60th year of the Queen's reign, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, was pleased to personally confer the rank of Past Grand Deacon on W. Bro. Captain W. Portlock-Dadson, late R.M.L.I., Past Grand Deacon of Jamaica, and Secretary of the Friends-in-Council Lodge, No. 1383.

Chatham Cricket.

R.M.L.I., CHATHAM, *v.* TOWN MALLING.

Played at Town Malling on 19th June, resulting in a win for R.M.L.I. by 36 runs.

R.M.L.I.		TOWN MALLING.	
Sergt.-Major Snelling c Brooker b Longhurst	17	E. B. Hoare c Graham b Wynne	34
Pte. Frost c and b Longhurst	9	T. Court c Finlaison b Wyne	27
Col. Newington l b w Longhurst	9	E. T. Stratton c Finlaison b Snelling	0
Pte. Pratt c and b Longhurst	0	T. T. Dewe c Newington b Finlaison	24
Lieut. Finlaison b Stratton ..	25	T. W. Johnson l b w Finlaison	13
Capt. Hobbs b Brooker ..	67	E. Golding c Frost b Hobbs	9
Lieut. Miller c Dewe b Longhurst	66	Brooker c Finlaison b Hobbs	9
Dr. Shuttleworth l b w Longhurst	8	L. Phillips c Jones b Finlaison	10
Lieut. Graham b Longhurst..	0	S. Roberts c Frost b Hobbs..	23
Lieut. Carpenter b Longhurst	0	H. Davies b Hobbs ..	3
Lieut. Jones c Dewe b Longhurst	0	F. Longhurst, not out ..	13
Pte. Wynn, not out ..	6	C. B. Mercer c Wynn b Hobbs	1
Extras	10	Extras	15
Total	217	Total	181

Cricket.

R.M.A. *v.* The Shropshire L.I.

Played at the United Service Recreation Ground, Portsmouth, 26th May, and lost by 56 runs. The Shropshire scored 192 for seven wickets, and declared.

R.M.A.

Captain P. Peacock, b Worsell	0
Lieutenant F. L. Dibblee, b Worsell	13
Captain G. N. A. Harris, c Spens, b Worsell ..	20
,, A. H. Cox, c English, b Worsell	7
Major A. G. Tatham, b Worsell	12
Bombardier Reynolds, c Bailey, b Worsell	22
Sergeant Gaubert, b Atcheson	9
Gunner Longhurst, b Atcheson	4
,, Bendall, b Atcheson	18
Captain E. Henderson, not out	13
,, J. M. Rose, b English	4
Extras	14
Total	136

R.M.A. *v.* H.M.S. "Excellent" (Whale Island)

Played at Whale Island, 5th June, and lost by 12 runs. H.M.S. *Excellent* scored 74 and 93 for eight wickets.

R.M.A.

Captain C. S. N. Bishop, run out	26
,, E. P. Brittan, run out	5
Lieutenant F. L. Dibblee, c Dooghty, b Freemantle ..	7
Captain A. H. Cox, b Freemantle	3
,, P. Peacock, b Short	0
Bombardier Reynolds, b Short	3
Major Tatham, b Short	2
Sergeant Gaubert, c Chatfield, b Freemantle ..	4
Captain G. N. Harris, c Freemantle, b Short ..	0
,, C. L. Brooke, c Smith, b Freemantle ..	1
Gunner Bendall, not out	0
Extras	11
Total	62

R.M.A. *v.* Portsmouth Grammar School.

Played at Eastney, on Whit Monday, and won by 59 runs. The Grammar School scored 75 and 45 for eight wickets.

R.M.A.

Captain E. P. Brittan, b A. H. Wood	21
Lieutenant F. L. Dibblee, b A. H. Wood	15
Captain A. H. Cox, b H. H Fellgate	28
Major A. G. Tatham, c and b A. H. Wood	0
Bombardier Reynolds, b H. H. Fellgate	2
Gunner Longhurst, c Pitt, b Strong	39
Sergeant Gaubert, c Bennett, b Wood	7
Captain P. Peacock, c and b Wood	11
,, C. L. Brooke, b Wood	3
,, E. Henderson, not out	0
Gunner Bendall, st Fellgate, b Wood	0
Extras	8
Total	134

R.M.A. *v.* R.A.

Played at the United Service Recreation Ground, Portsmouth, 24th June, and won by 21 runs. The R.A. scored 112 and 111 for six wickets.

R.M.A.

Major A. G. Tatham, c Campbell, b Drewitt ..	2
Captain F. L. Dibblee, c Drewitt, b Holbrook ..	39
,, E. P. Brittan, b Harms	5
,, P. Phillipps, c Holbrook, b Smith	30
,, P. Peacock, c Campbell, b Holbrook ..	4
,, A. H. Cox, c Morris, b Holbrook	8
Bombardier Reynolds, c Campbell, b Harms ..	11
Captain C. L. Brooke, c Harms, b Holbrook ..	4
Gunner Longhurst, not out	8
Sergeant Gaubert, b Holbrook	0
Captain G. N. A. Harris, b Harms	10
Extras	12
Total	133

The Brittan Cricket Challenge Shield.

2nd Round.

O Co. beat B Co. by 43 runs.
O Co.—Gunner Gibbons, 37; Major Gaitskell, 18.
B Co.—Gunner Gillies, 16.

I Co. beat C Co. by 52 runs.
I Co.—50 and 162 for two wickets (innings closed). Captain Bishop, 2 and 90 (not out); Captain Harris, 6 and 66 (not out).
C Co.—109 and 51. Captain Pym, 30 and 18.

N Co. beat M Co. by 159 runs.
N Co.—199. Major Tatham, 63; Corporal Cottle, 52; Captain Brooke, 25; Bombr. Clarke, 21; Gunner Higginbottom, 20.
M Co.—40. Captain Brittan, 25.

A Co. beat D Co. by 90 runs.
A Co.—154. Gunner Kemp, 64 Gunner Longhurst, 20.
D Co.—64. Captain Henderson, 26 (not out).

Portsmouth Division.—Officers *v.* Sergeants.

Played at Forton on June 10th, and resulted in a win for the Sergeants on the first innings by six runs. The excitement at the finish will be seen by the appended score. In the second innings the Sergeants were all got out for 32, Lieut. Headlam taking 7 wickets for 10 runs. There were only fifteen minutes left to get the 39 runs the Officers required, and the score was left at 24 without the loss of a wicket. In the first innings of the Officers, Sergt. Fox took 5 wickets for 11 runs.

Sergeants.

	1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*	
Sergt	Wiggington b Headlam ..	18	c Griffiths ..	8
,,	Warner c Chowne b Baldwin ..	1	c Baldwin ..	3
,,	Carroll b Headlam	4	b Headlam ..	0
,,	Pearman b Headlam ..	0	b Headlam ..	3
,,	Broster c and b Headlam ..	9	c Chowne ..	3
,,	Smith c Marshman b Headlam ..	1	not out ..	3
Clr.-Sergt.	Buckley b Baldwin ..	3	c Jones ..	1
Sergt.	Lee, not out	15	b Clarke ..	5
,,	Fox b Headlam	3		
,,	Howard c Baldwin b Headlam ..	11	b Clarke ..	0
,,	Wildes c Jones b Clarke	3	b Headlam ..	1
	Extras	11	Extras ..	5
	Total	79	Total	32

Officers.

	1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*	
Lieut.	Reid b Broster	0	Reid, not out ..	12
,,	Headlam, run out	11	Headlam, not out	10
Capt.	Beith c Carroll b Warner ..	30		
Lieut.	Jones b Warner	16		
,,	Halliday b Fox	3		
Col.	Baldwin b Fox	0		
Capt.	Chowne b Warner	3		
Lieut.	Clarke, not out	6		
,,	Marshman c Wigginton b Fox ..	1		
,,	Griffiths b Fox	2		
,,	Mairis b Fox	0		
	Extras	1	Extras ..	2
	Total	73	Total	24

R.A. *v.* R.M.L.I. (Portsmouth Division).

Played at Forton on June 5th. In the second innings the R.A. made 101 for 3 wickets. (Mr. McShee 44, not out).

R.A.

Maj. Smith c Faulkner b Jackson	48
Mr. McShee c Faulkner b Jackson	0
Capt. Campbell b Jackson ..	0
Lieut. Holbrooke, run out ..	12
Corpl. Harms c Jones b Sutcliffe	28
Lieut. Wynne b Sutcliffe ..	8
Br. Windrum, run out ..	1
Sergt. Manley c Headlam b Jackson	4
Mr. Burne b Sutcliffe ..	0
Capt. Uniacke c Jackson b Sutcliffe	4
Br. Storey, not out ..	0
Extras	6
Total	111

R.M.L.I.

Lieut. Reid b Holbrooke ..	8
Pte. Sutcliffe c Manley b Harms	3
Capt. Beith c Windrum b Harms	6
Lieut. Coles b Harms ..	17
Sergt. Wigginton b Holbrooke	6
Corpl. Faulkner l b w b Harris	8
Lieut. Jones b Holbrooke ..	0
Lieut. Headlam b Holbrooke ..	15
Col. Baldwin, run out ..	9
Lieut Griffiths c Manley b Holbrooke	0
Corpl. Jackson, not out ..	1
Extras	1
Total	74

R.M.L.I. *v.* Medical Staff (Plymouth Division).

Played at Brickfields, Plymouth, and resulted in a win for the R.M.L.I. by 100 runs.

R.M.L.I.		Medical Staff.	
Mus. Baker b Dawson	2	Dawson b Dalling	2
Pte. Bulley c Watt b Dawson	12	Cox b Dalling	10
,, Sharpe b Dawson	12	Watt b Dalling	12
Mus. Dalling b Dawson	13	Simpson b Dalling	0
Pte. Morris c and b Dawson	5	Bridge l b w, b Feltham	4
Drum.-Maj. Cockayne b McCormack	38	McCormack, not out	13
Pte. Kenna b Watt	1	Flannigon l b w, b Feltham	2
Mus. Littlepage l b w Simpson	15	Connelly b Dalling	1
Pte. Masterman, run out	6	Carpenter b Dalling	0
,, Bosher b Watt	26	Waldron b Dalling	5
,, Feltham, not out	22	Brown b Dalling	2
Extras	6	Extras	7
Total	158	Total	58

Royal Marines *v.* Welsh Regiment.

Played at Mount Wise on the 25th May.

Marines.	*1st Innings.*		*2nd Innings.*	
Major Plumbe, b Young		10	c Patchett, b Jones	19
Pte. Willis, c Slade, b Jones		23	b Jones	1
Lieut. Little, b Jones		1	b Young	8
Lieut. Morse, b Young		1	b Jones	0
Lieut. Heycock, b Jones		5	not out	71
Lce.-Corpl. Bentley, b Young		46	c Slade, b Moore	24
Lieut. Way, lbw, b Young		0	b Young	15
Davidson, b Young		3	c Jones, b Stallion	0
Lieut. Mullins, not out		7	b Stallion	0
Lieut. Hood, b Jones		0	b Young	3
Lieut. Rooney, b Jones		0	b Stallion	1
Extras		9	Extras	21
Total		102	Total	174

Welsh Regiment.	*1st Innings.*		*2nd Innings.*	
Lieut. Robins, c Davidson, b Bentley		4		
Lieut. Moore, c and b Bentley		0	b Rooney	32
Pte. Stallion, c Wills, b Hood		25	not out	11
Lieut. Prothero, b Little		19		
Lieut. Hale, c Plumbe, b Little		7	c Bentley, b Little	7
Sergt. Jones, b Little		0		
Capt. Young, b Bentley		13	b Bentley	0
Pte. Connel, run out		0		
Pte. Slade, b Bentley		1		
Lieut. Patchett, not out		7	c Heycock, b Bentley	0
Lieut. Angel, b Bentley		0	not out	11
Extras		5	Extras	3
Total		81	Total (for 4 wkts)	61

Sergeants R.M.L.I. *v.* Plymouth Police.

Played at the Brickfields on May 26th, and after a very pleasant game resulted in a draw greatly in favour of the visitors.

Police.		Sergeants R.M.L.I.	
Dunstan, b Hermon	27	Beech, c Hill, b Reynolds	11
Davis, c Martin, b Digby	5	Sharpe, b Hill	9
Scantlebury, b Hurford	1	Hermon, c Hannaford, b Reynolds	9
W. Somers, c Martin, b Digby	6	Hurford, b Hill	4
Reynolds, b Hurford	1	Piper, not out	24
Hill, c Cockayne, b Beech	62	Martin, b Reynolds	14
Alford, not out	17	Cockayne, run out	1
Woodfin, c Piper, b Beech	2	Bolton, b Alford	5
Codd, not out	2	Digby, not out	4
J. Somers and Hanniford did not bat		Pentley, run out	0
		Partridge, not out	0
Extras	21	Extras	9
Total	143	Total (9 wkts)	90

Innings declared closed.

R.M.L.I. *v.* Worcester Regiment.

Played at Mount Wise on the 27th May in dull weather.

Worcester Regiment.		R.M.L.I.	
Corpl. Butler, b Hood	3	Major Plumbe, lbw b How	6
Mr. Richards, b Hood	8	Pte. Willis, b How	0
Capt. How, c Davidson, b Bentley	29	Lieut. Little, c Sweetman, b How	11
Corpl. Giddy, b Bentley	18	Lieut. Morse, c Giddy, b How	20
Capt. Sweetman, c Morse, b Hood	10	Lce.-Corpl. Bentley, lbw, b Giddy	13
Capt. Munro, c Davidson, b Plumbe	24	Major Denny, c Butler, b How	0
Major Hickman, b Bentley	0	Pte. Williams, c Dennington, b How	0
Sergt. Murphy, c Davidson, b Little	12	Bandsman Davidson, run out	5
Sergt. Ray, c Davidson, b Little	0	Lieut. Way run out	0
Lieut. Townsend, not out	14	Lieut. Hood, c Munro, b Giddy	12
Pte. Dennington, b Plumbe	5	Lieut. Rooney, not out	17
Extras	4	Extras	5
Total	172	Total	89

R.M.L.I. *v.* Plymouth and Mannamead College.

Played at Ford Park on the 2nd June, resulting in a win for the College by 29 runs.

P.M.C.		R.M.L.I.	
R. H. S. More, b Bentley	20	Major Plumbe, c Brown, b Woodcock	7
A. J. Ellis, b Bentley	1	Musician Willis, c Cudlip, b Woodcock	2
H. A. Brown, c Bentley, b Plumbe	8	Mr. Little, b Taylor	9
H. N. Millett, c and b Bentley	7	Mr. Heycock, c and b Woodcock	4
Mr. F. Woodcock, run out	7	Lce.-Cpl. Bentley, c Ellis, b Woodcock	8
Mr. F. B. Palmer, b Little	22	Pte. Davidson, b Woodcock	1
P. L. Coleridge, c Bentley, b Little	5	Mr. Way, b Taylor	5
Taylor (pro.) b Little	0	Musn. Hicks, b Woodcock	8
E. P. Cudlip, c Way, b Bentley	1	Mr. Rooney, b Taylor	1
W. S. Lovell, not out	0	Capt. Pendergast, b Woodcock	2
A. C. Magnus, b Little	1	Mr. Hood, not out	2
Extras	10	Extras	2
Total	82	Total	53

R.A. *v.* R.M.L.I.

Played at Mount Wise on the 16th June in windy weather, resulting in a win for the R.A. by 83 runs.

R.M.L.I.		R.A.	
Major Plumbe, b Connor	6	Capt. Phillips, b Bentley	63
Pte. Willis, b Connor	12	Bomb. Norman, lbw, b Plumbe	6
Capt. Curteis, b Mahon	3	Corpl. Arthur, b Bentley	8
Sergt. Titchmarsh, b Connor	1	Lieut. Mahon, c Willis, b Curteis	23
Bandsman Higgs, st Norman, b Robinson	30	Lieut. Westrop, b Bentley	6
Lce.-Cpl. Bentley, c Walker, b Arthur	54	Capt. Robinson, c and b Bentley	23
Bandsman Davidson, b Robinson	0	Lieut. Hogg, b Bentley	14
Pte. Gray, run out	2	Capt. du Bulay, b Hood	6
Lieut. Mullins, b Arthur	3	Lieut. Walker, c Davidson, b Hood	12
Major Eagles, b Robinson	0	Capt. P. Smith, b Plumbe	21
Lieut. Hood, not out	4	Corpl. Connor, not out	4
Extras	1	Extras	13
Total	116	Total	199

R.M.L.I. *v* King's Own.

Played at Mount Wise on the 21st June, and resulted in a win for the King's Own by 14 runs.

King's Own.		R.M.L.I.	
Capt. Barton, b Little	9	Major Plumbe, b Millis	0
Pte. Coen, b Little	16	Corpl. Bentley, c Edwards, b Millis	13
Pte. W. Ford, b Bentley	14	Capt. Curteis, c Ford, b Barton	7
Co.-Sergt. Millis, c & b Little	25	Lt. Little, c Edwards, b Barton	59
Lieut. Marker, b Plumbe	17	Mus. Higgs, c Edwards, b Barton	0
Lt. Keik, c Bentley, b Plumbe	0	Mus. Davidson, run out	1
Lc.-Cpl. Edwards, c Bently, b Plumbe	0	Pte. Gray, b Barton	0
Sergt. McIntosh, b Bentley	0	Pte. Anthony, b Barton	0
Corpl. Foreman, b Eltham	21	Pte. Feltham, b Barton	0
Pte. Bull, b Eltham	3	Mr. Little, not out	9
Corpl. Thompson, not out	0		
Extras	4	Extras	6
Total	109	Total	95

R.M.L.I., MARCHWOOD *v.* MARCHWOOD VILLAGE.

Played on the Recreation Ground, Magazines, 12th June, 1897.

MARCHWOOD VILLAGE.		R.M.L.I.	
Mr. W. Pearce, c Attwool, b Adams	0	Sergt. Adams, b W. Pearce	3
,, R. Broomfield, c Deed, b Gulliver	16	Pte. Roles, b W. Pearce	0
,, A. Broomfield, b Roles	16	Lieut. Deed, not out	27
,, Garlic, c Roles, b Gulliver	1	Pte. Peake, b W. Pearce	0
,, S. Broomfield, b Gulliver	0	,, Gulliver, b A. Broomfield	11
,, Ross, b Gulliver	4	Capt. Clarke, b A. Broomfield	2
,, Mansbridge, c Deed, b Adams	6	Mr. Attwood, b A. Broomfield	0
,, C. Pearce, b Roles	0	Pte. Hand, b W. Pearce	2
,, Wheeler, b Gulliver	2	,, Walker, b W. Pearce	3
,, Booker, c Roles, b Attwood	5	,, Ives, b W. Pearce	0
,, Carraher, not out	0	,, Bunting, b R. Broomfield	3
Extras	3	Extras	2
Total	53	Total	53

R.M. DEPOT *v.* 2nd EAST SURREY REGIMENT.

Played at Walmer, May 27th, and resulted in a win for the 2nd East Surrey Regiment.

R.M. DEPOT.		2nd EAST SURREY REGT.	
Lieut. Coke b Barchard	0	Lieut. Barchard b King	18
Sergt. Browne b Boxhall	36	,, North, run out	11
Maj. Percy c Boxhall b Porch	1	Corpl. Eynott c Croneen b Gwynn	2
Mr. Keightley c Rake b Ellingham	8	Lieut. Porch b Shine	70
Capt. Palmer b Porch	0	Lce.-Corpl. Boxhall b King	8
Lieut. Shine b Boxhall	18	Maj. Milford b Keighley	0
Capt. Urmston, not out	28	Sergt. Percy b King	0
Pte. Callam c Percy b Boxhall	0	Corpl. Rake c and b King	9
Pte. Gwynn b Porch	0	Sergt. Ellingham c Croneen b Shine	2
Surgeon Croneen b Boxhall	2	Pte. Yeakes b Shine	0
Sergt. King, run out	8	Pte. Dearsley, not out	0
Extras	11	Extras	6
Total	112	Total	126

R.M. Depot (second innings).—Capt. Urmston, not out, 17; Major Percy b Boxhall 2; Lieut. Coke, not out, 29. Total, 62.

R.M. DEPOT *v.* CHATHAM HOUSE, RAMSGATE.

At Walmer, June 5th. Chatham House won by 23 runs.

CHATHAM HOUSE.		R.M. DEPOT.	
Mr. Goldsmith b Binney	14	Mr. Keightley c Roduguiz b Price	22
,, G. Warden b Binney	1	Sergt. Brown b Backus	0
,, J. Warden c Keightley b Binney	5	Lieut. Coke c J. Warner b Backus	34
,, H. Backus lbw, b Binney	0	Capt. Binney lbw, b Backus	1
,, Price lbw, b King	18	Maj. Percy c Rivage b Price	0
Rev. E. Langley b Binney	0	Lieut. Shine b Price	1
Mr. C. Rivage, not out	29	Maj. Peile b Backus	6
,, L. Adams c Keightley b Binney	8	Dr. Browne c G. Warden b Price	0
,, A. Heuret b Palmer	0	Capt. Palmer, not out	0
,, R. Bovet b Palmer	7	Lieut. Noble c Goldsmith b Backus	2
,, F. Roduguiz b Palmer	0	Sergt. King c and b Price	5
Extras	7	Extras	2
Total	96	Total	73

Chatham House (second innings).—C. Rivage, run out, 22; G. Warden c Noble b Binney, 0; J. Warden, not out, 57; Mr. Price b Binney, 27; Mr. Goldsmith, not out, 3; Extras, 6. Total for three wickets, 115.

R.M. DEPOT *v.* ST. LAWRENCE C.C., CANTERBURY.

At Canterbury, 12th June. Scores: St. Lawrence, 6 wickets for 259 (innings declared). R.M. Depot, 67 and 62 for one wicket. (Captain Raitt, 44).

R.M. DEPOT *v.* KING'S SCHOOL, CANTERBURY.

At Walmer, 17th June. Scores: R.M. Depot, 124 (Capt. Binney, 34; Major Percy, 20). K.S.C., 297 for 8 wickets (Bodington, 60; Toulmin, 57; Altrawes, 80, not out).

R.M. DEPOT *v.* WALMER C.C.

Played at Walmer, June 2nd, 1897, and won by 119 runs.

WALMER C.C.		R.M. DEPOT.	
Rev. F. B. Blogg, b Shine	3	Capt. Urmston, b Roddis	4
,, O. Allanson, c Palmer, b Binney	2	Sgt. Brown c Nash, b Bicknell	0
G. A. Cobb, Esq., c Binney, b Palmer	20	Lieut. Coke, c Wall, b Roddis	68
Rev. R. Wall, c Sgt. Brown, b Binney	9	Capt. Binney, b Roddis	24
Mr. E. C. Roddis, b Binney	0	Major Percy, b Roddis	4
Rev. K. L. Bicknell, b Palmer	6	Lieut. Shine, b Roddis	5
Mr. A. Coleman, c Sgt. Brown,		Surg. Browne, b Roddis	26
,, R. Hoshen, run out	0	Capt. Palmer, b Wall	4
,, J. J. Oakley, run out	0	Pte. Callam, c Nash, b Wall	0
,, F. Nash, b Palmer	11	Lieut. Noble, not out	24
,, L. A. Stanley, not out	3	Sergt. Challess, b Wall	6
Extras	5	Extras	13
Extras	59	Total	178

R.M. DEPOT *v.* ST. GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB.

Played at Walmer, 29th May, 1897, and resulted in a draw.

R.M. DEPOT.		ST. GEORGE'S G.C.	
Capt. Urmston, b Rotherham	30	Sir T. C. O'Brien, c Shine	52
Sergt. Brown, st Rotherham, b Barton	13	Capt. Barton, c Keightley, b Shine	59
Mr. Keightley, b Russel	10	Mr. W. Dunbar-Duncan, b Keightley	39
Lieut. Coke, b Rotherham	26	Mr. H. Rotherham, not out	11
Major Percy, b Russell	0	Mr. S. R. Schultz, not out	17
Lieut. Shine, c & b Rotherham	34	Mr. C. Murray-Smith	Did not bat
Surg. Browne, not out	30	Sir W. Russell	
Pte. Cullam, c Schultz, b Russell	0	Mr. C. M. Lake	
Capt. Palmer, b O'Brien	12	Mr. H. O. Blythe	
Capt. Saumarez, b O'Brien	13	Mr. J. Hodson	
Sergt. King, c Russell, b O'Brien	19	Sergt. Ellingham	
Extras	16	Extras	4
Total	195	Total (for 3 wkts)	180

RIGHT HALF COY. *v* LEFT HALF COY., R.M.L.I., H.M.S. "HIBERNIA."

LEFT HALF COY.

1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*	
Lce.-Corpl. Negus, b Brady	17	not out	55
Lce.-Corpl. Lumbard, c Newman, b Dawson	9	c & b Parsons	6
Pte. Williams, st Kitcat, b Newman	4	b Davidson	8
Lt. Wilson, c Edwards, b Newman	22	c Johnson, b Parsons	11
Pte. Swift, b Brady	0	c Newman, b Davidson	0
Pte. Rolfe, st Kitcat, b Brady	0	c Calliford, b Brady	2
Pte. Bird, b Newman	1	st Kitcat, b Brady	0
Corpl. Marlowe, b Brady	5	b Parsons	1
Corpl. Shea, not out	3	b Parsons	3
Lce.-Sergt. Ripley, st Kitcat, b Brady	0	b Brady	0
Pte. Harrison, b Brady	0	b Brady	2
Extras	20	Extras	5
	81		93

RIGHT HALF COY.

1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*	
Lieut. Kitcat, c Bird, b Swift	19	b Negus	33
Pte. Brady, c Marlowe, b Bird	31	b Negus	8
Col.-Sergt. Parsons, b Marlowe	0		
Pte. Thomas, run out	0		
Lce.-Corpl. Edwards, b Negus	3		
,, Davidson, b Negus	6	Did not bat.	
Pte. Calliford, run out	0		
,, Johnson, run out	6		
Bugler White, b Negus	0		
Pte. Newman, not out	13	Not out	34
,, Preston, b Negus	0	Did not bat.	
Extras	13	Extras	8
Total	91	Total	83

Shooting.

R.M.A. *v.* Rifle Depot.

Result of the match fired at Browndown, on the 13th May. Rifle Depot won by 14 points.

R. M. A.		RIFLE DEPOT.	
Sergt.-Major Baker ..	97	Sergt.-Bugler Williams ..	96
Major Eastman ..	95	Pte. Pocock ..	94
Col.-Sergt. Simms ..	94	Sergt. Cunningham ..	93
Sergt.-Major Rodway ..	91	,, Churcher ..	93
Sergt. Deacon ..	91	Col.-Sergt. Talkington ..	93
Sergt.-Inst. Foley ..	91	Lce.-Sergt. Houseman ..	91
Staff-Sergt. Brockliss ..	90	Sergt.-Inst. Bowden ..	91
Sergt.-Inst. Graham ..	86	Col.-Sergt. Patching ..	89
Gunr. Blay ..	86	Q.-M.-S. Hennessey ..	89
Sergt. MacAree ..	83	Lce.-Corpl. Leslie ..	81
	904		918
Average, 90·40		Average, 91·80.	

Return match of the above teams, fired at Eastney, 9th June.

R.M.A.		Rifle Depot.	
Sergt. Deacon ..	101	Pte. Pocock ..	94
Col.-Sergt. Simms ..	96	Sergt. Churcher ..	94
Corpl. Bowley ..	95	,, Cunningham ..	94
Sergt.-Major Baker ..	95	Lce.-Sergt. Houseman ..	93
Staff-Sergt. Brockliss ..	94	Sergt.-Inst. Bowden ..	93
Sergt.-Major Rodway ..	93	Pte. Deaves ..	91
Gunr. Blay ..	89	Col.-Sergt. Talkington ..	89
Sergt.-Inst. Foley ..	89	Lce.-Corpl. Leslie ..	88
Sergt. MacAree ..	88	Sergt.-Bugler Williams ..	81
Col.-Sergt. McPherson ..	88	Col.-Sergt. Patching ..	79
	928		896
Average, 92·80.		Average, 89·60.	

R.M.L.I. *v.* Royal Scots Fusiliers.

Result of match fired at Milton Rifle Ranges, on 2nd June. Won by R.M.L.I. by 48 points.

R. M. L. I.	*200 yds.*	*500 yds.*	*600 yds.*	*Total.*
Sergt. Scott ..	32	33	33	98
Col.-Sergt. Quinlan ..	33	32	31	96
,, Holloway ..	31	35	29	95
Q.-M.-S. Young ..	30	31	33	94
Col.-Sergt. Andrews ..	28	33	32	94
Staff-Sergt. Lane ..	32	35	25	92
Sergt. Clark ..	33	31	28	89
Lieut. Tupman ..	30	30	28	88
Sergt. Richards ..	32	31	34	—†
Lieut. Marriott ..	27	30	28	—†
				746

ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS.				
Sergt.-Major Massom ..	32	33	32	97
Col.-Sergt Allchin ..	20	31	32	93
Sergt. Kimberley ..	32	26	33	91
S.-I.-M. Cooper ..	22	31	28	88
Sergt. Lodge ..	33	34	21	88
,, Barton ..	28	28	26	82
Corpl. McLeod ..	27	27	27	81
Sergt. Forrest ..	22	27	22	78
Capt. Davidson ..	29	27	20	—†
Lieut. Lewis ..	30	19	25	—†
				698

† Counted out.

ROYAL MARINE RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

On June 15th a general meeting of the Division for a rifle match, and rules similar to those of the United Service Competition, took place at Ash Ranges Aldershot, and was followed on the 16th, 17th and 18th insts, by the six shoots (two on each day) of the R.M. XX. for places in the Corps VIII.

This meeting on a neutral range, under the auspices of the Royal Marine Rifle Association, is one, the need of which has, for some time past, been felt by those who took an active interest and part in the rifle shooting of the Corps. The Ranges Selected were, as some may know, by no means the easiest on which to make high scores, and a good deal beyond merely holding the rifle straight, was required of a competitor, if he were to find himself at the top of the tree. This, added to the fact that during the four days' meeting a high wind, amounting at times to almost a gale, was prevailing, made good shooting most difficult and trying. This however is in no way to be deplored, as such weather affords a most searching test and ordeal for the competitors.

That in a small Corps like ours we should beat the Volunteers, whose team is practically the national one and the Army, whose number to choose from is, compared with our own, so enormous, cannot we think be reasonably expected, none the less shall we await with the greatest interest the result of the United Service Match at Bisley on July 16th, when the VIII., selected to represent the Corps, to do battle on our behalf, and most sincerely do we wish them the very best of good luck and success in their struggle to place our gallant Corps at the head of the list.

Be the result however what it may, we shall rest satisfied that the Royal Marine Rifle Association has, during its short existence, done all that is possible to produce the best team that the Corps possesses, and that its ultimate aim of raising the standard of our rifle shooting efficiency, is being steadily and successfully achieved.

Appended below are the results of Inter-Divisional match and and Competition of the R.M. XX.

The prize for the former match is a challenge cup, which is being subscribed for by the Officers of the Corps (Past and Present) and we will here venture to remind our readers that the undertaking of raising this cup being, as it is, a Corps matter, is well worthy of the general support of all officers, whether they happen to be directly interested in Rifle Shooting or not, and we trust that no one will allow this opportunity of showing their *esprit de corps* to slip by without availing themselves of it. Subscriptions can be sent to the Hon. Sec. R.M.R.A. Forton Barracks, Gosport.

The competition in places in the R.M. VIII was most interesting and keen, the struggle between Sergt.-Major Baker, R.M.A., and Capt. Collard, R.M.L.I. for the Gold Jewel being particular close and exciting

All Ranks' Match—Fired at Aldershot, June 15th, 1897. Prize, "The Officers' Cup." 1 irst Place, R.M.A.; Captain of Team, Maj. Eastman.

	200 yds.	*500 yds.*	*600 yds.*	*Total*
Col.-Sergt. Sims ..	31	31	34	96
Sergt.-Major Baker ..	31	35	28	94
Col.-Sergt. Macpherson	32	31	26	86
Sergt. Foley ..	32	33	21	86
Sergt. Deacon ..	30	28	27	85
Sergt.-Major Rodway	32	27	26	85
Staff-Sergt. Brockliss	31	29	25	85
Corporal Bewley ..	29	29	25	83
	248	243	212	703

Second Place, Portsmouth Division; Captain of Team, Capt. Collard.

Sergt. Finlayson ..	31	29	31	91
Lieut. Grover ..	30	31	29	90
Captain Collard ..	28	32	29	89
Staff-Sergt. Hayward ..	28	31	29	88
Lieut. Tucker ..	29	31	28	88
Captain Garrett ..	30	32	25	87
Private Lea ..	29	29	23	81
Sergt. Cole ..	27	27	25	79
	232	242	219	693

Third Place, Depot Division; Captain of Team, Staff-Sergt. Hill.

Staff-Sergt. Hill ..	30	29	30	89
Sergt. Holloway ..	32	31	26	89
Sergt. Richards ..	31	31	26	88
Staff-Sergt. Sullivan ..	26	32	28	86
Sergt. Sugden ..	33	27	25	85
,, Elliott ..	29	31	34	84
,, Burgis ..	30	29	22	81
Col.-Sergt. Freeman ..	31	28	22	81
	242	238	203	683

Fourth Place, Chatham Division; Captain of Team, Lieut. Tupman.

Col.-Sergt. Andrews ..	31	29	32	92
Sergt. Scott ..	29	31	31	91
Lieut. Tupman ..	28	34	26	88
Q.M.S. Young ..	30	32	24	86
Lieut. Finlaison ..	29	29	26	84
Staff-Sergt. Lane ..	30	35	17	82
Col.-Sergt. Quinlan ..	26	30	23	79
Sergt. Lead ..	27	27	24	78
	230	247	203	680

Fifth Place, Plymouth Division; Captain of Team, Major Clavell.

Sergt. Lloyd ..	33	31	26	90
Staff-Sergt. Woolcock	31	31	26	88
Sergt. Chanun ..	26	32	25	83
,, Partridge ..	30	33	20	83
Staff-Sergt. Skinner ..	28	24	27	79
Major Clavell ..	29	27	23	79
Col.-Sergt. Smith ..	31	21	24	76
Private Hodge ..	32	22	19	74
	240	222	190	652

R.M. XX.—Result of the Shoot for places in the R.M. XX.

	1st day.		*2nd day.*		*3rd day.*		
	1st	*2nd*	*1st*	*2nd*	*1st*	*2nd*	*Total*
Sergt.-Major Baker, R.M.A.	82	92	95	92	88	88	537
Gold Jewel							
Captain Collard Po.	88	89	91	93	88	85	534
Silver Jewel							
Sergt.-Maj. Rodway, R.M.A.	88	83	04	83	85	86	519
Bronze Jewel							
Sergt. Burgis, Depot	85	86	87	89	87	84	518
Col.-Sergt. Freeman, Depot	79	87	82	98	84	87	517
,, Simms, R.M.A.	88	85	84	89	84	87	517
Corporal Bowley, R.M.A.	88	84	80	92	88	83	515
Staff-Sergt. Hill Depot	82	87	89	98	77	80	513
,, Hayward, Po.	72	87	85	92	92	84	512
Lieut. Grover, Po.	97	81	84	88	83	78	511
C.-Srgt. Macpherson, R.M.A.	80	87	88	91	87	77	510
Sergt. Deacon, R.M.A.	81	86	94	85	83	81	510
Staff-Sergt. Lane Ch.	77	89	81	90	88	84	509
Major Eastman, R.M.A.	91	88	75	92	74	88	508
Sergt. Graham, R.M.A.	86	86	79	90	91	74	506
Staff-Sergt. Woolcock, Ply.	86	61	61	84	94	95	500
Sergt. Partridge, Ply.	81	90	81	86	81	79	498
Sergt.-Major Pearson, Depot	83	87	78	86	75	88	497
Sergt. Elliot, Depot	80	75	87	90	85	76	493
,, Foley, R.M.A.	82	91	81	86	74	66	490
Col.-Sergt. Quinlan, Ch.	74	73	87	80	89	81	484

SOUTHERN DISTRICT RIFLE MEETING, BROWNDOWN.

First Day.

Soldiers and Seamen, 200 yds.

1. Pte. Spurrier, R.M.L.I. .. 33
2. ,, Dean ,, .. 33
4. Bombr. Connor, R.M.A. .. 32
11. Pte. Davis, R.M.L.I. .. 30
12. Lc.-Cpl. Johnson, ,, .. 30
13. Pte. Hodge, ,, .. 30

Northbrook Plate, 200 yds.

1. Cpt. Collard, R.M.L.I., 50s. 32
2. Sgt.-Maj. Blake, R.M.A. 32
5. Lieut. Tucker, R.M.L.I. 31
6. Sgt.-Maj. Rodway . 31

South Western Plate, 200 yds.

7. Sgt.-Inst. Graham, R.M.A. .. 32
10. ,, Foley, ,, .. 32
11. Sergt. Lloyde, R.M.L.I. .. 32

Junior United Service, 200 yds.

4. Pte. Willcock, R.M.L.I. 30
7. ,, Lea, ,, 30
13. Gnr. Pottinger, R.M.A. 29
14. ,, Carter ,, 29

The Admiral's Prize.

4. ———, R.M.A. .. 27
7. ———, R.M.L.I. .. 17

The Pike Spicer Challenge Cup.

2. G Co., R.M.L.I. .. 87

The Besson Prize.

2. ———, R.M.A. ..

Second Day.

Diamond Jubilee Challenge Trophy.

R.M.A. tied Rifle Depot for 2nd place, with 27 points.

South Western Plate.—Commissioned and Warrant Officers.—500 yds.

2. Sgt.-Mjr. Rodway, R.M.A. 32
4. Capt. Collard, R.M.L.I. .. 31
8. Capt. Garrett, ,, .. 30
3. Lt. Jones, R.M.L.I. .. 32
6. Lieut. Clark, ,, .. 30
10. Sgt.-Mjr. Baker, R.M.A. .. 29

Junior United Service, 500 yds.

3. Pte. W. Wilcock, R.M.L.I. 30
5. ,, Herrington ,, .. 20
6. Pte. T. Lea, R.M.L.I. .. 29

Soldiers and Seamen (over 3 years' Service).

3. Bombr. Baxter, R.M.A. .. 33
5. ,, May ,, .. 33
10. Lce.-Sgt. Mizen, R.M.L.I. 32
13. Gnr. Blay, R.M.A. . 31
15. Lce.-Cpl. Patches, R.M.L.I. 31
4. Pte. H. Davis, R.M.L.I. .. 33
9. ,, T. Davis, .. 32
12. Corpl. Bowley, R.M.A. .. 31
Pte. Spurrier, R.M.L.I. .. 31

The South Coast Plate, 500 yds.

1. Sergt. Deacon, R.M.A. .. 34
5. ,, Butcher, R.M.L.I. .. 33
12. S. Sergt. Hayward ,, .. 32
2. Q.M.S. Luff, R.M.L.I. .. 34
7. Sergt. Lloyde ,, .. 33

Regimental Trophy.

1.—R.M.A. The Shield and £12 736
3.—R.M.L.I. .. £4 714

The individual scores of the winning team:—

Rank and Name	*200*	*500*	*600*	*Total*
Corpl. Bowley ..	32	33	31	96
Clr.-Sergt. Simms ..	31	34	30	95
Sergt.-Major Baker ..	29	32	33	94
Sergt. Macaree ..	32	31	31	92
Sergt.-Major Rodway ..	31	34	29	94
Sergt. Deacon ..	28	32	31	91
Sergt.-Inst. Graham ..	30	32	28	90
Staff-Sergt. Brockliss ..	29	27	26	82
	242	255	239	736

Average 92·00.

The Jerome Saccone Competition, 600 yds.

1. Lieut. Tucker, R.M.L.I., silver cigarette box, 34
2. Sergt.-Major Rodway, R.M.A. .. 32
4. Major Eastman, R.M.A. 32
7. Lieut. Jones, R.M.L.I. 29

Third Day.

The "Excellent" Challenge Cup.

1. R.M.A. 118
2. *Excellent* 117

The General's Prize.

4. G Co., R.M.A. .. ..
5. E Co., ,, ...

"Ladies' Pictorial" Prize.—A Diamond Brooch, value 10 guineas, and a Silver-mounted Mirror, value 5 guineas, given to the two ladies who shall nominate the two officers making the first and second highest aggregates of two scores in the Gomer, Grange, and Rowner Stakes. 1st Prize—The Brooch; a Sword given by the Wilkinson Sword Company. 2nd Prize - The Mirror; a Silver Cigarette Case.

1. Capt. Collard, R.M.L.I. (nominated by Miss M. Collard) .. 200
2. ,, Garrett, ,, (,, ,, E. Hulbert) .. 198

The Junior United Service Aggregate.

7. Pte. Willcock, R.M.L.I. 107
10. ,, Lea, ,, ... 104

The Browndown Cup Rifle Aggregate.

	Aggregate.	*600 yds.*	*800 yds.*	*Total.*
3. Capt. Collard, R.M.L.I.	63	32	30	126
6. Corpl. Bowley, R.M.A.	61	30	32	123
8. Sergt. Deacon, ,,	66	26	31	123
9. Lieut. Jones, R.M.L.I.	61	32	30	122
12. Sergt. Facer, ,,	59	32	30	121
16. Bombr. Baxter, R.M.A.	58	33	28	119
18. S.-Sgt. Hayward, R.M.A.	63	30	25	118
19 S.-Maj. Rodway, R.M.A.	63	32	23	118

The Gomer Stakes.—A Silver Tankard for the highest aggregate scores of two shoots during the Meeting, at 200 yards, in this daily competition, was won by Sergt.-Major Baker, R.M.A., with 67 points.

The Grange Stakes.—An Aneroid Barometor, presented by Messrs. Steward, of London, for the best aggregate of two shoots during the Meeting, at 500 yards, in this daily competition, was won by Captain Collard, R.M.L.I., with 66 points.

The Rowner Stakes.—A Carriage Clock was presented by Mr. J. G. Cairns, of Portsmouth, for the highest aggregate score of two shoots during the Meeting, at 600 yards, in this daily competition. The winner was Col.-Sergt. Foley, R.M.A., with 68 points.

The Daily Competitions Aggregate.—A Cup, value 5 guineas, presented by Messrs. Defries & Son, London, for the Warrant or N.C. Officer making the highest score in this competition, was won by Sergt.-Major Baker, R.M.A., with 200 points; Col.-Sergt. Foley, R.M.A., was second with a like total, and took a Silver Watch and £2 os.; Sergt.-Major Rodway, 199 points.

Annual Corps Dinner.—His Royal Highness the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha was present at the Annual Dinner of the Royal Marines, held on Tuesday 13th inst., at the Whitehall Rooms, Hotel Metropole. There were present: Col. Poore, R.M.A., Lieut.-Col. Adair, Lieut.-Col. Agassiz, Col. Armstrong, Capt. Aston, Maj.-Gen. Blake, Col. Bird, Col. Byam, Capt. Byne, Col. Campbell, A.D.C., Col. Carrington, Major Cochran, Capt. Sir J. Colomb, K.C.M.G., Col. Colwell, C.B., Col. Crosbie, A.D.C., Col. De la Combe, Capt. Drake, Major G. Edwardes, Col. Fagan, Major.-Gen. French, C.B., Major Gritton, Capt. Harrison, Major Houghton, Capt. Holman, Lieut.-Col. Isaacson, Lieut.-Col. Lean, Col. Somers Lewis, Col. Lysons, Capt. Lywood, Capt. Mackay, Gen. Mairis, Major Money, Col. J. I. Morris, Lieut.-Col. Newington, Major Orford, Major-Gen. Philips, C.B., Lieut.-Col. Poe, C.B., Major-Gen. Pym, C.B., Lieut.-Col. Pyne, Lieut.-Col. Quill, Col. B. Roberts, Col. Scafe, Col. Schomberg, Lieut.-Col. Shakespear, the Rev. S. A. Shone, LL.D., Col. J. A. Stewart, General Thomas, Lieut.-Gen. Sir H. B. Tuson, K.C.B., Col. Wright, and Lieut.-Colonel Wroot.

Answers to Correspondents.

SERGT. WINNE, ASCENSION.—Yes, they retain their pensions, being styled pensioner shoemakers or tailors.

"PENGUIN."—Much regret we are unable to give an answer.

WE have received several contributions, but have been held over for want of space. Hope to insert in due course.

Births.

OWENS.—On 21st inst., at Chatham, the wife of Pte. W. Owens, of a daughter.

Marriages.

HOMFRAY—BAX.—On June 1st, at St. Michael's Church, Stoke, Capt. John Robert Henry Homfray, R.M.A., to Margaret Emily, only daughter of the late Capt. Bonham Bax, R.N

BATES—BATES.—On 3rd April, at Gillingham, Sergeant W. Bates to Miss H. Bates.

BUTCHER—ALDERTON.—On 8th June, at Minster, Pte. C. Butcher to Miss E. B. Alderton.

GARNER—BLACKE.—On 3rd June, at Chatham, Corpl. F. W. Garner to Miss F. Blacke.

PIERCE—CRIPPS.—On 12th June, at Chatham, Bugler H. Pierce to Miss M. Cripps.

WIGGINS—OSMAN.—On 13th June, at Parish Church, Alverstoke, Pte. T. Wiggins to Miss F. Osman.

HOARE—LUSH.—On 13th June at Registry Office, Alverstoke, Pte. J. Hoare to Miss H. A. Lush.

RILEY—MORTLOCK.—On 9th June, at Parish Church, Selby, Yorks, Sergt. H. Riley to Miss R. M. M. Mortlock.

CATTELL—TOURELL.—At St. Jude's Church, Aldgate, on the 1st June, 1897, by the Rev. Canon Barnett, Sergt. R. H. Cattell, R.M.A. to Miss R. M. Tourell.

MERRICK—WHITE.—At Parish Church, Bethnal Green, on the 6th June, 1897, Bombr. G. T. Merrick, R.M.A., to Miss J. White.

BOLTON—JONES.—At St. James' Church, Portsea, on 7th June, 1897, Act. Bombr. E. A. Bolton, R.M.A., to Miss J. K. Jones.

MACKENZIE—MACLEOD.—At Steel's Hotel, Glasgow, on the 10th June, Cr.-Sergt. Norman Mackenzie, R.M.L.I., to Miss Mary A. Macleod, Port Voller, Stornoway.

Deaths.

RAITT.—At St. Thomas's Home, Westminster, on the 15th June, 1897, of meningitis, Major G. D. C. Raitt, R.M.A., aged 42.

CAUTWELL.—At R.N. Hospital, Haslar, on the 14th June, 1897, C Co., Gnr. C. S. Cautwell, R.M.A., aged 20 years.

GOSLING.—On June 10th, whilst serving on H.M.S. *Fearless*, Corporal F. Gosling.

FORBES—On 24th April, whilst serving on board H.M.S. *Waterwitch*, Pte. J. Forbes, (drowned).

SEE.—At Chatham, the infant son of Clr.-Sgt. C. M. See.

HEWETT.—On the 3rd June, Edward Osborne Hewett, C.M.G., Lieut.-General R.E., Governor of the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, son of the late Colonel Hewett, R.M.L.I., J.P., of Tyr Mab Ellis, Glamorgan, aged 61.

GRAHAM.—On June 10th, at 18, Prince of Wales' Terrace, Kensington, Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Graham, Esq., Q.C., and second daughter of the late General John Rawlins Coryton, R.M.L.I.

Corps Advertisements.

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Double Acrostic, No. 7.

Thessaly's fair, but blood-stained plain,
The hard won fight, the many slain,
With meditation these avail,
That peace with honour may prevail.

1. Wealth oft follows in my wake,
   Adverse winds my harvests make.
2. My warning pray take not amiss,
   It's object truly is not this.
3. Custom from the time of Cain,
   In matters religious, e'en profane.
4. O'er head he floats in grand display.
   Then sweeps down surely on his prey.
5. Oval shape, pray do not miss,
   Punsters say, shape of a kiss.
6. Our cousin *'cute* across the ocean,
   Of whom you no doubt have a notion.—*Bristolian.*

SOLUTION TO ACROSTIC No. 6.

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General Adair ..	0	1	6	*Satellite* ..	0	5	0
Colonel Isaacson ..	0	1	9	Bmbr. Sandon ..	0	1	6
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Mr. Hornbrook ..	0	1	6	General Blake ..	1	0	0
Colonel Hore ..	0	1	3	Sergt. Guerin ..	0	3	7
Mrs. Hawley ..	0	1	0	Sergt.-Instr. Parry	0	0	10½
Major Kelly ..	0	1	3				

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Editorial.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—SALE OF VOLUMES.—It has been found necessary to reduce the stock of back numbers, as the office space is limited; consequently, the Editors have decided to reduce the prices as under until a certain number has been sold. In order to give our foreign subscribers a fair chance, a proportion of the books will be set aside for them. If they do not wish the volumes sent out abroad, they should give an address in England, or the copies might be kept here addressed to them, waiting their return; this is, of course, provided that payment is sent with order.

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A correspondent has suggested that the following order, dated 23rd June, was given to enable officers to converse fluently with the numerous foreign officers they were likely to meet:—"*Victory*, at Portsmouth: The issue of tongues to officers will be at the rate of ten to the dozen, until further orders."

Glancing over a copy of the *Daily News*, 21st June, 1897, we read, in the description of the troops lining the streets during the Jubilee Procession, that "The Royal Marines can always be distinguished by the white swan feathers drooping outwards over red feathers from the blue cloth helmet and its gilt curb chain chin strap lined with black velvet!"—It seems that we were all promoted to generals—A nice serviceable sea kit, is it not?

THE R.M.A. SOUVENIR CARDS.—We have been asked to let our readers know that these cards, commemorating the Queen's Sixty Years' Record Reign, are now ready for sale, price 6d. each; post free, 8d. Applications to be addressed—Secretary, Canteen Committee, Eastney Barracks.

CIVILIAN FUNERALS.—As there seems to be some doubt in the minds of many, as to the conduct and dress of Royal Marines when attending, or meeting, funerals of civilians, we publish the following, in answer to questions that have been sent to us:—It is correct and shows proper feeling to salute the corpse when meeting a funeral. Civilians take their hats off, or ought to do so; our form of showing respect is to salute.

It is certainly the custom of the Service for any of us attending a private funeral to wear "Church Order" dress. Civilians in the same case would wear "Sunday-go-to-meeting" clothes, and why should we be behind them in respect.

Colonels William Campbell, R.M.A., and A. B. Crosbie, R.M.L.I., were among the Aides-de-Camp to the Queen who were invited to the dinner at Derby House on the 5th July, at which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was present.

Lieutenant-General Sir H. B. Tuson, K.C.B., Deputy-Adjutant-General, was one of the guests at the dinner of the Royal Navy Club of 1765-85, at the Whitehall Rooms, Hotel Metropole, on the 14th July.

The usual invitations to the commanding officer of the Royal Marines, Chatham, and four officers, and the commanding officer, Royal Marines, Portsmouth, and two officers, were issued for the State Ball, given by command of the Queen, at Buckingham Palace, on July 8th.

General Sir Anthony Stransham, G.C.B., was prevented by illness from being present on the occasion of the dinner given by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in the banqueting hall of St. James' Palace on the 25th July, to the Knights Grand Cross of the Order, in celebration of His Royal Highness' appointment as Grand Master of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

Major William Willoughby Taylor, 45th Bengal Infantry, who was dangerously wounded when the Malakand Camp was attacked, formerly belonged to the R.M.L.I. He joined the corps 1st January, 1876, left for India in 1879, was promoted to Captain 1st January, 1887, and to Major 1st January, 1896. He served in the Zhob Valley Expedition in 1884, and Hazra Expedition in 1888, possessing medal and clasp. Since going to press we learn with much regret that our old comrade has succumbed to his wounds.

Times, August 4th.—Deaths.—On the 28th or 29th ult., from wounds received in action on the night of 26th ult., during the attack on the Malakand Camp, Chitral, Major W. W. Taylor, 45th Rateray's Sikhs, aged 39 years, eldest son of Major J. d'Esterre Taylor, late R.M.L.I., and grandson of the late Captain H. Taylor, R.N., who also died from the effect of wounds received in action, and nephew of Major-General Catty, late commanding 45th Regiment.

Entertainment to H.M.S. "Imperieuse"

THE visit to Guatemala of the Petty Officers of H.M.S. *Imperieuse* may be of interest to some of the readers of the *Globe and Laurel*. On the 14th March we left Esquimault for the South, arriving at San José on the 29th. The Admiral and Officers received an invitation from the President to visit the city of Guatemala, and this invitation was also extended to the Petty Officers by special request of the English residents. About 50 of the latter availed themselves of this opportunity. The corps was represented by Sergt. Woodhouse, R.M.L.I., Sergt. Chatfield, Corpl. Mytton, and Bombr. Holloway, R.M.A. Leave was given from March 31st until April the 3rd. The dress was "tunics and tartan trousers," which, in a hot climate like Central America, seemed rather out of place, but, the city being 4,850 feet above sea level, we found on arrival that it was none too warm – especially in the evening. We left San José at 9-30 a.m. for our trip through the mountains—the scenery was well worth seeing. At a place called Esquintla we stayed half-an-hour for lunch, and then proceeded onwards. A traveller, who spoke English fairly well, pointed out to us all the places of interest. There was one mountain (whose peak was invisible as it was far up amongst the clouds), called the "water mountain," which had three times destroyed the city of Guatemala, and the ruins of these ancient towns were still visible at places. We were told that the natives make a sort of rolling pin out of the lava and use it for grinding their corn.

Another subject of interest was the hot springs. Once when the train stopped we got out to examine one closer, and somebody put his hand in to take out a peculiar looking stone; he soon had to drop it before it reached the surface, owing to the heat of it. We arrived at Guatemala about 5-15 p.m., after nearly eight hours in the train, although the distance is only 72 miles. At the station there were lots of people waiting to see if they could recognize any of us. Strange to say Sergt. Chatfield was almost immediately addressed by name by a man who had formerly belonged to the R.M.A., and who had purchased his discharge. He seemed overjoyed at seeing the familiar uniform in this far-away country, and told us he could almost fancy he heard the stentorian voice of Sergt.-Major Rodway again, and it made him wish he was back in the old corps. We soon made our way to a place for some refreshment, and then we looked out for a lodging, which we had no trouble in obtaining, as there were many friends only too anxious to assist us. The Vice-Consul (Mr. Winter) had arranged for a smoking concert that evening at the Hotel Metropole, and there we found assembled some twenty of the English residents, who all did their best to give us a good time. A great many songs were sung and toasts given, and this was kept up without cessation till about 12-30 a.m., when we all dispersed and retired for the night. After breakfast the next morning we took a walk round the town to see all that was worth seeing. The native soldiers rather amused us, as some had boots and others slippers, but I think the majority of them had no boots at all; and their rifle slings consisted of yarn or plaited straw. Some sentries we passed honoured us with a "present," and we all graciously returned the salute. We were fortunate enough during our ramble to drop across some swimming baths, and we were all pleased to have a cooler. We returned to our hotel about 5 p.m., and had some tea and made preparations for the evening's enjoyment. About 8 o'clock fifty of us, including the English residents, sat down to dinner, and too much praise cannot be given to the gentlemen who so ably arranged everything. After many songs, &c., &c., a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The next day we paid a visit to the Central American Exposition, which was not yet opened to the public, but by special permission we were allowed to have a look round. The armoury specially interested us, as there were some very ancient guns and rifles on view. In the evening we had another smoking concert, which everyone thoroughly appreciated, especially as it was our last night in Guatemala.

At 7 o'clock the next morning we made our way to the station, and were surprised to see most of our newly-made friends already there before us. As the train steamed out of the station they all with one accord began cheering and waving handkerchiefs until a bend in the line hid us from view. We had a pleasant trip back, and arrived at San Josè about 3-30 p.m., and none of us will forget the kindness shown to us by our exiled kinsmen on our visit to Guatemala. We left on the 4th, and eventually reached Esquimault on the 29th.

A Sailor's Yarn.

THIS is the tale that was told to me,
By a battered and shattered son of the sea –
To me and my messmate, Silas Green,
When I was a guileless young Marine.

"'Twas the good ship "Gyascutus,"
All in the China seas,
With the wind a-lee, and the capstan free
To catch the summer breeze.
'Twas Captain Porgie on the deck,
To his mate in the mizzen hatch,
While the boatswain bold, in the forward hold,
Was winding the larboard watch.
'Oh, how does our good ship head to-night?
How heads our gallant craft?'
'Oh, she heads to the E.S.W. by N.,
And the binnacle lies abaft!'
'Oh, what does the quadrant indicate,
And how does the sextant stand?'
'Oh, the sextant's down to the freezing-point,
And the quadrant's lost a hand!'
'Oh, and if the quadrant has lost a hand,
And the sextant falls so low,
It's our bodies and bones to Davy Jones
This night are bound to go!'
'Oh, fly aloft to the garboard strake!
And reef the spanker boom;
Bend a studding sail on the martingale,
To give her weather room.
'Oh, boatswain, down in the for'ard hold,
What water do you find?'
'Four foot and a half by the royal gaff
And rather more behind!'
'Oh, sailors, collar your marline spikes
And each belaying pin;
Come, stir your stumps, and spike the pumps,
Or more will be coming in!'
'They stirred their stumps, they spiked the pumps,
They spliced the mizzen brace;
Aloft and alow they worked, but oh!
The water gained apace.'
'They bored a hole above the keel
To let the water out;
But, strange to say, to their dismay,
The water in did spout.'
'Then up spoke the cook of our gallant ship,
And he was a lubber brave:
I have several wives in various ports,
And my life I'd orter save.'
'Then up spoke the Captain of Marines,
Who dearly loved his prog:
'It's awful to die, and it's worse to be dry,
And I move we pipe to grog.'
'Oh, then 'twas the noble second mate
What filled them all with awe;
The second mate, as bad men hate,
And cruel skippers jaw.'
'He took the anchor on his back,
And leaped into the main;
Through foam and spray he clove his way,
And sunk and rose again!
'Through foam and spray, a league away,
The anchor stout he bore;
Till, safe at last, he made it fast,
And warped the ship ashore!'
''Taint much of a job to talk about,
But a ticklish thing to see,
And suth'in to do, if I say it, too,
For that second mate was me!'"

Such was the tale that was told to me
By that modest and truthful son of the sea,
And I envy the life of a second mate,
Though captains curse him and sailors hate,
For he ain't like some of the swabs I've seen,
As would go and lie to a poor Marine.

JAMES JEFFREY ROCHE.

American Humorous Verse.

The Egyptian Army.

A LETTER, dated 12th June, from Captain H. Oldfield, R.M.A., gives some interesting details of the disposal and employment of officers of the Corps employed with the Egyptian Army.

Brevet Lieut.-Colonel C. U. F. Townsend, late R.M.L.I., commands the 12th Battalion Egyptian Army at Debbeh.

Brevet Lieut.-Col. E. F. David, R.M.L.I., is A.A.G. at Cairo.

Brevet-Major W. S. Gordon, late R.M.A., is Director of Stores at Cairo.

Capt. H. Slessor, R.M.A., is Commandant at Kerma, the terminus of the railway from Wada Halfa towards Dongola. He is also in charge of three gunboats.

Captain G. E. Matthews, R.M.L.I., is attached to the 14th Battalion of the Egyptian Army at Dongola, and has just passed the lower standard in Arabic.

Capt. H. Oldfield, R.M.A., is Commandant at Nagh Hamadi, the terminus of the railway from Cairo.

The duty of a Terminus Commandant consists apparently in superintending the trans-shipment of railway material, &c., from the trucks into boats. As a large number of locomotives, and the other parts of rolling stock, are being pushed to the front, a good knowledge of repository work is essential. The daily output has lately been 250 tons of railway material (rails, &c.), 50 tons of rolling stock, 50 tons of provisions and small stores, and 400 tons of coal. As a shade temperature of 118 degrees has been recorded, and the normal summer temperature is 105 degrees, this is no light day's work. Capt. Oldfield also superintends a factory for adzing and boring sleepers.

Physical Drill and Bayonet Exercise.

TEAM, ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY.

THE above squad taken exclusively from N.C. officers and men in D Company, Royal Marine Artillery, competed at the Royal Military Tournament in London, in Bayonet Exercise and Physical Drill Competitions, open to the Army and Royal Marines, on 1st and 2nd June respectively, winning first prize in each case. The Royal Marine Depôt winning second prize in each case. The 1st Battalion Scots Guards being third in each case. The following teams competed :—

Royal Marine Artillery, Royal Engineers (Training Battalion), 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards, 1st Battalion Border Regiment (Physical Drill only), 2nd Battalion South Wales Borderers, Royal Marine Light Infantry (Depôt), 2nd Battalion Gordon Highlanders (Bayonet Exercise only).

Full marks for each competition, 260. Bayonet Exercise—R.M.A., 230; R.M.L.I., 204½; Guards, 191. Physical Drill—R.M.A., 221; R.M.L.I., 209; Guards, 194; Border Regiment, 194.

The following extract is taken from the *Daily News* of 2nd June, with reference to the Bayonet Exercise :—

"Spectators, however, had full compensation in the astonishing display given by the Royal Marine Artillery, from Portsmouth Division, in Bayonet Exercise. The precision of every movement was like the working of machinery. From first to last, not the least irregularity could be seen. In every lunge and parry the rifles moved together exactly at the same angle, and light gleamed on bayonet blades with one flash. There was not an after ripple to show that a man had been out of time. The team went through its exercise within a second of the stipulated time, and so far as critical observers could detect from points of view outside the arena, not a single flaw marred the perfection of this display. Nothing better, if anything nearly so good, has ever been seen at a Military Tournament, and the spectators gave expression to their delight in rounds of applause."

The same team of Royal Marine Artillery gave an exhibition of Physical Drill and Bayonet Exercise at the Admiralty Sports, held in Portsmouth, on the 30th June, both being very much appreciated by the spectators.

Capt. Sir C. Cuyler, Oxfordshire Light Infantry, has been selected for the post of Instructor in Fortification at the R.M. College, in place of Major A. F. Gatcliff, R.M.L.I., to date from August 25th.

Foreign News.

JUBILEE DAY AT BERMUDA.

THE Royal Marine detachment, under the command of Captain Curtoys, R.M.L.I., assisted by Lieutenants G. V. Robinson and H. T. R. Lloyd, R.M.L.I., formed up in line in Hamilton, fired a *feu-de-joie*, and then marched past H.E. the Governor in columns of half-companies. The following is an extract from the *Bermuda Colonist*:—

"The Royal Marines, in uniforms of spotless white, commanded by "Captain Curtoys, R.M.L.I., marched down the street, and were "warmly applauded by the spectators. Undoubtedly the men presented "a fine appearance, and their bright white uniforms contrasted favour-"ably with the kharkee uniforms of the other troops, thereby captivating "the public eye."

This is the first time the Royal Marines have taken part in any military display in Bermuda, and H.E. the Governor expressed his admiration at their appearance and marching, and his entire satisfaction with the way in which they performed all their duties.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE ABROAD—MALTA.

The Maltese certainly rose to the occasion, but some misguided people have their doubts whether they did so from a sense of loyalty or from their love of "festas" and holidays. Anyhow, it cannot be denied that the decorations and festivities were well worthy of such an occasion. On Sunday, the 20th, the inhabitants of Sliema showed their loyalty by illuminations, while the Floriana parade ground was the scene of some exciting bicycle races. The next day there were some horse races at Notabile in the afternoon, Valetta was partially illuminated, and a water carnival was held in the Grand Harbour in the evening.

The 22nd was, of course, the most important day. At 10-30 in the morning, a solemn "Te Deum" was sung in the Pro-Cathedral with all the pomp and ceremony of the Roman Catholic ritual. The Archbishop of Malta officiated, and the service was attended by H.E. the Governor in state. The *Revenge* furnished a naval guard of honour, which was formed up opposite the church, while the service was attended by naval and marine officers from all the ships in harbour. In the afternoon, His Excellency held a levée, at which the civil population, as well as the Navy and Army, was well represented. In the evening, Valetta was beautifully illuminated, and a torchlight tattoo at Florian attracted an immense crowd. The ships in the Grand Harbour were all illuminated, while the chief feature of Dockyard Creek was the Admiral Superintendent's house, which was a blaze of electric light. Thus, amidst the clanging of bells, the playing of innumerable bands, the illuminations and the processions, did loyal little Malta celebrate Her Majesty's Jubilee.

NOTES FROM THE "RETRIBUTION" AT MONTE VIDEO.

As usual, we have very little to log concerning the doings of members of the Corps on this station, but still, we are here ready for a call. On the 17th June our Diamond Jubilee Sports took place on the Monte Video Cricket Club Ground, kindly got up by Capt. C. J. Norcock, R.N. (senior officer) and Officers H.M.S. "Retribution" and the Central Uruguay Railway and local Gasworks Co's.

The 220 yards Obstacle Race was won by Ch. Corp. Cotter.

The 220 yards Costume Race was won by Ply. Pte. J. E. Gorbutt.

The Victoria Cross Race was won by Ply. Pte. Jno. Wilkins.

There were no money prizes, but momentoes instead, in the shape of silver medals, watches, rings, &c.

The R.M. Detachment of H.M.S. "Retribution" landed in review order, under Ply. Sergt. D. J. Williams, as a Guard of Honour for the President of the Uruguayan Republic and the Diplomatic Corps, who attended the thanksgiving service on Ascension Day. The magazine rifles were specially scrutinized by the inhabitants.

On the 22nd June, Diamond Jubilee Day, the ship was dressed rainbow fashion, a salute of sixty guns being fired at noon, and three cheers for Her Majesty given by the Ship's Company.

The U.S.S. "Lancaster" also fired a salute of sixty guns, gun for gun, with us.

At night, the ship was dressed rainbow style with small electric lamps, and midway between the masts was displayed a large V.R.I., which showed up first rate, it being a very dark night. Port fires at each masthead and yardarms, and at 9 p.m. rockets and Very's lights were fired at short intervals, the sky being lit up for miles round. A dance on shore and a concert on board brought our Diamond Jubilee to a close.

Obituary.

MAJOR GEORGE DALHOUSIE CHURCHILL RAITT, R.M.A., who died at St. Thomas' Home, Westminster, on the 15th June, of menginitis, after nearly four months' illness, was the eldest surviving son of Ernest Robert Raitt, Esq., of Newnham-on-Severn, Gloucestershire. Born 7th November, 1854, he entered the corps as Lieutenant in 1872, and on 24th November, 1875, embarked in H.M.S. *Achilles*, stationed as coastguard vessel at Rockferry, Cheshire. In May, 1877, he turned over, with the rest of the *Achilles* crew, to H.M.S. *Resistance*, and remained at Rockferry for another year. On 4th June, 1879, he embarked on board H.M.S. *Jumna* for special service in South Africa with a battalion of Marines. They reached the Cape just too late to take part in operations, and, after being encamped on shore a short time, returned to Portsmouth at the end of August. His next foreign service was on the Mediterranean Station, where he served in H.M.S. *Alexandra* the flagship of Sir Beauchamp Seymour, from 5th Feb. 1880, to 11th Feb. 1883. During this period he was present at the bombardment of Alexandria, 11th July, 1882, and afterwards did good service on shore with the Royal Marines of the fleet, landed for the defence of the town. He served as Lieutenant the full twelve years, getting his Captaincy 15th July, 1884. In February 1887, he embarked in H.M.S. *Temeraire*, and remained on the Mediterranean Station till June 1891. On 21st May, 1893, he was appointed Instructor of Musketry to the Royal Marine Artillery, promoted Brevet Major 15th July, 1893, and to the substantive rank 6th August, 1894. On being advanced to the Senior Major's List in June last year, he had to vacate his musketry appointment, but had not to wait long for special employment, for he had only just taken up the post of Head of the Royal Marine Branch of the Naval Intelligence Department in London, when the sad illness, which, it is surmised, was primarily due to a fall he had in the riding school at Hilsea about five years ago, laid him low. To know Raitt was to like him, whether in or out of the service, and when we say that many a one will miss his genial smile and merry laugh, we speak the feelings of not only his brother officers at Eastney and the Light Infantry Divisions of the Corps, but also echo the sentiments of many an old friend at Malta, or in the Levant at Smyrna and Salonica.



FUNERAL OF THE LATE MAJOR G. D. C. RAITT, R.M.A.

On Friday afternoon, the 18th June, the remains of the late Major Raitt, R.M.A., were conveyed to their last resting place in St. Stephen's Churchyard, St. Albans, by road from St. Thomas' Home, London, where the deceased breathed his last, after a long and painful illness.

On arrival at the entrance gate of the churchyard, the coffin, which was covered with beautiful floral tributes, was borne by eight sergeants R.M.A., to the church, preceded by the Reverends F. Lipscombe, G. H. P. Glossop, and W. Leverson, who conducted the service.

Subsequently the coffin was lowered into the grave, in which his mother was interred some years ago, when the family resided at St. Albans.

The chief mourners were Miss Raitt, (sister) Capt. F. J. Raitt, R.M.L.I., and Mr. A. D. Raitt, Royal West Surrey Regt. (brothers), the others being Mr. C. Woollam, Mr. J. Young, Dr. Eustace Lipscombe, Miss Lipscombe, Mrs. Glossop, while his old corps was represented by Colonel-Commandant F. H. Poore, Col. W. P. Wright, Majors A. G. Tatham and L. R. Connolly, Capts. H. D. Drake and H. W. Holman, and the Non-Com. Officers by Staff-Sergeant W. Brockliss, Clr.-Sergeants W. Butler, F. Ede, J. Williams, Sergeants P. Simpson, T. W. Milne, T. Scott, and M. G. Westropp, the Naval Intelligence Department of the Admiralty, and Commander F. R. W. Morgan, and Mr. R. W. Simpson.

Beautiful wreaths and anchors were sent by the Colonel-Commandant and Officers Royal Marine Artillery, the Sergeants' Mess Royal Marine Artillery, the Head Quarter Staff, Royal Marines, Naval Intelligence Department Admiralty, Col. W. Campbell, A.D.C., and Brethren of the Navy Lodge, Major Connolly, R.M.A., Commander and Mrs. Leonard Dick, Major and Mrs. Gape, and many other friends.

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The Racing of the Twin Screws.

By Captain W. P. Drury, R.M.L.I.

A CERTAIN Seediboy, seeking employment as interpreter in Her Majesty's East Indian squadron, was required to translate one of Æsop's fables from the Arabic. "Once upon a time" he rendered as "Last commission."

Last commission, then—the historian is nothing if not accurate in his dates—the maddening monotony of monsoon and mosquito, lime-juice and Lee-Metford, quick-firing gun drill and crawling cockroach was agreeably broken by a most beautiful and God-sent little war. To the city man at the surburban breakfast table it was no more than one of those endless and tiresome scuffles between the red-coated and blue-jacketed police of the empire and the black-skinned roughs of the greater East-end. But in the glare-weakened eyes of the sweating police themselves it assumed the proportions of a European campaign; and, indeed, a bullet in the intestines is to the person immediately concerned a no less serious consideration in the one case than in the other.

It must be admitted, however, that the reason for this bloody war was not, on the face of it, very apparent. There were not wanting persons, indeed, to allege that it was got up by certain undecorated officials for the purpose of giving an impetus to the ribbon and trinket industry. But, as these allegations emanated mainly from men who had failed to get themselves selected for the expedition, they may safely be dismissed as the irresponsible utterances of jealousy and angry disappointment. The well-informed man will at once recall the true casus belli, which was briefly as follows:—

A band of traders belonging to a great Christianising Power established themselves one day in the midst of a native city. But the native citizens, not having presented them with the freedom thereof, and holding un-Christianlike views respecting the sacred rights of property, resented the intrusion deeply. They politely asked the burly bagmen to withdraw, but the latter in deep gutturals and between whiffs from great china pipes, announced their intention of stopping And stop they assuredly did—to presently grin from crucifixion trees upon the free distribution of their wares. Then the great Power addressed a note to a still greater. "This regrettable incident," it wrote, "has occurred within your sphere of influence. Are you going to see to it, or shall we?" The greater Power promptly wired—"We."

In view of the constant entertainment provided for the sister service upon the Indian frontier and elsewhere, it was decided that the Queen's Navee should have this little picnic all to itself; and no expense was spared to make it a success. All the available ships of the squadron foregathered at the base of operations on the coast, and a Naval Brigade of some 1,500 tars and Royal Marine Light Infantry was formed. A contingent of native levies was requisitioned from Gingerbar, and a gang of carriers hired from the local chartered company. The entire force was under the command of the station admiral, and it was officially termed a Punitive Expedition. Everyone and everything necessary to its efficiency were provided, with one single exception; and herein lies the reason why the tale of the "Twin Screws" has never until now been written or even whispered. It had no special correspondent.

Now, for certain causes to be made manifest anon, it is still extremely inadvisable to mention this punitive expedition to anyone who took part therein. Personal violence would assuredly result from so grave an indiscretion. Equally imprudent would it be for the peaceful historian to set down in printer's ink the names of its horny-fisted heroes; and, indeed, of the fifteen hundred who were present at the fall of the city of crucifixion trees, fourteen hundred and ninety-five may well go nameless. But, as a guarantee of good faith with the reader, and because this story is directly concerned with them, I am reluctantly compelled to identify the remaining quintet. They were Tintac, Cockroach, Lord Mayor, and last, but by no means least, the Twin Screws.

Tintac, Cockroach, and Lord Mayor—their names are sti on the books of their respective ships—were Seediboy interpreters, who, in the hour of their adopted country's need, were weighed in the balances and found wanting. Inspired by hope of loot, with jaunty step and war song they had marched alongside their white brothers; yet—such is the horrible uncertainty of human affairs—they presently limped back along the same path with tears and lamentations, and backs well scratched by the nine-tailed cat.

The Twin Screws were none other than an ordinary seaman and—in view of what follows I blush to own it—a full private in the Royal Marines. They hailed from the same street in Landport, belonged to the same ship and watch, and invariably went ashore on general leave together. Equally invariably they were brought on board many hours overdue and suffering from severe alcoholism, from which descriptive return you will readily appreciate the subtle wit underlying their soubriquet, the "Twin Screws."

It was on a peaceful Sabbath afternoon, at an hour when church bells in England are chiming for evensong, that the campaign opened with the landing of the field guns. They were seven-pounders, and two in number, and with them-- besides the lieutenant in command and their bluejacket crews—went an escort of marines and a surgeon. After covering six of the thirteen miles between the coast and the city of crucifixion trees, the party went into zereba for the night; and never to his dying day is that surgeon like to forget his first Sunday out. Being young and of strong bellicose tendencies, he must needs set forth in the moonlight upon a little amateur reconnaissance of his own. From the moment he stepped outside the zereba, however, he was marked down by the lynx-eyed enemy, who presently hemmed him into the long grass and then set fire to it. Like a rat in a ring of reapers, the unhappy scout crawled hither and thither in a rapidly narrowing circle, until he suddenly and most fortuitously fell down a mudhole, where he spent the remainder of the night. Well nigh suffocated by the burnt grass which hid his hiding-place, and with a mind continually running on crucifixion trees, he listened as in a dreadful nightmare to the stabbing and prodding of the broad-bladed spears of his hunters. When at dawn they gave up the search, and he was emboldened to squirm back presently to the zereba, he looked less like the principal medical officer of a punitive expedition than an octogenarian mudlark in delirium tremens.

Early next morning the main body of the expedition was landed—a task by no means easy owing to the heavy surf upon that coast. Each deeply laden boat was pulled as close in shore as possible, an anchor dropped, and the boat then veered the remaining distance to the beach. The native levies, whose thirst for glory—and loot—had gone overboard with their first day's dinner off Gingerbar, took very unkindly to this evolution; and anything more unwarlike than those woe-begone warriors in their drenched white clothing it would be difficult to conceive. The peculiarly military appearance, however, of the Admiral and his staff riding at the head of the column more than compensated for the shortcomings of these weaker men and brothers: while the language of the tars, as they toiled along the thorny jungle tracks, would have appalled a more civilised foe than the household troops of Crucifixion City. But, when late in the afternoon they crossed the scene of the doctor's night out, and fourteen hundred and fifty pairs of feet kicked up the cindered grass, the language dried in their throats. With this safety valve closed it was just as well, perhaps, that they shortly afterwards came up with the advance party, already bivouacked for the night. The spot being a suitable one, within a mile of the city, the Admiral's design was to encamp his force there, and, acting on the suggestion of his military adviser, the Major of Marines, attack at earliest dawn. The water supply, however, was totally inadequate to quench the raging thirst of the tars, who, impatient of all advice, had sucked their water-bottles dry within the hour of landing. Wherefore, in consideration of the days suffering, as well as of the desperate fighting on the morrow, a double ration of grog was served out: and the apostle of total abstinence, comfortably sipping his lemonade at home, will rejoice to hear that the sin worked out its own retribution.

It was about one bell in the middle watch that the Starboard Screw finally abandoned all hope of further sleep that night. He was the ordinary seaman, and it struck him as being manifestly unfair that his fellow towny, the private, should slumber, when he himself couldn't. So, plucking a blade of the long feathery grass by the way, he crept on all fours through the sterterous camp—each snore serving him with an additional grievance; and, presently reaching the spot where the long forms of the Marines sprawled in the moonlight, he singled out that of his pal, and thrust the grass into his ear.

"Curse the insec'!" muttered the Port Screw viciously, sitting up and shaking his head.

"'Ere, wake up, chum," whispered the other hoarsely, for when you go upon your hands and knees in the scrub the dust works into your throat, "let's go and 'ave a look at the bloomin' city by moonlight."

"Rats!" returned the private, "we'll get a bellyfull o' the bloomin' city in the mornin' for breakfast!"

"But you never know your luck," urged the sailor. "'Oo knows but what we mayn't get potted afore ever we gets a chanst o' sightin' it?"

"Oh! go to 'ell out of it!" snapped the soldier, who resented being roused at midnight with reminders of life's uncertainty: and he lay back in the dust. Whereupon the seaman changed his tactics.

"I ain't 'ad my double tot o' grog yet," he began slowly, "which it's still in my waterbottle. an' I thought as p'r'aps a pal—"

The pal sat up like a jack-in-the-box. For a tot of rum he was prepared to go anywhere—even to that place he had bidden his chum visit a moment before. "Why couldn't yer say so at first?" he complained. "I've a tongue on me like the coat of a Persian cat in a typhoon!"

In and out between the inert bodies of their worn-out comrades, the Twin Screws wriggled themselves at last free of the camp—lying low however, for a good five minutes before they ventured to cross the cleared zone in front of it. But this extreme caution was quite unnecessary; for either the fatigue of the day's march, or the heat, or possibly even the double "tot" had proved one too many for the Punitive Expedition, and it slept like the Seven of Ephesus. Once in the broad belt of jungle that lay beyond the open, the Marine demanded his grog, and, much to his surprise, got it. Presently he stopped again.

"'Ere, what price the outposts?" he asked. He knew the Major would have placed the line of sentries along the far edge of the belt.

The ordinary seaman pointed to a couple of limp bundles propped against a tree some distance ahead, and surrounded with a number of objects that glittered in the moonlight. On reaching them, the bundles resolved themselves into a pair of snoring bluejackets, the objects into a duplicate set of arms and accoutrements.

The spectacle moved the private to righteous indignation. "I knowed 'ow it 'ud be," he sniffed; "this comes o' sendin' lop-eared sailormen ashore to play at soldiers."

"Lop-ear yourself!" retorted the tar; "it's along o' the 'eat an' that double "tot"—most properly your Meerine sentries is all stiffened out similar."

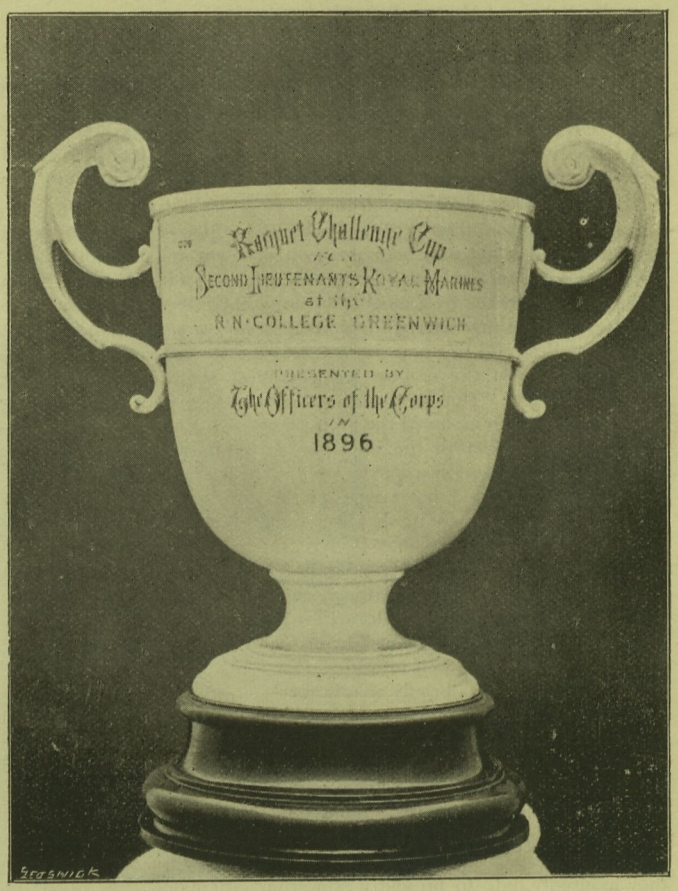
"We ain't got no time to go an' see, any'ow," said his pal hastily, who had qualms lest his own comrades might also be finding the weather relaxing. Besides, it would be well to be quit of the outpost line as soon as possible.

The truants had covered half the distance between the camp and the city, when the private suddenly thrust out his near leg, and tripped his pal headlong into the grass.

"What the ——?" began the struggling tar, when the other, who lay across him, clapped his hand over his mouth.

(To be continued.)

OBITUARY.—Lieut.-Colonel Robert Calder Allen, who died recently, was the eldest son of Captain Robert Calder Allen, C.B., late R.N., of Charlton, Kent. He entered the Royal Marine Artillery as 2nd Lieutenant, 17th June, 1859, and was promoted to 1st Lieutenant, 8th February, 1863. In September of that year he embarked in H.M.S. *Pelorus* for the China station, and served a 4½ years' commission in this ship, but it was not altogether without incident, for during the winter of 1866-67 he was landed for five months at Newchang in command of a Royal Marine detachment and field gun for the protection of the British Resident. His next ship was H.M.S. *Hector*, from January, 1872, to July, 1873. Promoted to Captain, Christmas Day, 1873, he found himself the following June embarked for a three-year commission in H.M.S. *Repulse*, the Flagship of the Pacific Station. From 7th Feb., 1878, he was Instructor of Musketry at Head Quarters for five years, being given the Brevet Rank of Major, 1st July, 1881. On 15th Feb., 1883, he was promoted to Major, served in H.M.S. *Ajax* for four months in 1885, and retired in August that year with the hon. rank of Lieut.-Colonel. In 1878 he married Agnes Maria, only daughter of Charlton J. Wollaston, Esq., but she predeceased him in 1884.



First Competition for the Racquet Cup at the R.N. College.

SUBSCRIBERS to the Racquet Cup for Second Lieutenants at the College will be glad to hear that there were no less than sixteen entries for the first annual competition, and that several others have gone in for the game without competing for the cup. The general result is that over half the young officers at the College have begun racquets now, and a large proportion show great promise at the game. For this year, at all events, the object of the officers of the corps who provided the cup has been very satisfactorily attained. On the whole, Second Lieutenants Fisher and Harman show the greatest promise, but several others are not far behind them. The final match between Fisher and Ridings took place on the last afternoon of the term before a large and enthusiastic gallery, and the games were well contested.

The following shows the result of the draw and of the competition:—

Competitors—Hall, Vidal, Trotman, Simpson, Paterson, Leahy, Shakespear, Fisher, Ridings, Richmond, Russell, Harman, Hankey, Jesse, Harding, Stopford.

The winners of the first round were Vidal, Trotman, Leahy, Fisher, Ridings, Russell, Hankey, Stopford.

In the second round Trotman, Fisher, Ridings, and Stopford proved successful; when the third was played off Fisher and Ridings were left to compete for the cup, Fisher owing 5 and Ridings + 2. The result was a victory to Fisher with 4 games to love.

We heartily congratulate the victor as the first winner of the Racquet Challenge Cup.

George Parr, formerly Royal Marine, was present amongst the veterans when they were inspected by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at Chelsea Hospital, July 5th. Parr served in the *Erebus* in the Antarctic Expedition, was wounded severely in New Zealand, and has been in the receipt of full pay for fifty years.

CORPS GAZETTE.

Promotions.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of Captain F. L. Dibblee, R.M.A., retaining temporarily the appointment of Assistant Instructor of Gunnery, at the Royal Marine Artillery Division, in the absence of a Subaltern at present available for the duty.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of the following promotions taking place in the Royal Marine Artillery, consequent on the death of Major G. D. C. Raitt, R.M.A., on 15th June, viz :—

Captain Henry Dowrish Drake, to be Major, *vice* Raitt, deceased. To date 16th June, 1897.

Lieutenant Edward McCarthy to be Captain, additional, in lieu of Major Drake, employed in the Naval Intelligence Department. To date 16th June, 1897.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of Lieutenant John Arthur Tupman, R.M.L.I., being promoted to the rank of Captain, *vice* Fraser, promoted. Captain Tupman is posted to the Portsmouth Division.

EASTNEY—

To be Quarter-Master Sergeant—Sergt. J. Graham.

To be Colour-Sergeants—Sergts. R. W. Emmerson, G. E. Seabright, R. J. Welch, G. Jenkins.

To be Sergeants—Corpls. G. H. Littleton, A. Statham, D. Wallace, W. Cannon, R. D. Juffs.

To be Corporals—Bombrs. J. Ellingham, H. A. Clarke, J. G. Gilmore, B. Beaumont, P. Connor, W. J. Coen, A. Kendall, H. Beale, W. R. Farley, D. Ferguson.

To be Bombardiers—Gunrs. A. E. Stevens, T. Hills, A. Bawden, J. W. Field, J. W. Barrett, J. Hirst, C. Sawden, E. H. Roost, H. C. Miller, W. Brooks, G. Potter.

To be Paid Lance-Sergeants -Corpls. W. Pruden, W. Hounsell, A. J. Pain.

To be Paid Acting Bombardiers—Gunr. W. Allport.

CHATHAM—

To be Color-Sergeant—Sergt. W. E. Croombes.

To be Sergeant—Lce.-Sergt. W. Willing.

To be Corporals – Lce.-Corpl. Jack Jones; Pte. A. C. Wood, G. W. Patterton.

PORTSMOUTH –

To Sergeants—Corpls. A. R. Davies (Head Quarters), Alf. Hooker (*Mildura*).

To Corporals—Ptes. W. Dellar (*Royal Arthur*), R. J. James (Head Quarters), W. Simmons (Head Quarters), T. A. L. Halford (Tauranga).

PLYMOUTH—

To be 1st Sergeant Instructor of Gunnery—Clr. Sergt. E. Thackray.

To be Color-Sergeants—Sergts. C. Wearing (*Black Prince*), J. Hamilton (*Melampus*), J. Richards (R.M. Depot).

To be Sergeants—Corpl. J. Innes (*Redpole*), Lce.-Sergt. J. Davey, Corpl. J. Ward (*Defiance*).

To be Corporals—Ptes. R. Sinnott (*Curacoa*), J. Cameron (*Pheasant*), R. Gray (*Cambridge*), H. Carpenter (*Algerine*), F. Robinson (*Mildura*), T. Goldring (*Victor Emanuel*), F. Griffiths (*Cossack*).

R.M. DEPOT—

Sergt. J. F. Richards to be Color-Sergeant.

Sergt. Johns, R.M.A., to be Color-Sergeant.

Corpl. Juffs, R.M.A., to be Sergeant.

Appointments.

Major and Brevet Lieut.-Colonel A. B. Shakespear to Paymaster, *vice* Major Connolly.

Surgeon Robert Hill, R.N., *vice* Surgeon Home to H.M.S. *Tamar*.

Major J. H. Bor, R.M.A., to D.A.A.G., *vice* Colonel C. H. Scafe.

EASTNEY—

1st Class Sergt.-Instructor of Musketry W. H. Jones to 1st Class Sergt.-Instructor of Infantry, *vice* Day at R.M. Depot.

Sergt. W. Marshall to Pay-Sergeant.

Sergt. R. Butfield, Land Service Instructor, at 6d.

Sergt. J. Jeffery to Post-Sergeant.

Sergt. D. J. Foley to 1st Class Sergt.-Instructor of Repository.

Col.-Sergt. R. W. B. Simms to 1st Class Sergt.-Instructor of Musketry (additional).

Sergt. E. C. J. Brock to Sea Service Instructor, at 6d.

Col.-Sergt. J. McPherson to Sergeants' Mess Steward.

Sergt. W. Fraser to 2nd Clerk, Barrack Office.

Provost-Sergt. J. Constable to 1st Class Sergt.-Instructor of Musketry (additional).

Corpl. A. G. Pain to 2nd Class Infantry Instructor.

Col.-Sergt. W. Lerwill to Provost-Sergeant.

Corpl. A. Dalton, Assistant to Provost-Sergeant.

Gunrs. F. G. Ralph and W. Woodward to be Lamplighters.

Gunr. H. Smith to be Turncock.

Sergt. F. Ford to Recruiting at Nottingham.

CHATHAM—

Sergt. C. O. Harrott is appointed Postman, *vice* Barber.

Lce.-Corpl. G. Morgan, Company Orderly of A Company; Corpls. A. I. Page, C. H. Bishop, to be Lance-Sergeants, paid.

Ptes. J. Chamberlain, E. E. Mugridge to be Lance.-Corporals, paid.

Sergt. W. H. Bloor to be Pioneer Sergeant.

Sergt. W. Fuller is appointed Commandant's Orderly.

Corpls. D. Weston, G. H. Bruce to be Lance-Sergeants, paid.

Pte. J. Butler to be Assistant Librarian.

Pte. L. Beach to be Divisional Baker.

Ptes. W. Wallace, J. Watt to be Lance-Corporals, paid.

PORTSMOUTH—

To be paid Lance-Sergeant—Corpl. J. Hawser.

To be paid Lance-Corporals—Ptes. A. B. Cox, J. F. Briers, G. H. S. Ilton.

Lce.-Corpl. G. H. S. Ilton to be Supy. Clerk, Barrack Office.

PLYMOUTH—

Pte. A. Batchelor to be employed as Billiard Marker, Officers' Mess.

Lce.-Sergt. S. Smale is appointed Superintendent of Butts.

Pte. J. Johnson paid marker.

Pte. J. Colson to be employed as Orderly in the Officers' Library.

To be 2nd Sergeant Instructor of Gunnery—Sergts. J. Alsop, A. Elworthy advanced to 6d. list, Corpl. J. Rice, advanced to 4d. list.

To be paid Lance-Sergeants—Lce.-Sergt. J. Griffiths; Corpls. F. Worters, W. Battershill.

To be paid Lance-Corporal—Lce.-Corpl. W. Lewis.

R.M. DEPOT—

Staff-Sergt. Jones, R.M.A., appointed 1st Sergeant of Infantry and Instructor to Depot Establishment.

Gunr. Evins appointed Garrison Policeman.

Ptes. W. H. J. Wood and Pearce appointed Paid Lance-Corporals.

Sergt. Currie appointed Musketry Instructor.

Sergt. Martin appointed Paid Gymnastic Instructor.

Sergt. Timms appointed 1st Class Infantry Instructor.

Sergt. Shaw appointed Swimming Instructor.

Sergt. Gillman appointed Probationary Clerk, Staff Office.

Sergt. Descombe appointed additional Sergeant-Cook.

Pte. Jenkings appointed Storeman, Barrack Department.

Col.-Sergt. Norris (from Eastney) appointed Instructor to Depot Establishment.

Col.-Sergts. Duncan and Williams (from Portsmouth) appointed Instructors to Depot Establishment.

Examinations.

Captain I. H. Lambert, R.M.L.I., passed for promotion in subjects (a) and (b).

Lieuts. J. H. Baker and A. G. G. Milner, passed in subjects (a) and (b).

Major W. C. Nicholls, R.M.A., has passed the tactical test required for promotion to Lieut.-Colonel.

EASTNEY—

Passed for Corporal—Gunrs. T. Smith, W. J. Ford, W. Finney, J. Lindsay.

CHATHAM—

Passed for Corporal—Lce.-Corpls. T. Bilney, J. Ruttle, W. J. Stewart, W. A. Hulls, J. Watson, A. Cain, J. Martin, J. Wyborn, W. Rackham, G. E. Morgan, C. Pratt, W. Ursell.

Discharged to Pension.

EASTNEY—

Q.M.S., T. Clarke; Corpl. J. Murphy.

Gunrs. G. W. Peach, A. Gibbard, T. Cope, C. White, P. S. Madge.

CHATHAM—

Clr.-Sgt. F. W. N. Harvey; Ptes. J. Jones, J. Freeman, E. Wellstead.

PORTSMOUTH—

Pte P. Gray.

PLYMOUTH—

Clr.-Sergts. W. Moore, G. Taylor; Staff-Sergt. T. Lee; Ptes. A. Whitcombe, J. Greedy, W. Gunn, J. O'Brien.

R.M. DEPOT—

Staff-Sergt. Day, R.M.A., Sergt. Rowson and Pte. Sturges.

Transfers.

EASTNEY—

Staff-Sergt. W. H. Jones to Depot Establishment.

CHATHAM—

Pte. A. R. Firminger to Naval Police, on probation.

Pte. G. Outred to R. West Kent Regiment.

Bugler H. Smithers to Musician.

Bugler H. Sands to the Ranks.

PORTSMOUTH—

From Private—Buglers E. G. Thornton, Chas Evans (*Depôt*), W. G. D. Chase.

From Bugler—Ptes. W. J. Johnson, L. J. Barnes, W. C. Welsh.

To Army—Pte. W. A. Cartwright.

Limited Engagements.

EASTNEY—

Gunrs. P. J. Keane, G. A. White, J. R. Marshall.

Purchased—Gunrs. F. C. Alford, A. L. French, A. J. Singer, W. Dare, J. Jolly, G. D Anthony.

CHATHAM—

Ptes. M. Fiest, W. M. Howard, H. I. Wright, W. Miller, W. Burke. A. Bedwell, R. Dunn, R. J. Boulton, G. Ticket, I. Tibbs, A. W. Reecher, L. Allen, T. E. Cobbold, T. Tink, J. Foley, T. F. Kitson.

PORTSMOUTH—

12 years—Ptes. J. Munday, J. M. Bride, G. Anderson, H. Hitchcock, F. Perkins (*Hibernia*).

Purchase—Corpl. H. C. Goslin; Ptes. A. Cunnington, D. McCall, W. H. Eden, H. Webb, J. Wingham.

PLYMOUTH—

12 years—Ptes. E. Masters, J. Hellens, C. James, G. Gosling, S. Francis, J. Nicholson, H. Greenaway.

Invalided—Corpl. W. J. Perriam; Ptes. J. Thorne, J. Webb, J. Gallagher.

Purchased—Pte. D. F. Cameron.

R.M. DEPOT—

Ptes. Steggles and Ball; Gunr. Keene.

Retirements.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of Major Charles W. Parish, R.M.L.I., being retired from the Service on a gratuity of £2,400, from the 4th June, 1897, inclusive.

Paymaster and Major L. R. Connolly, R.M.A. Dated, 4th June, 1897.

Certificates.

CHATHAM—

Corpl. L. Oakey has obtained Hythe Certificate.

R.M. DEPOT—

Staff-Sergt. Hill; Sergts. Bentall, Timms; Corpl. Manley; Ptes. Hill, Frith, Harrison, Dixon, and Cooke granted 1st Class Certificates.

Lent to Egyptian Army for Nile Expedition.

EASTNEY—

Sergts. G. E. Seabright, W. Russell, W. Prior; Corpls. S. T. Mathieson, T. H. Hearne, R. A. Trowbridge, F. J. Sears; Bombr. C. W. Muller.

Embarked.

FROM EASTNEY—

Magnificent—Gunr. G. Webster.

Victorious—Gunr. T. Smith.

Devastation—Gunr. H. L. Bowerbank.

Sans Pareil—Gunr. J. Brandish.

Pembroke—Gunr. G. Grist.

Edinburgh—Corpl. H. Willmott.

Mars—Bugler A. Richards.

Royal Sovereign—Corpl. A. V. Conway.

FROM CHATHAM—

Pembroke—Corpls. W. Clark, W. H. Tagg; Ptes. W. L. Read, H. T. Howell, E. Blaber, W. H. Turner, T. Gibbons, E. T. Reed, J. W. Stammers, J. Johnson, J. F. Leonard, A. Smith, J. Crowson.

Wildfire—Ptes. J. H. Plummer, C. Webster, A. C. Conway, F. Parfitt, W. Ursell, W. Young.

Beagle—Pte. T. Anderson.

Ascension per *Wye*—Bugler W. Spendlowe.

Retribution per *Wye*—Ptes. T. P. Walker, J. Orery, G. T. Offord, T. W. Page, R. A. Green, M. G. Gaskin, J. Martin, G. Moss.

Basilisk—Pte. H. E. Butler.

Charybdis—Ptes. G. W. Plummer, A. Rae, T. McCarthy.

Sans Pareil—Bugler W. H. Clissold; Ptes. T. Hibberd, J. S. Powell, J. Kingsland.

FROM PORTSMOUTH—

Antelope—Pte. J. H. Adams

Active—Ptes. G. Harvey, W. Hesler.

Boscawen—Ptes. Ball, A Pugh.

Excellent—Ptes. T. J. Holmes, J. Mendez, A. E. Headley.

Edinburgh—Ptes. J. Goodyear, C. J. Howes.

Inflexible—Sergt. R. Horton.

Niger—Corpl. W. Harris.

Research—Pte. J. Carrington.

Resolution—R. J. Carpenter.

Victory—Corpl. W. J. Evans,; Ptes. W. J. Faulkner, G. Nobbs, F. R. W. Osborne, F. Buckland, H. Addison, A. Dume, G. Hallen, H. R. Pulford, B. Bleach, W. Abbott, G. Cooper, P. Wenlock.

FROM PLYMOUTH—

Impregnable—Pte. J. O'Meara.

Britannia—Pte. E. J. Baxter.

Jackal—Pte. H. Rendle.

Curacoa—Lc.-Cpl. A. J. Norris; Bugler H. Nicholls; Pte. A. W. Gull

Benbow—Pte. P. Mednie.

Melampus—Corpl. H. Harris; Pte. H. Lamb.

Defiance—Pte. W. Brown.

Flora—Sergt. G. Norman; Bugler S. C. Hine; Ptes. W. Webster, E. Robinson, J. Bertie, F. Ward. V. Lancaster.

Barossa—Sergt. H. W. E. Andrews; Corpl. J. Peach; Ptes. H. Radford, J. Gray, J. F. Moon, E. Reynolds, A. H. Charlton, C. Thorpe, F. Hutchings, W. Kelland, J. Fisher, R. J. Ellis, W. Mitchell, T. Kemp, A. E. Allard, T. Knowles, S. Robinson, J. Routley.

Vivid—Lce.-Sergt. W. J. Battershill; Corpl. F. W. Ashworth; Ptes. W. Dyer, H. G. Phillips, W. H. Burgiss, G. Smith, W. Bancroft, F. Ball, C. Ebsworth, A. E. Young, W. Howarth, H. R. Thompson, E. Lawson, G. H. Fleming, W. Woods, H. Knott, H. Villis, J. Mills, C. Russell, G. Palfrey; Corpls. J. Sparkes, S. Gunn, P. Conway; Lce.-Corpl. W. J. Lewis; Ptes. H. Phare, F. Clake, W. Pallen, F. Hunt, W. Gibbons, F. Davis, E. Coulthread, S. J. Pengelley, P. Abbott, H. W. Edwards, F. Smith, R. Turner, G. Pearce, J. Carr, J. Mitchell, J. Woodley, J. Gummow, W. Seabrook, J. Bower.

Disembarked.

TO EASTNEY—

Imperieuse (Esquimalt)—Lieut.-Colonel G. A. L. Rawstorne; Gunr. H. C. Stallard; and Bugler W. H. Rann.

Penelope—Sergt. A. A. Mastin.

Crescent—Gunr. F. F. Dunn.

St. George—Gunrs. E. G. Pyke, G. F. Parsons, W. Collinson, and F. Foster.

Sans Pareil—Gunr. G. Dagnall.

Magnificent—Bombr. F. Devoil.

Revenge—Gunr. A. Hayes.

Royal Sovereign—Gunr. D. P. Lovelace.

Pembroke—Gunr. R. Henderson.

Orlando—Corpl. T. Egan; Gunr. D. Larey.

Resolution—Gunr. T. W. Brown.

Rupert—Gunr. G. D. Anthony.

Edinburgh—Sergt D. Wallace.

Ramillies—Gunr. C. J. Hurt.

Camperdown—Bombr. H. S. Foster.

Mars—Bugler F. W. Jacob.

Royal Sovereign—Corpl. A. Dalton.

Alexandra—Bombr. F. F. Niblett.

Vivid—Gunr. J. Norris.

TO CHATHAM—

Pembroke—Corpls. T. Page; Ptes. T. Stamp, A. Pitts, M. McDermott, C. H. Farren, W. Rhoades, W. L. Reed, E. C. Mugridge, G. E. Kitts, G. Tickett, J. Simpson, A. Rae, C. V. Watts, A. E. Bushell.

Penelope per s.s. *Dunera*—Lieut. C. F. O. Graham; Sergt. C. W. H. Longley; Bugler E. Connor; Ptes. A. Bright, W. Taylor, H. Burt, J. Williams, C. F. Stewart, F. White, A. Glover, S. J. Davis, J. A. Lammin, T. W. Clark, B. M. Lansdowne, E. R. Earl.

Bonaventure—Major C. W. R. Kitching; Ptes. R. W. Lower, P. Ingram, W. H. Chandler, J. McNaughton, F. E. Meston.

Philomel—Sergt. C. W. Burrell.

Undaunted—Corpls. W. Shoesmith, E. Everett; Ptes. J. W. Mounsey, A. Symonds, A. J. Palmer, C. Duffy, E. Bayne, G. H. Seymour, W. Smallman, F. Symmons, T. Nash, A. C. Thompson, C. A. Wells, H. Keefe, A. Sheppard, E. Taylor, J. J. Robinson, G. Wilmott, J. A. Warner, W. S. Roberts, W. Phaxton, M. Finch, A. H. Mastin, W. G. Ellams, H. R. Murray, W. Poole, W. Newbold, H. E. Kimber, W. E. Corani, G. T. Oldfield, R. Bailey, W. J. Poole, R. Bailey, J. H. Mial, A. Whittaker, W. Ludgate, T. Chapman, E. Reece, F. C. Neaves.

Endymion—Sergt. G. Mohr; Corpl. W. Fraser; Ptes. W. E. Latham, F. C. Huckle, W. Bird, E. Jerrett.

Wildfire—Ptes. R. Dunn, J. S. Short, J. Gellately, J. Foley.

Mars—Ptes. W. Parker.

Ringdove—Pte. T. Woolley.

Resolution—Pte. A. W. Beecher.

Repulse—Pte. T. Tink.

Daphne—Pte. R. Robinson.

TO PORTSMOUTH—

Boscawen—Pte. G. Anderson.

Bonaventure—Ptes. H. T. Layton, E. Steel; Bug. C. T. B. Kemp.

Excellent—Corpl. F. J. Brandon; Ptes. J. Brown, J. Woods.

Edinburgh—Ptes. J. H. Neale, J. A. Lush.

Inflexible—Sergt. J. R. Hay.

Katoomba—Corpl. F. G. Blake; Ptes. D. Connor, F. Smith.

Minotaur—Pte. W. H. Clark.

Majestic—Ptes. J. Carrington, C. Gibbons, F. B. White.

Narcissus—Pte. J. Regan.

Phœbe—Pte. G. Johnson.

Philomel—Ptes. C. Gibbs, H. Allum.

Ringdove—Pte. G. Wombwell.

Resolution—Corpl. F. W. Parkins.

Theseus—Ptes. J. Payne, W. Whewell, G. H. S. Ilton.

St. George—Ptes. G. H. Benfield, G. Osborn, H. J. Daysh.

Vulcan—Pte. W. A. Dandy; Bug. H. T. Sheppard.

Victory—Ptes. S. Casey, E. J. Hughes, C. Hansford, T. Buckland, R. J. Carpenter, J. J. W. Loughlin, J. C. McGregor, H. H. Hitchcock, D. McCall, H. Webb, H. R. Pulford, C. King, E. Elms, H. Leary, W. Shearman, E. D. Bundy, D. Lyons.

TO PLYMOUTH—

Theseus—Brevet-Major G. L. Beaumont.

Urgent—Col.-Sergt. W. J. Parsons; Sergt. H Soper; Corpl. C. J. Dow; Ptes. E. Green, W. Blackburn, S. Dean, H. G. Phillips, D. Connelley.

Penelope—Lce.-Sergt. I. J. Griffiths; Ptes. E. Kime, J. Vinnicombe, W. H. Shore, J. Carslake, J. Mooney, T. Down, A. Kelly, J. W. Haydon, J. Gahan, W. E. Barry.

Racoon—Pte. D. F. Cameron.

St. George—Corpl. G. A. Cooke.

Impregnable—Pte. J. Ransley.

Phoebe—Ptes. J. Gardner, F. H. Sawyer, A. H. Gigg.

Lapwing—Lce.-Sergt. W. J. Perriam.

Brisk—Pte. C. James.

Orlando—Buglers W. H. Jefford, W. C. Lewis, W. Mason; Pte. Finch.

Katoomba—Sergt. W. McNelly; Corpl. W. H. Paul; Ptes. W. J. Plummer. H. Arnett, E. Oliver, J. Blackwell.

Vulcan—Sergt. T. Haime; Pte. F. Coles.

Hibernia—Pte. R. Bowering.

Curacoa—Corpl. R. Sinnott; Ptes. C. Lewis, J. Hemsley.

Melampus—Corpl. L. G. Vallance.

Collingwood—Surgeon E. A. Penfold, M.B.

Barossa—Pte H. Mould.

Defiance—Pte. J. Evans.

Ringdove—Sergt. J. F. Potts; Bugler H. Fox; Pte. P. Clarke, T. Dennison, C. J. Packer, H. Mills, J. Morgan, G. Gribble. W. Lewendon.

Bonaventure—Col.-Sergt. S. Thorpe; Corpls. W. A. Toates, W. H. French; Bugler E. J. Anthoney; Ptes. S. R. Fragall, G. Pitt, H. J. Morris, G. J. Howard, J. Stevenson, H. A. Aldridge, W. S. Gigg, W. Woodward, W. T. Hosegood, W. J. Mitchell, C. H. Powley, G. Bishop, G. Ward, W. Veitch, R. H. Cantrill, F. Pearson, A Musselwhite, W. Bland, A. Barton, H. Coombes, J. Rourke, J. Martin, J. Little.

Undaunted—Sergts. A. Thorne, E. Nicholls; Corpls. W. Franks, D. Kennedy, S. Thompson, G. Partridge; Buglers P. Slee, E. Gibbs, C. Weiler; Pte. G. Mallard, H. Babb, J. McCabe, W. Cowell, J. Rudling, W. T. Wood, J. Bradley, E. J. Edwards, S. A. Wills, W. Willis, A. Heal, A. Vane, J. Callicott.

Edgar—Sergt. H. Clarke; Ptes. N. McKay, F. Hall, R. Yeandle, A. Chalk, F. Grant, W. Crotty, T. Jones, R. Noden, G. Boole, H. Belton, R. Cullum.

Vivid—Ptes. J. Valentine, H. W. Edwards, J. Moore, F. Smith, R. Ellis, H. Cooper, T. J. Muge, F. Tanner; Corpl. S. Gunn.

Moves.

CHATHAM—

Sergt. W. H. Bloor from Recruiting, Southampton.

Sergt. A. Champion to Hull, Recruiting.

Jubilee Procession.

SIR J. COLOMB asked the First Lord of the Admiralty to explain why the Royal Marine Artillery with their guns had no representation in the Naval portion of the Procession on the 22nd ult., and why no Marine Brigade took part in the Review at Aldershot on the 1st inst., in accordance with the precedent of 1887: who was responsible for the result that the Royal Marine Forces were the only branch of the Regular Service unrepresented in the Procession in London or at the Review at Aldershot; and whether he was aware that this exclusion was keenly felt by all ranks of a Service which had fought, both by sea and land, with the Navy and with the Army in all parts of the world for more than two centuries.

Mr. Goschen.—As regards the first question, I have repeatedly stated the case of the Jubilee Procession in London. It was a mounted procession in which no Infantry of any kind was represented, and the only exception made was in favour of a small contingent of Bluejackets with their field guns. The Royal Marine Artillery do not, I am informed, parade with field guns. It is not true that the Royal Marine Forces were the only branch of the Regular Service unrepresented in the Procession. The whole of the Infantry of the Line were unrepresented in the sense of the hon. and gallant member's question. The Garrison Artillery, like the Royal Marine Artillery, were not in the Procession, but were represented by a stationary detachment of troops On the route of the Procession the Marines were strongly represented, there being a battalion of Royal Marine Artillery and Royal Marine Light Infantry posted at prominent positions. The Marine Forces mounted one of the few Guards of Honour which were mounted on that day. (Hear, hear). As regards Aldershot, the difference between this year and 1887 was that in the present year ships were mobilised in such numbers as had never been the case before, and, of course, the flower of the force of Royal Marines was employed in the ships. It was held that no thoroughly representative Brigade could have been sent to the Review, and rather than that the Marines should be represented there in any manner which would not do fullest justice to their splendid reputation, it was better that they should not be present at all. (Hear, hear). Till the hon. and gallant member put his question on the paper I had not heard the slightest whisper of any feeling such as that suggested in his last paragraph. My information was to the exact contrary, and I cannot believe that the Marines would consider for one moment that there could be neglect or slight where none most assuredly was intended or could be intended. (Cheers).

Does it not seem a pity that the question was asked, when there are so many subjects of vital importance to our Corps which might well be brought forward? Mr. Goschen's reply is straight forward and complimentary.

Sports.

WE are pleased to announce the success of the representatives from the Portsmouth Division, at the Army Athletic Sports at Aldershot on the 27th July.

Veterans, Privates over 15 years service. Pte. Stafford, R.M.L.I., 1st prize £3. (Won in splendid style by about 20 yards).

Veterans, N.C.O's over 15 years service. Staff Sergeant Carter, R.M.L.I., 2nd prize £2. (Carter was only beaten on the tape for first place).

N.C.O's Hurdle Race. Staff Sergeant Carter, 2nd prize £2. (A good second).

1 mile, Privates, Army. Pte. Stevens, 3rd prize £1. (Reserving himself for the 3 miles, Stevens evidently never exerted himself in this race).

3 miles, Army. Pte Stevens, 1st prize £4.

This race, won by Stevens, who held the lead nearly throughout, proved very exciting, Pte. Byrne, S.W.B. running level with Stevens until a few yards from home, when Stevens sprinted grandly, and won a splendidly contested race by about 2½ yards.

Staff Sergeant Medlon and Sergeant Cole carried off a good many of the Fencing, Bayonet, and Sword Prizes.

Awards.

After Church Parade, Eastney Barracks, 27th June, Colonel Commandant Poore, R.M.A., presented Sergeant-Major A. Baker with the gold, and Sergeant-Major Rodway the bronze jewel of the Royal Marine Rifle Association won at Ash Ranges this year. Colonel Poore in presenting the jewels said that sergeant-majors should be an example to the men, and that the two now before him had shown themselves as such in this the most essential part of a soldier's duty.

Captain Collard, R.M.L.I., Portsmouth Division, won the silver medal for the second time.

Private F. Dockett, R.M.L.I., was presented with a vellum testimonial from the Royal Humane Society in recognition of his going to assist George Gray, who was in imminent danger of drowning at Constantinople, 22nd February, 1897. This testimonial was handed to him by Captain the Hon. Stanhope on board H.M.S. Melita, 17th July, 1897.

The Editors beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions, &c., up to 30th July, 1897.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Private Hardinge ..	0	0	10½	Mr. Sturgess	0	1	6
Private Danks ..	0	0	10½	Mrs. Mercer	0	2	9
Mr. H. Turner ..	0	1	0	*Collingwood*	0	6	9
Private F. White ..	0	1	0	Lance-Sergt. Keen ..	0	1	6
Mr. McWhirter .	0	1	0	Major Field	0	1	4½
Phaeton	0	15	0	*Excellent*	0	17	6
Blenheim	0	4	1	Sergt.-Major Mearles	0	6	8
Mr. Marshall ..	0	0	9	Mr. Roydhouse ..	0	1	6
Sergeant Abel ..	0	0	9	Mr. Campbell ..	0	1	6
Sergeant Walker ..	0	1	3	Private Rogers ..	0	1	0
Sergeant Stickland ..	0	0	9	*Royal Oak*	0	6	0
Col.-Sergeant Purkis	0	1	9	Colonel Morrison ..	0	0	10½
Sergeant Downer ..	0	1	0	"Sheerness"	0	3	6
"Eastney"	1	15	8	*Alexandra*	0	6	8
Private Smith ..	0	2	6	R.M. Depot	3	14	3
"Forton"	0	11	2	Mr. E. Jones	0	1	3
Cl.-Sgt. Wilcox (*Victory*)	0	12	6	*Indefatigable* ..	0	4	3
Magnificent	1	1	0	*Hermione* (Sergt. Facey)	0	2	6
Leander	1	10	0	"Plymouth Division"	3	11	6
Miss McCarthy ..	0	0	9	,, ,, Volumes	0	11	6
Mr. Elkins	0	0	9	*Hibernia*	0	6	0
Nile	0	8	6	Sergeant Guerin ..	0	3	6
Mr. Wentworth ..	0	1	6	Colonel Cooper ..	0	1	6
Mr. Holliday ..	0	0	7½	*Cordelia*	0	8	6
Mr. S. Dobbs ..	0	1	6	Col.-Sergeant Fleming	0	3	0
Corporal Chappell ..	0	2	0	*Devastation*	0	13	7½
Corporal Daniel ..	0	1	6	Captain Bernard ..	0	1	4½
Captain Parry ..	0	5	0	*Edinburgh*	0	4	0
Major Tombs ..	0	1	7	Lance-Sergt. Cross ..	0	10	0
General Mairis ..	0	1	0	Col.-Sergt. Murphy ..	0	9	0
Mr. Bowen	0	1	6	Sgts' Mess, Victoria, B.C.	0	1	6

Late News.

With deep regret we have to announce the death of Major C. W. Parish, late R.M.L.I., who after a long and trying illness borne with great fortitude, passed away on the morning of 1st August, at Fareham.

Cricket.

R.M.A. *v.* R.A. (Hilsea).

Played at the United Service Recreation Ground, Portsmouth, on 7th July, and drawn. The R.A. (Hilsea), scored 258. Major Tylden, 80; Sergt. Shepherd, 43; Major Eardley-Wilmot, 27; Surg.-Major Lambkin, 24: Q.-M.-S. Old, 20; and Sergt. Howell, 20.

R.M.A.

Captain E. P. Brittan, b Colby	0
Captain E. L. Dibblee, b Colby	5
Gunner Bendall, c Howell, b Gemmell	36
Captain A. H. Cox, run out	18
Gunner Longhurst, b Colby	0
Major A. G. Tatham, run out	24
Major W. J. Gaitskell, not out	26
Corporal Lodder, b Colby	0
Captain C. L. Brooke, b Greenbank	14
Captain J. M. Rose, ,, E. Henderson — Did not bat	
Extras	12
Total (for eight wickets)	135

R.M.A. *v.* Portsmouth Grammar School.

Played at Hilsea, 10th July, and lost by 47 runs. For the R.M.A., Gunner Longhurst bowled seven wickets for 35 runs; and for the Portsmouth Grammar School, Mr. Fellgate bowled six wickets for 11 runs.

Portsmouth Grammar School.		R.M.A	
Mr. Wood, c Tatham, b Longhurst	12	Cpt. Brittan, c Fellgate, b Knight	12
Mr. Knight, c Brooke, b Longhurst	16	Major Tatham, b Wood	0
Mr. Partridge, lbw, b Longhurst	4	Cpt. Cox. st. Wood, b Fellgate	53
,, Pitt, c Henderson, b Longhurst	2	,, Dibblee, not out	26
Mr. Griffin, b Brittan	12	Gunr. Longhurst, c & b Knight	0
,, Fellgate, c Brittan, b Longhurst	86	Major Orford, b Fellgate	2
Mr. Barrett, c Henderson, b Longhurst	0	,, Gaitskell, b Fellgate	0
Mr. Hickson, b Cox	5	Col.-Sergt. Ellis, b Fellgate	0
,, Crosthwaite, b Brooke	4	Capt. Brooke, b Fellgate	0
,, Bennett, c Tatham, b Longhurst	0	Sergt. Turner, b Fellgate	3
Mr. Griffin, not out	2	Capt. Henderson, c Wood, b Griffin	0
Extras	6	Extras	6
Total	149	Total	102

R.M.L.I *v.* R.M.A.

Played at Forton Barracks, July 22nd. The R.M.A., with one wicket to fall, required 13 runs to win, but after playing an extra quarter of an hour the match was left drawn.

R.M.L.I.		R.M.A.	
Col. Quill, b Brooke	39	Capt. Brittan, b Quill	52
Pte. Sutcliffe, b Fisher	28	Capt. Dibblee, c Griffiths, b Sutcliffe	8
Lieut. Reid, b Brooke	31	Lieut. Fisher, c Faulkner, b Broster	14
Corpl. Faulkner, b Brooke	7	Lieut. Hankey, run out	6
Capt. Chown, b Brooke	2	Major Tatham, b Sutcliffe	6
Lieut. Hutchinson, b Trotman	5	Lieut. Trotman, lbw, b Broster	17
Lieut. Griffiths, run out	10	Lieut. Harding, c Beith, b Broster	2
Capt. Beith, b Fisher	29	Gnr. Longhurst, c Beith, b Broster	27
Col. Baldwin, run out	25	Gnr. Bendall, c and b Quill	12
Lieut. Halliday, b Bendall	3	Capt. Henderson, not out	6
Sergt. Broster, not out	0	Capt. Brooke, not out	15
Extras	2	Extras	4
Total	181	Total	169

R.M.A. *v.* Stubbington House School.

Played at Stubbington, 17th July, and lost by 73 runs on the first innings. For Stubbington House, Mr. D. Lever, in the second innings, took 13 wickets for 24 runs; and for the R.M.A., 2nd Lieut. Trotman took eight wickets for 41 runs.

R.M.A.

	1st Innings.	*2nd Innings.*
Capt. F. L. Dibblee, b Middleton	1	c and b Lever 17
2nd Lieut. M. P. Hankey, b Lever	1	b Lever 3
Capt. E. P. Brittan, b Lever	5	
,, A. H. Cox, b Lever	4	
2nd Lieut. G. T. Fisher, not out	15	c Lever, b Middleton 8
,, W. F. Trotman, b Lever	0	
Gunr. Longhurst, b Lever	0	b Lever 2
Major A. Orford, b Lever	0	
Capt. C. L. Brooke, b Lever	0	c Adams, b Foster 1
,, E. Henderson, b Lever	0	not out 0
,, J. M. Rose, c Middleton, b Lever	5	b Lever 1
Extras	5	Extras 4
Total	36	Total (for 6 wickets) 36

Stubbington House School.

Mr. D. Lever, c Dibblee, b Trotman	43
,, J. H. Tyke, b Trotman	7
,, H. G. Adam, b Trotman	0
,, S. West, c Hankey, b Cox	20
,, A. A. Gayne, b Cox	0
,, E. R. Udal, b Trotman	0
,, G. C. Middleton, b Trotman	2
,, B. H. Shaw, c Brooke, b Trotman	16
,, R. F. C. Foster, b Trotman	17
,, C. C. West, c Cox, b Trotman	1
,, F. E. Hanks, not out	0
Extras	3
Total	109

The Brittan Cricket Challenge Shield, R.M.A.

3rd Round.

O Co. beat A Co. by 33 runs.

O Co., 101. Major Gaitskell, 56 (not out), and bowled 9 wickets.

A Co., 68. Gunner Longhurst, 22.

N Co. beat I Co. This left N and O Coys. in for the final.

Final Round.

N Co. *v.* O Co. N Co. won by 8 wickets in the two innings.

N Co.—Capt. Dibblee, 32; Major Tatham, 29; Capt. Brooke bowled 14 wickets.

O Co.—Sergt. Turner, 39; Major Gaitskell bowled 6 wickets.

Junior N.C.O's., R.M.L.I., *v.* Junior N.C.O's., R.M.A.—Played at Eastney, and resulted in a draw, both sides scoring 101 runs. Corpls. Faulkner and Jackson played well for the Reds, and Bombr. Smith batted well for the Blues.

R.M.L.I., Chatham, *v.* Rochester.

Played at Rochester, ending in win for home team—376 for 9 wickets.

Royal Marines.

Major Hadley, b Atkins	10
Private Sykes, b Stebbing	30
Lieut. Finlaison, not out	63
Lieut. Tupman, c & b Atkins	0
Private Wynn, run out	0
Lieut. Miller, c Cooper, b Stebbing	4
Lieut.-Col. Newington, c Boucher, b Atkins	0
Capt. Watson, b do.	1
Lieut. Palmer, b do.	0
Lieut. Milner, b Stebbing	0
Lieut. Jones, b Atkins	9
Extras	13
Total	130

Sergeants, R.M.L.I., *v.* Eastman's, Winchester.—Played at Forton on the 24th July, and resulted in a win for Eastman's.

R.M.L.I. *v.* Stubbington House School.

Played at Stubbington, July 3rd. In the second innings R.M.L.I. made 69. Major Quill, 17; Mr. Reid, 10.

R.M.L.I.		Stubbington House School.	
Corpl. Faulkner, b Lever	15	Mr. Lever, c Hutchinson, b Broster	0
Pte. Sutcliffe, c Foster, b Middleton	6	Mr. West, c Jackson, b Broster	2
Mr. Reid, b Lever	1	,, Gayne, b Sutcliffe	13
Col. Quill, b Middleton	0	,, M. Foster, c and b Jackson	17
Capt. Chown, b Middleton	12	,, Adams, b Jackson	0
Mr. Hutchinson, c Foster, b Udal	15	,, R. F. Foster, b Sutcliffe	8
Staff-Sergt. Broster, b Lever	1	,, Middleton, b Sutcliffe	16
Col. Baldwin, lbw, b Lever	3	,, Udal, c and b Sutcliffe	2
Mr. Griffiths, not out	15	,, Hanks, b Jackson	1
Mr. Marshman, c Lever, b Udal	1	,, Shaw, b Jackson	1
Pte. Jackson, b Udal	0	,, Lees, not out	0
Extras	12	Extras	0
Total	81	Total	60

R.M.L.I. *v.* King's Shropshire L.I.

Played at Forton on July 19th.

K.S.L.I.		R.M.L.I.	
J. H. Bailey, c & b Sutcliffe	64	Col. Quill, c Spens, b Worsell	1
Pte. Worsell, b Jackson	24	Pte. Sutcliffe, c Spens, b Atcheson	29
J. M. Sprot, c Hutchinson, b Quill	170	Mr. Reid, not out	52
C. T. Atcheson, c Parsons, b Jackson	13	Mr. Halliday, b Atcheson	0
Pte. Treadaway, not out	36	Capt. Parsons, b Atcheson	0
H. J. Bryant, not out	3	Capt. Beith, c Worsell, b Atcheson	0
		Mr. Hutchinson, c Atcheson, b Sprot	0
		Sergt. Carroll lbw, b Sprot	7
		Col. Baldwin, not out	20
		Mr. Griffiths, Pte. Jackson, did not bat	
Extras	25	Extras	5
Total for 4 wickets	335	Total for 7 wickets	114

R.M.L.I. *v.* Plymouth.

Played at Devonport, on Wednesday July, 7th.

Plymouth.		R.M.L.I.	
P. F. Tyacke, c Davison b Plumbe	22	Major Plumbe, b Bewes	0
A. G. Prothero, c Crowther, b Willis	6	Capt. Crowther, c Cleave, b Bewes	1
A. G. Bewes, c Plumbe, b Little	28	A. G. Little, c Whitehead, b Tucker	60
J. W. Matthews, lbw, b Plumbe	6	Corpl. Bentley, c Chambers, b Prothero	39
C. H. Whiteford, not out	73	Capt. Curteis, c Cleave, b Bewes	30
C. E. Brittan, c Davidson, b Plumbe	20	Pte. Willis, c Tucker, b Bewes	0
Chambers, b Curteis	38	Bandsman Davidson, run out	0
G. Tucker, lbw, b Willis	7	Pte. Gray, b Chambers	0
C. U. Biggs, not out	3	C. H. Hood, c Bewes, b Chambers	0
J. H. Cleave, c Willis, b Davidson	19	J. Little, b Chambers	0
F. B. Palmer did not bat		Capt. Kennedy, not out	5
Extras	12	Extras	13
Total	*234		151

*Innings declared closed.

Worcester Regiment *v.* R.M.L.I.

Played at Mount Wise, on 19th July. The Worcester Regiment made 77 in their second innings, with Harrison not out, Layfield, Monroe, and Hilton to go in.

Worcester Regiment.		R.M.L.I.	
Lieut. Stuart, b Plumbe	8	Capt. Crowther, b Lambert	9
Lieut. Winnington, b Plumbe	0	Major Plumbe, b Monroe	0
Capt. Monroe, c and b Plumbe	0	Bentley, b Monroe	25
Pte. Skinner, b Plumbe	18	Little, c Stevens, b Lambert	11
Corpl. Lambert, b Little	12	Capt. Curteis, c and b Butler	27
Major Hilton, b Little	22	N. A. W. Scott, b Butler	1
Lce.-Corpl. Butler, b Little	18	Pte. Willis, run out	2
Lieut. Townsend, b Little	7	Pte. Grey, lbw, b Butler	1
Dmr. Layfield, b Little	0	Pte. Feltham, b Lambert	0
Pte. Harrison, c Bentley, b Little	0	C. H. Hood, not out	2
		J. Little, b Butler	0
Extras	16	Extras	2
Total	101	Total	80

Sergeants, R.M.L.I., Plymouth *v.* Dartmoor Prison Officers.

Played at Princetown. Prision Officials made 172. In the second innings the Marines scored 46, towards which Bernard contributed 22 not out.

R.M.L.I.—*1st Innings.*

Brown, b Rush	0
Piper, run out	8
Sharp, c and b Roberts	0
Cockayne, b Roberts	3
Bernard, c Arnold, b Roberts	7
Martin, lbw, b Roberts	0
Herford, b Rush	1
Conally, b Roberts	2
Bentley, not out	0
Elworthy, c Culpin, b Robert	0
Hill	0
	23

R.M.L.I., Plymouth *v.* H.M.S. Britannia.

Played at Dartmouth on Wednesday, July 14th.

R.M.L.I.		H.M.S. Britannia.	
Major Plumbe, b Underwood	6	Underwood, retired	77
Captain Crowther, not out	43	Cadet Wilson, lbw, b Bentley	3
Cpl. Bentley, c Murray b Russell	20	Lieut. Watson, retired	102
Lieut. A. G. Little, c Wilson b Underwood	2	Cadet Cartwright, run out	7
Capt. Curteis, c Murray b Russell	6	Mr. F. M. Tims, lbw, b Williams	19
L.-Sgt. Ditchmarsh, b Underwood	1	Cadet Lawford, lbw, b Williams	3
Private Willis, run out	0	Lieut. Murray, b Williams	3
Private Williams, c Murray, b Underwood	0	Cadet H. Jones, b Bentley	1
Captain Kennedy, b Russell	0	Cadet Worsley, b Williams	0
Lieut. Hood, b Underwood	1	Cadet Dix, b Bentley	4
Lieut. J. Little, b Underwood	0	Russell, not out	4
Extras	3	Extras	12
	82		236

Royal Marine Band *v.* Press.

Played at Devonport, and resulted in a victory for the Band by six wickets and 66 runs. Press made 69 runs.

Royal Marine Band.	
D. Feltham, b Ryder	4
A. Dalling, c Rich, b McCarthy	52
T. Bentley, b Ryder	42
C. Higgs, not out	24
Willis, b Ryder	4
T. Cockayne, not out	0
Davidson, Sayers, Littlepage, Baker, and Wratting did not bat	
Extras	9
Total	135

R.M. Depot, *v.* "Buffalo" and R.N.O. Depot.

Played on the Recreation Grounds, Marchwood, 7th July, 1897.

Royal Marines.		"Buffalos" and R.N.O. Depot.	
Pte. Gulliver, b Williamson	2	Mr. Kendall, b Roles	0
,, Bunting, b Williamson	1	,, Boker, c Gulliver b Roles	9
Sergt. Adams, b Kendall	3	,, Green, c and b Roles	2
Bugler Roberts, b Kendall	0	,, Matthews, b Gulliver	1
Pte. Roles, c Pearce b Williamson	7	,, Wiskin, b Roles	0
Pte. Walker, b Kendall	2	,, Cathrell, run out	0
,, Hand, b Williamson	1	,, Nicholls, b Roles	0
,, Attwood c Pearce b Kendall	2	,, White, c Gulliver, b Roles	0
,, Parker, b Pearce	13	,, Pearce, c Gulliver, b Adams	6
,, Curtis, c Pearce b Kendall	2	,, A. Bull, run out	22
,, Peake, not out	9	,, Williamson, not out	2
Extras	2	Extras	4
Total	44	Total	46

R.M. Depot *v.* 2nd West Yorkshire Regt.

Played at Dover, on July 14th. The 2nd West Yorkshire Regiment won by an innings and three runs.

R.M. Depot.

Lieut. Shine, c Lowe, b Walden	0	b Crossman	4
Doctor Browne, c Sub, b Coultate	2	c Fisher, b Walden	26
Capt. Palmer, b Walden	7	b Walden	3
Sergt. Ellingham, b Coultate	0	b Walden	10
Pte. Dalton, b Walden	4	b Walden	0
Sergt. King, b Coultate	11	b Walden	0
Musician Murphy, st Lowe, b Coultate	0	b Coultate	3
Lce.-Sergt. Scongall, b Walden	11	b Walden	2
,, Swinherd, c Thompson, b Coultate	7	c Ford, b Walden	2
Pte. Hopkins, c and b Coultate	3	not out	1
Lieut. Cator, not out	2	b Walden	0
Extras	7	Extras	2
Total	54	Total	51

2nd West Yorkshire Regt.

Pte. Coultate, c King, b Shine	0
Sergt. Ford, b Cator	0
Lieut. Thomson, b Shine	0
,, Crossman, b Palmer	22
,, Mansel-Jones, lbw, b Palmer	21
Capt. Fisher, b King	21
,, Barrington, b Palmer	6
Lieut. Mounlyan, not out	24
Lce.-Corpl. Walden, b King	7
Lieut. Lowe, c Hopkins, b King	0
Extras (One man short)	7
Total	108

R.M. Depot *v.* St. Lawrence C.C. (Canterbury).

Played at Walmer, on 17th July. St. Lawrence won by 138 runs.

St. Lawrence C.C.

Mr. Trueman, b Shine	6
,, Latter, c Brown, b Dalton	142
,, Hayward, c Brown, b Palmer	5
Mr. Bligh, b King	24
,, Hirst, run out	20
,, Barnes, run out	2
,, Darrill, b Dalton	5
,, H. Trueman, b Shine	0
,, Harris, not out	0
,, Hunt, c Palmer, b Shine	0
,, Slatter, b Shine	0
Extras	15
Total	219

R.M. Depot.

Doctor Browne, c H. Trueman b Hunt	0
Sergt. Brown, run out	6
Cpt. Palmer, c Hayward, b Hunt	11
Lieut. Shine, b Latter	17
Major Percy, b Hunt	18
Sergt. King, c Hayward, b Hunt	0
Lieut. Bewes, s Barnes, b Latter	4
Sergt. Ellingham, c C. F. H. Trueman, b Latter	0
Lce.-Cpl. Spencer, c Bligh, b Latter	11
Pte. Dalton, run out	4
Lieut. Noble, not out	2
Extras	8
Total	81

In the R.M. Depot's 2nd innings, the score was:—Doctor Browne, not out, 11; Sergt. Brown, b Harris, 7: Capt. Palmer, not out, 24 Extras, 2. Total, 44.

R.M. Depot *v.* Royal Artillery (Dover).

Played at Walmer, 26th June. R.A. won by 32 runs.

Royal Artillery.

	1st Innings.	*2nd Innings.*	
Master-Gunner Williams, c & b Raitt	7	c Keightly, b Palmer	0
Sergt. Davies, b Palmer	42	c Saumarez, b Palmer	15
Mr. Greene, b Raitt	14	b Keightley	0
Major Jervoise, c Browne, b Raitt	43	c Shine, b Palmer	16
Mr. Moorhouse, c Ellingham, b Palmer	4	l b w, b Palmer	71
Capt. Merriman, c Raitt, b Palmer	10	c Binney, b Palmer	0
Gunner Dawson, c & b Raitt	22	b Keightley	0
Mr. Chevallier, c Browne, b Palmer	1	b Keightley	11
Capt. Taylor, absent		b Keightley	0
Sergt. Batch, st Ellingham, b Raitt	10	b Keightley	0
Sergt.-Major Garland, not out	2	not out	2
Extras	6	Extas	0
Total	161	Total	115

R.M. Depot.

Capt. Raitt, c Greene b Balch	30
Mr. Keightley, b Balch	1
Gapt. Binney, c Williams, b Moorhouse	33
Lieut. Shine, b Moorhouse	19
Major Percy, b Moorhouse	0
Pte. Dalton, c Williams, b Moorhouse	0
Doctor Browne, c Balch, b Moorhouse	8
Capt. Palmer, b Balch	18
Sergt. Ellingham, c Merriman, b Moorhouse	2
Capt. Saumarez, not out	10
Mr. Cator, b Moorhouse	0
Extras	8
Total	129

H.M.S. "Hibernia" *v.* H.M.S. "Nymphe."

H.M.S. "Nymphe."		H.M.S. "Hibernia."	
		Lieut. Kitcat, retired	70
		Corpl. Marlow, b Huxley	5
		Lieut. Wilson, c Gorrie, b Gilder	64
		Ast. Clerk Smith, b Gilder	32
		Lieut. Petch, R.N., b Gilder	7
		Lce.-Corpl. Negus, b Gardner	31
		Pte. Newman, b Gilder	8
		Pte. Page, b Penny	2
		Clr.-Sergt. Parsons, b Gardner	10
		Ship's Steward Assistant Kelly, not out	2
		Pte. Edwards, b Gardner	3
		Extras	35
Total	116	Total	269

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WESTERN DISTRICT RIFLE MEETING.

First Day.

ALL RANKS (Commissioned excepted) armed with Lee-Metford.

MARKSMEN.

	Points.	*s.*	*d.*
Sergt. E. Channon, R.M.L.I.	32	15	0
,, S. Partridge, ,, ...	31	15	0
Pte. S. R. Hodge, ,, ...	31	7	6
Col.-Sergt. J. Smith, ,, ...	31	7	6
Sergt. J. Lloyde, ,, ...	30	1	3

1st CLASS SHOTS.

Pte. G. Hatherby, R.M.L.I.	28	5	0
Lc.-Cpl. A. Kenneston, ,, ...	27	5	0

2nd CLASS SHOT.

Pte. E. Bowin, R.M.L.I.	28	7	6

4th CLASS SHOT.

Pte. J. Regis, R.M.L.I.	24	3	0

ADDITIONAL PRIZES.

Sergt. E. Channon, R.M.L.I.	32	15	0
,, T. Partridge, ,, ...	—	15	0
Pte. S. R. Hodge, ,, ...	—	15	0
Col.-Sergt. J. Smith, ,, ...	—	10	0

3rd CLASS SHOTS.

Warrant Officers, Chief P.O.'s, 1st Class P.O.'s, and Seamen, Sergeants, and Rank and File serving afloat. 200 yards.

Pte. W. Bullens, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Vivid* ..	30	10	0
,, Gillard, ,, ,, ,, ..	30	10	0
,, E. Hoare, ,, ,, ,, ..	28	10	0
,, W. E. Buss, ,, ,, *Cambridge* ..	28	10	0
,, E. Longshaw, ,, ,, *Vivid* ..	28	10	0
,, W. Slade ,, ,, *Cambridge* ..	27	7	6

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

Lieut. J. Grover, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Cambridge* ..	29	—	

ALL COMERS. 200 yards.

Sergt. Lloyde, R.M.L.I.	32	10	0

Second Day.

COMBINED MATCH—Open to all Ranks (Commissioned Officers excepted). 200 yards.

Staff-Sergt. E. Woolcock, R.M.L.I. ..	34	£2	0 0
Sergt. J. Lloyde, ,, ..	30	0	5 0

3rd CLASS.

W.O.'s, Chief and 1st Class P.O.'s and Seamen, Sergeants and Rank and File, R.M.L.I., serving afloat.

Pte. J. Bourke, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Bonaventure* ..	32	15	0
,, G. Hoare, ,, ,, *Vivid* ..	31	10	0
,, E. Longshaw, ,, ,, ,, ..	29	10	0
,, W. Gillard, ,, ,, ,, ..	27	10	0
,, W. Jackson, ,, ,, ,, ..	26	10	0
,, H. Chardley, ,, ,, ,, ..	25	7	6
,, P. Rutledge, ,, ,, ,, ..	25	5	0

ADDITIONAL PRIZES.

Pte. J. Bourke, R.M.L.I.	32	3	0

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

Lieut. J. Grover, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Cambridge*	33	—	

Third Day.

ALL RANKS (Commissioned excepted). 500 yards.

MARKSMEN.

Staff-Sergt. E. Woolcock, R.M.L.I.	33	£1	0 0
Sergt. E. Channon, ,, ...	32	0	7 6
,, J. Lloyde, ,, ...	32	0	7 6
Pte. S. Hodge, ,, ...	32	0	7 6
Sgt. S. Partridge, ,, ...	31	0	5 0

RECRUITS.

Pte. J. Regis, R.M.L.I. ,, ...	27	0	5 0
,, J. Jones, ,, ,, ...	25	0	5 0

ADDITIONAL PRIZES.

Staff-Sergt. E. Woolcock	33	1	10 0
Sergt. E. Channon	32	0	15 0
,, J. Lloyde	32	0	10 0
Pte. S. Hodge	32	0	10 0
Sergt. S. Partridge	31	0	10 0

COMBINED MATCH—Open to all Ranks (Commissioned excepted). 500 yards.

Sergt. S. Partridge	30	5	0

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

Lieut. J. Grover, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Cambridge* ..	30	—	

ALL RANKS (Commissioned excepted). 600 yards.

MARKSMEN.

Sergt. J. Lawrence, R.M.L.I.	29	15	0
,, E. Channon, ,, ...	28	7	6
,, H. Green, ,, ...	27	5	0

RECRUITS.

Pte. J. Regis, R.M.L.I.	26	7	6

ADDITIONAL PRIZES.

Sergt. J. Lawrence, R.M.L.I.	29	15	0
,, E. Channon ,, ...	28	10	0
,, H. Green, ,, ...	27	5	0

Fourth Day.

3rd CLASS PRIVATES.

W.O.'s, Chief P.O.'s, 1st Class P.O.'s and Seamen. Sergeants and Rank and File Royal Marine Light Infantry serving afloat. 600 yards.

Pte. E. Longshaw, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Vivid* ..	28	10	0
,, J. Bourke, ,, ,, *Bonaventure*	27	10	0
,, J. Chandler ,, ,, *Vivid* ..	26	10	0
,, D. Bailey, ,, ,, ,, ..	25	10	0
,, E. Wakefield, ,, ,, ,, ..	25	7	6
,, W. Vale, ,, ,, *Cambridge*	25	7	6

ADDITIONAL PRIZES.

Pte. E. Longshaw, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Vivid* .	28	3	0
,, J. Rourke, ,, ,, *Bonaventure*	27	2	0

REVOLVER MATCH—COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

Lieut. J. Grover, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Cambridge*	33	—	

THE GENERAL'S PRIZE—Open to teams of the Rank and File from any ship or corps in the district.

	Hits	*Drill*	*Fire Discipline*	*Dress*	*Total*
R.M.L.I. (R.N. Barracks)—3rd	55	7	9	5	76

NAVY AND ARMY TEAM COMPETITIONS—For the cup presented by Admiral Hon. Sir E. Fremantle, K.C.B., C.M.G. Open to teams of eight of any rank.

	200	*500*	*600*	*Total*
R.M.L.I. (4th place) ..	235	222	195	652
,, H.M.S. *Vivid* (5th place)	214	227	166	607

Fifth Day.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.—Highest aggregate made by a representative of the Navy or Royal Marines serving afloat was made by Lieut. Grover, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Cambridge*. Points—200 yds., 29; 500 yds., 33; 600 yds., 30. Total, 92. Prize, £4.

COMBINED MATCH. 600 yards.

	Points.	*s.*	*d.*
Staff-Sergt. Woolcock, R.M.L.I.	31	15	0
Sergt. Partridge, ,, ...	30	12	6
,, Channon, ,, ...	29	7	6

Staff-Sergt. Woolcock, R.M.L.I., secured the second place in the Championship with a total of 91, made up as follows:—200 yds., 34; 500 yds., 26; 600 yds., 31.

MATCH BETWEEN R.M.L.I. AND H.M.S. "EXCELLENT."

At Tipnor, 10th June, 1897. The match was won by the R.M.L.I. by 6 points.

R.M.L.I.

Rank and Name.	*200 yds.*	*500 yds.*	*600 yds.*	*Total.*
Capt. Collard ..	30	34	33	97
Staff-Sergt. Hayward ..	31	33	32	96
Sergt. Finlayson ..	33	27	34	94
Capt. Garrett ..	29	35	29	93
Sergt. Cole ..	30	30	32	92
Clr.-Sergt. Jones ..	31	33	29	92
Staff-Sergt. Luft ..	32	34	23	89
Pte. Lea ..	28	25	29	82
Average, 91·87.		Grand Total		735

H.M.S. "EXCELLENT."

1st P.O. Fulcher ..	33	32	32	97
C.P.O. Bedford ..	33	33	30	96
,, Deighton ..	28	33	33	94
1st P.O. Inglis ..	30	30	32	92
,, Cramer ..	30	32	28	90
,, Sullivan ..	31	29	28	88
Mr. Wade ..	29	31	27	87
C.P.O. Wroe ..	31	29	25	85
Average, 91·12		Grand Total		729

"METHUEN" CUP, 1897.

On Monday, July 12th, the Annual Competition for the Challenge Cup presented by Lord Methuen, took place on No. 4 Ash Ranges, Aldershot, and resulted in a splendid struggle, in which, though neither were victorious, the R.M.A. and R.M.L.I. were both well to the front. Appended below are the scores of the different teams—

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Rank and Name.	*200 yds.*	*500 yds.*	*600 yds.*	*Total.*
Lieut. Bonham ..	31	30	35	96
Corpl. Redpath ..	30	31	34	95
Major Cowan ..	31	32	32	95
Sergt.-Major Rolfe ..	28	32	31	91
Co. Sergt.-Maj. Sheldon	31	30	28	89
Corpl. Probart ..	27	32	28	87
Q.-M.-S. Kearney ..	29	29	29	87
Sapper Gale ..	32	28	25	85
Totals	239	244	242	725

R.M.L.I.

Staff-Sergt. Lane ..	29	34	31	94
,, Burgis ..	31	32	31	94
,, Hayward ..	30	35	28	93
,, Pearson ..	32	34	25	91
Clr.-Sergt. Freeman ..	32	30	28	90
Lt. and Qr.-Mstr. Tucker	29	33	26	88
Staff-Sergt. Hill ..	26	32	29	87
Capt. Collard ..	29	31	27	87
Totals	238	261	225	724

R.M.A.

Sergt.-Major Baker ..	29	32	33	94
Corpl. Bowley ..	30	31	32	93
Clr.-Sergt. Simms ..	29	28	35	92
Sergt. Foley ..	29	32	31	92
,, Deacon ..	28	32	30	90
Major Eastman ..	30	31	29	90
Staff-Sergt. Brockliss ..	30	29	27	86
Sergt.-Major Rodway ..	29	29	27	85
Totals	234	244	244	722

TEAMS.

Hythe Staff	707
English Regiments	704
H.M.S. *Excellent*	693
Brigade of Guards	690
Green Jackets	683
Scotch Regiments	678
Irish Regiments	653

Last Year's Result—1, Royal Engineers, 747; 2, Greenjackets, 740; 3, Royal Marine Artillery, 730.

"UNITED SERVICE" CUP, 1897.

Army	255	262	226	743
Volunteers ..	248	251	242	741
Yeomanry ..	241	254	236	731
Marines ..	244	256	227	727
Navy	251	257	214	722
Militia	235	246	210	691

ROYAL MARINES.

Rank and Name.	*200 yds.*	*500 yds.*	*600 yds.*	*Total.*
Clr.-Sergt. Simms, R.M.A. ..	31	33	29	93
Staff-Sergt. Hill, R.M.L.I. ..	32	32	29	93
Sergt.-Major Rodway, R.M.A. ..	33	32	28	93
Staff-Sergt. Lane, R.M.L.I. ..	30	32	30	92
Sergt.-Major Baker, R.M.A. ..	28	33	30	91
Capt. Collard, R.M.L.I. ..	33	34	24	91
Sergt. Burgis, R.M.L.I. ..	29	30	29	88
,, Deacon, R.M.A. ..	28	30	28	86
Totals	244	256	227	727

Average, 91·0

"THE REGIMENT" TROPHY, ALDERSHOT, 1897.

1—Royal Engineers (Aldershot) ..	705 points.	Average	88·12
2—2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade ..	705 ,,	,,	88·12
3—Royal Marine Artillery ..	694 ,,	,,	86·75

R.M.A.

Rank and Name.	*200 yds.*	*500 yds.*	*600 yds.*	*Total.*
Sergt.-Instr. Foley ..	29	32	33	94
Corpl. Bowley ..	29	30	31	90
Sergt.-Major Baker ..	32	32	26	90
,, Rodway ..	32	30	27	89
Bombr. Baxter ..	30	30	28	88
Musician Box ..	31	29	26	86
Col.-Sergt. Simms ..	29	30	24	83
Gnr. Blay ..	27	29	18	74
Totals ..	239	242	213	694

R.M.A. *v.* CONNAUGHT SIXTY CLUB (HANTS COUNTY VOL.)

Fired at Fort Cumberland, 30th June, 1897. R.M.A. lost by nine points.

R. M. A.

Rank and Name	*200 yds.*	*500 yds*	*600 yds*	*Total.*
Corpl. Bowley ..	32	35	30	97
Sergt.-Major Baker ..	29	34	33	96
Sergt. MacAree ..	32	35	28	95
Col.-Sergt. Simms ..	30	32	31	93
Sergt.-Instr. Graham ..	31	32	30	93
Major Eastman ..	28	32	32	92
Sergt. Turner ..	29	32	31	92
Sergt.-Instr. Foley ..	32	32	28	92
Sergt. Deacon ..	31	30	29	90
Staff-Sergt. Brockliss ..	32	31	27	90
Sergt. Simpson ..	28	32	29	89
Gunr. Blay ..	33	26	29	88
Col.-Sergt. Ede ..	27	31	29	87
Sergt. Stott ..	27	31	28	86
Col.-Sergt. Butler ..	31	27	19	77
Totals ..	452	472	433	1357

Average—for first eight, 93·75; for first ten, 93·00; for fifteen, 90·46.

CONNAUGHT SIXTY CLUB.

Sergt. Trueman ..	31	34	33	98
,, Colley ..	30	33	34	97
,, Hearn ..	31	35	31	97
Pte. Dixon ..	31	33	32	96
Sergt. Hellyer ..	31	32	32	95
Q.-M.-S. Kent ..	30	32	32	94
Sergt. Woods ..	32	33	29	94
Col.-Sergt. Woodman ..	30	32	29	91
Pte. Davis ..	30	33	28	91
Sergt. Fletcher ..	31	29	29	89
Corpl. Dash ..	26	34	28	88
Sergt. Cleife ..	29	33	26	88
Pte. White ..	27	28	31	86
Corpl. Gates ..	30	28	24	82
Col.-Sergt. Coltherup ..	27	24	29	80
Totals ..	446	473	447	1366

Average—for first eight, 95·25; for first ten, 94·20; for fifteen, 91·06.

THE INTER-DISTRICT MATCH.

In the Inter-District Match, which took place on the last day of Army Rifle Meeting, Aldershot, the Southern District won a hard fought battle by one point. Prize—Eight Jewels, value £16. Scores—

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Captain Collard, R.M.L.I.	30	34	31	95
Sergeant Hayward, R.M.L.I.	30	31	32	93
,, Churcher, Rifle Depot	31	32	30	93
,, Cunningham ,,	33	30	29	92
Sergt.-Maj. Baker, R.M.A.	30	29	31	90
,, Rodway, R.M.A.	29	30	31	90
Sgt.-Blr. Williams, Rifle Depot	30	30	29	89
C.S. Yardley, 2nd Wilts. Regt.	33	29	26	88
				730

Jersey District	729
Guernsey District	716
Western District	714
Aldershot District	712
Thames District	712
Home District	691

Answers to Correspondents.

RAMILLIES—Pte. Smith, subscription for one year is 1/6 Why did you send 2/6 ?

FOX—Regret that we have no room for programme sent.

SCOUT—Sandell. You are now entered at a year's subscriber. The mistake was not our fault, as your name was not mentioned in Lce.-Cpl. C's. letter.

RAMILLIES—Your name has been altered as requested.

T. J. P., *Intrepid*—Thanks for trouble you are taking over stamps, also to W. F. for letter.

SGT. S. A. B., *Edinburgh*—You omitted to send money for postage; two months at 7d.—1/2.

VICTOR EMANUEL—After May copies were sent, there was only 2s. 2½d. to your credit. You must have reckoned English postage.

Births.

ANDERSON - At Deal, the wife of Bugler Anderson, of a son.

JONES—At Deal, the wife of Sergt. F. W. Jones, R.M.A., of a son.

COLE—At Deal, the wife of Sergt. F. W. Cole, of a son.

HORNE—At Deal, the wife of Pte. Horne, of a daughter.

CROOK—At Deal, the wife of Pte. Crook, of a daughter.

HANCOCKS—At Deal, the wife of Sergt. Hancocks, of a daughter.

JACK—At Deal, the wife of Sergt. Jack, of a son.

ATKINS—At Battersea, on 25th June, the wife of Corpl. T. J. Atkins, of a son.

MAXWELL—At Forton, on 24th June, the wife of Pte. R. Maxwell, of a daughter, Victoria Eveline.

Marriages.

MARCHANT—TURNER—On 15th July, at Cape Town, South Africa, Captain A. E. Marchant, R.M.L.I., to Eda, only daughter of the late Anthony Percival Turner, Esq., and Mrs. Turner, of Upland House, St. Helier's, Jersey.

BEAVIS—FARMER—On the 14th July, at St. James' Church, Portsea, Corpl. W. J. Beavis to Miss Clara Farmer.

GEARY—HORNE—On the 18th July, at St. John's, Forton, Bugler H. Geary to Miss N. A. Horne.

COOKE—TREVERTON—On the 14th July, at Register Office, Alverstoke, Pte. J. Cooke to Miss L. Treverton.

SHAWYER—RICHARDS—On the 14th July, at Parish Church, Wickham, Pte. A. Shawyer to Miss Kate Richards.

PAYNTER—AXON—On 1st June, at Deal, Lce.-Sergt. Paynter to Miss A. Axon.

BUTCHER—ALDERTON - On 8th June, at Sheerness, Pte. Butcher to Miss E. B. Alderton.

BURGIS—WARNER—On 10th July, at Beddington, Sergt. Burgis to to Miss K. M. Warner.

WICKENDEN - KEEN—On 21st June, at Deal, Pte. Wickenden to Miss M. Keen.

WALSH—LOVEJOY—On 8th July, at Parish Church, Portsea, Paid Acting Bombr. and Mus. W. Walsh, R.M.A., to Miss E. E. Lovejoy.

KING—TRACEY—At Wesleyan Chapel, Portsea, Gnr. H. A. King, R.M.A., to Miss E. M. Tracey.

HAMILTON—JENNER - On July 3rd. at Register Office, Brixton, Pte. T. W. Hamilton to Miss E. M. Jenner.

WORDLEY CRACKLING—At Lexden Church, Colchester, Essex, 17th April, 1897, Sergt. E. J. Wordley, R.M.L.I., to Miss A. E. Crackling.

Deaths.

WADSLEY—On the 13th June, at Deal, Pte. Wadsley, aged 18.

KNIGHT—On the 2nd July, at Deal, Pte. Knight, aged 31.

MCANNETY—On the 16th July, at the R.M.A. Infirmary, Gunner W. McAnnety, R.M.A., of peritonitis, aged 43.

HORSMEMAN—Pte. W. Horseman, (*Melpomene*).

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Editorial.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—SALE OF VOLUMES.—It has been found necessary to reduce the stock of back numbers, as the office space is limited; consequently, the Editors have decided to reduce the prices as under until a certain number has been sold. In order to give our foreign subscribers a fair chance, a proportion of the books will be set aside for them. If they do not wish the volumes sent out abroad, they should give an address in England, or the copies might be kept here addressed to them, waiting their return; this is, of course, provided that payment is sent with order.

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The following is a list of names of gentlemen who passed for R.M.L.I. in August last, showing their places in the Sandhurst List:-

B. C. Gardiner	24th	Sandhurst List
F. V. Temple	26th	,, ,,
R. N. White	42nd	,, ,,
C. H. Regnart	43rd	,, ,,
H. S. Lloyd	44th	,, ,,
	1st	Cavalry List
G. R. S. Hickson	48th	Sandhurst List
H. Ozanne	51st	,, ,,
L. C. Lampen	52nd	,, ,,
C. Shelton	59th	,, ,,

NAVAL SIGNALLING—We have received a good deal of correspondence as to when Marines were first employed as naval signalmen, and have been asked to publish the following:—

Lce.-Corpl. G. Turner, R.M.L.I., was employed as a signalman on board H.M.S. *Goshawk*, Lieut.-Com. Suckling, R.N., in 1877 to 1879, and Pte. (now Sergt.) G. W. Bird performed the same duties on board H.M.S. *Revenge* about the same date. Perhaps the argument is as to when extra pay was allowed to Marines when performing this duty, but this is not apparent from the correspondence received. I hear that some papers are under the impression that the Seaforth Highlanders performed signalling duties on board H.M.S. *Trafalgar* in Cretan waters. (It is not stated whether they wore kilts. Ed.)

The following interesting letter was received at the beginning of this year, but apparently was mislaid:—

Government House, Singapore.

Dear Sir,

As High Commissioner, I have just paid a visit to Borneo, and I found, in a small cemetery at Labuan, headstones to graves (kept in very good repair) with the following inscriptions:—

SACRED TO THE MEMORY
OF
COLOUR-SERGEANT
ADAM C. SUTHERLAND,
OF THE ROYAL MARINES, LATE OF
H.M.S. BRIG "COLUMBINE,"

Who fell mortally wounded in the noble discharge of his duty in an attack on Balanini pirates, in the cutter of that vessel, on 30th May, 1847.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY
OF

SERGEANT	THOMAS WATSON	PRIVATE	ALLEN CAMERON
PRIVATE	JAMES MEAD	,,	ALEXANDER CHALMERS
,,	JOSEPH HOLLIER	,,	WILLIAM SOUTHCOTT
,,	WILLIAM FISH	,,	HAMPDEN NIX
,,	GEORGE PRITCHARD	,,	JAMES GULLY
,,	ROBERT BURNETT	,,	GEORGE MARTIN

Who died of fever contracted at Labuan, when doing duty on shore between 14th June and 29th November, 1848, and

PRIVATE ROBERT TUCKER

Drowned off Sadoni, Borneo.

This stone is erected by the Officers, N.C. Officers and Privates of the detachment R.M. on board H.M.S. *Meander*, as a token of respect for their departed comrades.

Yours very truly, C. W. MITCHELL.

DUKE OF SAXE-COBURG'S CHALLENGE CUP—We are glad to see that the form of competition for the Duke of Saxe-Coburg's Challenge Cup has been finally settled. The idea of having half Young Soldiers is excellent, and cannot fail to recommend itself to all who take interest in the matter, as it ensures an interest being taken in those, to whom we must look for our future representatives in the shooting world. Again, the regulation that the Young Soldiers must be different each year is a very sound one, as it entails an interest being taken in a larger number of tyros, and makes the match a far more open one than would otherwise be the case.

URGENT ENQUIRY.—The treasurer wishes to know who it was sent a cheque, value over £1. The letter was received at Forton on 23rd or 24th August, and has been mislaid.

EXTRACT FROM DIVISIONAL ORDERS (August 11th, 1897).—The following is a copy of a request from the International Admirals in Cretan waters:—

Admiral Harris reports that the English officer, Major Bor, has returned to England. The services rendered by this officer as Chief of Gendarmerie, as well as Commandant of the International Garrison at Izzeden, have been specially appreciated by the admirals, who charge their colleague, the English admiral, to make known to Major Bor the expression of their regret. They further desire, that Admiral Harris will be pleased to describe to the Admiralty the distinguished services of this excellent officer.

Major H. C. Money, R.M.L.I., left London by the P. & O. steamer *Peninsula*, on 3rd inst., to join H.M.S. *Ramillies*, flagship of the Mediterranean Squadron.

EGYPTIAN ARMY (from *Times*, 13th August).—Brevet Lieut.-Colonel E. F. David, R.M.L.I., A.A.G. Egyptian Army, will join the staff of Sir Herbert Kitchener.

Obituary.

IN our last month's issue we recorded the death of Major C. W. Parish, late of the Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., who died at Fareham on Sunday, August 1st, at the age of 40, after a long illness. Major Parish joined the service in 1876, and served as a subaltern in the Battalion of the Royal Marines, which went to South Africa at the close of the Zulu War, 1879. He subsequently served in H.M.S. *Alexandra* in the Mediterranean and was present at the bombardment of Alexandra in 1882, and afterwards served in the Egyptian Campaign. He was promoted Captain at the Portsmouth Division in 1885 and Major in 1893, and held the post of Musketry Instructor at Browndown. Of late years he had been in failing health, and very shortly before his death he retired from the service, in the hope that in a more genial climate he might regain strength. His hope was, however, not to be realised, for he became too ill to leave England, and passed away, deeply regretted by his many friends and old comrades who knew and appreciated his kindness, unselfishness, and uprightness of character. Major Parish was buried at Fareham on August 3rd. The coffin, covered with the Union Jack, was borne to the grave by four of the men of the Portsmouth Division who volunteered for the sad duty, and many of the officers of the Division, including the Col.-Commandant, the Col. 2nd Commandant, Col. Baldwin, and Lieut.-Col. Edye, were present to show the last mark of respect to one who, though no longer on the active list, had not, in leaving the service, passed from the memories of those with whom he had served so long.

We much regret to announce the death of Mr. A. G. Hawes, British Commissioner and Consul General in the Sandwich Islands, who died at Hilo, in Hawaii, on the 6th August. He joined the R.M.L.I. in December, 1850, and retired March, 1869, to take up an appointment under the Japanese Government. For services performed in this capacity the Emperor of Japan specially conferred upon him the 4th Class of the Order of the Rising Sun. He joined the Foreign Office in 1885 and held Consular appointments in Africa, in the Lake Nyassa and Zanzibar Districts. Many of our corps who have served on the Pacific Station will remember his generous hospitality and will deeply regret his loss.

PRESENTATION.—When attending at Osborne, on Saturday, 7th August, Mr. George Miller, Mus. Bac., Cantab, Bandmaster, Portsmouth Division, was presented with a bar to the Jubilee medal, inscribed 1897, by Sir Fleetwood Edwards, in the name of Her Majesty.

Benin.

Composed by PRIVATE J. MARSHALL, Portsmouth Division.

Some awful tidings came to England
From Afric's far and distant strand,
That savages had by treach'ry murdered
A brave and gallant little band
Engaged upon a peaceful mission,
Journeying in England's name,
Brutally and foully butchered,
Ever to King of Benin's shame.
But England's eye was quickly on them:
"To Benin city!" was the cry;
British Royal Marines and Sailors
Landed then to do or die.

CHORUS—

One more victory for England,
One more laurel for the Corps,
Little did they think that British
Vengeance could have been so sure.
But we'd men who fought for England,
By the land as well as sea,
Avenging savage, brutal murder
In the Benin Victory.

But mark! The men they had to choose from,
Royal Marines—both brave and true,
Per Mare, Per Terram, is their motto,
And they wear it proudly too.
Soldiers of our British Navy
"By land as well as sea,"
In England's hour of greatest need,
Marines will her sheet anchor be.
Side by side with British Sailors
Fighting still for England's fame,
Gain we honour for our Colours,
And the dusky foemen tame.

Onward, steadily advancing,
Heeding not the fearful heat,
Death lurks around, in tree and brushwood,
But they make the blacks retreat.
Onward, inch by inch victorious,
Their hearts for vengeance crave:
Though many a man has breathed his last
And found a soldier's grave.
But they heeded not the danger,
Their's was but to do or die;
"Charge!" my lads, the blacks are bolting,
"Victory! Victory!" was our cry.

Scene: Ante-room of officers' mess. Captain G. has just returned off twelve months' leave. The following day is General's inspection.—Colonel A. to Captain G.: "Look here, Captain G., to-morrow is General's inspection, and the General is very particular that every Captain should know each man's name of his own company, and also know where he comes from. Now, you have been twelve months away. and there have been a great many changes in your company during that time. How are you going to manage?" Captain G.: "I think I can manage that all right, sir. I'll try, anyway." Next morning on parade. Captain G., after inspecting company. Captain G.: "Now, men, the General is very particular that I should know every man's name in the company, and know what county he belongs to. Now, there is a great number here that are strangers to me; but whatever I say your name is, or where you belong to, don't you contradict it." General, starting to inspect Captain G.'s company, stops in front of the right-hand man: "This is a smart, clean-looking soldier, what's his name?" Captain G.: "Brown, sir." General: "Where does he come from?" Captain G.: "Wiltshire, sir." General inspecting second man: "What's this man's name?" Captain G.: "Jones, sir." General: "Where does Jones belong to?" Captain G.: "Devonshire, eh? Well, I'm a Devonshire man myself." Addressing himself to number two: "A fine country, Devonshire, isn't it, my man?" Private Murphy: "The devil a foiner country in the world than Devonshire, yer honour."



THE LATE MAJOR W. W. TAYLOR,

45th Bengal Infantry, formerly R.M.L.I., who died of wounds received during the attack on the Malakand Camp. (For services see last number).

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FIGHTING ON THE INDIAN FRONTIER.—The native tribesmen of Peshawur have lately given the British troops a busy time. The natives show a courage and ferocity which make them unpleasant customers to deal with in battle. The British force was very hardly pressed in the engagement near Shabkadar, and seem to have had a narrow escape from annihilation. The enemy, 6,000 strong, was attacking Colonel Woon's column with great determination, when General Ellis luckily arrived on the scene. Promptly ordering his guns into action, the Bengal Lancers were enabled to make a brilliant and decisive charge on the enemy's left flank, which settled the action. The charge of the Bengal Lancers is especially worthy of praise, and was an achievement of which the Indian army may well be proud. This news is particularly interesting to our Corps, seeing that Colonel J. B. Woon, Commandant 20th Bengal Infantry, joined the R.M.A. in 1873, and Major F. G. Atkinson, who led the brilliant charge, belonged to the Plymouth Division, and left our Corps in 1879.

PORTRAITS OF HER MAJESTY.—The officers of the Chatham Division have purchased two pictures of the Queen. The first representing Her Majesty in Coronation Robes is an engraving after Chalon. The other is a remarque Proof Etching, from the original of A. Forestier, drawn from life at Cimiez this year; and the Queen has been graciously pleased to date and sign this picture for the officers. H.R.H. the Duke of Saxe-Coburg, Honorary Colonel of the Corps, has intimated his intention of presenting an engraving of himself to the officers of the Chatham Division.

Corporal marching the sick from the hospital, ordering his party to "mark time," shouted out, "Shure, and be jabers if yer don't step together, I'll make yer mark time all the way home."

After many Years.

THE ubiquitous nature of the Service in our Corps gives scope for curious meetings of long-separated friends or acquaintances. The two instances here recorded are vouched for as authentic.

When H.M.S. "Hyacinth" arrived on the China station some six years ago, leave was given at one of the first ports. An old Marine when ashore, was accosted by one of the Celestials, who, with long pigtail and 'smile that was child-like and bland,' asked several questions about the newly-arrived ship. His excellent English called forth a remark from the Marine. The 'heathen' laughed and replied, "I am no more Chinese than you are, I am an English missionary, but I find myself more at home amongst the natives by adopting their dress and mode of livlng; but I am English to the back-bone, for I come from the very heart of England—from Nottingham." "Why *I* come from Nottingham too," remarked the veteran Marine. "Well, when I say Nottingham I mean, rather, the little village of S—— which is some miles from Nottingham itself," the missionary hastened to explain. "But that is *my* native place" cried the old soldier. Each looked at the other, dimly conscious of some almost forgotten acquaintance. "I belonged to Dr. Timmins' school there," said the 'Celestial.' "I thought so," remarked the Marine. "So did I." "Aren't you M—— N——?" "I am," said the missionary. "Who are you?" "A—— B——," replied the Marine, as he shook hands. These two had been in the same form of the same school as boys, and now met in China again for the first time for 20 years—one a Royal Marine, the other a Chinee in all but religion.

The other instance occurred when H.M.S. "Hyacinth" was paid off. The ship's company returned by C. and P. railway across America together with the crew of the "Nymphe', and others. The large number returning had attracted crowds of colonists to see the train at the different stations en route. At one of these stopping places an old gentleman spoke to one of the 'Royals,' and after one or two remarks said, "Well, and where do you intend to spend your furlough on returning?" "At X——, near Plymouth," said the Marine. "Indeed," replied the other. "Do you belong there?" "I belong to the Plymouth Division, sir, but that is where my wife and child are." "Do you know Dr. K—— of that place?" "Well, he lately attended my child when she was sick. I don't know him myself, but I have good cause to remember his brother, a surgeon in H.M.S. "Indus," for he passed me for the Marines over eleven years ago." "Curious!" replied the old gentleman. "What is your name?" "M——, sir." "Well," was the unexpected answer, "I cannot say I remember your name, but I am certainly the doctor who passed you."

On a Saturday afternoon during the Aldershot manœuvres, three young officers were travelling to Waterloo station in a first-class carriage. After leaving Woking junction one of them fell asleep and the other two agreed to play a practical joke on him by taking his railway ticket, which was sticking out of the pocket of his mufti coat. On nearing London they shook him and said, "Wake up! we are pulling up for Clapham junction, they will be round for tickets directly." He searched his pockets, but of course without success. "What is the matter old man?" said his companions. "Why I cannot find my ticket, what is to be done?" "Why pay again I suppose." Just then the train stopped, and the call "all tickets ready" was heard. One of the officers said to the victim "Slip under the seat till the collector has been round, it won't be defrauding the company, and it will be better than paying again, or at the best, having an altercation with the ticket inspector." He accordingly tucked himself snugly out of sight. On the appearance of the railway official three tickets were handed to him, when he said "How is this, you have given me three tickets, where is the other passenger?" "He is here, under the seat." "What is he doing there?" "Oh, he always travels like that, he prefers riding under the seat.

ATHLETICS.—Private R. E. Harding, R.M.L.I., won the mile race (open), at the Royal Engineers sports, at Chatham, on 26th August.

The Regimental March of the Royal Marines,

AND ITS COMPOSER.

THE following facts about the tune used by our Corps, when marching past, may be of interest to our readers:—

In old days each Division had a favourite air of its own, and even this was changed from time to time. Mr. Arrol, a former bandmaster of the Portsmouth Division, who joined the Corps in 1824, tells me that the tune employed early in the reign was the march from "Le Prophète"; that stirring composition being a particular favourite of H.R.H. the Prince Consort. After this it was proposed to adopt "Rule Britannia" as the regimental 'quick step,' but the officers of the 9th, or Norfolk Regiment, forwarded a strong protest to this suggestion, pointing out that ever since Queen Anne had granted them the figure of Britannia as their corps device, they had always marched past to the maritime melody in question. We, therefore, abandoned the idea, and "A Life on the Ocean Wave" (then a very popular song) became the favourite, though it was not always adhered to; while within the last twenty years I have seen a portion of our Corps march past to the, perhaps, equally appropriate "Dark Blue Sea." It is much to be regretted that official sanction was not given to popular choice, until, I think, about ten years ago; as, in the meantime, the Navy adopted the former tune whenever a battalion of bluejackets landed for review.

It is a well-known fact in the Corps, and throughout the Army generally, that, having been raised to a large extent from the old train bands of London, we possess, in common with a few other regiments (sprung from the same source), the quaint privilege of marching through the City with bayonets fixed. A certain gunnery lieutenant, whose historical knowledge, I fear, was hardly up to the mark of his science, once claimed this ancient right for his own cloth. "If the Marines have the privilege," he argued, with more warmth than logic, "surely to goodness the senior service has it as well!" A similar line of reasoning, possibly, may have influenced our gallant brethren of the senior service in their choice of "A Life on the Ocean Wave."

The composer of our present march past was Mr. Henry Russell, one of the most popular song writers at the beginning of this reign. Many of his songs are still green, and will always speak to British hearts. Such, for instance, as: "Cheer, Boys Cheer," "There's a good time coming," "The Old Arm Chair," etc.

His son is the well-known sea novelist, Mr. Clark Russell, whose works have delighted so many thousands of all ages, and the supply still seems unexhausted. Mr. Henry Russell, in answer to a letter from Mr. George Miller. Mus. Bac., Cantab, enquiring about the origin of our march, writes:—"'A Life on the Ocean Wave' was composed by me some sixty years' ago, whilst in America. The origin of the song emanated, from Epps Sargent, the poet, walking with me on the Battery, New York, watching the ships in the harbour. The scene before him gave an idea which induced him to write the words. I set them to music, and the song ultimately became one of the most popular in England and America." That they are not easy words to set to music, is shown by the fact, that when Mr. G. P. Morris, in whose house they were written, saw the poem, he exclaimed: "This is not a song at all, it will not go to music." And Russell himself acknowledged that at first he was 'completely baffled.' Russell composed over 800 songs, and remarks in his book of reminiscences, "*Cheer, Boys Cheer*": "Of all the songs that I composed, 'Cheer, Boys Cheer' has outlived nearly every other melody, with perhaps the exception of 'A Life on the Ocean Wave.'"

Henry Russell was born at Sheerness, in 1812, and while yet a child played before George IV. in the Brighton Pavilion, in Eliston's Children's Opera, "The Swiss Family." Later on in life he went to America, and spent many years there, travelling from place to place giving concerts. It was by the merest chance that he returned to England, to reap laurels in his mother country. He heard a barrel-organ playing his tunes in the streets of New York, and on enquiry found that the organ came from Birmingham. This set him thinking, and he argued that when tunes are played in the streets, they must be the popular taste of the country. So he returned to try his luck, and found his assumption justified.

Russell is a genial, old-time, conversationalist and brilliant raconteur, and his book is full of anecdotes and humorous incidents which occurred during his travels. It has always been his object to make music the medium of common sense, by uniting it to good, wholesome poetry, depicting every-day life in all its phases. One point that he is specially in earnest about, is correct articulation, both in singing and acting, which is too often slurred over or neglected. He holds that it is the duty of every singer to speak words distinctly, if only to defend the position which is accorded the human voice when classified with other musical instruments.

Many a destitute and starving wretch has reason to be thankful for Mr. H. Russell's wonderful genius. His generosity was unbounded, and he seized every opportunity of making use of his great gifts to alleviate the distress of his fellow creatures. Besides assisting relief work in America, Stafford, etc., he, by a succession of concerts, collected £7,000 for the relief of the poor in Ireland. The largeness of the amount is a striking proof of his great popularity. A grand old man, indeed, is this merry songs-smith of the Victorian reign, who has now reached the "Indian summer" (as he expresses it) of a long and honourable career.

Double Acrostic, No. 9.

Notably in this year of grace,
The peace of India these menace.
But keep her troops in fighting form,
Swift to act on the first alarm.

1. Called to arms—when ready to start,
   To this they speed, with eager hearts.
2. The foe being driven to the rout,
   Here they return with victory's shout.
3. Surrounded by defensive lines,
   Mart of a well-known luscious wine.
4. A town in one of the Bahamas,
   Famous for pineapples and bananas.
5. If you would your muscles brace,
   Scull in this, at steady pace.
6. Often worshipped as a god,
   Custom ancient as 'tis odd.
7. 'Twas borne by the Romans—in silver—in gold;
   And an order of knighthood of divers fold.
8. This light to our memory brings,
   This name of several Egyptian kings.—BRISTOLIAN.

SOLUTION TO ACROSTIC No. 8.

P R E S S
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Correct answers received from V.D.M. and two others unsigned.

HARDLY NAUTICAL.—A soldier on a hired transport was sent fo'ard to the bos'un for a "squeegee," and after chasing over half the ship without success, he accosted one of the quartermasters as follows:—"Please, sir, the sergeant of the soldiers sent me to the sergeant of the sailors for an injerrubber broom. He said I should find it in the thin end of the ship."

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The Racing of the Twin Screws.

By Capt. W. P. Drury, R.M.L.I.

(Continued from page 90.)

"LIE doggo, you blinkin' bat!" he whispered; "all you're fit for's to squeege a bloomin' accordion on Portsea 'Ard and 'ave a little dorg to lead you! There's one o' the enemy's patrols acomin'."

Cautiously lifting his eye to a level with the top of the grass, the ordinary seaman made out three woolly heads as their owners swung in single file along the beaten track towards him. "There's on'y three on 'em," he murmured, "an' they ain't got their toasting forks with 'em neither. P'r'aps—'oo knows?—if we was to take 'em into camp as pris'ners o' war, we might get another extry 'tot'——"

"An' our names and photygraphs in *Reynolds' Weekly*," added the private, whose most cherished ambition was to attract the notice of that organ. "Wait till the leading beggar is well abeam and then trip 'im up,"

The bluejacket, who was the nearer to the track, carried out the manœuvre so adroitly that the whole trio came down like a row of pins. Before they had grasped what had happened, a long white man and a fat ditto were seated astride them. At first they were too terror-stricken even to cry out. But after a few moments one of the two on whom the big private was sitting tried to shake him off.

"'Ere—chuck us your knife, chum," said the oppressor, "I'll soon keep this bloomer quiet by goin' through the motions o' cuttin' his ugly throat."

"Golly! If it ain't de Twin Screws," mouthed 'the bloomer' as well as he was able with his face in the dust.

"Who the——why, 'ang me if it ain't the blanky Lord Mayor!" cried the private, standing up in astonishment—"an' that black thief Tintac. And, o' course, that woolly-'eaded liar Cockroach," he added, as the ordinary released his prisoner. "Now, what villainy, I should very much like to know, 'as brought you three sons of 'Am out for a moonlight walk together?"

No villainy at all, protested the sons of Ham, with tears. There were three young women in Crucifixion City &c., &c. The old, world-wide story, in short, of *cherchez la femme!*

"'Oldin' communication with the enemy—that's about the size of it," said the brutal and unromantic ordinary.

"Then we'll 'ave to 'ang 'em on the spot," decided the private grimly: whereat Tintac, Cockroach, and the Lord Mayor grovelled in the dust, turning it to mud with their tears. But, presently, finding his white shipmates utterly unmoved by lamentations, the Lord Mayor began to palaver for the lives of himself and his companions. If the brave and good Twin Screws would only spare their lives and forget to report them on return to camp, then he, the Lord Mayor, would loot for them on the morrow a certain hidden box he knew of, large as a service diddy-box and packed with gold ear-rings.

"As me an' my pal 'appen to be strollin' in the direction o' your 'andsome town," announced the private, "you can all three turn back with us an' burgle that there diddy-box like Christians before the 'orrors o' war begin. There's no knowin'," he added, with a sudden assumption of virtue, "whose unscrupulous 'ands it mightn't fall into to-morrow."

Although this arrangement by no means met with the approval of the Seediboys, who were anxious for one thing to get back to camp before their absence should be discovered, they had no option but to fall in with it: and the Twin Screws quickly realised that they might well have searched in the golden moonlight till dawn, and never happened upon the city at all. For, bearing away sharply to the right across a tract of pleasant, park-like country, the Lord Mayor presently plunged into a footpath through a dense jungle clump. Thirty yards down this path the private, who in his eagerness had forged ahead of the Seediboy, rapped his skull on a solid oaken door set in a lattice work of palm trunks. In such a fashion did the advanced file of the Punitive Expedition come to the gate of Crucifixion City.

After well cuffing the Lord Mayor for this accident, the private peered through a chink between the palm trunks, and beheld a city of wattle huts with a large whitewashed shed set upon an eminence in the centre. This shanty the ordinary, with his eye glued to another crevice, rightly conjectured to be the local Buckingham Palace. A stout stockade of between nine and ten feet high and backed with a thick hedge of mimosa surrounded the city—which lay in its thirty-foot wide jungle screen, entirely unsuspected by the passing stranger. The shadows cast by the big tropic moon fell black upon the little party before the gate, and the silence was profound. It was an inopportune moment for Tintac to point out with savage glee the crucifixion trees before the palace, and he was well and deservedly kicked by the highly strung private for his pains.

"My nerves is all endways," whispered the latter hoarsely, "along o' walkin' in the full moon with a flat-footed, feather-brained sailorman as ought to be in Yarmouth loonatic asylum by rights. A nice pictur' you'll make for the brigade in the mornin', pegged out on one o' they trees without so much on as a pair o' bathin'—"

"'Ow about yourself then?" retorted the seaman.

The private took up another hole in his waistbelt. "I won the mile obstacle race two years runnin' in barricks," he said complacently, "an', as fur as I can see, I'm agoin' to win this year's to-night."

Plainly it was impossible to effect an entrance into the city either by the fast-barred door or through the strong stockade; but, observing the big private to be ominously unbuckling and swinging his belt, the Seediboys hurriedly admitted the existence of a back exit. By cunningly-contrived paths in the jungle, they conducted the Twin Screws to this gate—which, greatly to the surprise of the latter stood wide open. Then, like the four leprous men who lay at the entering in of the gate during the seige of Samaria, these men held counsel whether they should go into the city or the camp. Unlike the lepers they chose the city; and lo! it was as empty as the tents of the panic-stricken Syrians!

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Whether the citizens had heard "a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host," or whether the amorous Seediboys had frightened their sweethearts with a picture of an admiral and his staff riding *à la militaire* at the head of a sea-bred army, we need not stop to enquire. The fact which alone concerns us is that the city of crucifixion trees was as lifeless as old Pompeii itself. The Twin Screws rambled about the deserted streets, peered through the doorways of the empty wattle huts, and, after a dip in the sacred tank of the Mosque, even lolled on the grass-matted beds of the whitewashed Buckingham Palace. There it was that Cockroach, rummaging in the King's bedroom, made his great discovery. When, in answer to his shouts, the other four arrived upon the scene, they found him grinning over a couple of open cases. The larger contained half a dozen magazine rifles, as many revolvers, with a good supply of ammunition for each arm, and had evidently been the butchered bagmen's armoury. The smaller, which was equally well stocked, had as doubtlessly been their wine bin.

Now, as the screws of a pitching ship rise to the surface, they lose the restraining power of the sea, and are said to race. In like manner the private and ordinary seaman, having dived among the bottles of the wine bin, were presently much elevated, and, being far removed from the wholesome discipline of the sea, they also raced. And never, surely, was there such a racing as that of these same twin screws!

In the first pink flush of the tropical dawn the Punitive Expedition moved out of its zereba in battle array. In three great squares in echelon, with their commissariat in the centre, marched the fifteen hundred avengers of the butchered bagmen. Never was expedition better equipped with gun and medical comfort, with war rocket and blasting gelatine. Never was expedition better led than by the brilliant staff which rode like centaurs in its midst. The lurking foe in long grass and jungle clump must indeed have trembled as he watched—the butcher's blood in his veins turned to water; and I can imagine the grim smile with which the beckoning shades of his victims contemplated in the twilight the greater Power's instrument of vengeance.

Half a mile from the city the squares formed in the orthodox fashion into the three parallel lines of skirmishers, supports, and reserves. Through the pleasant park-like country tripped the attackers, with the confidence born of the open, of daylight, and of an utter absence of the enemy. Very gingerly, however, into the city's jungle belt stepped the skirmishers, with heart in mouth, cartridge in breech, and forefinger crooked round trigger. Suddenly one of the barge's crew, in turning an angle of the path, came face to face with the oaken door set in the palm trunk lattice-work, and, raising his rifle to his shoulder, in the shock of the moment he fired. Simultaneously there came a flash and report from the gate, and the sailor lay on his back in the undergrowth.

"One of my poor fellows the first to go!" observed the Admiral, who was close behind, to the flag-lieutenant; "pass the word back, please, to hurry up the stretcher parties."

"I ain't fired one o' they blanky Martin 'Enrys for a matter o' two year or more," explained the poor fellow to his rear rank man, as he scrambled to his feet and reloaded; "the blighters kick somethin' crool, don't they?"

The smoke from the two rifles had scarcely floated away before the fat was in the fire, so to speak. A crescent of flame shot out of the jungle gloom, and five hundred bullets rapped on the thickset timbers of the stockade, or ping'd their way over the tops of the crucifixion trees beyond. From masked loopholes, probably, for they could not be detected, the fire was returned with spirit—though the defenders were evidently sparsely distributed; but the yells which accompanied the musketry were so blood curdling as to be more demoralising than the most murderous fire. Wherever the fight raged hottest, there, be sure, were the gallant Admiral and his staff; and, after some ten minutes of din, and flame and smoke, the former remarked to his secretary—who was taking minutes of the action in a pocket-book—that the firing of the enemy seemed to be somewhat wild.

"A girls' school would shoot straighter, sir," said the secretary aggrievedly. "We haven't had a single casualty yet!"

"Entirely due to the admirable manner in which our men take advantage of cover," explained the Admiral testily. He not unnaturally resented any depreciation of the dangers of the campaign.

"How would it do," suggested the secretary serenely, "to send a Seediboy up one of these trees which overlook the city to reconnoitre the strength and disposition of the garrison? And if they spot him," he added to himself, "we shall have one casualty at least for the sake of appearances!"

The idea struck the Admiral as being a most excellent one. It did not strike the Seediboys at all in the same light. By a judicious combination of bribes and threats, however, one of them was induced to ascend a certain palm which somewhat overhung the stockade. After an indecently short sojourn among the cocoanuts, he slid down the trunk again and made his report.

"Der are," said he, in his best interpreter manner, "only five men in de 'ole city—a plenty fat Englis' sailor, a plenty long Englis' soldier, and t'ree Seediboys alla same me. De sailor he sit on a box of ammunition, always twistin' de bullets from de cartridges with his teeth. De Seediboys dey run dis way an' dat way, shootin' de blank cartridge from de loop'ole, an' makin' mucha bobbery; for ebery time dey stop for bref, de long soldier he give 'em fum fum wid his belt. I tink," concluded the reconnoiterer with a grin, as the yells at that moment redoubled, "dat now he give 'em de buckle end!"

"Blow the gate in with guncotton!" roared the Admiral, when he had recovered the power of speech. And they did so.

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There was no court-martial, for obvious reasons. The pig-headed outside public are ridiculously inquisitive at times in the matter of a service trial, and publicity was the very thing the Punitive Expedition desired least. Within half an hour of the fall of Crucifixion City, Messrs. Tintac, Cockroach and the Lord Mayor, each with the trunk of a crucifixion tree in his embrace, expiated their offence with stripes. As British justice, however, is ever tempered with mercy, they were permitted to count the previous belting with the buckle-end for discount at the rate of 25 per cent. As for the Twin Screws, they were conveyed under escort to their ship, and dealt with summarily by direction of the Admiral—an arrangement which afforded them ample leisure in darkened solitude to meditate on the unwisdom of fooling a Punitive Expedition.

The Punitive Expedition, nevertheless, completely fulfilled its mission. Crucifixion City was cauterised off the face of Africa, the butchered bagmen were avenged, and the necessary impetus was given to the ribbon and trinket industry. But, should you ever encounter one of these beribboned campaigners, and he is a bigger man than you, take my tip and instantly engage him in conversation on the disestablishment of the Church or on the weather.

The Guards and the Marines.

To the Editor of the Morning Post,

Sir—The recent debate in the House of Commons, on the Army Estimates, once more calls attention to a matter of military policy on which the Government and its official adviser are blindly and fatuously optimistic, and that, apparently even against their own better judgment. To send the Guards to Gibraltar will ruin the efficiency of the Brigade. When the idea was first mooted it was, at best, mere patchwork arrangement and a temporary expedient, and neither Mr. Brodrick nor Lord Wolseley has ever pretended that it was a reasonable and lasting solution of our military difficulties. Both officers and men of the Brigade of Guards thoroughly dislike the idea of going to Gibraltar or Malta. As it is, there will undoubtedly be great and increasing difficulty in filling the ranks of any Guards battalions for Mediterranean service, and there will be great and increasing deterioration in the ranks.

There is certainly a feeling in the House of Commons, and in the country generally, against any large increase in the Army, for an unpleasant impression widely prevails that the most is not made of the money already annually voted. The Jubilee has more than ever demonstrated that if the Navy be strong enough, the country is quite safe, and the Army quite large enough for the work it has to do. Clearly, to put the Navy on a thoroughly efficient footing is, and should be the first care of every statesman; for it is on the Navy that the Navy greatness, safety, honour, strength and welfare of the country depend. But the Navy is distinctly under-manned. Instead of sending the Guard on a service that will destroy their efficiency, for the sole object of rendering less glaring the existing "linking" deficiencies, why do not the Government boldly add enough men to the Marines to relieve the Army to an extent necessary to make the linking system work?

Whenever trade is brisk, Army recruiting falls off, but it is a curious and incontrovertible fact that men join the Marines most freely when the country is prosperous. The reason for this is that workers flock to districts where wages are highest, with the result that all existing vacancies are soon filled. The men who are crowded out have not sufficient resources to give them staying power to wait for further vacancies, so they determine to enlist, and the best of them choose a service, like the Marines, which gives them an assured future. At a time like the present there would not be the smallest difficulty in getting any number of Marine recruits of good physique, that might be desired. Any addition to the Marines would be popular in the country, for the Fleet would get nearer its manning complement. Moreover, from no class of men does the country get better value. A very erroneous impression exists that a Marine is a more expensive article than an Infantry soldier, the actual fact being that the Marines are the cheapest force under the Crown, and are equally available for service at sea and for garrisoning forts and coaling stations. To station Marines at Gibraltar and Malta would add to our Imperial strength by providing Naval Reserves locally, and they would in no wise deteriorate, as would the Guards, for by embarkation in the Fleet they would retain their high efficiency. The general feeling of the country, as shown by the Press, and opinion of the House of Commons as indicated by the peculiar circumstances of the division on Sir John Colomb's motion to place Marine garrisons abroad, are all in favour of an increase in the Royal Marines, and probably its only opponents are the Naval Lords of the Admiralty. Why should not the Government abandon the disastrous expedient before it is too late, and add at the same time to the efficiency of her Majesty's Fleet by increasing the Marines and to the efficiency of her Majesty's Army by lessening the number of battalions shut up in garrisons where purely Military training cannot be carried out?—Yours &c., IMPERIAL DEFENCE.

CORPS GAZETTE.

Promotions.

Capt. W. S. Cumming to be Major, *vice* Quill, and appointed to the Portsmouth Division. Dated 14th August, 1897.

Capt. F. J. Raitt to be Major, *vice* Kitching, and appointed to the Plymouth Division. Dated 17th August, 1897.

Lieut. A. E. Rombulow-Pearse to be Captain, *vice* Cumming, and appointed to the Chatham Division. Dated 14th August, 1897.

Lieut. E. S. Coke to be Captain, *vice* Raitt, and appointed to the Plymouth Division. Dated 17th August, 1897.

Major H. C. T. Kelly advanced to Senior Majors List, and appointed to the Portsmouth Division. Dated 14th August, 1897.

Major J. H. Plumbe advanced to Senior Majors List, and appointed to the Chatham Division. Dated 17th August, 1897.

Advancements to Senior Majors List—Major A. G. Tatham, 4th June, 1897; Major L. T. Pease, 12th June, 1897; Major W. J. Gaitskell, 16th June, 1897; Major A. Orford, 26th July, 1897.

EASTNEY—

To be Majors—Capts. F. G. Kappey, H. R. L. Pym.
To be Captains—Lieuts. F. W. Lumsden, J. D. N. Wyley.
To be Color-Sergeant—Sergt. T. Bamfield.
To be Corporal—Bombr. A. Griffin.
To be Bombardier—Gunr. A. E. Elliott.
To be paid Acting Bombardiers—Gunrs. H. Cullimore, C. A. Jones, H. Bishop.

CHATHAM—

To be Sergeants—Lce.-Sergts. G. R. Joy, J. Nealon; Corpls. L. Oakey (*Pembroke*), T. W. Littlewood; Lce.-Sergt. G. Fowkes.
To be Corporals—Lce.-Corpl. W. Wallace; Ptes. R. E. Vigus, H. H. Crozier (*Grafton*), J. Constable (*Pembroke*), Lce.-Corpl. C. Weatherhead (*Pembroke*).

PORTSMOUTH—

To Corporals—Ptes. F. W. Hankin (*Powerful*), J. F. Davis (*Australia*), A. Fraser (*Royal Sovereign*).

PLYMOUTH—

To be Color-Sergeant—Sergt. J. White, at the Depot.
To be Sergeants—Lce.-Sergt. S. Colman, at Head-Quarters; Lce.-Sergt. W. Denley, in H.M.S. *Talbot*.
To be Corporals—Lce.-Corpl. D. Dirk, in H.M.S. *Royalist*; Lce.-Corpl. W. Gregory, in H.M.S. *Archer*; Paid Lce.-Corpl. W. Parnham.

Appointments.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. John Jerome Quill, R.M.L.I., has been placed on half-pay, and appointed Barrack Master at the R.M. Depot, *vice* Hungerford, retired.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Colonel A. B. Shakespear to Paymaster, R.M.A. dated 4th June, 1897.

Major J. H. Bor to be D.A.A.G., 26th July, 1897.

Major H. L. Talbot to Staff Officer, R.M.A.

Capt. J. L. Homer to Gunnery Instructor.

EASTNEY—

Sergt. W. G. Sparrow to Allotment Clerk.

CHATHAM—

Sergt. W. Watts to Sup. Pay Sergeant.
Sergt. F. E. Teush to Pay Sergeant.
Lce.-Corpl. G. W. Heale is appointed Divisional Type Cutter.
Sergts. F. Sewell, C. F. Hollands, J. Murphy to be employed as Unpaid Instructors of Gunnery.
Pte. J. Chamberlain to be employed as School Assistant.
Sergt. W. Gibson to be employed in Staff Office.
Pte. C. Puddle to be Servant to Captain Graham.
Pte. R. Rose to be Servant to Lieutenant Shakespear.
Pte. T. Bastin to be employed in Tailors' shop.
Pte. L. Fitzpatrick to Divisional Cook.
Corpls. F. Kemp, E. Lock, G. Hurn to be Paid Lance.-Sergeants.
Ptes. W. Sykes, W. Band, D. Creek (Tailors' shop), G. C. Stokes, A. R. Fergie, T. Martin, G. A. Jenkinson, H. S. Orgar to be Paid Lance-Corporals.
Pte. G. Gould to be Batman to Sergt.-Major Kelly.

PORTSMOUTH—

Pte. Bullen to be Servant to Col. Baldwin.
Pte. Watt to be Servant to Lieut. Stopford.
Corpls. J. E. Lalto, A. Motley, to be paid Lance-Sergeants.
Ptes. J. Hoy, A. Humphrey, J. Palmer, to be Paid Lance-Corporals.
Pte. Flory to be Divisional Baker.
Pte. Temple to be Copper Cook.
Pte. J. Nicholson to be Servant to Capt. Drury.
Pte. W. Heald to be Servant to Lieut. Griffiths.
Pte. S. E. Fleming to be Servant to Quarter-Master Tucker.
Pte. D. Sloane to be Marker in Shooting Gallery.

PLYMOUTH—

Lce.-Sergts. W. Franks and W. Yoates to be Paid Lance-Sergeants.
Lce.-Corpls. H. Gordan, T. Sanger, J. Mahon, J. Wakeham, W. Milton, W. Lyons, F. Aldous, G. Baker, C. Phippen to be Paid Lance-Corporals.
Col.-Sergt. J. Richards is nominated for the appointment of 1st Sergeant Instructor of Musketry, on the discharge to pension of Staff-Sergt. Woolcock.
Col.-Sergt. W. Parsons is appointed Company Sergeant of "D" Company.
Pte. R. Knight is appointed Orderly Corporal of "A" Company.
Sergt. H. Green is appointed Sergeant-Instructor of Musketry, at the Depot, *vice* Col.-Sergt. Richards; Sergt. J. Lloyde, Sergeant-Instructor at 4d.; and Sergt. E. Symons, Sergeant-Instructor (unpaid). To date from the date of discharge to pension of Staff-Sergt. Woolcock.
Lce.-Corpl. A. Moon to be Paid Lance-Corporal, while performing the duty of Assistant Postman.
Pte. T. Jones to be employed as Pioneer.
Lce.-Corpl. C. Dewing to be Telegraph and Telephone Clerk.
Pte. S. Rivett to be Supernumerary Clerk.
Lce.-Corpl. J. Wakeham to be Probationary Clerk, Staff Office.
Ptes. J. Brewster and R. Cullum to be employed as Servants to Lieuts. Armstrong and Christie respectively.
Pte. G. Webber is appointed Delivery Man, Canteen.
Pte. G. Lovegrove is appointed Butler at the Officers' Mess, and Lance-Corporal, *vice* Lce.-Sergt. Woods.
Pte. G. Mahon is appointed Lance-Corporal for duty as Orderly Corporal of "C" Company.

R.M. DEPOT—

Sergt. Town appointed to Barrack Police.
Sergt. Ellingham appointed Swimming Instructor.
Sergts. Cox and Walker appointed temporary School Assistants.
Sergt. Hill appointed Gymnasium Instructor (unpaid).
Sergt. Vernon appointed Foreman Shoemaker's Shop.
Sergt. Morant appointed Commandant's Orderly.
Sergt. Coombes appointed Caretaker Kingsdown Rifle Range.
Sergt. Burgis appointed Supy. Musketry Instructor.
Corpl. Ewens appointed Pioneer Corporal.
Corpl. Stubley appointed unpaid Lance-Sergeant.
Pte. Dockery appointed Probationary Clerk, Barrack Office.
Pte. Bird employed as Shoemaker.
Gunr. Radboard, Barrack Police.

Examinations.

EASTNEY—

Passed for Sergeant—Bombrs. A. Keith, A. Johnson, E. Child, and Corpl. W. J. Sills.
Passed for Corporal—Gunrs. W. W. Golding, E. Burrough, E. H. McKiernin, C. Catley, G. L. Rose.

CHATHAM—
Passed for rank of Sergeant—Corpls. G. See, W. J. Blake; Sergt. W. M. Saunders; Lce.-Sergts. J. Nealon and A. W. Pink.

Discharged to Pension.

EASTNEY—
Gunrs. T. Aker and H. Keen.
CHATHAM—
Col.-Sergt. C. Rubie; Sergts. A. Barber, E. J. Forrest, A. Henry; Ptes. T. Griffin, A. Boast, W. Weyman.
PORTSMOUTH—
Ptes. J. Brown, D. Connor.
PLYMOUTH—
Sergt. F. G. Pavett; Lce.-Sergt. J. I. Cutter; Ptes. W. Warwick, H. Forgan, W. Russell.
R.M. DEPOT—
Corpl. Jarrett; Pte. Kay.

Transfers.

PORTSMOUTH—
To Buglers—Ptes. G. F. Meadley, J. O. Shelley.
To Privates—Bugler W. H. Ranner; Bugler Godden.
From Chatham—Pte. C. C. Beckett *(Nile)*.
R.M. DEPOT—
Buglers Lodge and Collins to Gunner and Private respectively.

Limited Engagements.

EASTNEY—
To Pension—Gunners T. Aker, and H. Keen.
12 years—Gunrs. W. J. Preston, E. J. Dolby, W. Duddridge.
Invalided—Gunrs. F. F. Dunn, F. Kivasniewski, W. Crocker, W. Taylor, G. Penton, A. R. Gorham, J. Whit, J. Rafters, and Pte. H. U. Lambert.
Purchase—Gunr. W. Elwin.
CHATHAM—
Corpl. W. Aldridge; Ptes. J. Waldron, A. Swaker, W. Gould, A. A. Astley, A. J. Wonnacott.
PORTSMOUTH—
Ptes. J. C. McGregor, R. Linklater.
Purchase—Pte. B. D. Arter.
PLYMOUTH—
12 years—Ptes. H. Mould, J. Evans, J. Hamilton, W. Dixon, T. Knight, G. H. Smith.
Purchased—Ptes. W. Davidson, W. C. Shawyer, F. G. Savage, G. W. White.
Invalided—Clr.-Sergt. W. H. Chanter; Bugler W. P. Richardson; Ptes. J. Johns, R. Paterson, S. E. Humphries, W. G. Farrant.
R.M. DEPOT—
Pte. Carne; Gnr. Dolby.

Medals.

R.M. DEPOT—
Corpl. Cox; Ptes. Harding and Gordey.

Embarked.

FROM EASTNEY—
Alexandria—Gnrs. W. G. Avenill, P. Friel.
Resolution—Sergt. E. Godsell; Gnrs. A. Allfrey, T. Smith, E. Arlett, N. White, R. McDonald, W. Golding.
St. George—Gnrs. C. Catley, F. Wheway, M. Cleary, H. Gregory, E. Burrough, C. Ralph, J. Blackledge.
Prince George—Gnr. A. Smith.
Magnificent—Col.-Sergt. J. Williams; Gnrs. W. Greenslade, J. Bartlett, L. Harvey, J. Jarvis, G. Bryce, J. McDonald, J. Smith, G. Barnes, F. Granger, F. Quest, W. J. Russell, J. Fitzpatrick, B. Grimmer, C. H. Baker, W. J. Parner.
Inflexible—Gnr. W. H. Thomas.
Jupiter—Gnr. J. Stewart.
Victory—Gnrs. F. G. Ralph, G. H. Brown.
Majestic—Corpl. A. Carter.
Empress of India—Gnr. D. P. Lovelace.
Hotspur—Sergt. F. W. Eagle; Corpl. P. Connor; Bugler J. Jackson; Gnrs. W. J. Ford, T. Locke, W. Thompson, J. Richardson, W. Macdonald, T. W. Megeary, C. Woodward, A. Hawkins, T. Johnson, J. Buckley, J. Delaney, D. Reid, D. Tilbury, E. McKiernin.
Thunderer—Gnr. J. Lindsay.
Mars—Gnrs. W. J. Harding, H. Collings, A. H. Greenwood, J. Cadwell.
Royal Sovereign—Gnrs. C. King, N. E. Brown, S. March, J. B. Payne.
Repulse—Gnr. G. Rose.

FROM CHATHAM—
Northampton—Sergt. R. Turner; Bugler E. Croucher; Ptes. F. R. Westwood, C. W. Burchell, J. H. Stevens, R. Morley, W. E. Wren, W. Bone, G. Coxage, A. E. Tappenden.
Barfleur—Pte. C. Edwards.
Hebe—Pte. T. Costello.
Blenheim—Pte. J. H. Easterbrook.
Sans Pareil—Pte. J. H. Johnson.
Ramillies (for disposal, Mediterranean)—Ptes. W. Bancroft, R. Moir, T. Burley, G. Sutton, E. Lewett, H. P. Wroe, G. M Walton, A. Costin, E. W. Hoare, J. Neede, E. Bourne, R. Dewse, C. Buddle, P. F. Guntrip, W. Backhurst, W. J. Wood, A. Coughtry, D. King, E. Hulbert, F. Chilcott, G. Diamond, G. R. Tuersley, W. G. Franklin, W. North, J. Leopard, H. J. Willoughby, H. Woollard, F. Penfold, J. Ireland, E. Bassett.
Hotspur—Ptes. A. E. Watson, J. Clarke, F. Mortlock, W. Read.
Royal Sovereign (for *Revenge*)—Pte. G. Shaw.
Victorious—Sergt. E. J. Trengrove; Ptes. J. B. Cook, M. McOnnell.
Pembroke—Sergt. G. E. Sandeman; Corpls. J. Taylor, W. Fraser, F. Harding; Ptes. G. Acey, A. L. Rushton, W. E. Tanner, W. Price, W. J. Marshall, T. Cooper, B. G. Joyce, G. C. Royles, A. E. Dowsey, A. Makin, H. Hoare, J. Walker, J. Giles, E. Jerrett, A. T. Holden, C. Allen, W. Wildman, J. Holy.
Jupiter—Ptes. L. Gamble, C. Barnes.
Black Prince—Corpl. D. Weston.

FROM PORTSMOUTH—
Australia—Pte. J. C. Dunn.
Camperdown—Bugler A. Traves.
Mars—Bugler G. J. Best; Ptes. J. Hill, W. H. Lawler, W. North, G. W. Thorne, F. W. Carter.
Medway—Corpl. A. P. Dellar; Ptes. E. Wilson, S. F. Linton, W. Donaldson, W. J. Greenwood, J. J. Goulding.
Medina—Corpl. B. Fippard; Ptes. G. E. Hatherall, J. Foster, W. Smith, T. Hicks.
Majestic—Ptes. A. Leitch, A. W. Flynn, G. Hammond.
Nile—Buglers E. J. Shepherd, A. March.
Orlando—Lieut. C. W. Robertson; Pte. T. B. Davis.
Prince George—Corpl. J. T. Redding.
Powerful—Pte. H. Greagsbey.
Repulse—Pte. S. Garnsey.
St. Vincent—Pte. H. Stimson.
Vernon—Corpl. J E Latto; Ptes. T. J. Samels, G. H. Dalby, J. P. Tarling, W. R. Mainwood, H. T. Layton, W. J. Calow, F. J. W. Richardson, A. W. McKown, J. Derrick.
Victory—Corpl. H. M. Jones; Ptes. T. Kelly, C. A. Pope, C. Hope, R. W. Ball, A. S. Aitken, H. Wilmshurst, O. Westoby, F. Vaughan, P. E. A. Yoemans, D. S. Christie, W. S. Blewden, H. Watford, E. J. Hughes, W. Harrison, H. W. Holyoake, F. Grayell, G. Ellis, H. Houghton, J. Snelgar, W. J. Pasker, W. A. Everard, R. Lessey, H. C. Pratt, T. S. James, R. Viney, W. J. Lloyd; Corpl. A. J. Diamond; Ptes. W. Edgar, W. E. Campion, J. Martin, W. White.

Vulcan - Ptes. A. Allen, G. West, J. J. McLoughlin, T. H. Hayter, J. A. Lush.
Victorious—Pte. F. Dolan.

FROM PLYMOUTH—
Blake—Sergt. H. Clarke; Lce.-Sergt. C. Higgins; Corpls. A. Beer, W. Stevens; Ptes. W. Charlick, W. Peavot, P. Rigg, A. H. Harris, T. Marney, J. T. Wright, F. Lavers, J. W. Cook, F. Fitzgerald, T. Down; Bugler J. Lee.
Britannia—Sergt. W. Cune; Pte. H. Staples.
Blenheim—Ptes. R. Noden, J. T. Balmer.
Cambridge—Bugler J. H. Stevens; Ptes. W. Wilcox, F. G. Harris.
Curacoa—Ptes. G. Roberts, N. McKay.
Charybdis—Pte. M. Slessor.
Defiance—Corpl. A. J. Hare; Pte. P. Mulcahy.
Howe—Ptes. D. Rigby, T. Lang, F. Holland.
Hazard—Sergt. W. Bunn; Ptes. G. Woodberry, T. W. Warner, A. Collier, T. Kelly, H. C. Cattlin, E. Hooley, R. M. Owen, B. McHugh.
Impregnable—Corpl. R. E. Sinnott; Ptes. A. Maddison, A Chalk.
Leander—Ptes. W. Jones, E. Peters.
Melampus—Pte. E. Hinds.
Magnificent—Lce.-Sergt. I. J. Griffiths; Corpl. T. R. Coulman; Ptes. T. Jordon, W. Johnson, C. Clark, W. Gimber, R. Barter, A. W. Taylor, J. R. Horsfield.
Halcyon—Pte. W. R. Pring.
St. George—Bugler T. Sellers; Ptes. W. H. Hellier, J. Boyle, H. Kerry, M. R. Stone, C. D. Brace, D. G. Williamson, T. Smith, A. Henderson, J. Harrison, W. V. Hill, C. H. Goodwin, A. Brown, T. J. Muge, J. T. Evans, P. Mather, A. Coles, F. Martin, T. M. Looney, J. Valentine, J. Gordon.
Thunderer—Pte. A. W. Warbrick.
Vivid—Corpls. A. Woolacott, R. A. Gray, F. M. Wortess; Ptes. J. Low, W. A. Berryman, G. W. Deadman, A. Kelly, J. W. Haydon, A. Coles, G. F. Stacey, R. C. Brown, T. H. Coles, F. W. Warr, G. Y. Pantar, W. H. J. Osborne, A. J. Newman, G. Cooper, A. T. McEwen, H. Sheppard, G. Walker.

Disembarked.

TO EASTNEY—
Anson—Capt. F. G. Kappey; Gnr. W. R. Field.
Resolution—Col.-Sergt. J. Joyce; Bombrs. W. Feltham, F. J. Skinner, S. L. Spittles, R. F. Reynolds; Gnr. E. Banbury.
Magnificent—Col.-Sergt. H. Harrington; Gnrs. J. Clark, W. Lockerby, W. Hill, H. Worboys, E. Hayward, W. Riddell, F. Garrod, D. Woolten, T. Marlon, G. Hobson, E. J. Martin, H. Day, H. B. Thorpe, R. W. Nelson, F. Wilson.
Hood—Bombr. E. Soffe; Gnr. C. E. Fudge.
Alexandra—Gnr. W. Brooks.
Colossus—Gnr. G. E. Cooper.
Victory—Gnrs. R. Kemp, G. Penton.
Royal Sovereign—Gnrs. A. R. Gorham, P. Knight, G. Wheepdale.
Collingwood—Gnr. J. Young.
Empress of India—Sergt. G. Thomas; Gnr. J. White.
Mars—Gnrs. W. Duddridge, J. Hill; Bombr. T. Hill.
Magnificent—Gnr. E. J. Yabsley.
Hibernia—Gnr. G. Woodgate.

TO CHATHAM—
Charybdis—Corpls. J. E. Carter, A. E. Wood, G. W. Potterton.
Polyphemus—Corpl. A. Ramsden.
Northampton—Sergt. A. E. Austin; Corpl. H. Wright; Ptes. G. E. Clarke, C. E. Bird, A. Holt, S. W. See, T. S. Sandford, A. J. Lawrence, J. H. Hill, E. Percival, A. J. Pollard, J. Holland; Bugler W. Adcock.
Wildfire—Ptes. J. T. Baker, A. E. Parkes, R. C. Karby, W. Berrington.
Magnificent—Pte. T. Lutts.
Pembroke—Ptes. R. G. Ryley, G. E. Scrace, C. H. Hartley, A. Wishart, H. Lawes, J. J. Brockwell, G. W. Cook, G. Houghton, G. Giggins, C. W. Chandler, F. Amson, W. J. Prior, F. T. West, S. Little, J. H. Plumbridge, L. Gamble, C. Langford, W. Titchener; Sergt. W. Gibson; Corpl. E. Lock.

TO PORTSMOUTH—
Australia - Pte. E. R. Allen.
Brilliant—Corpl. H. J. Bayman.
Blake—Pte. J. H. Draper.
Blenheim—Pte. G. T. Rose.
Calliope—Corpl. C. Woodroffe.
Dido - Corpl. J. T. Redding.
Enchantress—Pte. J. Humphries.
Grafton—Lieut. R. H. J. Meister.
Gibraltar—Pte. E. Hamper.
Intrepid—Pte. C. Dawson.
Mars—Pte. G. Cleeves.
Majestic - Pte. B. D. Arter.
Osborne—Pte. H. Pargeter.
Powerful - Pte. W. Tolley.
Prince George—Corpl. E. O. Pritchard.
Repulse—Pte. A. Mellor.
Revenge—Pte. W. T. Freebody.
St. Vincent—Ptes. A. Johnson, J. Reid.
Satellite—Ptes. R. Oswick, W. J. Smith, V. C. Moloney.
Tribune—Pte. G. Hoare.
Terpsichore—Pte. W. Watt.
Vernon Corpl. E. W. Painter; Pte. C. Boxall, A. E. Allen, T. J. Walker.
Victory—Corpl. G. W. Jonkers; Ptes. R. W. Ball, O. Westoby, J. O. Bullard, F. Vaughan, W. Harrison, R. Costin, R. Linklater, C. J. Temple, W. J. Dancey, T. Dunford, A. E. Hall, W. E. Finnell, C. Oakley.

TO PLYMOUTH—
Blake—Sergt. J. Lyndon; Lce.-Sergt. T. W. Loveday; Corpls. A. Hedges, W. Burch; Ptes. W. Law, G. Baker, J. Buckland, D. Davies, J. Martin, D. Hart, J. Price, J. R. Snowball.
Blanche—Sergt. R. Nightingale; Lce.-Sergt. W. Whitehead; Ptes. S. H. Furlonger, W. G. Payne, F. H. Orchard, T. S. Rose, H. Johnson, E. Harper, L. Cosway, C. P. Edmonds, H. Hughes, H. Kimbell, G. Dawson, W. Richards, R. J. Willey, E. E. Johnson.
Curacoa—Pte. T. Lang, A. W. Warbrick.
Cambridge—Corpl. R. A. Gray; Bugler E. Pengilley.
Devastation—Ptes. W. Bonney, A. J. Leadbeater.
Defiance—Sergt. G. Ward; Pte. B. McHugh.
Howe—Ptes. W. H. Pocock, B. Burr.
Impregnable—Lce.-Sergt. T. R. Coulman.
Magnificent—Corpls. J. Lendon, J. G. B. Netting; Ptes. W. H. Mutters, J. Allan, J. Dewings, J. G. Brown.
Melampus—Pte. F. G. Savage.
Ramillies—Major E. G. Wilkinson; Pte. W. Darby.
Satellite—Sergt. J. Wood; Bugler L. C. Moat; Pte. S. E. A. Stone.
Thunderer—Pte. J. Keeling.
Orlando—Pte. G. H. Smith.
Britannia—Pte. W. Carter.
Vivid—Corpl. C. E. Radford; Ptes. W. Farrant, P. Mulcahy, W. Edwards, J. Rose, W. Doust, J. Simpson, W. Green.

Moves.

CHATHAM—
Sergt. G. Mohr; Ptes. A. R. Kadwill and J. Clancy to Woolwich for course of Regimental Transport.
Sergt. P. Jerome to Recruiting, Hull.

PLYMOUTH—
Sergt. F. G. Pavett from Recruiting, Hull.
Lce.-Sergt. F. Hill to School of Musketry, Hythe.
Pte. A. T. Spray transferred to 2nd Company, A. S. Corps, Woolwich.
Ptes. R. Roger and E. Fuller to Woolwich for course of regimental transport.

Notice.—Blue Wrappers.

☞ When the *Globe and Laurel* is enclosed in a Blue Wrapper, it signifies that the Subscription has Expired.

Foreign News.

Ascension, 13th August.

Sirs,—In compliance with your invitation for an exchange of news, I trust a brief account of our doings on the Cinder Heap will be of interest to the many readers of the *Globe and Laurel*. H.M.S. *Wye* arrived here on Wednesday the 4th August, having on board the supernumeraries for the S.E. Coast of America and stores for the Island. Contrary to expectations there were very few reliefs here. The shout of joy with which the *Wye* is always welcomed, when first sighted, would induce anyone to believe we were castaways, and to a certain extent, from the situation of the Island, such is the case. With the exception of the mail boat, monthly, and an occasional visit from one H.M. ships or a freighter, we are left to our own resources. Hence the reception that the *Wye* receives, for in addition to the latest news from home, there is generally something substantial, though in a liquid state, marked Bass xxx. This, after a month or six weeks enforced abstinence comes as a "boon and a blessing" to the thirsty. I was once an eye witness to the landing of a cask of stout from one of the mail boats, and to see the tender care bestowed upon the landing of it, and the subsequent removal to its last resting place, was pathetic in the extreme and brought tears, (I mean water to the mouths of the thirsty spectators.)

On Saturday the 7th August, the usual cricket match between the *Wye* and the Island, took place with the result that the Island team were easy winners. In the evening a negro variety entertainment was given in the spacious skittle alley, which was tastefully decorated with flags, etc. The negro entertainment, which is the first of its sort that has been attempted for a considerable period, was a great success and was much enjoyed by a very large and appreciative audience

Mrs. B. Hamilton, the wife of Staff-Srgn. B. Hamilton, very kindly and ably presided at the piano, and her services, both prior to and on the night in question have been much appreciated. To comment on all that went towards making the entertainment the success that it proved to be, would, I am afraid be encroaching on the space at your command. Suffice to say that a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by a few remarks well put by Lieut. Eagles, R.N., on behalf of the Island of Ascension Amateur Harmonic Society and Minstrel Troupe, who promised something better (if possible) in the near future, when the *Wye* returns from the S.E. Coast. God Save the Queen terminated the concert.

(We thank our correspondent for the capital programme forwarded with the letter: it is quite a work of art.—Ed.)

Our correspondent from the Cape writes:—

August 10.—Colonel Roche and Surgeon Dimsey were presented with their D.S.O. decorations by Sir Harry Rawson, K.C.B., in the Dockyard. It was the Admirals first appearance after his illness. He made a stirring speech to the men and spoke a good word for the Marines. The Sergt.-Major of the ship, Color-Sergt. Dyson, R.M.A. was presented with a handsome gold medal by the Jubilee Committee. It was given for the Marine with the best record on the Station: Pte. Rigby. R.M.L.I., ran him very close. Other medals were given to soldiers, sailors, and police. Gunner Archer, the well-known cricketer, is at present busily employed preparing a ground for fleet matches at Simon's Town.

Cairo, August 26th.—The death of Corporal Hern, R.M.A., from dysentry, was officially announced yesterday from the front. This makes the third European lost in the present campaign.—*Morning Post.*

Entertainments.

EASTNEY.

THE Annual Dinner of the officers, Royal Marine Artillery, was held at Eastney on Tuesday, 27th July, and a more than usually pleasant evening was spent, the dinner being followed by a torchlight tattoo on the lawn in front of the mess. Colonel Commandant F. H. Poore presided, and everybody was glad to meet so many of the "Old Boys." The following were present:—Major-Generals H. W. Mawbey, A. French, C.B., and F. A Ogle, C.B.; Colonels H. B. Roberts, F. H. Poore, and G. F. Pengelley; Lieut.-Colonels N. Macnamara, W. Pitman, A. J. Hill, W. M. Lambert, E. R. M. Crooke, J. B. Leefe, A. L. S. Burrowes, and A. B. Shakespear; Majors A. Allen, T. Moore, T. R. Swinburne, W. I. Eastman, A. G. Tatham, W. J. Gaitskell, A. Orford, and F. G. Kappey; Captains O. W. Cuffe, H. R. L. Pym, E. P. Brittan, A. H. Cox, L. C. Gordon, J. M. Rose, C. A. F. H. Osmaston, C. L. Brooke, W. Dixon, E. Henderson, T. W. P. Dyer, F. L. Dibblee; Lieutenant O. E. Owen; 2nd Lieutenants M. P. A. Hankey, R. C. Temple, E. W. Harding, N. F. Trotman, J. D. H. Shaw, R. O. Paterson, and C. T. Fisher; Quarter-Masters W. Aitken and A. Hill; Revs. T. F. Morton and C. E. York; Fleet-Surgeon H. M. Ellis; Surgeons W. E. Home, J. Andrews, and R. Hill.

GYMKHANA.—Eastney came out in a new light on Tuesday, 10th August. Instead of the stereotyped amusements, tennis and croquet, usually provided at the fortnightly garden parties for the entertainment of the guests, a small bicycle gymkhana had been arranged. Upwards of 150 were present. The keenness with which the competitors entered into the different races, the amusement caused by their struggles to be first, and the good arrangements of the committee, all combined to make a most successful afternoon.

Lemon Cutting—Open to officers R.M.A. 1st—Capt. Henderson; 2nd—Capt. Osmaston.

Racquet and Ball Race—Open to ladies. Mount with ball on racquet, ride a certain distance, dismount without dropping the ball. 1st Heat—Miss Hand; 2nd Heat—Miss Hallowes; 3rd Heat—Mrs. Osmaston. Final—Miss Hand, prize, a bicycle watch.

Potatoe Race—Open to boys under 16. 1st Heat—Master Burrowes; 2nd Heat—Master Nicholls. Final—Master Nicholls, prize, box of bon-bons.

Needle and Thread Race—Open to ladies. Each lady to nominate a gentleman, ride a certain distance carrying him a bag containing needle, thread, button and piece of calico, gentleman to thread needle, sew on button through all four holes and finish so that it cannot be easily pulled off; lady to ride back to starting point and hand work to the judges. 1st Heat—Miss Hallowes; 2nd Heat—Mrs. Osmaston; 3rd Heat—Miss L. Gordon. Final—Mrs. Osmaston, prize, "en tout cas."

Sunshade Race—Open to girls under 16. Mount and open sunshade, ride certain distance, close sunshade and finish with sunshade closed. 1st—Miss Violet Burrowes, prize, a sunshade.

Fishing Competition—Open to ladies. Ride, fishing rod in hand, to the pond, catch a fish, ride back with fish on hook, fish not to be touched with the hand. Bicycles held while ladies fish. 1st Heat—Mrs. Cox; 2nd Heat—Mrs. Woolcombe. Final—Mrs. Woolcombe, prize, a bicycle canteen.

Cigarette Making—Open to ladies. Gentleman ride a distance, hand materials to lady, lady make cigarette, hand it to gentleman and light it; gentleman to ride back to starting point, cigarette alight. 1st Heat—Mrs. Osmaston; 2nd Heat—Mrs. Woolcombe, Final—Mrs. Osmaston, prize, a case of scissors.

FORTON.

GRAND MILITARY TATTOO SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT ON THE ROYAL MARINE RECREATION GROUND, FORTON.

Between four and five thousand people attended the Grand Tattoo at Forton on Wednesday, August, 11th. The grounds were prettily decorated in parts with coloured lamps, one of the approaches to the centre of the ground, bordering the reserved enclosure, being

a mass of fairy lamps, while some trees formed a highly pretty back ground; these were gaily festooned in like manner as also was an old walnut tree on the opposite side of the ground, each limb of which was clearly and prettily brought out from the surrounding darkness, while the scoring box and the staff-sergeants' quarters outshone everything else in a blaze of light—the latter having the insignia V.R. and Crown in the centre; and the symbols 1837 and 1897 at each end.

The proceedings started with a Fanfare by massed buglers under Bugler Major Bryan, followed by a bayonet exercise exhibition with music, the movements of which were deservedly applauded, as was also the Figure March by bugler boys and the physical drill, the action in each being smart and accurate, creating much enthusiasm. The Retreat by massed drums, fifes and bugles, under Drum Major Keen was excellently done, and the massed bands with torchbearers was yet more impressive. The bands were placed in the centre, under the baton of Mr. George. Miller, Mus. Bac., while the torchbearers in three different sections, with the red, white and blue tunics respectively, marched round in opposite directions, forming, as it were, three concentric circles, the inside holding their torches high, the middle half of height lower, and the out side lower still. The scene was most effective and accompanied by the superb instrumentation, roused the spectators to enthusiastic applause. A latter event, a selection, "Voyage in a troopship," by massed bands and also accompanied by torchbearers, as before described was also very highly appreciated. An illuminated gymnastic exhibition, a grand display of Chinese lanterns, and an illuminated cycle ride were prettily and gracefully carried out. The last item was a grand Illuminated March Past executed in superb style, and greeted with cheers and applause as the procession passed twice round the grounds.

Then came the celebrated Dervish Fight, which the small boys on the ground and host of young gamins, at the back behind the hedges. had been eagerly waiting. Some ten men and an officer began their bivouac and lighted a camp fire in the arid desert of the Forton Grounds, Sahara, a concertina was let go, and was accompanied by singing, when, under cover of the darkness, the stealthy forms of solitary Arabs, gradually surround the bivouac—at a respectful distance One Arab creeping in a marvellous fashion behind a sentry and stabbing him makes such a wild gleeful hullabaloo that it encourages his comrades, who spring to their feet with wild hysterical cries, causing the little bivouac to form up. The Arabs easily overpowered the little party and killed them—the captain being the last man, and laying about him in herculean and deadly fashion ere he goes down—not before, however, the little bugler boy has sounded a note of alarm which brings up the relief party, with two Maxims, who make short work of the wild huzzaing Arabs. who are executing a grotesque kind of war-dance round the camp fire and over the dead bodies of their enemies.

The whole arrangements and movements of the tattoo were carried out without a hitch and reflected no little credit upon the President, Major J. R. Johnstone, the members, Captain and Adjutant Luard and Lieutenant W. T. C. Jones and the whole sub-committee, and last but not least, Mr. George Miller, the musical conductor. The proceeds, which must have been large, will go towards the Fund for Nursing the Sick Poor of Gosport and Alverstoke.—*Evening Mail.*

A Billiard Match was played on the 11th August, between Staff-Sergt. Morris, Army Pay Department, Amateur Champion of the Southern District, and Sergt. W. Haverson of the Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I., prior to the departure of the Marine Battalion for Aldershot of 500 up a side; some capital breaks were made by Morris, who had led the up to 150 when Haverson made a few fine strokes which gained him the lead which he kept to the finish, and gained a splendid victory by forty-eight points.

The Junior N.C.O's, Portsmouth Division, held their annual outing on 6th August; the place selected being the New Forest, proceeding by rail from Gosport to Lyndhurst Road. On arrival there brakes were in waiting to take the party for a drive through the forest. The usual places of interest were visited, some of the party going to "Rufus Stone," and others wandering at will through the forest. After an *al fresco* luncheon the party was photographed by Mr. Tucker of Forton, and the party resumed their drive, arriving at Lyndhurst Village about four p.m., where a substantial repast was provided by mine host of the "Fox and Hounds" Mr. Inngs. After the tables were cleared an impromptu smoking concert was arranged. The following among others contributing largely to the harmony:—Corpls. Stonhold, Noble, Jenkins, Mr. Robbins and Mr. Tucker. After singing the "Queen" the party returned to the station, eventually arriving at Gosport about nine-thirty p.m., after spending a thoroughly enjoyable day. The arrangements of the outing were admirably carried out by Mr. S. Robbins of the "Railway Hotel," Gosport, ably assisted by the indefatigable secretary of the Junior N.C.O.'s Club, Corpl. Stonhold.

OLD SOLDIERS' OUTING, (R.M. DEPOT.)

The old soldiers of the North and Hospital Barracks held their annual outing on Saturday August 14th. Starting from North Barracks in the brake "Pride of Kent," supplied by Mr. Miller of Dover at eight-thirty a.m. They proceeded to Wingham via Sandwich and Ash, calling at Messrs. Thompson's & Gardner's Brewery where they were hospitably received, and arrived at the Lion Hotel, Wingham, at twelve. Dinner was provided by the proprietor, and the party sat down to a most sumptous repast. After dinner the party proceeded on their journey to Littlebourne, where tea was supplied by Mr. Terry of the "King William IV. Hotel; various games were indulged in here, the party returning to Deal at ten o'clock, where they put up at the "Fountain Hotel." The genial host, Mr. Friers, who accompanied the party, gave a smoking concert, various songs were sung, the party breaking up at eleven-thirty p.m., all having spent a thoroughly enjoyable day. The arrangements of the outing were in the able hands of Pte. R. Milne (president) and Pte. Presland (secretary), generally assisted by a committee. The party which numbered thirty-eight were photographed by Mr. Brown of Deal prior to starting.

Cricket.

R.M.A. *v.* A.S.C.

Played at Eastney, 5th August, and won by 3 wickets and 70 runs.

A.S.C.		R.M.A.	
Lt.-Col. Bowden-Smith, b Gaubert	1	Capt. E. P. Brittan, b Green	63
Lieut. Maturin, b Brooke	3	Lieut. Trotman, c Manning b Green	36
Q.M.S. Yormel, lbw, b Brooke	16	Capt. Dibblee, c Hunter b Maturin	3
Capt. Foster, b Gaubert	13	Lt. Fisher, c Brittan, b Green	35
Capt. Brittan, c & b Trotman	60	Sergt. Gaubert, b Green	2
Lt.-Col. I andon, run out	5	Major Gaitskell, c Manning b Brittan	25
Driver Green, b Gaubert	0	Major Orford, not out	9
Q.M.S. Hunter, c sub b Brooke	0	Major Tatham, b Brittan	0
Corp. Manning, c Hankey, b Gaubert	1	Lieut. Hankey, Capt. Henderson, Capt. Brooke, } did not bat	
Corp. Swan, b Gaubert	18	Extra	34
Driver Sawden, not out	11		
Extras	9		
Total	137	Total (7 wickets)	207

R.M.A. *v.* PORTS. GRAMMAR SCHOOL (Vacation Eleven)

Played at Hilsea, 7th August, and won by 196 runs. Sergt. Gaubert took 8 wickets in 13 overs, 3 maidens, for 24 runs, bowling 3 wickets with 3 successive balls.

R.M.A.		P.G.S.	
Capt. Brittan, b Wood	13	Mr. Shepherd, b Gaubert	9
Capt. Dibblee, c & b Shepherd	27	,, Walker, b Gaubert	22
Lieut. Trotman, b Wood	51	,, Green, lbw b Gaubert	8
Capt. Cox, hit wkt b Bakes	66	,, Wood, c Hankey b Gaubert	0
Lieut. Hankey, not out	30	,, Atcheson, b Gaubert	8
Gnr. Longhurst, c Green b Baker	18	,, Addison, b Gaubert	0
Capt. Henderson, b Addison	0	,, Berger, b Gaubert	0
Major Orford, b Wood	39	,, Pitt, b Gaubert	0
Sergt. Gaubert, Capt. Brooke, Lieut. Harding, } did not bat		,, Auld, b Trotman	7
		,, Baker, not out	1
		,, Griffin, run out	1
Extras	12	Extras	4
Total (7 wickets)	256	Total	60

R.M.A. *v.* R.A.

Played at the U.S. Recreation Ground, Portsmouth, on the 27th July, and lost by 22 runs.

R.A.		R.M.A.	
Bomb. Anderson, c and b Trotman	0	Capt. E. P. Brittan, b Drewitt	0
Capt. Alexander, b Gaubert	10	Capt. F. L. Dibblee, c Gardner, b Drewitt	11
Lieut. Gardner, c Gaubert, b Brooke	0	2nd Lt. C. T. Fisher, b Manley	7
Lieut. Dawson-Scott, c Hankey b Brooke	2	2nd Lt. F. Trotman, b Morgan	28
Gunner Reid, b Gaubert	0	2nd Lt. A. Hankey, c & b Morgan	18
Sergt. Coleman, st Hankey, b Brooke	0	Gnr. Longhurst, lbw b Morgan	0
Q.M.S. Manley, b Gaubert	31	Capt. Henderson, b Morgan	8
Bomb. Drewitt, not out	31	Capt. C. L. Brooke, lbw b Manley	5
Q.M.S. Morgan, b Brooke	0	Sergt. Gaubert, not out	1
Gunner Spearing, c Henderson, b Gaubert	23	Major Tatham, c Coleman, b Morgan	0
Bomb. Edwards, b Gaubert	6	2nd Lt. W. Harding, b Manley	0
Extras	6	Extras	9
Total	109	Total	87

R.M.A. *v.* The Shropshire L.I.

Played at the U.S. Recreation Ground, Portsmouth, on the 14th August, and lost by 2 wickets and 123 runs.

R.M.A.		The Shropshire L.I.	
Capt. E. P Brittan, b Atcheson	3	Lieut. J. H. Bailey, b Gaubert	54
Capt. F. L. Dibblee, c Bailey, b Atcheson	35	Private Worsell, b Gaubert	3
2nd Lt. N. Trotman, b Atcheson	0	2nd Lt. E. R. English, c Dibblee, b Trotman	3
Capt. A. H. Cox, b Atcheson	4	Lieut. E. M. Sport, b Gaubert	24
2nd Lieut. P. A. Hankey, b Atcheson	5	Major J. Spens, st Hankey, b Trotman	84
Major A. G. Tatham, c Spens, b Atcheson	10	Lieut. C. E. Atcheson, c Gaubert, b Cox	11
2nd Lt. C. T. Fisher, lbw b Spens	4	Capt. A. R. Austen, run out	11
Gunr. Longhurst, b Spens	32	Private Tredaway, not out	33
Capt. C. L. Brooke, c Ridgeway, b Atcheson	3	Lt. H. G. Bryant, st Hankey, b Trotman	3
Capt. E. Henderson, c Atcheson, b Spens	4	Lieut. R. R. Gubbins did not bat	
Sergt. Gaubert, not out	7	Private Fryer	
Extras	3	Extras	7
Total	110	Total for 8 wkts.	233

R.M.A. *v.* The Cameronians.

Played at Parkhurst on the 13th August and lost by 118 runs. Capt. Brittan, who was not put on till late in the Cameronians long innings, bowled six wickets for 47 runs.

Cameronians.		R.M.A.	
Lieut. J. H. Dutton, c Oxford, b Brittan	32	Capt. E. P. Brittan, b Green	20
Sergt. Cole, c Henderson, b Gaubert	27	Capt. F. L. Dibblee, b Riley	14
2nd Lt. A. Scott, not out	73	2nd Lt. N. Trotman, c Green b Wright	9
Sgt.-Maj. Carpenter, b Brittan	45	Capt. A. H. Cox, b Wright	6
2nd Lt. H. E. Green, b Brittan	11	Maj. A. G. Tatham, b Wright	10
Sergt. Price, b Brittan	5	2nd Lt. C. T. Fisher, b Carpenter	19
Lieut. J. W. Osborne, b Brittan	12	2nd Lt. A. P. Hankey, c Frost, b Green	20
Clr.-Sergt. Frost, b Brittan	0	Maj A. Oxford, c Wright, b Carpenter	8
Private Carter, run out	18	Sergt. Gaubert, b Green	1
Private Riley, c and b Cox	3	Capt. E. Henderson, c Frost, b Riley	7
Private Wright, b Gaubert	6	Capt. C. L. Brooke, not out	11
Extras	4	Extras	3
Total	236	Total	118

R.M.A. *v.* R.M.L.I. (Portsmouth).

Played at Eastney on August 25th.

R.M.L.I.		R.M.A.	
Pte. Sutcliffe, c Hankey, b Bandell	12	Lieut. Hankey, lbw b Jackson	8
Sergt. Wigginton, c Fisher, b Longhurst	13	Lieut. Fisher, c Collard, b Jackson	3
Lieut. Reid, b Gaitskell	61	Lieut. Fisher, c Jackson, b Headlam	16
Major Gatliff, lbw b Bendell	37	Capt. Brittan, b Headlam	10
Lieut. Headlam, b Bendell	1	Gnr. Longhurst, not out	39
Lieut. Hutchison, run out	4	Clr.-Sergt. Ellis, run out	19
Capt. Phillips, c Kappey, b Longhurst	22	Major Gaitskell, b Clark	2
Capt. Collard, b Bendell	6	Bomb. Reynolds, c Gatliff, b Jackson	7
Lieut.-Col. Quill, not out	20	Gnr. Bendell, not out	15
Lieut. Clark, not out	20	Lieut. Harding and Major Kappy did not bat	
Lce.-Cpl. Jackson did not bat		Extras	1
Extras	24	Total for 7 wkts.	120
Total for 8 wkts.	*220		

*Innings declared closed.

R.M.L.I. (Chatham) *v.* Mobilised Rovers.

On the Lines, Thursday, 22nd July. Major Hadley took five wickets for 28.

R.M.L.I.		Mobilised Rovers.	
Pte. Sykes, c Pugh, b Arbuthnot	9	Com. Sir R. Arbuthnot, c Milner, b Hadley	12
Lieut. Gardner, run out	11	Lieut. Nugent, R.N., c Sykes b Hadley	41
Lieut. Finlaison, c Pugh, b Noble	50	Sub-Lieut. Noble, b Hadley	1
Major Hadley, not out	49	Lieut. Green, R.N., c Sykes, b Hadley	2
Col. Newington, c Pugh, b Arbuthnot	14	Lieut. Smith, R.N., c and b Hadley	3
Sgt.-Maj. Snelling, c Hawkins, b Noble	0	Lieut. Caulfield, R.N., b Finlaison	26
Pte. Wynne, c Pugh, b Arbuthnot	5	Lieut. Hawkins, R.M.L.I., b Wynne	0
Lieut. Noble, c and b Noble	3	S.-Surg. Burke, R.N., c Hadley, b Wynne	4
Lieut. O. Palmer, c Pugh, b Arbuthnot	4	Lieut. Bockett-Pugh, R.M.L.I. not out	25
Lieut. Milner, c Jackson, b Noble	2	Lieut. Jackson, R.N., c Finlaison, b Wynne	1
Lieut. Graham, b Arbuthnot	0	Lieut. Duncan, R.N., run out	13
Extras	5	Extras	13
Total	152	Total	141

R.M.L.I. (Chatham) *v.* 2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers.

On the Lines, 30th July, 1897.

R.M.L.I.		Royal Scots Fusiliers.
Private Sykes, b Cleland	0	
Lieut. Finlaison, c Young, b Cleland	7	
Lieut. Heycock, run out	11	
Capt. Tupman, c Lewis, b Cleland	4	
Major Hadley, c Burns, b Young	8	
Lieut. Gardner, b Young	3	
Lieut. Hawkins, not out	31	Total—267
Lieut. Bockett-Pugh, c Lewis, b Cleland	4	
Col. Newington, c Burns, b Cleland	20	
Lieut. Strouts, c Burns, b Cleland	0	
Lieut. Milner, b Young	7	
Extras	15	
Total	110	

R.M.L.I. (CHATHAM) *v.* ROYAL WARWICKSHIRE REGT.

On the Lines, 12th August.

R.M.L.I.		R.W. REGT.
Capt. Tupman, lbw b Riches	0	
Pte. Sykes, b Riches ..	29	
Lieut. Finlaison, c & b O'Dell	31	
Sgt.-Maj. Snelling, c & b Diver	55	
Major Hadley, b Riches ..	6	
Lieut. Bockett-Pugh, b Cox	37	
Col. Newington, b Diver ..	15	195 for 8 wickets.
Private Wynne, b Diver ..	0	
Lieut. Strouts, run out ..	4	
Lieut. Jones, not out ..	0	
Lieut. Burnard, c Trew, b Cox	3	
Extras	13	
Total ..	193	

R.M.L.I. (PLYMOUTH) *v.* R.A.

Played at Mount Wise on the 28th July.

R.M.L.I.		R.A.	
Capt. Crowther, c Robinson, b Westropp	22	Capt. Phillips, b Plumbe ..	1
Capt. Curteis, c Phillips, b Westropp	69	Bomb. Norman, b Williams	29
Lce.-Cpl. Bentley, b Westropp	1	Lieut. Goylls, c Plumbe, b Bentley	55
A. C. Little, b Mahon ..	43	Lieut. Hogg, c Plumbe, b Curteis	22
Major Plumbe, c Roebuck, b Westropp	0	Capt. P. Smith, c & b Williams	15
Major Denny, c Du Bonlay, b Arthur	5	Cpl. Arthur, c Little, b Bentley	2
N. F. Way, c Mahon, b Arthur	3	Lieut. D. Roebuck, b Little	3
Private Willis, b Arthur ..	0	Capt. Robinson, c & b Little	5
Private Williams, not out ..	15	Lieut. Westropp, c Hood, b Little	4
C. H. Hood, c Westropp, b Mahon	0	Lieut. Mahon, not out ..	12
J. K. Disney, c Mahon, b Robinson	5	Capt. Du Bonlay, not out ..	3
Extras	8	Extras	24
Total ..	171	Total ..	175

R.M.L.I. *v.* PLYMOUTH AND MANNAMEAD COLLEGE.

Played at Mount Wise on the 24th July.

P.M.C.		R.M.L.I.	
R. H. S. More, lbw b Plumbe	0	Capt. Crowther, c Lane, b Taylor	32
H. A. Brown, b Plumbe ..	1	Capt. Curteis, c Magnus, b Taylor	13
K. A. Lake, b Plumbe ..	72	Lce-Corpl. Bentley, b Taylor	12
W. S. Lovell, run out ..	25	A. G. Little, b Taylor ..	0
A. J. Ellis, c Curteis, b Plumbe	16	Major Plumbe, b Taylor ..	3
P. S. Coleridge, b Little, b Bentley	0	Lieut. O'Sullivan, b Taylor	0
A. L. Millett, b Little ..	5	Major Denny, b Taylor ..	16
Taylor (pro), b Plumbe ..	3	Pte. Willis, c Magnus, b Lake	0
A. G. Thomas, c Denny, b Curteis	13	C. H. Hood, b Lake ..	0
A. G. Magnus, c O'Sullivan, b Curteis	25	Private Feltham, not out ..	13
C. R. B. Lane, not out ..	8	F. K. Disney, c Taylor, b Coleridge	0
Extras	29	Extras	10
Total ..	197	Total ..	99

SHERWELL WEDNESDAY *v.* R.M.L.I. SERGTS.

On the Brickfields, Sherwell winning by two wickets and 63 runs.

SHERWELL WEDNESDAY.		R.M.L.I. SERGEANTS.	
W. Coombes, b Coventry ..	44	Thorne, c Parnell, b Coombes	0
Rich, b Coventry ..	21	Gray, c Dyer, b Coombes ..	7
S. Coombes, lbw b Cockayne	10	Hurford, b Coombes .	2
Parnell, c Gray, b Cockayne	20	Cockayne, c Rich, b Masters	7
Masters, run out ..	0	Piper, b Masters ..	2
Sweet, c Hurford, b Cockayne	2	Feltham, b Masters ..	14
Martin, b Cockayne ..	1	Skinners, b Masters ..	0
Bayliss, b Cockayne ..	0	Coventry, not out ..	2
Semmins, not out ..	1	Crocombe, run out ..	0
Dyer and Crocombe, jun., did not bat.		Harris, b Coombes ..	4
		Sharp, b Coombes ..	0
Extras	3	Extras	1
Total ..	*102	Total ..	39

* Innings declared closed.

R.M.L.I. *v.* WELSH REGIMENT.

In a gale of wind this fixture was played at Mount Wise on the 21st August, before a fair number of spectators.

WELSH REGIMENT.		R.M.L.I.	
Lieut. Robins, b Little ..	43	Major Denny, c Jones, b Stallion	11
Lieut. Moore, b Little ..	20	Pte. Willis, c and b Stallion	4
Private Stallion, b Bentley ..	9	Lce.-Cpl. Bentley, b Pothero	8
Lieut. Prothero, b Little ..	5	Crowther, b Jones ..	21
Lieut. Stevenson, not out ..	32	A. G. Little, b Stallion ..	0
Lieut. Hale, b Little ..	0	C. H. Hood, run out ..	0
Lieut. Price, b Little ..	6	G. H. Mullins, c Stallion, b Prothero . ..	4
Sergt. Jones, b Willis .	8	N. F. Way, c Moore, b Stallion	5
Lieut. Patchett, c and b Willis	1	Private Hustler, b Stallion	2
Lieut. Herbert, c and b Willis	0	Private Lovegrove, c Morland, b Stallion ..	0
Lieut. Morland, c and b Willis	0	Private Freetham, not out ..	0
Extras	5	Extras	11
Total ..	129	Total ..	66

R.M. DEPOT *v.* WALMER VISITORS.

Played at Walmer on 13th August. Result, a draw.

R.M. DEPOT.		WALMER VISITORS	
Capt. Binney, b G. Mason	11	Mr. Cobbold, c Spencer b Sugden	34
Sergt. Browne, not out ..	102	Mr. J. Mason, lbw b Sugden	13
Capt. Curteis, run out ..	0	Mr. Wilson, not out ..	39
Lt. Coke, c Nisbett, b Wilson	67	Mr. Nisbet, b Shine ..	10
Lt. Shine, c and b J. Mason	5	Mr. E. Mason, b Sugden ..	6
Dr. Browne, b C. Mason .	5	Mr. Escombe, c Spencer b Sugden	9
Sergt. Sugden, b G. Mason	4	Mr. G. Mason, not out ..	12
Major Percy, b G. Mason ..	1	Rev. F. Blogg, Mr. Dinwiddy, Mr. C. Mason, Rev. R. Wall — did not bat	
Pte. Dalton, c Blogg, b Wilson	20		
Lt. Cator, c Blogg, b Wilson	10		
Corp. Spencer, not out ..	0		
Extras	41	Extras ..	12
Total	*266	Total (for 5 wickets)	135

*Innings declared with 9 wickets down.

R.M. DEPOT *v.* WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT.

Played at Walmer on August 21st. Depot won by 66 runs, McGinley took six wickets for 44 runs. In the 2nd innings the 2nd West Yorkshire Regiment made 173 for seven wickets (Lieut. Crossman, 89).

2nd WEST YORKSHIRE REGT.		R.M. DEPOT.	
Sergt. Ford, lbw, b McGinley	9	Dr. Brown, b Walden ..	0
Lieut. Thompson, b McGinley	0	Lieut. Coke, c Fisher, b Crossman	23
,, Mansel Jones, b Shine	15	Major Percy, b Walden ..	6
,, Crossman, b Shine	12	Lieut. Shine, b Bosonett ..	15
Pte. Smeake, lbw b McGinley	4	Pte. Durham, c Smeake, b Coultate	25
Capt. Fisher, b Shine ..	1	Pte. Dalton, lbw b Crossman	10
Pte. Coultate, st Ellingham, b McGinley	5	Sergt. Ellingham, run out	14
Capt. Barrington, c Cator, b McGinley	14	,, Swinherd, not out	11
Lc.-Cpl. Walden, not out ..	8	,, Scougall, b Coultate	3
Sergt. Bosonett, c Durham, b McGinley . ..	0	Lieut. Cator, b Walden ..	1
Lc.-Cpl. Kenyon, c Swinherd, b McGinley	0	Sergt. McGinley, st Jones, b Crossman	8
Extras	2	Extras	20
Total	70	Total	136

R.M. DEPOT *v.* SOUTHWOOD—Played on August 12th. Scores—Southwood 242 (Mr. C. C. Bryan, not out, 96); R.M. Depot 48 (Capt. Curteis 20, Capt. Binney 14).

R.M. DEPOT *v.* WEST KENT C.C.—Played at Walmer on 28th July. Scores—R.M. Depot 175 (Sergt. Brown 66, Capt. Binney 33, Sergt. Ellingham 24); West Kent C.C. 423 for 9 wickets (Mr. L. Wrigall 85, Mr. E. C. Wright 163, Mr. C. P. Nichalls 80, Mr. H. D. Banning, 46).

R.M.L.I. *v.* Gloucester Regiment.

Played at Mount Wise on the 2nd August.

Gloucester Regiment.		R.M.L.I.	
Capt. French, b Little	24	Capt. Crowther, b Ingham	23
F. Burges, b Williams	3	Capt. Curteis, c Caburn, b Edwards	20
Sergt.-Dr. Livingstone, c and b Curteis	43	Private Willis, b Edwards	2
Sergt. Powell, b Curteis	31	A. G. Little, c Johnson, b Edwards	1
D. Burges, c Little, b Williams	22	Lce.-Cpl. Bentley, b Ingham	6
W. Wethered, b Bentley	35	Private Williams, run out	11
M. Vassal, c Mullins, b Little	10	N. A. W. Scott, b Edwards	0
Sergt. Caburn, c Williams, b Bentley	33	G. T. H. Mullins, c and b Vassal	6
Lce.-Cpl. Edwards, c and b Bentley	1	L. R. Manley, c French, b Edwards	8
L.-Cpl. Johnstone, b Bentley	15	C. N. Hood, c Vassal, b Edwards	0
Sergt. Ingham, not out	2	J. K. Disney, not out	1
Extras	12	Extras	9
Total	231	Total	86

R.M. Depot *v.* Dover C.C.—Played at Walmer on July 24th. Scores—R.M. Depot, 1st innings 67, 2nd innings 79 (for 5 wickets), Corporal Manley 19 and 16 (not out); Dover 270.

R.M. Depot *v.* Dover C.C.—Played at Dover on July 26th. Scores—Dover 228; R.M. Depot, 1st innings 58, 2nd innings 44 (for one wicket) Dr. Browne 22, not out.

R.M. Depot *v.* S.E. College, Ramsgate.—Played at Ramsgate on 22nd July. Scores—S.E. College 230 (Innings declared with five wickets down; R.M. Depot, 1st innings 59, 2nn innings 32 (for three wickets). In 1st innings Sergt. Brown carried his bat through for 40.

[*A great deal more cricket news have been received, but it was too late for insertion—Ed.*]

Rifle Shooting News.

ROYAL MARINE RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE DUKE OF COBURG'S CHALLENGE CUP.

On Tuesday, August 10th, the Committee of the R.M.R.A. met at Forton Barracks to decide upon a form of competition for H.R.H. The Duke of Saxe Coburg and Gotha's Challenge Cup. It was fortunate that, owing to the presence of the Aldershot Battalion at Gosport, a fair number of officers were available to represent the different Divisions, and the question of what form of competition should be submitted was carefully and exhaustively gone into. Whilst there appeared to be a general wish that the match should be in the form of some field competition, the Committee, after going carefully into the matter, came to the conclusion that—in a scattered corps like ours where the men who would be required to compete for the cup are being almost daily changed, such a competition was quite impossible, and even if possible would cost the Association more than it could afford.

The Committee eventually decided that the Duke's Cup should, for this and future years, be competed for under the same rules as the United Service Match, subject to the following regulations:—

I.—At least half, *i.e.* four of each team must be "Young Soldiers," *i.e.* have less than three years service on the 1st May of the current year.

II.—No one, who has once competed for the Duke's Cup as one of the "Young Soldiers" of any team, shall ever be allowed to shoot for it again in that capacity.

This scheme has been approved of by the D.A.G., and the match has been arranged to take place at Ash Ranges, Aldershot, on Friday, September 10th, commencing at 12 noon.

We insert the photographs of Sergt.-Majors A. Baker and G. Rodway, R.M.A., the winners of the gold and bronze medals of the R.M.R.A. for 1897. That of Capt. Collard, R.M.L.I., the winner of the silver medal for this year, appeared when he won the same medal in 1896.



Sergt.-Maj. A. BAKER, R.M.A.
Winner of Gold Medal.



Sergt.-Maj. G. RODWAY. R.M.A.
Winner of Bronze Medal.

Sergt.-Major Baker has since 1883 been associated with the R.M.A. Shooting Club, and has invariably proved himself a pillar of strength to his Team. He has shot for the Corps Team for ten consecutive years. He has won six silver cups, besides many other prizes in kind, and his success in winning the gold medal this year was thoroughly popular and well deserved.

Sergt.-Major Rodway has been known in connection with the rifle shooting of the Corps for many years, and as early as 1878 he came to the front. He has, during his career, been eminently successful at rifle meetings, and his list of prizes include a piano, many silver cups and medals. He has shot for the Corps on a great number of occasions, and always done well for it.

When the Committee met on the 10th August, to decide upon the Competition for the Duke of Coburg's Cup, they also had before them the question of

THE OFFICERS' CUP.

It was decided that, as the subscriptions for the cup now amounted to upwards of £60, designs for a suitable prize should be obtained and sent to the different Divisions, with a view to the selection of the most popular one.

As the order for this cup will have to be given shortly, it is requested that any officers who have not already subscribed to it, but who wish to do so, will kindly send their subscription to the Hon. Sec., R.M.R.A. Forton Barracks, Gosport, by the end of the month, in order that the Committee may know to what value they can order a suitable trophy. For the information of any of our readers who may not have heard of the proposal to raise "The Officers' Cup," we insert the following short description.

In order to assist and give encouragement to the endeavours that were being made to put the rifle shooting of the Corps on a firmer footing, a proposal was made that a Challenge Cup—to be called "The Officers' Cup"—should be raised amongst the officers (past and present) of the Corps, and presented to the Royal Marine Rifle Association for annual competition between Divisions, under such rules as the committee may decide upon.

As above stated, upwards of £60 has already been collected for this purpose, and we feel certain that there are yet many officers, who, if they only knew of the proposal, would willingly support such an excellent cause.

BISLEY NEWS.

Imperial (Final Stage).

Rank and Name	*Points*	£
Sergt. L. Partridge, R.M.L.I.	141	15
Capt. C. E. Collard, ,,	133	2
Sergt.-Major G. Rodway, R.M.A.	133	2
S.I.M. R. Simms, R.M.A.	124	2

HEPPLESTONE (Seven shots at 200 yards).

Capt. C. E. Collard, R.M.L.I. .. 35 .. £1 10 0

DAILY GRAPHIC (Seven shots at 200 yards).

Sergt.-Major A. Baker, R.M.A. .. 34 .. £2 4 0

THE WILMOT (Seven shots at 500 yards).

Sergt. G. Elliott, R.M.L.I. .. 35 .. £1 14 6

BRINSMEAD CHALLENGE SHIELD.

R.M.A.	16
R.M.L.I.—Portsmouth ..	14
,, Plymouth ..	14
,, Chatham ..	13

PIXLEY (Seven shots at 600 yards).

Capt. C. E. Collard, R.M.L.I. .. 34 .. £0 15 0

THE ALEXANDRA (Seven shots at 500 and 600 yards).

Q.-M.-S. E. Luff, R.M.L.I. .. 65 .. £3 0 0

GRAPHIC (Seven shots at 500 yards).

Sergt.-Major A. Baker, R.M.A. ..	35 ..	£4 2 10
Sergt. J. H. Pearson, R.M.L.I. ..	34 ..	£2 15 9

DAILY TELEGRAPH (Seven shots at 600 yards).

Capt. J. R. Garrett, R.M.L.I. .. 33

WANTAGE.

Sergt.-Major A. Baker, R.M.A. .. 21 .. £1 0 0

ROBIN HOOD (Seven shots at 200 yards).

Sergt.-Major A. Baker, R.M.A. .. 35 .. £2 1 3

MORRIS TUBE.

Capt, C. E. Collard, R.M.L.I. ..	31 ..	£1 0 0
Sergt. J. H. Pearson ,, ..	30 ..	1 0 0
Sergt.-Major A. Baker, R.M.A. ..	30 ..	1 0 0

BURT (Seven shots at 200 yards).

Sergt.-Major A. Baker, R.M.A. .. 34 .. £0 12 3

FLETCHER.

Sergt. J. H. Pearson, R.M.L.I. .. 33 .. £1 0 0

KYNOCH (Ten shots at 900 yards).

Capt. C. E. Collard, R.M.L.I. .. 47 .. The Cup

ASSOCIATION CUP (Seven shots at 200 and 600 yards).

Capt. C. E. Collard, R.M.L.I. .. 67 .. £2 0 0

On Thursday, August 26th, the R.M.A. met the North London Rifle Club at Fort Cumberland Range, and defeated them by 23 points.

R.M.A.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Ttl. yds.
Sergt.-Major Rodway ..	34	35	30	99
Staff-Sergeant Foley ..	32	33	30	95
Corporal Bowley ..	34	32	28	94
Sergt.-Instructor Simms ..	32	30	31	93
Sergeant Simpson ..	34	30	29	93
Sergeant Stevenson ..	32	34	27	93
Sergt.-Major Baker ..	31	29	32	92
Staff-Sergeant Brockliss ..	33	29	30	92
Major Eastman ..	30	30	26	86
Sergeant Deacon ..	32	29	25	86
	324	311	288	923

Counted out—Sergt. Height, 84; Q.M.S. Graham, 83.

North London Total—907.

CHATHAM DIVISION.

R.M.L.I., CHATHAM *v.* R.M.L.I., WALMER.

Fired at Gravesend on 7th August.

CHATHAM.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.
Sergt. Cook	29	32	33	94
Staff-Sergt. Lane ..	30	30	33	93
Color.-Sergt. Andrews ..	27	34	31	92
Sergt. Hawes	30	32	30	92
Color-Sergt. Quinlan .	29	34	27	90
Sergt. Scott	29	30	27	86
Sergt. Braybrook ..	28	35	23	86
Sergt. Clark	26	30	26	82
Average 89·37				713

WALMER.

Staff-Sergt. Sullivan ..	26	33	39	94
Staff-Sergt. Jolly ..	33	31	30	94
Sergt. Burgis	31	32	30	93
Sergt. Richards ..	31	31	30	92
Staff-Sergt. Hill ..	27	33	29	89
Color-Sergt. Freeman ..	30	32	27	89
Sergt. Elliott	31	29	25	85
Sergt. Sugden ..	28	28	28	84
Average 90·0				720

The annual match between the Sergeants, R.M.L.I., and Sergeants, Royal Engineers, for the Chatham Garrison Cup, took place at Gravesend on 25th August, in very unsettled weather, the Engineers winning by 23 points.

ROYAL MARINES.

Staff-Sergt. C. Lane ..	32	31	33	96
Lce.-Sergt. H. Andrews ..	28	29	33	90
Sergt. F. Hawes ..	29	31	29	89
Sergt. H. Clark ..	30	32	27	89
Sergt. W. E. Scott ..	31	31	26	88
Color.-Sergeant W. Quinlan	31	30	26	87
Sergt. M. Mahoney ..	30	32	24	86
Sergt. J. Cook ..	29	31	26	86
Q.M.-Sergt. J. Young ..	26	29	29	84
Sergt. H. Braybrook ..	31	27	26	84
			Total	879

Average—87·9

R.E. Total—902. Average—90·2

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

Result of a match fired between teams of the R.M.L.I. and R.M.A. at Eastney, on 5th August, 1897, and was won by the R.M.L.I. with 10 points.

R.M.L.I.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Ttl. yds.
Captain Collard ..	33	34	31	98
Staff-Sergeant Hayward ..	32	35	27	94
Colour-Sergeant Jones ..	29	31	31	91
Sergeant Finlayson ..	32	32	27	91
Private Lea	32	33	25	90
Captain Garrett ..	26	34	29	89
Sergeant Cole	30	30	29	89
Q.M.S. Luff	25	30	33	88
	239	259	232	730

Average 91·25.

R.M.A.

Staff-Sergeant Brockliss ..	30	34	33	97
Sergt.-Major Baker ..	31	34	32	97
Staft-Sergeant Foley ..	30	29	32	91
Corporal Bowley ..	28	32	31	91
Sergt.-Instructor Simms ..	31	32	28	91
Major Eastman ..	28	34	28	90
Sergeant Deacon ..	30	32	21	83
Sergeant Height ..	29	34	17	80
	237	261	222	720

Average 90·00.

Result of match fired between teams of the R.M.L.I. and the Rifle Depot at Browndown, 6th August, 1897, and was won by the R.M.L.I. with 27 points.

R.M.L.I.

Rank and Name	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total
Capt. Collard ..	31	33	33	97
Lieut. Tucker ..	29	29	33	91
Staft-Sergt. Hayward ..	24	34	29	87
Pte. Lea	27	31	29	87
Sergt. Finlayson ..	31	31	25	87
Sergt. Cole	26	29	31	86
Clr.-Sergt. Jones ..	21	30	33	84
Capt. Garrett ..	26	31	26	83
	215	248	239	702

Average 87·75.

Rifle Depot—675. Average 84-37.

Answers to Correspondents.

CALEDONIA.—A corporal ranks with 2nd class P.O., and senior quartermaster sergeant with a chief petty officer. There is no actual rating ranking equivalent to a colour-sergeant, but when in charge of a detachment he generally has all the privileges of a C.P.O.; otherwise he would rank equal to a 1st class petty officer.

T.C.G., DEPOT.—Why complain when the remedy is in your own hands? A cutting from the local paper would have assisted us, as it is, we know nothing about them. Every subscriber should assist the editors.

J. C., H.M.S. "AMPHION."—Much regret that no answer can be given. Our sympathies are with you, but it would be injudicious to criticise.

H.M.S. "AMPHION."—Subscription paid to August, 1898.

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SERGT. JUDGE, "IMMORTALITE."—Books sent. We require £1 5s. 4d. more for 20 copies to December, 1898.

PTE. J. G. SEE.—Yes.

Births.

PYM.—On the 4th August, at Mount Row, Guernsey, the wife of Capt. J. Beville Pym, R.M.L.I., Adjutant 2nd R.G.L.I., of a daughter.

HANNA.—On the 14th August, at Victoria Cottage, Little Coxwell, Farringdon, Berks, the wife of Pte. Hanna, 1st. V.B.R. Berks Regt., late Col.-Sergt. R.M.L.I., of a son.

CLARK.—On the 6th July, at Chatham, the wife of Sergt. P. Clark, of a daughter.

SAWYER.—On the 9th August, at Chatham, the wife of Pte. H. C. Sawyer ,of a son.

REYNOLDS.—On the 4th August, at Ascension Island, the wife of Sgt. J. E. Reynolds, R.M.A., of a son.

UNDERHAY.—On 20th August, at Forton, the wife of Sergt. H.R. Underhay, of a son, Victor Henry Reece.

FREEMAN—At the R.M. Depot, the wife of Sergt. Freeman, of a son.

TYRIL—At the R.M. Depot, the wife of Corpl. Tyril, of a son.

Marriages.

DICKIE—TAYLOR.—On 26th July, at Porchester, Musician F. J. Dickie to Miss H. A. Taylor.

EVERETT—CROSS.—On 10th August, at Cambridge, Corpl. C. T. Everett to Miss A. Cross.

GIBSON—WILLIAMS.—On 9th August, at Deal, Sergt. W. Gibson to Miss E. T. Williams.

LARKMAN—MCIVER.—On 27th July, at Sunderland, Sergt. E. F. P. Larkman to Miss E. McIver.

HUGHES–TRENHOLM.—On 8th August, at Holloway, Pte. A. W. Hughes, to Miss A. L. Trenholm.

JILLILLER—MCLOUGHLIN.—At St. Mary's Church, Portsmouth, on August 2nd, 1897, Pte. Jilliller to Miss E. McLoughlin.

EVES—ORFORD.—At St. James' Church, Milton, on August 14th, 1897, Corpl. A. F. Eves to Miss G. S. Orford.

Deaths.

FRIDAY—Pte. W. Friday (*Victory*), August 3rd, 1897.

LENNON—Corpl. T. P. Lennon (*Australia*), 10th August, 1897.

NEW—Pte. Thos. New (*Rodney*), 10th August, 1897.

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Major Trotter ..	0	4	6	"Sheerness" ..	0	3	0
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Retribution ..	0	3	9	Sergt. Ross ..	0	1	6
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Blenheim	0	3	10	Lce.-Corpl. Philips ..	0	1	6
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Col. Despard ..	0	2	6	*Devastation* ..	0	1	4½
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Sergt. Hales ..	0	1	0	Mr. Thornton ..	0	1	0
Benbow	0	17	6	Mr. Flood ..	0	12	0
Major Brown ..	0	1	6	Sergt. Guerin ..	0	3	6
Victor Emanuel ..	2	2	6	*Edinburgh* ..	0	3	3
Mr. Fennett ..	0	0	9	*Blenheim*	0	3	10
Mr. White .	0	1	6	*Hibernia*	0	6	3
Victory	0	12	8	General Oldfield, R.A.	0	1	6
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Galatea	0	1	4	"Gravesend" ..	0	1	6

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Editorial.

WE must apologise if the paper is late being sent out this month. It has been very troublesome to collect copy in time. Probably this was due to inspection fever, inspection, and consequent reaction.

We have received an excellent photo. of the R.M. Tug-of-War Team, H.M.S. *Crescent*. This team won first prize in 1896-97, North America and West India Fleet. The team was composed of J. Garnett, J. Powell, A. Rickman, E. Wood, J. W. Webb, W. G. Soutar, Corpl. A. Stathan, A. Lyas, W. Morton, R. Beresford, F. H. Jennings, with Corpl. A. G. Jones as trainer.

As the 21st of this month is the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar we insert on page 112 a cutting of the *Sun*, 7th November, 1805. We have received some splendid photographs of the plans of different stages of the fight from Lieut. Crawford, R.N., but we regret that we are unable to publish them this month. We hope that next year's Editor may find them useful on this anniversary.

A passage from *Le Marine Francais* of September, deserves quotation now that the anniversary of Trafalgar is near at hand.—"The English have to-day come to believe their past successes as the certain guarantee of victory in the future, more or less remote. Undoubtedly they forget that the old generations of sailors has passed away, and while they are tranquilly sleeping under the shade of Nelson's laurels, their enemies work without ceasing, and seek with unwearying ardour to discover the best means of improving their fleets. Yet if we only look at France, her navy can never play a great part in her policy. France can be beaten at sea without her soil being at the mercy of an invader." We must all feel that there is a great deal of truth in this, altho' written by an Anglophobe, and it is to be hoped that our feeling of security, causing us to despise our foes, may not be our ruin.

Messrs. Hiorns & Miller, publishers of the Corps Jubilee Sheet, desires it to be known that the first edition is quite sold out, and that a second edition (equal in all respects to the first) is now on sale at the same price. This firm will also have on sale coloured Christmas cards and table almanacks early in October.

"They were never called upon for honor, courage, and loyalty——" We need not finish the quotation, as it is surely known to every Royal Marine, from the last joined recruit upwards; but the following heading—Growing insubordination in the Navy—appearing in some of the second-rate papers has suggested that it may be as well to remind you of it. Reporters will, apparently, without considering what harm they are doing, use any such heading for the purpose of exciting a momentary sensation, and all, forsooth, because out of so vast a service there are a few discontented, lazy men who show temper when made to do their duty, but who find in the long run that kicking against the pricks does not pay. Among the vast majority of service men there is absolutely no sympathy with these, and they are only too glad to see them thoroughly well punished—not alone because they bring discredit upon a magnificent service to which every man should be proud to belong, but they also upset any community in which they happen to be, and by their misconduct lead to an unavoidable curtailment of privilege. We call attention to the unfinished quotation above to remind all Royal Marines that Honor, Courage, and Loyalty are the birthrights of every man of our corps, and it is the duty of each and every one of them to protect their birthright as his own, discountenancing in every possible way the slightest thing tending to subvert the "discipline" for which we are so justly celebrated. The essence of discipline is—that all in their different grades shall render cheerful obedience, not only when to do so is pleasant and easy—this is no proof of discipline—but when things are trying and hard. In Napier's words, when the struggle is between "Fortune's frown and man's fortitude." And why not? There is redress easy and open to every one who justly feels himself aggrieved if he will only take the manly straightforward service course and complain to his Commanding Officer, quietly and clearly, without excitement, stating his case. Among the public, offences against discipline are lightly considered, they know no better, and they speak of severe punishments. Let them compare them with those in vogue in the services a few years ago, and now constantly inflicted in all continental services, where discipline is apprised at its full value.

JOTTINGS FROM EGYPT.—Colonel David is in command of Debbah, the most advanced position in the Soudan. He has completed the defences of the place, which is now considered almost impregnable. We regret to hear that Captain Hobbs is very seedy. He lost all his kit by the gunboat *El Teb* capsizing, while running the fourth cataract.

One of the fairy tales of the Nile is that Menelik, King of Abyssinia, is going to take Khartoum before we arrive there. (Extract from a letter from Captain Oldfield, R.M.A.)—"All the Marines, except myself and Sergeant Evans, are at the front. We remain at Kenna, sending on stores, but hope to have a show in the advance on Berber. Everything depends on the railway, which is progressing favourably. I believe there is a certain amount of sickness at the front, but have no particulars. The Nile is now at its highest, but has not been a good one. We have got all the boats above the fourth cataract, except the *El Teb*, which was wrecked. It is getting cooler now, and in another month we shall have finished the hot weather."

Indian Frontier Trouble.

Camp Malakand, Malakand Field Force,
India, 14th August, 1897.

To the Editor of *The Globe & Laurel*,
Forton Barracks, Gosport.

DEAR SIR,

The following information about some ex-members of the old Corps serving out in this country may possibly interest your readers if you should think fit to insert it in the *Globe & Laurel*.

The attack on the Malakand Camp on the night of the 26th July last by Swatis and Boners will be stale news; but the following details may perhaps be new.

The attack commenced about 10.30 p.m. on the lower part of the Camp in a hollow, between hills called the crater, where the Commissariat had their head quarters. A bazaar of grain sellers was looted and burnt just outside the enclosure, and a fierce attack made on the troops inside the enclosure, the brunt being borne by a company of Madras Sappers and Miners, who lost several rifles piled in their quarter guard; but fought with great determination, and with the help of another regiment, also holding that part of the camp, beat the Swatis off.

An almost simultaneous attack was made on a higher part of the camp (*i.e.*, the top of the Pass), held by the 46th Sikhs. A staff officer came in haste about 10-30 p.m., to the mess of the regiment and found the Colonel and Major W. W. Taylor (formerly of the Royal Marines), and requested the O.C. to at once sound the alarm.

Both officers at once rushed out, and collecting a few men, doubled along an old Buddhist road in the direction of the new attack, and a weak point of this portion of the camp. They had not gone more than a few hundred yards before, on turning a corner, they found the Swatis in great force coming towards them along the road and swarming down from the hills all round. Another two minutes and the enemy would have been in the middle of the camp, so sudden was the attack and so peaceful had everything up to that very afternoon in all the country round appeared. It was with these few men against tremenduous odds that Major Taylor held the approaches into camp until his Regiment fell in and reinforced him some twenty minutes later, and it was here he received the wound that proved mortal two days later. The Swatis did not retire from this part of the attack till about 2 a.m.

Attacks were made on the camp every night from the 26th July to the night of the 1st August. Much damage was done to Government property on the first two nights; but after that the camp was much strengthened and they never got to close quarters. The enemy used to draw off early every morning, but kept up a continual fire from advantageous positions on the hills around at 400 or 500 yards distance. Our casualties during the whole operations from 26th July to 2nd August have amounted to nearly 200 killed and wounded. On the 1st August the greater part of the guides and two squadrons 11th Bengal Lancers tried to get through from here to relieve Chakdara, thirteen miles off, where is a fort which was besieged by several thousand Swatis and other tribes, and was in sore straits. After going less than two miles out they were forced to retire with thirteen casualties, as they were unsupported by Infantry and the ground was bad for Cavalry. On the following day (2nd August) a column of 1,500 of all arms left this, and after a brilliant little action close outside camp, completely defeated and scattered the Swatis, killing 500, and relieved Chakdara not a day too soon.

Since that day not a Swati has been seen or a shot fired. We have been amusing ourselves by burning their chief village, and they are now very tame indeed. Two brigades from India have been formed and are camped partly here and partly down in the Swat Valley, ready to move in any direction. To shew you how prepared troops are in India to march I may mention that my sergeant received orders in Cantonments without the slightest previous warning to come up here, and in ten hours time we were on the march. The 1st Brigade moves out to-morrow to punish the Upper Swatis, who have not yet been touched, and who took an active part in the attack of this camp and Chakdara, and when they return from their trip the 2nd Brigade will probably have their turn in another direction, and it is hoped work towards the Mohmand country and work in connection with the new Field Force being formed at Peshawur to punish those gentlemen for their unprovoked attack on Shabkadi on the 8th August, which is 35 miles from here and about 17 from Peshawur.

Another ex-marine with the Field Force is Major Powell of the 1st Gurkha Rifles, acting on staff of the 2nd Brigade as D.A.Q.M.G.

The name of another ex-marine has been much to the front the last few days.

After the attack on the Levy Post of Shabkadi (near Peshawur) was made by the Mohmands on the 8th August, a force of about 1,000 Infantry and two squadrons 11th Bengal Lancers was at once sent out to relieve the post and drive the Mohmands back to the hills from Peshawur. This force of Infantry engaged the Mohmands, about 6,000 strong, in the low hills, but the latter apparently more than held their own, and were enveloping our left flank when the two squadrons of the 13th Bengal Lancers under Major Atkinson (formerly of Royal Marines), were ordered to charge. This they did in most brilliant manner, charging right through the enemy's line from left to right, not only saving Infantry from a possible reverse, but killing many Mohmands and sending them back to their hills. Major Atkinson's horse was shot under him in the charge. We have heard of no further fighting from the Peshawur direction, but it is believed the Mohmands have not yet dispersed. At any rate a Field Force is being rapidly organised at Peshawur to march against them. There are at present three expeditions on foot along the Frontier, so you see we have plenty of chance of seeing fighting, at any rate in the Punjab. India is generally somewhat unsettled; but Goot is beginning to try the effect of tightening the grip of the strong hand, and I think all that will soon be settled satisfactorily.

R.M. Theatre, Forton.

THE first of the winter Entertainments took place on the 29th Sept., and if the house on this occasion is to be considered a sample of what may be expected, it augurs well for the success of the coming season. The night was unpropitious, rain falling heavily just as the doors opened, thunder and lightning following, but happily the "clouds had rolled by" before the performance had concluded. The programme opened with a selection by the Band, followed by Sergeant Bowman, who, in spite of a hoarse voice acquired on parade, gave "The Streak of Silver Sea" with effect; Sergt. Horton, who kindly came in from one of the ships in harbour, made every heart swell with his recitation, "The Defence of Lucknow"; then came Pte. Weightman with a comic song entitled "My Diary"; Band-Sergt. Newbold with a charming piccolo solo; Mrs. Fox sang "Mona" in a highly finished manner, which showed good teaching—her pleasing soprano voice was heard to much advantage; Doctor Kyffin gave one of his excellent whistling solos; Corpl. Wainwright caused much amusement by his comic song "Couldn't help it—had to"; Bugler Barrington became popular at once with his song and dance, and we hope to see him again on the boards; Pte. Bilbow concluded the first part of the programme with "My Gal."

At 8.45, the curtain rang up on the well-known farce "Leave it to me," which was excellently acted throughout. Miss Mold made her first appearance in Forton Barracks, and sustained the character of Amelia Easy with great success. Both her appearance and acting left nothing to be desired. Mrs. Warner as Susan Muggins was of course inimitable. Sergts Bowman and Beard played Mr. Easy and Mr. Quince respectively, both were good. Corporal Knill played his old part of last year, while Sergt. Warner as Joe Sprouts is too well known to need any puff.

The Company performed to a packed house, there being over 600 people present.

Late News.

MARRIAGE.

ELLIOT—DRAKEFORD—On Sept. 29th, at Christ Church, Blackrock, County Dublin, by the Rev. T. Pearson, M.A., B.D., John Furzer, fourth son of Lt.-Col. G. H. Elliot, R.M.L.I. (retired) to Florence Catherine, sixth daughter of the late Rev. D. J. Drakeford, M.A., of Sydenham, Kent.

DEATH.

WRIGHT—On Sept. 28th, at Helier's, Jersey, in her 70th year, Elizabeth Adelaide, widow of the late Col. Wm. A. G. Wright, R.M.L.I.

Aldershot Battalion, 1897.

THE Battalion was formed this year of six companies of 81 of all ranks, with the Chatham band, and was commanded by Colonel Baldwin. Major Eagles and Captain and Acting Adjt. Blumberg being the other mounted officers. The two companies from Chatham had for Captains, Majors Watson and Cumming; from Portsmouth, Captains Montgomery and Garrett; and from Plymouth, Major Plumbe and Capt. Kennedy. The rendezvous was at Forton on 7th August, and for a few days the Battalion was exercised as a whole in route marching, &c., until reveillé sounded at the witching hour of 4 a.m. on Thursday, 12th, prior to a march of over 20 miles to Petersfield; transport, with ambulance furnished by the A.S.C. from Aldershot, in charge of two ex-Marine officers (Lieutenants Mylrea and Cumberlege) following behind. All were glad when the top of Portsdown Hill was reached, and we moved along gaily as far as Horndean, where a halt of half-an-hour was made for refreshments, which were not unwelcome. The inspiring strains of the Band, who played various classic ballads, with vocal accompaniment by all hands, was a pleasant help, being varied by cheering the milestones as they slipped by. The last two miles down Butser Hill was done in 32 minutes. The last milestone was loudly saluted, and there we were—not very late for dinner after all. Soon we had packs off, and tents up; a good meal was shortly steaming in the field kitchen. The canteen tent was to be observed, then a bathe in the lake, and an early turn in, and so to sleep without much rocking.

Next day a short march of eight miles to Borden, near Woolmer, and on Saturday fifteen miles into Aldershot, *via* Farnham. Our camp was on Farnboro' Common. The Battalion was met by the Band of the Princess Victoria's Royal Irish Fusiliers, playing our regimental march, and on arrival we found that they had made very kind plans for our creature comforts. Officers and Sergeants being most hospitably entertained. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught rode up with his staff soon after our arrival, to see if we had all we wanted

The manœuvres this year were based on the idea of two large field columns covering various strategical and tactical dispositions between Reading and London. These two columns were commanded by Major-Generals Bengaugh and Barnard respectively, and were equipped in every way as for active service. Transport being cut down to the minimum, and all hired transport—even for officers' messes—forbidden. At the close of day one side did not even know where the other was going to camp, and so considerable reality was given to the proceedings.

To neither of these sides did the R.M. Battalion belong, however, but was ready for the fray in its own standing camp, with some four or five other regiments left behind in Aldershot. After the war began, orders used to arrive in the dead of night to join one side. At 4 a.m. the merry bugle, and we all fell out of our tents into the rain. Confidential orders were handed out on parade, and off we went at the appointed minute to fall into our place in Brigade on the line of march. The 3rd Aldershot Infantry Brigade was throughout the manœuvres commanded by Colonel Baldwin, in the place of Major-General Bengough. It consisted of Gordon Highlanders (a magnificent regiment), K.R. Rifles, the aforesaid P.V.R.I. Fusiliers, and our gallant selves, and Major Eagles commanded the Battalion.

As for the fights, who shall sing their glory? Not the present scribe. Sometimes they were north, sometimes they were south, sometimes we fought advancing, sometimes retiring, but we were ever sustained by the knowledge that we were doing our duty "per terram," and that the little cart which was allowed to each Battalion of the Aldershot (or "Jack in the box") force, and which was in the charge of a marine pensioner, would be "there or thereabouts." Then a march of eight to ten miles back to camp, and "da capo" next day.

When the war was ended we had daily "schemes" of Battalion minor tactics, which, taking place on new and rough ground, were both interesting and instructive to all—to say nothing of "night outposts." Shortly before leaving an attractive programme of Battalion Sports was arranged. The following are the results:—

The Section Steeplechase was very popular, being a cross country competition of about half-a-mile on the lines of H.R.H.'s the Duke of Connaught's well-known competition for the silver shield—10 points been given for time and 10 points for style—being won by E Company (Plymouth), Corpl. Dow and his section.

Another good competition was as follows: Six men were asleep in each tent—of which there were four. A bugle sounded off reveillé, on the last note of which they awoke, and with considerable apparent emotion dressed in marching order, putting on boots, leggings, kerseys, valise kit (all at the same time), tent struck, pegs drawn, everything packed (including blankets and waterproof sheets), and each squad doubled 100 yards to be inspected, when points were knocked off for bad dressing by an officer. This was won by C Company, Corpl. Noble's squad (Portsmouth); A Company (Chatham), Sergt. Kenny, being a close second.

Tug-of-War by Companies was won by F Company (Plymouth), Clr.-Sergt. Kingdon; D Company, Clr.-Sergt. Coleman (Portsmouth), second.

Pte. Stevens (Portsmouth), and Bugler Coles ran well throughout.

Band-Sergeant Clements took the veterans' prize; the rest of the veterans hardly being able to see his heels for dust all the way.

Col. Baldwin presented the prizes.

It would be unfair to conclude without a reference to the cooking and the weather—the former being as good as the latter was indifferent. The Sergt.-Cook erected a sort of double-bedded mud dog kennel, and from this unpromising looking edifice proceeded the most excellent "bakes" day by day, including even meat pasties. This field oven was inspected and approved by H.R.H. the G.O.C., who more than once paid us the compliment of coming into camp and riding at the head of the Battalion. The messing on army lines was entirely satisfactory.

As for the weather, well it was "soft," but generally voted superior to the hot sun, and bottom boards being provided for the tents, we slept dry enough. It also blew a little. One evening, while the canteen "free and easy" was in full blast, up went the marquee into the air, leaving the astounded convives to the fury of the elements. It was also a solemn sight to see the members of the Sergeants' mess hanging on to their large tent by main force to prevent its following the canteen into the unknown.

On 11th September (after a month in camp) the Battalion dispersed by special trains to the various Divisions, having experienced, what was to the majority, a novel phase of soldiering, and to all a very "happy commission."

Double Acrostic, No. 10.

Depository of sundry stores,
For navy fine, which guards our shores;
Of pageants too, at times the scene—
Well known to every Royal Marine.

1. On Plymouth Hoe, or gay Southsea,
   Each young Royal, this aims to be.
2. Your evening spend with profit here,
   Music hath charms—it will you cheer.
3. Under steam, and press of sail,
   The enemy's commence to assail.
4. Never to these your duty shun,
   'Twill reap its meed—in the long run.

BRISTOLIAN.

SOLUTION TO ACROSTIC No. 9.

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Correct answers received from "Mim," O.K., "The Babe" and others; but B.A.M., Ramilies wasn't king of Egypt.

Trafalgar Day.

The following is taken from *The Sun* of November 7th, 1805:—

[General Order].

Euryalus,
Off Cape Trafalgar,
October 22nd, 1805.

The ever-to-be-lamented death of Lord Viscount Nelson, Duke of Bronté, the Commander-in-Chief, who fell in the action of the 21st in the arms of victory, covered with glory, whose memory will be ever dear to the British Navy and the British Nation, whose zeal for the honour of his King, and for the interests of his country, will be ever held up as a shining example for a British Seaman, leaves me a duty to return my thanks to the Right Honourable Rear-Admiral, the Captains, Officers, and Detachments of Royal Marines serving on board of His Majesty's Squadron, now under my command, for their conduct on that day. But where can I find language to express my sentiments of the valour and skill which were displayed by the Officers, the Seamen, and Marines in the battle with the enemy, where every individual appeared a hero, on whom the glory of his country depended. The attack was irresistable, and the issue of it adds to the page of naval annals a brilliant instance of what Britons can do when their King and country need their service.

To the Right Honourable Rear-Admiral the Earl of Northesk, to the Captains, Officers, and Seamen, and to the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Privates of the Royal Marines, I beg to give my sincere and hearty thanks for their highly meritorious conduct both in action and in their zeal and activity in bringing the captured ships out from the perilous situation in which they were, after their surrender, among the shoals of Trafalgar in boisterous weather.

And I desire that the respective Captains will be pleased to communicate to the Officers, Seamen, and Royal Marines this public testimony of my high approbation of their conduct and my thanks for it.

(Signed) G. Collingwood.

To the Right Honourable Rear-Admiral
the Earl of Northesk and the respective
Captains and Commanders.

Admiral Collingwood succeeded to the command after the death of Lord Nelson on the memorable 21st of October, 1805, when the combined fleets of France and Spain were beaten at Trafalgar. Lord Nelson, as we know, was killed by a rifle ball on board his ship the *Victory*. His last signal to the fleet was that "England expected every man to do his duty." This signal was answered by every ship in the fleet with three cheers. The action began at 12 o'clock by the leading ships of each column breaking through the enemy's line which was formed in the shape of a crescent, the succeeding ships breaking through in all parts astern of their leaders, and engaging the enemy at the muzzles of their guns. About 3 p.m., many of the enemy's ships having struck their colours, their line gave way, and 19 ships of the line were captured by our squadron.

(N.B.—Price of Consols 59½-⅝.)

We heartily congratulate Captain Graham on his success at Aldershot. The following cutting from the *Sunday Times* of October 3rd, gives his record for the last three years:—"The chief success of the meeting was the victories of Captain Graham, Superintendent of Gymnasium of the Thames District, who won the middle and light weight championships. His record at the Army and Navy Meeting is a remarkable one. Here it is:—1895, light weight champion; 1896, middle weight champion, light weight champion; 1897, middle weight champion, light weight champion. He has just equalled the successes of Captain Edgeworth-Johnstone and Captain Hutton (of the 1st Dragoon Guards)."

The whole of the R,M.A. Recruits have, for the second time, been transferred from Walmer to Eastney, on account of insufficient accommodation at the Depot. This is mainly due to the augmentation of the Corps, and the wonderful rapidity with which recruits are coming in.

Obituary.

Searle, Henry Lindsay—Son of the late Major Richard Searle, R.M.L.I. 2nd-Lt., 29th June, 1848; 1st-Lt., 4th Sept., 1851; Adjt., 3rd Div., 6th Sept., 1855; Capt., 7th July, 1859; retired on half-pay as Staff Officer of Pensioners, 31st March, 1864; Brevet Major, 5th July, 1872; Brevet Lieut.-Col., 21st Dec., 1880; Brevet Col., 16th May, 1885, on being placed on retired pay as Staff Officer, under the Royal Warrant of 25th June, 1881. Married 4th Feb., 1858, Eliza Albina, only daughter of the late Capt. G. H. Palliser, R.M.L.I.

Served with the expedition to the Baltic in 1854; was present in the action of Ecknaes in the Gulf of Finland, 20th May; at the operations before Bomarsund, in action with the forts on 15th August; and at the surrender of Fort Prasto on 16th August. With the expedition to the Baltic in 1855, and in the mortar boat flotilla during the bombardment of Sveaborg in August (medal).



The late Corporal T. H. Hearne, R.M.A.

(This portrait is inserted by his former comrades, who subscribed for the block. Copies may be obtained by applying to C Co. Cpl. T. Smith, R.M.A., Eastney.)

The late Corporal Thomas Henry Hearne, R.M.A., whose death was announced as having occurred at Kessenger, in the Soudan, on August 25th last, aged 22, from dysentery, while employed with the Egyptian Army in its advance towards Khartoum, was the son of Mr. Henry Hearne, of Shaply school, Atherstone, Warwickshire. He enlisted for service in the Corps at Birmingham on April 12th, 1893, and joined the Depot at Walmer as Private. The following September he was transferred to the R.M.A. Headquarters at Eastney, became a gunner in December, and embarked in H.M.S. *Alexandra*, flagship of the Reserve Squadron, at Portland, on 30th August, 1894, was promoted to bombardier on 3rd September, 1895, and returned to Eastney the following month. He qualified as captain of gun on H.M.S. *Excellent* last February, was promoted to corporal in April, and embarked in P. and O. s.s. *Paramatta* for service in the Soudan on 1st July. Private letters since received from Egypt speak most highly of his work there, and all ranks of the R.M.A. deeply regret the loss to the Service of so promising a N.C.O. He had obtained a first-class certificate of education and the highest award for both conduct and ability since his first entry into the Service.

Lachrymae Christi.

By Captain W. P. Drury, R.M.L.I.

THERE was nothing remarkable at first sight in the small oblong strip of white sand in the heart of the West African jungle. Yet for two persons, a man and a woman, who were standing in the glow of the tropic sunset, peering down at its level surface, it seemed to possess considerable fascination. The man, a tall, gaunt Englishman in a pith helmet and white drill suit, was barely eight and thirty: yet—by reason of the bent shoulders, the iron grey hair, the tired look in the eyes that had blinked for years in hot sunshine, and the—well, other things—one would have judged him to be fifty. His companion was a graceful, sweet-faced woman of six and twenty summers, with the tint of the English wild rose lingering in her cheeks. It is a well-known fact that there are no original similes left wherewith the artist in printer's ink may describe a pretty woman. The novelist who compared his heroine's eyes to those of a shot partridge hit upon the very last of them. Therefore, and because it is no more than the truth, you will forgive me for mentioning that my heroine had hair of spun gold, eyes the tint of the shadowy Mediterranean under summer clouds, and teeth like a double row of pearls for regularity and whiteness. Round one dainty sleeve was bound the badge of the Red Cross, and, for the rest, she was wearing the picturesque blue, white, and scarlet uniform of a nursing sister of the Royal Navy.

On three sides of the tiny clearing the jungle spread uninterruptedly for miles, but on the fourth it ended abruptly after a hundred yards or so in a narrow belt of cultivation. Along the far edge of this belt, between the maize fields and a mud-banked, reed-fringed river, straggled a handful of native huts and European bungalows; and over the most pretentious of the latter drooped the Union Jack. For this was the English Consulate, and the gaunt man with the tired eyes talking to the lady in the jungle was the Consul. On the verandah were two more nurses, looking across the river bar, beyond which a hospital ship and half a dozen men-of-war were rolling their nettings under in the long, glassy swell. A few days before a warlike expedition had been landed from this squadron "for the punishment of (native) wickedness and vice," and was engaged at the present moment in cutting its way through the jungle towards the bloody capital. For obvious reasons I cannot tell you that city's name, but the scene of my story was officially termed the "Base of Operations."

"And this," the Consul was saying, with a flourish of his stick and the pride of a man showing the lions of his neighbourhood, "is our European cemetery."

The sister again noted the depressing gloom of the jungle, the entire lack of wooden cross or tombstone, the land crabs stirring in the sand, and shuddered.

"Oh! Mr. Sieveking," she exclaimed, "how dreadful. Of course, it cannot really matter what becomes of one's body after death, but I should not like the thought of being buried here. And what are all those round, black things sticking out of the sand? Why," she stooped down and examined one at her feet, "they're beer bottles!"

The smooth, white surface of the parallelogram was studded with rows of these inverted empties, well embedded in the sand, like the pips on a gigantic domino.

"Whisky bottles for the most part," corrected the Consul bitterly, "though that is a matter of detail. But the idea was my own, and one, I flatter myself, that possesses at least the merit of originality. You see it was this way, sister. The sand is so loose that neither stone nor wooden cross will stand upright; but I couldn't bear the thought of all these poor dev---- poor fellows, I mean, lying here like a lot of executed criminals without a tally among them to tell t'other from which. So—please don't laugh—I sent home for a packet of black-edged notepaper, wrote the circumstances of each man's death, (as well as I could remember them) with an appropriate text on half sheets, corked them up in bottles, and stuck them where you see them now."

"But how did you manage to identify the graves?"

The Consul thrust his stick into the sand until the ferrule struck with a dull thud upon a coffin lid.

"I located them by taking soundings," he said "but for the rest I had to trust to memory and guesswork, adapting the nature of the bottle, as far as possible, to the nationality of the deceased."

"I am afraid I don't quite follow you."

"The grave in the left-hand corner yonder," explained the Consul, is poor Ollendorf's, my late German colleague. His epitaph is in a bottle that once contained lager beer. The one next to it is a West Countryman's. He was in the Houssa police, and I've quite forgotten his name; anyhow, he has a text at his head, and it's in a Plymouth gin bottle. The one with the Jamieson label just showing above the sand has a few lines inside from the metrical version of the Psalms. Dear old Donald McLeod, a trader chum of mine, is underneath—and so on, and so on. God knows, Miss Mainwaring, that I mean no irreverence. Some, no doubt, have got their wrong tallies, but I've done my best for them, and no one else ever comes near the place." And then, as if he were half-ashamed of his weakness, he added, "They've most of 'em got women-folk over in Europe, don't you know?"

Although she still continued to gaze at the sand, the trained hospital nurse was only too conscious of the man's tremulous hands, his weak, twitching mouth, and the dull look in the eyes that was not all due to the sunglare: and well enough did she comprehend their terrible import. The bottles themselves, indeed, told her a far more pitiful tale than any of those set forth upon their cream-laid, black-edged contents. After a moment's pause she looked up, and the gentle eyes were glistening with unshed tears.

"Do you know," she said softly, "I think it was very nice of you to take all that trouble."

"I am glad you think so," he returned wistfully, with the least possible accent on the 'you'; and for an instant his eyes sought the beautiful face which he was madly beginning to hope might be the means, even at the eleventh hour, of working his salvation. For Horace Sieveking, wrangler, linguist, brilliant administrator and diplomatist, had in these latter days added to his long list of attainments that of confirmed drunkard. The so-called town at the mouth of the muddy river was as unimportant as it was unhealthy; and the authorities, to whom the consul's vice was well known, were mercifully resolved to leave the matter of his dismissal to the climate. On the departure of the expedition he had courteously placed the consulate at the disposal of the nursing sisters, retiring himself, meanwhile, to an empty and less commodious bungalow in the "town." The ladies, being very sea-sick, thankfully availed themselves of the invitation until such time as the "cases" should begin to arrive from the front and their services be required. From the moment the lonely, broken down exile encountered Hilda Mainwaring's sweet glance of pity, he was seized with a burning desire to recover something of his lost manhood. To this end he had, by an almost superhuman effort of will, abstained from alcohol for three whole days and nights, with the natural result, in the case of so hard a drinker, that he was now on the verge of delirium tremens.

"By the way," he said, turning the conversation from the subject of himself and his acts, "I ought to tell you the story of the first burial that took place here. It was that of a private of Marines serving in a gunboat on the coast, and his shipmates, finding, as I said, that nothing would remain upright in the loose sand, cast about for some other means of marking the grave. Someone suggested shells. So, after collecting a sufficient number from the beach, they arranged them upon the grave in the form of the man's name—which happened to be E. FROST."

"That was rather a pretty idea," said the sister. "Please don't imagine for one moment, Mr. Sieveking, that I wish to disparage your own work of kindness, but, of the two, don't you think that seashells are more appropriate than—?"

"I do think so, Miss Mainwaring," he returned deferentially, "but—well, hear the sequel. When the men came on the morrow to look at the grave, they found to their great indignation that the name had been changed to F. TOZER. After every white man in the town—there are only three of us!—had conclusively proved his innocence of the outrage, it was discovered that the shells had rearranged themselves!"

"The shells?"

"Yes—or, rather, the live fish inside them."

Sister Hilda laughed softly. "Mr Sieveking," said she, "you should tell that tale to the gallant Marines themselves on their return from the front. But why Tozer any more than Jones or Smith?"

"That is what puzzled the dead man's comrades, until they looked up his papers and found that F. Tozer was his real name, E. Frost being the assumed one under which he had enlisted!"

"No wonder shell fish are said to be good for the brain," commented Hilda, still laughing. "I had no idea till now that they were so marvellously intelligent!"

"Nor I," said the Consul lightly. "But you will allow, Miss Mainwaring, that if bottles are less poetical than sea shells, they are at all events more stable."

"And yet"—there was infinite compassion in the woman's voice—"I have known the former to change a living man more completely than the shells in your story changed a dead one's name."

Then, of a sudden there swept over her a wave of pity for this wrecked manhood, which had shown at one time such brilliant promise, and which could feel as tenderly as a woman for the lonely dead. "Oh! Mr. Sieveking," she said, in her earnestness laying her hand upon his sleeve, "please forgive me if I seem impertinent, and remember only that I am a professional nurse of suffering humanity, trained in a great London hospital. I have seen—ah! how much I have seen of that terrible malady you are so manfully struggling against, and from the bottom of my heart I pity you. Because your guests are ladies and you are a gentleman, you are making a gallant effort to resist a frightful craving; and, perhaps, we nurses, with our hospital ward experiences, can appreciate the cost of that effort better than most women. But, oh! why not make our visit the turning point in your career? It would at least be"—here she smiled through her gathering tears—"a graceful tribute to the charms and influence for good of our sex. In a few hours more we must return to our duties, and you will be freed from the restraint of our presence. And then, Mr. Sieveking, you must continue for your own sake the struggle you have begun for ours, and I pray the God of all battles to give you strength to win this one."

"As long as you do that, Miss Mainwaring," said the Consul, baring his head, "be sure that all the devils in hell would have no chance against me. I shall remember and cherish your sweet words till my dying day." And lifting the fingers which had touched his sleeve, he reverently stooped and kissed them.

Why, O Christ! had this woman been allowed to cross his lonely path years too late, and just as he was succeeding in drinking himself into a blessed forgetfulness of the might have been?

Unlike the happier dead at his feet, he had no "women-folk over in Europe"—or anywhere else, for that matter; and those he had known best were not of the ministering angel class. Yet, was it too late, after all? Supposing—Sieveking smiled grimly at the bare idea—but, supposing such an astounding miracle were worked as his reformation, would she, with her professional experience of dipsomania, entertain for one moment the thought of casting in her lot with his? Would it be right to allow her, even if she were willing, to sacrifice herself for his salvation? No; a thousand times no. And yet———. He trembled so exceedingly at the mere possibility of such rapture, that Hilda grew alarmed.

"The sun has set some time," she said, "and you are feeling chilly, Mr. Sieveking. Hadn't we better be getting back?"

But he still lingered, leaning heavily upon his stick. "You are very fond of your profession, are you not, Miss Mainwaring?" he asked.

"Oh! I am simply devoted to the work," she answered enthusiastically.

"Then nothing, I suppose"—he was tracing patterns in the sand now with his stick—"would ever induce you to give it up?"

"Only one thing," she said in a low voice, after a moment's hesitation.

He looked up quickly. The wild rose tint in her cheeks had deepened—a reflection of the sunset afterglow, perhaps, or Ah! how madly his heart beat at that second thought.

"And that is?" he whispered.

"Mr. Sieveking, you must congratulate me. When we get home to England—I beg your pardon?"

"Nothing, nothing. Yes—when you get home to England?"

"I—I am going to be married."

The evening had grown confoundedly dark and cold all of a sudden. What the devil was the matter with it?

"I sincerely trust that you will be very happy," murmured the Consul politely. "But you are right, Miss Mainwaring, we must be going. The sun has set, and black night will soon overtake us—very soon indeed now!"

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One of the "cases" brought back to the coast by the successful expedition was that of a midshipman with an injured leg. A detached clot of blood in a vein of that member may, as long as it remains there, be a small matter; but in the heart or brain, whither the shaking of a passing footstep may speed it, it means instant death. The boy had been carried in the first instance to the Consulate, and there the principal medical officer decided to leave him, deeming the possibility of malarial fever preferable to the certainty of a fatal shaking on shipboard. Vigilant nursing for a few weeks was all the case needed, said the P.M.O., glancing over his spectacles at the nursing staff. Without an instant's hesitation Sister Hilda volunteered to remain behind with the patient. No one was more keenly alive to the dangers of that pestilential spot—no one, probably, had stronger reasons for desiring a speedy return to England. But Hilda's standard of duty was a high one, and she had used no feminine exaggeration of speech when she had told Sieveking that evening in the jungle that she was devoted to her work.

So the squadron dispersed, and the hospital ship with her freight of sick and wounded went home minus a nursing sister. Again the Consul withdrew without a murmur to the ramshackle bungalow in the "town," while his roomy bachelor quarters were given up to Hilda, her patient, and a native woman attendant. He ransacked the district for fruit, fish, and game, and every morning Hilda found a bouquet of freshly-picked flowers in the verandah. In the sweltering afternoons, with his craving for drink rending and tearing him like a legion of devils, he would watch by the sick boy's bedside and amuse him with stories of the weary jungle life, in order that the worn-out Sister might get an hour or two's much-needed sleep. And sometimes, in the saffron and orange afterglow of the sunset, or in the golden light of the great tropic moon, he would stand on the verandah for a brief five minutes, drinking in the tones of a voice which reminded him of a bell heard across the summer sea.

But these glimpses of heaven the racked sinner allowed himself but seldom; for they were invariably followed by paroxysms of tears and remorse upon the lonely beach for the sweet companionship and that other perfect life which might have been his.

Now, about a week after the departure of the squadron from that part of the coast, trouble arose at a certain port within the consular jurisdiction, which demanded Sieveking's immediate presence. In spite of his moral degradation in one direction, his devotion to duty's call was as unflinching as that of Hilda herself. The thought of leaving her practically alone for a whole fortnight in that land of battle, murder, and sudden death, nearly drove him out of his mind; yet he set about his preparations for departure without a moment's wavering.

Although he apprehended no definite danger, he took special measures to ensure the safety of the Consulate and its inmates during his absence; and to that end he solemnly committed them to the care of the German Vice-Consul, a callow youth in goggles, but the only other white man for the moment in the place.

The night before his departure Hilda and her host stood on the verandah in the moonlight. "By the time you return, Mr. Sieveking," she was saying, "my patient ought to be quite convalescent and able to travel. We shall then have no need to trespass any longer on your generous hospitality."

The Consul sighed. "You will return," he said, "to all that makes life worth living—civilisation, refined society, friendship and"—his voice trembled—"love. I, on the other hand—bah!" He broke off with a shudder. He had made his bed, and he must lie on it without whining like a beaten cur.

But she turned her beautiful face to his, the triumph of conquest shining in her eyes; and her voice, though scarce above a whisper, rang like a silver clarion in his ears.

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CORPS GAZETTE.

Promotions.

EASTNEY—

To be Colour-Sergeants—Sergts. W. J. T. Young, J. E. H. Phillips.

To be Sergeants—Corpls. A. G. Pain, C. J. Perry, F. Chell, J. Paddison, F. J. Sears, A. J. Guyton, W. Flanigan, J. C. Lambert, J. Garthwaite, J. C. Banks, J. Harris.

To be Corporals—Bombrs. A. S. Dutton, G. T. Merrick, C. Houghton, W. Boughtflower, W. Rowlatt, G. J. Styles, W. R. Hearne, C. Kelsey, S. G. Dacombe, J. Sirett, W. Corney, G. Boyce, A. Graystone, J. Haddon, E. T. Smith, T. W. Freeman.

To be Paid Lance-Sergeants—Corpls. J. Hardy, G. E. Greig, G. T. Manly.

To be Bombardiers—Gunrs. A. Wall, A. C. Burrell, T. Spain, J. E. Jaggard, H. Simco, G. Walton, W. J. Kimsley, C. A. Jones, A. Lafferty, G. M. Bayley, W. Green, H. Collett, E. G. Read, E. J. Barnes, J. Masterton, W. Caunt, F. Fallow, G. Lewis.

To be Paid Acting Bombardiers—Gunrs. I. Shaw, A. A. Targett, W. Simister.

CHATHAM—

To be 1st Sergt.-Instr. of Infantry (at Depot)—Col.-Sergt. W. Quinlan.

To be Colour-Sergeants—Sergts. C. Quick *(Wye)*, W. E. Croombes.

To be Sergeants—Lce.-Sergts. F. G. Hurn, J. D. Watts, H. Towkes, J. W. Widdowson, A. R. Warner *(Galatea)*; Corpl. F. Fowler *(Pembroke)*.

To be Corporals—Lce.-Corpl, J. H. Hanson; Ptes. A. H. Stokes, E. E. Grone, A. E. Biggs (*Barfleur*), W. H. Fowler (*Grafton*), H. Hastings, J. S. White, N. Staunton (*Hibernia*), C. Killington (*Galatea*), J. H. Monk (*Hawke*), A. E. Mitchell (*Retribution*), H. Spencer (Depot).

PORTSMOUTH—

To be Color-Sergeant—Sergeant H. Barker.

To be Sergeants—Corpls. F. G. Ladd (Depot), H. Marks (*Edinburgh*), J. Buss (*Collingwood*), H. G. W. Beard (Head Quarters), G. T. Rose (*Boscawen*).

To be Corporals—Ptes. C. Davies (*Royal Sovereign*), F. C. Staples (*Victory*), C. Turner (*Eclipse*), E. Turrell and H. Turner (*Victory*), G. D. Botterill (Head Quarters), C. B. King (*Fox*).

PLYMOUTH—

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of the appointment of Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. J. Mitchell to be Superintending Clerk, at the Portsmouth Division, *vice* Craze, and of his advancement to Warrant rank, dated 13th August, 1897.

To be Quarter-Master-Sergeant—Col.-Sergt. T. Smith.

To be Colour-Sergeant—Sergt. R. Stoneman (Head-Quarters).

To be Sergeants—Corpls. J. Gordan (in H.M.S. *Immortalite*), W. Pulham, J. Stickland (in H.M.S. *Retribution*), J. Bowman (in H.M.S. *Vivid*), E. J. Griffiths (in H.M.S. *Benbow*).

To be Corporals—Lce.-Corpls. C. Phippen, T. Rendell, C. Potter (in H.M.S. *Cambridge*), J. Cady (in H.M.S. *Impregnable*); Ptes. E. Powell (in H.M.S. *Esk*), A. Thorne (in H.M.S. *Revenge*), S. Jones in H.M.S. *Undaunted*), F. Foster (in H.M.S. *Lion*).

DEPOT—

To be Sergeant—Lce.-Sergt. Ladd.

Appointments.

It has been notified that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to appprove of the appointment of Capt. C. H. Kennedy, as Adjutant of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion Scottish Fusiliers.

EASTNEY—

Col.-Sergt. M. Duncuft to Recreation Room Sergeant

Sergt. W. J. Morgan to Grocery Canteen Steward.

Gunr. P. Carroll to Divisional Painter.

Sergt. W. H. Green to Supernumerary Pay Sergeant.

CHATHAM—

Capt. C. S. Watson to be Instructor of Signalling, *vice* Capt. R. M. Byne, period of appointment expired.

Sergt. J. Kenney is appointed Instructor in Topography.

Sergt. C. Welch to be Instructor of Gunnery (at 6d).

Sergt. E. Collins to be Instructor of Gunnery (unpaid).

Corpl. W. P. Smith to be Lance-Sergeant (paid).

Ptes. L. R. Calloway, A. Millett, J. Byrne to be Lance-Corporals (paid).

Pte. G. Hollands to Divisional Gardener.

Col.-Sergt. H. T. Hayward to be Company Sergeant of F Co.

Lce.-Corpl. Hutton to 4th Clerk Q.-M.'s Department.

Corpl. W. Jefford to 3rd Clerk Qr.-Mr.'s Department.

Pte. S. Hurd to Supernumerary Clerk Qr.-Mr. Dept.

Pte. W. J. Wells to Barrack Storeman.

Lce.-Corpl. L. Calloway to Company Orderly of A Co.

Lce.-Corpl. W. Wyborn to Company Orderly of G Co.

Lce.-Corpl. W. H. Allen to Company Orderly of E Co.

Corpl. C. T. Everett to be School Assistant.

Ptes. R. Hicks, A. G. Nobbs, W. Philpotts, F. C. Petherbridge to be Divisional Military Police.

Pte. J. Port to be Barrel Browner.

Pte. W. Armstrong to Boat's Crew.

Pte. A. J. Mitchell to Servant to Capt. Rombulow-Pearse.

Pte. T. Bowen to Detachment Cook, Gravesend.

Corpl. J. Constable to Postman, Gravesend.

Lce.-Corpl. T. Bilney to Assistant Orderly Room Clerk.

PORTSMOUTH—

Clr.-Sergt. G. Coleman to Recruiting, Southampton.

Sergt. W. Bowman to be Swimming Instructor.

Pte. A. A. Grant to be Kitchen Man, Officers' Mess.

PLYMOUTH—

Col.-Sergt. R. M. Crowe has been nominated for the appointment of Superintending Clerk, Paymaster's Office, Chatham Division, on that position becoming vacant in November.

Corpl. W. Whitehead to be Paid Lance-Sergeant.

Lce.-Sergt. R. Hunt to be Paid Lance-Sergeant.

Sergt. J. Moyse to be Gunnery Instructor, at 6d. per diem.

Sergt. W. Barnard to be Unpaid Instructor.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of Miss Kate Davis being appointed Pupil Teacher in the Infants' School, *vice* Miss Emily Grinter, dated 1st September, 1897.

Sergt. W. Brown is appointed Sergeant in charge of the Beer Canteen.

Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. McRae is appointed 1st Qr.-Mr.-Sergt., and in charge of Stores, Shoemaking Fund, at 6d. per diem extra pay, *vice* Mitchell promoted.

Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. Smith is appointed 2nd Qr.-Mr.-Sergt., *vice* McRae.

Lce.-Corpl. G. Baker is appointed Orderly Corporal of A Co.

Lce.-Corpl. H. Turner is appointed Orderly Corporal of B Co.

Pte. J. Betts to be employed in the Tailors' Shop.

Pte. G. Howard to be employed as Infirmary Orderly.

DEPOT—

Sergt. Marshall appointed Barrack Police Sergeant.

Sergt. Chaplin appointed Probationary Clerk, Pay Office.

Corpl Parminter appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant.

Pte. Parker appointed Sergeants' Mess Cook.

Ptes. King and Abbis appointed Garrison Police.

Pte. Hambrook appointed Assistant Gardener.

Pte. Evans appointed Marker, Shooting Gallery.

Examinations.

EASTNEY—

Passed for Corporal—Gunrs. E. E. Edwards, G. Lewis.

Discharged to Pension.

CHATHAM—

Sergt. J. T. Kerr; Corpl. R. Jordan; Ptes. F. Hampson, T. Daines.

PORTSMOUTH—

Ptes. M. Buxton, J. Humphries, J. Woods, J. Alger, H. Wells; Clr.-Sergt. J. A. Bell.

PLYMOUTH—

Lce.-Sergt. W. Wood; Ptes. A. Taylor, W. Balshaw.

Transfers.

PORTSMOUTH—

Pte. A. H. Crowe from the Royal Scots.

PLYMOUTH—

Lce.-Corpl. R. H. Weakley, Ptes. G. Williams and J. Cory to Ship's Corporals, R.N., on probation.

Limited Engagements.

EASTNEY—

Col.-Sergt. A. J. Lovejoy; Sergts. H. J. Ride, F. Moorse; Gunrs. W. Sloane, W. Bruce, W. Duddridge, W. Coombes, S. T. Carthy, G. Baker, F. Boyes, J. Calvin.

Purchase—Bombr. H. G. Garrod; Gunrs. C. L. Calvert, E. King, A. C. Long, S. Hillyard, J. B. Sidebottom.

Invalided—Sergt. W. J. G. Young; Gunrs. J. J. Cochrane, F. Harper, H. G. Webber,; Pte. J. W. Mears.

CHATHAM—

Invalided—Sergt. G. Doig; Ptes. C. L. Macrow, R. Hodges, F. Wicks, H. Ogden, H. L. Mayoh, A. J. Cook, W. J. Chandler, B. Childs.

Purchase—Ptes. J. T. Taylor, J. Marshall, C. Collins.

PORTSMOUTH—

12 years—Pte. J. A. Mellor.

Purchase—Ptes. T. H. Lambourn, M. Fielder, H. Langridge.

PLYMOUTH—

12 Years—Ptes. W. Green, A. Kelly, W. Cowell.

Invalided—Ptes. F. Dodgson, M. Russell, R. Smith, R. Latham, C. Westley.

Purchase—Ptes. W. Woodward, J. Stratford, F. W. Barker, W. S. Gigg.

Certificates.

DEPOT—

Sergts. Brown, Apperly, and Corpl. Carpenter awarded 1st Class Certificates of Education.

Exchange.

An exchange on the officers' general foreign roster has been sanctioned between Capt. J. Marchant, R.M.L.I., and Capt. A. E. Rombulow-Pearse, R.M.L.I., as a special case.

It has been notified that an exchange of duties has been sanctioned between Capt. B. C. Couchman and Capt. H. Curteis, R.M.L.I. Captain Curteis to return to Plymouth.

Embarked.

The undermentioned officers embarked on the 1st inst., in the ships specified:—

Major E. A. Wylde, in H.M.S. *Pembroke*, vice Major T. J. P. Evans (who is to join the R.M. Depot for duty on disembarkation).

Major C. G. Brittan, in H.M.S. *Rodney*, vice Capt. Eady.

Capt. J. Marchant, in H.M.S. *Devastation*, vice Capt. Bernard.

Lieut. J. A. M. A. Clark, in H.M.S. *Mersey*, vice Lieut. Barker.

Lieut. N. F. E. G. Way, in H.M.S. *Wildfire*, vice Lieut. Bourchier.

Lieut. J. Baker, in H.M.S. *Vivid*, vice Lieut. Little.

Lieut. F. H. Griffiths, in H.M.S. *Cambridge*, vice Lieut. Grover.

Lieut. M. H. Marsham, in H.M.S. *Pembroke*, vice Lieut. Heard.

Lieut. H. N. Houghton, in H.M.S. *Duke of Wellington*, vice Lieut. Headlam.

Lieut. E. S. Mairis, in H.M.S. *Pembroke*, vice Lieut. Muller.

Lieut. A. G. C. Milner, in H.M.S. *Vivid*, vice Lieut. Manley.

Lieut. I. M. Little, in H.M.S. *Sans Pareil*, vice Lieut, Burnard.

Lieut. T. O. H. Lees, in H.M.S. *Duke of Wellington*, vice Lieut. Anderson.

FROM EASTNEY—

Renown—Gunrs. G. Turner, E. E. Edwards.

Devastation—Gunr. T. Clarke.

Hotspur—Gunrs. W. Partridge, J. Ellis.

Sans Pareil—Gunrs. J. Mills, W. F. Edwards.

Inflexible—Gunr. B. J. Carey.

Rodney—Gunrs. T. West, C. J. Heath.

Powerful (for *Tamar*)—Sergt. H. Geal; Gunrs. F. Hosking, G. Johnson, H. Smeed, W. Walker, T. Buckton, F. Cowtan, C. Pragnell.

Vivid—Corpl. C. Dadd.

FROM CHATHAM—

Pembroke—Corpls. J. Burgess, H. Croxon, W. Bridgman; Ptes. J. McDowall, C. Skaife, H. Boyce, G. E. Wilding, A. G. Clark, F. E. Lyons, J. Clifford, G. Bennett; Corpl. J. Blake; Ptes. H. S. Orgar, A. Lucy, H. Martin, R. J. Hill.

Ramillies, per s.s. *Peninsula*—Major H. C. Money; Pte. G. Challis.

Alarm—Corpl. H. T. Clark; Ptes. E. Percival, A. H. Martin, J, E. Robson.

Rodney—Corpl. C. H. Bishop; Ptes E. Batcock, S. Briston, C. Owen, F. A. Barrett.

Wildfire—Corpls. H. Farmer, F. Rosser.

FROM PORTSMOUTH—

Australia—Ptes. A. E. Billett, W. J. Dancey, H. E. Hall.

Camperdown—Capt. W. P. Drury; Pte. J. Nicholson.

Excellent—Pte. J. Dicks.

Minotaur—Pte. Fred Jones.

Powerful—Ptes. J. Simmons, F. C. Lewis.

Powerful (for disposal)—Ptes. D. Mead, W. Hickey, T. Green, H. W. Louch, G. H. Longman, A. Brown, G. W. Stone, R. J. Lepene, W. Rendle, H. Summerton, W. Shearman, C. E. Freeland, T. Harding, J. Osborn, S. Casey, T. McCoy, J. Pay, T. B. White, A. Lucas, A. Smith, A. Holloway, W. E. Stubbington, S. E. Clarke, G. Johnson, B. Jackson.

Powerful (for *Esk*)—Corpl. F. Mason; Ptes. W. Mack, J. H. Neale, J. Maxwell, W. E. Poulter, R. Major.

Powerful (for *Tamar*)—Cpl. W. Crowe; Bugler C. W. Ryman; Ptes E. Wadhems, A. G. Robinson, E. W. Thornton, J. Walter, A. Lee, J. Amos, J. Weaver, W. Hills, H. W. Cates, W. J. Stroud, J. O. McCullough, T. Richards, J. E. Bomford, N. Oxley, H. Rixon, J. O. Crouch, A. T. Steele, T. White, C. H. Titheridge, A. Brown, R. Windebank, S. Dale, A. Kimpton.

Spanker—Pte. T. Dunford.

Victory—Ptes. C. Coombs, W. Hutton, W. E. Fennell, A. Bampton, W. Thompson, A. B. Cox, A. C. Tyler.

FROM PLYMOUTH—

Impregnable—Ptes. R. Yeandle, G. W. Masterman, E. J. Ford, T. Jones.

Collingwood—Pte. J. Curran.

Cambridge—Pte. J. Cair.

Defiance—Bugler E. G. Brown.

Lion—Lce.-Corpl. A. H. Aldous; Pte. A. E. Day.

Britannia—Corpl. W. H. Paul.

Northampton—Pte. W. Veitch.

Blake—Bugler W. Hayward; Ptes. W. Grundy, J. Andrews, T. Corfe, W. J. Feltham, A. Mc L. Halley, J Doocey, W. Wigley, W. Badham, C. E. Wheeler. J. Nield, C. G. Roach, A. Sawyer, J. G. Matthews, R. Massey, G. A Boole, R. Bevan, H. Adams.

Vivid—Corpl. L. G. Vallance; Bugler R. Chambers; Ptes. W. Crotty, W. E. Carroll, P. Jones, S. J. Read.

Pheasant—Lce.-Sergt. A. H. Archard; Ptes. W. R. Carey, S. Robinson, J. Potter, A. A. Coggle, J. Walker, Jno. Walker, J. R. Sealey, W. Meadkins.

Imperieuse—Ptes. W. H. Rice, W. T. Tozer, L. Millns, J. F. Payne, A. Sterling, S. Wright.

Amphion—Pte. F. Hunt.

Mohawk—Pte. C. H. Janes.

Hibernia—Sergt. E. Channon; Corpl. V. G. Croad; Ptes. C. Wilson, W. Russell, A. J. Farrington, T. Mansfield, C. Byford, W. Dowdeswell, J. Sweeney, T. Blessington, W. Turner, J. Welsh, J. Campbell, P. A. McLean, J. McCusker, F. Perry.

Pearl—Sergt. J. Nolan; Corpl. R. A. Gray; Lce.-Corpl. T. Sanger; Bugler E. C. Ryall; Ptes. R. Humphries, J. Coster, R. Milton, J. McVitie, J. Mooney, J. M. Frudd, W. Sinclair, W. W. Bradford, J. Woodward, J. Lynch, T. Diaper, J. Sinclair, H. Cockram, C. R. Barttett, J. Leaventon.
Defiance—Ptes. J. B. Black, G. F. Stacey, H. V. Procter, S. W. Alley, A. Coles, F. Gibson, O. Caulfield, J. J. Jones, J. Carey.
Howe—Ptes. S. Neate, A. J. Newman, T. H. Coles, F. W. Warr, R. Brown, G. Cooper, G. Stewart, R. Holman, W. Green.
Cambridge—Sergt. G. A. Parsons; Ptes. A. Blackburn, S. Jackson, J. Barber, C. Jones, J. Ardagh, F. C. Sparkes, T. McMullin, J. Webb, W. J. Kelsey, J. Jenkins.
Albacore—Pte. T. Clifford.
Impregnable—Ptes. A. Livingstone, F. Holloway, J. Selby, J. H. Huggins, F. H. Bowman, R. Naysmith, F. C. Holt, J. Mooney, F. A. Norris, F. Tamer, E. Hills, T. Norsworthy, A. Longworth, C. Nurse, W. S. Adams, H. Fletcher, W. H. Gaherty, T. Harris.
Lion—Buglers W. Turner, G. W. H. Skinner; Ptes. W. Levendon, W. Rice, J. Radmore, W. Richards, R. J. Willey, J. Simpson, C. Packer, A. Barton, J. Stevenson, W. T. Hosegood, W. J. Mitchell, H. Brooks.
Devastation—Bugler F. Hearn; Ptes. G. F. Beckler, F. Brown, J. McCreesh, J. T. Wiltshire, M. Ferguson, W. J. Stevens, J. Sparkes.
Thunderer—Sergt. R. G. H. Denley; Ptes. T. Charles, W. Rogers, J. Crowdy, J. Brown, J. Adams, T. Farrington, J. Jones, C. Kennedy, J. Ranstey, H. J. Jennings.
Melampus—Ptes. E. Priddle, M. Boland.

Disembarked.

TO EASTNEY—

Camperdown—Capt. J. L. Homer.
Imperieuse—Gunr. W. Bruce.
Rupert—Gunr. W. J. King.
Hood—Corpl. W. R. Bryan; Gunr. G. Baker.
Inflexible—Gunr. H. Goodridge.
Rodney—Sergts. W. Connor, H. Hawkins; Gunrs. P. Butt, J. Webb, J. W. Taylor, A. S. Weston, J. M. Crawford, T. J. Dee, J. Bell, J. Crapnell, W. J. Martin, T. C. Beck, A. J. Harris, P. Gorman, W. A. Gale, W. J. Wright, J. Rowe, G. Harding, F. J. Blackett, P. J. Henley, T. Robson.
Edinburgh—Sergt. J. C. Banks.
Vivid—Sergt. J. Garthwaite.
Repulse—Gunrs. G. Summons.

TO CHATHAM—

Acorn—Sergt. H. Taylor; Bugler A. Green; Ptes. C. Holton, J. G Garraway, G. Stone, W. Mesler, W. Rogers, W. J. Carter, H. Waters, G. Robey, H. L. Ladd, C. J. Ward. J. Seymour, E. G. Perry, C. Selsby.
Pembroke—Sergt. L. Oakey; Bugler F. B. Baines; Corpls. G. Groves, J. Constable, R. Jordan, C. Weatherhead; Ptes. J. Jackson, H. Tickner, A. R. White' W. Cutting, H. S. Brown, J. Smith.
Endymion—Pte. D. W. Fanning.
Galatea—Corpl. W. G. Gibbons.

TO PORTSMOUTH—

Acorn—Ptes. J. J. Seymour, J. Bundy.
Alexandra—Pte. R. Dove.
Australia—Corpl. G. F. Davis; Ptes. W. S. Layland, G. Paxton.
Barfleur—Pte. M. Buxton.
Excellent—Pte. T. White.
Edinburgh—Pte. J. W. Evans, W. Godley, H. Shorter.
Hibernia—Ptes. C. Taylor, E. T. Robinson, L. J. Smith.
Indefatigable—Pte. F. Holmes.
Minotaur—Pte. G. Akins.
Narcissus—Pte. E. H. Wilkinson.
Powerful—Corpl. F. W. Hankin.
Research—Pte. T. Fletcher.
Rodney—Pte. W. T. Gale.
Royal Oak—Pte. J. R. Smyth.
Racoon—Pte. T. Dodsworth.
Ramillies—Ptes. G. Smith. G. Baltan, H. Gilbert.
Sybille—Pte. T. B. McCarthy.
Victory—Corpls. E. Turrell, F. C. Staples; Ptes. G. H. Campion, H. R. Leggett, H. G. Whiting, G. W. Thomas, H. Bauster, J. Laker, W. J. Costello.

TO PLYMOUTH—

Impregnable—Ptes. J. Thomas, A. Taylor, T. Charles, A. Westcott, J. Gammon.
Galatea—Pte. J. Daubert.
Cambridge—Pte. W. J. Barnard.
Hibernia—Corpl. A. Cornish; Pte. H. M. Davies.
Racoon—Lce.-Srgt. R. W. Hunt; Crpl. A. Perris; Bugler E. Milton; Ptes. E. Bowstead, A. Cox, F. W. Barker, W. Marshall, F. Mosley, A. Whiston, A. W. Vines, M. Wilson, J. Crossley, A. Taylor, H. Hope, C. E. Parker, J. Lightfoot, G. Dixon.
Astrea—Pte. R. Latham.
Collingwood—Pte. A. J. Bellamy.
Defiance—Bugler J. H. Gillam; Pte. F. W. Strange.
Lion—Ptes. P. Smith, J. Kelly.
Undaunted—Pte. R. Hayburn.
Rodney—Major C. J. Brittan; Ptes. A. Brandham, H. Yarwood, J. H. Button.
Blake—Bugler W. J. Flannaghan; Ptes. G. Archer, W. S. Enson, H. J. Bradfield, H. G. Dougherty, J. Perry, F. P. Seldon, P. Lyndon, E. J. Hack, G. Danks, G. Hardinge, W. Roberts, E. Hunt, E. Lofts, R. Hill, E. Marsh, W. Keyte, T. W. Cadwallader, E. Summerton.
Vivid—Ptes. H. T. Davey, W. Balshaw, F. J. Harwood, C. Westley, F. Hunt, A. J. Newman, T. H. Coles, F. W. Warr, W. Osborne, A. Coles, G. F. Stacey, R. C. Brown, G. Cooper, W. J. Lewis, H. Phase, F. Clake, W. Dallen, W. Gibbons, J. Tonkiss; Corpls. R. A. Gray, J. Sparkes, F. M. Worters.
Thunderer—Ptes. G. Stewart, W. Heyward, J. B. Black, J. Minton, R. Humphries.
Lapwing—Pte. H. Maloney.

Moves.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have also been pleased to approve of Capt. C. Clarke and Capt. Frank T. Phillips, R.M.L.I., joining the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, for a course of study during the forthcoming session.

Lieut. A. S. Morse (Plymouth) to School of Military Engineering, Chatham, for course of instruction.

CHATHAM—

Sergt. J. Murphy, C. Hollands, F. Sewell to School of Gunnery, Sheerness
Sergt. J. Benson from London.

PLYMOUTH—

Col.-Sergt. L. F. Hawkins to Recruiting, Bristol.
Sergt. H. T. Davey to Recruiting, Birmingham.

Christmas Cards.

Miss Julia Fraser is preparing a design for Corps Christmas Cards which we hope will meet with the approval of the Corps generally. The cover is formed of a waving Union Jack with the Corps badge and date printed on the centre. Some appropriate verses composed by Miss Fraser are on the inside, making a very good and complete Corps card. The price will be about 6d.

Notice = Blue Wrappers.

☞ When the *Globe and Laurel* is enclosed in a Blue Wrapper, it signifies that the Subscription has Expired.

Athletics.

We publish with pleasure the success of our athletes at the Army and Navy Athletic Meeting, held at Portsmouth, on the 14th and 16th of August—

Quarter-Mile, N.C. Officers, army—1st, Lce.-Sgt. Newman.
Hurdle Race, army—2nd, Staff-Sergt. Carter.
Half-Mile, army—2nd, Pte. Stevens.
Quarter-Mile, navy—3rd, Bugler Way (*St. Vincent*)
100 yards Veterans', army – 1st, Staff-Srgt. Carter; 2nd, Pte. Stafford.
100 yards Staff-Sergts and Sergts., Chief and 1st Class Petty Officers—2nd, Staff-Sergt. Carter.
1 Mile, navy—3rd, Bugler Way (*St. Vincent*).
Bayonet Exercise Competition—2nd, R.M.L.I. (Forton)
Physical Drill Competition—3rd, ,, ,,
Officers' Donkey Race—2nd, Mr. Lees.

Swimming.

At the Garrison Swimming Races, held at Southsea, on 25th Aug., the following were successful—

Boys' Race—(2 lengths)—1st, Bugler Clark, R.M.L.I.; 2nd, Bugler Oakes, R.M.L.I.; 3rd, Bugler Mason, R.M.L.I.
Privates (2 lengths)—4th, Gunner Benton, R.M.A.
Sergeants and Corporals (2 lengths)—2nd, Sergt. B. Wolfe, R.M.L.I.; 3rd, Corporal Phillips, R,M.A.
Championship—4th, Atchinson, R.M.A.
Veterans' Race—2nd, Musician Lovett, R.M.L.I.
Long Dive—3rd, Bugler Allcroft, R.M.L.I.

Football.

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

The Portsmouth Division opened the football season on Saturday, September 11th, with a match against the Gosport Criterions, which resulted in a draw (2-2).

FORT MONCKTON *v.* R.M.L.I.—Played at Monckton, Wednesday, September 15th, and resulted—after a stubbornly contested game—in a draw.

ST. GEORGE'S *v.* R.M.L.I.—Played at Forton, on 18th September, and after a somewhat tame game, resulted in a win for the R.M.L.I. by 1 goal to nil.

15TH CO. R.A. *v.* R.M.L.I.—Played at Grange, on Wednesday, September 22nd. This match was the first match for the Marines in the "United Service League" for a cup presented by the proprietors of the *Hampshire Telegraph*, the late Fareham Irrepressibles winning by 3 goals to nil.

RIFLE DEPOT *v.* R.M.L.I.—Played at Forton, on Saturday, September 25th. The teams were pretty evenly matched, and after a very good game, the Rifles left the field victorious by 3 goals to 2. This was also a "United Service League" fixture.

The Editors beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions, etc., to 30th September, 1897:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Major Connolly ..	0	1	6	*Forton* ..	0	9	8
Sergt. H. Evans ..	0	2	6	Private Parker ..	0	1	6
Wanderer ..	0	1	4	*Pembroke* ..	0	12	0
Major Servante ..	0	2	0	*Victory* ..	0	14	0
Staff-Sergt. Lilly ..	0	1	9	*Eclipse* ..	0	6	0
Mr. Heath ..	0	0	9	*Sheerness* ..	0	3	6
Private Riches ..	0	1	11	*Alexandra* ..	0	6	8
Lance-Sergt. Sparks	0	1	6	Mrs. Nelson ..	0	1	6
Private Lee ..	0	1	6	Gen. Munro ..	0	2	6
Private Rugan ..	0	1	6	*Mersey* ..	0	4	0
Miss Ellenden ..	0	0	9	Mr. Pearce ..	0	0	6
Staft-Sergt. Lane ..	0	1	6	*Galatea* ..	0	1	4
Australia ..	0	5	6	*Tartar* ..	0	3	0
Mr. A. Allen ..	0	1	0	Sergt. Guerin ..	0	3	6
Mr. Hill ..	0	0	9	*Ascension* ..	1	15	7½
Miss O'Hagan ..	0	2	0	Mr. Andrews ..	0	1	6
Mr. Hern ..	0	1	6	Private Fairbrother..	0	1	6
Mr. Shingles ..	0	0	3	R.N.P.O.Home, Bermuda	0	1	6
Mr. Lee ..	0	1	6	Mr. F. Hewland ..	0	1	6
Benbow ..	0	3	0	Mr. T. Allard ..	0	1	6
Swallow ..	0	3	0	Sergt.-Maj. Mearles..	0	8	4
Mr. G. Miller ..	0	1	6				

Royal Marine Sports.

PLYMOUTH DIVISION.

THE annual sports were held on the spacious parade ground on September 17th, under favourable conditions. There was a large multitude of general spectators outside the ropes, and inside the officers' enclosure and on the verandahs there was a fashionable concourse. There was an energetic committee, comprising the following:—Referee, Lieutenant-Colonel Bridge; judges, Major Clavell, Captain Scott, Lieutenant Houghton; starters, Major Denny, Captain Crowther, Lieutenant Scott; clerks of the course, Captain Bendyshe, Lieutenant Hood, Lieutenant Christie, Lieutenant and Quartermaster Clarke, who were assisted by the following sub-committee:—Handicappers, Sergeants-Major Blacker and Perry, Schoolmaster Westaway, Quartermaster-Sergeant McRae, Staff-Sergeants Martin and Thakeray, 1st-Sergeant-Instructor Skinner, Colour Sergeants Shellem and Bate, Drum-Major Cockayne, Sergeant Cook and Sergeant Partridge. Considerable interest was manifested in the events as they were competed for, and the competition in most cases was keen and sportsmanlike. The excitement attendant upon such occasions was not permitted to abate by long intervals being allowed between each event, but racing succeeded jumping, and plenty of fun being provided. The band of the Welsh Regiment, under the direction of Mr. J. W. Monk, discoursed appropriate selections.

High Jump.—1st Bentley, 2nd Saunders.

100 yards race in heats, rank-and-file.—1st, Masterman, 2nd Kelley, 3rd Dalling.

Drummers' race, about 200 yards, handicap.—1st Dominy, 2nd Biggs, 3rd Hayes.

Veterans' race, 220 yards, handicap, N.C. officers and men over 18 years' service. – 1st Maxwell, 2nd Conway, 3rd Kenniston.

440 yards race (Sergeants).—1st Marsh, 2nd Parsons, 3rd Thorn.

440 yards race (rank-and-file).—1st Masterman, 2nd Keeley, 3rd Kemp.

Band race, 100 yards handicap; competitors to carry instruments.—1st Wills (drum), 2nd Blight (triangle), 3rd Higgs (trombone), 4th Greenfield (piccolo).

Officers' race, 100 yards.—1st Lieutenant Christie, 2nd Captain Crowther, 3rd Lieutenant Hood.

Company Tug-of-War, 10 aside.—1st D Co., 2nd A Co., 3rd B Co.

One mile race, open to navy and garrison.—1st Knott, 2nd Tugwell, 3rd Maxwell.

Sack race, 100 yards, to start lying down.—1st Bulley, 2nd Bentley, 3rd Hamilton and Higgs (tied).

Egg and Spoon race with lighted pipes.—1st Dalling, 2nd Mitchell, 3rd Hamilton.

Tilting at the Ring.—1st Warren, 2nd Blackler, 3rd Martin.

100 yards race (N.C. officers).—1st Camp, 2nd Marsh, 3rd Keeley.

Reveille race.—1st Pte. Bulley, 2nd Pte. Osborne, 3rd Pte Harris.

Obstacle race (N.C. Officers and men).—1st Bentley, 2nd Keeley, 3rd Hamilton.

Officers' menagerie race.—1st Major Denny, 2nd Captain Crowther, 3rd Lieutenant Laurie.

Officers' 120 yards handicap.—1st Captain Crowther, 2nd Major Denny, 3rd Major Plumbe.

Half-mile race.—1st Tugwell, 2nd Maxwell, 3rd Kenniston.

One mile race (ten starters).—1st Tugwell, 2nd Maxwell, 3rd Kenniston.

Officers' Tug-of-War, married *v.* single.—The following team, comprised of married officers, won: Majors Denny and Cotter, Captain Scott, Colonel Corbett, Captain Cox, Major Plumbe, Major Clavell, Surgeon Renfold, R.N..

Boot race.—1st Warren, 2nd Bulley, 3rd Haynes.

Tug-of-War, twelve a-side, open to army and navy.—1st Barrack Team, R.M.L.I.; 2nd Royal Artillery Team.

Race for Officers' Children.—Girls: 1st Miss O'Grady, 2nd Miss Denny, 3rd Miss Exham. Boys: 1st Exham, 2nd Thomas, 3rd Denny.

220 yards race for Bandsmen of the Welsh Regiment.—1st Shell, 2nd Clear, 3rd Hammond.

Consolation race.—1st Frost, 2nd Williams, 3rd Griffiths.

Mrs. Rose, wife of Colonel-Commandant Rose, R.M.L.I., presented the prizes at the conclusion of the sports.

"You, too, will some day return to the world—to honour, and fame, and friends, and—best of all—the love of a true woman. Yet here at your post the good fight must first be fought out to the bitter end, and surely each day is bringing you nearer to victory!"

"Then to you, Sister Hilda, my guardian angel, I shall owe my salvation. For it was your hand which stayed me as I tottered on the brink of the precipice, and which has daily drawn me farther back from destruction."

For a second time he raised her fingers to his lips, and, with a heart too full for further words, quitted the Consulate.

Twelve glaring, steaming, wicked West Coast days had crawled by, when Sieveking sprang from the deck of the crazy coaster upon the rotting pier beneath the Consulate. Owing to his admirable tact and diplomacy his mission had been crowned with signal success, and he was home again two days earlier at least than he had anticipated. Yet, try as he would to feel elated, his heart lay like lead within him, and he found himself shunning the gaze of the German Vice-Consul, who, goggles and all, had come to meet him.

"'Evening, Richter," he said, with a transparent assumption of carelessness that a child would have seen through, "er—what a beautiful day we've had!"

Seeing that they had had 364 precisely similar days in the last twelve months, the Teuton merely groaned.

"All well up yonder?" Sieveking yawned ostentatiously behind his hand.

"All is well—mit der yoong boy."

Something in his voice made the other look up. "And Sister Hilda?" he asked sharply, his assumed indifference gone in a moment.

"Die Fraulein——" began the German, and then stopped. "Mein Gott!" he went on, turning aside, "I gannot dell him."

"Speak out, you damned fool," shouted Sieveking, "and don't stand there muttering like a prize idiot, for God sake! What of—her?"

"She died of the fefer last night. I haf from her without-benefit-of-clergy-funeral joost arrifed."

For one moment Sieveking dully wondered whether electrically executed criminals, whose cases have been bungled, ever feel as he did then. The next instant he was shaking the stolid German by the scruff of the neck as a terrier does a rat.

"You thick-headed, useless ullage," he hissed, "you let her die—that angel who came into this hell of ours to save—ah! no, Richter, you did your best, I know; I don't mean what I'm saying." He buried his face in his hands.

"Where have you laid her?" he asked presently.

"Glose unter die balings in der nord gorner," said the Vice-Consul gently.

In the solemn evening hour, when the insect murmur and the bird music of the tropical forest were hushed, and the sunset blaze had died to a crimson glow behind the undergrowth, Sieveking the Consul lay face downwards upon the white sand in the little cemetery. A deep sob every now and then shook the gaunt frame, but, so still did he lie meanwhiles, and for so long a time, that the little bright-eyed lizards ran to and fro across him without fear. At length he rose, and the man of eight-and-thirty, who had of late begun to renew his youth, again looked fifty.

But there were signs of a fixed purpose in the swollen eyes and in the firm, quick step with which he left the cemetery. The little coaster, in which he had arrived that afternoon, sailed at midnight on her return trip; and, in spite of his utter weariness of mind and body, the Consul went with her. For, during the time he had lain upon the sand, his stricken brain had conceived an idea which he was feverishly anxious to put into execution. On his arrival next evening at his destination, he sought out a certain missionary clergyman of the Church of England—the only one in many hundred square miles—and preferred to him a strange request. So strange was it, and so trivial the object begged for—he would, moreover, give no reason for his conduct—that the good minister set him down as hopelessly insane. Nevertheless, he furnished him with his heart's desire, and Sieveking bore it back to the Consulate with as much reverence and care as though it had been some priceless relic.

His first act on reaching home was to write on half a sheet of his black-edged notepaper the simple name HILDA, with the date of her death and the text—

"Her sun is gone down while it was yet day."

Then he tenderly unwrapped the thing he had journeyed so far to obtain, and lo! it was a small, empty black bottle, labelled "Lachrymae Christi" (Tears of Christ), which had held the sacramental wine. Surely, reasoned the madman, such a bottle could never profane the resting place of his beloved, and bottles he was as firmly convinced as ever were the best means of marking out his jungle cemetery. So he placed his tear-blotted epitaph where the "Tears of Christ" had been, carefully sealing it up; and in the mellow African moonlight, when the silence of the forest was profound, he set it in the sand at the head of the sleeping woman, who for a few brief weeks had saved him from himself.

And with it he buried all hope of salvation in this life. For, on the morrow, Sieveking the Consul was too drunk to rise from his bed.

Boxing.

ARMY AND NAVY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

OFFICERS. HEAVY WEIGHT (any weight). SEPT. 28th. FIRST SERIES.—Lieut. J. P. Shine (Royal Marine Light Infantry) beat Lieut. G. R. Taylour (2nd Royal Warwickshire Regiment). Taylour, who stands over 6 feet, led short at the head, but Shine twice landed on the face without a return. The Royal Marine followed this up with some straight "jabs" on the face, with the result that the first round ended slightly in his favour. Coming together again, Shine bustled his rival about, and scored freely. Then Taylour, pulling himself together, more than held his own, but Shine was having the best of it at the call of time. The third round was full of hard work. Once Taylour cornered his opponent, and pasted him freely, but Shine was always busy. The judges having disagreed, Shine got the award of the referee,

MIDDLE WEIGHT (11-st. 4-lb. and under). FIRST SERIES.—Capt. H. M. Graham (Royal Marine Light Infantry) beat Second-Lieut. R. H. C. Miers (2nd Somersetshire Light Infantry). The first named bustled his rival about from the call of time, and in less than half-a-minute Miers was fought down. Graham continued to do almost as he liked, and just before the end of the round, Miers was upset and beaten.

FINALS, 29th SEPT.—A decided improvement was noticeable in both the attendance and the sport at Aldershot, yesterday, when the championships, open to members of the Army and the Navy, were brought to a successful termination. If not quite so lengthy as on the opening day, the programme was full of good and exciting bouts; in fact, there was enough boxing to satisfy the greatest admirer of this popular and health giving sport. The building too, large and commodious as it is, was filled, and the doings of the competitors, who fought out the heats with dogged determination and pluck, created a very large amount of enthusiasm. Taken all round, the form shown was quite up to the average, and previous winners would have found all their work cut out to repeat victories gained in the past. This refers to the four weights open to the men, as in the competitions confined to officers. Capt. H. M. Graham (Royal Marine Light Infantry), as predicted in yesterday's *Sportsman*, for the second time took the middle and the light-weight trophies. The last event proved a bloodless victory, owing to the absence of Lieut. G. C. D. Masterson (Army Service Corps). In the middles, however, Capt. Graham had to do all he knew against Capt, J. M. Harrison (Army Service Corps). The last named was nearly a head taller and something like a stone heavier than his rival, and a very powerful man to boot. Cleverness and generalship were, however, on the side of Capt. Graham, who, showing less of the wildness usually associated with his boxing, fairly wore his bigger opponent down. It was a tremendous battle, in which both showed pluck and grit of the highest order, and the loser a wonderful capacity for taking punishment. The heavy-weight fell to Lieut. J. P. Shine (Royal Marine Light Infantry), who beat in the final Capt. N. J. Goodwyn (2nd Devonshire Regiment). Besides having youth on his side, Lieut. Shine was the better boxer, and his heavy hitting with the right hand paved the way in the first round for ultimate victory, which, however, his opponent did not lose for lack of gameness.—*Sportsman.*

Cricket.

R.M.A. *v.* Westbourne.

Played at Westbourne, 30th August, and won by 78 runs.

R.M.A.		Westbourne.	
Second-Lieut. P. A. Hankey, b Scott	25	Mr. C. Pescod, b Trotman	12
Second-Lieut. C. T. Fisher, c Stilwell, b Pescod	3	Mr. G. Stilwell, b Foster	16
Second-Lieut. F. Trotman, b Pescod	22	Mr. J. Moor, b Foster	11
Capt. E. P. Brittan, c Moor, b Farlow	32	Mr. S. W. Scott, c Bendall, b Longhurst	0
Gunner Longhurst, b Farlow	6	Mr. H. Farlow, b Foster	4
Second-Lieut. R. Foster, c Lee, b Scott	11	Mr. A. Neate, b Longhurst	0
Second-Lieut. W. E. Harding, b Pescod	13	Mr. C. Hastings, not out	7
Major W. J. Gaitskell, not out	11	Mr. M. Farlow, b Foster	4
Bombdr. Reynolds, b Pescod	0	Mr A. Farlow, b. Foster	0
Gunner Bendall, c Stilwell, b Scott	4	Mr. J. Lee, run out	1
Major F. G. Kappey, st Moor, b Scott	6	Mr. R. Coomber, b Longhurst	2
Extras	9	Extras	7
Total	142	Total	64

R.A. *v.* R.M.L.I. (Portsmouth).

Played on the U.S. Ground, on August 30th.

R.M.L.I.		R.A.	
Sergt. Wigginton, b Harms	0	Lieut. Holbrooke, b Jackson	9
Private Sutcliffe, c Harms, b Morgan	35	C.Q.M.S, Morgan, c Jackson, b Sutcliffe	1
Lieut. Reid, b Harms	4	Corpl. Harms, b Jackson	19
Lieut.-Col. Quill, c sub, b Morgan	14	Second-Lieut. McGhee, b Jackson	7
Captain Phillips, b Morgan	3	Capt. Campbell, b Jackson	19
Lieut. Headlam, b Harms	2	Gunner Sykes, b Jackson	1
Lieut. Stopford, b Harms	14	Lieut. Morris, b Jackson	0
Lieut. Hutchinson, b Morgan	0	Second-Lt. Wynn, b Jackson	0
Lieut. Clark, not out	5	Second-Lieut. Gardner, c Sutcliffe, b Jackson	2
Sgt. Broster, c sub, b Morgan	9	Second-Lieut. Sutton-Jones, b Jackson	2
Lce.-Cpl. Jackson, c Harms, b Morgan	4	Bombardier Brewitt, not out	13
Extras	8	Extras	1
Total	98	Total	74

Second Innings.—Lieut.-Col. Quill, not out, 34; Lieut. Clark, run out, 4; Private Sutcliffe, c Campbell, b Harms, 48. Extras, 1. Total, 87.

Royal Marines *v.* Faversham

Royal Marines.		Faversham.	
Maj. Hadley, c Tassel, b Ware	5	C. Dixon, st. Tupman, b Douglas	6
Lt. Finlaison ,, ,,	13	S. Barron, b Bigge	58
Lt. Lewis ,, ,,	32	E. Rooke, b Finlaison	22
Lt Tupman, b Rooke	89	H. Barnes, ,,	11
Capt. Bell Smyth, c Dixon, b Ware	28	A. P. Neame, b Bell Smyth	9
Lt. Douglas, b Rooke	19	E. W. Sutton. b Bigge	9
Cpt. Bigge, c Tassell, b Neame	68	A. Neame, b Finlaison	13
Maj. Peille, c Barrow, b Neame	7	E. G. Ware, ,,	5
Lt. Miller, not out	37	G. Tassel, ,,	5
Lt.-Col. Newington, c Barnes, b Rooke	9	F. S. Neame, not out	10
Lt. Strouts, not out	9	W. Johnson, b Finlaison	0
Extras	27	Extras	22
Innings declared closed.			
Total (9 wickets)	343	Total	170

R.M.A. Cricket Averages—1897.

Played 19 matches. Won 7. Lost 8. Drawn 4.

Bowling Averages

	Inns.	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Aver.
Captain G. N. A. Harris	10	102	27	270	25	10·80
Sergeant Gaubert	18	282	67	697	64	10·89
Gunner Longhurst	9	72	17	198	17	11·64
Captain E. P. Brittan	8	50	6	173	14	12·35
2nd Lieut. N. F. Trotman	9	104	20	278	16	17·37
Gunner Bendall	7	56	7	145	8	18·12
Captain A. H. Cox	7	55	13	150	8	18·75
Captain C. L. Brooke	14	192	34	548	28	19·57

The following also bowled:—In 4 innings—2nd Lieut. C. T. Fisher (23, 3, 58, 2); Major W. J. Gaitskell (26, 5, 83, 2). In 3 innings—2nd Lieut. R. Foster (39, 8, 78, 9); Captain F. L. Dibblee (9, 2, 32, 1). In 2 innings—Major A. G. Tatham (8, 2, 22, 1). In 1 innings—Col.-Sergt. Ellis (1. 0, 3, 0).

Batting Averages.

	Inns.	Times not out	Total runs	Most in inns.	Aver.
2nd Lieut. N. F. Trotman	9	0	203	51	22·55
Major W. J. Gaitskell	8	4	84	*26	21·00
Captain A. H. Cox	14	0	284	66	20·28
Captain E. P. Brittan	17	0	344	69	20·23
Major A. Orford	7	2	85	39	17.00
Gunner Longhurst	16	3	217	*39	16·69
Captain F. L. Dibblee	18	1	248	39	14·59
2nd Lieut. C. T. Fisher	10	1	121	35	13·44
2nd Lieut. M. P. A. Hankey	10	1	119	*30	13·22
Gunner Bendall	9	2	88	36	12·57
Major A. G. Tatham	13	0	103	41	7·92
Sergeant Gaubert	10	3	54	*23	7·71
Bombardier Reynolds	6	0	45	22	7·50
Captain E. Henderson	11	5	38	*13	6·33
Captain C. L. Brooke	12	2	57	*15	5·70

(*) Signifies "not out."

The following also batted:—Captain G. N. A. Harris (*9, 5, 20, 0 and 10); 2nd Lieut. E. W. Harding (2, 0, 13, 4 and 9); Captain P. Peacock (9, 0, 0, 11 and 4); 2nd Lieut. R. Foster (16, 11 and 28); Captain J. M. Rose (4, 5 and 1); Captain C. L. N. Bishop (44 and 26); Color-Sergt. Ellis (0 and 19); Captain Phillipps (30); Major W. F. Trotter (21); Major F. G. Kappey (6); Sergt. G. Turner (3); Surgeon J. Andrews (1); and Corpl. Lodder (0).

Batting Averages, Depot Cricket Club, 1897.

Matches Won—3; Drawn—3; Lost—15.

Batsmen.	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Total Runs.	Most in Innings.	Average.
Captain Coke	15	2	394	68	30·4
Sergt. Brown	14	3	297	102*	27·0
Major Raitt	9	0	239	60	26·5
Captain Binney	13	1	239	34	19·7
Mr. Keightley	9	1	132	48	16·5
Doctor Browne	23	5	241	30	13·7
Lieut. Shine	25	0	289	34	11·5
Captain Palmer	17	1	135	24	9·0
Sergt. Ellingham	11	2	71	24	7·9
Major Percy	18	0	107	20	5·9
Lieut. Cator	11	4	22	10	3·1
Sergt. Scougall	10	2	31	10	3·8

Captain Saumerez in seven innings averaged 6·3.

Captain Urmston in seven innings averaged 21·2.

Private Durham in four innings averaged 26·2.

*Not out.

R.M.L.I. (Chatham) *v.* Royal Warwicks.

This match was played on the 21st July, and ended in a draw. The chief feature being the long stand made by Lieut. Finlaison and Pte. Sykes, who added 241 runs for the 3rd wicket.

Lieut. Finlaison, 133; Pte. Sykes (not out) 108.

Shooting.

CHATHAM DIVISION.

The annual shoot known as "Carter's Day" took place among the members of the Sergeants' Mess, at Milton Rifle Ranges, on Wednesday, September 15th. This competition was started many years ago, when Messrs. Owen J. Carter & Co presented a valuable silver cup for competition, to be shot for annually, and since then other gentlemen have also given prizes each year. A goodly number of marksmen visited the ranges, and as the conditions were favourable, some capital scores were made. The winner was found in Sergt. Braybrook, who had the splendid total of 97 points. The scores were as under :—

Name	*200 yds.*	*500 yds.*	*600 yds.*	*Total*
Sergt. H. G. Braybrook ..	32	33	32	97
Staff-Sergt. C. Lane ..	32	33	31	96
Clr.-Sergt. H. Andrews ..	31	33	31	95
Q.-M.-S. Young	29	32	31	92
Sergt. M. Mahoney ..	30	26	34	90
,, F. Hawes	30	29	31	90
,, W. E. Scott ..	29	26	31	86
Sergt.-Major Kelly ..	34	27	24	85
Sergt. Challis	30	33	22	85
Sergt.-Major Snelling ..	29	24	28	81
Sergt. Parish	28	29	24	81
Clr.-Sergt. Jenkinson ..	33	29	19	81
,, Hammond ..	30	27	23	80
Pro.-Sergt. Ray	27	33	20	80
Sergt. Leach	29	29	21	79
Clr.-Sergt. Croombes ..	26	30	22	78
Sergt. J. Furse	24	28	22	74
,, E. R. Smith ..	29	26	19	74
,, Benson	24	27	22	73
,, Hone	24	27	12	63
,, Pamplin	24	26	12	62
,, Murphy	26	10	23	59

Prize List—R.M. Depot Rifle Meeting,

3RD AND 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1897.

W.O's., STAFF-SERGEANTS AND SERGEANTS.

Name	*Score*	*£*	*s.*	*d.*	*Name*	*Score*	*£*	*s.*	*d.*
S.-Sergt. Hill ..	95	1	0	0	L.-Sergt. Saunders	86	0	5	0
Cr.-Sergt. Richards	94	0	15	0	Sergt. Sampson ..	85	0	3	0
S.-Sergt. Jolley ..	92	0	10	0	,, Silliloe ..	85	0	3	0
Sergt. Pearson ..	91	0	10	0	S.-Sergt. Sullivan..	83	0	3	0
,, Sugden ..	91	0	10	0	Sergt. Churchard .	83	0	3	0
,, Burgis ..	90	0	10	0	,, Hale ..	83	0	3	0
,, Holloway	90	0	5	0	,, Vernon ..	79	0	3	0
Cr.-Sergt. Freeman	90	0	5	0	,, Sommers ..	79	0	3	0
,, Elliott ..	89	0	5	0	,, Champ ..	79	0	3	0
,, Rayworth	88	0	5	0	L.-Sergt. Paynter..	78	0	3	0
,, Williams	87	0	5	0	,, Rutherford	78	0	3	0
,, Coombes	87	0	5	0	Sergt. Fish ..	78	0	3	0
S.-M. House ..	86	0	5	0	,, Currie ..	77	0	3	0

JUNIOR N.C.O's. AND OLD SOLDIERS.

Name	*Score*	*£*	*s.*	*d.*	*Name*	*Score*	*£*	*s.*	*d.*
Bombr. Lines ..	89	1	0	0	Corpl. Mann ..	75	0	2	6
Corpl. McGowan ..	82	0	15	6	Pte. Burns ..	74	0	2	6
,, Bell ..	80	0	8	0	,, Wood ..	73	0	2	6
L.-Corpl. Gordon..	80	0	8	0	,, Burley ..	72	0	2	6
Pte. Davis ..	80	0	5	0	Corpl. Colwell ..	71	0	2	6
,, Berry ..	80	0	5	0	,, Snow ..	71	0	2	6
,, Smith ..	79	0	5	0	Gnr. Holden ..	71	0	2	6
Gnr. Handley ..	79	0	5	0	Pte. Evans ..	70	0	2	6
Pte. Pearcy ..	78	0	5	0	Corpl. McFarlane	70	0	2	6
Corpl. Stanley ..	78	0	5	0	Pte. Edgecock ..	70	0	2	6
,, Sampson ..	78	0	5	0	,, Jackson ..	70	0	2	6
Pte. Scarfe ..	76	0	5	0	,, Hall ..	69	0	2	6

RANGE PRIZES.—200 YARDS.

W.O's., S.-SERGTS. & SERGTS.					JUNIOR N.C.O's. & OLD SOLDIERS				
Sergt. Peaty ..	32	0	5	0	Corpl. Sampson ..	30	0	5	0
,, Pearson ..	32	0	2	6	Gnr. Hindley ..	30	0	2	6
S.-Sergt. Hill ..	31	0	2	6	Bombr. Lines ..	30	0	2	6

500 YARDS.

Cl.-Sergt. Richards	35	0	3	9	Corpl. McGowan ..	33	0	5	0
,, Sugden..	35	0	3	9	,, Stanley ..	32	0	2	6
S.-Sergt. Jolley ..	34	0	2	6	Bombr. Lines ..	31	0	2	6

600 YARDS.

S.-Sergt. Sullivan..	32	0	5	0	Pte. Pearcey ..	30	0	5	0
,, Hill ..	32	0	2	6	Corpl. Bell ..	30	0	2	6
Sergt. Rayworth ..	32	0	2	6	Pte. Smith ..	29	0	2	6

RECRUITS COMPETITION.

Pte. Phillmore ..	28	0	10	6	Pte. Howard ..	23	0	2	0
,, Brown ..	27	0	5	0	,, Parkinson ..	23	0	1	0
,, Baker ..	25	0	5	0	,, Milan ..	23	0	1	0
,, Maughan ..	25	0	2	6	,, Ford ..	23	0	1	0
,, Campbell ..	24	0	2	6	,, Moore ..	23	0	1	0
,, Harris ..	24	0	2	0	,, Edwards ..	23	0	1	0
,, Blines ..	23	0	2	0					

COMPANY COMPETITION.

E Company ..	23	2	2	0	C Company ..	17	1	1	0

RIFLE AGGREGATE—800 YARDS.

Sergt. Sugden ..	125	1	0	0	Sergt. Coombes ..	104	0	5	0
and Field Glasses.					S.-Sgt. Sullivan ..	101	0	5	0
S.-Sergt. Hill ..	125	0	15	0	Sergt. Champ ..	100	0	5	0
and Clock.					,, Hale ..	99	0	5	0
,, Jolley ..	122	0	15	0	,, Vernon ..	98	0	2	6
and Travelling Bag.					Corpl. McGowan	98	0	2	6
Sergt. Burgis ..	120	0	10	0	Sergt. Churchard	96	0	2	6
Cl.-Sgt. Richards	120	0	10	0	Pte. Davis ..	95	0	2	6
,, Freeman	118	0	10	0	,, Berry ..	93	0	2	6
S.-Major House ..	116	0	10	0	Gnr. Hendley ..	91	0	2	6
Sergt. Pearson ..	115	0	10	0	Sergt. Sampson ..	89	0	2	6
,, Holloway ..	113	0	5	0	Bombr. Lines ..	89	0	2	6
Cl.-Sgt. Williams	111	0	5	0	Pte. Smith ..	85	0	2	6
Sergt. Elliott ..	111	0	5	0	L.-Corpl. Gordon	80	0	2	6
,, Rayworth	109	0	5	0	Corpl. Bell ..	80	0	2	6
,, Sillitoe ..	108	0	5	0	Sergt. Sommers ..	79	0	2	6
L.-Sgt. Saunders..	104	0	5	0					

REVOLVER COMPETITION.

Name	*Score*	*Prize*
Lieut. Doig ..	49 ..	Travelling Bag
S.-Sergt. Jolley ..	47 ..	Field Glasses
,, Sullivan ..	46 ..	Biscuit Box

LADIES' COMPETITION.

Mrs. LaCoste ..	27 ..	Silver Waist Buckle
Miss Wylde ..	25 ..	Silver Sweet Tray
Mrs. Connolly ..	21 ..	,, ,,

MUSKETRY INSTRUCTOR'S PRIZES.

		£	*s.*	*d.*
S.-Sergt. Hill ..	95 ..	1	0	0
Clr.-Sergt. Richards ..	94 ..	0	15	0
,, Pearson ..	92 ..	0	10	0
,, Burgis ..	90 ..	0	5	0

The Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha's Challenge Cup.

The match for the magnificent Challenge Cup, which has been presented to the Royal Marine Rifle Association by our Honorary Colonel, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, took place on Ash Ranges, Aldershot, on September 10th, and, after a close struggle, resulted in a win for the Portsmouth Division R.M.L.I. Appended below are the scores of the teams which competed.

FIRST PLACE—PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

Captain of Team—Capt. Collard, R.M.L.I.

Rank and Name.	*Distance.*			*Total.*
	200	*500*	*600*	
Sergeant Finlayson	32	32	34	98
Lieutenant Tucker	33	34	31	98
Captain Collard	29	33	29	91
Private Lea	29	31	30	90
Staff-Sergeant Hayward ..	30	32	25	87
Private Willcock	29	21	29	86
Private Ford	32	26	28	86
Private Sawyer	22	23	20	65
Totals	236	239	226	701

Average—87·62.

SECOND PLACE—R.M.A. DIVISION.

Captain of Team—Major Kappey, R.M.A.

Rank and Name.	*Distance.*			*Total.*
	200	*500*	*600*	
Sergeant-Major Baker ..	81	33	34	98
Staff-Sergeant Foley ..	31	33	31	95
Sergeant-Instructor Simms ..	29	30	32	91
Bombardier Roost ..	26	30	31	87
Gunner Johnstone	28	33	25	86
Bombardier Mead	31	29	24	84
Sergeant-Major Rodway ..	32	25	22	79
Gunner Allen	25	30	21	76
Totals	233	243	220	696

Average—87.

Pte. Lea. Pte. Ford. Sergt. Finlayson. Pte. Willcock. Pte. Stark (*waiting man*). Pte. Sawyer.



Staff-Sergt. Hayward. Capt. Collard (*captain of team*). Lieut. Tucker. Col.-Sergt. Robotham (*waiting man*).

Winners of H.R.H. The Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha's Challenge Cup.
The Portsmouth Division Royal Marine Light Infantry.

THIRD PLACE—CHATHAM DIVISION.

Captain of Team—Captain Tupman, R.M.L.I.

Rank and Name.	*Distance.*			*Total.*
	200	*500*	*600*	
Color-Sergeant Lane ..	31	30	34	95
Sergeant Scott	30	30	30	90
Sergeant Braybrooke ..	30	31	29	90
Color-Sergeant Andrews ..	26	29	23	78
Lieutenant Baker	29	24	22	75
Private Collins	29	29	17	75
Private Bishop	27	14	26	67
Private Danton	31	23	6	60
Totals	233	210	187	630

Average—78·75.

FOURTH PLACE—DEPOT.

Captain of Team—Staff-Sergeant Hill, R.M.L.I.

Rank and Name.	*Distance.*			*Total.*
	200	*500*	*600*	
Sergeant Pearson	29	33	28	90
Staff-Sergeant Hill	32	28	29	89
Sergeant Burgis	30	25	29	84
Colour-Sergeant Richards ..	27	19	29	75
Private Walters	25	17	20	62
Private Provis	27	26	9	62
Private Allen	20	22	18	60
Private Cawse	22	18	9	49
Totals	212	188	171	571

Average—71·37.

Range Officers—Major Oldfield and Lieutenant Clark.

The R.M.A. annual competition for the Company Challenge Cup took place at Fort Cumberland on the 26th August, under very unfavourable conditions, the weather being so bad that the shooting at 600 yards had to be suspended until next day.

The composition of the teams was two of any rank and two gunners or privates, one of whom to be a recruit under 3 years' service.

At the conclusion of the competition the prizes were presented by Colonel Commandant F. H. Poore, R.M.A.

1st Prize, Cup and £3, D Coy., 307 points—Mus. Box, 87; Sergt. Sigrist, 83; Gnr. Doward, 71; Gnr. Woodward, 66.

2nd Prize, £1 10s., N Coy., 304 points—Sergt.-Instructor Simms, 96; Gnr. Warwick, 79; Sergt. Stevenson, 71; Gnr. Fallon, 58.

3rd Prize, £1, L Coy., 294 points—Corpl. Bowley, 78; Bmbr. Newman, 83; Pte. Schaffer, 71; Col.-Sergt. Burrage, 62.

4th Prize, £1, M Coy., 292 points—Staff-Sergt. Foley, 84; Sergt Simpson. 82; Bombr. Orridge, 64; Gnr. Freers, 62.

SERGEANTS' PRIZES.—1st. Prize, 10s., Sergt.-Instructor Simms, 96 points; 2nd Prize, 10s., Q.-M.-S. Graham, 85 points; 3rd Prize, 7s. 6d., Staff-Sergt. Foley, 84 points; 4th Prize, 5s., Sergt. Sigrist, 83 points.

RANK AND FILE PRIZES.—1st Prize, 10s., D Coy., Mus. Box, 87 points; 2nd Prize, 10s., L Coy., Bmbr. Newman, 83 points; 3rd Prize, 10s., N Coy., Gnr. Warwick, 79 points; 4th Prize, 7s. 6d., O Coy., Gnr. Joyce, 79 points; 5th Prize. 7s. 6d., L Coy., Corpl. Bowley, 78 points; 6th Prize, 7s. 6d., K Coy., Gnr. Allen, 76 points; 7th Prize, 6s., K Coy., Gnr. Blay, 73 points; 8th Prize, 6s., L Coy., Pte. Schaffer, 71 points; 9th Prize, 5s., D Coy., Gnr. Doward, 71 points; 10th Prize, 5s., H Coy., Gnr. Clayton, 69 points; 11th Prize, 4s., G Coy., Bmbr. Bent, 69 points; 12th Prize, 4s., P Coy., Pte. Sampson, 69 points.

AGGREGATE PRIZES (ALL RANKS).—1st Prize, 10s., N Coy., Sergt.-Instructor Simms, 96 points; 2nd Prize, 5s., D Coy., Mus. Box, 87.



The Challenge Cup presented to the Royal Marine Rifle Association by H.R.H. The Duke of Saxe-Cobourg and Gotha, K.G., K.T., etc.

At a recent meeting of the Divisional Shooting Club, the Committee resolved to purchase a *Silver Cup*, to be called the Company Challenge Cup, and to be competed for annually under the following conditions—

(*a*) Competitors must be Members of the Divisional Shooting Club.

(*b*) A Company may enter any number of teams.

(*c*) A Team to consist of two members, one of which must be below the rank of Lance-Sergeant.

(*d*) Distance, 200, 500, and 600 yards (Bisley Rules, 1897). The Cup to be kept in the Recreation Room; the winning team to have their names and the date placed on a shield. The winners will also receive 5/- each.

Births.

CROWTHER—On the 30th August, at 2, Priory Grove, The Boltons, S.W., the wife of Capt. J E. Crowther, R.M.L.I., of a daughter.

WILLIS—On the 27th August, at Chestnut Farm, Key Street, Kent, the wife of Major C. H. Willis, Staff Officer, R.M.L.I., of a son.

GORDON—On the 13th September, at Ravenscroft, Bearsden, N.B., the wife of Captain C. L. Gordon, R.M.L.I., of a daughter.

TUPMAN—On the 18th September, at Ingleside, Reading, the wife of Captain J. A. Tupman, R.M.L.I., of a daughter.

MACKAY—On the 18th September, at 46, Cheyne Court, Chelsea Embankment, the wife of Capt. Henry Forbes Mackay, R.M.A., of a son.

DAVIS—On the 4th September, at Gosport, the wife of Corpl. J. F. Davis, of a son, John Frederick.

GLADWELL—At the R.M. Depot, wife of Sergt. Gladwell, of a son.

SHAW—At the R.M. Depot, wife of Sergt. Shaw, of a daughter.

GALL—At the R.M. Depot, the wife of Sergt. T. Gall, of a daughter.

EWENS—At the R.M. Depot, the wife of Corpl. Ewens, of a daughter.

Marriages.

BAYLIFF—SHRUBB—On the 16th September, at the Priory Church, Christchurch, Hants, by the Rev. Canon Hart Dyke, uncle of the bridegroom, and the Rev E. H. Elers, uncle of the bride, Richard Lane Bayliff, Captain Royal Marine Light Infantry, son of the late Captain R. L. Bayliff, 33rd and 100th Regiments, to Sibylla Beatrice Aubrey Shrubb, elder daughter of the late Mr. John Lane Shrubb and Mrs. Shrubb, of Boldre Grange, Lymington, Hants.

BARNES—BARKLEY—On the 1st September, at Chemainus River Church, Vancouver Island, by the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, Capt. G. E. Barnes, Royal Marine Artillery, eldest son of the late George R. Barnes, M.D., of Ewell, Surrey, to Florence Annie, second daughter of Captain E. Barkley, R.N., of Westholme, Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

BLACKMORE—RATCLIFFE—At Mongeham, on the 4th September, 1897, Pte. W. Blackmore to Miss F. M. A. Ratcliffe.

FLEMING—CUMMINGS—At the Parish Church, Fareham, on 30th Aug., Corpl. J. E. Fleming to Miss S. A Cummings.

FRANCIS—MORLEY—At the Parish Church, Dess, Norfolk, on 24th August, Pte. W. Francis to Miss A. M. Morley.

CROWE—LETHBRIDGE—At St. Jude's, Portsea, on 26th August, Corpl. W. W. T. Crowe to Miss K. Lethbridge.

ANGLISS—DEACON—At the Parish Church, Kensington, London, on 12th September, Pte. W. B. Angliss to Miss A. Deacon.

Deaths.

SEARLE—On the 23rd September, at his residence, Fitzroy, Taunton, Colonel Henry Lindsay Searle, R.M.A. (retired), late Staft Officer of Pensioners, aged 65.

BUCKLE—On the 27th August, at Salisbury House, Cromer, of Pneumonia, Captain Sechwell Ray Buckle, R.M.L.I., on half-pay.

ASLETT—On the 29th August, at Southsea, Mary, daughter of the late Colonel Thompson Aslett, Royal Marines.

CASEY—On the 7th September, at Bognor, Mary Frances, the widow of Captain Thomas Page Casey, Royal Marines, and second daughter of the late Thomas Irving, Esq., Naval Storekeeper, H.M. Dockyard, Deptford, in her 74th year.

WATTS—On the 14th September, 1897, at the R.M. Depot, Pte. C. H. Watts, aged 18 years.

REX—On the 12th August, at Birmingham, Pte. J. Rex, R.M.L.I.

KALVI—At R.M.A. Infirmary, 24th August, 1897, Gunner Frederick Kalvi.

HEARNE—In Egypt, with Nile expedition, 25th August, 1897, Corpl. T. H. Hearne, R M A.

WYATT—Sergt M. Wyatt (*Barfleur*).

SANSOM—Pte. B. Samsom (*Barfleur*).

KING—Pte. P. J. King (*Narcissus*).

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Editorial.

WE very much regret that in our last number a story by Captain Drury was published without our acknowledging the source from which it was obtained. "Lachrymae Christi" was reprinted from the *Naval and Military Record*, with the kind permission of the editor of that paper, to whom we now offer our apologies for the omission.

THE ROYAL NAVY LIST DIARY, AND NAVAL HAND BOOK FOR 1898—We have received a copy of this book from the publishers, and are agreeably surprised to find, that instead of being simply a diary and station bill for naval officers, it contains a large amount of valuable general information and interesting reading. The calendar of notable events is rendered doubly attractive by having a short service-yarn for each month. The obituary for the past year contains the names of many former members of our corps, with their services. Besides the "Honors of the Year," "Abstract of the Estimates," "Postal Information," etc., there is an article by J. H. Laughton, M.A., F.R.G.S., the Royal Naval College, entitled, "The Summary of the Years' Naval Progress." This diary is published in connection with the Royal Navy List, whose editor, Colonel Lean, is an ex-marine. The publishers are Messrs. Witherby and Co., 326, High Holborn.

Another capital book that we have seen is entitled "The Flags of the World, their history, blazonry, and associations. The letterpress is excellent, describing in a clear and interesting manner the meaning of the colours, and devices used on various flags throughout the world, and how standards of many colours and emblems, have been built up from time to time. The coloured plates are carefully and artistically reproduced. This work is by F. E. Hulme, F.L.S., F.S.A., and published by Messrs. Warne and Co., Chandos House, Strand. Price 6s.

The Editors beg to remind contributors that copy for insertion in next issue should reach their office on the **25th** of the month. Contributions from abroad are always welcome, and are published as soon as possible.

'XMAS CARDS.—Miss Fraser writes to say that besides the cards spoken of in last issue, she is preparing a limited number of floral designs with national emblems. The price of both descriptions of cards will be 7½d. post paid. Miss Fraser is the authoress of "Shilrick the Drummer, or Loyal and True," in three volumes, price 21s. Address—Miss J. Fraser, c/o Mrs. Shaw, Beauly, Victoria Park, Edinburgh.

The following extract is from a contemporary speaking of the paucity of officers in the Royal Marine Corps:—"The proportion of officers to men in the Navy is one to twenty, in the Army one to thirty, but in the Marines only one to forty; and it speaks volumes for the discipline of the rank and file that with so few officers they can attain the degree of efficiency they reach at present.

At the recent inspection of the Royal Marine Division and the Dockyard at Chatham by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the salute of 19 guns, to which their lordships are entitled on arrival and departure, was fired by a detachment of Royal Marine Light Infantry from the Saluting Battery of muzzle-loaders at Fort Amhurst.

The following description of "Benin To-day" given by Reuter's correspondent, writing from the City of Blood on September 1st, will surprise and interest those of our readers who were present with the expedition a few months ago:—

"During the past few months an extraordinary change has taken place in the Benin country owing to the energy of Sir Ralph Moor and the protectorate officials stationed here, notably the late Capt. Turner, Capt. Roupell, and Capt. Carter. The country is entirely pacified, and this place—known only a few months ago as the City of Blood—is so safe that anyone can move about without escort. No trace now remains of the crucifixion trees and execution pits which were so conspicuous when the British expedition reached here last February. Instead, we have a British residency, a council of chiefs, and a regular postal service. The council of chiefs will in future administer local affairs. It will meet at regular intervals, and will be presided over by the British resident. As soon as the country settles down a big trade ought to result from the work of the past few months, especially in such commodities as palm oil, gum, copal, and rubber. The king never allowed trade in any article other than palm oil, a fetish juju being placed on all other articles. The reign of terror ceased the day the city was taken, and now there is every prospect of a very improved order of things. The matter has, however, been a most difficult one to handle. The garrison here consists of 100 Houssas with maxims and 7pr. guns and a rocket tube. Captain Roupell has been acting as resident since the death of Captain Turner, and Captain Carter, Royal Scots, commands the troops. We now have a fortnightly English mail, communication being kept up by runners between Sapele and this place. Golf links, too, have lately been established. The rainy season has begun, and bush travelling is very difficult and unhealthy.

Recollections of a Rowing Match for £5 a Side.

ROWED IN MALTA HARBOUR, 7TH MAY. 1864, IN 18-OARED LAUNCHES.

From "The Maple Leaf," 100th Regt.

WE had an hour's drill in the morning in No. 1 launch, I was nominally the coxswain, but a bluejacket, the coxswain of the launch, was in charge of the boat and steered, as the Navy will not lend their boats without one of their own men in charge. The colonel has only recently reminded me of some advice I gave our men. It was perhaps necessary, as I knew something of the ways and sayings of sailors, and of course I knew our men who were then, as their successors are now, of a serious and thoughtful turn of mind not much given to strong language. The advice was, 'that if a sailor should seem to scold or blow them up, and use strong words, it would only be in such a way as Dr. Johnston says in his dictionary, "are terms of endearment among sailors,' and they were not to be offended or hurt, as it was a way sailors had, and if he used very strong language they might take it that he was only more brotherly inclined, and meant it for our good.

Well, after dinner we all turned out as clean as new pins. Colonel Dunn had sent an officer to see that the sailor had fair play in case any of our men might feel inclined to resent any playful language on his part. This blue jacket was not a member of the religious body who were called "Jarmanites," of which there were a large number in the Mediterranean Fleet at that time,—well, I know he could not have been one, unless he had been converted back again. We had No. 2 launch of the *Royal Oak* for the race, the very best launch in the Fleet, so the first lieutenant told us; it had never been beaten, and only that afternoon their Marines had licked the best crew of the flagship, and we must not break that record, if we did we might never return to our regiment, but be stowed away below, alongside the Sergeant of Marines' coffin. I remember little of the start, I know we soon left the Fusiliers behind, and rounded the mark, which was a huge white stick of timber standing high out of the water off Fort Ricasoli. Well, we rounded the tall white mark and after a while met our opponents, who began calling out to us that we hadn't gone round the right way. One sergeant who was calling out to me by name to go back and do the thing properly, caught a crab, and the handle of his oar catching him under the chin, he suddenly sat low between the knees of the man behind him, and he did look comical with his nose near his toes, and the handle of the oar sticking tight under his chin preventing him righting himself. Our men never said a word in reply to their chaff and banter, but kept steadily at work, which, to say the least under the circumstances, was creditable to them.

We won very easily, never having been pushed a little bit, and proudly passed the pontoon upon which was the winning post. As we passed the winning post we tossed our oars like one man, the men had been drilled to this in the morning very carefully, as we had orders to win. The cheers were grand and awfully exciting, the clapping of hands and bravos were such that even now, after all these years I am going through it again, my heart is throbbing hard and fast, my fingers tingling and something, I don't know what, creeping all about the roots of what little hair I had left, and I feel that I must give one good shout for the good old times, and will be better after it. I must also tell you that there was not one hurrah or word in return by our men. There they stood, caps off, at attention grasping the oar with both hands in line with the chin, handle between the toes, turning the head slightly in direction of the saluting point, if so I may term H.E. The Governor. It was a demonstration of discipline which was much noticed and spoken of. The colonel thanked the men for winning and for the way in which it was all done. The admirals and naval officers all round congratulated me on having such a good crew. As I was getting back into the launch some one put a bottle of champagne in my hand, when one of the boys—either Joe McDonald or Jack Matthews—said, "give us a little sip of that please, I've never tasted champagne in my life." I handed it to him for one little sip, but never saw that bottle again. When we got back to the *Royal Oak*, an officer called for the wardroom steward, and in a few minutes three or four stewards were serving us out with tots of grog, and kept us going well for a time. When we left, no end of good feeling was shown; the sailors were giving us plugs of tobacco and officers giving us cigars; as our Dghasias took us away, one of the men called out "good-bye, you Maple-sugar-suckers;" then more clapping of hands, and we gave them three times three right hearty cheers.

It would be very unkind if I did not say a few words for our coxswain as regards his enthusiasm in the race. He began working it up soon after we started; but just as we were meeting our opponents, he took off his large black handkerchief, threw his straw hat down on the grating with such a force, that he broke into pieces, the small looking-glass worked in on the crown of it. Then he would step out towards the men waving the handkerchief and shouting "go it, you beauties, go on, you blooming beauties," and using all the terms of endearment customary among sailors in those days. All the time he was doing this he was getting more and more excited, now and then looking back and shaking his fist at something in the distance would call "Ah! Oh!" in a sort of groan, "Ah! had the cheek, had you, to want to pull these good men," opening his arms towards us, then jumping forward waving his kerchief "Go on, again, you beauties, lift her up, my hearties, ain't she a-going like a beauty." Well, he kept this up, getting more excited as we neared the winning post, although we were more than half a mile ahead. He nearly knocked me overboard on my back once when he was frantically jumping about, for I was standing on the thwart behind, then he hugged me calling me his jolly beauty. When we got on board the *Royal Oak* he could hardly speak he was so hoarse. But he told several confidentially that we were a credit to him, that we had put a feather in his cap that day, and he was proud of us.

Recent Inventions.

"THE KITE BALLOON FOR THE GERMAN ARMY."

ANYONE who has watched the captive balloon at Aldershot, must have noticed the very erratic behaviour of the same in even a moderate wind. The manner in which it knocks about and tugs at the rope, must render it almost impossible for any nice observations to be taken, also the pressure of the wind and the check of the hawser keeps it from rising. These difficulties are said to have been overcome by the new invention.

The balloon proper is in shape cylindrical, with a second smaller one attached to the under portion at one end, this acts as a steadying rudder. The hawser is attached to the fore-end well underneath, and the car is fastened to the rear end, this causes the balloon to float in the air at an angle, "bows on" to the wind. The wind striking the under-side makes the balloon act as a kite, and assists it to rise and remain steady. To enter into a full description of this useful invention would take up too much space, it suffices to say that there are arrangements for keeping the balloon in shape, and counteracting the displacement of gas in any particular portion of the fabric. The reports say that the balloon will remain steady in a strong breeze, and sketches, photos, &c., can be taken from it with ease. In appearance it is most unsightly, and there can never be any doubt as to its having been "made in Germany," as it is a perfect representation of the German trade mark "A Sausage."

THE BAZIN ROLLER BOAT.

This is practically an old invention improved upon. It consists of a platform with six or eight inflated wheels, which revolve by steam power on either side. The wheels or "rouleurs" do not provide the motive power, but are only used to lessen friction. Propulsion is effected by screw propellers as in an ordinary ship. Sir Edward Reed, who lately went to Havre to report on this boat, expressed himself surprised and pleased, and goes on to report that although the small size of the boat and insufficient submersion of the screws militated against complete success, still "he was of opinion that there can be no "doubt whatever, that the experiments conclusively demonstrated that "the Bazin Rouleurs furnish an effectual means of greatly reducing the "friction which a floating body encounters in its advance through the "sea, and friction is certainly one of the most serious of the elements "which compose the resistences encountered. It has been conclusively "shown, I think that on the question of reduced friction and consequent "increase of speed or decrease of power, M. Bazin's views have been in "a general sense, fully established."

Obituary.

Lieutenant Rombulow-Pearse, R.M.A., of H.M.S. *Ramillies*, died on Thursday morning, September 30th, shortly after the ship had entered Malta Harbour on the return from the summer cruise. The cause of death was peritonitis, after a somewhat short illness. The deceased officer was buried at 7.30 a.m. on Friday, October 1st, at the Naval cemetery near the Hospital in Bighi Bay. The burial service was conducted by the chaplain of the flagship. The first part of the service being read on board ship, the firing party and Marines afterwards met the procession at the top of the Hospital steps. The coffin was carried by six N.C.O.'s of the *Ramillies*' detachment and was accompanied by eight pall bearers, four of whom were Naval officers, the remaining four being Lieuts. Armstrong, Kitcat, and Nelson, R.M.L.I., and Lieut. Brough, R.M.A. The firing party was under the command of Captain McCarthy, R.M.A., of H.M.S. *Royal Oak*, and consisted of Col.-Sergt. Bamfield, R.M.A., and 40 gunners with a bugler. There were also present the whole of the Marine detachment from the *Ramillies* and a party of seamen from the same ship. His Excellency the Governor of Malta was represented by Captain Ewart (Military Secretary), and many officers of both branches of the service attended. Amongst the officers Royal Marines were—Major Money, Captains Hire, Geddes, McCarthy (R.M.A.), Athow, Luke, Lambert, Henderson, Huggins, Smith, and Parker (R.M.L.I.), the four subalterns, R.M., at present serving in Malta acting as pall bearers. The flagship's band played the funeral march on the way to the cemetery. Amongst many wreaths were one from the officers R.M. (Mediterranean Squadron), the ward room officers H.M.S. *Ramillies*, the gun room officers H.M.S. *Ramillies*, and the Flag Captain. The deceased was the third son of the late Admiral William Alfred Rombulow-Pearse, and was born 8th April, 1873. He entered the Corps as second-lieutenant 1st September, 1890, was promoted to lieutenant 1st July, 1891, and embarked in H.M.S. *Ramillies* on 7th October, 1895, and was senior subaltern R.M.A. at the time of his death.

At Bromyard, Herefordshire, on October 7th, Mr. J. Addyman, late Colour-Sergeant, Chatham Division, aged 74 years. Deceased was discharged to pension in June, 1866, and was appointed Sergt.-Instructor the Tenbury Volunteers, which appointment he held for thirteen years and was afterwards engaged as manager to the New Inn Company, Bredenbury, Herefordshire, which position he filled for eleven years. The cause of his death was an internal cancer.

General W. A. M'Cleverty, Colonel of the Northamptonshire Regiment, died at Wrotham, Kent, yesterday, in his 92nd year. He was the eldest son of the late Major-General Sir R. M'Cleverty, Royal Marines, and joined the Northamptonshire Regiment in 1824. He was promoted colonel in 1854, major-general in 1860, lieutenant-general in 1861, and general in 1876. He was appointed Colonel of the 108th Regiment in 1868, and transferred to his old regiment, the Northamptonshire, in 1875. He served with the 48th Regiment in the campaign against the Rajah of Coorg in 1834, commanded the troops in New Zealand in the war of 1847, and afterwards was Assistant Adjutant-General in Scotland. He commanded the Madras Division as Major-General from 1860 to 1865; the South-Eastern District, Shorncliffe, from 1866 to 1867, when he was appointed Commander-in-Chief in Madras, which appointment he resigned in 1871.

William Cole, late Colour-Sergeant of the Royal Marines, was born in Essex in 1819, and enlisted in the Marines in December, 1837, and formed one of the guard of honour when the Queen was crowned in 1838. He embarked on board H.M.S. *Blenheim* in 1839 and took part in the Chinese War of 1840-1-2, for which he received the Chinese medal and the bar for Canton. He came home and paid off in March, 1843, and was promoted to Corporal in 1850. In 1852 he embarked on H.M.S *Hercules* with emigrants from Scotland to Australia and from thence proceeded to China. The ship was paid-off in Hong Kong and the deceased was turned over to the *Rattler*, on board of which he remained until she was ordered home. The late Mr. Cole was then transferred to the *Winchester* and came home in 1857, and paid-off at Chatham. Afterwards he was for many years a drill sergeant on Chatham parade. He was discharged in 1861 and joined the prison at Fort Clarence as a military prison warder, and remained there until 1870, when the prison was broken up, and then transferred to the Chatham Convict Prison. He completed 17 years in the prison service and 23 in the Marines, 40 in all, and left the service with the long service and good conduct medals. The funeral took place in St. Margaret's cemetery on Saturday, October 16th, Sergeant-Major Snelling and the Color-Sergeants of the Division attending to pay their last token of respect; the fife and drum band was also present.

Entertainments.

R.M.A. Theatre.

A VOCAL and instrumental concert, in aid of the widow and children of the late Sergeant Young, recently employed in the pay office, took place on September 30th, and, as is always the case when the charitable object is of a deserving nature, the house was packed, even the orchestra making way for a large overflow. This paved the way for the regular season to commence on October 5th, when Webster's melo-drama, "The Golden Farmer," was played in a spirited manner, followed by a farce, "Good for Nothing." Col.-Sgt. N. Butler was the Golden Farmer, and Bombr. Hemming as "Harry Hammer," the ladies' man and auctioneer, proved once more his aptitude for the stage, though his "going—going—gone" was a trifle overdone. Our old friend, Miss Emilie Seymour, delighted the audience with her skilful rendering of "Elizabeth," the farmer s wife, and minor parts were filled by Mrs. Cope, Mrs. Jerrome, Sergt. Simpson, Corpl. Folland, etc.

On October 12th "Good for Nothing" gave place to "Poor Pillicoddy," and we never remember seeing an Eastney audience so convulsed with laughter. That admirable comedian, Corpl. T. J. Kerr's impersonation of "Pillicoddy" was the event of the evening, and his efforts were ably backed by "his wife" (Miss Emilie Seymour) and "Captain O'Scuttle" (Bugler Castle).

A week later, "The Octoroon," Dien Boucicault's tragic romance of planter life across the herring pond, was staged. What merits it possesses are many; what faults to find but few; full of imagination and suggestion, there was ample room for some powerful acting by Bombr. Hemming, the "Jacob M'Closky" or villain of the play, and he was highly complimented for his part by the appreciative hisses of the audience. Lce.-Sergt. Hounsell was all there as the irrepressible "Stars and Stripes" colonel and auctioneer; Hah-no-tee, the Red-Indian savage, found an able exponent in Gnr. Porter; Corpl. T. J. Kerr was "Salem Scudder," "Jacob's" rival for the hand of the "Octoroon Gal," who was touchingly rendered by Miss Emilie Seymour, and Miss Cope, who made her début, played "Dora Sunnyside" nicely and unaffectedly; with more confidence, gained by experience, and a slightly louder articulation, she may become a valuable acquisition to the company.

Capts. Rose and Dixon are joint managers this year, assisted by Sergt. Simpson, whilst Lce.-Sergt. Hounsell has charge of the properties, and Lce.-Sergt. Pruden fulfils the onerous duties of prompter. The orchestra is again conducted by Sergt. Holding. Huge houses have welcomed the raising of the curtain on each occasion and foretell the theatre to be a powerful loadstone in barrack amusements this winter.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of transfers of Royal Marines to Naval Ratings being resumed to the following extent:—*For Rating of Stoker*—10 per month, if required by that branch of the service. *For other Ratings*—As required.

Army Service Corps—The undermentioned officers on probation are transferred:—As Lieutenants: H. S. Buckle and H. C. F. Cumberlege, from the R.M.L.I.

Exchange—An exchange of ships and sea time has been sanctioned between Lieut. F. H. Griffiths, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Cambridge*, and Lieut. J. W. K. Disney, R.M.L.I., under orders to embark in H.M.S. *Royal Arthur*.

Red Tape and Rat-Traps.

WITHIN 1,000 miles of P——— was a store in which a large quantity of military clothing was kept, pending emergencies, and to keep down the rats there was a cat, for which a small subsistence allowance was drawn monthly. Retrenchment, however, was the order of the day, and the officer in charge was directed to indent for "Traps, rat, wire, iron, galvanised, Mark I., in the proportion of one to every hundred suits of clothing." In the next "changes in war materiel" an elaborate picture and description of the above trap appeared, and the cat was declared obsolete, and was ordered to be handed over to the Commissariat Department to be sold. The number of traps, according to the above proportion, was found to be 19·3, and accordingly 20 traps were demanded. The indent came back with one trap disallowed, but by way of consolation it was stated "that fractions of the trap exceeding ·5, would be considered as a whole trap." Thereupon the officer in charge of the clothing store pointed out that the odd 33 suits of clothing would be at the mercy of the rats, but without avail. The 19 traps duly arrived, and a return, Army Form, X. 1,063, was ordered to be submitted monthly.

The return in question was arranged in birdcage form, and was a masterpiece of its kind, showing at a glance the amount of clothing in store, the cubic measurement of each room, the number of traps on hand, and the number of rats caught each day. Mice were to be shown under "Remarks." The percentage of rats caught to suits of clothing, and of rats to traps was to be marginally noted. As it was feared that the officer in charge of the clothing store might endeavour to take credit for mice as rats, the measurement of the animals caught were ordered to be inserted, and the officer in charge was authorised to demand "a suitable service measuring rod for the purpose." The officer in charge of the clothing store, anxious to show the keen interest he took in the matter, demanded "gauges, measuring cartridges and live shell," which would enable measurements to be taken to one-thousandth of an inch. The authorities pointed out in reply that these gauges were fitted with gun-metal screws, and intended for explosive articles only, "a condition presumably not applying to rats," and that their use with articles of a non-explosive character would therefore be "highly irregular if not dangerous," and that the operation must in any case be carried out under magazine regulations with felt slippers in an isolated building 400 yards from a road. "A plan of locality was to be submitted." An application that the term "live shell" might be extended to include live rats was rejected, and it was suggested that an ordinary 2ft. rule would be sufficiently accurate for practical purposes. This was accordingly demanded, but elicited the reply that "these stores formed part of chests, tool, carpenters', which were only allowed at stations for which carpenters' shops were authorised." A strong case was accordingly made for the erection of a carpenter's shop, which was sanctioned at a cost of some hundreds of pounds. Meanwhile the officer in charge of the store acknowledged the receipt of the traps, and requested instructions as to how they were to be set. The reply came "that the matter had been under consideration, and instructions would shortly be published." The first monthly return showed several suits of clothing destroyed by rats.

The authorities gave evidence of the energy they have always displayed on an emergency, and a very complete pamphlet was issued within a month, in which the mining of the iron, drawing out into wire, method of galvanising, manufacture into traps, and system of inspection, testing, and passing into the service were exhaustively dilated on and profusely illustrated. Nevertheless the second return was like the first. "Were the instructions regarding the setting of traps strictly carried out?" "Yes; the clothing destroyed was doubtless part of that for which traps were disallowed" was the triumphant rejoinder. Another trap was allowed, but "it was in contemplation to make a corresponding increase to the clothing in store of 67 suits." The third return showed "rats caught, nil," and more clothing destroyed. A Mark II. trap was introduced, which differed from Mark I. in that the wire was not galvanised, and the iron was obtained in Germany. No rats were caught, and further destruction of clothing,

"None but men of superior intelligence were to be permitted to touch the traps, and a warrant officer was to be struck off duty, and detailed to instruct them. A return was to be submitted monthly, showing the number of men instructed." In selecting the warrant officer the claims of a man who had caught bandicoots in India were ignored, and the opportunity of infusing fresh blood into this important service was neglected. The grievance was duly aired in a military contemporary. The worthy soldier who was selected elaborated a drill in accordance with "the spirit of instructions," which, after various extensionary motions to develop the trap-setting muscles, commenced with "take up traps," and ended with "ease springs." Badges in gold and in worsted of crossed rats' tails were authorised for men who attained a certain stage of proficiency in trap-setting. Still no rats were caught, and the destruction of clothing continued. "The return showing the number of men instructed was to be submitted in duplicate once a week." Even this failed to produce an improvement."

It was suddenly discovered that the trap, though officially known as "trap, rat, wire, iron, galvanised, Mark II.," was in fact made of ungalvanised iron. The responsibility for this blunder could not be brought home to anyone, but after some discussion the nomenclature was amended, and "changes in war materiel" was ordered to be at once corrected accordingly, and a certificate furnished. The amendment was made retrospective, and past returns were ordered to be resubmitted. They were still found to be blank, and no improvement ensued. The authorities were reluctantly compelled to admit "that the traps had not answered their expectations, and that there appeared to be no fault either in the traps themselves or the setting," and inquired incidentally what bait was used. The officer in charge of the clothing store pointed out that no allowance for bait was made in the regulations, and that he could not be expected to provide it out of his own pocket. In the end the cat was reintroduced into the service, and was "to be strictly adhered to for the purpose of catching rats." The traps were ordered to be retained "for instructional purposes only."—*Army and Navy Gazette.*

A LADY IN HIS CABIN.—A correspondent sends us the following amusing story, as recently enacted upon an Australian liner:—"A shy Australian major, after spending the first evening very late with his friends in the saloon, suddenly returned to them after saying 'Good night,' and requested an interview with the purser. He was very white. 'There is a lady,' he said, 'in my cabin—No. 42.' 'Rubbish!' exclaimed the purser. 'Here's the list; your companion is Captain Higginson.' 'Nothing will induce me to go into the cabin again,' said the major. 'Well, I'll go,' rejoined the other. He returned with great celerity, and with a face as white as the major's. 'Upon my life, you are right. We'll put you somewhere else for the night, and see about it in the morning.' With the earliest dawn they sought the steward, and demanded an explanation. 'It's all a mistake, gentlemen,' he said. 'It's captain Higginson all right; here's his luggage.' 'We must have this explained, said the purser. 'This portmanteau is unlocked; let us see what is in it.' It contained a lady's wearing apparel. 'By Jingo' cried the steward, that's what comes of taking names as don't belong to us. She said she was Captain Higginson; but she didn't say as it was only in the Salvation Army!'"—*Syren and Shipping.*

The following cutting from the *Times of India* will interest most of our readers, and we offer our congratulations to our former comrade Col. Woon, late R.M.A.

GENERAL ELLES CONGRATULATES THE 20TH PUNJAB INFANTRY ON THEIR SPLENDID WORK.

Golandi, September 30.—The 20th Punjab Inf. marched out to Nahakki *en route* to Malakand. Before leaving, General Elles inspected and addressed the regiment in Hindoostani. He said that in all his service he had never met a finer regiment, and that he only hoped that he might in future have an opportunity of serving with them. They could not have worked better than they had done with the Mohmand Field Force. Turning to Col. Woon and the officers he said: "Gentlemen,—You have a fine regiment, and you know how to use it. You could not have done better." General Elles then shook hands with each officer and native officer, and the regiment marched out cheering.

Military Training of Marines.

IN your leading article of the 2nd instant on "Royal Marine Reliefs," it was mentioned that one of the bad results of the present system is that no time is allowed wherein to give the Marines a proper military training, or to allow them to revise that training between tours of sea service. It is, however, to be regretted that many naval executive officers, while complaining that the Marine of to-day appears to be deteriorating, will not admit this is the reason, and are of opinion that Marine officers exaggerate its importance. That there should be this element of misunderstanding is to be regretted, and the object of this paper is to help to remove it explaining what kind of military training the Marine officer deems it essential that his men should receive. First it should be remembered that in the term "military" training, the Marine officer not only includes general discipline, infantry training and musketry work, but also "naval" gunnery, and indeed gives to this the highest place, for, perhaps even more than the naval officer, he has realised that it is of the highest importance to the corps. Furthermore there is no contradiction of terms in its inclusion, as is shown by the circumstance that naval executive officers are officially referred to as members of the "military" branch of the Navy. The Marine officer, too, also resembles the gunnery lieutenant in urging that in barracks alone can the men be thoroughly instructed in this essentially maritime detail. Training classes on board ship are frequently a farce, and at the best only a makeshift. They can only work at the limited variety of armament carried on board their own ship, rarely have regular hours, while the instructors have not the constant practice which alone can enable them to keep up to date with their work. Moreover, the handy appliances, targets, ranges for aiming drill and practice, comfortable lecture rooms with models for explaining ammunition and theory, are all lacking in the ship's course. The men in examination are not required to reach the same standard, for this varies in every ship in the Service, and so tends to lessen efficiency by causing men either to doubt the reality or the fairness of the test. However, admitting everything possible in favour of the training class, it is only held to be applicable to the Marine Light Infantryman, and does not touch the more important part of the detachment as regards gunnery—the Marine Artilleryman. He, by regulation, must requalify in barracks or not at all, and as things go at present it is "not at all," for he is never left long enough in barracks for the purpose.

The matter of second importance is infantry drill and manœuvre work. It scarcely seems possible that there would in these days be found a naval officer so narrow-minded or so ill-read in history as to seriously deny to Marines an opportunity of training for the fight ashore. It is the simple *raison d'être* of the light infantry on board, and the lack of such training would deprive the country of the power of utilising 17,000 men "per terram" as well as "per mare." If this be granted, then it must be allowed that training for the infantry fight can scarcely be obtained on the quarterdeck; and the miserable farce, grudgingly granted, of a monthly march to a drill parade, a short drill of about an hour, and back again on board for mid-day dinner, is of no real value; the time is too short, there are not enough officers or instructors available in the Fleet to teach practical lessons, and the units are too disorganised for proper use to be made of the scanty available means at disposal. It surely, then, is not too much to ask that Marines should have at least one drill season in barracks between their tours of embarkation.

Next there is the musketry question. In some ships the detachments do get through a short and hurried course of musketry, but latterly this has been more the exception than the rule; and the course when obtained compares ill in training value with a barrack course under properly qualified instructors. It should never be forgotten that one of the causes always given for the French defeat in 1870 was the irregularity of the French musketry courses as compared with the German, and our defeats by the Boers were due also to bad shooting. These lessons the Marines have taken to heart, if they only had a proper opportunity to profit by them, and surely every Marine should be permitted to go through a barrack course of musketry between each tour of service afloat.

This, then, is practically all that the Marine officer means by military training—that his men should first know how to use the gun at which he is stationed, and rifle which he carries, and to have a proper fire discipline when using them; and he further asks that in order to maintain this state of efficiency that once in three years, or after every complete commission abroad, the Marine shall be ordered to spend at least one drill season in barracks and go through a course of musketry, and, most important of all, a course of sea-service gunnery. The part the Marine officer feels to be an injustice in this matter is that he should not only have to contend with with the practical difficulty of insufficiency of men to carry out this programme, but to be told that he is aiming at an ideal not at all necessary to the efficiency of the Navy. When he hears this he is apt to feel that his naval brother has forgotten that the aim and end of all service training is efficiency in war, and not the cleanliness of a deck, smart paintwork, or highly-polished brass. That he feels at the bottom of the secret. Doubtless the Marine who spends all his service afloat does become highly efficient in cleaning his "flat," but to the Marine officer with high ideals the idea that the corps is maintained for this purpose alone is too repulsive for words.

The question of discipline is a more vexed one. There is a great gulf fixed between naval and military discipline, and both are excellent of their kind, but the naval officer should in his charity remember that the Marine is first trained under military ideas, and if he forgets these he loses all discipline—from his officer's point of view at any rate. It is this same military discipline, too, that many naval officers admire most about the Marine, and they, at least, should remember that too long a period as a "double-bottom man," "flat-sweeper," or "ward-room servant" ends by depriving the Marine of the "smartness" which is the very essence of that discipline. Finally, nothing in this is meant to infer the above facts are forgotten by the Admiralty; but they frequently are to all appearance by naval officers afloat, who in their conversation would give the Marines to understand that for real efficiency there is no place like a ship, and the more of life aboard the better for his efficiency. No thinking Marine officer would dream of denying for an instant that the ship improves the soldier into the Marine, but he asks naval officers to acknowledge that the Marine is made and remains efficient by his training ashore, of which he is now getting less and less every year.—*The Army and Navy Gazette.*

PRESENTATION TO SERGT.-INSTRUCTOR JONES.—On the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the Ripon Volunteers' Recreation Room, Sergt.-Instructor S. Jones, formerly of the *Walmer Depot*, came in for his share of the day's honours. In the course of the proceedings, Capt. Mangin presented him with a handsome marble clock on the completion of his term of 21 years' service in the Marines. The inscription on the clock was: "Presented by Colonel Kearsley and Officers of the Ripon Detachment 1st V.B. West Yorks. Regiment to Sergt.-Instructor S. J. Jones, on the completion of his service, October, 1897." Captain Mangin said it was with great pleasure that he made that presentation, as a small mark of respect, from the officers of the Ripon detachment, on the completion of 21 years' service in the army. Sergt. Jones was retiring voluntarily, and of his own free will, as he thought a quieter life would suit him better than staying longer with the Volunteers. During the four years he had been with them he had given the greatest satisfaction in every way. He was a thorough soldier, and had done very much for training and discipline in Ripon. He had been twenty-one years in very considerable active service, and was in the Egyptian war at the battles of Tel-el-Kebir and Kassassin; he had received field service and good conduct medals, and was retiring with the very highest certificate it was possible for a soldier to have. He was a credit to the detachment and to the 1st V.B. West Yorks. Regiment, and to the regular regiment to which he was attached. Sergeant Jones, in reply, thanked the officers most respectfully for the very handsome present. He could assure them that he should appreciate it, and value it highly throughout the remainder of his life. Coming as it did from the officers, it was a proof to him that his humble endeavours to do his duty had met with satisfaction. He thanked Capt. Mangin, particularly because it was with him that his duties had been most closely concerned. (Hear, hear). He should look back upon his service at Ripon with great pleasure, and he hoped the clock would assist him to keep time as punctually in his civil life as he had kept it in his military life. (Applause).—*Deal Mercury.*

Cricket.

R.M.A. *v.* R.N.

Played at Eastney, September 4th, and won by the Royal Navy by 7 runs.

R.M.A.

	1st Innings.	*2nd Innings.*
2nd Lieut. P. A. Hankey, b Thring ..	3	
,, C. T. Fisher, b Waistell ..	13	
,, F. Trotman, c Peel, b Colomb ..	40	
Capt. E. P. Brittan, b Peel	17	
,, F. L. Dibblee, c Napier, b Colomb ..	6	
Gunner Longhurst, run out	25	not out .. 2
Capt. A. H. Cox, c Bellairs, b Peel ..	0	
2nd Lieut. R. Foster, c Coppinger, b Peel ..	28	
Major W. J. Gaitskell, not out	3	not out .. 4
Capt. G. L. Brooke, b Woollcombe ..	0	
2nd Lieut. E. W. Harding, b Woollcombe..	4	b Woollcombe 9
Extras	4	Extras .. 2
Total	143	Total (1 wkt.) 17

R.N.

Lieut. W. H. Thring, lbw, b Brooke	46
,, B. St. J. Bellairs, c Fisher, b Trotman ..	3
,, H. W. Colomb, b Brooke	57
,, M. Woollcombe, b Foster	8
,, H. M. Doughty, b Brooke	20
Sub-Lieut. C. Peel, b Foster	5
,, W. R. Napier, b Foster	0
,, R. H. Coppinger, b Brooke	4
,, H. Stansbury, c Cox, b Brooke ..	1
Lieut. E. Thomas, not out	1
,, A. K. Waistell, c Trotman, b Foster ..	0
Extras..	5
Total	150

R.M.L.I. (Chatham) *v.* Rochester.

This Match was played at Rochester on June 30th, and ended in a victory for Rochester.

R.M.L.I.		Rochester.	
Pte. Sykes, b Stebbing ..	30	F. M. Atkins, c & b Milner ..	98
Major Hadley, b Atkins ..	10	S. Woodhams, b Sykes ..	27
Lieut. Finlaison, not out ..	63	H. Newsome, c Hadley, b Newington ..	13
,, Tupman, b Atkins ..	0	L. Cooper, b Milner ..	9
Pte. Wynn, run out ..	0	Rev. G. Dale, b Newington	32
Lieut. Miller, b Stebbing ..	4	— Stebbing, b Milner ..	71
Col. Newington, c Boucher, b Atkins	0	F. C. Boucher, b Jones ..	28
Capt. Watson, b Atkins ..	1	L. A. Goldie, b Sykes ..	21
Lieut. Palmer, b Atkins ..	0	J. Robins, lbw Sykes ..	8
,, Milner, b Stebbing .	0	W. F. Green, not out ..	34
,, Jones, b Atkins ..	9	E. Athawes, not out ..	0
Extras	13	Extras	34
Total	130	Total (9 wickets)	370

Record Breaking Extraordinary—Gnr. J. L. Burnand, R.M.A. was invalided out of the service last June for "morbus cordis organic," but, whilst actually waiting the day of his discharge, he played for his company in the first round of the "Brittan" Challenge Shield, and by some slashing hitting, quickly knocked up a score of 127. We are pleased to find that he has since obtained a good billet on the staff of the Lunatic Asylum, at London, Ontario, Canada, and last month played in the annual cricket match between London and Toronto. He and his brother went to the wickets first for London, and before being parted had scored nearly 600 runs. They were batting 9 hours; he made 274, and his brother 291 (not out). This must have broken the enemy's heart, though it does not appear to have broken his.

Royal Marines *v.* Royal Artillery

Royal Marines.		Royal Artillery.	
Pte. Sykes, b Shaw ..	25	Lt. Ruthven, c Bockett Pugh, b Sykes	7
Col. Newington, b Ramsden	11	Br. Shaw, run out ..	6
Lt. Finlaison, b Ramsden ..	13	Major Darby, c Gardiner b Finlaison	8
Lt. Hawkins, b Ramsden ..	14	Lt. Ramsden, c Palmer, b Gardner	48
Lt. Gardiner, c Saunders, b Shaw	3	Gr. Shaw, c Hawkins, b Gardner	0
Major Beaumont, run out ..	2	Capt. Tennant, b Gardner ..	0
Lt. Miller, absent ..	0	Lt. Stanborough, b Finlaison	7
Lt. Bockett Pugh, b Shaw ..	3	Gr. Saunders, c Hawkins, b Strouts	21
Lt. Strouts, b Ramsden ..	0	Br. Slatter, b Finlaison ..	0
Pte. Wynne, not out ..	0	Sergt. Foreman, not out ..	3
Lt. Palmer, c Wren, b Shaw	4	Lt. Wren, c and b Strouts ..	3
Extras	3	Extras ..	10
Total	78	Total	113

Batting Averages.

Portsmouth Division.

	Innings	Not out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
Lieutenant-Colonel Quill	9	4	296	86*	25.2
Sergeant Wigginton	7	1	152	66*	25·3
Lieutenant Reid	11	2	218	60*	24·2
Private Sutcliffe	9	1	189	48	23·6
Lieutenant Clark	5	3	35	20*	17·5
Captain Beith	5	—	69	30	13·8
Captain Chown	4	—	50	33	12·5
Lieutenant Griffiths	5	1	39	15*	9·7
Colonel Baldwin	4	—	37	25	9·2
Corporal Faulkner	5	—	41	15	8·2
Lieutenant Headlam	6	1	40	15	8·0
Lieutenant Hutchinson	4	—	24	15	6·0
Sergeant Broster	5	1	22	9	5·5
Lance-Corporal Jackson	4	1	8	4	2·6

* Signifies not out.

Plymouth Division.

Lieutenant Haycock	4	1	82	71	27·3
Captain Curteis	9	0	204	69	22·7
Corporal Bentley	19	1	370	69	20·5
Lieutenant A. T. Little	19	1	360	59	20·0
Captain Crowther	12	2	193	43	19·3
Lieutenant Morse	6	0	92	64	15·3
Private Williams	5	1	40	15	10·0
Musician Higgs	5	0	46	30	9·2
Lieutenant Hood	18	4	97	41	7·2
Lieutenant Mullins	7	2	32	8	6·4
Major Denny	8	0	42	16	5·25
Lieutenant Way	8	0	32	15	4·0
Major Plumber	12	0	58	19	4·8
Private Willis	18	0	60	23	3·3
Musician Davidson	8	1	21	10	3·0

BOWLING.

	Overs	Runs	Wickets	Averages
Private Willis	62	180	16	11·25
Lieutenant A. T. Little	251	578	50	11·56
Corporal Bentley	232	635	42	15·1
Major Plumbe	123	383	22	17·4
Captain Curteis	30	125	7	17·8
Private Williams	67	192	9	21·3
Lieutenant Hood	75	242	11	22·0

Played 15.—Won 1; lost 14.

Death of a Crimean Veteran—Colour-Sergeant Louis Delgrave, late R.M.L.I., aged seventy-five years, a veteran who left the service about thirty years ago, recently succumbed at Plymouth to injuries received as the result of an accident. This veteran's list of engagements during his period of service is a noble one. He was present during the Crimea, at Alma, Balaclava, and Sebastopol. He served during the Indian Mutiny, and in the Maori War (New Zealand) under the late Admiral Seymour, in 1862, where he was severely wounded. He was the possessor of the long service and good conduct medal, in addition to other decorations.

CORPS GAZETTE.

Promotions.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the following promotions in the Royal Marine Light Infantry, consequent on the appointment of Captain and Brevet-Major G. L. Beaumont as Adjutant of the Royal Malta Militia, and on the retirement of Major and Brevet Lieut.-Col. F. A. Newington :—

Captain William Sidney Smith Harvest to be Major, *vice* Newington, retired.

Dated 8th October, 1897.

Lieutenant Edmund Manaton Carpenter Ommanney to be Captain, *vice* Beaumont, seconded, and appointed to the Plymouth Division. Dated 23rd September, 1897.

Lieutenant Harry Douglas Farquharson to be Captain, *vice* Harvest, promoted. Dated 8th October, 1897.

Lieutenant Richard Henry Julius Meister to be Captain, *vice* Farquharson, seconded, and appointed to the Portsmouth Division. Dated 8th October, 1897.

Major J. L. R. Maclurcan is advanced to the Senior Majors List, and appointed to the Chatham Division. Dated 8th October, 1897.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the following routine promotions in the Royal Marine Artillery, consequent upon the seconding of Captain C. H. Kennedy for duty as Adjutant of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion Scottish Rifles:—

Lieutenant Bernard Murton Strouts to be Captain. Dated 15th September, 1897.

Captain Strouts is appointed to the Plymouth Division.

EASTNEY—

To Colour-Sergeant—Sergt. A. Brennan.

To Corporals—Paid Acting-Bombr. M. Thorp and Bombr. W F. Green.

To Bombardier—Paid Acting-Bombr. H. Cullmore.

To Paid Lance-Sergeants—Corpl. A. Chatfield; Bombrs. A. Kimber and A. Lafferty.

To Paid Acting-Bombardiers—Gnrs. P. M. Gross, Tom England, and R. Towers.

CHATHAM—

To be Colour-Sergeant—Sergt. H. A. Holloway (Depot).

To be Sergeants—Corpls. E. J. Carter (*Speedy*), J Hibberd (*Galatea*), J. R. Duthie (*Pembroke*).

To be Corporals—Ptes. J. Preston (*Hawke*), J. Ruttle, H. Holden (*Victory*), W. Appleby (*Pembroke*), J. H. Smith.

PORTSMOUTH—

To Colour-Sergeant—G. J. Batten (Headquarters).

To Sergeant—W. Payne (*Royal Sovereign*).

To Corporals—W. Gahagan (Headquarters), J. K. Long (*Vernon*), W. J. Dancey (*Australia*).

PLYMOUTH—

To be Corporals—Ptes. G. Pryde (*Lion*), J. Mahon (*Britannia*); Lce.-Corpls. S. Griffin (Headquarters), G. Lovegrove—special, for duty as Officers' Mess Butler—(Headquarters), W. Brown (Headquarters).

Appointments.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to appoint Major Charles G. Brittan, R.M.L.I., to be Instructor of Musketry at the Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., *vice* Maclurcan, advanced to the Senior Majors List.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to appoint Lieutenant Granville M. Heriot, R.M.L.I., to be Assistant Instructor of Musketry at the Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., *vice* Ommanney, promoted.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to select Lieutenant Herbert G. Crocker, R.M.L.I., for the appointment of Assistant Instructor of Musketry at the Royal Marine Depot, *vice* Strouts, promoted.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Captain H. E. Blumberg being temporarily employed as a Second Assistant to the Professor of Fortification at the Royal Naval College.

EASTNEY—

Corpl. Witworth to Orderly Room Clerk.

Bombr. A. G. Read to Assistant Orderly Room Clerk.

Sergt. Fitzgerald to Pioneer Sergeant.

CHATHAM—

Corpls. J. C. Cook, E. J. Hollands, to be Lance-Sergeants (Paid).

Ptes. J. Galliford, J. Moxham, H. S. Hurd, A. Fryer, E. Cartwright, to be Lance-Corporals.

Pte. F. B. Goodey is appointed Assistant Postman.

Pte. C H. Hartley is appointed Superintending Clerk, Quarter-Master's Department.

Bugle-Major J. W. Dunn is appointed Drum-Major.

Sergt. W. Fuller is appointed Bugle-Major.

Sergt. A. G. Kay to Gunnery-Instructor (Unpaid).

Corpl. A. W. Pink to be Gunnery-Instructor, at 4d.

Pte. G. E. Benjafield is reappointed Divisional Butcher.

Pte. J. H. Butler to Billiard Marker, Officers Mess.

Pte. H. W. Baxter, Groom to Major Matson.

Lce.-Corpl. A. Fryer to Orderly Corporal, C Co.

Pte. J. E. Short to Boat's Crew.

PLYMOUTH—

Sergt. P. Macdonald is appointed Police Sergeant.

Lce.-Corpl. C. Crocker is appointed Gunnery Instructor, at 4d. per diem.

Pte. G. Ellison to be Store Labourer, at 6d. per diem.

Pte. E. Feaver to be Lamplighter, at 6d. per diem.

Pte. W. Edmunds to be appointed Turncock (unpaid).

Pte. G. Burrows is appointed Lance-Corporal, for duty as Orderly Corporal of "B" Company.

Pte. H. Wright is appointed Lance-Corporal, for duty as Orderly Corporal of "A" Company.

Pte. A. Sharpe is re-appointed Store Labourer, Quartermaster's Department, for one year.

Pte. E. Johnson to be employed as Servant to Capt. Curteis.

R.M. DEPOT—

Pte. S. White to Barber; Pte. Simmons to Sergeants' Mess Waiter.

Examinations.

EASTNEY—

Passed for Sergeant—Corpls. G. Boyce, W. Rowlatt, A. E. Griffin, W. R. Pruden; Bombrs. H. Stevens, G. J. Tarryer, A. Hemming, J. L. Norgate.

Passed for Corporal—Gnrs. G. R. Hammerton, T. A. Baldwin, W. Priddy, T. C. Kelsey, H. Cullimore, H. Bishop, R. Towers, C. Bradley, H. Prangley, H. Bowman.

Discharged to Pension.

EASTNEY—

Gnr. J. Hannan.

CHATHAM—

Col.-Sergt. H. Moody; Ptes. R. Barley, H. J. Woodbridge, F. Hampson.

PORTSMOUTH—

Corpl. R. Jones; Col.-Sergt. H. Barker; Ptes. W. Thompson, A. Freeman, H. Pargeter, J. McDougal; Sergt. D. Batson.

PLYMOUTH—

Sergt. J. Walters; Ptes. F. J. Selby, L. Every, J. Jenkins, T. Bull, H. Butler.

Limited Engagements.

EASTNEY—

Gnrs. T. J. Blackett, W. J. King, J. Morris.

Purchase—Gnrs. P. W. Taylor, J. Webb, and A. Rickman

CHATHAM—

Ptes. H. Wilson, W. Clifton, J. Smith, C. Turnell, E. J. Peacock, J. A. Anderson, W. H. Moulton, W. Bruce, W. Whitfield, A. E. Beal.

PORTSMOUTH—

Ptes. W. Odey, G. Tumming, A. E. Allen, A. R. Brooks, W. Tomkinson.

Purchase—Ptes. I. W. Read, F. E. Pettit, W. G. L. Pashler, J. Clark, F. Stratton.

PLYMOUTH—

12 years—Ptes. W. J. Tucker, F. W. Strange, A. Pritchard, J. Snowball.

Purchased—Ptes. H. Hughes, G. Robertson, J. G. Brown.

Invalided—Bugler W. Mason; Ptes. B. J. Hudson, E. Hockey, J. Price, D. Pidgeon, W. McDonald, R. Muncey, R. D. Bowering, M. Healy, W. Honeywell.

Free—Pte. C. Snell.

Transfers.

EASTNEY—

To Stokers, Royal Navy—Gnrs. Joseph, Cox, and Thomas Jones.

CHATHAM—

Pte. H. Clark to Royal Engineers.

Pte. F. E. Tewsh to Naval Police.

Ptes. W. Hendrick, J. Driscoll, H. Turner, T. Beecroft, H. J. McDonald, W. J. Hodge, A. J. Hollands to Stokers, Royal Navy.

PORTSMOUTH—

Privates to Buglers—H. E. Marriott, W. A. Stratton.

To Army—E. W. Edge to Royal Engineers.

PLYMOUTH—

Pte. J. H. Tilling to R.N. as Carpenter's Crew.

Retirement.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Frank A. Newington, R.M.L.I., being placed on the retired list from the 8th October (inclusive), under the provisions of para. II. of H.M. Order-in-Council of 29th November, 1881, with retired pay at the rate of £300 per annum.

Embarked.

Orders have been given for H.M.S. *Venus* to be commissioned at Chatham on the 9th November next, with a complement as shown in Mobilisation Return No. 1, for service in the Mediterranean station to replace H.M.S. *Cambrian*, which on being relieved will proceed to Devonport. The Colonel-Commandant of the Chatham Division will communicate with the Commander-in-Chief, and embark Lieutenant E. H. Bockett-Pugh, R.M.L.I., and the necessary details of N.C. officers and men (R.M.) accordingly.

The Colonel-Commandant, Portsmouth Division, will communicate with the Commander-in-Chief, and embark the necessary details for H.M.S. *Royal Arthur*. The officers for the ship will be Major F. G. Cotter, R.M.L.I.; Lieutenant F. Griffiths (in place of a subaltern officer, R.M.A.) who joined Portsmouth Headquarters for embarkation accordingly.

Captain W. A. Harris, R.M.L.I., is to be held in readiness to embark in H.M.S. *Edgar*, on that ship being commissioned to take out relief crews to Hong Kong.

Captain W. E. Binney, R.M.L.I., has embarked in H.M.S. *Galatea* to relieve Major J. H. Swanton, R.M.L.I., on that officer completing his period of service afloat.

FROM EASTNEY—

Imperieuse—Sergt. G. Wolfe; Corpl. W. Hubbard; Gnrs. J. Jones, A. G. Cook, J. Williams, W. J. Tothill, T. Raynsford; Bugler J. E. Norris.

Inflexible—Col.-Sergt. G. Luscombe; Corpl. J. E. Day.

Devastation—Sergt. T. Jones.

Alexandra—Corpls. G. T. Manley, J. W. Taylor; Gnr. W. J Gardiner; Bugler W. J. Shawyer.

Collingwood—Gnr. F. Fallon.

Benbow—Corpl. G. Boulton.

Howe—Gnrs. W. Finney and W. I. Ford.

Rodney—Bugler A. H. Cheesman.

FROM CHATHAM—

Champion—Corpl. J. Luther; Ptes. A. Bennett, J. Martin, C. W. Chandler, F. Amzon, W. J. Prior, F. E. Freestone.

Caledonia—Corpl. T. Clark; Ptes. T. E. Greenslade, L. Ashman, J. W. Green, W. G. Ellams, H. W. Searle, H Brookfield, W. Ward, E. G. Cripps, F. Bowers, W. Edwards, J. R. Quelch, A. J. Palmer, F. C. Neaves.

Devastation—Captain A. E. Rombulow-Pearse; Pte. A. J. Nicholls.

Galatea—Sergt. J. J. Clay; Corpls. J. O'Mera, C. Sanders; Bugler H. J. Hollow; Ptes. W. F. Francis, C. Crockford, A. E. Hearnden, J. R. Ambridge, F. W. Butler, H. F. Breadmore, T. Sabbage, H. Lockie, W. Cain, H. Blackman, T. Grundy, M. J. O'Keefe, H. Pearce, R. T. Nelson, J. Wood, A. Kilby, F. W. Pitts, C. Fill, A. Harris, G. Bearns, J. Griggs, W. S. Gasden, H. P. Clay, W. S. Roberts, W. A. Stewart.

Mohawk—Sergt. F. Challis; Corpl. R. Denny; Lce.-Corpl. J. Watson; Ptes. W. Cocks, C. H. James, H. W. Mills, A. Mordy, J. H. Adams, W. E. Latham, G. Giggins, H. M. Saunders, A. B. Cutler, A. J. Mulley, B. P. Duke, J. Holland, T. Burton, T. G. Taylor, W. Bird, G. F. Moore.

Mersey—Lce.-Sergt. G. Washburn; Ptes. E. H. Baker, C. W. Hill, G. Read, G. E. Critchell, C. Hall, T. Crane, R. Chapman, F. P. Newman, S. A. Jackson, F. W. Abbott.

Inflexible—Ptes. H. S. Brown, E. Dobson, W. J. Sparks, F. White, A. J. Spratt, G. F. Cliffe, W. Wedgbury, W. Taylor.

Pembroke—Corpls. C. Weatherhead, A. C. Wood; Bugler J. A. Brindley; Ptes. W. Budgen, M. Maloney, G. Taylor, J. A. Morris, A. E. De Este, G. A. Lawford, T. Nash, M. Ginnane, J. Spillett, A. W. Able, J. Jackson, A. G. Masters, H. J. Smith, B. Bennefield, F. Buniford.

Rodney—Corpl. D. E. Evans; Bugler C. F. Buckingham; Ptes. A. J. Vines, A. Maslin, A. Hicks, H. Lewis, C. E. Bird.

St. Vincent—Ptes. W. Hook, R. McBean.

Wye—Sergt. L. Carter.

Victory—Ptes. H. Chittleburgh, E. Blackman, J. H. Lettin, W. J. Poole, H. Dambert, J. Beal, J. Williams, R. Andrews, J. Buchenham, F. Poll, E. T. Strong, W. Cutting, J. Sullivan, G. F. Oldfield, J. H. Miall, G. W. Steer, J. H. Marlow, J. Wilkins, W. Alderton, G. Oberst, T. Sandford, S. W. Lee, G. E. Clark, E. Bayne, T. E. Whitehouse, J. Hill, W. Newbold, W. Corani, P. O'Connell, C. H. Turner, R. W. Carlton, W. J. Butler, T. M. McDonald, R. Hoar, J. Batson, W. Titchner, G. H. Seymour, C. C. Morgan, F. W. Woelfell, W. Donovan, W. J. Taylor, S. G. Roberts, F. W. Penn, A. Whitaker, A. M. Parker, A. Hardy, J. H. Manning, J. L. Gourdie, T. Lutt, J. Gellatly, M. J. Golding, W. Barrett, T. Grace.

Wildfire—Ptes. A. Broy, H. Hughes, J. Inman, T. Ward, W. Pamfleet, T. Cheese, F. L. Patrick, A. Ledger, J. H. Crawley.

FROM PORTSMOUTH—

Australia—Corpl. W. Simmons; Ptes. A. Humphrey, W. T. Freebody, H. Wickens, H. Bamster, E. Anstruther, F. Fletcher, J. James, C. Gibbs, W. Fuller, W. Laker, A. Wilson, H. T. Ford, W. C. McCabe, J. R. C. Harris, H. V. Lucas, J. Wickham, J. Merriman, F. Winter.

Active—Bugler G. W. Sheddick; Ptes. H. R. Mitchell, A. W. Hill, S. J. Jarman, E. W. J. Chislett, C. C. Harris, W. T. Green, P. B. Weeks, A. E. Carpenter, E. Dyer, T. N. Gladdish.

Boscawen—Ptes. F. J. Grover, G. J. Scarlett, J. L. Churchman, Sml. Shearing, A. W. Brooker, C. C. Hobbs, H. Booth, H. Bright, J. Wells, J. H. Adams, E. Steele, F. Holmes, J. Kincaid, W. J. Martin, J. Dear.

Camperdown—Corpl. H. Best; Pte. S. Silke.

Cambridge—Lieut. F. H. Griffiths; Pte. W. Heald.

Calliope—Ptes. G. Brown, T. J. Walker.

Excellent—Ptes. A. Baker, H. Shorter, C. Lower, F. Smith, H. T.

Arlus, E. Saunders, H. Webster, J. Yarrow, T. W. Simmonds, A. J. Chinn, Thos. Dowd, R. J. Richings, R. Dore; Sergt. G. J. Sampson; Pte. A. Butler.

Inflexible—Corpl. G. Stapleton; Bugler O. G. Mason; Ptes. C. W. Waterman, A. Cleeve, C. H. Weightman, E. T. Robinson, C. Boxall.

Powerful—Ptes. H. Ponsford, G. E. Cochrane.

Pembroke—Lieuts. M. N. Marshman, E. S. Mairis; Ptes. G. F. Winter, G. T. Rose.

Mersey—Lieut. J. Clark; Pte. A. E. Higgins.

Minotaur—Ptes. J. Cullum, J. Michie, J. Rolls, J. T. Fitzgerald.

Mediterranean for disposal—Capt. F. E. B. Eagle; Ptes. T. Newell, G. Dally, J. Marshall, G. J. W. Woodson, W. Whewell, H. J. Croucher, W. A. Dandy, H. Carter, C. Oakley, J. Scammells, A. N. Blissett, J. J. Church, J. G. Lake, C. J. Blake, J. S. Arnold, J. Hearsey, A. G. Trustler, W. C. Carter, A. H. Ward, A. F. Carroll, H. Newell, E. G. Bartlett, G. Taylor, W. Mist, H. C. Ralph, W. H. Broomfield, H. Featherstone, E. Briant, W. N. Burton, B. Parfitt, J. Coverdale, W. Thompson, B. J. Preistner, F. C. Brown, T. E. Smeed, J. Crate, T. Kemp, F. O'Neal, J. E. Hewett, B. R. Fry, C. H. Devanter, F. A. Greenslade, E. Reid, F. V. Winter, G. Akins.

Seahorse—Corpl. H. Mayes; Pte. W. Biggs.

St. Vincent—Bugler J. Gallagher; Sergt. H. M. Trott; Ptes. J. Chellingworth, R. Johnson.

Vernon—Corpl. C. Woodroffe; Ptes. S. Chilcott, G. Hoare, A. E. Ellis, F. T. Hooper, T. S. Ma, H. Oakley, I. W. Elkington, J. Miles, H. Horsley, W. H. Martin, G. Burt, F. Lee, J. Logan, E. C. Pilcher, F. Mosley, A. E. Hewitt.

Victoria and Albert—Corpl. P. J. Mullington; Pte. R. Jackson.

Victory—Lieut. T. O. H. Lees; Pte. J. Ward; Sergt. T. J. Loftus; Corpls. S. W. Grant, C. Chiverton, H. J. Bayman, J. T. Beerling, J. F. Davis, C. Kinsella, C. J. Temple; Buglers D. J. Jones, C. T. B. Kemp; Ptes. J. Wesley, A. E. Florence, F. W. Bailey; Corpl. T. Fulcher; Ptes. H. Cooper, C. A. Durrant, E. Giles, C. Futcher, G. Blandford, F. Besley, W. F. C. Howard, D. H. Page, J. Reid, A. E. Brown, T. J. Winn, W. H. Worrall, A. Beadon, A. Tarrant, C. Hansford, A. Tripp; Corpl. G. Airs; Ptes. G. B. Morey, H. Allum, H. J. Williams, L. G. Webb, H. W. Dufall, D. J. P. Ruthven, W. A. Nicholson, J. F. Jupp, E. A. Pitter, H. E. Ingram, J. J. Willis, E. A. Colbourn, J. Edwards, S. G. Wells, J. Smith, S. Court, G. W. Farron, H. J. Perch, J. R. Duffett, W. E. Branch.

Volage—Ptes. E. E. Paget, W. Luckey, F. Spray, W. H. Brakes, A. Randel, R. Foggitt, R. Hardy, A. Watts.

FROM PLYMOUTH—

Galatea—Capt. W. Binney.

Black Prince—Ptes. W. Dallen, W. Gibbons, J. Garden, S. Betts, C. Edmonds, A. J. Bellamy.

Britannia—Ptes. H. Arnett, P. Clarke, J. W. McCabe, W. T. Wood, J. Bradley, T. Wright, A. Roe, W. Clark, J. H. Mahon, A. Heal, W. J. Lewis, J. Anderson, R. J. Mourton.

Benbow—Capt. G. A. Cox; Corpl. J. Sparkes; Ptes. E. Tugwell, J. Allan, J. Pook, H. Kimbell, H. Palmer, W. Richards, F. Young, J. W. Gardner, G. Edwards, I. Salt, G. C. Watson, T. Beer, J. Nallon, T. Bull.

Cambridge—Pte. G. Raymond.

Collingwood—Lce.-Sergt. H. W. Barrett; Ptes. H. Spicer, F. J. Osborne, W. Miles, R. T. Knight.

Colossus—Bugler W. A. Horton; Pte. W. E. Barry.

Calypso—Bugler W. Romia; Ptes. H. Spettigue, A. J. James, E. Green.

Edgar—Sergt. A. Hayslip; Bugler W. J. Bullied; Ptes. A. Chilcott, W. Curtis, F. Harwood, J. Minton, W. Snow, J. H. Button, T. A. Whippey, L. Brown, C. G. Aston, J. Moore, J. Roche, F. Brown.

Flora—Ptes. C. Williamson, A. H. Headley, G. Raymond, W. Boundy, W. H. Shore, J. Vinnicombe, J. Gahan, J. Morgan, W. Mutters, M. Plunkett.

Ganges—Corpl. T. Rendell; Ptes. G. Bishop, T. Stewart, G. Baker, J. G. Buckland, H. A. Kitt.

Howe—Ptes. L. Cosway, G. Barney.

Impregnable—Bugler W. L. Moore; Pte. E. Brown.

Lion—Ptes. S. Dean, G. H. Smith.

Disembarked.

TO EASTNEY

Trafalgar—Capt. A. F. Binney; Sergt. W. Gaubert; Corpl. A. V. Conway; Bombr. T. Hudson; Bugler W. Eason; Gnrs. W. Priestley, W. Dorey, G. H. Smith, J. Hickling, F. McClure, H. Hopgood, T. J. Reynolds, J. Angus, A. J. Boullier, J. O'Connor, H. Avis, F. Andrews, W. Jackson, A. J. Leslie, J. M. Howard, C. King, N. E. Brown, S. March, J. B. Payne, W. F. Harper, J. Pitchers, P. Lee.

Crescent—Capt. J. D. W. Wyley; Col.-Sergt. J. J. Christie; Sergt. A. Statham; Bombr. J. Masterbon; Gnrs. G. H. Clarke, A. Miller, J. Rolfe, F. Pickard, A. V. Harris, C. E. Wood, W. Baker, W. Kennington, J. Evans, A. Lyas, W. J. Powell, W. Fry, J. Hart, J. Riley, F. Smith, J. Garnett, J. Hall, H. Porter, A. H. Baker, H. Hollingsworth, T. J. Osborne, W. G. Soutar, T. Jennings, W. Morton, R. Beresford, J. Ford, A. Rickman.

Inflexible—Col.-Sergt. J. Wood; Corpl. R. J. Colliss.

Devastation—Sergt. G. Roberts.

Benbow—Sergt. J. Paddison.

TO CHATHAM—

Caledonia—Lce.-Sergt. J. C. Cook; Ptes. W. Alexander, C. R. Warner, G. Spicer, J. Hood, W. Sims, A. Ash, T. Allen, H. Humphries, C. A. Richards, C. H. Head, C. Deering, J. Luxton, D. Scott.

Galatea—Sergt. A. R. Warner; Corpl. C. Rillington; Bugler J. W. Patt; Ptes. H. Clark, A. Warner, A. G. Shorter, F. A. Soper, T. E. Millard, J. Fairley, J. Neville, W. G. Angel, W. King, C. Jones, J. E. May, A. Burt, G. Making, J. Booth, F. J. Rowe, H. Meeks, H. S. J. Peek, A. T. Douce.

Mersey—Corpl. W. Johnson; Ptes. W. Baker, T. H. Kelly, W. Hull, A. Drake, F. A. Presse, J. Hirtman, J. Hurchard, F. O. Burrows, G. E. Giles.

Pembroke—Sergt. W. Fowler; Corpls. A. W. Pink; Ptes. F. Wager, E. Baggott, F. Farrow, W Goble, C. Crockford, W. H. Pardy, J. Wood, F. Fawbert, T. Gibbons, J. East, R. B. Lewis, G. W. White, F. Orsborne, J. Pitt, C. Woadgage, J. Edhouse, T. R. Hodges, V. Hollis, C. H. Gunter, H. Snelling, J. Casey, G. Phillips, T. Bookling, T. Hickford, E. A. Fryer, A. E. Lyne, H. J. Woodbridge, C. F. Tebbs; Bugler A. E. Levy.

Rodney—Capt. F. W. E. Eady; Sergt. W. Brockwell; Corpls. A. Bond, E. A. Galpin; Buglers C. F. Buckenham, C H. Wales, F. G. Coppin, W. O'Meard; Ptes. C. Must, J. A. Remo, J. J. Bowden, W. Bull, J. R. Hewett, F. A. Baldry, A. Hubbard, J. Woolford, W. Bravery, A. Gosling, W. Duncan, W. F. Butts, C. Mayes, G. Casemore, R. Walter, W. G. Horrniman, A. Greer, C. H. Roberts, J. H. Turner.

Champion—Ptes. M. Clifford, W. Goodyer, C. Pellett, E. D. Jones, W. H. Buck, H. Welch; Bugler H. C. Suckling; Sergt. J. D. Watts.

Barfleur—Pte. A. J. Durrant.

Hood—Pte. H. Murray.

Hibernia—Pte. Jones.

Sanspareil—Lieut. F. E. C. Burnard.

Wildfire—Lieut. P. L. W. Bourchier; Ptes. H. J. Smith, A. B. Lucas, G. A. Simmonds, J. Davis, H. Ashton, H. E. Gun, F. Simper, A. H. Finlay, E. Bristow.

Victory—Lieut. G. I. Anderson.

Vivid—Lieuts. D. G. Little, G. E. D. Manley; Pte. G. A. Bladon, A. Searle, F. Harding.

Wye—Col.-Sergt. J. C. Quick; Pte. J. A. Whitewood.

Polyphemus—Pte. F. Hutchings.

Katoomba—Sergt. A. G. Kay.

TO PORTSMOUTH—

Australia—Corpl. J. E. Fleming; Ptes. C. G. Copeland, E. Garrett, J. C. Poulson, H. J. Williams, A. Goward, G. Mullins, H. Watts, D. McKeith, L. G. Webb, H. Blagden, W. Bedwell, G. W. Palmer, J. Johnson, T. D. Gordan, A. E. Jackson, J. Bridges, E. J. Howlett, W. A. Rathbone.

Active—Ptes. S. Rolfe, J. Ryan, W. F. Hardie, G. W. McDonald,

E. Walker, A. Adams, C. F. Pryke, C. H. Warne. T. W. Constable; Bugler H. S. Snell, G. E. Harvey.

Alexandra—Bugler T. W. Hicks.

Boscawen—Ptes. W. T. Allen, R. J. Cutler, J. A. Kemp, J. Hodgkins, J. Stevens, E. C. Rugg, W. J. Stock, J. Knight, W. Bullock, S. James, G. Wiltshire, H. Brooks, H. Palmer, J. Cayford, T. Fisher, W. Ashford, A. Heames, R. T. Lord.

Cambridge—Lieut. J. Grover; Pte. G. H. Sadler.

Collingwood—Sergt. J. Buss.

Calliope—Pte. T. Richards.

Crescent—Pte. W. Griswood; Sergt. J. F. Wingfield; Corpls. H. G. Hearsey, J. Hunt; Bugler J. A. Astridge; Ptes. C. White, A. Smith, E. Rice, C. J. Mourne, W. Hannah, T. Cork, I. W. Webb, S C. F. Stevenson, J. E. Whale, H. Streeter, E. G. Harland, B. Hannant, Geo. Martin, B. Silvers, A. G. Jones, A. D. Bush, A. Morris, W. Briggs, J. Porter, C. Hawkins, G. Foote, A. J. Harwood, F. Stratton, G. T. Oates, H. T. Layton.

Devastation—Capt. J. Bernard.

Excellent—Ptes. W. F. Elbourne, W. H. Wells, E. Cole, F. Muston, C. C. Harris, J. Lewis, G. Dix, W. H. Lear, W. Pickering, S. Chilcott, A. W. Hill, S. Davis, W. Coster, T. Dowd, G. Young.

Flora—Ptes. T. A. Page, W. J. Bingham.

Galatea—Sergt. J. Robson; Corpl. J. W. Blackwell; Ptes. C. A. Johnson, W. Tomkinson, E. J. Smith, J. McLaren, M. H. Morgan

Hawke—Capt. F. E. B. Eagle; Pte. T. Newell.

Inflexible—Corpl. P. J. Philps; Bugler C. A. Tucker; Ptes. E. G. Comport, C. Cox, J. Best, J. White, E. W. J. Chislett, C. H. Clements, C. Shillitto, W. Goring, W. Gahagan, W. T. Maskell, A. Boyd, W. J. Wade, R. H. Wilkins.

Minotaur—Ptes. E. H. Russell, C. I. Ballard, H. Rampton, J. Rock, W. B. Lang, W. Fibbens, H, Russell.

Nile—Pte. J. W. Bloor.

Orlando—Pte. G. Trimming.

Pembroke—Lieut. G. F. Muller; Pte. W. Abbott.

Rodney—Bugler J. W. A. Williams; Ptes. E. Reid, W. A. Nicholson, J. Simpson, J. F. Jupp, H. W. Dufall, W. H. Gilbraith, R. Allsopp, D. J. P. Ruthven, J. Dury, A. Southard; Sergt. H. T. Marks.

Repulse—Bugler H. H. Taylor.

St. Vincent—Bugler S. G. Haynes; Pte. F. J. Moverly, J. Ashton, J. Cannard, T. Dawson, H. J. Phillips, S. W. Osborn, E. Frisby, F. Palmer, C. J. Godden, J. Staple, W. Martin; Sergt. C. Winsland.

Seahorse—Corpl. W. Bailey; Pte. T. King.

Trafalgar—Sergt. J. Milne; Corpls. T. Watts, W. Davis, A. Fraser; Pte. G. Smith, W. Luckey, J. Canes. E. E. Paget, W. Wells, H. J. Perch, S. J. Phillips, R. Dearlove, A. S. Fry, W. S. Brakes, F. R. Swindon, B. S. Purnell, A. Randel, C. H. Turberfield, E. Hunt, R. Foggitt, H. N. Stanley, A. Watts, J. Gibson, R. Hardy, H. Hastings, G. T. Back, T. A. Gladdish, F. E. Heard, F. W. Lewis, E. Dyer, T. W. Lee, W. F. Williams, A. W. Kemp, W. Cosson, C. E. Breeze, J. Cooke, T. A. Meager, F. H. Huskisson.

Virid—Pte. J. Spencer.

Victoria and Albert—Corpl. G. Green.

Victory—Sergt. E. Scott; Corpls. P. E. Low, H. Morton, A. G. Leppard, W. Parkinson, W. Beaumont, W. G. Horton, E. Batchelor; Ptes. C. Holt, W. J. Driver, A. E. Carpenter, A. J. Carter, A. Wright, A. V. Jones, W. Pocock, J. Green, F. A. Beadle, C. H. Jackson, C. Craythorne, G. Kipping, G. W. Chalmer, C. Spencer, W. H. House, E. P. D. Ingram, G. Burrough, F. Gilbert, T. Mould, H. J. Stew, W. T. Green, S. J. Jarman, D. J. Gowney, P. B. Weekes, J. E. Collins, J. J. Tilley, S. H. Hebdon, T. B. Read, F. L. Spencer, J. C. Neale, J. A. Hope, E. E. Hewson, S. Burt, A. E. Rex, G. Smith, A. Hughes, G. Garner, A. Furness, W. G. Ross, H. Ladbury, T. W. Biscol, J. H. Bloom, J. H. McTaggart, E. Smith, A. Palmer, W. A. Doust, J. G. Paine, E. L. Bull, J. Reefe, P. A Wright, J. J. Ovens, W. Buckley, W. Stern, H. Dudley, J. V. M'Cann, W. C. Chamberlain, J. Clerke, W. Poole, A. Tripp, A. E. Blanchard, J McLoughlin, F. E. Pettit, W. G. L. Pashler, J. Clark, W. J. K. Page, A. Ramage, H. Holloway; Bugler H. T. R. Porter; Pte. A. R. Brooks; Corpl. H. Turner; Bugler E. A. J. Vinall; Pte. F. R. N. Osborn.

Volage—Ptes. W. R. Scanlon, T. G. Hicks, T. W. Rivers, A. Innes, E. Bartlett, G. Poacher, J. Briggs, Tim Collins.

Vernon—Corpl. W. H. Mills; Ptes. A. J. Arnold, W. Hattewell, I. P. Emm, L. Mills, F. M. Salter, G. A. Anderson, F. A. Boulton, F. F. Hubbard, C. Fielder, L Street, W. Page, G. Barker, F. C. Herbert, H. Jarvis.

TO PLYMOUTH—

Victory—Lieut F. E. Headlam; Pte. C. H. Ellis.

Pembroke—Major T. J. P. Evans; Lieut. S. F. Heard; Ptes. H. B. High. J. C. Burrows.

Crescent—Lieut.-Col. and Bt.-Col. G. Skipwith; Ptes. T. Gollop, J. Aston.

Mersey—Lieut. E. H. P. Barker.

Albacore—Pte. A. T. Wood.

Black Prince—Ptes. W. Durant, A. Shipley, G. Frost, A. Walters, A. Candleand.

Basilisk—Pte. E. Jefferies.

Benbow—Sergt. E. J. Griffiths; Ptes. H. R. Brighten, B. Jenkins, J. White, W. Brundell, C. Hutchings, J. Kite, E. A. Cripps, A. Holding, F. Edwards, T. Lowth, F. Scott, P. Grant, E. M. Greenway, A. Watt.

Blonde—Pte. M. J. Thomas.

Barrosa—Clr.-Sergt. C. Townley; Bugler W. F. Armstrong; Ptes. W. Jennis, R. Brooking, W. A. Butler, J. Woodburn, W. H. Brook, H. Hiett, H. J. Mills, T. R. Bunce, J. Hughes, M. Foley, T. A. Fearby, W. Bennellick, W. T. Bowden, W. G. Eades.

Britannia—Ptes. E. Hunt, J. W. Berry, J. Moore, H. Ford, J. Brailey, T. Fox, W. G. Randall, W. Warrender, W. Burton, J. C Green, W. Turner, H. Deacon, A. Motton, A. H. Baxter.

Collingwood—Pte. G. Wreyford.

Calypso—Bugler G. Stewart; Ptes. W. Rich, G. Farwell, A. Best.

Colossus—Bugler W. J. Alway; Pte. J. McDonald.

Cambridge—Sergt. F. J. Brailey; Corpl. S. Turner; Ptes. A. Thorne, W. E. Russ, P. Kingdon, H. Butler, T. H. Wainwright, W. Grey, W. Brook, J. H. Thornton, W. J. Frost, F. G. Rigg, W. D. Clark.

Devastation—Bugler D. O'Keefe; Ptes. A. B. Murray, R. Mumford, W. Restall, J. Dickson, F. Moore, J. C. Macintosh.

Defiance—Ptes. J. Hookins, W. Morrish, W. Selwood, F. Haines, P. Bryan, C. Shapter, J. Cochrane, F. McAlear.

Flora—Sergt. G. Norman; Bugler S. C. Hine; Ptes. J. Davis, R. T. Ryland, C. J. Francis, A. Park, W. Parkman, J. Johnston, W. Webster, F. Ward, E. V. Lancaster, E. Robinson, J. Bertie, H. Perriman.

Forte—Pte. C. Wilks.

Ganges—Corpl. E. Payne; Ptes. E. Williams, J. T. Hockadey, T. Lintern, E. Simmons, W. H. Gaylor.

Howe—Ptes. D. Denman, G. A. Quick, H. J. Cripps, W. A. Geddes, C. Benfield, J. Radford, J. Rafferty, G. Burrows, W. Trostle, A. E. Harding, M. Healy, C. Snell.

Hearty—Pte. J. Wright.

Harrier—Pte. S. O. Evans.

Hibernia—Pte. F. J. King.

Hussar—Pte. E. Evans.

Impregnable—Corpl. J. T. Cady; Ptes. C. Cox, G. Buckley, T. Hannaford, F. L. Channon, J. Sibley, R. Horrocks, J. H. Tilling, W. Lewis, T. Broudie, R. E. Smith, J. Ross, E. Saunderson, F. Back, P. Glynn, H. Bull, G. Tucker, A. Devine, H. J. Fletcher.

Lion—Corpls. G. Pryde, F. A. Foster; Buglers C. E. Fuge, J. C. Nicholls; Ptes. H. T. Turner, T. Prouse, H. Bowles, J. N. Curno, T. Harkness, H. J. Parsons, G. Bromley, J. Shannon, H. J. Wright, E. McEwan, G. P. Hann, W. T. Hosegood, F. W. Pearson.

Melampus—Ptes. Allen, R. Jagger.

Phœbe—Pte. E. Hockey.

Retribution—Pte. R. Slecumbe.

Revenge—Pte. W. Brittain.

St. Vincent—Pte. F. J. Newberry.

Thunderer—Sergt. H. Lunn; Ptes. E. Lavender, J. Lovern, J. Davis, E. Smith, J. Hibberd, A. Spurgeon, J. Breman, G. Thomas, J. Holder, C. Spicer.

Widgeon—Pte. W. McBride.

Football.

R.M.A.

PROSPECTS for the season are fairly encouraging at Eastney, and the team has entered for the Portsmouth Senior and Hampshire Junior Cup Competitions in addition to that of the lately hatched United Service League. Several of last year's players are still at command, and there are three or four very promising new hands. Corpl. Smith is captain of the side, as well as generally superintending R.M.A. football, and other members of last year are Bombrs. Reynolds and Smith, with Gnrs. Reynolds, Bridges, Harpur, Hickinbotham, Osborne, Rann, Richards, and Stuart, and the most promising new players are Ptes. Brown, Hughes, Hathaway, McNicall, and Watson. In the United Service League Competition five matches have already been played, resulting as follows:—

R.M.A. *v.* R.A. Depot	2	0
,, *v.* Rifle Depot	3	1
,, *v.* Naval Depot	1	4
,, *v.* R.A., Hilsea	3	0
,, *v.* Hants Volunteer Artillery ..	1	0

Against the Naval Depot we were, unfortunately, without the services of two good members. An attempt is being made to run a Second XI, both to encourage football and to act as a feeder to the First XI.

CHATHAM DIVISION.

The Company Matches for the Challenge Cup were begun on the 20th October. After a fast and exciting game, G Coy. beat A Coy. by 3 goals to love. The Cup thus leaves its last year's possessors.

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

BAND *v.* DRUMS—Played at Forton on October 25th, and resulted in a win for the Drummers by 2 goals to nil.

Teams—Band—Parkes (goal); Gorman and Munday (backs); Nash, Glitz, Doughtry (half-backs); Lovett, Crossley, Owen, Dorrington and Arden (forwards).

Drums—Marriott (goal); Roper and Tucker (backs); Clark, Hanham, and Vinall (half-backs); Griffin, Robbins, Snell, Jenkins, and A. Nother (forwards).

R.M.L.I. (RESERVES) *v.* ROYAL ACADEMY, GOSPORT—Played at Forton on October 16th, and resulted in a win for the R.M.L.I. by 2 goals to nil.

DRUMS, R.M.L.I., *v.* ST. JOHN'S, FORTON—Played at Forton on 23rd October, and resulted in a win for the Drums by 7 goals to nil.

R.M.L.I. *v.* PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL—Played at Forton on October 9th, and resulted in a win for the R.M.L.I. by 8 goals to nil.

R.M.L.I. *v.* H.M.S. EXCELLENT—Played at Whale Island on Oct. 16th, and resulted, after a stubbornly contested game, in a win for the *Excellents* by 2 goals to nil.

R.M.L.I. *v.* R.M.A.—The above teams met at Forton on October 23rd, in the first round of the Hampshire Junior Cup. The R.M.LI. kicked off punctually at 2.30, and the opening exchanges were slightly in their favour. Toward the end of the first half Mr. Hutchison, from a good pass by Dearlove, netted the ball for the R.M.L.I., scoring their first goal, and a few moments before the whistle blew for half-time, Stewart did the needful for the "Blues." Half-time—R.M.L.I., 1 goal; R.M.A., 1 goal. The play was much faster in the second half, each goal being visited in turn, keeping the respective goal keepers very busy, and they were "all there." Bridges scored the second goal for the "Blues," and very shortly after Nightingale, with a terrffic shot, equalised. After a good bit of play on both sides the "Blues" again scored. Mr. Hutchison was badly fouled shortly after and the game was stopped for some time, but Mr. Hutchison continued play although it could be seen that he was badly hurt, as he had the goal at his mercy but could not use his right foot to shoot. The "Reds" soon after scored and again equalised. Time arrived with the score three goals each. The referee ordered an extra half hour's play, but though both teams played up well to notch the winning point they were unsuccessful. Shortly before the finish the R.M.A. had a penalty awarded them, but Bridges, trying to cut it too fine, missed the corner of the net and the game was drawn as before stated. Smith and Stewart played a good game for the "Blues," and Dearlove, Mr. Hutchison, and Nightingale for the "Reds," although all played a good game, in fact the best game that has been played at Forton for some time.

Teams—"*Blues*"—Reynolds, Smith, and Higginbotham, Atterway, Rann, and Brown, Stewart, Watson, Bridges, Richards and Smith.

"*Reds*"—Marchant, Powell, and Ribbons, Carrol, Jamieson, Tucker, Nightingale, Dearlove (captain), Mr. Hutchison, Wells, and Bunting.

Referee—Sergt.-Instructor Bowden, Rifle Depot.

ROYAL MARINES, "MELITA," *v.* BLUEJACKETS, "MELITA."—Played at Beicos, Turkey, 2nd October, 1897, resulting in a win for the Royal Marines, after a very exciting but pleasant game, by two goals to nil.

The return match was played at the same place on the 14th Oct., and was won by the Marines by 4 goals to 1, a very good performance considering that there are only 16 Marines all told, whereas the Bluejackets have upwards of a hundred men to select from. The play of Pte. Elis (in goal) and Ptes. Baker and Roberts (backs) being faultless, while the halves and forwards worked hard and showed good combination, the good play of the Marines in each match being much admired.

R.M.L.I. FOOTBALL CLUB.—FIXTURES.

DATE.	CLUB.	WHERE PLAYED.
Sat. Nov. 6	R.A. Hilsea	Hilsea *u*
Wed. ,, 10	Naval Depot	Forton *u*
Sat. ,, 13	1st round Portsmoutn Cup	
Wed. ,, 17	R.M.A.	Eastney *u*
Sat. ,, 20	Stubbington Honse	Eastney
Wed. ,, 24	R.A. Reserves	Stubbington
Sat. ,, 27	Hants Artillery Volunteers	U.S. Ground *u*
Sat. Dec. 11	Alverstoke Rovers	Forton *u*
Sat. Jan. 8	Naval Depot	U.S. Ground *u*
,, ,, 15	H.M.S. Excellent	Forton *u*
Wed. ,, 19	R.A. Depot	Fort Rowner *u*
Sat. ,, 22	Southsea Rovers	U.S. Ground
Wed. ,, 26	Rifle Depot	Forton *u*
Sat. ,, 29	R.A. Hilsea	,, *u*
Sat. Feb. 5	Hants Artillery Volunteers	Governor's Green *u*
Wed. ,, 9	R.M.A.	Forton *u*
Sat. ,, 12	P.R.D. Athletic	Stamshaw
Wed. ,, 16	20th Co., R.A.	*u*
Sat. ,, 19	St. George's	U.S. Grouud
,, ,, 26	Emsworth	Emsworth
Wed. Mar. 2	R.A. Reserves	Forton *u*
Sat. ,, 5	Ryde F.C.	Ryde
Wed. ,, 9	20th Co. R.A.	Forton *u*
,, ,, 16	15th Co. R.A.	,, *u*
Sat. ,, 19	Emsworth	,,
,, ,, 26	P.R.D. Athletic	,,

u Denotes United Service League Fixtures.

Mr. F. J. Reid is the Hon. Sec. of the Club for the season, and Pte. Dearlove, Captain of the Team.

Garrison Sports.

At the late Garrison Sports on the U.S. Recreation Ground, Portsmouth, the Royal Marine Artillery were well to the fore as usual. Their Physical Drill with arms and the Bayonet Exercise were specially noticeable. The various successes were as follows:—

Bayonet Exercise—1st Royal Marine Artillery.

Physical Drill (with arms)—1st Royal Marine Artillery.

Throwing the Cricket Ball—Gunner Bendall, R.M.A., 101 yards.

High Jump—Bomb. Moore, R.M.A., 5ft. 1½in.

Captain Osmaston, R.M.A., also secured the prizes for "Cleaving the Turk's Head" and "Lemon Cutting."

Shooting.

CHATHAM DIVISIONAL RIFLE MEETING

THE Annual Rifle Meeting was held at the Milton Ranges on the 21st September, 1897. Greater interest was evinced in the competitions than in any previous season, owing to the large number of officers, non-commissioned officers, and men who proceeded to the ranges. Nearly the whole of the officers were present, together with a number of ladies. Splendid weather prevailed, and everyone appeared to enjoy the day's outing. The conditions, however, were not the best for good shooting. There was a strong wind which blew in gusts and occasionally shifted. At the 600 yards range competitors had to allow about four feet for windage, and it was here that the more experienced shots obtained the advantage. Taking everything into consideration the shooting was good. The entries for the various events were unusually large. Over 300 entered for the rank and file competition, while for the warrant officers' and sergeants' match the number approached three figures. The championship of the meeting was secured by Staff-Sergeant Lane. He put on 62 at 200 and 500 yards, and on going back to 600 found the bull with his first shot. Three more bulls followed, and then the fifth shot was an inner. However, he again found the centre, and finished with the fine score of 34, which gave him a total of 96, or five points ahead of the second prize taker. The volley firing produced a good struggle. The meeting finished just after six o'clock, and its success was largely due to the excellent arrangements made by the committee which was composed of Lieut,-Colonel Dowding, Major and Brevet Lieut.-Colonel Houghton, Major Peile, Captain Byne, Captain and Adjutant Connolly, Captain Tupman, Sergt.-Major Snelling, Sergt.-Major Kelly, Staff-Sergt. Lane, Col.-Sergt. Andrews, Sergt. Scott, and Sergt. Parish.

Match A.

Open to the rank and file serving at Headquarters; seven rounds at 200 and 500 yards; 48 prizes—1 of 30s., 1 of 20s., 3 at 15s., 7 at 10s., 12 at 5s., 24 at 2s. 6d. The following were the winners, placed in order of merit:—

	Pts.		Pts.
Pte. Goodey ..	61	Pte. Risby ..	48
,, Morgan ..	59	,, Purcell ..	47
,, Turnell ..	57	Lce.-Corpl. Churchill ..	47
Corpl. Foley ..	56	Pte. Hughes ..	47
Pte. Bishop ..	56	,, Walman ..	47
Corpl. Campion ..	56	,, Dale ..	47
Pte. Page ..	55	,, Hawkins ..	47
Lce.-Corpl. Millett ..	54	,, Sansford ..	47
Pte. Read ..	53	,, Davis ..	46
,, Alston ..	53	Corpl. Elliott ..	46
,, Britt ..	52	Pte. Davies ..	46
,, Teush ..	52	,, Powell ..	46
,, Woefell ..	52	,, Goode ..	46
,, Webber ..	52	,, D'Este ..	46
,, Chamberlain ..	52	,, Jennings ..	46
Gunner Stewart ..	52	,, Rigden ..	46
Pte. Traske ..	51	,, Landsdowne ..	45
Corpl. Humphreys ..	51	,, Ewins ..	45
Pte. Cook ..	51	,, Sergeant ..	45
,, Todd ..	50	,, Freestone ..	45
,, Thatcher ..	49	,, Scinden ..	45
,, Evans .	48	,, Raveney ..	45
Lce.-Corpl. Sykes ..	48	,, Waterman ..	45
Pte. Wallis ..	48	,, Andrews ..	45

Match B.

Open to Warrant Officers, Staff-Sergeants, Sergeants, and Lance-Sergeants serving at Headquarters: conditions as in match "A"; 28 prizes—1 of 30s., 1 of 25s., 1 of 20s., 3 of 15s., 5 of 10s., 17 of 5s.

	Pts.		Pts.
Lance-Sergt. Lock ..	64	Sergt.-Major Kelly ..	55
Staff-Sergt. Lane ..	62	Lce.-Sergt. Woodward ..	55
Sergt. Braybrooke ..	61	Sergt. Leach ..	54
Col.-Sergt. Croombes ..	60	Lance-Sergt. Smith ..	53
Staff-Sergt. Young ..	60	,, Dee ..	53
Sergt. H. Clarke ..	59	Sergt. Leeson ..	52
Col.-Sergt. Andrews ..	59	Sergt, Furze ..	51
Sergt. Scott ..	59	,, Hone ..	51
Col.-Sergt. Jenkinson ..	57	,, Mahoney ..	51
Sergt. Hawes ..	56	,, Everitt ..	51
Col.-Sergt. Batten ..	56	,, Benson ..	49
Sergt.-Major Snelling ..	56	Bugler-Major Dunn ..	49
Lance-Sergeant Kent ..	56	Provost-Sergt. Ray ..	48
Col.-Sergt. Hammond ..	55	Staff-Sergt. Tozer ..	48
Sergt. Challis ..	55		

Match C.

The twenty competitors who made the highest scores in matches A and B (amalgamated) fired seven rounds at 600 yards, and the scores were added to their previous totals. There were five prizes—1 of 25s., 1 of 15s., 1 of 10s., and 2 of 5s.

	Previous Score	600 yards	Total
Staff-Sergt Lane ..	62	34	96
Colour-Sergt. Andrews ..	59	32	91
,, Croombes ..	60	31	91
Sergt. Scott ..	59	30	89
,, H. Clarke ..	59	28	87

Officers' Match.

Seven rounds at 200 yards, 500 yards, and 600 yards. The prize was secured by Mr. Marriott.

Volley Firing Competition.

Open to teams of six, rank and file, under the command of a lance-sergeant or corporal. Teams were formed up in single rank (standing) at the 600 yards firing point, where they fired four volleys; they then doubled to 500 yards and fired four volleys, and then to 400 yards and fired two volleys. Three minutes were allowed from the time the order was given to commence. The other conditions were—Dress drill order; position, any military; targets, second-class regulation. Points were deducted for bad volleys and mistakes by section commanders. First prize £3 3s., second £2 2s., third £1 1s.

Company	Points	Deducted	Total
G (Lance-Sergeant Kent) ..	18	2	16
B (Corporal Morris) ..	15	—	15
F (Corporal Wood) ..	13	- -	13

Ladies' Competition.

Seven shots at 200 yards. The prizes in this competition were secured by Mrs. Dowding, Mrs. Chapman, and Mrs. Crosbie.

At the close of the firing the prizes were presented by Mrs. Bird. Three cheers were given for the Commandant, officers, and ladies, on the call of Sergt.-Major Snelling, and Colonel-Commandant Bird led off three cheers for the committee.

The Sergeants of the Chatham Division, R.M.L.I., held their competition for "Barnet's Cup," the conditions being seven shots at 200, 500 and 600 yards. The weather was very favourable for shooting, and the result was a record score for the Chatham Division, R.M.L.I., the winner making the splendid score of 101 out of a possible 105. Principal scores:

Rank & Name	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total
Staff-Sergt. Lane ..	34	34	33	101
Sergt. Scott	30	35	30	95
Col.-Sergt. Hammond ..	39	33	29	93

PORTSMOUTH DIVISIONAL RIFLE MEETING.

On Monday and Tuesday, September 20th and 21st, the annual Rifle Meeting of the Portsmouth Division took place on the Browndown Ranges. A large number of competitors entered for the various events, and the meeting proved a great success. At the conclusion of the meeting the prizes were kindly distributed by Mrs. Baldwin. Appended are the results.

LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS IN ORDER OF MERIT.

No. 1 Competition, 200 Yards, Recruits.

Company	*Name & Rank*	*Points*	£	*s.*	*d.*
Victory Depot.	Pte. P. J. Herrington ..	30	0	15	0
C	,, E. T. Searle ..	30	0	10	0
G	,, W. Willcocks ..	30	0	7	6
F	,, Thos. Smeed ..	29	0	5	0
E	,, F. Winter ..	29	0	5	0
C	,, H. W. Martin ..	28	0	2	6
A	,, E. T. Hewitt ..	28	0	2	6
E	,, H. Gould ..	28	0	2	6
Victory Depot.	,, J. Marshall ..	28	0	1	0
G	,, A Tarrant ..	27	0	1	0
F	,, H. Wells ..	27	0	1	0
G	,, W. Bull ..	26	0	1	0
A	,, W. L. Burns ..	26	0	1	0
E	,, F. Scammell ..	26	0	1	0
D	,, E. Bartlett ..	26	0	1	0
G	,, R. Sutcliffe ..	25	0	1	0
B	,, C. H. Peake ..	25	0	1	0
B	Lc.-Crpl. G. B. Morey ..	25	0	1	0
	One score of 25 counted out.		£3	0	0

No. 2 Competition, Rank and File, 200 Yards.

Victory Depot.	Corpl. W. Beaumont ..	30	0	15	0
D	Lc.-Crpl. A. F. Corbett	30	0	10	0
D	Corpl. S. Grant ..	30	0	7	6
G	Pte. H. Spurrier ..	30	0	5	0
E	,, J. C. Bullard ..	30	0	5	0
Victory Depot.	,, T. Lea ..	29	0	2	6
,,	,, G. Cooper ..	29	0	2	6
E	Mus. J. G. Taylor ..	28	0	2	6
Victory Depot.	Corpl. H. E. Parslow..	28	0	1	0
D	,, H. Bayman ..	28	0	1	0
F	Pte. D. Ledbrook ..	28	0	1	0
Victory Depot.	Lce.-Sergt. H. Horton	28	0	1	0
Hero	Pte. J. L. Peel ..	27	0	1	0
E	,, P. F. Bullen ..	27	0	1	0
F	,, R. Lepine ..	27	0	1	0
B	,, T. Bilbow ..	27	0	1	0
G	,, J. Day ..	27	0	1	0
D	,, E. T. Robinson ..	27	0	1	0
	Two scores of 27 counted out.		£3	0	0

No. 3 Competition, Sergeants, 300 Yards.

B	S.-Sergt. F. Hayward ..	33	1	0	0
E	,, E. Luff ..	32	0	15	0
E	C.-Sergt. P. Gill ..	31	0	10	0
G	Sergt. R. Chalmers ..	31	0	10	0
D	,, J. E. Cole ..	30	0	7	6
D	C.-Sergt. J. Ellison ..	30	0	7	6
G	Sergt. D. Finlayson ..	30	0	7	6
D	,, A. Brown ..	30	0	7	6
B	L.-Sergt. A. Mizen ..	30	0	5	0
F	Sergt. H. Wildes ..	29	0	5	0
E	C.-Sergt. C. J. Ryman..	29	0	5	0
B	Sergt. E. Tyrrell ..	29	0	5	0
Plymouth A	,, W. Gingell ..	29	0	5	0
	Two scores of 29 counted out.		£5	10	0

No. 4 Competition, Recruits, 500 Yards.

G	Pte. W. Willcocks ..	31	0	15	0
	Special Prize, Silver Watch.				
Victory Depot.	Pte. A Moody ..	27	0	10	0
A	,, E. T. Hewitt ..	26	0	7	6
E	,, A. G. Sawyer ..	26	0	5	0
E	,, J. S. Arnold ..	26	0	5	0
D	,, F. Ladd ..	25	0	2	6
A	,, W. L. Burns ..	25	0	2	6
A	,, J. T. Buckinham ..	23	0	2	6
B	,, C. H. Peake ..	23	0	1	0
D	,, E. Bartlett ..	23	0	1	0
A	,, F. O'Neal ..	23	0	1	0
E	,, F. Scammell ..	22	0	1	0
Victory Depot.	,, W. Gulliver ..	20	0	1	0
C	,, J. Miles ..	20	0	1	0
F	,, W. Olding ..	20	0	1	0
C	,, E. T. Searle ..	19	0	1	0
E	,, H. Gould ..	19	0	1	0
G	,, A. Tarrant ..	19	0	1	0
	Three scores of 19 counted out		£3	0	0

No. 5 Competition, Rank and File, 500 Yards.

A	L.-Corpl. A Weston ..	34	0	15	0
E	,, E. Webb ..	32	0	10	0
G	Corpl. W. Dorey ..	31	0	7	6
C	,, G. Stapleton ..	31	0	5	0
G	L.-Corpl. J. J. Collier	31	0	5	0
C	Pte. P. E. Bullen ..	30	0	2	6
G	,, H. Spurrier ..	30	0	2	6
	Special Prize, Silver Watch.				
E	Mus. J. S. Taylor ..	30	0	2	6
F	Pte. F. Lepine ..	30	0	1	0
G	,, J. Day ..	29	0	1	0
Victory Depot.	,, G. Cooper ..	29	0	1	0
Plymouth. A	L.-Corpl. J Johnson ..	29	0	1	0
D	,, A. F. Corbett	29	0	1	0
F	Pte. J. Maxwell ..	29	0	1	0
G	,, J. Deane ..	29	0	1	0
B	,, T. Jackson ..	29	0	1	0
B	,, T. Billow ..	28	0	1	0
F	,, S. Silke ..	28	0	1	0
	Three scores of 28 counted out.		£3	0	0

No. 6 Competition, Sergeants, 500 Yards.

G	Sergt. D. Finlayson ..	33	1	0	0
	Special Prize, Silver Watch.				
D	Sergt. A. Brown ..	32	0	15	0
E	C.-Sergt. C. J. Pyman..	32	0	10	0
G	,, T. Jones ..	32	0	10	0
Plymouth A	Sergt. J. Lloyde ..	31	0	7	6
G	C.-Sergt. A. Robotham	31	0	7	6
E	S.-Sergt. E. Luff ..	31	0	7	6
C	Sergt. J. Facer ..	31	0	7	6
D	C.-Sergt. J. Ellison ..	31	0	5	0
D	Sergt. A. J. Whistler ..	31	0	5	0
A	,, W. Handford ..	30	0	5	0
B	,, J. J. Child ..	30	0	5	0
D	,, J. E. Cole ..	30	0	5	0
			£5	10	0

No. 8, Divisional Stakes—Grand Aggregate.

Coy.	*Rank & Name*	*200*	*500*	*600*	£	*s.*	*d.*	*Total*
E	Q.-M.-S. Luff ..	32	31	33	1	10	0	96
F	Capt. C. E. Collard ..	34	31	31	1	0	0	96
G	Sergt. D. Finlayson ..	30	33	32	0	15	0	95
Plymo.	,, J. Lloyde ..	29	31	31	0	10	0	91
B	S.-Sergt. F. Hayward..	33	29	29	0	5	0	91
C	C.-Sergt. P. Gill ..	31	28	31	0	5	0	90
G	Pte. H. Spurrier ..	30	30	30	0	5	0	90
D	Sergt. J. E. Cole ..	30	30	28	0	2	6	88
G	Pte. W. Willcock ..	30	31	27	0	2	6	88
D	Sergt. J. Ellison ..	30	31	27	0	2	6	88
G	C.-Sergt. T. Jones ..	24	32	31	0	2	6	87
D	Sergt. A. Browne ..	30	32	25	0	2	6	87
A	,, J. Wigginton ..	28	28	30	0	2	6	86

Coy.		200	500	600	£	s.	d.	Total
E	C.-Sergt. I. C. J. Ryman	29	32	25	0	2	6	86
B	L.-Sergt. R. Mizen ..	30	27	28	0	2	6	85
G	Pte. J. Play ..	27	29	28	0	2	6	84
A	Sergt. W. Handford ..	26	30	27	0	2	6	83
					£5	15	0	

No. 10, Col. Commandant's Prize—Open to all ranks—500 Yards. Rapid Firing.

Co.	Rank & Name	Points	£	s.	d.	Remarks.
D	C.-Sergt. J. Ellison	31	2	2	0	Col. Commandant's Prize
M	L.-Corpl. W. Ware	29	..			Special Prize, Silver Watch
	Corpl. Stapleton ..	..	..			,, ,, ,,

Coy.	Name	200	500	600	Total
G	Sergt. D. Finlayson ..	32	32	31	95
G	Pte. W. Willcock ..	29	30	33	92
	First Prize—Cup and 10s.				
E	S.-Sergt. E. Luff ..	29	30	27	86
E	L.-Corpl. Webb ..	33	30	32	95
	Second Prize—6s.				
B	S.-Sergt. F. Hayward..	29	34	31	94
B	Pte. A. Ford ..	25	30	28	83
	Third Prize—4s.				

Divisional Shooting Club Prizes.

Coy.	Rank & Name	200	500	600	Total	£	s.	d.
E	S.-Sergt. E. Luff ..	32	31	33	96	2	5	0
F	Capt. C E. Collard..	34	31	31	96	1	0	0
G	Sergt. D. Finlayson..	30	33	32	95	0	10	0
G	Pte. H. Spurrier ..	30	30	30	90	0	15	6
G	,, W. Willcock ..	30	31	27	88	0	7	6
G	,, J. Day ..	27	29	28	84	0	5	0

Revolver Sweepstakes.

Rank & Name.	Points	£	s.	d.
Capt. C. E. Collard ..	49			

Result of a match between teams of the R.M.L.I. and H.M.S. *Excellent*. Fired at Tipnor, 1st October, 1897, and resulted in a win for the R.M.L.I. by 16 points.

R.M.L.I.

Rank & Name	200	500	600	Total
Lieut. B. Tucker ..	31	33	32	96
Capt. C. E. Collard ..	33	32	30	95
Sergt. W. Finlayson ..	29	30	33	92
S.-Sergt. F. Hayward ..	30	32	30	92
C.-Sergt. T. Jones ..	31	32	29	92
Pte. T. Lea	32	32	28	92
Sergt. J. E. Cole ..	30	31	29	90
Pte. W. Willcock ..	26	32	24	82
Totals	242	254	235	731

Average 91·37.

H.M.S. "Excellent."

1st P.O. Inglis ..	32	34	30	96
C.P.O. Wroe ..	31	34	28	93
,, Bedford ..	29	32	30	91
1st P.O. Cramer ..	31	31	26	88
,, Fulcher ..	30	34	24	88
,, Sullivan ..	26	33	28	87
C.P.O. Deighton ..	28	32	26	86
Mr. Wade.. ..	29	28	29	86
Totals	236	258	221	715

Average 89·37.

Result of a match between teams of the R.M.L.I. and 2nd Vol. Batt. Hants Regiment. Fired at Browndown, 2nd October, 1897. R.M.L.I. won by 86 points.

R.M.L.I.

Sergt. J. E. Cole ..	33	34	32	99
,, D. Finlayson ..	34	35	28	97
Pte. T. Lea	31	33	32	96
C.-Sergt. A. Robotham ..	33	30	32	95
Lieut. B. Tucker ..	30	32	32	94
S.-Sergt. F. Hayward ..	28	34	29	91
C.-Sergt. T. Jones ..	32	32	26	90
Pte. W. Willcock ..	30	29	20	79
Totals	251	259	231	741

Average 92·62.

2nd V.B. Hants Regiment.

L.-Sergt. J. Moger ..	28	31	29	88
Pte. Ham	27	29	31	87
Major Abraham ..	29	27	30	86
Pte. Rogers	24	33	25	82
,, Davis	29	29	23	81
,, Dawes	29	28	22	79
Sergt. Tucker.. ..	29	29	21	79
L.-Sergt. Moore ..	28	28	17	73
Totals	223	234	198	655

Average 81·87.

Result of match fired at Browndown, 16th August, 1897, between teams of the R.M.A. and R.M.L.I. *v.* Hants XX. The Marines won the match by 41 points. The shooting of both teams was decidedly below the average, but this may be accounted for, as a very strong wind prevailed the whole afternoon, which made good shooting (especially on the knee) a matter of extreme difficulty.

R.M.A. and R.M.L.I.

S.-Major Baker ..	28	32	32	92
Sergt. Simpson ..	28	31	31	90
Pte. Lea	28	35	27	90
Lieut. Tucker ..	26	31	32	89
Sergt. Stevenson ..	28	33	26	87
Capt. Collard ..	30	31	26	87
Sergt. Finlayson ..	31	32	24	87
C.-Sergt. Robotham ..	23	31	32	86
S.-I.-M. Simms ..	26	33	27	86
Corpl. Bowley ..	28	31	26	85
S.-Sergt. Hayward ..	29	29	26	84
S.-Sergt. Foley ..	28	33	23	84
Pte. Willcock ..	30	31	23	84
C.-Sergt. Jones ..	19	32	32	83
Q.-M.-S. Graham ..	26	30	26	82
S.-Sergt. Brockliss ..	27	29	25	81
Sergt. Deacon ..	29	28	24	81
,, Height.. ..	24	32	23	79
Totals	488	564	485	1537

Average 85·38.

Hants XX.

Sergt. Cleife	25	35	28	88
,, Fletcher ..	29	33	26	88
Captain Seward ..	28	27	32	87
Sergt. Hyde	28	32	27	87
,, Tharle.. ..	29	26	31	86
Pte. Dickson	26	29	30	85
Corpl. Mundell ..	29	30	26	85
Sergt. Moger	28	31	25	84
Pte. Davis	26	27	30	83
Sergt. Hillyer.. ..	29	26	28	83
Cyclist Price	26	30	27	83
C.-Sergt. Woodman ..	27	29	26	82
Sergt. Trueman ..	28	30	24	82
,, Hearn	24	29	28	81
Corpl. Dash	22	29	29	80
Q.-M.-S. Whitear ..	25	29	26	80
Sergt. Hills	23	29	25	77
,, Caltherup ..	24	23	28	75
Totals	476	524	496	1496

Average 83·11.

Result of match fired between teams of the R.M.L.I. and H.M.S. *Excellent* at Browndown, 10th of August, 1897. The *Excellents* won by 10 points.

R.M.L.I.	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Ttl. yds.
Staff-Sergt. Hayward ..	30	34	30	94
Capt. Collard ..	30	32	30	92
Col.-Sergt. Jones ..	30	31	30	91
,, Finlayson ..	30	34	27	91
Lieut. Tucker ..	28	33	29	90
Capt. Garrett ..	24	31	31	86
Pte. Lea ..	29	31	25	85
,, Spurrier ..	27	23	24	74
Totals	228	249	226	703

Average 87·87.

H.M.S. "EXCELLENT."				
1st class P.O. Sullivan ..	29	34	31	94
Chief P.O. Bedford ..	30	34	30	94
1st class P.O. Cramer ..	30	33	29	92
,, Fulcher ..	32	30	28	90
Chief P.O. Deighton ..	29	28	30	87
Mr. Wade ..	29	30	27	87
1st class P.O. Inglis ..	24	31	30	85
Chief P.O. Wroe ..	29	31	25	85
Totals	232	251	230	713

Average 89·12.

A match between the Sergeants of R.M. Depot and Hythe Staff (School of Musketry) took place at the Kingsdown Ranges on the 13th October, 1897. Each establishment was represented by two teams (each of ten men) and resulted in a win for both teams of R.M. Depot. The following are the scores:

R.M. Depot.				
Sergt.-Inst. Pearson ..	32	34	33	99
Staff-Sergt. Quianlan ..	33	33	31	97
Clr.-Sergt. Freeman ..	28	35	32	95
Staff-Sergt. Hill ..	30	32	32	94
Major Langford ..	31	31	30	92
Sergt. Sugden ..	29	30	32	91
,, Elliott	30	31	29	90
,, Burgis.. ..	31	31	26	88
Staff-Sergt. Sullivan ..	32	23	30	85
,, Jolly ..	28	32	23	83
Totals	304	312	298	914

Average 91·40.

Hythe Staff.				
Sergt.-Inst. Lazzell ..	30	33	34	97
,, Wallingford	29	33	33	95
Q.-M..S. Robinson ..	30	35	30	95
Sergt.-Inst. Higgins ..	33	30	30	93
Q.-M.-S. Wilkinson ..	29	33	28	90
Sergt.-Inst. Cooper ..	31	32	27	90
Lieut. Hardy.. ..	28	34	26	88
Q.-M.-S. Davidson ..	29	33	25	87
Sergt.-Major White ..	30	34	22	86
Q.-M.-S. Howard ..	27	28	22	77
Totals	296	325	277	898

Average 89·80. R.M. Depot won by 16 points.

R.M. Depot.				
Sergt.-Inst. House ..	33	27	31	01
Drum-Major Howe ..	34	29	28	91
Sergt. Howard ..	32	31	26	89
,, Sillitoe ..	31	26	31	88
Sergt.-Inst. Holloway ..	30	27	30	87
Lce.-Sergt. Saunders ..	27	29	29	85
Sergt. Robson ..	33	27	25	85
,, Coombes ..	27	28	27	82
Mr. Bailey	28	27	27	82
Lce.-Sergt. Paynter ..	29	25	22	76
Totals	304	276	276	856

Average 85·60.

Hythe Staff.				
Capt. Smithett ..	30	35	27	92
Sergt.-Inst. Nicholls ..	28	30	31	89
,, Fox ..	28	29	29	86
,, Eede ..	30	33	23	86
,, Simpson ..	22	32	29	83
,, Diss ..	29	22	24	75
,, Barnes ..	25	29	20	74
,, Demontie ..	24	28	21	73
,, Burnett ..	29	30	14	73
,, Maddocks ..	27	29	16	72
Totals	272	297	234	803

Average 80·30. R.M. Depot won by 53 points.

Shooting Match fired at the Royal Naval Range, Bermuda, on the 18th of September. The following are the scores:

Royal Marines.		Royal Navy.	
Col.-Sergt. Morrison ..	91	1st P.O. McHatch ..	78
Pte. A. Grace	90	,, Ellins ..	70
Lce.-Sergt. Day ..	80	,, Defel ..	71
Sergt. Mead	73	A.B. McWyllys ..	65
,, Rowe ..	66	,, Cull	51
Total ..	400	Total ..	335

Average 80. Average 67.

Moves.—*Corps Gazette.*

CHATHAM—

Sergt. A. Welford from Recruiting, Cambridge.
Sergt. J. Martin from Recruiting, Liverpool.
Sergt. W. Jackson to Recruiting, Cambridge.
Ptes. B. M. Lansdowne and R. Dixon to Woolwich, for course of instruction in Regimental Transport.

PLYMOUTH—

Capt. B. C. Couchman, from Recruiting, Nottingham.
Capt. H. E. Blumberg to R.N. College, Greenwich, for temporary duty with Instructor of Fortification.
Sergt. J. Price, from Recruiting, Bristol.
Lce.-Corpl. C. H. Turner and Pte. P. Sweeney to Woolwich, for a course of Regimental Transport.
Sergt. J. Lawrence to School of Musketry, Hythe.
Lce.-Sergt. J. E. Connolly to *Cambridge*, to qualify as Gunnery Instructor.
Lce.-Corpl. H. Sanders to the *Vivid*, to qualify as Coxswain.

Answers to Correspondents.

Empress of India, J.C.—New pattern white clothing was not issued until 1895.

Late News.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have received with much satisfaction a favourable report by the Major General Commanding 2nd Brigade, Aldershot, endorsed by the General Officer Commanding Aldershot Division, on the conduct of the men comprising the Royal Marine Battalion attached to the Aldershot Command, and on the excellent spirit displayed by them throughout this year's exercises, and are pleased to direct that the expression of their satisfaction is to be conveyed to Lieut.-Colonel and Brevet-Colonel F. Baldwin, R.M.L.I., who commanded the battalion, and to the officers and men concerned. You are to take the necessary steps accordingly.

With reference to circular hence No. 5837—97, of the 18th October, 1897. Major W. S. S. Harvest, R.M.L.I., is appointed to the Plymouth Division but will remain at the Portsmouth Division, on command, while performing the duties of Instructor of Signalling.

Lieutenant E. O. H. Orpen-Palmer, R.M.L.I., is to be held in readiness to embark for passage to H.M.S. *Magnificent*, Channel Squadron.

Births.

BRANSON.—On 20th October, at Chatham, the wife of Pte. A. Branson, of a son.

COLLINGS.—On 17th September, at Chatham, the wife of Sergt. A. Collings, of a son.

POLLARD.—On 19th October, at Chatham, the wife of Pte. A. Pollard, of a daughter.

SNOW—On the 20th inst., at 19, Lower Seymour Street, the wife of Colonel E. B. Snow (late R.M.L.I.) Park Grove, Withyham, of a daughter.

CAREY—Wife of Sergt. Carey, of a daughter.

LUARD—On the 30th ult., at Forton Barracks, Gosport, the wife of Capt. Frank W. Luard, Royal Marine Light Infantry, of a daughter.

Marriages.

TULLY—HAYHOW.—On 3rd October, at Sheerness, Sergt. C. T. Tully to Miss A. A. M. Hayhow.

FOLEY—CLARINGBOLD.—On 10th October, at Deal, Corpl. C. W. Foley to Miss E. E. Claringbold.

LIDDIARD—WELDON.—On 30th September, at New Sleaford, Lincoln, Corpl. A. Liddiard to Miss Alice Weldon.

SERVENT—FREEMAN.—On 4th October, at Rotherhithe, Corpl. H. R. Servent to Miss M. A. E. Freeman.

MARSHALL—PATTON.—On 24th October, at Chatham, Pte. G. W. Marshall to Miss M. Patton.

TIMMINS—HODGES.—On 7th October, at London, Pte. J. L. Timmins to Miss A. Hodges.

CLOWES—IVEY—At St. Bartholomew's Church, Southsea, on 9th October, 1897, Sergt. T. Clowes, R.M.A., to Miss H. E. Ivey.

RODWAY—COURTNEY—At the Parish Church, Great Wishford, Wilts, on 9th October, 1897, Bombr. S. G. Rodway, R.M.A., to Miss W. L. Courtney.

ANGLISS - DEACON—At the Parish Church, Kensington, on 12th Sept., 1897, Pte. W. B. Angliss to Miss A. Deacon.

READ—FULLICK—At the Parish Church, Headley, on 18th Sept., 1897, Pte. T. B. Read to Miss M. M. Fullick.

ROGERS—WEST—At St. John's Church, Forton, on 7th Oct., 1897, Lce.-Sergt. E. J. Rogers to Miss J. S. West.

ROPER—BAYLIS—At the Registry Office, Camberwell, on 14th Oct., 1897, Corpl. E. Roper to Miss E. Baylis.

BAILEY—BENNETT—On 5th October, from Drayton Court, at St. John's Church, Ealing, by the Rev. Canon Bailey, D.D., father of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. H. R Bailey, uncle, and also by the Rev. M. D. Fletcher, of Thorpe Malsor, Kettering, Henry Augustine Bailey to Annie Kathleen (Kitty) Bennett, daughter of the late General Worthy Bennett, R.M.L.I.

MILLER—NORRIS—At Deal, on 9th of October, 1897, Corpl. Miller to Miss A. J. E. Norris.

Deaths.

SMITHSON—On 21st October, 1897, Pte. F. W. Smithson, aged 20 years.

ROBERTS—On the 27th ult., at Gade Hill House, Rochester, Hilda, the beloved wife of Major H H. Roberts, R.M.L.I.

The Editors beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following with many thanks:—

The Tiger and Sphinx; The Borderers' Chronicle; The Tiger and the Rose; The Royal Engineers' Journal; St. George's Gazette; The Queen's Own Gazette; The Army Service Corps Journal; The Lilywhites Gazette; The 2nd Suffolk Gazette; Ours; The XXX; The United Service Gazette (weekly); *The Seventh Regiment Gazette, U.S.A.; The Sprig of Shillelagh; The Naval and Military Record* (weekly); *The Maple Leaf; The Dragon; The Man of the World* (weekly; *Quis Separabit, The National Guardsman; The Bengal Tiger; The Thin Red Line; Faugh-a-Ballagh; The Brigade of Guards Magazine; The Light Bob Gazette The Nines; The London Scottish Regimental Gazette; The Regiment; Volunteer Service Gazette; Jackson's Dockyard Gazette; Suffolk Gazette; XII. Regiment* (1st No. received); *and Graphic.*

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Capt. Curtoys ..	0	5	0	*Hibernia* ..	0	13	0
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Editorial.

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS.—It is a pleasure to realize that by means of this little paper, "Our Corps Journal," one is enabled to send greetings to the whole Corps, scattered though it is in every part of the world. All who read this—whether shivering in Halifax or North China, broiling in the Soudan or other tropic climes, or at Ascension playing cricket (which I believe is the winter pastime there)—will know that they are not forgotten and are thought of by their comrades at home, who hope they will spare a thought in return. To one and all may the New Year bring joy, prosperity and luck, and—as it is hard to tell what each requires—may the dearest wish of our hearts be satisfied.

We are pleased to inform our readers that we have obtained permission to reprint a series of articles on our Corps, by Captain Drury, which have appeared from time to time in the *Army and Navy Illustrated*. This excellent fortnightly is probably well-known to all of our readers, if not, it ought to be. The wonderful variety of service photographs reproduced in the most perfect manner arrests attention and assists one to pass spare moments pleasantly when it is impossible to settle down to reading or writing. The work expended in compiling this book must be very great, and the Editor is to be congratulated for managing to interest the general public in a technical subject as he does.

Lieut.-Col. Parkins Hearle has brought back from Australia a series of articles on the connection of the Royal Marine Corps with the foundation of our Australian Colonies. They have been compiled by himself from historical records, and are of the greatest interest to all of us. We intend to publish them from time to time in our columns, with the kind permission of the author. It will be news to most of our readers to hear that the exploration of the country was carried out by Marines, and several ancient maps are now in existence which are the work of Marine officers.

THE CORPS DINNER.—Dear Sir,—It has often struck me that the Corps Dinner is hardly the success it ought to be and often languishes from want of support. Why is this? I think a discussion in your columns might do good. My suggestion is to vary the locality of the Dinner every year, and let London, Chatham, Portsmouth, Plymouth, and Eastney each hold a Corps Dinner in rotation. By this means you would appeal to a much larger circle, and many who now do not care to go to London would attend at the Division they happened to be living near. More younger officers would also go, and thus encourage that interchange of ideas between the retired and active lists. I am certain the Divisions would willingly lend the use of their Mess, &c., and thus lessen the expenses. Opportunity might also be taken for all the bands to amalgamate for a week at each Division, and thus give the public an opportunity of hearing the massed bands of the "Royal Marines." I remain, &c., A Royal Marine.

[We invite discussion on the above letter. The date of the dinner might be varied each year so as to fit in with some event taking place near the Division at which it is held. For instance, Forton and Eastney, Goodwood Week; Plymouth, Regatta Week; and so on.—EDITOR.]

The staff of the *Globe and Laurel* much regret the loss of Lce.-Sergt. Newman, who has performed the duties of clerk to the paper for over two years. He is on his way to the Antipodes, where we trust that he will always win the same golden opinions as he has here. We hope to see his name figuring in the athletic columns of the Australian papers, and we all wish him a successful career. If we have lost an able assistant, his translation may be for our good, as we have certainly gained a good foreign correspondent.

THE DUKE OF COBURG'S CHALLENGE CUP.—The conditions of the competition for this cup, as arranged by the R.M.R.A. committee, which met on the 10th of August, have been submitted to The Duke of Saxe Coburg and Gotha, and His Royal Highness considers that every requirement is met and they have his entire approval.

Colonel Edye has kindly sent two extracts from Captain Gray's Book of "Lays and Lyrics" which was published in 1841. Captain Charles Gray joined the Royal Marines in 1808, promoted to Captain 1829, and retired in 1840. He lived in the days of very old subs, which accounts for his cynical writings. He was a poet of no mean calibre, one of his most celebrated songs being "Charlie is My Darling." Another of his writings will be found on page 135.

IMPROMPTU.

Written while the Author was yet 'A First Lieutenant of Marines.'

Alas! for the *Subs* that must traverse the ocean,
And mount step by step the scale of promotion;
The steps are so distant, the ladder so high,
The top, like old Jacob's, is lost in the sky!
This doctrine is true, tho' few venture to teach it,
In heaven, alone, will the most of them reach it!

Royal Marines in the Soudan.



Corpl. Muller, R.M.A. *Capt. Hobbs, R.M.L.I.* *Sergt. Russell, R.M.A.*
C.-Sgt. Seabright, R.M.A. *Cpl. Mathieson, R.M.A.* *Sgt. Sears, R.M.A.*
Sgt. Prior, R.M.A. *Sgt. Jenvey, R.M.A.*

A PHOTOGRAPH OF CAPTAIN HOBBS, R.M.L.I. AND THE R.M.A. DETACHMENT, TAKEN BY CAPT. STANTON, OXFORD L.I., AT THE FOURTH CATARACT, 26TH AUGUST, 1897.

This was taken unexpectedly one evening after work, when they had gone out into the desert to practise signalling. Corporal Hearne, R.M.A., had just previously been invalided.

On board the *Zafir*, at Berber,
30th September, 1897.

Sir,

Our comrades at home may like to have a short outline of our doings since leaving England. On board the P and O. we learnt the simple semaphore alphabet, Corpl. Trowbridge acting as our instructor, and very useful it has since turned out to be, for we were expected to keep up communication between the different gunboats of the Nile flotilla, and when they were in "single column line ahead," this was a sufficiently difficult operation; however, we did it to the best of our ability.

At Cairo we were quartered in the Kasr-el-Nil Barracks with the 2nd Coy. R.E. for several days, and were employed in drawing stores and making final preparations for our advance up the Nile. This commenced on 23rd July. Merawi was reached on 6th August, the day previous to the battle of Abu Hamed, and was then, as it is still, I believe, the head-quarters of the Frontier Field Force. Sergt. Jenvey, who remained in the Egyptian Service when the R.M.A. Detachment returned to England last year after the successful advance to Dongola, joined us at this place. We were now divided into two parts: four of us were sent to the armoured stern-wheel gunboat *Zafir* to make ourselves acquainted with the guns and to pick up what we could of the language, while four were to remain in the *Metemmeh* and go with Captain Keppel, R.N., up to the fourth cataract, the other small gunboats, *Tamai* and *El-Teb* having already gone up. News arrived soon afterwards that the *El-Teb* had come to grief in this difficult and dangerous cataract, and that the two officers (Lieut. Beatty, R.N., and Capt. Hobbs, R.M.L.I.), had lost the *whole* of their kit and provisions.

The larger boats were kept on the Kerma-Merawi reach of the Nile as long as possible to assist in getting stores to the front; at last, however, we received orders to go over the cataract. The boats were stopped just below the broken water and all available stores, etc., discharged to the shore to be carried across the desert to Housh-el-Garouf, where they were again embarked. The task of hauling the boats over the rapids was difficult and exciting. Two of us were kept on board to pass out battens and to attend to rope gear generally—a harder task than most people would imagine—while the remainder assisted on shore, being one minute up to the waist in water, the next scaling rocks like goats. It was at this work that poor Hearne contracted his dysentery. He was quartered in the cabin of the gunboat *Fatteh*, lying off Housh-el-Garouf, and attended by a native army surgeon; he received every attention and kindness from the British officers present and from our three N.C O.'s who were with him, but on the 21st August he was getting so bad, that it was decided to send him back to Merawi, where there is an English doctor, and that evening he left by camel with one of the Egyptian Medical Staff Corps in attendance. On the 30th we were grieved to hear of his having died at Kessenger on the journey down, and we all deeply feel his loss, for he was the life and soul of our little party, and when at work a bright example to us all.

After all the gunboats had been hauled over the fourth cataract safely, they proceeded in company to Abu Hamed, arriving there on 29th August.

The *Tamai*, with General Hunter on board, and the *Nasr*, left immediately for Berber, which was reported as evacuated by the enemy. Two days later we were surprised to see the *Tamai* returning. The *Nasr* had run on a rock, and we were exceedingly pleased at receiving orders to get up steam at once and accompany the *Tamai* towards Berber. By the time we reached the spot where the *Nasr* had struck she was reported repaired and ready to proceed, so the *Metemmeh* returned to Abu Hamed and our little fleet of four gunboats made the best of its way to the important town of Berber. Our reception was one that will not readily be forgotten by those present: some thousands of people were assembled on the river banks, the men cheering and the women making that peculiarly shrill noise which will be familiar to any who have ever visited the Soudan. Most of these people followed the gunboats the whole length of the town as they steamed slowly by, as if to challenge any stray Dervishes that might still be lurking about. After this parade we steamed back and made fast to the bank opposite the centre of the town; the Soudani Regiment we had brought up from Abu Hamed was landed, their band played the Khedivial hymn and Berber was ours.

The following day two of the gunboats proceeded some thirty miles up river and succeeded in capturing eighteen Dervish nuggars full of loot and grain, and several prisoners. There was but little fighting, only a few shells being fired. The officers withheld their fire on account of the numbers of women and children seen with the enemy who very quickly cleared off into the desert out of range. The loss of these boats must be severely felt by the Dervishes, judging by their activity, for they are now busy raiding the villages within a few miles of Berber.

We are anxiously looking forward to the next onward move, of which, at present, we see no prospect; troops, and, of course, stores will have to be brought up, and transport, in such a country as this, is terribly slow work.

We passed Sergeant Hugh Evans, R.M.A., at Kerma, and, as far as we know, he is there still; the rest of us are in good health.

Berber,
23rd October, 1897.

Sir,

A rough description of these armoured stern-wheel gunboats, which are likely to be of so much use in the assault of Metemmeh and Khartoum, may be interesting. They are paddle-boats, lightly built of iron, and supposed to be capable of steaming 10 knots an hour against a four knot current. Length 130 feet; breadth 24 feet, with a draught of $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet. There are two principal decks and an armoured superstructure, which forms the battery above them. Light iron plates can be shipped round the lower deck for protection against rifle fire, and aperatures have been cut in them to admit of rifle fire being delivered. On the fore part of the upper deck is fixed a $2\frac{1}{2}$ pr. (75 *m/m*) Q.F. Maxim gun on cone mounting; charge $12\frac{3}{4}$ ozs., Balistite No. 4; M.V. 1575 f.s.; sighted to 4,500 yards; projectiles, double, common and shrapnel shell and case shot. In the battery are two ordinary 6 pr. Nordenfelt

Q.F. guns on recoil mountings, and three ·45 Maxim guns. The fighting crew of each boat is as follows:—Generally two British officers (one naval and one military); two or three R.M.A. N.C.O.'s; a detachment of Egyptian Artillery, and a half-company of Soudani Infantry, with their officers. The navigating crew:—One European engineer; one (native) 2nd engineer; four firemen; three trimmers; two reisses and six sailors, with an occasional reinforcement of a cataract reis or two, and three or four mukbirs (guides), who, by the way, will all persist in trying to pilot the boat at the same time.

The larger boats, *Zafir* (flag), *Nasr*, and *Fatteh* are at present employed in patrolling the river in turn, a week at a time, up in the neighbourhood of Ed-Damen, just above the Atbara. You will have heard ere this that the three above-mentioned gunboats bombarded Metemmeh on the 16th and 17th inst. Though only a reconnaissance in force, there was really a brisk engagement both days, the enemy being well prepared for us. The Dervishes must have some well trained gunners, for in spite of our shells dropping into their forts in rapid succession, they kept up a vigorous and well directed fire in return. Generally speaking a British eye aligned the sights of our guns, but the Egyptian gunners were given a chance to fire a few rounds every now and again. Several of the Dervish guns were silenced and considerable damage done to their forts.

It is an open secret here that as soon as we can get a good supply of ammunition to the front, the gunboats will have another rub at Metemmeh, and next time it is to be a night attack. This will probably conclude the operations for the year. But then, who knows? The English daily papers, perhaps, give you better and earlier information than we get here.

Sergeant Hugh Evans has joined us now from Kerma, making our little party nine in number, all in excellent health. Captain Hobbs, R.M.L.I., is at Abu Hamed.

From the Mediterranean.

THE summer cruises carried out on the Mediterranean station ended this year on the 23rd November. The first was to Gibraltar and the Spanish ports; the second to the Adriatic, and the third, just completed, visited Alexandria, Cyprus, and the Syrian coast. The ships now remain in winter quarters at Malta, or go away singly. The *Vulcan* will conduct torpedo training at Platea, and Crete is still likely to require the presence of some. There has been a good deal of sickness, and it seems quite unaccountable why some ships remain healthy and others the reverse; new crews and young unseasoned men do not entirely explain it.

On the station there are 1,481 Marines, including 27 officers; and as some vessels are to be relieved by larger ones, our Corps out here will soon exceed 1,500 men. There are 40 ships, but six are torpedo-boat destroyers, and do not carry Marines.

Bicycling has become popular among the officers, and is a favourite amusement with the Admiral; the flag-ship carries at least 16 bicycles. At most of the ports the roads are good, so by excursions into the country many quaint and pretty places can be visited that a few years ago were out of reach. Also at Malta, during the season, bicycle picnics are a rage, and to some extent the pony has been replaced for this form of amusement. However, the Tandem Club flourishes, and polo proceeds on the Marsa with the old vigour, so that the price of ponies has increased: nothing worth much can be bought for less than £20, and good polo ponies fetch from £30 to £35, whilst a racer, with a record, will run into three figures.

For the first time an English comedy company is playing at the Manoel Theatre, Malta; their repertoire is a large one, and they deserve success. The opera, with its same old chorus, goes on as of yore, and the season has commenced.

We have our weekly drills on the Corradino parade ground, and experience less difficulty in forming a brigade than at head-quarters; but we are short of officers.

H.C.M.

Epitaph

ON A SUBALTERN OF MARINES.

HERE lies, exempt from noise and folly,
One—'clep'd in sailor phrase—a Jolly;
Discharged from ship—of *one* a boaster—
Struck off from guard and foreign roster;
No more on garrison parade
His uniform shall be display'd,
Or trimly dressed and debonair,
He'll trip across the barrack square,
When dinner drum, with welcome sound,
Has wakened all the echoes round.
No more when dawn begins to peep
Rough *holy stones* shall 'murder sleep,'
Nor boatswain's pipe with shrilly blow
E'er rouse the inhabitant below!
Safe landed on a waveless shore
His tour of earthly duty o'er,
The muse to modest merit just
His deeds would rescue from the dust.

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In *war*, when terror stalked abroad,
The crimson deck he often trode,
Where rocks and shoals did him environ
Fast bound in misery and iron.
In *peace* each morn upon parade
He took his usual promenade,
To all commands obedient still,
He mounted guard or went on drill.
Though in his life he ne'er was partial,
To see his name in courts called *Martial*.
Across his weather-beaten brow,
Old Time had driven his iron plough;
And o'er a scalp, white, thin, and bare,
His scythe had scarcely left a hair;
And ne'er a tooth was in his head,
But what the dentist had supplied;
A sand-glass—and this withered elf
Had passed for father Time himself!
Yet still the vet'ran—what a notion!
Wish'd, hop'd, and pray'd—what for? PROMOTION!
One *birthday* went—another came—
Still Hope played her delusive game;
His humble claims were unredressed—
Promotion came not from the west,
East, south, nor north—*esprit de corps*
Within his bosom burned no more.
Despised—neglected—'there's the rub,'
He died a poor heart-broken SUB,
And left this world in such disdain,
'Tis doubtful if he'll rise again.

C. GRAY, CAPT., R.M.

Obituary.

CAPTAIN B. C. COUCHMAN.—It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Captain Bertram Cornish Couchman, Plymouth Division, R.M., which occurred suddenly at the R.N. Hospital, Stonehouse, from pneumonia, on the 12th of November. Captain Couchman was undergoing a course of field training at Fort Stamford, where he caught a chill and was sent to Hospital on Wednesday, and he rapidly succumbed to pleurisy and pneumonia. He entered the service September, 1881, and was promoted to captain November 6th, 1891, and was 34 years old at the time of his death. He served with the R.M. Battalion during the operations in the Eastern Soudan, 1884-85—Egyptian medal and Khedive star. He had just returned from recruiting at Nottingham, which post he held as a temporary measure. He was a genial and popular officer, and his loss is deeply felt by all.

The funeral took place at Plymouth Cemetery on Wednesday, 17th November, a large number of officers attending. At 10-30, the coffin, covered by the Union Jack, was placed in the chancel, three non-commissioned officers flanking it on either side of the pretty little chapel within the hospital grounds, and the service for the dead was said by the Revs. S. Browne, chaplain to the R.M.L.I., Plymouth Division, and the Rev. J. M. Brabazon, chaplain to the R.N. Hospital, the lesson being read by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Totnes (Dr. Wilkinson). On the conclusion of the service in the chapel the coffin was borne to the door, where the firing party, one hundred strong, was drawn up, and the cortege started for the cemetery. At the hospital gates the band of the R.M.L.I. began Chopin's March Funebre, the route taken being along North and Albert Roads to the Cemetery Road.

The order of the procession was as follows:—Firing party, 100 men under Captain Scott and Lieutenants Christie and Armstrong; the military, and fife and drum bands of the division under Mr. F. Winterbottom, bandmaster; the coffin, covered by the Union Jack and floral offerings on a gun carriage, on either side walked six officers of the Garrison of relative rank with the deceased; the mourners and clergy in carriages; two companies of the Plymouth Division R.M.L.I., under Major Johnson; the whole of the warrant-officers and staff-sergeants of the Division off duty; the whole of the officers of the Division who could be spared, the rear being brought up by a strong body of officers representing ships in port and regiments in garrison. Major Eagles, R.M.L.I., was in supreme charge of the funeral arrangements.

At the Cemetery gates the band played the Dead March in "Saul," and the scene at the graveside was most impressive. The conclusion of the service was read by the Ven. Archdeacon of Totnes, and the customary three volleys were fired, a bar of a hymn being played between each volley, while at the end the bugles sounded the "Last post."

MR. SAMUEL LUSCOMBE.—We much regret to announce the death of Mr. Samuel Luscombe, late Colour-Sergeant, R.M.L.I., which occurred in London, 23rd October, 1897. He served in the Crimean in 1854 and 55, was present at the battles of Balaclava and Inkerman (dangerously wounded), engaged at the capture of Kinburn, received the medal and gratuity of £5 for gallant services at Inkerman, also served in China in 1857-60, was present at the taking of Canton, and engagements about ten miles from Canton whilst on an expedition up country on the 4th of January, 1859, also at the taking of Shektshing, and in several minor engagements at Shanghai from March to October, 1860. He possessed the Crimean medal with clasps for Balaclava, Inkerman and Sebastopol, the Turkish Crimean medal, and the Chinese medal with clasp for Canton. He joined the Plymouth Division 26th June, 1848, was promoted corporal 1st July, 1856, sergeant 13th October, 1857, colour-sergeant 8th February, 1865, and was discharged 3rd February, 1870. He wore the Long Service and Good Conduct medal, and on the 5th of August, 1894, he was awarded the medal for Meritorious Service, with an annuity of £10. He was seventy years of age at the time of his death.

MRS. SARAH ANN EARL.—The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Ann Earl, of Forton Road (wife of Mr. Earl, formerly bandmaster of the R.M.L.I.) took place at Ann's Hill Cemetery. Mr. Earl was, forty years ago, bandmaster to the Royal Marines, and was a great favourite with the Queen and Prince Consort, he having been presented by the Queen with a silver cornet. We deeply sympathise with Mr. Earl in his grief.

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   An old-time drill this step defines.
3. True or false—either; alack!
   Disquietude follows in my track.
4. A final added to this light
   A vigil shows, and heralds night.
5. Led by their Queen, a Briton's daughter,
   By these the Roman hosts met slaughter.
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   The dainty dish wherewith to savour.
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Quarter-Master and Hon. Major John Muir, R. M. A.

QUARTER-MASTER AND HON. MAJOR JOHN MUIR, R.M.A., who reached the age for compulsory retirement last month, was born at Wigton, Scotland, where his father was a shepherd in the service of the Earl of Galloway, on 8th November, 1842. At 18 years of age he left home to work as a traveller for his uncle, Mr. Alexander McMeikan, at Liskeard, Cornwall. Ten months later he was enlisted at Tavistock by Clr.-Sergeant Bolitho, R.M.L.I., and on 8th November, 1861, was attested and posted as a Private to the 99th Company, R.M.L.I., at Plymouth. In August, 1862, he was transferred as a Gunner to the R.M.A. at Portsmouth, and embarked in H.M.S. *Hector* (Channel) in January, 1864. Promoted to Bombardier, 12th Company, 6th August, the same year; he returned to Headquarters a few days later, and next embarked in H.M.S. *Achilles* (Channel) in January, 1866. Promotion followed rapidly—he received his Corporal's stripe in 7th Company, 4th March, 1867, was promoted to Sergeant in 14th Company, now "O"—which he never afterwards forgot on his various promotions—12th August, 1868, returned to Headquarters in October that year, and re-engaged in November, 1869. He was the first Royal Marine Artillery Sergeant who was ever sent to the Depôt, Walmer, as an Infantry Drill Instructor—February, 1870—and as such he so impressed the Commandant there, Colonel George Brydges Rodney, R.M.L.I., that he was very soon appointed over the heads of several other N.C.O.s' to perform the duties of 1st Drill. In April, 1873, he returned to Eastney, gained the Colours 21st August, was promoted to Staff-Sergeant and 1st Drill, 20th, March, 1874, to Sergeant-Major 24th June, 1875, and was awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal the following month. On 3rd December, 1881, he gained an Officer's commission as Quarter-Master, was granted the honorary rank of Captain ten years later, and that of Major in March, 1895.



QUARTER-MASTER AND HON. MAJOR JOHN MUIR, R.M.A.

Thus, by untiring energy, straightforward conduct, and devotion to his profession, during 36 years' service, had the shepherd's lad, John Muir, earned and been promoted to the highest position to which it is possible to rise from the ranks in the Corps of Royal Marines. May it not be said of him, that he was "like Cæsar's wife, above suspicion?" He was at all times exceptionally conscientious in the performance of duty, and perfectly conversant with the routine of the various onerous positions he was called upon to fulfil. As Sergeant-Major, the comfort and well being of the Sergeants' Mess was his constant study, and many a N.C.O. is indebted to him for hours of private tuition generously given in his own time. On parade — would that the Corps possessed a few more voices such as his —it is on record that, the necessity arising, he halted the Fort Cumberland Guard at a distance of over 400 yards.

Most popular with both officers and men, and ever ready with a kinldy word of advice to any in need, his retirement is a severe loss to the Corps and the Service generally, and he leaves with the respect and best wishes of his brother officers and men of all ranks in the Royal Marine Artillery.

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The Tadpole of an Archangel.

By Captain W. P. Drury, R.M.L.I.

"I am the tadpole of an archangel."—*Victor Hugo.*

THE only time I ever met him he looked less like a tadpole, or one's conception of an archangel, than a war-rocket. I do not mean, of course, Victor Hugo, but Rear-Admiral Telfer-Bagge, to whom the witty Frenchman's remark applies with equal force. For, though in process of evolution, and the ascent of man, we may all become angels—of light or darkness, as the case may be—yet it is morally certain that we cannot all be archangels—in either case. Judging, however, by the promise of his mundane career, one would confidentially predict for Telfer-Bagge, defunct flag-officer and deep-sea tadpole, a speedy promotion to the higher angelic rating.

It was upon the queen's highway—the Madagascar queen's—that I met, in the glare of the sunset, Rear-Admiral Telfer-Bagge. So exalted was his position—how exalted you shall speedily learn—that he neither returned my salutation, nor, indeed, seemed conscious of my existence. Nevertheless—sycophant as I may be accounted—I recall, with genuine pride, the fact that Telfer-Bagge once stood between me and the sun. For, although during the many years I have been in the Employ, the shadows of innumerable flag officers have fallen across my path, never, but that once, has it been my fortune to stand in the shade of an epauletted tadpole of an archangel-presumptive.

With my own business in Madagascar this tale has no concern—indeed, I may as well frankly confess that I had no business there whatever. Big game shooting on the neighbouring continent was the ostensible reason for my being on long leave from the regiment. But the magnetic attraction of gathering war-clouds had drawn me to the island; and thus it befel that a certain fine evening in a late year of grace found me journeying along the winding highway from the port of Tamatave to Antananarivo, the capital. For some miles my curiosity had been roused by a strange object in the landscape before me—an object brightly illumined by the setting sun, and sharply defined against the clear eastern sky. It appeared to be a tall pole set upright in the ground, with a length of scarlet sandbag lashed against the top, and a bend in the road revealing to me the glinting rifle-barrels, and blue tobacco-smoke of men seated round its base, I promptly jumped to the conclusion that I had happened upon a gigantic native war-rocket and its detachment on the march. But when the latter presently resolved itself into half-a-dozen British blue-jackets, and a private of the Royal Marines, I dipped my handkerchief in a wayside pool, and bound it tightly round my puzzled head.

"Good evening," said I; "will anyone kindly oblige me with a light?"

Each of the six tars, carefully removing his hat, picked a loose match or two from among the letters and coins which lay in the lining, while the private sawed the air with a great red hand like an uncooked beefsteak, and magnificently commanded me to be seated.

"Make yourself at 'ome," said he; "me an' these other gentlemen 'ope that you will consider yourself a *h*onorary member of this 'ere mess durin' the remainder of your stay in our neighbour'ood."

"I shall have much pleasure," I returned gravely, seating myself in the gap they made for me in the circle, "in availing myself of your kind invitation. May I offer anyone some Pioneer brand?"

Apparently I might. Seven charred pipe-bowls burrowed, one after the other, in my pouch, and seven hair-fringed mouths sucked in turn at the flask which followed it on its circular trip. I glanced up at the fat, red bag above us.

"It's the biggest war-rocket I have ever seen," I mused.

Seven pairs of eyes regarded the thing gloomily for some seconds, and then a blue-jacket slowly removed the pipe from his lips.

"Tain't no rocket," he growled, "it's Telfer-Bagge."

"It's *what?*" I asked.

"Where've you been to all these years, then," he demanded sternly, "that you ain't never 'eard tell of Hadmiral Telfer-Bagge?"

"Of course I've heard tell of *him*, man," I began hotly, "everybody has heard of him. But what on earth——?"

"Well, *that's* 'im," he returned shortly, pointing upwards with his pipestem.

I stared helplessly, first at the top of the pole, and then at the septet of moody faces around me, for, what this worthy seaman meant I hadn't the ghost of an idea. Of course, not to know Telfer-Bagge—the most eccentric naval figure of the day—was to argue oneself unknown. Who, indeed, had not heard of the admiral who read his Bible daily in his shirtsleeves, lest the broad gold band upon his coat-cuff should increase his difficulty in realising the presence of a greater Being? Was he not the author of the sapient maxim that the sanctity of flag-rank should exempt admirals from trial by court-martial, and from appearing on deck in bad weather? Was it not from this enlightened officer the openly expressed conviction emanated that the great civil branches of the Royal Navy were so many evils unfortunately necessary to that mighty institution's existence? Was there, finally, man or boy in the Service unfamiliar with the great Telfer-Bagge scheme for the pay and discipline of naval bandsmen? Was it not his genius which first detected the inconsistency of paying the solo cornet, horn and euphonium—who require but three fingers for the manipulation of their respective instruments—higher salaries than the second clarionettes and flutes, who employ all ten? Had he not advocated—with a view to checking laziness—the abolition of rests in naval music, and insisted on the daily drilling of violins by a gunner's mate "until they should learn to slope their fiddle-sticks together?" The quaint conceits of Telfer-Bagge had been familiar to me for years; but what connection there could possibly be between that truly great man and the crimson bag above our heads passed my comprehension, and I said so.

"Well, you take my word for it," returned a blue-jacket, punctuating the remark with his pipe-stem, "that there's more connection between the two than what you think for!"

I hastened to assure him that I was prepared to take a British seaman's word for anything.

"Very well, then," said he, obviously pleased, "all that's mortial of Hadmiral Telfer-Bagge is sewed up in red silk and 'oisted at that there mast'ead. It was this way, see? When France and Madagascar first parted brassrags——"

"What's the use o' talkin to a civilian in your bloo—blessed service jargon?" broke in the private—and I think from the unnatural moderation of his language he must have taken me for a missionary; "when 'e says 'parted brassrags,' sir, 'e means when France an' Madagascar first took off their waistbelts to one another. But I'll spin you the 'ole yarn as man to man, without any silly sailor talk, so as you'll be able to understand it. And I ought to know *somethin'* about it, seein' as I was the late Hadmiral's valley!"

He could scarcely have invested the statement with greater importance had he been the late lamented officer's mountain range. The first narrator seemed inclined to resent the story being taken out of his mouth in this fashion, but the private waived him aside with the uncooked beefsteak, and continued—

"Telfer-Bagge's last command was on the Australian station; and, whenever the ship was at sea, he would spend hours in the stern walk starin' at the albatrosses sailin' along in our wake. At first we thought worry about his promotion had turned his brain—and he wouldn't have been the first service madman from that cause neither, by a long way! But there was a bit o' method after all in Telfer-Bagge's madness.

"One mornin', as I was lookin' out o' the Hotchkiss embrasure in the after-cabin, an albatross come along which must have measured every inch o' eighteen feet from one wingtip to the other; and presently I see the admiral, who was in the stern gallery, up gun an' shoot it. The ship was stopped, a cutter lowered, and the dead bird brought aboard, while I was sent for'ard for the butcher's steelyards and a tape. Then the admiral 'ad 'imself and the bird carefully weighed and measured, writin' down all the figgers in a notebook; an' for days an' nights afterwards he did nothin' but cover reams o' paper with sums an' drawin's o' flying angels—by the look of 'em—till it give me the bloomin' 'eadache to lay the sheets tidy."

"What the deuce was he after?"

(*Continued on page 139.*)

CORPS GAZETTE.

Promotions.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the following routine promotions in the Royal Marine Light Infantry, viz:—

Lieutenant John Brocknock Noble to be Captain, *vice* Couchman, deceased, and appointed to the Plymouth Division. Dated 13th November, 1897.

Lieutenant St. George Bewes Armstrong to be Captain, *vice* Lywood, seconded, and appointed to the Portsmouth Division. Dated 15th November, 1897.

Lieutenant Francis Stewart Gardner to be Captain, *vice* Bernard, seconded, and appointed to the Portsmouth Division. Dated 15th November, 1897.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to promote Sergt.-Major Stephen George Rodway, R.M.A., to be Quarter-Master, with the honorary rank of Lieutenant, from the 8th November, 1897, in the vacancy caused by the retirement of Quarter-Master and Honorary Major J. Muir, R.M.A.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Captain J. Bernard, R.M.L.I., being appointed Adjutant of the 4th Middlesex (West London) Volunteer Rifle Corps. Captain Bernard will be seconded while so employed.

War Office Gazette, November 2nd—The Hong Kong Regt.—Capt. E. L. C. Berger, Indian Staff Corps, wing officer, to be Wing Commander, *vice* Capt. M'C. R. E. Ray, Indian Staff Corps.

In the last number Sergt. Duthie's promotion should read:—Corpl. J. R. Duthie (*Pembroke*) to be Sergeant, in consequence of special mention in despatches during the recent expedition to Benin City, commencing 20th October, 1897.

EASTNEY—

To be Sergeant-Major—Staff-Sergt. James Squires.
To be Sergeant—Corpl. W. Rogerson.
To be Corporals—Bombrs. S. Smith, G. F. Huddle.
To be Bombardiers—Gunrs. A. Towers, L. J. Berry, and H. Fisher.
To be Lance-Sergeant—Corpl. J. Targett.
To be Paid Acting Bombardiers—Gunrs. A. Buick, W. J. King, G. F. Woodgate; Musician C. W. Dowell.
To be Acting Bombardier—Musician A. Spencer.
To be Corporals—Gunrs. J. H. Lewis, J. Pitchford.

CHATHAM—

To be Staff Clerk, R.M. Office—Clr.-Sergt. W. Pearce.
To be Colour-Sergeant—Sergt. A. J. Waterman.
To be Sergeants—Corpl. C. Rowe (*Pembroke*), Lce.-Sergt. J. C. Cook.
To be Corporals—Ptes. N. Clarke (*Hawke*), E. Liston (Depot), H. Tann (*Torch*).
To be 1st Sergt.-Instructor of Gunnery—Sergt. A. G. Kay.

PORTSMOUTH—

To be Lance-Sergeants—Corpls. W. Limington (*Pelican*), S. W. Hayes and A. E. Yates (R.M. Depot).
To be Corporals—Ptes. F. W. Torr and T. J. Holmes (*Victory*); Lce.-Corpl. T. J. Phillips (*Intrepid*).

PLYMOUTH—

To be Colour-Sergeant—Sergt. W. Symes.
To be Sergeants—Corpls. G. Sampson (Depot), W. Whitehead (H.M.S. *Vivid*).
To be Corporals—Lce.-Corpl. J. Sheldon (Depot), Pte. F. Thorpe (H.M.S. *Vivid*), Lce.-Corpl. T. Sanger (H.M.S. *Vivid*), Pte. W. Banfield (H.M.S. *Magnificent*), Lce.-Corpls. T. Hamilton.
To be Paid Lance-Sergeants—Lce-Sergt. J. Muir; Corpls. A. Hedges, T. Mee, C. Radford, F. Worters; Lce.-Sergt. W. Pengilly.
To be Paid Lance-Corporals—Lce.-Corpls. R. Sadler, H. Wright, J. Gater, F. Gordon, F. Cooke, J. Irwin, C. Smith, W. Lee, A. Musselwhite, J. Williams, W. Bowden, S. Wills.

DEPOT—

Supt. Clerk and Warrant Officer O. G. Bush to be Quarter-Master and Hon. Lieutenant, and is appointed to the Portsmouth Division.
To be Sergeant—Corpl. Sampson.
To be Corporal—Lce.-Corpl. Sheldon.

Appointments.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Lieut. J. C. H. Rigby, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Magnificent*, being selected for employment with the native regiments now being raised in Lagos, and of his being seconded whilst so serving.

Lieut, Morse has been appointed 2nd Assistant Instructor of Fortification at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

EASTNEY—

Sergt. F. J. Hill to Gymnastic Instructor.
Sergts. A. Gray, F. Brewer, and A. J. Chatfield to Sea Service Instructors.
Bombr. J. Masterton to Probationary Clerk, Staff Office.

CHATHAM—

Corpl. R. W. Seabrook to Lance-Sergeant (paid).
Lce.-Corpl. W. Hopcraft to be Company Orderly Corporal C Co.
Clr.-Sergt. J. Hammond to Company Sergeant of B Co.
Pte. E. Vincent to Assistant Printer.
Pte. B. Gordy to Assistant Postman.
Pte. F. Farrow to Staff Office Orderly.
Pte H W. Wyles to be Groom to Major Maclurcan.
Ptes. E. Taylor, S. Hopcraft and S. Little to be Lance-Corporals (paid).
Corpls. H. J. New and J. Farrell to Lance-Sergeants (paid).
Pte. J. Butfield to be Canteen Messenger.
Pte. H. Blaydon to be Cook at Fort Clarence Prison.
Pte. J. Neilans to Probationary Clerk, Quarter-Master's Office.
Pte. H. S. Ladd appointed Lce.-Corpl. and Orderly Corporal of F Co.
Pte. J. Francis to Officers Mess Fatigueman.
Pte. A. E. Lyne to Lance-Corporal (paid).
Pte. J. C. Hurrell, Cook at Recruiting Depot, London.

PORTSMOUTH—

Pte. C. Shillits to be employed as servant to Lieut. Meister.
Pte. W. Salisbury to be lamplighter.
Corpl. G. W. Jonkers to be paid Lce.-Sergt. whilst employed in 1st Q.-M.'s Department.
Pte. C. H. Page to be Storeman, 1st Q.-M.'s Department.
Col.-Sergt. J. Batten to be Acting Sergt.-Major at Fort Elson.
Sergt. H. Wildes to be Sergeants' Mess Caterer at Fort Brockhurst.
Lce.-Corpl. C. P. Dickenson to be Paid Lance-Corporal and Orderly Corporal, E Co.
Lce.-Corpl. Bartlett to be Paid Lance-Corporal and Orderly Corporal D Co.
Corpl. W. Sanders to be Paid Lance-Sergeant and 2nd class Infantry Instructor.
Pte. W. Page to be employed in the Boats' Crew.
Pte. W. Curtis to be Storeman, 2nd Q.-M.'s Department.
Lce.-Corpl. H. Ovens to be Paid Lance-Corporal and Orderly Corporal, G Co.
Sergt. F. Box to be Recruiting Sergeant, Southampton.
Sergt. P. G. Wharton to be Clerk, Q.-M.'s Department, R.M. Depot, Walmer.
Pte. T. Mould to be Copper Cook.
Pte. G. T. Cates to be Shoemaker.

PLYMOUTH—

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the undermentioned non-commissioned officers being advanced to warrant rank, from the dates specified:—Staff-Clerk J. F. Dimmer on appointment as Superintending Clerk, Commandant's Office, Royal Marine Depot, dated 23rd October, 1897; and Col.-Sergt. R. M. Crowe on appointment as Superintending Clerk, Paymaster's Office, Chatham Division, dated 5th November, 1897.

Pte. T. Gollop to be employed as Nurse at the Infirmary, and appointed Paid Lance-Corporal while so employed.
Corpl. T. Hamilton is appointed Divisional Marker and Type Cutter.
Col.-Sergt. W. Symes has been selected for employment at the Royal Marine Office, London.

Pte. F. Gordon is appointed Lance-Corporal for duty as Orderly Corporal of "D" Company.
Sergt. F. Mortimore is appointed Supernumerary Pay Sergeant.
Pte. A. Blackmore is appointed Billiard Marker, Recreation Room.
Sergt. J. Thomson to be Sergt.-Instructor of Musketry, at 6d. per diem.
Sergt. J. Lloyde to be Sergt.-Instructor of Musketry, at 4d. per diem.
Sergt. F. Braily to be Supernumerary Instructor of Musketry.
Sergt. A. Merrick to be 2nd Clerk, Staff Office.
Sergt. J. J. Youatt to be 3rd Clerk, Staff Office.
Sergt. F. Hopkins to be 2nd Clerk.
Sergt. W. Acock to be Allotment Clerk.
Sergt. J. Bentley is appointed Pay Sergeant of "A" and "B" Coys.
J. Keeling and J. Dare are appointed constant Pioneers.
Corpl. S. Griffin has been appointed as Assistant Instructor at the Garrison Gymnasium, Devonport, with extra pay at the rate of 1s. per diem.
Pte. W. H. Wright to be employed as Canteen Assistant.
Pte. J. Kirwan to be employed as Fatigue-Man, Recreation Room.
Pte. S. Cope is appointed Lance-Corporal for duty as Orderly Corporal of "A" Company.
Pte. T. H. Wainwright to be employed on the Divisional Police.
Lce.-Corpl. R. Stow is appointed Dispenser at the Infirmary.
Lce.-Corpl. R. Moon is appointed Assistant Dispenser at the Infirmary.
Pte. S. Rivett is appointed Lance-Corporal whilst employed in the Staff Office.
Pte. C. Acreman to be employed as Shoemaker.

DEPOT—
Sergt. Cheetham to be Paid Gymnasium Instructor.
Sergt. Hayes to be Defaulter Sergeant.
Corpl. Spence appointed Parcel Post Corporal.
Ptes. Bull and Knell to be paid Lce.-Corporals.
Pte. Berry appointed Pioneer.

Examinations.

CHATHAM—
Lieuts. Musson, Jones, Graham, Carpenter and Arbuckle, passed in subjects (a) and (b) for promotion.
Passed for Sergeant—Corpl. R. Groves.

PLYMOUTH—
Passed for Corporals, 1st class—Lce.-Corpls. C. H. Smith, G. B. Mahon, F. L. Cooke, J. Irwin, F. Amos, H. Belton, A. E. Down; *2nd class*—W. Blackman, A. Musselwhite, S. R. Wills, J. Rendell, W. Bowden, C. W. G. Hill, J. Williams, J. Gaitley, W. S. Lee, C. H. Crocker.

Discharged to Pension.

EASTNEY—
Col.-Sergt. R. Thourgood; Sergt. M. MacAree; Gunrs. J. Brown, J. Hill, H. C. Lees.

CHATHAM—
Warrant Officer J. Ringland; Staff-Sergt. H. N. Tozer; Ptes. J. Lark, S. J. Jinkerson.

PORTSMOUTH—
Sergt. Jas. Marshall; Ptes. H. Rodgers, R. Baigent, E. C. Rugg.

PLYMOUTH—
Staff-Sergt. E. Woolcock; Sergt. J. Allan; Ptes. T. Saunders, M. Morrison, W. Carter, L. Westcott, C. Gray.

DEPOT—
Pte. T. Coupland.

Limited Engagements.

EASTNEY—
Gunrs. J. Smith, W. J. Powell, J. Harding, R. Welborne.

CHATHAM—
Ptes. H. H. Rooke, J. Hawes, W. Hurst, C. J. Fox.

PORTSMOUTH—
Ptes. S. H. Hebdon, G. F. Bye.
Purchase—Ptes. A. W. Childs, W. G. Collen, A. G. McDonald, H. G. Hellier.

PLYMOUTH—
12 years—Ptes. A. W. Holmes, W. H. Taylor, G. Horrill, J. Fahey, W. Hayward.
Invalided—Ptes. E. Jefferies, J. Bishop, F. J. Harwood, T. Dickson, F. King, A. Jones, G. Hawkins, W. Voysey, J. T. Hayes.
Purchased—Corpl. T. M. Alsop; Pte. G. Danks.

Certificates.

PORTSMOUTH—
Q.-M.-S. Braham; Sergt. J. W. Carroll and P. J. Wiggington awarded 1st class Certificate of Education.

Transfers.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Captain W. H. Basevi, R.M.L.I., (at present seconded for service with the Ordnance Store Corps) being permanently transferred to the Army Pay Department, should he be selected for such appointment.

It has been notified that the undermentioned officers have been finally transferred to the Army Service Corps, with effect from the 1st October, 1896:—Lieutenant H. S. Buckle, R.M.L.I.; Lieutenant H. C. F. Cumberlege, R.M.L.I.

EASTNEY—
To Royal Navy, Carpenter's Crew—Gunr. F. Bryan.
To Royal Navy, Painter—Gunr. T. S. Dyke.

CHATHAM—
To Stokers, R.N.—Ptes. H. J. McDonald, A. J. Hollands, W. J. Hedge, H. Turner, W. Hendrick, J. Driscoll, T. Beecroft, A. J. Crane, A. E. Miller, G. Malcolm.

PORTSMOUTH—
To Bugler—Pte. Jas. Cutts.
To R.N.—Ptes. J. Hill, G. Flowers (Carpenter's Crew); W. F. Otton (Plumber's Mate); E. L. Bull, W. Bedwell, G. W. Palmer, J. M. Murphy (Stokers)

PLYMOUTH—
Pte. W. Mountjoy to Portsmouth Division.
Pte. J. Shannan to R.N., as Painter.
Ptes. J. Timmins, W. Bonnett, J. A. Bull to Chatham Division.

DEPOT—
Sergt. Nicholson from 15th Hussars to Royal Marines for duty as Sergeant Bandmaster at R.M. Depot.

Retirements.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Captain William H. Palmer, R.M.L.I., being placed on the Retired List from the 20th September, 1897, with retired pay at the rate of £180 a year.

As Quarter-Master and Honorary Major John Muir, R.M.A. will attain the age for compulsory retirement on the 8th November, 1897, he will be placed on the Retired List from that date inclusive.

Quarter-Master and Hon. Major E. A. Syms, R.M.L.I., is placed on the Retired List.

Medal.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to award the Medal for meritorious service, with an annuity of £10, to C. Maw, late Colour-Sergeant, R.M.L.I., 56th Company. Annuity to commence from 24th October, 1897.

Exchanges.

An exchange on the Officers' General Foreign Service Roster has been sanctioned between Lieutenant T. B. Luard, R.M.L.I. and Lieutenant W. Esson, R.M.L.I.

An exchange of Divisions has been sanctioned between Major T. J. P. Evans, R.M.L.I., Plymouth Division, and Major J. H. Plumbe, R.M.L.I., Chatham Division.

An exchange of ships and sea time has been sanctioned between Lieutenant E. H. Bockett-Pugh, R.M.L.I., serving in H.M.S. *Venus*, and Lieutenant J.A.M.A. Clark, R.M.L.I., serving in H.M.S. *Mersey*.

An exchange of Divisions has been sanctioned between Major F. G. Cotter, R.M.L.I., Plymouth Division, and Major H. C. T. Kelly, R.M.L.I., Portsmouth Division.

An exchange of Divisions has been sanctioned between Major J. H. Swanton, R.M.L.I., Portsmouth Division, and Major W. S. S. Harvest, R.M.L.I., Plymouth.

An exchange of Divisions has been sanctioned between Captain A. E. Rombulow-Pearse, R.M.L.I., Chatham Division, and Captain B. M. Strouts, R.M.L.I., Plymouth Division.

Invalided.

EASTNEY—

Corpl. T. Egan; Paid Acting Bombr. W. Simister; Gunrs. T. Fouckes, F. M. Addington, H. A. Dove, J. R. Moodie.

Embarked.

Lieut. Walter T. C. Jones, R.M.L.I., embarked in H.M.S. *Doris*, on that ship being commissioned at Devonport on the 18th November, instead of Lieut S. P. Musson.

Lieut. N. A. W. Scott, R.M.L.I., has embarked in s.s. *Parisian*, in charge of details, R.M., proceeding to the North America and West Indies station.

Captain W. H. M. Smith, R.M.L.I., (and attendant) to embark for passage to H.M.S. *Orlando*, Australian station, to take charge of the R.M. detachment in that ship during the passage to England.

Lieut. Samuel F. Musson, R.M.L.I., (and attendant) is to be held in readiness to embark for passage to H.M.S. *Revenge*, Mediterranean station, to replace Lieut. F. A. Nelson, invalided.

Lieut. W. Esson, R.M.L.I., (and attendant) embarked in H.M.S. *Duke of Wellington* on Thursday, the 25th ult., to relieve Lieut. F. C. Edwards, R.M.L.I.

FROM EASTNEY—

Royal Arthur.—Sergt. E. Saunders; Corpls. H. T. Phillips, A. Kendall; Bugler H. S. Fee; Gunners E. J. Goff, F. Merwood, W. J. A. Phasey, W. Burren, G. Parfitt, C. R. Berringer, C. Bradley, E. H. Galway, A. C. Vine, A. J. Treers, A. Hardwick, C. King, W. Hosegood, F. Prangley, A. E. Brown, S. March, H. Sell, S. Montgomery. H. Evins, J. G. Ross, D. E. Wootten, A. J. Leslie, E. J. Marvin, G. Radbourn, G. Cooper, C. T. Gardner, J. C. Stevens, R. Bailey, R. Town, F. J. Field.

Thunderer—Gnr. G. White.

Benbow—Gnr. H. H. Bury.

Collingwood—Sergt. A. A. Mastin; Gnr. E. Driver.

Rodney—Gnr. T. W. Sparrow.

Doris for *Monarch*—Gnr. E. Martin.

Vivid—Bombr. T. Hudson.

Colossus—Bombr. T. McDonald.

FROM CHATHAM—

Linett—Corpl. W. P. Smith; Ptes. W. Rackham, J. Higgins, R. C. Karby, G. Houghton, E. G. Kitto, W. McGill, J. Bridgman, A. Gilbert, H. Brand, A. J. Hanstall.

Venus—Sergts. J. S. Sawyer, G. Baguley; Lce.-Sergt. Jack Jones; Corpl. W. H. Tagg; Ptes. A. E. Higgins, C. Holtor, H. Lacey, G. S. Woollett, E. A. Ellis, R. G. Parker, A. E. Cain, E. E. Stewart, F. Buck, J. Powell, T. Stamp, R. G. Hicks, W. Scott, J. Hosiel, C. W. Chandler. W. J. Marsh, J. Macguire, F. Hogan, J. H. Davis, F. Berry, H. Dale, A. R. Fergie, R. G. Riley, G. Phillips, C. Gunter, W. King, T. Hollis, G. E. Houghton, J. R. Tagg, E. Bristow, F. Simper, J. Booth, F. S. Rowe, J. E. May, C. J. Arthy, W. Thaxton; Bugler C. F. Buckingham.

Champion—Ptes. A. Land, J. Colbourne.

Galatea—Ptes. T. W. Clark, W. H. Hurton.

Wildfire—Ptes. F. Hutchings, C. J. Hand.

Sanspareil—Pte. W. Denhart.

Hebe—Corpl. W. Faulkner; Pte. A. Charman.

Magnificent—Lieut. E. O. H. Orpen-Palmer; Pte. A. Still.

Revenge—Ptes. R. J. Crouch, J. Constable.

Cockatrice—Ptes. A. Butcher, E. A. Langford, A. J. Hawkins, W. Chandler, H. Izzard, G. W. Silk, W. Bravery.

Mersey—Lieut. E. H. Bockett-Pugh; Pte. J. Purcell.

Pembroke—Corpls. M. Morris, W. C. Gibbons; Ptes. P. Cronin, A. J. Millbank, A. Pilsworth, J. Growson, E. Gilbert, J. Skinner, C. Tarry, A. Prior, G. Drew.

Ascension—Ptes. W. G. Power, W. Perry, S. Worthy, H. T. Burgis, A. Bright.

Terror—Corpl. F. J. Johnson; Ptes. A. Saunders, A. Matthews Buglers W. Ryan, A. J. Rate.

Alert—Sergt. E. Collins; Ptes. H. A. Tickner, S. J. Jackson, M. McDermott, W. Bull, E. J. Howard.

Rambler—Corpl. J. F. Kemp: Pte. J. W. Mitchell, J. R. Rose, J. G. Garraway, T. Tilly, G. H. J. Casemore, E. Parrott, A. J. Erridge, J. H. Turner, J. Hatchard, F. C. Burrows, G. E. Giles.

Hearty—Corpl. G. Eagle.

FROM PORTSMOUTH—

Australia—Sergt. J. Facer; Ptes. C. H. Jackson, A. Junes, Bug. A. W. Pritchard.

Alexandra—Pte. E. Steele.

Ascension per *Wye*—Ptes. J. Vickers, W. Ashford, G. Gillman.

Boscawen—Pte. J. J. Seymour.

Doris—Lieut. W. B. C. Jones; Pte. F. Blake.

Excellent—Pte. Hamichelin.

Fearless—Sergt. J. Milne; Ptes. D. C. Greening, J. White, C. Atkins, J. G. Paine, T. Dodsworth, J. R. Smythe, Tom Fisher, A. W. Kemp, W. T. Williams, W. Cosson, C. E. Breeze, J. Cooke, W. H. Kirby, L. Conway.

Impregnable—Sergt. J. J. Child

Minotaur—Corpl. F. J. Beaudon; Ptes. H. Waterson, W. Botham, D. McDonald, E. Hamper, G. E. King.

Magicienne—Ptes. G. E. Hatherall, J. Foster.

Medea—Corpl. A. Noble; Pte. E. McLoughlin, E. W. Phillips, C. B. Hay, J. O. S. Belfour.

Royal Arthur—Lieut. F. H. Griffiths; Sergt. F. Parr; Corpl. W. W. Whiteland; Bugler A. C. Budd; Ptes. C. Cox, F. Gilbert, J. Lock, R. J. Cutler, W. Pocock, A. J. Carter, G. Kipping, G. T. Skelcher, J. Shotbolt, P. S. Purnell, E. Hunt, E. Holmes, W. Heals, J. Lever, H. Cox.

St. Vincent—Ptes. C. Tovey, C. Miles.

Victory—Ptes. C. Fielder, W. B. Lang, A. Tilling, P. Raflery, J. W. McDonald, J. Bundy, A. E. Florence, F. W. Bailey, J. Wesley, J. Carrington, W. R. Scaulon, W. Collins.

Venus—Lieut. Clark; Pte. A. E. Higgins.

FROM PLYMOUTH—

Devastation—Bugler F. A. Bishop; Ptes. J. Emberry, W. R. Edwards.

Britannia—Col.-Sergt. A. Kingdom; Ptes. E. Kime, W. Nicholas, M. Wilson, S. Frugall, H. Miller, G. Ward, J. Fear, J. Miller.

Flora—Corpls. A. Cornish, T. W. Loveday.

Defiance—Ptes. A. J. Cook, F. H. Burchell, M. Cunningham.

Archer—Sergt. R. Nightingale; Corpl. R. J. Healey; Ptes. J. Davies, A. Knapp, F. G. Dunstan, S. E. Stone, H. Hope, J. Manley, H. Williams, J. Rose, H. Iven, W. Avery, R. Grieve, P. Lee, J. C. Williamson, A. Floyd, F. J. Flawn, J. Polock, J. Cox.

Peacock—Ptes. A. J. Cook, A. Thorne, J. Rafferty, F. Lester, E. J. Johnson, W. Yeasey, J. R. Ladlow, W. Boundy.
Galatea—Capt. W. E. Binney; Ptes. J. Palmer, J. Lalund.
Spider—Corpl. C. R. Roach; Ptes. A. Leadbeater, P. Nicholson, H. Furton.
Cambridge—Lieut. J. W. Disney; Ptes. J. Martin, A. Hilhouse, L. Thomas.
Lion—Pte. C. Chant.
Calypso—Pte. F. Ward.
Edgar—Pte. F. D. Scadden.
Alacrity—Ptes. E. Robinson, J. Bertie
Royal Arthur—Major. F. J. Cotter; Pte. W. Northmore.
Sirius—Bugler R. H. King; Ptes. W. H. Osborne, H. Coady, J. Regis, J. Bray, H. M. Gordon, W. J. Stevens, R. C. Forse, F. J. Stacey.
Ringdove—Ptes. H. Venning, H. A. Marriott, J. Thomas, W. Darby.
Magicienne—Sergt. G. Norman; Ptes. D. Davies, A. H. Mines, G. Dixon, G. Masterman, A. Vines, W. H. Pocock, G. E. Hatherall, A. Syrad, S. Marriott, R. Fuller, C. Nadine, J. Hutchings, J. Gordon, J. S. Miller, J. Foster, S. Durant.
Doris—Sergts. J. H. Greenfield, E. R. Hann; Ptes. E. A. Franklin, F. Blake, R. Jagger, E. J. Francis, F. Amos, F. McAlear, J. Crombia, W. Gray, G. Dawson, J. Collicott, E. Wilson, P. Walker, J. Wallace, G. Porter, E. J. Wall, W. Bonney, E. Chapman, C. Ditch, A. Davies, W. Moore, F. Park, J. A. Smith, W. T. Webster, J. Tapp, O. Greensmith, A. Booth, W. J. Hall, R. White, D. Sebon, W. H. Miller, G. Baker, F. Hamlyn, J. Whittick, R. Squelch; Bugler A. Beamer.
Vivid—Ptes. F. Drury, J. McCabe, W. A. Jackson, J. Hendry, M. Kelly, J. Nottage, C. Faux, C. Latham, C. F. Hutton, A. Williams, W. Race, T. Gaffney, T. Godwin, J. Fatstall, J. Walsh, G. Vaughan, C Bennett, J. Hussey, C. Drury, A. L. Church, W. H. Roffee, C. J. Goodacre, G. Findlater, F. W. Gorman, W. Sharp.

Disembarked.

TO EASTNEY—
Sanspareil—Gunrs. E. Hedge, H. Barker.
Vivid—Gunrs. T. S. Petty, J. Dumbrill.
Alexandra—Gunr. G. Duplock.
Collingwood—Sergt. A. Gray; Gunr. J. P. Jones.
Thunderer—Gunr. C. Dickerson.
Rupert—Gunr. H. C. Lees.
Ramillies—Col.-Sergt. T. Bamfield.
Camperdown—Gunrs. G. Bishop, E. Lenthall, G. Graham.
Royal Oak—Bombrs. W. Green, E. J. Barnes, F. Fallon.
Revenge—Bombr. J. Stanley.
Terror—Sergt. F. Chell.
Pembroke—Gunr. J. Fraser.
Rodney—Gunrs. G. Maiers, J. R. Moodie.
Colossus—Gunr. W. Hall.
Victorious—Gunr. W. F. W. King.

TO CHATHAM—
Camperdown—Corpl. T. H. Smith; Ptes. J. W. Sheard, F. Stirling, W. W. Walden, R. E. Randall, S. G. Bishop, A. S. Bartley, H. P. Tranter, J. H. D. Gay, G. V. Crabb.
Hibernia—Corpl. H. C. Ripley; Pte. F. Wells, C. J. Pike, F. C. Lashmar, J. Lumbard, W. Durham.
Terror—Sergt. C. Little; Ptes. E. H. Russell, M. McGuire, D. Dawson, W. G. Tabner, W. G. Barrett, G. H. Evered.
Tartar—Sergt. J. F. Moffitt.
Boscawen—Pte. A. Charnian.
Victorious—Pte. E. H. Swinyard.
Rodney—Pte. H. C. Murray.
Pheasant—Pte. P. Golding.
Medea—Corpl. M. Hurford; Ptes. A. E. Milne, E. C. Saunders, H. Byford, A. Strudwick.
Rupert—Captain W. A. C. Grant; Pte. W. A. Johnson.
Sanspareil—Pte. G. T. Warn.
Victory—Corpl. H. Holden.
Venus—Corpl. H. D. Kirk.
Hearty—Corpl. R. W. Seabrook.

TO PORTSMOUTH—
Australia—Bugler W. S. Sheppard; Sergt. G. M. England; Corpl. W. J. Dancey.
Alexandra—Ptes. N. G. McDonald, F. S. Cook.
Boscawen—Pte. C. C. Hobbs.
Britannia—Pte. C. Inkpen.
Cambridge—Lieut. F. H. Griffiths; Pte. W. Heald.
Gibraltar—Pte. W. G. Collin.
Hibernia—Pte. R. White, J. J. Simmonds, W. A. Edwards, G. H. Tyler.
Minotaur—Corpl. A. A. Allen; Ptes. F. Gill, H. W. Hughes, W. G. Ame, S. G. Murphy.
Medway—Pte. E. Wilson, S. F. Lenton.
Medina—Ptes. G. E. Marshall, J. Foster.
Majestic—Pte. E. Matthews.
Mersey—Lt. Griffiths; Pte. A. E. Higgins.
Osborne—Bugler F. O. Bolterill.
Vernon—Pte. R. P. Bart.
Research—Ptes. F. H. Remp, E. Graham, J. Carrington, G. Thompson, A. Wapshare.
St. Vincent—Ptes. H. Rodgers, A. E. Kenrick.
Victory—Corpl. C. H. Field; Pte. G. H. Allen, W. Mansfield, H. C. Cuell, G. F. Bye, E. McLoughlin, E. Steele, W. R. Sykes, W. B. Lang, C. Fielder.
Wanderer—Sergt. T. York; Bugler A. W. Pritchard; Ptes. A. R. Robertson, A. J. Jonier, W. J. Young, D. Hunt, H. J. Sloper, H. Waterson, P. Cunningham, F. W. Weller, W. Seaman, C. Barter, F. Troth, H. I. Pelham.

TO PLYMOUTH—
Benbow—Capt. F. A. Robertson.
Devastation—Bugler E. Cushney; Ptes. R. Forse, W. Stevens.
Defiance—Ptes. J. Kirdan, J. Perry, A. Riley.
Black Prince—Pte. G. Green.
Pheasant—Corpl. J. Cameron; Bugler C. Kimmings; Ptes. W. Jones, J. Williams, F. Foreman.
Britannia—Clr.-Sergt. W. T. Aggett; Corpl. J. H. Mahon; Ptes. W. J. Childs, W. Farmer, W. Rowe, T. Mather, E. J. Major.
Lion—Ptes. J. Warnes, E. G. Morey, J. Gater, F. J. Stacey, R. J. Willey.
Orlando—Pte. A. Davies.
Hibernia—Sergt. A. Chant; Ptes. W. F. Ellis, E. Overy, W. Umsworth, M. Hobbey, W. Hanford, G. Sample, A. Davidson, J. Ross.
Edgar—Pte. F. J. Harwood.
Cambridge—Ptes. J. E. Perry, G. Sinton.
Terror—Pte. G. Mockridge.
Pigeon—Pte. G. Reade
Magpie—Pte. G. Hawkins.
Crescent—Pte. C. Napper.
Blake—Pte. C. Willis.
Vivid—Sergt. W. Whitehead; Corpls. J. G. Netting, T. C. Dean, F. Thorpe, W. J. Battershill, F. W. Ashworth, A. J. Frost; Ptes. A. Burd, J. L. Babb, H. Porter, R. H. Arnott, G. Turner, F. Glancey, F. Culliford, P. Blance, W. J. Carter, R. Clarke, J. Masson, A. E. Powell, H. W. Pratt, A. Sharp, T. Rowe, J. Lovell, H. Sanders. J. E. Doyle, F. Lucas, P. Martin, G. Mayell, W. Jackson, C. Atkinson, E. McEwan, J. Walters, R. Smart, J. Symington, R. Stattersfield, A. McDougall, J Crombie, B. Hagerty, E. J. Gibson, H. Osborne, W. H. Ingram, A, Young, R. Hayman, A. H .Hammett, S. R. Wills, A. J. Phillips, R. Gregory, R. Goode, H. Playfair, F. Christian, L. Hall, C. Abraham, W. Griffin, W. Voysey, H. M. Gordon, R. Power, G. Horrill, J. Fahey, W. Boundy, J. H. Dudney, A. Phillips, W. Webster, E. V. Lancaster, A. T. McEwan.

CALL TO THE BAR.—Middle Temple—on November 17th, Major A. F. Gatliff, London University.

He was a very dirty recruit, and his messmates called him Flannel, because he shrank so much from washing.

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"That's what we all wanted to know badly, and one day we found out. He was inventin' a flyin' machine, with a albatross for a model!"

"Great Scott! Did the thing ever come off?"

Mr. Pagett—for so he was called—glanced for an instant at the red bundle high above our heads. "Something came off," he replied thoughtfully, "which wasn't meant to. We don't rightly know 'ow it 'appened, but either his calc'lations were wrong, or the sailmaker and artificers didn't carry 'em out proper an' made the wings too flimsy, or maybe the torpedo lootenant didn't give 'im enough compressed air."

"What on earth had the torpedo lieutenant to do with it?"

"You mark time a bit, an' you'll 'ear," replied Mr. Pagett severely. "I'm a-comin' now to the point where that onintelligible sailorman yonder was beginnin' to bungle this 'arrowin' 'istory. When relations first become strained between France and Madagascar, the Admiralty got wind that the French admiral on the station was goin' up to Antananarivo to palaver with the queen and the prime minister. Accordin'ly, Telfer-Bagge gets a cipher wire from White'all orderin' him to sail for the island with all despatch, get up to the capital, and explain Great Britain's view o' the situation before the arrival o' the Frenchman. But, although we made a record passage, the French flagship made a better; for, when we come to Tamatave, lo an' be'old! there she lay, with 'er admiral six hours off on his journey to the palace!

"Now, a lesser man than Telfer-Bagge would have cursed a bit, and chucked up the sponge; for a six hours' start in a ride of a hundred an' twenty miles is a crushin' 'andicap, mind you. But Telfer-Bagge was the most undefeated sportsman I ever met. He swore he would reach Antananarivo yet before the Frenchman, or die in the attempt; and by the time the anchor was let go his plan was formed and everything got ready for the race."

"Unless he rode considerably lighter than the French Admiral and had an English racehorse under him," I observed, as Mr. Pagett paused to examine his pipe, I fail to see how he could dream of winning it."

"Who talked o' ridin'? *I* never said nothin' about ridin'," exclaimed the private irritably; "'e might as well 'ave walked as rode, for all the good it would have done! Telfer-Bagge's little game wasn't ridin'—no, nor yet bikin' neither. It was"—he laid the raw beefsteak impressively upon my knee—"*flyin'!*"

"He had his Australian albatross-machine on board then?" I hazarded, after a becoming pause.

"He had, and I fetched it up on deck for him out o' the storeroom. Now, the 'ole difficulty of a flyin' machine, when you come to think of it, lies in the workin' o' the wings, and that's why Telfer-Bagge modelled his pair from a albatross'. For, if you've ever watched them birds, you'll remember they never seem to flap their wings at all. They've got such a thunderin' big spread of pinion that they can just sail along like bloomin' ships."

"But a ship can't sail without wind," I objected, "and yet an albatross can follow a steamer in a flat calm. No, although they may not *seem* to flap their wings, as a matter of fact they do, at long intervals, I admit. There must be a motive power, man alive! By the way, what was Admiral Telfer-Bagge's?"

"Compressed air; but it was this way, look. Although it might be a matter of a hundred an' and twenty mile to Antananarivo by road, it was a bare ninety as the crow flies, and Telfer-Bagge, 'e meant goin' by the crow's roadway. He reckoned to sail along it same as he'd seen albatrosses balancin' after a ship, beggin' your pardon, times without number. The proportion of the spread of his wings to the weight of his body being the same as in the bird's case, it was just as easy for 'im to slide through the air, of course, as for a albatross, *when once started*. The startin' was the difficulty."

Mr Pagett paused for the obvious question, which I took care promptly to ask.

"'Ow did he overcome it?" he repeated, triumphantly. "Well, for all his 'cuteness he didn't overcome it at all. It was me as overcome it for him. The idea struck me in the middle watch, an' I turns out of my 'ammick there an' then, and, goin' into the admiral's sleepin'-cabin, I wakes him.

"'Ow dare you call me for night quarters?' he says, glarin' at me over the bedclothes. 'Don't you know by this time that flag officers never turn out for nothing.'

"It ain't night quarters,' I says; but I've thought of a dodge for startin' that there "Archangel" patent o' yours.'

"'An' what may that be?' he asks, eagerly, sittin' up.

"'Firin' you out of a torpedo toobe,' says I.

"'Get back to your 'ammick, you fool!' he shouts. 'D'you think I want to be drownded?'"

"Telfer-Bagge's epitaphs I always passed over in dignified silence. 'I don't mean out o' the torpedo *port*, sir,' I explains quietly. 'My idea is to 'oist the toobe up into the fightin' top, and pump the necessary air from the engine-room through the fire 'oses.'

"You ain't such a thunderin' fool as you look, Pagett,' says the admiral, lyin' down again, and turning his face to the bulk'ead. ''Ave everything ready, please, for a start at daylight.'

"It was barely dawn when me an' the chief engineer, an' the torpedo lootenant, an' the navigatin' commander (who was to set the course for Antananarivo), an' the flag captain, and Telfer-Bagge hisself, crawled up the mainmast to the fightin' top. In his blue and gold full-dress uniform, with the ends of his long wings trailin' a couple of yards below his feet, and the great round top spreadin' over'ead, the admiral looked like a dragon fly swaying on a mushroom stalk. He was greatly 'ampered by his wings in climbin' the mast, for, workin' on the parachute principle (in order that he might pass through the torpedo toobe), they were compressed to his shoulders by strong springs, and lashed to his sides with a turn o' white line. 'Owever, we got him safely into the top at last, and then he made us a little farewell speech.

"'Orficers an' private,' he says, 'in the race of life I've always been *fassily princess*,' whatever that may mean. 'Telfer-Bagge,' 'e says, 'has never played second fiddle to nobody yet, and he ain't goin' to begin now with a smirkin' scrapin' dancin'-master of a French admiral. If I reach the palace and get the first chin-wag with the queen, I'm as good as wrote down "Sir Telfer, K.C.B." But in case this little experiment don't come off, and I ain't at all sure that, to get the correc' wingspread, I oughtn't to 'ave multiplied the velocity o' the body by the resistance of the air instead o' dividin' it, my corpse is to be brought back to the ship, 'eaded up in a rum puncheon same as Nelson's, and sent 'ome to Bagge 'All for burial. And don't *you* forget,' he says to me, wedgin' himself down the torpedo toobe, 'that the key 'angin' over the Bible in my cabin is to be buried with me.'

"'Aye, aye, sir,' says I, more interested in the pumpin' of the compressed air, 'you mean the key o' your Gladstone bag.'

"'Gladstone bag be damned,' he says, and his voice sounded very 'ollow from inside the toobe, 'it's the key of the Telfer-Bagge vault. I'll be the first o' the family out when the great trump sounds, or I'll know the reason why!'

"Then the chief engineer 'avin' stored enough compressed air, the navigatin' commander give the correc' course to the torpedo lootetenant, who trained the toobe by compass, an' fired, and out shot Telfer-Bagge in the dim mornin' like a nine-point-two common shell. The piece o' line round his wings was secured with a slipknot, which he could pull loose immejutly he was clear of the toobe; but the springs bein' noo and stiff, didn't act as quick as they should 'ave done.

"It was fully a quarter of a minute—he'd already begun to lose his momentum and droop in his flight, before they released the great pinions, lettin' 'em fly out at right angles to his body. At the same instant, like a stage limelight, the first ray o' the risin' sun shone on him in all his glory of outspread wings and uniform o' blue, an' white, an' gold; so that for some minutes Telfer-Bagge was the most beautifullest objec' I ever clap eyes on!"

I involuntary glanced up at the limp bundle on the pole, and thought of Ichabad. I was beginning to understand the situation.

"We stayed up there in the top for a good bit, watchin' 'im sway gently from side to side in the sunray, but still keepin' his course, like some old navy frigate rollin' 'ome acrosst the Bay. As he grew smaller an' smaller, he looked first like a' albatross itself, then a gull, and then a butterfly, till at last he was too small to be seen with the naked eye at all. But the yeoman o' signals, who was triced up to the

maintopmast'ead, still kep' his glass on 'im ; and suddenly he sings out that the admiral's starboard wing 'ad come off.

"'How's the admiral amanagin', then, for heaven's sake ?' shouts up the flag-captain.

"'Managin'?' bawls back the yeoman, with his glass still to his eye, 'he ain't amanagin' at all as fur as I can see, he's a-rockettin' down into a stone quarry like a bloomin' potted pheasink !'

"And then the band began to play, as the sayin' is. The 'ands was turned up, boats called away, search parties with stretchers an' medical comforts told off, and in less than ten minutes the flagship was left in charge of a cook's mate who was on the sick list with a scalded foot. Me and the barge's crew 'ere was very properly the party as found what was left of Telfer-Bagge. It was bein' brought back to the coast by some Malagasies who, in accordance with their barbarious burial customs, 'ad sewed it up in red silk."

"But where does this enormously long pole come in ?" I enquired.

"It comes in very 'andy," explained Mr. Pagett, significantly touchin' his nose, "in a country where there ain't no ice-chests, and where meat don't deep for more'n a few hours."

I refrained from pursuing the subject further. But the wriggling shadow of Telfer-Bagge and his pole, as cast by the setting sun upon the ruffled pond before me, suggested a title for Mr. Pagett's very moving narrative.

Channel Squadron.

To the Editors, the "Globe and Laurel."

By the time the December number of the *Globe and Laurel* is published, the autumn 1897 cruise of the Channel Squadron will be nearly at an end. If the cruises of this year may be taken as a sample of those of years to come, the majority of all whose fate it is—or may be—to serve in the squadron, will yearn for the good old days gone by, when the custom was to go abroad at the end of October, returning in April, thus escaping the winter months, and for the remainder of the year being at least in home waters, with facilities for a fair amount of leave for all ranks. During '97—by the time we return for Christmas—the squadron will have been abroad over 7 months (62 days actually at sea), not counting days taken up going in and out of harbour, and will have steamed over 11,000 miles. This being the case, the few mishaps to machinery that have occurred speaks well for the quality of the engines of our huge ships and the care of those who have them in charge.

In August white clothing was ordered to be issued to the Marines of the Channel, and now that there is a free issue to the men for 3 years this is a decided boon, for there is certainly a saving in other clothing, and even in April we found "Gib" quite hot enough for whites.

We left Portland on August 17th, and after a week at sea arrived at "Gib" There the fleet played two cricket matches—one against the Garrison, the other against the Gibraltar Club—on both occasions being victorious. Against the Garrison Capt. Peacock, R.M.A., and Lieuts. Cobs and Strong, R.M.A., were playing : these latter also playing, together with Major Bishop, R.M.A., against the Club—Lieut. Coles playing a good innings of 44. There was also a pigeon shooting match—12 a side ; Lieut. Foulis, R.M A., being the only Marine representative in the Navy Team. The Army won by one point only. On another day the 24th Regiment gave a Gymkhana, the last they will be able to give for many years at "Gib," as they leave for India this month. From "Gib" we went to Malaga, a flourishing town doing apparently a considerable trade. The members of the club here made the officers of the fleet honorary members. This is the only club I have seen in Spain which approaches anywhere near to an English club. There are very fine rooms there, and good dinners can be obtained there. Many officers availed themselves of the opportunity to visit Granada, but it was not very enticing considering that some 8 hours have to be spent in a dusty train in stifling heat for the pleasure of spending 24 hours at Granada.

From Malaga we went to Valencia, staying three days, and from thence to Barcelona. Here two cricket matches were played against the English residents, of whom there are a large number. In the first match the Barcelonians were successful, making 44 to 41 of the Fleet. In the return match the Fleet team made 148 for six wickets, Barcelona 64. The following R.M.'s played for the Fleet. In the first match, Major Bishop, Capt. Peacock, and Lieut. Strong. In the second, Lieut. Coles (63) and Lieut. Strong.

Leaving Barcelona after a week's stay, we next went to Palmas Bay, Sardinia, spending seven days at sea. This can hardly be called a lively sport. We were anchored off the Island of Antiocho, which being joined to the mainland by a bridge, forms the western shore of the bay. The island has few inhabitants, and little cultivation. A little sport was obtained, but many of the sportsmen had to content themselves with one or two birds (red legs), or with a long trudge over rough stony hills, through thick bush knee high with empty bags. The '*Magnificent's*' were the most successful, as they went in large parties with dogs. The birds in hot weather we had there lay very close, so it is hopeless to obtain any sport without dogs. We coaled here, and had different torpedo exercises, with a night attack. At the end of our stay of seven days, a strong gale came on, which delayed us for a further forty-eight hours. Our next visit was paid to the Balearic Islands ; part of the fleet going to Palma ; the flagship with three others to Port Mahon. Thence—after another seven days at sea—we returned to "Gib" on 21st October, leaving again on the 28th.

At "Gib" we found the new Mediterranean Club open. Though small at present, it is capable of enlargement, and even at its present size is a great blessing and convenience to visitors at the "Rock." All officers of the Corps serving in the Channel, or Mediterranean, would do well to join. We have just heard that Dr. Marsh, R.N., who has been acting as Hon. Secretary, and has done marvels, is about to be relieved from the Hospital. Dr. Marsh will be remembered by many of the Corps, having served with the R.M.A. at Eastney, and with the Battalion at Suakim in '84-5.

Although coaling occupied a good portion of our time, two days were devoted to landing Seamen Brigades and two to Marines. The Corps is so strong now in the Squadron, that we were able to land a Brigade composed of one R M.A. battalion of 7 officers, 350 other ranks, in four companies, and one R.M.A. battalion of 15 officers, 540 other ranks. Total, over 900. Still having over 200 men on board the ships.

We had two very successful drills, the first day on the North Front, and the second on the Alamada, when the Vice-Admiral inspected us.

We unfortunately left Captain Grant behind us in hospital, he having met with a nasty accident through slipping on the stairs of the Royal Hotel, falling on the pavement of the hall below on the back of his head. We hear he has since been invalided to England.

From "Gib" we went to Lagos for a couple of days. Lagos is one the most evil smelling and most dismal places in Europe. I was last there in '79, and I sincerely hope never to see it again.

Vigo was reached on the 4th November ; everyone very glad to be back in more northern climes, away from Levantes and feeling all the better for the fresh Atlantic winds. One week at Vigo, two days at sea for monthly target practice, then a week at Arosa. Inspections and sailing races being the order of the day, while a few enthusiasts worried the belated trout, or trudged miles in pursuit of the wily snipe, happy if they could report on return that they had *seen* one.

On the 18th we left Arosa for Ferrol, which we reached in safety this time on the 20th. The narrow winding entrance to the harbour is well charted and buoyed now, so there is small chance of another "Howe" disaster. The splendid harbour looks quite small with our large fleet in it—eight battle-ships and four cruisers.

Here the fleet gave what was intended to be simply a band entertainment, with light refreshments, in the Alexandra Gardens, but this, not suiting the gay ladies of Spain, it developed into a small dance in the Theatre. The Capitan-Général has invited officers to a dance and there is to be a gala performance in honour of the fleet at the Theatre. So the Entrance Cordiale is being well maintained.

On the 25th we leave again for Vigo to coal and prepare for home.

A recruiting sergeant having treated a young bumpkin to an extravagant dinner at a fashionable hotel, to convince him of the luxuries of a soldier's life, and hoping to enlist him, was astounded when the youth protested that he was not big enough for a soldier. "Not big enough!" echoed the sergeant, "why you are two inches above the standard." "Yes," said Chawbacon ; but when I say I am not big enough, I mean I'm not big enough fool."

Entertainments.

R.M.A. THEATRE.

A FULL house is still seen each time the curtain rises. "Ben Bolt," produced on 28th October, deals entirely in the primary passions "Love! Hatred! Revenge!" represented respectively by Alice (Miss Seymour), Ben Bolt (Gunner Fradelle) and Ivan Ironlink (Bombr. Hemmings). On 9th November, it was a real pleasure to welcome "Rip van Winkle," and the management cannot be charged with lack of conscientious care in respect either to scenery, dressing or accessories, though Bombr. Hemmings and Sergt. Simpson might perhaps with advantage have exchanged places as "The Schoolmaster" and "The Burgomaster's Son." The "Rip" of Corporal Kerr was one of the most sympathetic efforts of an actor skilled in the subtleties of humour, and he filled so difficult a part with intelligence and a fine touch of sentiment. The minor characters which do so much to give the play its 18th century colouring, were efficiently taken by Col.-Sergt. Butler (the Burgomaster), Mrs. Cope, whose termagant "Dame Winkle" was most convincing, Mrs. Jerrome (Alice) and Bugler Sinclair (the Mountain Imp). That amusing farce "White bait at Greenwich," or a short variety entertainment preceded the play each evening.

On the 18th and 19th November, two special performances of Robertson's popular and celebrated comedy "Caste" were given by officers and ladies of the Corps; on the former evening to the men and their friends, on the latter to officers' friends. The full cast was as follows:—

Hon. George D'Alroy	..	Captain F. L. Dibblee
Captain Hawtree	..	2nd Lieut. R. O. Paterson
Eccles	..	Captain J. M. Rose
Sam Gerridge	..	Major F. G. Kappey
Dixon	..	Captain J. R. H. Homfray
Marquise de St. Maur	..	Mrs. Homfray
Esther Eccles	..	Mrs. Cox
Polly Eccles	..	Mrs. Rose

An old proverbial saying has it, "seeing is believing:" add to this the fainter impression of "hearing," and the result on this occasion was "conviction," as conveyed to the players by the hearty appreciation of the audience. Polly, the high-spirited ballet-girl endeared herself to them, pourtraying her part with a charm and a sweetness that are but too seldom allied to vivacity and all that is implied in that word "go," and no one could forget the reality imparted to her more sedate and refined sister, Esther, by the delicate and pathetic acting of Mrs. Cox. The Marquise, in carriage and address, was in every sense the haughty, blue-blooded "grande dame" of France.

Major Kappey sustained the character of "Sam Gerridge," gasfitter, plumber, and Polly's lover with a fund of rollicking and bouyant humour, and a life-like ease, peculiarly his own, which was especially apparent when in contact with the heavy, drawling dragoon and man-about-town, "Captain Hawtree, so admirably impersonated by 2nd Lieut. Paterson. Captain Dibblee, as the Hon. George D'Alroy, was another heavy cavalry swell—by the way, the regiment was not distinctly recognisable, but we imagine the uniform was that of the proposed new regiment of Household Cavalry, the Horse Marines, to be permanently quartered in the metropolis. D'Alroy's impassioned appeal to the audience of "My Baby?" in the 3rd Act was certainly one of the funniest and most amusing incidents of the play, and scored a decided hit. Unstinted praise is due to Captain Rose for his life-like representation of the drunken and disreputable "Eccles," and, in truth, as "Captain Hawtree" cynically remarks, "Papa Eccles is NOT nice!!!" Thanks must be accorded to Capt. Brooke, the manager, for the excellence of the staging, and the smoothness with which everything worked.

On 23rd Nov., the Men's Dramatic Company produced the stirring drama, "Ticket-of-Leave Man." Miss Seymour played "May Edwards" with much feeling, and in her wedding dress made a very pretty picture. Mrs. Cope's different makes-up as the old lady, "Mrs. Willoughby," were exceedingly good, and her grandson, "Sam," was well played by Pte. C. Brown. Corpl. Kerr took the part of "Bob Brierley," and showed that he is good at tragedy as well as comedy. The play was dragged out to too great a length, and might with advantage be cut short. Bombr. Hemmings as "Hawkshaw," the detective, was capital.

On the 26th ult., a farewell dinner to Major Muir took place in the Officers' Mess, at Eastney. Past and present officers came from far and near to do honour to one who has throughout his long service career gained the respect and good fellowship of all with whom he has come into contact, and we are glad to think, that though retired, we may occasionally see him in the Barracks, where he is certain of a warm welcome. Major Muir has decided to settle down in the neighbourhood of Havant.

On the 22nd ult., the Members of the Junior N.C.O.'s Dance Club, R.M.A., gave their first Soirée this season in the Recreation Buildings at Eastney. Upon Corpl. S. Pamenter and Bombr. S. Cattle, as M.C.'s, and Corpl. H. Evans, as Hon. Secretary, lay the responsibility of making the event the success it undoubtedly was. Dancing commenced soon after 8 p.m., several officers and ladies of the Corps who were present joining in the dances.

The same evening the Sergeants held their first Smoking Concert, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Sergt.-Major Albert Baker presiding with his usual urbanity.

R.M. THEATRE, FORTON.

On Tuesday afternoon, 16th November, a party of local ladies and gentlemen gave a theatrical entertainment at Forton Barracks. The piece presented was "Ours," and Mr. T. W. Robertson's delightful comedy received full justice at the hands of the performers. There was not a weak point in the caste. Major Nelson as the worried and misunderstood Sir Alexander Shendryn, acted with much force and feeling, and was well supported by Mrs. M. W. P. Block, who filled the character of a suspicious wife. The part of Hugh Chalcot, a rich cynic, perhaps the best character in the piece, was capitally played by Lieutenant Hutchison, R.M.L.I. Miss Haswell was charming as Mary Netley, and the services of Mrs. Arnold, as Blanche Haye, and Dr. Kyffin, in the part of Angus MacAlister, contributed largely to the success of the performance. The other characters were Prince Perovsky, (Lieut.-Col. Jopp), Capt. Samprey (Capt. Luard, R.M.L.I.), Sergeant Jones (Lieut. Haig, R.E.), Houghton (Lieut. Stopford, R.M.L.I.), and the Maid (Miss New). The piece was capitally staged under the direction of Major Johnstone, R.M.L.I., and the Divisional string band rendered orchestral music. On Wednesday the play was presented again. The proceeds of the entertainments will be given to the Benevolent Fund at Forton Barracks.

Another successful entertainment—the fourth of a series—was held at the R.M.L.I. Theatre, Forton, on Wednesday evening. The programme included a concert with ten items on the programme, and a six-character farce. The concert opened with a selection by the band of the division. Comic songs were given by Sergeant Warner, Corpl. Wainwright, and Musician Wood. A novel item was a fencing exhibition by Colour-Sergeant Taylor and Sergeant Warner. Mr. Fallick contributed a solo on the concertina. Buglers Meadley and Jerram sang a duet, and vocal solos were rendered by Private Franks and Lance-Corporal Miller. The farce was "Old Gooseberry," and the characters were well sustained by Sergeants Warner, Bowman, Hughes, and Underhay, Miss Mould, and Mrs. Warner. Sergeant Warner and Mrs. Warner, as Mr. Fizzington Corker and Matty, were very amusing, and Sergeant Bowman as Simon Snapshot, was also a great success.

OLD SOLDIERS' ANNUAL DINNER, DEPOT.

The usual annual dinner of the old soldiers at the Depot was held at the Fountain Hotel on Thursday, November 18th. About forty old soldiers attended, and several N.C. officers were present as guests. A capital supper was provided by Mr. Frier, the proprietor of the Hotel, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present, as will easily be understood by all who know Mr. Frier's capability of acting as host. After the good things had disappeared and belts loosened, the company adjourned to the large room up stairs where a smoking concert was soon in full swing. Many excellent songs were sung, but the programme was rather too lengthy to insert in full. Private Presland (who has for a long time proved himself an indefatigable manager and chairman) gave "Queen of the Earth," and S.-Sgt. Leonard's song and encore were greatly applauded. Several toasts were drunk, amongst others, "To our comrades fighting on the Indian Frontier,' and after a vote of thanks to the chairman and to the proprietor of the Hotel, a most successful and jovial evening was concluded by singing "God save the Queen."

Cricket.

MALTA.

A match took place in October between H.M.S. *Hibernia* and H.M.S. *Royal Oak*, which resulted in a win for the former by eight wickets. The names of Royal Marines playing are as follows—

Royal Oak.		Hibernia.	
Capt. McCarthy, R.M.A., b Negus	59	Lieut. Kitcat, b Lewis ..	5
Sergt. Mugay, run out ..	0	Capt. Luke, c McCarthy, b Lewis ..	34
Private Chulk, not out ..	0	Lce.-Corpl. Negus, c Inglis, b McCarthy	45

ASCENSION.

The following match took place on Saturday, 23rd October, between the R.M. Detachment and the Seaman Class. The Marines won the toss, and put their opponents in first. During their innings, which resulted in a total of 127, Capt. Bloxland, R.N., captain of the team, made a capital stand, knocking up 50 until caught by Private Pelling; and Ingram, A.B., did some remarkably smart cutting until caught by Private Hunt. Jim Bluff, a coloured domestic, added 30 to the score. When the Marine team went in they had only time to compile 57, five wickets down, when the match had to be closed and a draw declared.

Seaman Class.		R.M. Detachment.	
A.B. Harris, b Johnson ..	5	Pte. Pelling, c Sherry, b Ingram	13
,, Boldray, b Johnson ..	4	Pte. Hunt, not out ..	24
S.B.A. Williams, b Johnson	5	Gunner Corban, b Ingram ..	0
A.B. Ingram, b Hunt, c Jordan	16	Pte. Jordan, b Bluff ..	15
,, Davis, b Hunt, c Pelling	50	Gunner Brown, b Mackie ..	0
Domestic Mackie, b Johnson	5	Sergt. Wrime, not out ..	1
Capt. Blaxland, b Hunt, c Pelling	50	Corpl. Edwards, b Ingram ..	0
Domestic Bluff, b Johnson ..	30	Bomb. Edwards, Private Baltrop, Private Bevis	did not bat
A.B. Miles, run out ..	0		
Stoker Sherry, not out ..	1		
A.B. Fahey, b Hunt ..	0		
Extras	8	Extras	4
Total ..	127	Total (for 5 wkts)	57

Football.

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

R.M.L.I. *v.* R.A. Depot.—For the first round of the Portsmouth Cup, played on Nov. 13th, on Grange field.

R.M.L.I.—Marchant (goal); Ribbon and Powell (backs); Lovett, Buckley, and Carroll (halves); Nightingale and Dearlove (right); Lieut. Hutcheson (centre); Gibbs and Bunting (left).

Referee—Sergt.-Instructor Bowden, Rifle Depot.

The Marines kicked off with the wind and sun against them, and fairly held their own. Time after time the R.A. pressed, but the Marines' defence was very sure. About ten minutes after the start an unfortunate accident happened to Sergt. Carroll of the Marines. In the scrimmage he fell and hurt his knee, the team playing only ten men for the rest of the game. Lieut. Hutcheson came from centre forward to half-back. At half-time the score sheet was blank. Starting again the Marines pressed, and Hutcheson landed a shot which missed by inches only. Powell was laid out, but after some little time he was able to continue the game. From a good run up and some tricky passing Nightingale got possession and drove in a terrific cross shot which Donnolly could not save, and the first goal was marked for the Marines. About ten minutes before time Gibbs sent a middle from the left, and Hutcheson running in notched the second point for the "Joeys." Waxing warm the R.A. came down in full force, a beautifully neat little "cutter" which skimmed in just round the corner of the net, Marchant not having a chance to save. Time came, and the "Joeys" had won by two goals to one.

R.M.L.I. *v.* R.M.A.—Played at Eastney, on Nov. 17th, in the United Sirverier League Competition.

As was only to be expected, considerable interest centred in Wednesday's encounter, and it was, therefore, unfortunate for the Forton representatives that they had two or three of their regular players away owing to injuries. In fact, the visitors did not for a moment anticipate bagging a couple of points, and at most hoped for another draw. As matters turned out the "Reds" were deprived of several more of their first team at the last moment, and when they took the field only four of the eleven who usually form the team were in their places. The remaining positions had to be filled by reserves, and tackling the R.M.A. at Eastney with what was practically a second team is beyond a joke. Great credit is due to the Forton men for the plucky manner in which they stuck to their opponents all through. Marchant particularly gave a splendid account of himself, and the spectators rewarded him with plenty of applause. For the last half hour or so the losers were handicapped still further by the loss of Johnson, who had to be carried off the field with a broken leg, and that the R.M.A. could not score until towards the finish speaks for itself. R.M.A winning by two goals to nil.

R.M.L.I. *v.* Fort Monckton.—Played at Forton, on Nov. 3rd, and resulted in a win for the R.M.L.I. by three goals to one.

R.M.L.I. *v.* R.A., Hilsea.—Played at Hilsea, on Nov. 6th, and resulted in a draw, one goal each.

R.M.L.I. *v.* Naval Depot.—Played at Forton, on Nov. 10th, and resulted in a win for the Depot by two goals to one.

R.M.L.I. *v.* Stubbington House.—Played at Stubbington, and resulted in a draw, two goals being scored by each team.

R.M.L.I. *v.* 2nd H.V.A.—In the United Service League competition these teams met on the Forton Parade Ground. A strong wind made accurate shooting impossible, consequently the game was of an uninteresting description. During the first half the advantage rested with the Marines, and just after the commencement Wells scored. Though the home team were on the offensive most of the time nothing further had been registered at half time. Just before the whistle went one of the Marines got the leather between the uprights, but the point was disallowed by the referee (Mr. Barber) on the ground of "off-side." On the re-start the Marines attacked with increased vigour, and for some minutes the forwards maintained a brisk assault, which, thanks to the good defence of the Volunteer backs, came to nothing. Though the Volunteers occasionally broke away, the game was practically confined to the visitors' territory. The Marines, however, experienced hard luck, and seemed unable to avail themselves of the many opportunities offered them. Dearlove, for example, shot just outside on three occasions. In one of their break-aways the Volunteers nearly succeeded in equalising, a shot striking the cross-bar of the Marines' citadel and then rebounding into play. At last, however, Buckley managed to secure a second point for the Marines, and a third followed immediately afterwards. Nothing further resulted, and the Marines were, therefore returned winners by three goals to nil. Teams:—R.M.L.I.: Marchant, goal; Ribbons and Powell, backs; Buckley, Tucker and Lovett, half-backs; Nightingale and Gibbs (right), Dearlove (centre), Bunting and Wells (left), forwards. 2nd Hants: Wagstaff, goal; Marriott and Lenton, backs; Simms, Bradley and another, half-backs; Sparkes and Hayward (right), Freebody (centre), Lenton and Brown, (left), forwards.

Christ Church *v.* R.M.L.I. Drummers.—This match was played on the Gosport Park. Result: Christ Church, four goals; Drummers, one.

Accident in the Football Field.—Playing in a football match at Eastney, on Wednesday, Johnson, one of the Royal Marine Light Infantry team, fell awkwardly, and sustained a fracture of the leg. He was carried from the field on a stretcher. We are glad to say that Private Johnson is progressing favourably.

Shooting.

ROYAL MARINE RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE Sixth Committee Meeting since the formation of the Association, was held at Forton Barracks, on November 4th, when the following officers were present :—

Colonel Baldwin (presiding); Major Eastman, Captain Homer and Captain Brooke (representing R.M.A.); Captain Watson (representing Chatham); Major Brittan, Lieut. Heriot and Lieut. Tucker (representing Portsmouth); Major Dick and Lieut. Hutchison (representing Plymouth); Major Langford and Major Oldfield (representing Depot); Captain Collard (Hon. Sec. R.M.R.A.).

THE OFFICERS' CUP.—The first point to be discussed was what form of competition should, in future, take place for the cup, which is being presented by the officers (past and present) of the Corps to the Association.

It was decided that the competition should be on exactly the same lines as that held at Bisley for the "Brinsmead" Shield—the conditions of which are briefly as follows :—

1.—Each team must use the service rifles, or the rifles with which their corps is armed : if a Magazine rifle be used, it must be used as a single loader.

2.—Service sights only may be used.

3.—The competition will take place at targets appearing and disappearing at intervals : each target will represent the figure of a man—painted blue, and of the following dimensions—

Height from top of head to base of target, 6 ft.

Width across chest. 1ft. 8ins.

Width of head, 8ins.

Width of base of target, 8ins.

4.—Several teams will be formed up at a time at 600 yards from the target : each team will be told off to a separate target. The teams will be extended to two paces facing their several targets, and will take up position (prone) for firing.

5.—On the signal being given to the butt, by the officer in command, the targets will appear for 15 seconds, during which time each man must load and fire one shot.

6.—On the disappearance of the targets the whole line will advance in quick time, with arms held in the right hand.

7.—The targets will appear eight more times, each time for 15 seconds, with intervals of disappearance lasting from 20 to 40 seconds. Whenever the targets appear the competitors will halt and fire a single shot each in 'kneeling' or 'standing' position. The advance in quick time will be continued as soon as the targets have disappeared. When a point about 250 yards from the target has been reached, the teams will be ordered by bugle to relieve, and will continue the competition, retiring instead of advancing.

Open to teams of six of any rank.

No Division allowed to send more than one team.

The money prize for this competition shall be £6 to the winning team.

THE REVOLVER COMPETITION.—The next subject under discussion was the question of instituting an *Inter-Divisional Revolver Competition*, and it was decided that a competition—on exactly the same lines as the "Whitehead" Cup Competition at Bisley (except that each team should consist of six instead of eight of any rank)—should take place each year on some neutral range. The conditions for the "Whitehead" Cup Competition are briefly as follows ;—

Targets—Stationary.

No. of shots—12 at 20 yards, 12 at 50 yards (aggregate).

Time—Two minutes for each series of six shots.

The money prize for this competition to be £6 to the winning team. At the conclusion of this match a team to represent the R.M. Corps in the "Whitehead" Competition at Bisley, shall be chosen by the captain of the team.

In order to procure a Challenge Cup for this competition, the Committee decided that the officers of the Corps should at the commencement of 1898, be invited to subscribe to it, the subscription being limited to 2s. 6d.

The Committee also decided the following points—

1.—That the prize for the competition for "H.R.H. the Duke of Coburg's" Cup should, in future, be £8 instead of £4 for the winning team.

2.—That the following should be added to the General Rules :—"All Marines, wherever serving, are eligible to shoot for their respective Divisions in the various competitions." "Seconded officers may shoot for the Division to which they belonged when seconded."

Major Oldfield, R.M.L.I., was re-elected Captain of the R.M. Team for 1898, and Major Brittan, R.M.L.I., was appointed to succeed Captain Collard as Hon. Secretary, when that officer left Head-Quarters.

The above decisions of the R.M.R.A. Committee were submitted to the Deputy-Adjutant-General, and have been approved of by him.

R.M.A. SHOOTING CLUB, 1897.

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

13th May, 1897—R.M.A. *v.* Rifle Depot, at Browndown, lost by 14 pnts.
19th ,, ,, ,, ,, R.M.L.I., at Browndown, lost on a tie.
9th June ,, ,, ,, Rifle Depot, at Eastney, won by 32 points.
30th ,, ,, ,, ,, Connaught 60, at Eastney, lost by 9 points.
5th Aug. ,, ,, ,, ,, R.M.L.I., at Eastney, lost by 10 points.
25th ,, ,, ,, ,, North London Rifle Club, at Eastney, won by 16 points.

TROPHIES, &c.

1st	*2nd*
Humphrey Cup (Hants Vol. Meeting)	Besson Prize (Browndown)
Regimental Trophy (Browndown)	*Diamond Jubilee Trophy ,,
"Excellent's" Challenge Cup (Browndown)	Coburg Cup (Aldershot)
All Ranks Cup (Aldershot)	*Tied with two teams, Rifle Depot
3rd	*4th and 5th*
Regimental Trophy (Aldershot)	General's Prize (Browndown)
Methuen Challenge Cup ,,	G and E Companies

Individual averages in match and competition shooting :—

Rank and Name.	*No. of Shoots.*	*Points.*	*Average.*
Sergt.-Major Baker ..	12	1126	93·83
Sergt.-Instr. Simms ..	12	1092	91·00
Staff-Sergt. Foley ..	11	1000	90·90
Sergeant Deacon ..	10	891	89·10
Corporal Bowley ..	9	124	91·55
Qr.-Mr. and Lieut. Rodway ..	9	810	90·00
Staff-Sergt. Brockliss ..	9	797	88·55
Major Eastman ..	7	635	90·71
Sergt. MacAree ..	5	450	90·00
Q.-M.-Sergt. Graham ..	5	434	86·80
Gunner Blay ..	5	431	86·20
Sergeant Simpson ..	3	272	90·66
,, Height ..	3	243	81·00

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

The following are the nine best averages in matches for the Divisional Rifle Club for 1897 :—

Rank & Name	*Matches*	*Average*	*Rank & Name*	*Matches*	*Average*
Capt. C. E. Collard ..	11	94·09	Sergt. J. E. Cole ..	8	89·50
Lieut. B. Tucker ..	10	93·50	Pte. T. Lea ..	10	88·80
Sergt. D. Finlayson ..	12	93·16	Q.-M.-S. E. Luff ..	3	88·00
S.-Sgt. F. Hayward ..	11	91·72	Capt. J. R. Garrett ..	7	87·57
C.-Sgt. T. Jones ..	10	90·90			

The best nine averages for club practices, are ;—

Capt. C. E. Collard ..	28	93·57	Capt. J. R. Garrett ..	21	87·90
S.-Sgt. F. Hayward ..	33	90·81	Pte. T. Lea ..	17	87·82
Lieut. B. Tucker ..	21	90·42	Sergt. J. E. Cole ..	28	87·60
C.-Sergt. T. Jones ..	20	90·00	Q.-M.-S. E. Luff ..	19	87·05
Sergt. D. Finlayson ..	37	88·72			

Births.

DOBBS—Kettering, Northampton, on November 17th, the wife of Mr. Geo. Dobbs, late Sergeant, Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I. of a daughter.

HELLIER—On November, 18th, at Taunton, the wife of Sergt. Samuel Hellier, of a daughter.

PHILLIS—Wife of Lce.-Sergt. Phillis of a daughter.

PARTNER—On 21st November, at Chatham, the wife of Pte. E. A. Partner, of a daughter.

TROWELL—On 2nd November, at Chatham, the wife of Pte. W. Trowell, of a daughter.

Marriages.

MESSENBIRD—SMITH—At St. Jude's Church, Southsea, 23rd October, 1897, Corpl. G. H. Messenbird, R.M.A., to Miss A. J. Smith.

GROSS—PARSON—At. St. James' Church, Portsea, 1st November, 1897, Gunr. P. M. Gross, R.M.A., to Miss K. M. Parson.

VIRGO—PLOWMAN—At Primitive Methodist Church, Brighton, 11th October, 1897, Gunr. H. W. Virgo, R.M.A., to Miss E. Plowman.

STEVENSON—RICHARDS—At Deal, on 8th November, 1897, Musician Stevenson to Miss M. Richards.

CALLUM—HILL—On 4th November, Pte. Callum to Miss Hill.

FORD—SMITH—On 18th November, Pte. Ford to Miss E. Smith.

BAILEY—GAMBRELL—On 9th October, at Woodnesborough, Pte. S. R. Bailey to Miss M. A. Gambrell.

KELLY—TUFNILL—On 14th October, at Northfleet, Pte. T. H. Kelly to Miss A. M. Tufnill.

MAINWOOD—ROGERS—On 5th November, at Deal, Pte. F. J. Mainwood to Miss C. Rogers.

TAGG—CROCKFORD—On 6th November, at Rochester, Corpl. W. H. Tagg to Miss A. E. Crockford.

TIMMINS—HOLLANDS—On 25th November, at Luton, Kent, Pte. J. Timmins to Miss E. W. Hollands.

WINGFIELD—REED—At St. Matthew's, Gosport, on 27th October, Sergt. F. J. Wingfield to Miss B. M. Reed.

HOWARD—GONDARD—At St. Martin's, Jersey, on 31st October, Pte. J. Howard to Miss A. L. M. Gondard.

CROUCHLEY—CANDY—At the Registry Office, Portsea, on 1st November, Pte. W. H. Crouchley to Miss L. Candy.

LEE—HORNE—At the Parish Church, Alverstoke, on 6th November, Pte. Cecil Lee to Miss M. M. Horne.

ROBSON—MOORE—At the Parish Church. Deal, on 9th November, Sergt. J. Robson to Miss M. S. Moore.

GATLIFF—DASHWOOD—On the 16th November, at St. Andrews, Ashley Place, S.W., by the Rev. S. F. Gatliff, M.A., brother of the bridegroom, and the Hon. and Rev. John Stafford Northcote, Vicar of the parish, Major Albert Farrar Gatliff, Royal Marine Light Infantry, son of the late Henry Gatliff, of Fairfield Lancers, to Mrs. Dashwood, widow of the late Lieut.-Colonel Charles F. Dashwood, formerly 92nd Gordon Highlanders.

Deaths.

ALCOCK—On 2nd Nov., in London, Sir Rutherford Alcock, K.C.B., D.C.L., aged 78. He served as Surgeon to the R.M. Brigade in Portugal, 1833-4, and with the Spanish Legion under General Sir de Lacy Evans as Deputy-Inspector-General of Hospitals, 1836-7; Commander of the Order of Isabella the Catholic and of Charles III. of Spain; Knight of the Tower and Sword; Consul at Shanghai, 1846; at Canton, 1854; Consul-General in Japan, 1858; Envoy extraordinary and Minister pleni-potentiary in Japan, 1859-65; in China, 1867-71; President of R.G.S.

MABEY—At Haulbowline Hospital, on the 11th November, 1897, Gunner C. W. Mabey, R.M.A., aged 25 years.

WARREN—Pte. G. Warren (*Australia*).

PICKETT—Pte. H. W. Pickett (*Wild Swan*).

ROWLAND—Pte. T. S. Rowland (*Royal Sovereign*),

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Mr. W. Pilton ..	0	1	6	Colonel Holt ..	0	3	0
Victory	0	10	7	*Hibernia* ..	0	5	9
Mrs. Brockway ..	0	1	3	Sir C. Mitchell ..	1	0	0
Colonel Milne ..	0	1	6	Colonel Smith ..	0	3	0
General Jones ..	0	4	6	Recruiting (London)	0	3	6
Sergt. Haine ..	0	1	6	Major Pease ..	0	3	0
Champion ..	0	6	6	Colonel Lysons ..	0	2	3
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