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Editorial

THE Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have notified that the Queen has been pleased to appoint H.R.H. the Duke of York, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.V.O., Personal Aide-de-Camp to Her Majesty, to be Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Marine Forces from the 1st January, 1901, in succession to His late Royal Highness the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha; and a notice to this effect will appear in the *London Gazette* of that date.

It is further notified that H.R.H. the Duke of York will be promoted to Rear-Admiral in Her Majesty's fleet, with seniority of the 1st of January, 1901.

A telegram has been forwarded to H.R.H. by the D.A. General, expressing the gratification of the Royal Marines on his appointment, and has been acknowledged by H.R.H.

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V.C. FOR MAJOR HALLIDAY. The Queen has been pleased to signify her intention to confer the Victoria Cross upon Captain (now Brevet-Major) Lewis Stratford Tollemache Halliday, R.M.L.I., for gallantry in the operations in China.

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C.B. FOR LIEUT.-COL. JOHNSTONE. The Queen has been pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath. To be Ordinary Member of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companion of the said Most Honourable Order, viz.:—Lieut.-Col. James Robert Johnstone, R.M.L.I., in recognition of services rendered during the recent disturbances in China.

Once more the year draws to its close, and ere this appears in print not only a new year but a new century will have begun. We take this opportunity of wishing all our readers a Happy New Year, hoping that they have spent a Merry Christmas.

The past year has been a momentous one for our country; it opened in the gloom of war, and although the worst is over, yet its close is shadowed by the same grim spectre. Hardly a day has passed without its list of casualties, hardly a home that has not one vacant chair. In our own corps we have to lament many losses, and although Graspan and Pekin have added fresh leaves to our wreath of laurel, yet it has been at the cost of many gallant lives. Let us not forget them in the hour of our merriment. When, at this season, we meet around the festive board let us give a thought to the widely scattered graves in South Africa and China where our comrades lie resting, who so short a time ago were living amongst us.

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With this number the *Globe and Laurel* enters on the new century, and the 9th year of its existence. Let us hope that the new century will be as prosperous as the last, and that our readers will continue to help the circulation to increase in the same satisfactory manner as during the past year.

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Owing to the exigencies of the service a change of editors has again been necessary: we hope our readers will pardon any shortcomings in this our first attempt. We take this opportunity also to ask our friends once more to send us accounts of the doings of the corps on the various foreign stations.

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We are sure our readers will be pleased to hear that Major Drury, R.M.L.I., has promised to contribute an article each month in the form of a London letter.

Major Drury is an old contributor to the *Globe and Laurel*, and his stories, both as they came out and in the published form, have been read and appreciated by thousands; it is all the more good of him to thus assist us when we remember that his work at the Intelligence Department is very heavy, and that his spare time is fully taken up by the remunerative demand for his tales from other papers.

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We publish this month the yearly balance sheet which shows the balance credit of £86 18s. 4½d.

We must thank our many kind friends for their past help and ask them to continue it, as by this means only can we afford to produce the illustrations, &c.

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Volume VII. will shortly be in the hands of the binder; orders for copies should be sent to the editors.

On Saturday, 15th December, Captain W. T. C. Jones, R.M.L.I., was invested by H.M. the Queen, at Windsor, with the Distinguished Service Order awarded him for his services in South Africa.

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Captain C. E. Collard, R.M.L.I., who for the last three years has been serving with the Uganda Rifles is now attached to the 17th Batt. Imperial Yeomanry serving with the Rhodesian Field Force under General Sir F. Carrington.

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The long talked of Royal Marine Reserve appears to be on the point of becoming an accomplished fact, as the new Royal Fleet Reserve makes provision for two classes of Marine Reservists. The details are not yet complete, but when they are received we hope to present them to our readers.

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Lieutenant L. O. Wilson, R.M.L.I., was landed from ss. *Assaye*, at Southampton, on November 3rd, and proceeded to London. Since his arrival he has undergone an operation, and as his many friends will be glad to hear, is going on satisfactorily.

Major Halliday is also in hospital in London, his wound not having healed. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

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Sergeant Roper, R.M.L.I., late of H.M.S. *Terrible*, who was shot through both temples when serving in the defence of Tien-tsin, has made a wonderful recovery, and is now nearly fit for duty. This N.C.O. had charge of the 12-pr. Q.-F. gun belonging to the naval battery which was attached to Gen. Sir R. Buller's force, and served through all the operations for the relief of Ladysmith. This gun was manned entirely by marines (a fact, we fancy, that is unknown to the majority of the corps). The names of the gun's crew will be published next month.

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The band of the Chatham Division Royal Marines Light Infantry has been selected to accompany H.R.H. the Duke of York during his tour in ss. *Ophir*.

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The officers, Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., gave a Musical "At Home" in their mess at Forton on Thursday, December 20th. In spite of the inclement weather (crossing the harbour was almost as bad as the average trip to Spithead in a gunboat) about 250 of their friends were present, and had the pleasure of listening to a beautifully rendered selection of music by the band, conducted by Lieutenant George Miller, R.M.L.I.

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It may interest some of our readers to know that Henry Russell, the veteran composer who died recently, wrote the original melody, "A life on the ocean wave," which has been adopted as our regimental march. The following account of how the air was composed is taken from "Cheer, boys, cheer," which title Mr. Russell took for his interesting book of reminiscences, published in 1895. "The origin of 'A life on the ocean wave' is quite as interesting in its way. It was written by Epps Sargent, who had long owed me a song. One bright spring morning, as Sargent strolled on the Battery, New York, watching the ships in the harbour, the scene before him gave him an idea which he proceeded to develope. His walk and my song were completed together; and Sargent went to the office of our mutual friend, George P. Morris, and wrote out the words. 'This is not a song at all,' said Morris, after reading it.—'It will not do for music.' A few days after I met Sargent, and asked him for the song. He told me very dolefully what Morris had said, but I insisted on seeing the manuscript. We then went into a Broadway music store, kept by a mutual friend, and were invited into a back room where there was a capital piano. I hummed an air or two, ran my fingers over the keys, then stopped, feeling baffled; suddenly an idea struck me, I began to hum a melody that seemed to be floating through my brain, and, presently, touching the keys with a confident exclamation, that bright little air rang out which is so well known as 'A life on the ocean wave.' It at once became a favourite, and met with an enormous sale both in England and America."

While on this subject the following account of how this air became the officially recognized march of the R.M.L.I., will be new to many. Prior to 1883 each division had its own march, and even these often changed as new commandants often introduced new marches. About that period, though we cannot find the exact date, the D.A.G., R.M., called upon the bandmaster of each division to arrange a march, if possible, on a naval song. Mr. Kappey, Mr. Winterbottom, Mr. Keyer and Mr. Fröhuert each submitted a march. Mr. Kappey had selected "A life on the ocean wave," and tacked on a phrase of another naval song, "The sea, the sea," for the purpose of completing its artistic construction. On trial, Mr. Kappey's arrangement was selected and ordered to be played as the regimental march of the R.M.L.I.

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We understand that the marriage of Major H. L. Talbot, R.M.A., of H.M.S. *Renown*, and Miss Worsley-Roberts, daughter of the late Mr. Worsley-Roberts, will take place at Malta this month.

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Lieutenant F. J. Reid, R.M.L.I., has been transferred to the Army Service Corps.

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The marriage arranged between Captain F. J. W. Cartwright, of the R.M.L.I., and "Daisy," younger daughter of Mr. F. R. Bullock, of 38, Sussex gardens, Hyde Park, W., will shortly take place.

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A group of naval officer's medals, viz.: Ashantee medal, Egyptian medal, with bars for El-Teb-Tamaai, Suakin, 1884, and Alexandria, July 11th, Order of the Osmanieh, and Khedive's Star, all awarded to the late Colonel Allen, R.M.A., were sold for £15 10s., on 20th December, at Messrs. Debenham's sale.

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The band of the Portsmouth Division attended at the floral fête in aid of the Charing Cross Hospital fund, on December 14th.

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Captain A. T. Schreiber, R.M.A. has been appointed adjutant of the Suffolk Artillery, Eastern Division.

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We publish the following for information:—

ARMY ORDER 233. DECEMBER, 1900.

Grant of the "West African Medal" for Operations in 1896-99.

1.—Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to approve of the "West African Medal," with a clasp, inscribed "1896-99," "1896-98," "1893," or "1899," according to the date of the operations, being granted to the Imperial and Colonial Forces who were employed in any of the undermentioned military operations in West Africa, provided that the claims of the officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men are approved by the Commander-in-Chief:—

(*a*) In the several expeditions in the Northern Territories of the Gold Coast between 27th November, 1896, and 14th June, 1898.

(*b*) In the expeditions in the Hinterland of Lagos between September 1897, and 14th June, 1898.

(*c*) With the force under Lieut.-Colonel J. Wilcocks, C.M.G., D.S.O., in Borgu, before 14th June, 1898.

(*d*) In the Lepai Expedition under Lieut.-Colonel Pilcher, from 8th to 27th June, 1898.

(*e*) In the expeditions known as Ibouza, Anam, Barua, Bassema, Siama, Angiama, Illah, Dama, all in 1898, and Bula, 1899.

2.—The medal, with clasp, inscribed "1899," will all be given to the Imperial and Colonial Forces employed in the Central Division Expedition in February and March, 1899, and in the Benin Territories Expedition in April and May, 1899.

3.—Officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men already in possession of the "West African Medal" will receive a clasp only.

ARMY ORDER 254. DECEMBER, 1900.

Grant of the "East and Central Africa Medal" for Operations in Uganda, 1899.

1.—Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to approve of the "East and Central Africa Medal," with clasp, inscribed "Uganda, 1899," being granted to the Imperial and Colonial Forces who were employed in the military operations against Kabarega, in the Uganda Protectorate, between 21st March and 2nd May, 1899, provided that the claims of the officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men are approved by the Commander-in-Chief.

2.—Officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men already in possession of the "East and Central Africa Medal" will receive the clasp only.

The Humour of the Situation.

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

YOU and I, being in a position to cock a chest, and smite it, and give thanks daily that we are not as other men are, can well afford to laugh at Carlyle's theory that the world is peopled mostly by fools. Indeed, since we ourselves are not included in the "mostly," we may even round our smile with a smug reflection on the Sage's wisdom. Yet to some of us—to every tenth man, perhaps, and every hundredth woman, surely the world is peopled for the most part by unconscious humorists. To him who hath ears to hear comedy and eyes to see it (how few there be who find it!) the world is a quaint planet in sooth. It teems, says Gilbert the librettist, with quiet humour. We see them, these quite unconscious humorists, strutting and posturing at every turn, playing such pranks before high heaven as make the very angels weep—with laughter. They play to us (always unconsciously) in the mess, on the barrack square, on the magisterial bench, in the pulpit, and on the even still more sacred quarterdeck. Yes, especially, I think, upon the still more sacred quarterdeck. Equally with the poor (though, to many, less apparently) we have them always with us. To a frivolous few of us is given the gift (or curse) of seeing 'the humour of the situation': and for this minority the world is certainly a merrier abiding place than it would appear to be for the better balanced and more level-headed majority.

A detail of my daily 'trivial round and common task' is the scanning of certain foreign magazines and newspapers—Service periodicals for the most part, and emanating chiefly from France, Italy and Spain. The task is, on the whole, a saddening one: for, in addition to the depressing struggle with technical terms in three languages, one learns continually what a villainous and truly despicable country is England. They all declare—all the French papers, at least—that the day of reckoning for this nation of brigands is at hand: and what everyone says is proverbially true. But, fortunately for my spirits, the journalistic thundercloud is illumined now and again by flashes of unconscious humour, and it is these lighter passages which I propose to translate from month to month for the entertainment of the readers of the *Globe and Laurel* under the heading of "The Humour of the Situation."

I run through my press cuttings for the month of December and select, for a beginning, the diary of a French naval officer published in the *Armée et Marine*. It is dated from Plymouth, and describes a recent visit of the writer's ship to that port. Now, I myself am a native of Plymouth: I have belonged to the Division several years: I have been in touch with the place all my wandering life. Yet I must confess that I have learnt much from this Frenchman concerning Plymouth of which I was profoundly ignorant before. "We have arrived," he begins. "For the first time I find myself in an English harbour. But, my God! What rain! What squalls!" I think that even the most bigotted of Plymouth brethren will admit there is little originality in his opening remark. Most visitors, whether French or English, say (with more or less profanity) precisely the same thing. But when one reads that "Stone-House is the rich quarter, the quarter of the hotels, of the clubs, of the most elegant houses and of the finest shops," one begins to marvel that one should have failed all these years to appreciate the immediate surroundings of the Royal Marine Barracks, Stonehouse.

"A vast esplanade, *le Hoc*," asserts the writer, "separates Stone-House from the sea." None, surely, but an earnest Frenchman could squeeze such a delightful brace of errors into so short a sentence! "In the shades of evening," he adds, with a touch characteristically French, "couples glide about *le Hoc*. Very mysterious!"

But if the classic Hoe, with its memories of Drake and Frobisher, is miscalled and misplaced with the same dip of the pen, the stately home of the Mount Edgcumbes is unconsciously treated in still more cavalier fashion. "It is the park of Edgbumce!" says the gallant author, referring to the beautiful estate on the western side of the Sound.

The description of a street fight ends with the naïve reflection that "in England, as in France, the police arrive .... but a trifle late! The greater part of my comrades," he continues, "I find at New-Palace-Theatre. During an *entr'acte* the orchestra plays the *Marseillaise*, to which we listen from beginning to end. *Politesse oblige!* We ask for the 'God save.'"

And with it we will leave him. For their own credit let us hope that the Intelligence Department of the French Admiralty do not take him very seriously. For he has illustrated his diary with a photograph of a fort—*fort ouest de la jetée*. Where that fort is I have not the smallest conception. But it is certainly not at Plymouth.

Lest our comrades of the gun battery guard at Forton should be growing anxious at the prolonged absence of their tame ghost from his favourite haunt, I hasten to assure them that I have discovered the reason thereof. It is because he is seeking, for the benefit of his health, change of scene upon the continent. That he is combining with this object his profession of frightening recruit sentries is evident from the following military intelligence in *L'Italia Militare e Marina*.—

"The other night a young recruit of the 69th Regiment, doing sentry-go on the military prison at Pallanza, was startled by seeing at a certain point on the roof a mysterious moving shadow.

After vainly waiting for a reply to the regulation 'Who goes there?' the soldier, in accordance with his orders, brought his rifle to his shoulder, and fired one after the other fourteen shots in the direction of the shadow, which seemed to him to have shifted.

The neighbouring guard and several officers were quickly on the spot. All agreed that they saw the shadow, and a thorough, though fruitless, search was made over the roofs, while, within, the governor of the gaol mustered the prisoners. Everyone, however, was found to be in his place.

The next morning an officer with a thirst for knowledge made some investigations on his own account *re* the mysterious shadow. He discovered it to be—a weathercock! It was completely riddled by bullets which had been fired at it by the sentry."

But perhaps the most perfect specimens of unconscious humour are to be found in the sporting columns of the continental press. In a corner of the bi-weekly service paper from which I have just quoted is a short article on which one may always rely for a good five minutes' entertainment. At this season of the year it is devoted mainly to chronicles of the various meets on the Roman Campagna. It appears under the heading of 'Sport,' and makes heroic efforts to live up to its English headline. The meets are invariably attended by '*appassionati sportsmens*.' The phrase '*una caccia alla volpe*' rendered into English is obviously 'a fox hunt.' But the Italian sporting editor knows his English better than the most English of us all. He never fails to add the translation in brackets, and it is always 'paper chase'! It is a trifle disconcerting, having embarked upon the narrative of a 'paper chase,' to read in the end (as I did last week) that "the quarry was killed by the dogs and his tail presented to the Contessa della Chiesa"! One hopes that the shades of night had fallen ere the lady rode back through the streets of Rome.

Talking of 'foxdogs' reminds me that it was once my good fortune to see 'Dorothy' played by an Italian company at the Manoel Theatre, Malta. Everyone knows how essentially English is that most charming of comic operas. The scene at the end of one of the acts where the doors of the old hall are thrown open, and the huntsman, with the red dawn behind him, brings on the pack, is one of the most effective stage pictures I know. But, oh! my Christian aunt in tights! you should have seen that pack of English foxhounds as realised by the Italian management! Every canine creature in the streets of Valletta, from a mongrel Maltese poodle to a stolen St. Bernard, had been requisitioned for the occasion. The din of dogtalk was deafening. They fought with each other till the unhappy huntsman's legs were completely cased with twisted dogchain. That pack had to be brought on at least seven times before the curtain was permitted to be lowered. When it was eventualiy rung down the entire English audience, with streaming eyes and holding its sides, staggered out of the theatre. We had no further interest whatever in the performance.

The Fighting in China.

PEKIN RELIEF EXPEDITION.

FROM the despatch of Sir E. H. Seymour, dated June 27th :—

"I might with truth mention favourably all names; it is hard justly to discriminate, and there are probably others who deserve special mention fully as much as those named below. I feel it right specially to recommend for their lordships' favourable consideration the following officers:—Captain J. R. Jellicoe, my flag captain, who was, as always, of most valuable help, both by his judgment and action, till disabled by a serious wound at the battle of Peitsang on June 21st. Commander C. D. Granville, of my flagship, who ably commanded the naval brigade with me after my flag captain was wounded. Commander W. O. Boothby, of the *Endymion*, in command of the seamen from that ship, and at times of others also. He was in every engagement, and I specially noticed his energy and activity. Lieut. G. M. K. Fair, of my flagship, employed on my staff in Intelligence Department, &c., but diverted as required to other duties, such as the very important one of getting along the junks with wounded. Lieut. W. H. Colomb, of the *Endymion*, was twice slightly wounded on different days. He had charge of Lofa Station Fort, defended it against various attacks, and showed good judgment while in separate command. Lieut. G. E. Lowther-Crofton, of my flagship, most intelligent and active; with great risk to himself he remained behind in the Hsiku armoury on the 26th inst., when we left for Tien-tsin, to set fire to and destroy it, having made the preparations for so doing, which were carried out by him most satisfactorily. This important service reflects very great credit on him. Lieut. A. G. Smith, of the *Aurora*, led and commanded an advanced post above Langfang, on the line towards Pekin, with zeal and good judgment. Midshipman W. B. C. Jones, of the *Centurion*, who took command of Lieut. Wyndham L. Bamber's company in the operations on June 20th, after the latter officer was wounded. Mr. C. Davidge, acting gunner of the *Centurion*, who ably assisted Lieut. Crofton in the destruction of the Hsiku armoury, and shared the risks with him they two being alone. Major J. R. Johnstone, R.M.L.I., of the *Centurion*, has been most active throughout. He often commanded all the marines present. He kept pushing ahead of the trains on our advance to clear and protect the line. He it was who led the storming party I sent round on June 22nd to carry the north angle of the armoury, near Hsiku, and he has rendered very good service. Captain R. O. M. Doig, R.M.L.I., *Endymion*, has been very active throughout, and commanded the night expedition of one hundred men on June 22nd, sent from the armoury to try and communicate with Tien-tsin, which attempt he made with skill and credit. Mr. F. C. Alton, my secretary, has been near me throughout, and, as at all times, was of the greatest assistance and value by his grasp of matters and good judgment and sense. Mr. C. J. E. Rotter, assistant paymaster of my flagship, was in charge of the commissariat arrangements, a most difficult task under the circumstances, but performed by him with constant efforts and all possible success. To this, having regard to our foreign allies, Mr. Rotter's knowledge of German and well-known tact and good temper much contributed. Fleet-surgeon T. M. Sibbald, *Centurion*, has had charge of the hospital arrangements throughout, and has also been much under fire. His activity, attention, and constant cheerfulness have gone far to mitigate the sufferings of the wounded, and have met with my entire approval. Mr. G. H. Cockey, engineer, *Centurion*, took over the duties of company officer of the *Centurion's* marine detachment after Captain H. W. H. Beyts, R.M.A., fell on June 23rd, until their arrival at Tien-tsin, and was of the greatest assistance to Major Johnstone, R.M.L.I. Mr. A. E. Cossey, assistant engineer, *Aurora*, at much risk to himself returned from our most advanced post towards Anting station to bring important news. Mr. C. Bigham, late Grenadier Guards, honorary attaché to H.M. Legation, at Pekin, has been attached to me as Intelligence Officer, and has shown much zeal and ability as such; he has been of great value to me. Mr. A. Currie, C.E., B.Sc., resident engineer in charge of railway line between Tien-tsin and Pekin, came with us to take charge of the trains and their *personnel*, and to repair the line. In this he worked with a skill and energy not to be surpassed. He acted in opposition to the Chinese director-in-chief of the railway for our benefit, and H.M. Service and the allies owe him a debt of gratitude which I submit must be acknowledged and repaid. He has lost his home and nearly all his worldly possessions out here, destroyed by the Chinese. Mr. C. W. Campbell, H.M. Consul for Wu-chow (on leave), accompanied us as interpreter, and was of the utmost value by his knowledge both of the language and customs of the Chinese. He showed untiring zeal, and I would submit him for the decided acknowledgments of H.M Government.

"Admiralty, October 1st, 1900.

"Sir,—My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having had before them your letter of June 27th last, No. 384, reporting the proceedings of the allied forces in the gallant attempt to relieve the Legations at Pekin, desire me to convey an expression of their high appreciation of the tact and judgment displayed by you on that occasion, which contributed so greatly to the harmonious feeling that prevailed between the various sections under your orders. Their Lordships consider that, having been suddenly called upon to assume command of a mixed force comprising representatives of almost every nation, great credit is due to you for the rapidity with which this force was organised, and for the manner in which the expedition was conducted, in view of the great difficulties necessarily attending it, and the overwhelming numbers of the opposing forces. My Lords have read with pleasure your testimony to the courage shown, and the hardships cheerfully endured by Her Majesty's officers and men during the period in question, and they desire that you will express to Captain Jellicoe (your flag captain); Commander Granville, of the *Centurion*; Major Johnstone, R.M.L.I., of the *Centurion;* and to all concerned, their unqualified satisfaction at receiving this high commendation of their conduct.

"The further reports contained in your letters of the 8th, 12th, and 23rd July, Nos. 388, 402, and 429, respecting the state of affairs at Tien-tsin during your absence and subsequent to your return, have also been laid before their Lordships, and they desire that you will inform Capt. Bayly, of the *Aurora*, whose tact and untiring energy contributed materially to the successful defence of that place; Captain Burke, of the *Orlando*, who ably assisted him; Commander Beatty, of the *Barfleur;* Lieut. (now Commander) Wright, R.N., of the *Orlando;* Major Luke, R.M.L.I., of the *Barfleur*, and the officers and men under their orders, how fully their Lordships recognise the valuable services rendered by them during a time of great peril and anxiety. My Lords, having had before them a letter from the Rear-Admiral, dated July 17th, No. 4, containing reports on the storming and capture of the Taku Forts, desire that you will convey to Commander (now Captain) Stewart, of the *Algerine*, who most ably handled and fought his ship; to Commander Cradock, of the *Alacrity*, who skilfully led the allied landing force; to Lieuts. and Commanders Keyes and Colin Mackenzie, who did good service in the *Fame* and *Whiting* respectively, in the smart cutting out of four Chinese destroyers, and to the other officers and men engaged an expression of their thorough approbation of the gallantry displayed by them during these successful operations, which their Lordships are pleased to find from your letter No. 385, of July 4th, have met with your entire concurrence.

"Further letters from the Rear-Admiral dated June 27th and July 11th, Nos. 24 and 26, have also been received, relating to other events which occurred whilst you were on shore, and their Lordships wish to take this opportunity of recording their appreciation of the manner in which Rear-Admiral Bruce conducted the important duties which devolved upon him during your enforced absence, and of the excellent relations he maintained with his foreign colleagues throughout a period of exceptional gravity. I am to inform you that the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs entirely concurs in the expressions of approval which it has given their Lordships great pleasure to signify in this letter. The despatches will be published in the *London Gazette* with the names of the officers and men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines specially recommended.—*Extracts from The Army and Navy Gazette.*

Hockey.

The hockey team of the Portsmouth Division have so far had a fairly successful season, having played nine matches of which they have won four, lost thr d drawn two.

Pekin Legations.

STORIES OF GALLANTRY. V.C. RECOMMENDED.

FURTHER light is thrown on the successful and gallant defence of the Pekin Legations during the trying siege last summer by a batch of despatches published in last night's *London Gazette*. Speaking generally of the guard of British Marines which was sent to the celestial city by Admiral Seymour in charge of Captain B. M. Strouts, Sir Claud MacDonald refers in terms of the highest praise to the behaviour of officers, non-commissioned officers, and men:

They were exposed, day and night, for two months to the most arduous, irksome, and responsible duties, which they fulfilled with a cheerful alacrity and with a courage and endurance which excited the admiration of everybody. Their bearing under fire was quite excellent, and could not have been surpassed by the best veteran soldiers. During the entire siege I did not observe the slightest signs of liquor in any of the men, neither was a case reported to me, and this though the facilities for obtaining drink was great. To sum up, the general good conduct, soldierly bearing, and steadiness under fire of the men of the detachment was worthy of the highest traditions of the British Army and of the corps to which they belong.

The British Minister mentions the "irreparable loss" caused by the death of Captain Strouts, "an excellent soldier and a gallant gentleman," and that he has recommended for the Victoria Cross Captain Halliday, who was dangerously wounded, as narrated in the Pekin despatches published yesterday. Complimentary notice is given to Captain E. Wray, who commanded the guard after his two seniors were incapacitated in the middle of July. This officer has forwarded a diary of the military events of the siege, and in his recommendations and comments Admiral Sir Edward Seymour concurs with the remark that the Marines "well and ably fulfilled the duties required of them under very trying circumstances, and worthily upheld the traditions of their corps."

Captain Wray narrates several striking incidents. Under date June 16th he states:

I was sent with twenty British, nine American, and five Japanese marines to rescue a Christian family from the N.E. city. A reputed Boxer temple, which I intended visiting on my return, was passed on the way. Hearing shrieks issuing from the temple, as of victims being tortured, and seeing signs of Boxers holding their rites, I approached the temple with some men. Bricks were hurled, and spears thrust over the walls, so I decided to force my way in. I succeeded in doing so, and killed about forty-five Boxers, none of them being able to escape. The mutilated bodies of two native Christians were found. My native guide having meantime run away, I returned to the Legation, and learnt that the Christian family had come in.

This officer tells once more the story of Captain Halliday's gallantry in face of the enemy, of his own voluntary service in command of the Japanese at a distant point when their officer was wounded, and, lastly, records the death of Captain Strouts while returning from visiting this post. He sets down one typical instance of Chinese duplicity, which occurred on August 13th, towards the end of the investment.

A note was received from the Chinese government saying orders had been given for any Chinese soldier firing on us to be court-martialled. During a total cessation of firing in the afternoon the enemy mounted two Krupp guns on their fort in the imperial city wall over the canal, with which they opened fire on the Legation during a heavy combined attack on the whole settlement at 7-45 p.m. They were also heard again trying to urge an attack on the "ruins" at 3-o a.m. next morning, but never came, our men, with reinforcements of volunteers, remaining at their loopholes for over two hours.

In concluding his report Captain Wray recommends for the conspicuous gallantry medal, Lance-Sergeant T. E. Preston, belonging to H.M.S. *Orlando*.

On July 14th, after the enemy had been driven down from their barricade on the imperial carriage park wall near the West Hanlin, by shell fire, this non-commissioned officer climbed on to the wall, some twelve feet high, with the intention of capturing a banner left on the barricade by the enemy. Finding that he could not reach it, he called for his rifle to be given him, and pushing down part of the barricade he kept the enemy, some fifty in number, at bay, while an American gunner, named Michell, was enabled to lay hold of the flag. Sergeant Preston then jumped down and assisted Gunner Michell in drawing the flag over with difficulty, as the enemy had laid hold of the other end. He was struck on the head at the same time by a brick, which partly stunned him.

As a proof of the steadiness of fire and coolness of this body of British Marines, "soldiers and sailors, too," it is stated that of the 18,000 rounds of Lee-Metford ammunition brought from Tientsin, some 9,000 remained at the conclusion of the two month's siege.

The non-commissioned officers recommended for promotion by Captain Wray are Lance-Sergeant T. E. Preston, Her Majesty's ship *Orlondo*; Corporal W. Gregory, Corporal D. J. Gowney, and acting Lance-Corporal T. R. Allen, of the Wei-hai-wei detachment; Armourer T. S. Thomas, Her Majesty's ship *Orlando*; and sick berth Steward R. G. Fuller.

The remaining despatches are occupied by Sir Claud MacDonald's recommendations of individuals for gallantry or useful service during the siege. Of Captain Halliday, R.M.L.I., Sir Claud MacDonald says:—

On the 24th June the enemy, consisting of Boxers and imperial troops, made a fierce attack on the west wall of the British Legation, setting fire to the west gate of the south stable quarters, and taking cover in the buildings which adjoined the wall.

The fire, which spread to part of the stables, and through which and the smoke a galling fire was kept up by the imperial troops, was with difficulty extinguished, and as the presence of the enemy in the adjoining buildings was a grave danger to the Legation, Captain Strouts, with my sanction, organized a sortie to drive them out.

A hole was made in the Legation wall, and Captain Halliday, in command of twenty marines, led the way into the buildings and almost immediately engaged a party of the enemy. Before he could use his revolver, however, he was shot through the left shonlder, at point-blank range, the bullet fracturing the shoulder and carrying away part of the lung; notwithstanding the extremely severe nature of the wound Captain Halliday killed three of his assailants, and, telling his men to "carry on and not mind him," walked back unaided to the hospital, refusing escort and aid so as not to diminish the number of men engaged in the sortie.

For some days the surgeons feared the wound was mortal, but I am happy to say that, though still in the convalescent hospital, Captain Halliday is out of danger.

Captain Strouts, commandant of the Royal Marine detachment, was my right-hand from the commencement of the siege until he fell, mortally wounded, on the 16th July. He was a most excellent officer; his readiness of resource and calmness under fire were the admiration of all the besieged.

The case of Captain Halliday, of the Royal Marines, has already been brought to your Lordships' notice in a separate despatch.

Dr. Morrison, *The Times* correspondent, acted as lieutenant to Captain Strouts, and rendered most valuable services. Active, energetic, and cool, he volunteered for every service of danger, and was a pillar of strength when matters were going badly. He was severely wounded on the 16th July by the same volley which killed Captain Strouts, and his valuable services were lost to the defence for the rest of the siege.—*Times*, 4/12/'00.

THE PEKIN LEGATIONS.

The following is an extract from a private letter which we are permitted to publish, dated H.B.M. Legation, Pekin, September 13th:—

I was lost in admiration of many people in the siege; our small body of British Marines came out of a most trying ordeal with flying colours, and their achievements are worthy of the best traditions of the British army and the corps to which they belong. Their discipline was perfect, and their cheerful compliance with orders and their alacrity gave me a higher personal opinion of the British soldier than I have ever had before. They lost their chief officer, and another one was severely wounded three days after the siege began.

Foreign News.

Malta, 19th December, 1900.

THE last time I wrote to you about the cruise of the Mediterranean Fleet, we were at Thaso, and my contribution, though written in September, did not appear till the November issue, owing to our mail arrangements going somewhat wrong about that time. Although it may now be considered as ancient history, still perhaps it may not be uninteresting to some of your readers, if I give a short sketch of our doings from then until the return of the fleet to Malta early in November.

Thaso, though forming part of the Turkish dominions, is entirely administered by the Egyptian authorities; it is quite the prettiest of the islands in that part of the Mediterranean, being well wooded, while the majority of the other islands have been quite de-forested. There is a very good recreation ground there, with room for any number of different games to be going on at the same time—cricket, football, hockey, etc., and there are golf links of no mean order. There is a mountain to be climbed, and on the mainland, a short way across by water, good sport to be had. The curious thing is that there one sees the law administered by Egyptians, (law and order being maintained entirely by a small force af Egyptian police) the inhabitants are all Greeks, but the law which is in force and thus administered is Turkish. The Governor of the island is an Egyptian officer appointed by the Khedive. The sergeant-major of the police is a fine looking fellow, and has held the post for over ten years. When at Thaso the mails for the fleet were arranged to be sent to Cavalla, on the mainland, so famous formerly for the particularly good brand of tobacco produced there, but now that the "Régie" have the control it seems impossible to get this tobacco, though no doubt the residents manage still to do so. The mails come to Cavalla from the British Post Office at Salonika, either by steamer or by train and then across country by cart, as the railway has not yet been brought down to the coast at this point; in fact it is rumoured that the Sultan is against this being done, and will never allow it.

On the 20th September the *Empress of India* arrived at Thaso, having tried to assist the s.s. *Charkieh*, which steamer was wrecked in the Doro channel, and where, it will be remembered, Lieut. A. C. Lowry, R.N., of that ship, greatly distinguished himself. The *Empress* brought two survivors from the wreck. A steamboat from the fleet was sent with these two Turkish seamen to Cavalla, the boat also taking mails and telegrams. The authorities at Cavalla made great difficulties about granting "practique" to these two unfortunate men, and I believe they were almost treated as prisoners for several days while lengthy enquiries were being made. Our mails were also detained, and hence the late arrival of my contribution.

On the 22nd September operations practically commenced, which lasted till the 27th, one fleet operating from Lemnos and the other from Didigatch; the details of these operations, as far as it is permitted to make them public property, have already appeared in the daily papers, so it is not necessary to say more, except that the duties of umpires, certainly in all the larger ships, seem to have been carried out by the Marine officers. And I have every reason to believe that it was the result of the decision of a Marine officer, that induced the Rear-Admiral commanding the "A" fleet, to quit his sinking flagship in the middle of the night, and repair on board one of the other battleships of his fleet, a manœuvre which, as proved by after events, considerably disconcerted his opponent.

By the evening of the 27th September the whole fleet was assembled at Lemnos, and the sailing regatta was held on the 28th. The pulling regattas came off on the 1st and 2nd October. On the first day there was a veterans' skiff race for officers, however only two boats came up to the scratch—that from the *Illustrious* coming in first. The other skiff belonged to the *Renown*, Major Talbot, R.M.A., was one of the crew, and Captain Mackay, R.M.A., was coxswain. The *Empress of India's* cutter, manned by its Marine crew, won the event for racing cutters' crews, thus showing that they were the best cutter's crew, without any exception, in the fleet, a position to which they have attained by constant and continuous attention to athletic training during the whole commission, combined with the interested co-operation of all ranks in the ship. They are very much to be congratulated on their success, It is almost unnecessary to say that, under the circumstances, they won the event for cutters for Marines only in the regatta, and that, on the 8th October, at Smyrna, the same crew carried off the "Marines Cup," presented by Rear-Admiral the Right Hon. Lord Charles Beresford, C.B., which has been already reported in your columns.

On the 3rd October the fleet left Lemnos, more operations taking place on the way to Smyrna, ships proceeding during the night with no lights showing.

On the 6th October, at Smyrna, the stokers pulled for the *Renown* Cup, and it was won by the stokers of the *Renown*. Two Russian war vessels and the little Italian vessel, which usually lies at Suda Bay, arrived at Smyrna while we were there, and there was plenty to be done there in one way and another, several entertainments on board various ships of the fleet, and on the evening of the 15th October the residents of Smyrna gave a ball at the New Club, to the officers of the fleet, which was a great success. The fleet was at Voulah Bay, or thereabouts, from the 16th to the 22nd October, where night attacks by destroyers and other exercises were carried out.

On the 23rd October we arrived at Salamis Bay and remained there till the 27th. The Greek Royal Family, who were at Athens, were entertained to a banquet on board the *Renown*, on the evening of the 25th, the *Surprise* bringing them from the Piraeus, and that evening the ships were illuminated, rockets sent up, etc. The next day the same Royal Guests were entertained to lunch by the Rear-Admiral on board the *Ramillies*. The *St. George* and *Juno* arrived from England, and the *Vindictive* having joined us at Smyrna on the 8th, we began to feel that the squadron was really going to have some cruisers again.

Leaving Salomis on the 27th October, Naupeia was reached the same afternoon. For those who are interested in things ancient, the country round Naupeia has many attractions, Mycenae, Heracon, Argos, and Tioyus may be mentioned as probably attracting most visitors. Heavy rain soon after we arrived washed away the dust of the summer, and made the roads in wonderfully good condition for cycling. Leaving Naupeia at daylight on the 6th November, the various vessels of the fleet proceeded independently as fast as they could, and assembled at a rendezvous off Malta, at 1 p.m. the next day.

The Malta garrison were at their stations and gave the fleet a great reception with blank ammunition as they approached the harbour, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain being one of the spectators. On the following night, the 8th November, Vice-Admiral Sir John Fisher, K.C.B., gave a ball on board the *Renown*, at which Mr. Joseph Chamberlain and Mr. Austen Chamberlain were present. The ships were illuminated, and at midnight the two distinguished visitors left for Naples on board the *Cæsar*, a huge bouquet of rockets being sent up from the Corradino heights, as the *Cæsar* slipped from her buoy and the inhabitants of Malta saw as pretty a sight as they are ever likely to see again.

H.F.M.

Royal Marines Rifle Association.

Foreign Stations Competition.—The Hon. Sec. requests that the senior officer, Royal Marines, on foreign stations, will be good enough to cause the results of the competitions for the Silver Badges for 1900, to be forwarded to him as soon as practicable.

Committee Meeting at Forton Barracks on Friday, 18th January, 1901, at 3 p.m.

It is requested that any suggestions as to amendments of the rules and conditions of the competitions for 1901, and any other matters which it is desired should be brought before the Committee, may be forwarded to the Hon. Sec. as soon as practicable.

WASHING DAY.—The other day a constable was greedily imbibing the contents of a large pewter at the side bar of a provincial public-house when a soldier put his head inside the door and accosted the landlord:—"Boss, is it washin' day to-morrow?" "Washing day! No! What do you mean?" "Oh, keep yer 'air on, guv'ner, I thought it was. I see you are filling up the copper."

Notes from the Log Book of Pte. John Green.

(LATE ROYAL MARINES).

No. 4.

IN due course the *Pearlist* arrived at Malta, and made fast to a buoy not a hundred miles from the canteen, which was not such a grand place as I hear they have got now, but even then you could get a half-gallon measure of beer for a shilling, and that was a godsend to us poor thirsty souls who had had nothing stronger than three-water grog, and not much of that since leaving the Rock: at least, three-water it was called, but by the time it had been sifted by the ship's steward for his cronies, and the usual tots taken out for the Petty Officer and Sergeant of the day, an extra one or two put in the bottles of the Johnty and Sergeant-Major, it was really good water spoiled, and an insult to the memory of the late Admiral Vernon; so, having had one night at the canteen allowed to the watch on board, which only whet our inclination for more, and forty-eight hours general leave having been piped, Blewy and I got into a dghaiso to find our own way ashore on pleasure bent.

In those days it was not necessary to go East of Suez to raise a thirst, so landing on the Marina we promptly assuaged ours in two half-gallons of shandy,—oh, glorious moment, the memory of a lifetime, when first you feel the cooling mixture go siss-siss-sissing down your thirsty throttle! Leaving the Marina we strolled on through Burmelo and Calcarra, resting occasionally at here a "New Found Out," or there an "Old Found Out," calling also at the "Monkey House" and "Old Frank's"—where the Scripture Reader was playing "Man John" with some Sergeants belonging to the Range,—until we finally arrived very late in the evening at our destination, the "Armstrong Gun." This house kept a man whom Blewy had known many years before in the Crimea, and who met us on our arrival with a characteristic greeting, "Halloo, Mista Blewy, you come pay me the ten sheelin' you borrow, eh, in Balaclava, you know, you good man, you no forget, eh?" Then turning to a one-eyed man standing by he continued, "Hi, Fisser, you know Mista Blewy of the *Shannon*, all the way from Balaclava, eh?" Fisser would have known anyone for a glass of ambit.

"All right," replied Blewy, "I have not forgotten it," then whispering an aside to me, "Don't pay for anything here, I must double this debt or he might forget me the next time we meet; he had pounds of our hard-earned pay during the winter of '55, and besides it is no sin to rob a Maltee."

I am afraid if I spoke the truth I should have to admit that we turned in more than half seas over, but were both all right again in the morning, when the "Gun" was invaded by a party of stokers from the *Hibernia* on their way to the Range.

The Petty Officer in charge of them was in great trouble. It appeared from his conversation that the class previous had made exceptionally good shooting, and the leading stoker associated therewith had bet him more than he could afford to lose that the present class would come back hopelessly beaten. "I wouldn't mind," he continued, "but I have two darlings here that can't see, and they wouldn't hit the target if they could; I ordered them to go sick this morning, but the doctor only gave them a drink from the Foretopmen's bottle and sent them away. I'll tell you what, Blewy, if you and your chum will exchange clothes with these duffers, and shoot in their place, I will give you a sovereign apiece; they won't know any difference down there."

"What do you say, Jack," asked Blewy, "will you go?"

"Certainly," I replied, "I always like to do a good action when I have the opportunity."

Blewy was soon equipped, but it took me some time to struggle into the garments, and a nice specimen of a cinder knotter I must have looked with the trouser-legs just covering my ankles, and the cap three sizes too small; however, it was pronounced satisfactory, and having strictly cautioned the two men we personated not to leave the house on any pretence during our absence we fell in outside and marched to the Rifle Range.

On our arrival we were formed into two sections by the Instructors and started off to the 100 yards firing point; then the danger flag was lowered and the first two called on to commence. To an interested spectator their shooting was heart-breaking to watch, and an occasional miss would cause a deep rumble representing anguish to issue from the chest of our friend, the leading stoker; they finished up with a total of 41 out of a possible 80, which was not very promising.

Blewy and I were the next two. The Instructor called "Jeremiah Snagg, Peter P. Winkle." We took up our positions, I as the first named on the right, and listened to the following yarn, which was reeled off rapidly—

"Now you are going to fire eleven rounds at the target in front of you, the first being a sighting shot and don't count, the black square in the middle is named the "bull's eye," and counts four points each time you hit it, which will not be very often, for stokers are the biggest duffers in Andrew for shooting; the next division is called the "centre," and counts three points, all the remainder of the target, which is more in your line, is the "outer," and only reckons two; the first shot must be fired low, and each successive round be aimed higher until on completion you will find yourself nearly the top of the target,—the reason why it is necessary to do this is too long for me to explain, and you wouldn't understand it if I did! All you have got to do is to follow my instructions, do exactly what I tell you, and if you gain the prize for best shot in the squad, I shall be most happy to drink your health. I must also mention that should you miss three times in succession, you will be stopped as dangerous. Go on, the right hand man."

Now I had always been considered a decent shot, and determined to do my best, so coming slowly to the "present," in defiance of instructions took a steady aim into the centre of the "bull," and pressed the trigger. We were close enough to see the result, and the Instructor's announcement was superfluous.—"Snagg, sighting shot, an outer, 2 (two), you have just touched the left top corner of the target, the result of not doing as you were told. Go on the next."

Blewy fired and got a "centre" just above the "bull." "Winkle, sighting shot, "centre" 3 (three); aim in the same place next time and you will drop into him at twelve o'clock."

The next shot I placed fair into the centre of the target by keeping well right and low. Blewy did the same, then we fired shot for shot, getting a "bull" each up to the sixth round, when I dropped into the "centre" low, and Blewy lower still into the "outer." The last four of mine and three of Blewy's were "bulls" but they shewed him a miss for his last shot.

"It's a lie," said he angrily, "I could not miss at this range, and besides, I heard it strike, didn't you?" appealing to the bystanders.

Some thought they did, others said they saw it go over the top. The Instructor laughed, and shouting to another on the next point said "There's a blooming stoker here thinks it impossible to miss the target," then turning to Blewy he continued "and a lot of better men than you think the same. I suppose you fancy yourself a crack shot, don't you, but I have never seen you at Wimbledon."

"No," replied Blewy, "and I never saw you at the meeting where I learnt to shoot, either."

"Oh, where was that?" asked the Instructor, "some little meeting or other round the West'ard, I suppose, where the stakes were not big enough to tempt a good man."

"No," said Blewy, "you are mistaken; it was a little meeting round the East'ard, the stakes were heavy, and a lot of good men entered, too. I am speaking of the trenches before Sebastopol."

In the meantime I had advised our leading stoker to request that the target should be examined; this he did, and after some consultation the markers came to the conclusion it was a "double hit bull," so Blewy finished up with 38 and I with 39.

At 200 yards we did not do so well, the scores being 33 and 31 respectively. At 300 yards, where we finished the course, it was respectable, and the Instructor read out the totals of each pair, accompanied by remarks.

"Pearson, 46; Beagley, 47.—You're a nice pair of beauties to keep up the shooting average of a ship's company, you are, and if you are half as much afraid of a shovel as you are of a musket it's an acquisition you are to the Watch in which you work. I am going to remain behind this cruise, so shall have an opportunity of shaking you darlings up a bit, and if there is not an improvement in your shooting next season my name is not Pickard.

"Lamb, 66; Cramer, 68.—I should be ashamed if I were you to go back to the ship with such a record. The fact is you people think you

know more about shooting than the Instructor, and consequently do not pay attention to what you are told—hence the result.

"Haley, 72; Ward, 75.—If you two will only keep away from Carmelo's, up in the village, and not go in for so much cheap beer, you will do better next time.

"Clifford, 79; Brown, 90.—Not so bad, considering, and with more practice you ought to improve. Join the shooting club, and come down every Saturday.

"Snagg, 106; Winkle, 106.—Now that *is* two decent scores, and I must say I never saw two men shoot more like Marines in all my life; I don't believe there are two Gunners' Mates on the Station that can beat it. You two will divide the money prize of 20/- given to the best shot in each party, and when you draw the money don't forget to leave me a drink at the "Gun"; you can say it is for "Gus," I am well known there.

"The average for the whole is 75.5, and taking it altogether you are, duffers included, the best shooting class of stokers I have ever put through. The next best too belongs to the *'Bernia*, but you have beaten them by half a point per man."

Our leading stoker was overjoyed, and marched us back to the "Gun" to celebrate his success. Here a surprise awaited us. Wishing to recover my own identity, and not seeing the man who was masquerading in my uniform, I asked the landlord where he was likely to be found, and received to my great consternation the following reply—

"He taken to de sheep by a Corporal and escort, he drink two, three quarts, plenty beera, and no pay me! Then he ask for a bottell of whiskey, no pay me too for that, and say 'Me take this to de hospital for my chum.' He take it to de hospital; de poleese say 'Where you go?' He say 'To see my chum.' De poleese say 'You come inside, me searchee you.' He find de bottell of whiskey, and put him in de preeson, then he send to de sheep for Corporal and two Mareens. He say to de Corporal 'Me no Mareene, me Engineer of masheenery.' De Corporal say 'You Mareene, named Greene, from de new sheep in de harbour.' Me say to him 'You no pay me for de beera and de bottell of whiskey.' He say to me 'Put him on de slate, Jose.' I ask you what I profit?"

How much longer the said Jose would have gone on with his narrative it is impossible to say, but as he paused for want of breath, I got the news confirmed by the man Blewy had personated, and who had not deserted his post. He also informed me the escort was from the *Hibernia*, but whether they had taken their prisoner there or to the *Pearlist* he could not say.

I could now see my way clearly to another entry in the Defaulters' Book, and once more resolved never to do another good action during the commission.

Blewy tried to cheer me up by saying occasionally "39 at 1, 39 at 1,"—alluding to the score I had made at that Range,—but finding this consolation insufficient, suggested that he should go on board, get me another suit if he could, find out how the wind was blowing, and in what direction lay the shore.

It not being considered safe for me to remain at the "Gun," it being then a general rendezvous for police and patrols of both services, Blewy and I, under the guidance of Fizzer, proceeded by many stony paths and tortuous byeways to the village of Labbah, to the great displeasure of numerous curs assembled on the tops of the solitary homesteads we passed on our way.

On our arrival there we entered a small wineshop rejoicing in the attractive sign of the "Seven Sisters," where I was persuaded to remain until Blewy's return with the suit and information as to the disposal of the original Jeremiah Snagg.

Wearily the evening dragged on till bed time. Outside in the square a band was playing lively tunes; inside the buxom landlady,—whose ample proportions had never been crushed or confined in a "waistcoat" or whatever it is our English sisters lash themselves up in,—was waiting on her customers, the majority of whom had been employed that day in coaling the *Pearlist*, and still carried on their clothes and persons several inches of coal dust, which they would probably retain until nature, in the shape of a heavy shower, took upon herself to cleanse them. These were enjoying their supper of brown bread, washed down with ambit, and when I asked them to fill up and drink round my popularity rose rapidly; this was cheaply acquired, for the treat cost me exactly 5½d. I was shown my bedroom by the hostess herself, and under a huge mosquito curtain slept soundly till the morning, when, as nothing had arrived, I began to feel fidgety, for my leave expired that afternoon at four o'clock. Noon came, still no news. One o'clock, two o'clock, three o'clock, and a small boy arrived with a big bundle, bringing a note from Blewy. It ran—

"Dear Jack,—Have got your clothes from Stripey, and am sending it with the Bumboat-man, who has promised faithfully to deliver it to-night. Sorry to say I cannot come myself, having got a touch of Malta fever, and they are sending me to Bighi hospital in the morning. Fresh orders have arrived and the ship sails at 4 p.m. tomorrow—"

I read no further, but snatching up the bundle started for the harbour at racing speed. Up through the village and the Labbah gate I sped, to the astonishment of sentries and pedestrians, then through Burmelo and the Isola Gate, down the Strada Vittoria, on to the Ropewalk where I hoped to see the ship still tied up to her buoy.

As I came in sight she had just slipped and was moving majestically through the shoal of boats towards the harbour's mouth. I maintain I could have caught her even then, had I not been intercepted by a swarm of Maltese police. Had the circumstances not been so aggravating, I probably should not have resisted arrest, which at all times is a foolish thing to do. They had evidently mistaken me for a blue-jacket absentee with a price upon his head, but my blood was up, and using my bundle to ward off the blows of their truncheons, I laid about me like a second Matthew Drake until the last myrmidon of the law assumed a horizontal position, one fourth of them because they were hurt, and the other three-fourths because they were afraid of getting hurt. Then I doubled on my track, making for the Marina, where I had a wash, and emerged again in the uniform of the Royals, walked unconcernedly through a posse of police, took a boat, and went on board the *Hibernia* reporting myself as an absentee from the *Pearlist* since 4 o'clock—it was just 20 minutes past.

The Sergeant-Major, who afterward rose to a high position in the Corps, treated me very fairly. "I believe," said he, "you were robbed of your clothing by a stoker belonging to this ship named Jeremiah Snagg,—is that a fact?"

"Yes, Major," I replied, "but if I can get the clothes back I should not care to see the rascal punished." (Perhaps I was thinking of what might be brought out in evidence.)

"Very well," said the Colour-Sergeant, "I will see that your magnanimous conduct is represented in the proper quarter. In the meantime you will hold yourself in readiness to take passage in the next outward bound Trooper to rejoin your ship; the time you reported yourself here will be forwarded on to your Commanding Officer, to whom you will answer the charge of absence under aggravated circumstances."

At the first opportunity I had an interview with Jeremiah Snagg on the forecastle, and after that Jeremiah Snagg had an interview with the doctor.

The Sergeant-Major was as good as his word, and the last I heard of this adventure was an article I read in the *Malta Chronicle* headed "Barbarous attack on ten policemen by a mob of 40 armed seamen."

E. L.

Parliamentary Debates.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, DECEMBER 17TH, 1900.

DEFENCE OF THE PEKIN LEGATIONS—DESPATCHES.

SIR JOHN COLOMB (Great Yarmouth): I beg to ask the First Lord of the Treasury when the despatch of the officer commanding the British Guard of the Legation at Pekin will be published, and what is the cause of the delay in publishing the official report from that officer of the operations resulting in the successful defence of the Legation.

MR. A. J. BALFOUR: I entirely share my hon. and gallant friend's desire that the despatch in question, which reflects great credit for gallantry upon the small guard of Royal Marines in Pekin, and which was received at the end of October, shall be published as soon as possible. I understand that arrangements have been made for it to appear in the *London Gazette* on Tuesday, and I regret that, owing to a misunderstanding as to the decision of the board on the subject, it has not been done sooner.

Royal Marines Memorial.

The total subscriptions towards the Memorial to our comrades who fell in action, or died from disease in South Africa and China, received by the Hon. Secretary up to the 31st December, 1900, amounts to £340 15s. 1d., and a further sum of £30 10s. 0d. has been definitely promised, while several Officers have expressed their willingness to contribute further should it be required, some making their additional subscriptions conditional upon part of the Fund being devoted to Charity.

Information has been received by the Secretary from several sources that a great number, especially of the Rank and File and Pensioners, wish to subscribe, but owing to the furlough season and Christmas, they are unable to do so at present. To all those who are so situated it is notified that there is no immediate need for payment of subscriptions, though it would be desirable that all should be collected within the next two months, so that the Committee may be able to set to work in earnest to decide upon design and site of the proposed Monument.

It would be asking too much of the Editors of the *Globe and Laurel* to publish names of all subscribers, the Secretary, therefore, proposes to send lists only of those who pay direct to him.

It is to be regretted that statements have appeared in public prints with reference to the Memorial which are not strictly accurate, and, therefore, calculated to mislead "would be" subscribers, particularly those on foreign Stations; publication of sums subscribed which are not complete are liable to cause injury to the Fund, and do harm in more ways than one.

G. ONSLOW, Lieut.-Colonel, R.M.L.I.
Hon. Secretary.

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Balance Sheet "Globe and Laurel" Fund, Dec. 1900.

ABSTRACT OF THE GENERAL FUND, 1900.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	*Expenditure.*	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ..	1	6	0	Charpentier & Co.	249	13	5
Subscriptions, etc.	267	9	8	Postage ..	62	17	10½
Transferred from Reserve Fund ..	60	0	0	Wages ..	12	0	0
				Canteen (for Stationery, etc.) ..	1	8	9
				Sundries ..	0	15	11½
				Balance ..	1	19	8
	£328	15	8		£328	15	8

ABSTRACT OF RESERVE FUND.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	*Expenditure.*	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ..	54	1	9	Illustrations ..	14	11	3
Sale of Volumes ..	4	8	1	Rebate ..	13	2	6
Advertisements ..	72	18	3	Transferred to General Fund ..	60	0	0
Rebate ..	9	1	9	Sundries ..	0	9	9½
Donations ..	32	12	5	Balance ..	84	18	8½
	£173	2	3		£173	2	3

Examined and found correct.
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Capt., R.M.L.I.,
Treasurer, *Globe & Laurel.*

Funny Place for the Heart.—In the lobby of the House two Members of Parliament were discussing the honor being paid to Ireland and Irish troops. The one was a Scotchman, the other an Irishman. The man from Scotland said condescendily, "It's a very weel to praise the Irish soldiers" and he proceeded to explain that while he was glad they were to wear the Shamrock on St. Patrick's Day, it must not be forgotten that the Highlanders had been fighting bravely, too. They expected no special mark of favour for their services, they were ready to brave death for their Queen, and their loyalty was beyond reproach. The Irishman interrupted indignantly. "I would have you know, sorr, he cried, "that as thrue a heart beats under an Irish soldier's tunic as beneath any Highlander's kilts." In less than ten minutes the story had gone round the whole house.—*From the 5 & 9 Lillywhites Gazette.*

War as Football.

A Soldier's Sporting Version.

PRIVATE W. G. Hilborne, A Co., Gloucester Regiment, has found some spare moments during the campaign in which to write something original and humorous about the war, treating it from the point of view of a football match. His literary effort is appended :—

GRAND INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL MATCH.

Final Tie for the Championship of South Africa.

Teams.

British Empire.—Roberts, goal; Baden-Powell and White, backs; Hunter, Kitchener, and Dundonald, half-backs; Buller and Clery, right wing; French, centre; Methuen and Kelly-Kenny, left wing.

Transvaal and Orange Free State.—Kruger, goal; Cronje and Steyn, backs; Botha, Prinsloo, and Olivier, half-backs; De Wet and Viljoen, right wing; Joubert, centre; Snyman and Villebois, left wing.

Referee—Public opinion. *Kick-off*, October 11th, 1899.

This match was the attraction of the season, and was played on the home team's ground in South Africa. The last time these teams met was in 1881, when the match ended in a very unsatisfactory manner. This time the visitors brought over 200,000 supporters of the game, and were without a doubt a team that anyone would be proud of. The home team won the toss for choice of ground, and Joubert kicked off. They at once became aggressive, and were getting dangerously near the visitors' goal, but White at back was playing a sound game, and repelled attack after attack when the home team seemed bound to score; in fact, the visitors' backs, "B.P." and White, were playing grandly, and although the home forwards were in the visitors' territory, they failed to score. The "Empire" forwards now began to get into their stride, and French, working like a machine round his opponents, completely beat Cronje, and, with a swift lightning shot, he found the net with a beauty (*Kimberley*). Soon after this goal Cronje was dismissed the field (*Paardeberg*), thus weakening the homesters' defence. Buller, who had all along been playing a steady game, was now seen to advantage, and, although being stopped several times in his grand rushes, he came back again and again and, shattering his opponents' defence, he came dashing on, and, by a superhuman effort entirely his own, scored a grand goal (*Ladysmith*). Soon after the home team lost the services of their best player—Joubert. A strong wind was now blowing across the field, thus giving the left wing of the visitors a chance to show their abilities. Kelly-Kenny and French were now very prominent with some splendid work and were passing beautifully. The home team repeatedly tried to stop the grand combination, but all their efforts proved futile. Kelly-Kenny now transferred to French, and that famous player again showed his sterling qualities by scoring another beautiful goal (*Bloemfontein*). The play was now in the home team's territory, and the visitors' forwards were pressing when the whistle blew for half-time, with the score :—

British Empire	3
Transvaal and Orange Free State ..	0

The teams now appeared on the field to contest the second half of the game. The home team's supporters were in despair, for they saw that—bar accidents—their pets would lose the game. The visitors were playing with a confidence that was a treat to see, while the home team resorted to dirty tactics (*abusing the white flag*). Try how they would, the home team could not stem the forcing pressure which the visitors' forwards put into the game. French again got possession, and, tricking the half-backs, promptly made the game secure by scoring another fine goal (*Johannesburg*). Baden-Powell, the main stay of the "Empire" defence, was now transferred to the forward line. His heroic defence had been the admiration of all, and he completely demonstrated to the spectators that he could play forward as brilliantly as back. Some very fast play was now seen, the ball travelling with lightning velocity towards the goal. The visitors made a grand combined rush, and, after some splendid play in front of goal, the ball was sent into the net amid the cheers of thousands (*Pretoria*). The home team were completely staggered, and Kruger, their goal-keeper, left his net at the mercy of his opponents. The home team contended that the goal was off-side, but the referee ruled otherwise. The whistle now blew for time, the score being, after a hard-fought game :—

British Empire	5
Transvaal and Orange Free State ..	0

N.B.—The feature of the struggle was the splendid all-round play of the visitors, who received a tremendous ovation at the conclusion of the game.

The writer omitted to mention that the home custodian disappeared with the gate-money just before the conclusion of the match.

Entertainments.

EASTNEY.

The Officers at Eastney gave their second musical "At Home" in the Mess on Wednesday, 12th December. A wet afternoon did not prevent about 350 of their friends coming to enjoy a good programme by the Band of the Corps, under the conductorship of Mr. B. S. Green.

The Members of the R.M.A. Sergeants' Mess gave their annual vocal and instrumental Concert in aid of local Christmas charities in the Theatre at Eastney on Tuesday, 11th December. The house was packed, and very enthusiastic.

[We regret to find at the last minute that space will not allow us to print the programme.]—*Eds. G. & L.*

PLYMOUTH.

Distribution of Prizes and Children's Entertainment.

The distribution of prizes to the children of the R.M. Schools of the Plymouth Division took place in the R.M. Theatre on the afternoon of the 19th December. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Baldwin, after which Colonel-Commandant F. Baldwin said a few words of congratulation to the recipients and of encouragement to others less fortunate. The distribution was immediately followed by an entertainment given by the children of the Divisional Schools. Mr. Goss (schoolmaster) and Miss Hawke (schoolmistress) were entirely responsible for the conception of what may be called a patriotic programme, which was sub-divided into four parts.

Part I.—"Our Flag" or "The Building of the Jack."

The process of building the "Jack" excited the greatest interest, and was performed by three children representing respectively England, Scotland, and Ireland. Each child held a cardboard tablet, to the front of which was attached a portion of the Union Jack. Slightly in the background was a broad gilt frame mounted on a pedestal. The children in turn, after reciting, placed a tablet in the back of the frame, when by an ingenious contrivance the tablet was removed, thus releasing a portion of the "Jack" which was left in the frame. This was repeated until the whole was built up. A number of children then came trooping on the stage each carrying a national emblem, and, after forming a pretty group, sang "The Union Jack" in unison.

Part II.—Handkerchief Action Song.

This song was rendered by an equal number of each sex, the handkerchief action being remarkable for its precision and charming effect. The handkerchiefs were of three colours, viz., red, white and blue, and were so arranged that at certain stages of the song they were held in a position which caused the whole to display a good outline of the Union Jack. There were also many other descriptive actions in which the handkerchiefs were manipulated to show as aprons, bibs, caps, bandages, dusters, slings, etc. At the closing verse of the song the children suddenly stepped off, waving the handkerchiefs above their heads as signal flags, and after some very pretty figure marching, made their exit from the stage.

Part III.—Plantation Song and Dance.

This part was performed by a number of girls of various ages grouped according to height, the tallest being in the back-ground. The costumes consisted of loose white bodices tastefully trimmed with red material, red silk sashes of different designs variously arranged, red skirts and black stockings. The hats were of yellow straw with red trimmings, the brims gradually increased in size from front to rear of the group, which greatly added to the effect. The dancing and posturing were of a very intricate character, but each was faultlessly rendered, being executed with charming grace. The singing was very sweet and clear, the result of careful training being apparent. Miss

Hawke is certainly to be congratulated on this item of the programme, and may in future be regarded as a past mistress of the terpsichorean art, as it is no exaggeration to say that the performance given by this group of girls would have done credit to many provincial "corps de ballet."

Part IV.—"Britannia's Welcome."

So far as the patriotic element of the entertainment was concerned this part was the *piece de resistance*. On the curtain rising "Britannia" was depicted seated on her throne with trident and shield. Around her were grouped representatives of each portion of the British Empire. The Navy, Army, Auxiliary and Colonial Services and Nursing Sisters were also represented. The whole formed a most effective tableau, being well staged in every detail. "Britannia" recited her introductory announcements in sweet, thrilling accents, her elocution being so perfect that not a word could be missed by the audience. Each portion representing the Services, after performing a few intricate evolutions, came to the front of the stage in turn, each being introduced by a song or recitation from one of the various representatives of the Empire. Patriotic songs were also introduced, and each verse was rendered by a separate individual, the choruses being taken up by the whole of the children on the stage. The Nursing Sisters were the last to come to the front. Their rendering of "The Red Cross" was very sweet and impressive, a graceful swaying motion accompanying the chorus. The occupants of the stage next formed three sides of a square, and to the inspiriting strains of the band a miniature "Bobs," whose make-up was admirable, marched in and took position in the centre. The children then sang "Soldiers of the Queen," in unison, followed by "God Save the Queen," which brought an intensely interesting entertainment to a close. Mr. Goss is to be congratulated on his splendid organisation and excellent stage management. Mrs. Goss, an expert pianist, presided at the piano for the second and third parts. The music for the first and fourth parts was furnished by a portion of the string band, ably conducted by Musician Flood. Selections were given during the intervals. A second performance was given in the evening, to which the parents and friends of the children were invited, when the theatre was crowded to excess. Round after round of applause greeted each part of the programme, but there was no time for repetition.

The entertainment on the whole was certainly unique in the dramatic history of the Division, and served to show to what degree of excellence children can be trained by the exercise of discipline, leavened with kindness and forbearance. Success was also due in a great measure to the kindness of Col.-Commandant F. Baldwin and Col. 2nd Commandant R. P. Coffin, who each gave every facility for rehearsals and took the greatest interest in the preparations.

THEATRICALS IN WOOLWICH GARRISON,

DEC. 14TH AND 15TH.

The Royal Artillery Theatre at Woolwich was on Friday and Saturday strongly reminiscent of the palmiest days of the amateur period in the garrison, when touring companies were unknown, and professional actors the rarest of visitors. The officers and the non-commissioned officers then had their dramatic associations, and, although performances were not by any means so frequent as under the newer system, we had some very excellent entertainment, and as much of it as we thought we wanted. It was the era of the stock companies, when most theatres filled their weekly bills with their own actors and actresses all the year round, and we really believe that the playgoers liked the old players, and even the old plays, as well as they do the incessant changes of to-day.

Friday and Saturday, then, brought us a welcome return of the style of twenty years ago, in a performance of Pinero's three-act farce, "The Magistrate," by officers and ladies of the garrison, and it was indeed a right worthy revival. Those who have seen or heard anything of this play will allow that a better selection could hardly have been made for amateur presentation, the scenes and the incidents involving few departures from the experiences of every-day life, a little extravagantly drawn, of course, but well within the range of ordinary observation. The magistrate, Mr. Posket, is tempted by his gay young son-in-law to a late supper-room, to which Mrs. Posket and her sister, with various others, are also brought by sundry devices. There is a police raid, and Posket escapes, only to be confronted at the court next day by his luckless spouse and associates. The play was acted with a dash and spirit and all round excellence worthy of any stage in London, and we are sure that the audience could not have enjoyed it more, if so much, had it been in the hands of any manager in the Strand.

We must award first honours to Mrs. Markham Rose in her delineation of the part of Mrs. Posket. She is a born actress, and was of the greatest possible support to the whole structure of the play. Mrs. Posket's sister found a competent representative in Miss John, and Mrs. Francis made a good character study of the chambermaid Popham. The music mistress, Beatie Tomlinson, was played modestly and a little timidly by a very young lady, Miss Beryl Phillpotts. The male parts were all efficiently filled, one of the best being that of Colonel Lukyn, from Bengal, played by Capt. Rose, R.M.A. Another character strikingly natural was the Police Inspector played by Lieut. W. Hendricks, Middlesex Regiment. Lieut. R. F. Jelley, R.E., was also quite at home as Mr. Bullamy, the colleague of Mr. Posket on the bench at Mulberry Street Police Court, and Mr. C. Chadwick as Mr. Posket, though apparently a little more nervous than even a magistrate would be in equivocal circumstances, was far above amateur average. Lieut. F. Brousson, R.F.A., was clever as a manservant, Lieut. W. L. Huntingford, R.M.A., did exceedingly well as a French hotel-keeper, and good service was done in other positions by Major H. Waring, R.A., Lieut. R. A. Tijou, R.F.A., Lieut. A. C. C. Stevens, R.F.A., and Lieut. E. P. Sketchley, R.M.L.I. The central figure of all, however, was Cis Farringdon, the magistrate's scapegrace stepson, and the part was played most heartily by Lieut. H. G. Young, R.F.A.

The piece was staged and directed by Lieut.-Colonel A. H. C. Phillpotts, R.H.A., as stage manager, and a select few of the Royal Artillery Band formed an effective orchestra. The house was well filled on each evening, and the Woolwich Invalid Society, in aid of which the effort was made, will doubtless appreciate the success.

At the General's request the performance was repeated on Monday, the 17th, for the edification of the wounded at the Herbert Hospital.

Officers' Foreign Service Roster.

R.M.A.—Senior Major, A. G. Tatham; Captains G. R. Poole, T. G. H. Nugent, E. Henderson, J. Brough; Lieutenants W. S. Poë, G. L. Rakes. R.M.L.I.—Majors L. C. Peters, M. A. C. Huggins, F. T. H. Scott. Captains J. P. Shine, R. Cator, W. A. Binney, A. S. Morse, R. H. Morgan, W. Esson, W. A. C. Grant, J. A. Parker, C. J. Thoroton, F. J. W. Cartwright, J. R. Garrett. Lieutenants E. S. Maïris, B. J. D. Walthall, H. A. Morgan, R. F. S. Beyts, W. H. Stopford, N. O. Burge, H. H. F. Stockley. Lieutenants (new commissions), E. Tootill, R. C. Scafe, B. F. Trench, K. E. Lawrance, T. Locke.

NICELY CURED.—Some years ago a colonel commanding some marines was much exercised in his mind as to how to deal with two of his men who were continually fighting each other. Threats, pack-drill, and even cells were tried, but were of no avail. No sooner were they free than they flew at each other, and with worse results than before. At last he hit on a happy expedient, the next time the men were brought before him, he set them to clean all the windows in the barracks, one inside and the other outside, and neither to go the next window till the other had finished. The next morning they started, and after glaring at one another for three or four windows the situation became too ludicrous, and they both burst out laughing, and became great friends, and both got on well together.—*The Regiment.*

SIR JOHN DUCKWORTH'S father was governor at Portsmouth. His mother was crossing Mont Wyse when the sentry stopped her. "Do you know who you are speaking to?" she said. "No, I don't" he replied, "but I know you are not the governor's cow, and that is the only thing which has any business here."—*The Regiment.*

Obituary.

MR. HENRY PLUMSTEAD, who died at Chatham on 30th November, 1900, aged 64, retired from the R.M.L.I. as a Sergeant in 1876. He entered the Royal Marines in 1847, aged 11 years, his first sea service being in H.M.S. *Southampton*. He served in the trenches before Sebastopol, and was frost-bitten there. He held the Crimean medal with four clasps, Turkish and Baltic medals. He was buried in Chatham cemetery; at his funeral four Sergeants of his old corps acted as pall-bearers.

Football.

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION *v.* H.M.S. "EXCELLENT" (United Service League).—This match was played at Forton on December 1st and proved to be a most exciting and even game. During the first half the *Excellent's* scored a very lucky goal—a long range shot striking the crossbar which was not properly secured, with the result that it sent the ball over the goal line. In the second part of the game neither side were able to register a point, the whistle sounding with the score: H.M.S. *Excellent*, 1; R.M.L.I., 0.

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION *v.* 30TH COMPANY R.A.—A friendly encounter between these teams took place at Forton on December 8th. The initial portion of the game was evenly contested, neither side scoring until just before half-time, when the Marines opened the scoring account, Drewery doing the necessary. After the interval the Marines went to work in a very business-like manner and put in no less than eight more goals before the final whistle. Higgs 3, McGuire 3, Griffin 1, and Barker 1, were the scorers.

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION *v.* PORTSMOUTH RESERVES—Mr. Brettell sent over a very strong team to Forton to play a friendly with the R.M.L.I. on December 15th. The opening stages were of a give-and-take description, the Reserves made several attempts at scoring, but it was nearly half-time before they managed to score, and the interval arrived with the Reserves leading by a goal to nil. On resuming, the Marines did not do so well, a new back they were trying letting them down very badly on several occasions, with the result that their opponents were able to score no less than seven times. Several times the homesters broke away, Higgs being very conspicuous, but he was being well looked after by one or two of the Reserves. Once, however, he made a brilliant run, and from his fine centre McGuire had no difficulty in scoring. A very pleasant game therefore ended in a win for Portsmouth Reserves by 8 goals to 1. Reynolds at back and Johnson at half, played a sterling game and cleared in grand style time after time. Although the scoring was so heavy, on blame can be attached to Leverton, whose splendid play in goal was one of the redeeming features of the game.

Letters to the Editors.

To the Editors, "Globe and Laurel."

Sirs,—I am writing to ask you if there is any chance of the name "Pekin" being added to the colours and appointments of the corps to commemorate the gallant services of the Legation Guard during the siege, in the same manner that we at present bear the word "Gibraltar" for services in the capture and defence of that place:—In view of the fact that the corps had the unique distinction of being practically the only part of Her Majesty's forces engaged, perhaps an exception might be made to the usual rule that the "Globe" represents our universal service.—I am, yours truly, "GIBRALTAR."

Dear Sirs,—I forward cutting taken from a local paper last November, no doubt it is one of the family record—

"SONS OF THE EMPIRE.—Mr. Thomas Davies, of Drayton-place, Croydon, having written to the Queen acquainting her with the fact that of his eleven sons four have served in the army and navy and four are serving at the present time, the following reply has been received, dated Privy Purse Office, Buckingham Palace, 30th November, 1899:—"Sir Arthur Bigge presents his compliment to Mr. Thomas Davies, and in acknowledging the receipt of his letter of the 27th inst., is commanded to say that the Queen is interested and gratified to hear of the services rendered in the navy and army by eight out of eleven sons of this one family."

The following is the epitome of the family: Father—Thomas Davies, late Grenadier Guards; Sons—Thomas Davies, Royal West Surrey Regiment; William Davies, C.B., Royal Navy; Charles Davies, late Royal Horse Artillery; Walter Davies, Royal West Surrey Regiment; Arthur R. Davies, Sergeant, Royal Marine L.I.: Albert A. Davies, late R.M.L.I., served with the Turkish Military Attaché from Cape Town to Pretoria; Herbert Davies, 7th Dragoon Guards, served in present campaign at Cape, and seriously wounded; Harry Davies, Grenadier Guards.

Ruling the Depths.

THE following clever and amusing prophetic ballad on the Submarine Navy is from the pen of Mr. Anthony C. Deane, and is published in the current number of the *World*:—

O'er the surface of the main you may look, and look in vain,
To see the Channel Squadron come or go,
But we sit at home at ease—for we dominate the seas,
While the British fleet is somewhere down below, below, below—
While the British fleet is somewhere down below.

A week ago they lay on the top of Bantry Bay
Like black seals basking in the sun,
Of air they took a store that will last a month or more
Before asphyxiation is begun, begun, begun—
Before asphyxiation is begun.

They took aboard despatches, they battened down their hatches,
And then, with a simultaneous dive,
They started forth to roam far underneath the foam,
In case a storm should happen to arrive, arrive, arrive—
In case a storm should happen to arrive.

For when the trader's mast is broken by the blast,
The cargo-boat's propeller-shaft is bent,
The British fleet will sail far, far beneath the gale,
Nor care for it a solitary cent, a cent, a cent—
Nor care for it a solitary cent.

Yes, somewhere out of sight—we can't be certain quite,
It may be Gib., it may be Plymouth Sound—
But somewhere 'neath the wave is hid the courage brave
Which makes the gallant Navy so renowned, renowned, renowned,
Which makes the gallant Navy so renowned.

Somewhere "full fathom five" the qualities survive
Which animated Frobisher and Drake,
Somewhere beneath the brine the many virtues shine
Which never can the British Tar forsake, forsake, forsake—
Which never can the British Tar forsake.

So, though upon the main you may look for it in vain
Though the path seems open to the foe,
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Answers to Correspondents.

MR. HUNTINGFORD—"The Song of the Royal Marines" appeared in *Globe & Laurel*," April, 1897.

CORPL. CARROLL—By para. 38 Queen's Regulations and Orders for the Army, 1899, it is laid down that a bombardier ranks with a corporal according to the date of their promotion, but that bombardiers are junior to corporals of their own corps. According to Part II., para 3, G.S O. Royal Marines, the Artillery and Infantry branches are one corps. See also General Orders Royal Marines, No. 78, para. 4.

MR. G. H. LOCKYER—Thanks for contribution, it appeared in our number of December, 1892.

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER has put us the following question :—I am coming up Portsmouth Harbour in a boat and wish to visit Whale Island (H.M.S. *Excellent*). Which is correct in asking permission—to say, "May I come on board?" or "May I come on shore?" We should like to hear some of our readers' opinions.

SERGT. J. HUNT—Accounts to ships are rendered quarterly, as we find that saves a lot of time and trouble in keeping our books.

SERGT. M. J. MAHONEY—Sorry we could not send December's on to you but we had sold out by the time your letter arrived. Your subscription will carry you well over 13 months. We hope to see other N.C.O.'s on small ships emulate your example. 17 copies for the *Torch* is very good.

CORPL. W. E. CRAZE—See answers to Sergts. J. Hunt and M. J. Mahoney.

J. W. F. ROWE—We regret we cannot find space for your contribution this month, but hope to publish it in our next.

Marriages.

BROOKE—RUSSELL—On the 18th December, at St. Alrege Church, Greenwich, by the Rev. J. L. Robinson, M.A., R.N., Chaplain of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, assisted by the Rev. H. Mosley, M.A., Charles Louis Brooke, Captain, Royal Marine Artillery, to Lilian Mary, daughter of the late George Russell, Esq., of Redcliffe Gardens, S.W., and niece of Dr. W. Willes, of Croom's Hill, Greenwich.

NEWTON—NEWTON—At the Registry Office, Alverstoke, on 11th Dec., 1900, Pte. Newton to Miss Harriett Newton.

EDWARDS—SIGGERY—At Wesleyan Chapel, West Street, Deal, on 11th Dec., 1900, Corpl. B. Edwards to Miss Ada Siggery.

HARRIS—HAWKINS—At Congregational Chapel, Deal, on 17th Dec., 1900, Pte. A. Harris to Miss Lottie Maria Hawkins.

HALL—WEST—At Parish Church, Portsea, on 18th Dec., 1900, Musician A. W. Hall to Miss Catherine West.

HOCKLEY—WELLS—At Parish Church, Mortlake, on 26th Dec., 1900, Pte. A. Hockley to Miss Emma Wells.

THOMPSON—STACEY—At Parish Church, Southwick, Hants, on 15th Dec., 1900, Lce.-Sergt. W. Thompson to Miss Ada Jane Stacey.

JARMAN—WELLS—At St. Simon's Church, Southsea, on 16th Dec., 1900, Lce.-Sergt. E. Jarman to Miss Ellen Jane Wells.

FRANKS—DOHERTY—At the Parish Church, Deal, on the 12th December, Sergt. W. Franks, R.M.L.I., to Miss Doherty.

CANDY—HILL—At St. James', Portsea, 5th December, 1900, Bombr. E. Candy, R.M.A., to Miss J. Hill.

POTTINGER—BROOMFIELD—At Parish Church, Soberton, 18th December, 1900, Lance-Sergt. R. S. Pottinger, R.M.A., to Miss E. Broomfield.

Deaths.

MACKAY—On the 20th November last, suddenly, at 2, Learmouth Terrace, Edinburgh, George Mackay, M.D., Deputy Surgeon-General, Madras Army (retired), in his 81st year.

HOOPER—On 19th November, whilst serving on *Victorious*, Pte. F. C. Hooper.

MASCALL—On the 25th Dec., at Richmond House, Ladywell road, S.E., Anne Elizabeth Mascall, eldest daughter of the late Major Mascall, R.M.L.I., aged 74.

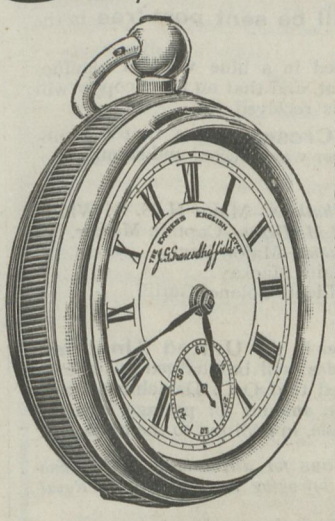
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Editorial.

IT is with deep sorrow that we announce the death, on the 22nd January, 1901, of HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA. The final bulletin issued at Osborne read as follows:—

Osborne House, Jan. 22nd, 6-45 p.m.
Her Majesty the Queen breathed her last at 6-30 p.m., surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

(*Signed*) JAMES REID, M.D.
R. DOUGLAS POWELL, M.D.
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May we, on behalf of the Corps, offer our respectful sympathy to our Colonel-in-Chief and the rest of the Royal Family on their irreparable bereavement.

Her late Most Gracious Majesty had on many occasions manifested her interest in the Corps; the bands of the R.M. Artillery and R.M. Light Infantry, Portsmouth, were constantly in attendance when the Queen was in residence at Osborne. At Osborne also, on August 22nd, 1894, Her Majesty personally presented the Colours to the Portsmouth Division R.M.L.I.; and only last year she inspected the sick and wounded from South Africa in the Clarence Yard at Portsmouth. In another column we give a summary of the principal events and war services of the Corps during her glorious reign.

His Majesty King Edward the Seventh was publicly proclaimed King of Great Britain and Ireland and Emperor of India, at St. James' Palace, at nine o'clock, on Thursday morning, January 24th, 1901, in the presence of a large assemblage.

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In our next issue we purpose giving a full account of the part that our Corps has played in the ceremonies connected with the proclamation of His Majesty in the various towns in which we are quartered.

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We congratulate Sergeant J. E. Preston, of the Portsmouth Division, on his being awarded the Medal for Conspicuous Gallantry and an annuity of ten pounds a year. Sergeant Preston was mentioned in despatches for having gallantly captured a flag from the wall above the Legations during the siege in Pekin. May he long continue to wear the medal and enjoy the annuity.

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Colour-Sergeant Ellison, R.M.L.I., who is seconded for service in the Uganda Rifles, has arrived home in the German mail steamer *Bunderstrath* on six months leave of absence, when he returns again to Uganda. He had a most novel experience: travelling with him as passengers were two Boer lieutenants and four soldiers who had embarked at Lorenzo Marques. They were extremely polite, and conversed with him freely.

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The Royal Marines have been represented in London twice lately. A battalion 450 strong, from the Chatham Division, under Lieutenant-Colonel Wylde, helped to line the streets when Lord Roberts entered London; and on the 24th January a smaller battalion, under the same officer, assisted to line the streets on the occasion of the proclamation of His Majesty King Edward VII. On this last occasion the battalion was posted near the Mansion House, and had an opportunity of perpetuating the time-honoured privilege belonging to the Corps of fixing bayonets within the city.

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As promised last month, we give the names of Sergeant Roper's gun's crew from H.M.S. *Terrible* who served with the Ladysmith Relief Column, they are:—(1) Sergeant Roper; (2) Corpl. Porteous; (3) Pte. Annetts; (4) Pte. Gulliver; (5) Pte. Fazackerly; (6) Pte. Stubbington; (7) Pte. Nowell; (8) Pte. Mills.

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We publish this month an extract from the regulations for the new Royal Fleet Reserve. This is quite a new departure in the sea service, and no doubt its provisions will be carefully read.

During the absence of Major Bor on the staff of H.R.H. the Duke of York, his duties will be performed by Major Aston, R.M.A., who lately returned invalided from South Africa; consequently, Major Aston will not return to South Africa as a special service officer.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have directed that in future lieutenants (new commissions) shall only serve one year in the battleships of the Channel Squadron, instead of two as heretofore.

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Captain C. E. Collard has, we hear, left the 17th Battn. Imperial Yeomanry and joined the Rand Rifles at Johannesburg.

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Major H. O. P. Wright (retired R.M.L.I.), left in ss. *Canada*, on 19th January, for St. Helena, he having been appointed a commandant of Boer prisoners.

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We are glad to hear that Lieutenant L. O. Wilson is going on well, and has lately left for the South of France for a change of air.

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Brevet-Colonel Sir H. E. McCullum, R.E., A.D.C., K.C.M.G., Governor of Newfoundland, who has just been appointed Governor of Natal, is the son of a Royal Marine officer, and the grandson, on his mother's side, of Major Pretton, R.M.L.I.

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On the occasion of Lord Roberts reception in London, Major J. Bernard, R.M.L.I., was an extra A.D.C. to Major-General Trotter, commanding Home District.

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Sir Rose Price, Bart., eldest son of the late Major Sir Rose L. Price, R.M.L.I., was promoted to Lieutenant in the King's Royal Rifle Corps, in the *Gazette* of January 18th.

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PAYING OFF OF H.M.S. "EMPRESS OF INDIA." *Extract from a letter to the Colonel Commandant*:—"Detachment R.M.A. and R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Empress of India*. I am sure the whole ship is indebted to them for the way they were always to the fore. The following are some of their achievements in the athletic line, which I venture to think have never been surpassed, and who have added much to the prestige of R.M. in the Mediterranean. In 1899 they took the 12-oar English cutter marines' race; 10-oar English cutter marines' race. They have never been beaten in a tug-of-war. In 1900 they took the 9-pdr. competition with a record beating all previous records; also 1st and 2nd in marines' cutters. They won Lord Charles Beresford's Cup for marines; also racing cutters' race, beating all bluejackets' crews—pulled launch, double-manned, and pinnace all within two hours and brought each in third against all comers. Always kept together and worked well together and had many more successes."

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We have received a copy of LEAN'S ROYAL NAVY LIST which maintains its usual standard of excellence. A lot of new war services, etc., have been added, but might we suggest, as regards the examinations passed by officers of the Corps, a little more regard for accuracy, the information in that particular is rather misleading at present.

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At the monthly sale of medals by Messrs: Debenham, in London, on 25th January, the silver war medal with one clasp, awarded to 2nd-Lieutenant J. T. Cracknell, R.M., for "Boat Service, 7th July, 1809," fetched £17 10. The West African medal with two clasps, "1891-2," and "Benin river," awarded to Private W. Blythe, went for £6, and the South African medal with clasp for 1879, awarded to Private S. Collins, sold for 10s. 6d.

The following officers have been selected for the detachment R.M. in ss. *Ophir* during the forthcoming trip of H.R.H. The Duke of York:—Major C. Clarke, R.M.L.I., Lieut. G. L. Raikes, R.M.A., and Lieut. H. H. F. Stockley, R M.L.I.

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His Highness the Khedive has conferred the third class of the Medjidiah on Major G. E. Matthews, R.M.L.I., in recognition of services rendered in Egypt and the Soudan.

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We hear that Colonel F. H. Mountsteven, 3rd Devonshire Regt. (late R.M.L.I.), serving in South Africa, was discharged to duty on January 20th.

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We regret to regret to hear of the death of Lieutenant-Colonel John Blandford Ratteclyffe Butler, of the Indian Staff Corps, lately serving with the 6th Bombay Cavalry (Jacob's Horse). He originally joined the Royal Marine Artillery in 1874, and passed into the Indian service in 1880, taking part in the Afghan campaign, which was then in progress. He was mentioned in the despatches in that campaign, and received the war medal. Colonel Butler died in his 44th year.

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SPECIAL EDITORIAL NOTICE. Last month we sent to all ships to which we do not at present send parcels of *Globe and Laurels* monthly, a "Subscriber's List." We have already had a few of them returned, and take this opportunity of reminding those to whom they were sent, that it is not absolutely necessary to send cash when returning them. We find it best to keep quarterly accounts with detachments afloat, and a statement is enclosed with the issue for the last month of each quarter, but if our subscribers find it more convenient to pay their subscriptions annually we are always ready to meet their wishes. Many men afloat like to send the journal to their friends at home, and if the address to which they wish a copy sent is forwarded to us, it will be sent direct, and can be paid for through the officer or "non-com." who has the matter in hand on board their ship.

We would also point out that it is not even necessary to return the Subscribers' List. So long as we know how many copies are required, they will be forwarded, and the account sent in at the end of each quarter.

Our Colonel-in-Chief.

THE *London Gazette* of 1st January, 1901, announced as follows—"Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to appoint H.R.H. the Duke of York, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.V.O., Personal Aide-de-Camp to Her Majesty, to be Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Marine Forces, from the 1st January, 1901, in succession to His late Royal Highness, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha." His Royal Highness' name will appear at the head of the Royal Marines, at page 194 of the Navy List, before the Staff of the Royal Marines, as follows:—

"*Colonel-in-Chief*—

H.R,H. George Frederick Ernest Albert, Duke of York, K.G., K.T., K.P, G.C.V.O., etc., etc."

In thus appointing H.R.H. the Duke of York, Her late Most Gracious Majesty honoured the Corps most highly, as this is the first occasion on which any officer has been appointed Colonel-in-Chief; H.R.H. the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha having been appointed simply Honorary Colonel. We are sure the whole Corps are gratified at once again becoming the Duke of York's Regiment, seeing that when first raised, in 1664, the Corps was designated "The Duke of York and Albany's Maratime Regiment of Foot," and we would like to point out that the curious markings on the lace of our drummers' tunics are supposed to be a representation of the "flaming sun," which was the cognisance of the then Duke of York. We understand that H.R.H. should be now designated as H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall and York. We hope to present a portrait of His Royal Highness next month.

The Humour of the Situation.

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

A PAGE confessedly dedicated to levity is no place for the consideration of great and solemn subjects. On the other hand it is difficult this dreary January night to speak on any subject without at least a passing reference to yesterday's historic and calamitous event. For I am writing on the morrow of the Queen's death, and in saying that my heart is very heavy within me I do not think I shall be charged either with affectation or with cant. Millions of men and women at this hour are no less sorrowful: for, such was her wonderful personality, in the passing of Victoria the Well-beloved each of us seems to have suffered a family bereavement. This is not the place, nor am I the man, for fine writing on so mournful and sacred a topic. It has been done and (because sincerely) admirably done by the best essayists and leader-writers of the world. Yet even they can hardly realise as keenly as you and I—who have been Victoria's soldiers, and whose fathers and grandfathers, perhaps, have been her soldiers before us—what it means never again to shout "The Queen—God bless her!"

Alas! no longer are we "Soldiers of the Queen." At half past six on Tuesday night the clock assuredly was put back several hundred years. For in a tick or two, and since the throne theoretically is never vacant for a moment, we happily became "Ye Souldieres of Hys Majestie Kynge Edward ye Seventh of England." So mediæval a ring is there in the name and title of our new Sovereign that in setting them on paper one involuntarily reverts to the untramelled spelling of four centuries ago. One feels that we should be armed with cross-bow and battleaxe, with long-bow and famous cloth yard shaft. There is an uncomfortable suspicion of anachronism about King Edward the Seventh's soldiers with Lee-Metfords, though, for that matter, the same may be said (and I say it with all respect) of King Edward the Seventh himself in frock coat and hideous tall hat. Yet although the twentieth century is depressingly unpicturesque compared with the early sixteenth (the tall hat alone would damn any period), we enjoy many privileges undreamt of by the subjects of the last Edward who occupied the throne. Wardroom pantries and white enamel paintwork are the first two which, as a Marine, naturally occur to one's mind.

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If the 25th Regiment of French infantry has any sense of justice and is up to its full strength, I very much fear that our namesakes, the Marines of Cherbourg, have a bad time in store for them. Here is a translation from *La Vigie de Cherbourg*, the *Western Morning News* of France:

"Last night six soldiers of the Marine Infantry attacked a private of the 25th Regiment of the Line, whom they met in the town, and half killed him. The unfortunate linesman had great difficulty in getting back to his barracks.

"General S——,commanding the 39th brigade, being informed of the facts, *awarded the young soldier fifteen days cells for not defending himself against his assailants.* The General has also authorised the troops under his command to use their arms in lawful defence. Reprisals," concludes the account naïvely, "are greatly feared."

While thoroughly sympathising with the peaceful citizens of Cherbourg one cannot refrain from wishing the 25th Regiment the best of good luck in the forthcoming reprisals. At the same time it is pleasant to learn that there is one thing at least they hardly "do better in France."

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A few great composers (and many lesser) have endeavoured at various times to record the songs of birds in musical notes and symbols. The difficulties of the task are obvious, and one may be permitted to think that, in this particular direction, even the masters themselves have met with indifferent success. But, whatever the possibilities of musical science, the representation of bird music by syllables, though often attempted, is well nigh impossible: and that is why I have cut the following admirable imitation of the nightingale from a recent number of the *Journal des Débats*. The French, I think, are far more apt than ourselves in the mimicry of Nature in print. Their language doubtless lends itself more easily than ours to the reproduction in syllables of musical sounds and of noises. Given the French pronunciation of the vowels, and read quickly, it will be seen how exceedingly clever an imitation is the following *Chant du rossignol*. "Here," says the *Journal*, "is exactly what the nightingale sings": and those of us to whom Philomel's exquisite night music is familiar will, I think, agree with the *Journal*.

Timî, timî, timî, tian,
Spretû, zqua,
Querree. pi, pi,
Tio, tio, tio, tix,
Qutio, qutio, qutio, qutio,
Zquo, zquo, zquo, zquo
Zi, zi, zi, zi, zi, zi, zi,
Querrer, tiù, zquià, pi, pi, qui!

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There are in London certain professional gentlemen from whom I, in common with other disciples, learn daily much that is quaint and interesting concerning horses, men and women. I refer to the 'bus drivers of the metropolis, and the topics of conversation I place in the order in which the sons of Nimshi are wont to introduce them. I have met one or two gallants, 'tis true, who reverse the position of the two last subjects; but even with them the "noble and sagacious animal" (in other words, the highly dangerous fool that stands on its hind legs when it sees paper in the hedge) always takes precedence.

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Journeying the other evening by "metropolitan stage carriage" from Charing Cross to Victoria, I deferentially engaged in conversation with the sage upon the box. After I had lightly touched on horseflesh in general, and degraded myself by a reference to the "off-side mare," when it should have been to the "near side 'oss," he scornfully changed the subject by inquiring if I knew who was De Wet.

I cautiously replied that General Christian could doubtless prove as many *aliases* as *alibis*.

"Ah!" persisted Jehu, "but who *is* he?"

I had just left the Intelligence Department, and felt that my ignorance on this point was even less pardonable than in the matter of the horses. Nevertheless I had to increase my shame by confessing that I did not know.

"Well, then," he retorted triumphantly, "I do. He's the—Dook o' Somerset."

"How do you know?" I asked.

"Because"—he turned round in his seat, and regarded me severely—"I got it from two sons o' mine what are in 'igh positions in the Army and consequently in the way of hearin' things *what the likes o' me an' you could'nt.*"

I congratulated him on his sons having attained to such confidential heights, and enquired their nature.

"One," he replied, piloting his 'bus into Victoria Station yard, "is an orderly, a first—class—orderly, mind you, in the Royal Army Medical Corps!"

I murmured my astonishment.

"And the other?" I enquired, preparing to descend.

"The other," said he impressively, and with pardonable pride, "is an orficer's servant in the Marines!"

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Extending the entire length of one of London's most beautiful parks, and looking directly into the park itself, is a succession of red brick "Mansions." These gabled and turetted copies of Tudor architecture are composed entirely of flats, and since the "Mansions" are lofty and (as I have indicated) of considerable extent, it will readily be conceived that their population is considerable also. The proximity of that safe and excellent airing ground, the park, under their very windows probably accounts for the fact that two-thirds at least of the population are babies.

The other evening a lady (a resident) drove up to one of these "Mansions" in a hansom. Presumably she paid the cabby his legal fare, since he did not dispute it. But I think he was a cabby of sanguine temperament who, like many other sanguine persons, had been doomed to suffer disappointment. For, after transferring his scornful regard from the coin in the palm of his hand to the imposing blocks before him, he shouted after the lady, "*You* may call 'em 'Minshins': *I* calls 'em 'rabbit 'utches'!"

War Services of the Royal Marines

EVENTS AND CHANGES DURING THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY THE LATE QUEEN VICTORIA.

1837. Accession of HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA. *The Carlist war in Spain.*—Actions of Ametzagana and Hernani. Lake Ontario, Canada.

1839. Bushire, Persia. Capture of Kurrachee.

1840. *War in China.*—Macao and Chusan.
War in Syria.—Capture of Gebail, Caiffa, Tyre & Sidon. Storming of Acre.

1841. *War in China.*—Action near Canton, Macao Fort, Whangtong, Ningpo, Chuenpee, Amoy; Capture of Hong-Kong. Percussion muskets first used by Royal Marines in China.

1842. *War in China.*—Woosung, Saigon, Chiu-Kiang-Foo. Expedition on the River Congo; liberation of slaves at Kabenda.

1845. Expedition up river Parana, S.E. coast of America. Battle of Obligado. Attack on pirates in Borneo. Actions of Bruné and Malloodoo.

1846. Action at San Lorenzo, river Parana. Royal Marines garrison Monte Video for thirteen months.
War in New Zealand.—Capture of Ruapekapeka.

1848. Forton Barracks occupied, old barracks in Portsmouth handed over to Ordnance Department. Expedition up river St. Juan-de-Nicaragua. Storming of Fort Serapagui, and surrender of others.

1849. Action against pirates at Bias Bay, China.

1851. Capture of Lagos, West Coast of Africa, 26th December.

1852. *War in Burmah.*—Capture of Martaban, Rangoon, Prome, Meet-tha, Pegu.

1854. *War in Crimea.*—Bombardment of Odessa, Eupatoria; Battles of Balaclava & Inkerman, Redoubt Kaleh, Petropaulovski (Siberia).
War in Baltic.—Esknæs and Bomarsund. Minié rifle was in use. V.C. awarded to Corporal Prettyjohn, R.M., for gallantry at Inkerman.

1855. *War in the Crimea.*—Gheish, Sea of Azov, Kertch, Yeni Kale, Soujah Bay, Kimbourn. V.C. awarded to Bombardier E. Wilkinson, R.M.A., for gallantry in the advance batteries at Sevastopol.
War in Baltic.—Narra, Fort Rosenholm, Viborg, Frederichsham, Sweaborg. V.C. awarded to Lieutenant G. D. Dowell, R.M.A., for gallantry at Viborg. On 2nd February—"Her Majesty has been pleased to command that the Corps of Royal Marines shall in future be designated 'Corps of Royal Marines Light Infantry.' The coatee abolished and double-breasted tunics introduced."

1856. Capture of Bushire, Persia. Single-breasted tunics adopted for officers.

1857. Enfield rifle issued. Short for N.C.O's., long for rank and file.
War in China.—Capture of Canton, Escape Creek, Canton.
Indian Mutiny.—Relief of Lucknow.

1858. *China.*—White Cloud Mountain, West Gate, Canton, Namtow. First capture of Peiho and passage of river.
Indian Mutiny.—Detachment of Royal Marines with Naval Brigade, under Lieutenant (the late General) Pym, C.B., Sohunpore, Phoolpore, Betwa, Ahmora, Jhamnowlee, Puchawas, Nuggur, Ranee's Cote, Jugdespore, Doomeroahgunge, Toolsepore, Bhansi, Chandepore. Colours presented to Plymouth Division.

1859. *China.*—Peiho and Mong Kong.

1860. *China.*—Capture of Taku Forts and Pekin; Chang-kia-Wan.
New Zealand.—Puketakaneri. Leggings were made uniform.

1861. Expedition to Saba on the Gambia, West Africa. Battalion in Mexico.—This battalion carried the colours presented to the Plymouth Division in 1827, now hanging in the officers' mess.

1862. On 21st March the R.M. Artillery formed into a separate Division at Eastney. *China.*—Operation against Tæping rebels lasting till 1863. Actions of Kahdin, Singpoo, Chiaoliu, Wonghadya, Luahaheng.

1863. *New Zealand.*—Pengairi. White duck tunics issued for service in hot climates.

1864. *New Zealand.*—Tauranga, Gate Pah, Ta Awanaubee, Rangiawhia. H.M.S. *Bombay* took fire and blew up off Monte Video, 97 officers and men perished, of whom 34 were Marines; "every sentry dying at his post."
War in Japan.—Kajosima. Bombardment & Capture of Simonosaki.

1866. Green plume in officers' chacos altered to a green ball. Chacos made of cloth.

1867. The Snider rifle, converted from the Enfield rifle, issued. Frock coats and leather scabbards for officers abolished. Patrol jackets and steel scabbards made uniform. Rank of 2nd lieutenant abolished.

1868. Yangchow, China.

1869. Woolwich Division abolished, and Corps reduced. Capture of three walled villages in China.

1870. Scheme for compulsory retirement introduced. Weekly payments instead of daily introduced by Gen. G. Lambrick, R.M.L.I.

1873. *War in Ashanti.*—Elmina, Akimfoo, Ampenee.

1874. *War in Ashanti.*—Borumassie, Bocquah, Amoaful, Orchahsa, Coomassie.

1875. Martini-Henry rifle issued. Perak Expedition. White drill tunics made uniform for hot climates. Expedition up river Congo.

1876 *Perak Expedition.*—Rathalina. Expedition up river Niger. On 5th July—"The Band of the Portsmouth Division of the Royal Marines to wear the Prince of Wales' Plume in their caps to commemorate their attendance upon H.R.H. during his voyage to India and back."

1878. *Kaffir War, South Africa.*—Nyumozea

1879. Zulu War, South Africa. Myezane, Dalulmanzi's Kraal, Ginghilovo Ekowe. White helmets made uniform for hot climates. A battalion sent to South Africa for Zulu War, but arrived too late to proceed to the front.

1881. N.C.O's. to wear the chevron on the right arm only, instead of both.

1882. *War in Egypt.* Bombardment of Alexandria. Tel-el-Mahuta, Mallaha, Kassasin, Tel-el-Kebir, Nefiche. A battalion quartered in Zululand during the disturbances. H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh made Honorary Colonel. New pattern valise equipment issued.

1884. *War in the Soudan.* Suakin, El Teb, Tamaai. A battalion garrisoned Suakin during the summer.

1885. *War in Soudan.*—Hasheen, Tofrek. Attack on square of Guards and Marines. Marines form part of Guards' Camel Regiment. Abu Klea, Gubat, Metemmeh.
War in Burmah.—Mayanygan.

1887. Jubilee of HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA. A brigade of Marines took part in Jubilee Review at Aldershot, and a battalion of R.M.L.I. lined Cockspur street for Jubilee procession. Rank of 2nd lieutenant restored.

1888. New pattern valise equipment issued.

1890. Witu Expedition, East Africa.

1892. Pumwani Expedition, East Africa. *The Globe & Laurel* issued its first number, 1st May.

1893. Loss of H.M.S. *Victoria* off Tripoli, Syria. Out of a detachment of 98 officers and men 68 were drowned.

1894. Expedition on river Gambia, West Coast of Africa.

1895. *West Coast of Africa.*—Brass river, Benin. *East Coast of Africa.* M'weli. Lee-Metford magazine rifle, Mark II., issued.

1896. *War in Soudan.*—Detachment R.M.A. advance to Dongola, Hafir, Firket. New Colours presented to Chatham Division and also to Plymouth Division by H.R.H. the late Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. Officers' sword hilts changed to steel.

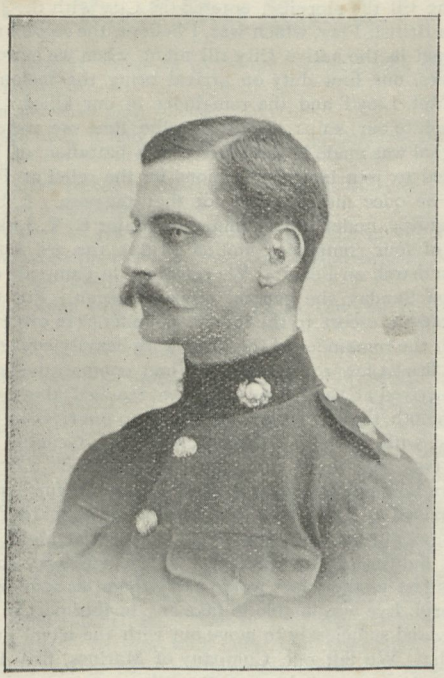
1897. Benin Expedition. Disturbances in Crete. Relief of Kandanos. Advance to Berber. Diamond Jubilee of H.M. QUEEN VICTORIA. A battalion R.M.A. and a battalion R.M.L.I. lined the streets in London during the procession.

1898. Advance up the Nile. Battle of Omdurman. Sierra Leone rebellion. *Crete.*—Khandia.

1899. *War in South Africa.*—Belmont, Graspan, Modder River, Magersfontein.

1900. *War in South Africa.*—Paardeberg, Bloemfontein, Kroonstadt, Johannesburg, Pretoria, Belfast, Ladybrand.
China. Siege of Legations, Pekin. Admiral Seymour's relief column. Defence of Tientsin. Capture of Tientsin native city. Relief of Legations, Pekin. V.C. awarded to Captain and Brevet Major Halliday for gallantry at Pekin.

1901. On 1st January H.R.H. Duke of York appointed Colonel-in-Chief.



CAPTAIN AND BREVET-MAJOR HALLIDAY, V.C.

MAJOR L. S. T. HALLIDAY, whose portrait we give above, was born 14th May, 1870, and entered the Royal Marines Light Infantry on 1st September, 1889, being promoted Lieutenant on 1st July, 1890, and Captain 31st January, 1898. He holds the Hythe Extra Certificate, and the First Class Certificate as Instructor of Gunnery from H.M.S. *Excellent*. He originally joined the Plymouth Division, but became Assistant Instructor of Gunnery at Portsmouth, till his promotion. His first sea-service was in the Queen's Guardship *Terrible*," afterwards serving in H.M.S. *Pembroke* and H.M.S. *Magnificent*. He was serving in H.M.S. *Orlando* when he was detached for service in Pekin. Major Halliday is the fourth recipient of the V.C. awarded to the Royal Marines; the previous winners of this much coveted distinction being Lieut. (now Colonel retired) E. D. Dowell, R.M.A., Bombardier Wilkinson, R M.A., and Colr.-Sergt. Prettyjohn, R.M.L.I., a short account of each of whom has appeared in previous numbers. The act for which the Cross was awarded to Major Halliday is thus stated in *The Gazette*.—

"On June 24th, 1900, the enemy, consisting of Boxers and Imperial troops, made a fierce attack on the west wall of the British Legation, setting fire to the west gate of the stable quarters, and taking cover in the buildings which adjoined the wall. The fire, which spread to part of the stables, and through which and the smoke a galling fire was kept up by the Imperial troops, was with difficulty extinguished, and as the presence of the enemy in the adjoining buildings was a grave danger to the Legation a sortie was organized to drive them out. A hole was made in the Legation wall, and Captain Halliday, in command of twenty Marines, led the way into the buildings and almost immediately engaged a party of the enemy. Before he could use his revolver, however, he was shot through the left shoulder at point blank range, the bullet fracturing the shoulder and carrying away part of the lung. Notwithstanding the extremely severe nature of his wound, Captain Halliday killed three of his assailants, and telling his men to 'carry on and not mind him,' walked back unaided to the hospital, refusing escort and aid so as not to diminish the number of men engaged in the sortie."

We wish him a speedy recovery from his severe wound, and may he continue to wear his Cross so gallantly earned for many years to come. We hear he is still in hospital in London, at 17, Grosvenor Crescent, S.W.

The Defence of Tientsin:

With which is embodied a short account of the part taken in the actual Relief of Pekin by the Royal Marines, who were co-operating with the International Force, under Gen. Sir A. Gaselee, K.C.B. (compiled from the narrative of Lce.-Sergt. T. G. Hicks, R.M.L.I.).

THE *Orlando* arrived at Wei-Hai-Wei, from Amoy, about 10 a.m., 28th May, passing the *Algerine*, which was leaving Wei-Hai-Wei with twenty-five Marines, on the way to Taku. After mooring and signal to land Marines for drill next day had been received from the *Centurion*, orders came to prepare for sea and we left about 2 o'clock for Taku, where we arrived at 1.30 the 29th. On the way round the Captain had the ship's company aft and informed them of the Boxer riots and told us that fifty Marines were to be landed and as many Bluejackets as were considered necessary. On arrival at Taku a tug came alongside about 4 o'clock, into which we stowed our hammocks, bags, etc., and embarked in marching order, uuder Capt. Halliday (now Brevet-Major, V.C.) At the time we had no idea we should see any fighting, but were under the impression we were to form the Legation Guard at Pekin, the Guard then being at Tientsin. As the tug approached the Forts we noticed that the lighters containing the Russian troops were returning to their ships and we were in consequence ordered to get out of sight. This we did by stowing our bags, etc., below the gunwale, which was only about two feet high, and packing ourselves into the three small cabins—about twenty of us occupying room scarcely enough for eight. We passed the forts without any trouble and were met by, I believe, the manager of the Steam Tug Company, which runs from Tientsin to Taku. He gave orders to the Captain of our tug, who was an Englishman, to make all possible speed in getting to Tientsin. We went on fairly well till about 10 p.m., when we had to transfer our baggage to a flat-bottomed lighter, as our tug drew too much water to go any further, owing to the tide. We were then towed by a small tug, and expecting to reach Tientsin about 2 a.m., made ourselves as comfortable as filth and other circumstances would allow. However, about 12.30 we were roughly disturbed by finding that we had run aground; we remained high and dry till about 6 a.m., when the tide floated us oft and we arrived at Tientsin without further mishap about 7.30 a.m. We were met there by Capt. Strouts and Capt. Wray, and were played to our quarters in the Theatre by the brass band of the Tientsin Concession, where we thoroughly enjoyed a good cold spread. Here we were joined by the twenty-five Marines whom we had passed in the *Algerine*, and all of us were ordered to hold ourselves in readiness to leave for Pekin at a moment's notice. Just after we had had breakfast we were surprised by the arrival of a company of Bluejackets from the *Orlando*, under Lieut. (now Commander) Wright, with a 9-pounder M.L. gun, followed by detachments of various nationalities. In the afternoon we were all packed off to the station, and just as the train was leaving found that twenty-five were to be left behind, and as all our baggage had been put in the train, had great difficulty in getting it out. As it was a good proportion went on to Pekin. We remained in Tientsin, under the command of Lieut. Wright, R.N.; Sergt. Carpenter and Corpl. Lye being the other Non.-Coms. with myself, patrolling the town until June 5th, when it was thought advisable to place outposts on the outskirts of the Concession and two pickets of Marines and one of Bluejackets, working in four hour shifts, were sent out, the patrolling of the town being left in the hands of the remaining Bluejackets. On the 6th, Major (now Lieut.-Col., C.B.) Johnstone arrived wlth seventy-five Marines from the *Centurion*, who afterwards left on Sunday, the 10th, with Admiral Seymour's column, whose doings have already been chronicled in the *Globe and Laurel*.

On the 11th Major Luke and Lieut Armstrong arrived with about twenty-five of the *Barfleur's* Marines, and we joined up with them, the British force then in Tientsin consisting of one company of Marines, two companies of Bluejackets from *Barfleur*, one from *Orlando*, and one from *Aurora*. On Sunday, 17th, we heard that Taku Forts had been taken and in the afternoon were fallen in, and being joined by a party of Germans, were ordered to take the Military College. We crossed the river and approached the College, which was built in the shape of a hollow square, surrounded by a mud wall about five feet high. This we scrambled over as best we could, and forcing the doors, were met

by a heavy rifle fire, by which Pte. Robinson of the *Orlando* was killed and five more wounded. We then drove the Chinese students from room to room, killing at least fifty of them and set fire to the building. The Germans in the meantime had destroyed some eight or nine B.L. Krupp guns, and the whole force then returned to their quarters, the Germans' loss being one killed and five or six wounded. During the time that we were away the Chinese had commenced bombarding the foreign Concessions, and that night we formed the supports for the outposts. On the next day (the 18th) the Chinese made a determined attack on the Railway Station, which was defended by the Russians, who were supported by the company of the *Orlando's* Bluejackets, and who lost very heavily. At this time we were on the left flank and were not engaged till the afternoon, when the Chinese attacked from the N.W. Arsenal, showing considerable pluck, especially in the manner in which their banners were kept flying, one bearer being no sooner killed than another took his place. We managed to keep them off till we were re-inforced by some Germans and Tientsin Volunteers, when we finally succeeded in driving them back. It being our turn for outpost duty, we then threw out our sentries, and about 9 o'clock our "dinner" was sent out, accompanied by a tot of rum, which, as we had had nothing since six that morning, was found most acceptable, especially as during the night it came on to rain very heavily. As we were the only troops supplied with any covering, and that simply a blanket apiece, one could frequently see Germans and Austrians, who were working with us, walking arm and arm with a "Royal," all getting as much shelter as possible under the one blanket. Next morning (19th) we were relieved by a company of Bluejackets, and had no sooner got back to our quarters and were enjoying our breakfast, than we were ordered to fall-in again, this time to re-inforce the Germans, who were having a warm half-hour on the outskirts of the German Concession. Fortunately we were not engaged, as the Chinese took good care to keep well on the other side of the river, merely blazing away on the slightest provocation, and after remaining there for four or five hours we returned to our quarters. Nothing of any importance happened during the remainder of the week, the Chinese apparently having received a good lesson, except constant sniping and bombarding, especially at night. One incident, however, may be worth chronicling: Corpl. Lye and five privates manning a 6-pounder Hotchkiss, mounted in a railway truck at the station, and doing excellent work until all the ammunition was expended. Pte. Marr was unfortunately wounded and has since been invalided with a paralyzed right arm, the result of his wound. On Saturday, the 23rd, the relief column from Taku arrived, the British contingent being under the command of Comdr. Craddock of the *Alacrity*, and the Chinese all retired beyond the walls of the City. On the 24th a mixed force was sent from Tientsin to assist Admiral Seymour's column, which was met during the forenoon of the 25th, and in the afternoon we retraced our steps to Tientsin, carrying the wounded back with us on rough stretchers. On the 27th we (the *Barfleur's* and *Orlando's* Marines) were ordered to make ourselves as clean as possible and form a Guard of Honour for the Admiral. Instead of that, however, we were sent out to help the Russians take the Pie-tsang Arsenal. From then to July 13th we merely carried out the ordinary patrolling and other duties necessary for the protection of the Concessions, but about 2 a.m. on the 14th we were ordered to fall-in and set out to capture the native City, the allied troops having captured all the surrounding forts on the previous day. At about 4 a.m., when the bombardment commenced, we were acting as supports to the Japanese, the Americans being just behind us in reserve, and it was here that we lost so heavily, for as the Chinese were firing at the advancing Japanese, all their bullets were falling where we and the Americans were lying. We had absolutely no cover except what we could construct with our bayonets. Capt. Lloyd was right in front of our company and as he was getting up to have a look round he was struck in the jaw by a bullet which passed clean through his head. We were then ordered to get under cover of the Arsenal, where we remained for some hours, when we were ordered to do something or other, I forget just what it was, but at any rate we had to double down a lane about 600 yards long in face of a terrific fire from the Chinese on the City wall, and I think I can safely say that we covered that 600 yards in record time. At the end of the lane we came to some mud huts and being unable to go any further we remained there till dark when we sent the wounded back and, waiting till the morning, entered the City with the Japanese and hoisted the British Flag, which was, I believe, the second to be run up. We remained in the native City till night, when we marched back to our quarters, our first duty on arrival being the melancholy one of burying Capt. Lloyd and the remainder of our killed. On the 19th we returned to our ships and during the time we were on board a general signal was made to the effect that a battalion of Marines was to be landed to join in the operations for the relief of Pekin, and on July 31st we once more landed for that purpose. A battalion was formed next day, under the command of Major E. V. Luke, R.M.L.I., consisting of four companies, and on Friday, the 3rd August, we left Tientsin to march on Pekin. We remained in camp all next day and at 3 a.m. on Sunday the general advance began. For the first two days we acted as escort to the four 12-pounders (12 cwt.) naval guns, and though the remainder of the force were heavily engaged, the naval guns only fired a few rounds and we had comparatively little to do. When we arrived at Yang-tsun, which we reached about 9.30 p.m., on Monday the 6th, the naval guns were sent up the river in junks and we co-operated with the 2nd Brigade, under Brig.-General Stuart. We then had two days hard marching during which Corpl. Lye and myself were laid low by sunstroke and I have no further recollection until we arrived at Ton-Chow, but I afterwards heard that after the first two days our advance was made during the night. There was very little fighting during this part of the advance, the enemy all scooting as fast as their legs would carry them, as soon as we came in sight. Corpl. Lye was unable to take any further part in the advance, but I recovered sufficiently to move out with the naval guns at 4 p.m. on the 17th. We left one Company of Marines, fifty Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and one gun behind at Ton-Chow, as protection, under the command of a Lieut. of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, whose name I forget. Owing to the heavy state of the roads, caused by rain, we were unable to get the guns into Pekin until the morning of the 15th, some nineteen hours after the remainder of the relief force had entered. During the night of the 13th we lost Lce.-Sergt. Dodd (Plymouth Division), who succumbed, I believe, to heat apoplexy. On entering Pekin we marched to the Temple of Heaven, where we stayed for a few hours and then joined up once more with the 2nd Brigade and went on the British Legation, where we were received with open arms about 11 a.m.

Marriage of Major Talbot, R.M.A.

On the 7th January, at the Collegiate Church of St. Paul, at Valletta, was solemnized the marriage of Major Harry Lynch Talbot, Royal Marine Artillery, of *H.M.S. Renown*, with Miss Daisie Ellida Worsley-Roberts, only daughter of the late Frederick Bertie Worsly-Roberts, of Cheltenham. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. T. Wood Robinson, Chaplin of *H.M.S. Renown*, assisted by the Rev. Archdeacon Cartwright. Captain W. Dixon, Royal Marine Artillery, performed the duties of best man. The Altar and Chancel were tastefully decorated with flowers and palms. A particularly striking effect was made by men of the Royal Marines from *H.M.S. Renown* and other ships in harbour lining the middle aisle and the path outside the church. On the bride and bridegroom leaving the vestry the men drew their bayonets and formed an archway, under which the happy couple passed. This was again done with the swords of the Marine officers of the Fleet outside the Church door, and amidst loud cheers the newly wedded pair drove off to Admiralty House, Valletta, where, by the kindness of Vice-Admiral Sir John and Lady Fisher, the reception was held, which was numerously attended; the band from *H.M.S. Renown* playing suitable selections. Sir John Fisher in appropriate terms proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom.

BILLIARDS. The following billiard matches have been played by the members of the Sergeants' Mess, Portsmouth Division, this season, with the results as stated:—*v.* Liberal and Radical Club (away), lost; *v.* Liberal and Radical Club (home), won; *v.* R.M.A. Sergeants' Mess (home), won; *v.* Rifle Depôt Sergeants' Mess (home), won; *v.* Conservative Club (home) won.

The Royal Fleet Reserve.

THIS new Reserve Force is to be created and take effect from March 1st, 1901.

There are three main classes:—

(A) Men in receipt of a long service pension as Seamen, Stokers, or Marines.

(B) Men who have served as Seamen, Stokers, or Marines, but not in receipt of a pension for such service.

(C) Men employed as artizans or otherwise in any of the Naval or Civil establishments under the Admiralty, subject to a condition of service in the Reserve.

We shall only deal with the provisions as they effect the Royal Marines.

Qualifications.

Class A.—Men must be physically fit and be in receipt of a long service pension as N.C.O.'s or men of the Royal Marines. Men already pensioned are eligible provided they are not over 45 years of age. Men hereafter pensioned are eligible to join within one year of discharge to pension, provided they are not over 45 years of age.

Class B.—(1) N.C.O.'s and men who have completed an engagement in the Marines are eligible. (1) Men who have been discharged with less than 12 years' service, and who are found in all respects suitable for the Reserve may be entered under the special sanction of the D.A.G. (3) Men may join Class B at any time within five years of their discharge from the Service. The D.A.G. may extend this period in exceptional cases. (4) Men who have been discharged from the Service for misconduct or who have not been allowed to re-engage on account of indifferent conduct, are not eligible for the Reserve.

Conditions of Service.

Class A.—In the case of men and boys already in the Service, to join Class A is optional; with regard to those entering after March 1st, 1901, service in the Reserve will be one of the conditions of an award of a long service pension.

Class B.—(1) Service in Class B is entirely optional. (2) The period of engagement is five years. (3) Re-engagement will be for five years or (if over 50) to complete 55 years of age.

Men are to be medically examined before enrolment and re-enrolment. Minor defects not impairing efficiency may be overlooked, only such serious defects as unfit men for undergoing drill are to be sufficient cause for rejection.

Men who have been invalided are not to be entered in the Reserve till they have been examined by the officers of a Royal Naval Hospital who will be guided by above instructions.

Enrolment and Re-enrolment.

The staff officers at Eastney, Chatham, Gosport and Plymouth are authorised to enrol and re-enrol men in the Reserve, and are called "Registrars."

A pensioner desirous of enrolment must present himself to the Registrar, taking with him his parchment certificate and his certificate of identity.

A candidate for Class B, who has completed 12 years' service, must present himself to the Registrar, taking with him his parchment certificate of service. Candidates with less than 12 years' service are to apply on a form which they can obtain from the Registrar, and if the D.A.G. approves, they attend before the Registrar as above.

A man who wishes to re-enrol, must make personal application to the Registrar during the last year of his engagement. A candidate who lives at a distance from the home ports, should apply in the first instance by letter to the Registrar, enclosing his certificate. Should the Registrar consider he is likely to be suitable for the Reserve, he will send a railway pass to enable him to present himself for enrolment and will issue to him a second pass to enable him to return to his home.

Fleet Reservemen are to be enrolled in the active service substantive and non-substantive ratings last held by them.

Men serving may make application to their Commanding Officer for enrolment in Class B, six months before they complete their limited engagement. If accepted, they will be acquainted at once and be entered in the Royal Fleet Reserve, from the date of discharge from active service.

Periodical Training.

Until attaining the age of 50, men in classes A and B are to undergo a week's drill every year or a fortnight's drill every second year, at their option: the drill is to be carried out at the port of enrolment unless special permission is given to the contrary, which can only be obtained by application to the Registrar at the port to which they are attached.

Instruction will commence at 8 a.m. every Monday, except during Easter and Christmas Holidays, and men are to join in their proper uniform before that hour. They are to send as early notice as practicable, and at least a week in advance, to the Registrar of their intention to report themselves.

It is the object of the Admiralty to give Fleet Reservemen facilities for undergoing drill when convenient to them, for this purpose men may come up for drill three months in advance if they desire to do so.

Correspondence from Fleet Reservemen on these subjects should be addressed to the Registrar. The time which a Fleet Reserveman is absent from drill on account of accident or hurt caused by or received during drill, does not count as part of drill, although pay and allowances will be granted during such time; on his removal from the sick list he must complete the proper term of drill.

Annual Retainer.

Men in Class A being in receipt of a pension will not draw a special retainer.

Men in Class B will receive a retainer of 6d. a day from the date of enrolment, so long as they abide by the conditions of their engagement.

Payment of retainer is not to be made to any Reserveman who has not performed his drill within the prescribed period.

Pay, Victualling, Clothing, Travelling Expenses when at Drill.

For each day actually under drill, men will receive the service pay of the substantive rating last held by them; those in Class A drawing their pensions, those in Class B their retainers in addition.

Marines will be victualled on the same scale as men at Headquarters.

If not provided with accommodation, the following scale of victualling and lodging allowance will be paid:—1/4 per diem in lieu of provisions, 4d. per diem for lodging.

Men in Class A are to be given a suit of clothing on enrolment and again at expiration of five years, those already provided with uniform may receive 10/- a year allowance in lieu, payable when they appear for drill properly clothed in uniform. Men in Class B are to be given a suit of clothing or a similar allowance on enrolment and on each enrolment. The clothing will be issued by the Quartermaster and will consist of:—

One forage cap	One pair of boots
One blue serge tunic	One great coat (casualty if
One pair tweed trousers	available).

Men living at a distance of more than five miles from the place of drill are allowed travelling expenses to the Headquarters and to return to their homes on the completion of the drill. If injured at drill and granted a Hurt Certificate, pay (and provision allowances unless in Hospital) will be continued.

Pensions.

On attaining the age of 50, men in Class A will be granted a Reserve pension of 5d. a day in addition to their long service pension. The award of this will not affect claims to Greenwich Hospital pensions of 5d. and 9d., but when either of these are granted, the Reserve pension will cease.

Men in Class B will receive a life pension of £12 a year at 55 years of age.

Continuous service in Reserve, satisfactory carrying out of prescribed periods of drill and good conduct whilst called out for service in Fleet are necessary qualifications for a Reserve pension. Men in Class B, though not 55 years of age, may be granted a similar pension if having not less than 22 years' combined service in Marines and Reserve they are certified to be wholly and permanently incapacitated for further service, provided such incapacity in not due to their own imprudence or misconduct. A Reserveman wounded or injured on service or at drill will be entitled to same rate of pension as an active service Marine, and if killed or drowned on service or at drill his widow will also receive the usual pension.

A man in Class B, under 40 years of age, may at any time re-enter the Royal Marines, if in all respects fit, provided he has served continuously in the Reserve since taking his discharge, and may count his previous time towards pension.

Retirement and Discharge.

At the end of each successive period of five years a man in Class B may claim his discharge provided he is not required to serve by Royal Proclamation in the Fleet.

A man in Class B may purchase his discharge from the Reserve by paying £10, or refunding the amount of retainer and cost of free clothing he has received, when such amount is less than £10, or in case of a man who has received neither clothing nor retainer on payment of £1.

A man who conducts himself so as to bring discredit on the Reserve is liable to dismissal.

Service in time of Emergency.

Pensioners in Class A are liable to serve in emergencies whenever so directed by the Admiralty.

Men in Class B are liable up to age of 55 to serve in the Navy for a term of three years when called out in emergency by Royal Proclamation. This service will only continue so long as emergency lasts, but may be extended by Proclamation to five years. In such cases, however, Reservemen will be entitled to 2d. a day in addition to his pay and allowances for such period as he may serve in the Navy beyond three years. After he is 57 years of age he may claim his discharge. On being called out men will be fitted up according to the custom of the Service.

When called out they will receive the same pay of the rank in which they are borne and actually employed, and pay for any good conduct badges held whilst last serving.

Men in Class A will draw their pensions in addition.

Men in Class B will receive a War retainer of 8d. a day in lieu of the usual 6d. a day.

Anecdotes.

From *The Pioneer*, 22nd October, 1900.

THE Commander-in-Chief's recent memorandum as regards "waste of power" cannot but appeal to the heart of any soldier who has undergone the trials of ceremonial parades. How frequently has not one seen a battalion marshalled for inspection in a burning sun almost an hour before the time named for the arrival of the inspecting officer, and shunted about like a "slow goods," dressed and re-dressed till every officer, non-commissioned officer and man feels and looks weary of existence.

This preliminary fuss is invariably due to the nervousness of an excited commanding officer fearful lest he should be late. Apparently, his perambulations are now to be checked, the men are to be dismissed and arms to be piled until the approach of the inspecting officer is announced; and this is not a recommendation but a definite order. But this is not the only "waste of power" that occurs. Surely, the power is wasted that keeps so-called combatant officers nailed to office stools writing or signing correspondence frequently of such an extraordinary nature that any impartial reader would infer that it emanated from a lunatic asylum. As regards such correspondence truth is usually stranger than fiction, but as it would be undesirable to publish letters actually written, I merely lay before you an imaginary batch of which, I think, may be taken as an average specimen of a large class of official writing.—

I. To the C.R.A., Garmugger.—"The general officer commanding at his recent inspection noticed with regret that the regulations for the R.A. in India have not been fully complied with. Section IV., paragraph 157, states that in every R.A. mess a 'sheep fund book' will be maintained. This requirement has apparently been overlooked in the mess under your control."

II. Adjutant, R.A., to Secretary, R A. mess, Garmugger.—"Please see above and amend accordingly."

III. Mess Secretary, to Adjutant.—"With reference to remarks by general officer commanding I have the honour to report that there are no sheep on charge in this mess. Under these circumstances, I would respectfully beg to point out that the keeping of the book named would appear to be unnecessary.

IV. Brigade-Major, to C.R.A.—"The general officer commanding desires me to inform you that the instructions contained in the paragraph in question are clear and definite and must be complied with."

V. Adjutant, to Mess Secretary.—"Please see above and comply."

VI. Mess Secretary, to officer in charge of Commissariat.—"Would you kindly furnish me with one sheep, general service, at your earliest convenience. Indents in quadruplicate attached."

VII. Officer in charge of commissariat, to Mess Secretary.—"In reply to your letter of the —th instant, I have the honour to inform you that sheep, g.s, are only issued by this department in component parts. Kindly re-submit separate indents for the several parts."

VIII. Mess Secretary, to officer in charge of commissariat.—"Herewith indents as requested. It would, however, be convenient if the article named could be sent complete, as there is no one on the strength here qualified and recommended to put the various parts together."

IX. Officer in charge of commissariat, to Mess Secretary.—"I regret this is impossible, as sheep (general service), complete, with tails, can only be issued under special sanction of the Commander-in-Chief. Meanwhile I send delivery vouchers for the following:—sheep's heads, one; sheep's ribs, three; sheep's shoulders, three; sheep's tails, two. I regret I am unable at present to furnish any further component parts. Kindly sign, &c."

X. Mess Secretary, to Adjutant, R.A.—"With reference to above correspondence would you kindly inform me if the component parts received as above should be entered in the ledger in the 'sheep fund book' under the heading of 'sheep,' or under the various headings—'sheep ribs,' 'sheep heads,' 'sheep tails,' &c."

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I omit two years of this correspondence. I merely insert the closing minute.

432. "His Excellency the Commander-in-chief considering that this correspondence has served no useful purpose, directs that it be sold as waste paper, and the proceeds credited to the Government."

MARINE GUN CLASS.—Instructor to smart N.C.O.: "Explain how the lock works." Smart N.C.O.: "The lock has a spiflicating motion communicated to it by the notation of the crank thereby causing it to devolve on its extras." Instructor: "Very good."

Pat: "Shure, I had a bad drame last noight; dramed I were in Purgatory!" Sergt. Sinner: "Ah, a glimpse into the future, eh! Notice anything of interest about the place?" Pat: "Sure no, only a placard outside:—'Private soldiers in uniform, half-price, sergeants admitted free.'"

I came across some curious letters the other day, written by a recruiting sergeant of an out-station in Ireland in the early forties, to his recruiting officer. Here are specimens:—"Honoured Sir, Mr. W.,—The party has struv their best all this month; and we was at Kilmacthomas and Crossakeile, and Inistiogue, and listed five men and two niver stud the hoighth, and one was rejected by the Doctor for very coarse (? varicose veins; and one as the drummer listed was close upon forty, and had a wif and 3 childer, so he got his expenses off of him, and had no more to call him; and one is tested, a clane boy, as stands 5ft. 8. So Corporal Mullins run up a score of 18d. at Mrs. Rogers, and behaved disgraceful, and should have tak the stripes off him, only in regard of yir honour; and hopes you will be plased to send me two pounds and some surtifikits. No more at present, only your dutiful soldier, Peter Morris, Sergt." "Sir, we was at all the markets since last return, and at the fair of Ballyquirkeen; so we got no recruits, only broke the drum head. So there is no heads mended in this town, if yir honor would make inquiry in Athlone. So Owen Reilly is only actin' drummer. So the people here is noways inclined for the Army, and it would be well if the party was shifted. If yir honor would be pleased to send orders about the drum head. Terence Rooney, Sergt." "Actin drummer doesn't pay for his own head when it gets broke.—T.R."

Royal Marines Memorial.

BELOW will be found a list of subscriptions received by the Hon. Secretary since December 31st last up to January 27th. The amounts acknowledged in the *Globe and Laurel* of January 7th reached a total of £340 15s. 1d. actually received, £30 10s. promised. Since then the sum of £200 11s. 7d. has been received; the sums promised now amounting to £20 10., resulting in a grand total of £561 16s. 8d. received and promised. From this must be deducted £6 13s. for stationery, printing, and postage expended up to date, leaving a credit to the fund of £555 3s. 8d.

It is hoped that those who have not yet subscribed, but propose doing so, will either send their subscriptions or inform the Hon. Secretary of the amounts they propose to subscribe soon.

As yet only 37 ships have responded; it may, therefore, be hoped that before long, when more ships have had time to reply, the total will be at least doubled, especially if the remaining ships come forward with as good a subscription as is the case with some, notably the smaller ships.

Individuals.—Major-General G. F. Blake, Colonel E. B. Snow, £10 each; General Sir Penrose C. Penrose, K.C.B., £5; Lieut.-General G. H. T. Colwell, C.B., Majors J. H. Parry, L. T. Pease, F. Raitt, Lt.-Colonel H. S. Thompson, £2 2s. each; Majors L. R. Connolly, Conway Gordon, Captain Cottingham, Lieut.-Colonels Crooke, H. B. Isaacson, Kitching, E. H. Moore, Captain H. H. Morgan, Major G. White, £1 1s. each; Major Burtenshaw, Captain R. A. Marriott, D.S.O.. Lieut.-Colonel W. T. Miller, Captain J. B. Pym, £1 each; Major W. A. S. Rowe, 10s. 6d.; Captain M'Ilwaine, 10s.; Captain S. P. Falls, Lieut.-Colonel Carlyon, 5s.; D. T. Woodriffe, Esq. (Iowa), one dollar.

PENSIONERS. *London District.*—Messrs. Jefferson, 10s. 6d. (from Depot); W. Bates, 10s.; J. Sullivan, 7s. 6.; R. Sappier and McDaniell, 5s.; J. Clubb, H. Hurst, Jas. Smith (No. 1394), 4s.; Trowbridge, 3s. 6d.; D. T. Young, Jas. Smith, 3s.; W. S. Britton, W. Corain, J. Deane, F. George; G. Gilliard, G. Hopewell, Howick, H. McAllen, F. Kite, G. Mulberry, G. W. Moss, M. Marks, F. Pike, J. Page, W. Perrott, Pryor, G. H. Susard, J. Scamp, J. C. Walters, 2s. 6d. each; G. Brakespear, R. Barr, W. Dibble, T. Eaton, W. Hall, A. Hartnett, W. Haliben, H. Johnson, J. Isaac, R. W. Jones, E. Kington, S. Marks, R. Newton, J. A. Norden, Jno. Page, R. Stoneman, H. Strongitharm, W. Turtle, S. Watling, 2s. each; W. J. Dutton, I. Hodgetts, A. G. Norgrove, 1s. 6d. each; E. Bewker, W. Genamy, F. Grills, W. Herbert, Hansford, W. Jolley, R. Jukes, E. Miles, F. Pink, G. Thomas, J. W. Worledge, N. T. Woodbridge, 1s. each; Anonymous, 6d.

Liverpool District.—Messrs. A. R. Howard, 7s. 6d.; T. Logan, T. Power, 5s.; A. Simes, E. Jewell, T. Billington, E. Murray, N. Jones, J. Mayell, 2s. 6d.; T. Chaplin, 2s.

Glasgow District.—R. Berry, J. Reed, W. Wilson, 5s.; R. Lander, P. N. Rorke, J. Boxburgh, M. Gregan, Reid, 2s. 6d.; G. R. Sartin, W. Grain, J. Murray, G. Geary, W. Bruton, J. Hay, A. Gardner, Nelson, J. Currie, 2s.; G. Struthers, R. Jackson, J. McKay, 1s. 6d.; J. Hill, 1s. 4d.; J. Irvine, 1s. 3d.; J. Smith, R. Brown, 1s.; Anonymous, £2 3s. 6d.

Edinburgh District.—Francis Munro, 5s.; J. H. Burke, 4s; R. Mickle, G. Healey, 3s.; E. Paton, C. Heath, J. Carpenter, W. Davidson, R. Morrison, 2s. 6d. each.

Divisions, &c.—Chatham Division, 2nd instalment, £50 13s. 3d. ditto, officers, £17 1s. 1d. Plymouth Division, officers, £20 1s. 6d.; 2nd instalment, £2 2s. 4½d.; warrant officers, £1 7s. 6d. Depôt, 2nd instalment, £13 13s. 10d. Portsmouth Division, 1st instalment, £15 3s.; officers, £19 10s. Officers on Recruiting staffs:—London recruiters, warrant and N.C. officers and clerks at Royal Marine office, £3 9s.; Liverpool, £1 9s.; Glasgow, £2 4s.; Edinburgh, 15s. 2d. Officers, N.C. officers and men, R.N. College, Greenwich, £24 11s. 6d.

Ships.—H.M.S. *Barham*, £1 5s. 4d.; *Barrosa*, £1.; *Boscawen*, 15s. 9d.; *Benbow*, £3 5s. 4d.; *Buzzard*, £1 4s.; *Canopus*, £8 4s. 4d.; *Charybdis*, £2 14s. 1d.; *Devastation*, 15s.; *Galatea*, £2 4s. 1d.; *Gladiator*, £2 8s.; *Hero*, including Whale Island, etc., £4 6s. 6d.; *Juno*, £3 1s. 6d.; *Mars*, £2 1s.: *Monarch*, £4 4s.; *Pomone*, £1 11s.; *Royal Sovereign*, £6 4s. 6d.; *Sans Pareil*, £4 8s.; *St. George*, £1 11s.: *Tyne*, £1 2s. 10d.; *Vulcan*, £3 13s. 5d.; *Venus*, £5; *Wildfire* (Gunnery School at Sheerness, including officers) £2 5s. 6d.

(*Signed*) G. T. ONSLOW, Lieut.-Colonel, R.M.L.I.,
Hon. Secretary.

Foreign News.

MALTA NOTES.

THE new Malta "Farthing" Postage Stamp is described as follows by the *Daily Malta Chronicle*:

The "farthing" postage stamp, which is to adorn our newspapers, has been issued, and may be described as a *multum in parvo*. It is a brownie coloured square with the word "Malta" at the top and the words "One Farthing" at the base. It contains a view of the entrance to the Grand Harbour, on the placid waters of which one can espy a battleship and a Sicilian boat. On the left is the Lower Baracca, with bastion adjoining, and on the right lies Fort Ricasoli. The "Maltese watch-dog of civilisation" may rejoice at the distinction bestowed on him, although he has been deprived of the privilege of being carried free of charge for so many years.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

The New Naval Canteen Ground was opened on the 12th January, under most depressing conditions. The rain had spoilt the ground completely, and we had rain all through the very brief game which was played. It did one good to see the cheerful way in which both teams turned out and did their level best on a ground more suited to "water polo" than football.

As for the ground itself it will, in fine weather, be about the best in the island, as with a high terrace along one side and one end there is an excellent view for the spectators, and the ground is sheltered from high winds, which will be much appreciated by the players, for in this respect the Marsa is not at all nice.

The Navy matches on the 12th January saw the *Illustrious* once more successful and now they have only the *Vindictive* and *Gladiator* to meet for a full house. The *Andromeda* also won their match, but they will not have to give much away for the *Theseus* is close behind them and has dropped one point less than they. From appearances the race between *Andromeda* and *Theseus* for second place will be the most interesting feature of this year's contest.

The following are the results received up to the 19th January, for *Empress of India* Cup competition:

Ship	*W.*	*D.*	*L.*	*Goals.*		*Points*
Illustrious	13	1	0	46	2	27
Andromeda ..	8	1	1	29	7	17
Theseus	5	0	1	13	5	10
Ocean	3	1	4	12	6	7
Cæsar	3	0	2	6	6	6
Canopus	2	1	3	7	8	5
Hibernia	2	1	3	4	8	5
Vulcan	1	3	4	11	23	5
Royal Sovereign	2	0	3	8	14	4
Barham	1	1	1	5	6	3
Royal Oak	1	0	2	3	4	2
Victorious	1	0	4	3	12	2
Renown	3	1	3	2	12	1
Gladiator	0	0	1	2	3	0
Vindictive	0	0	1	0	2	0
Dryad	0	0	4	1	18	0
Ramillies	0	0	5	1	18	0

NAVAL POSTMEN'S DINNER AND SMOKING CONCERT.

The Postmen of His Majesty's Mediterranean Fleet were entertained to a Dinner and Smoking Concert by Messrs. Buhagiar and Cassar of Strada San Giovanni and Mr. Critien of Strada Reale, on the evening of the 27th December. The affair was a grand success. After a hearty repast of all the good things provided by our worthy hosts, the first toast of the evening was "The Queen," with musical honours. The smoker was then proceeded with, during the evening. Lce.-Sergt. Swinyard, of the *Illustrious*, occupied the Chair; the office of Vice-Chairman was ably filled by Lce.-Sergt. Attwell, of the *Surprise*.

Opening of the Sergeants' Mess Royal Marines at Senglea.

The above was opened with a very pleasant and successful "Smoker" by the members, on Friday, the 21st December. Sergt.-Major Young was in the chair, and a capital programme was gone through during the evening.

Although the premises are not completed they have, both inside and out, a very cosy appearance. With the number of Sergeants on this station, an establishment of this kind has been a long-felt want for many years, and we wish it every success.

Although no formal invitations were issued, nearly 150 members and guests met together, and after inspecting the building, sat down to a very enjoyable smoker, and during the evening the Mess was visited by many of the officers. Sergt.-Major Young, R.M.L.I., in welcoming the officers to the opening of the first Sergeants' Mess on the "Mediterranean Station," thanked them for the great interest and help that they had given, and said that the members from Headquarters left a comfortable home, and on arrival at this station, found hardly a place worth going on shore for, inferior refreshments, and worse accommodation, also the members were unable to return the numerous invites from their "Comrades on the Island."

Letters were received and read from Major Clark, R.M.L.I., and Captain Dixon, R.M.A., regretting their absence, owing to an engagement at the "Palace" that evening. Captain Phillips, R.M.A., responded and on behalf of the Officers on the station wished the new "Sergeants' Mess" every success.

Captain Dalton, R.M.L.I. Adjutant, who has taken a great interest in the formation of the "Mess," and who has kindly offered to act in the same capacity as the Senior Lieut.-Colonel at Headquarters, in the course of his remarks said, that he was only too pleased to assist them in the establishing of a "Sergeants' Mess" on the station, and he felt sure that it would be a great boon to all, especially the new arrivals on the station; and in conclusion he spoke of the manner that Sergt.-Major Young had worked for its formation. The toast of the President and Committee were then drunk with musical honours—the President remarking that he and the Committee were amply repaid by the happy assembly there that evening.

The "Mess" is situated at 81 Strada Sirena, Senglea (3 doors from the Church Institute), and consists of a cosy Bar, capital Reading, Smoking and Billiard Rooms, two Card Rooms, two Bed Rooms, and a Lavatory. The Stewards' Quarters being on a flat underneath with entrance on the "Marina."

CAPE STATION.

An Assault-at-Arms took place at Claremont last month, when there was a 9-pounder Field Gun Competition between the Seamen and Marines of *H.M.S. Monarch*, the latter winning both in style and time. The following is a list of the Royal Marines competing, viz: Acting-Bombr. W. Perkins (No. 1); Acting-Bombr. A. J. Jackson (No. 2); Pte. J. Spackman (No. 3); Gnrs. F. W. Ford, F. Chambers, H. Kidd, R. E. Roberts, C. B. King, A. Jackson; Ptes. H. C. Hart, W. J. Maskell, D. R. Nair, P. O. Wattes, G. Jones, A. Cowdrey, Lce.-Corpl. G. Allen, Acting-Bombr. T. J. Trott. Great credit is due to Col.-Sergt. Spright, R.M.A., who acted as "coach," and managed to get the team into a fair state of perfection with only a week's practice. The judges were Commander Hugh Cotesworth. R.N., and Major Peile, R.M.L.I.

A Concert took place on board *H.M.S. Monarch* on New Year's Eve, when the following members of the corps took part, viz:

Guitar Solos	"Massa's in de cold, cold ground"	Capt. Beith,
	"Way down upon de Swanee River"	R.M.L.I.
Songs ..	"Percy from Pimlico"	Sergt. R. E. Wainwright,
	"Courting the Widow"	R.M.L.I.
Song	"True till Death"	Act.-Bombr. A. J. Jackson, R.M.A.
Song ..	"Puffing and blowing 'em out"	Gnr. F. W. Ford, R.M.A.

UGANDA.

British East Africa, December 1st, 1901.

Sir—I have refrained from sending any news from Uganda, knowing the *Globe and Laurel* would be full of more interesting news of China and the Transvaal.

Many expeditions have taken place during the past twelve months, in order to bring the country under civilization. One at home has an idea that Uganda, which is on the Equator and in the heart of Africa, is extremely hot, but this is a great mistake, although some parts are hot, other parts are extremely cold.

We have just returned from the Wa Nandi country, where punitive measures have been taken against a warlike race. These measures had to be taken on account of the attitude of this tribe who would insist on cutting the telegraph wire, to wear round their necks, arms, and legs. The wire, being a temporary line from Rail Head to Kampala, is made of copper, and greatly prized by the natives. These acts were further aggravated by cutting up peaceful caravans.

A large punitive expedition was organized in June, under Col. Evatt, D.S.O. of the Indian Staff Corps, and Commanding the Uganda Rifles. The expedition consisted of a few local companies, two companies of Indians, and many allies, and 500 Masai warriors, and set out in three columns.

The country is at a great altitude and mostly thickly wooded, and the climate during the day is like an English autumn, but at night like the depths of winter, bitter cold; but no one was frost bitten.

The enemy were very warlike and very keen in attempting to ambush, and did succeed with two escorts under native N.C.O's. It was quite a common thing when on the march to receive a volley of poisoned arrows into the column, from the thick bush, at 200 yards and occasionally a rifle shot—the natives possessing a few rifles only. They were also keen on trying to rush a camp at night in large numbers, but were always repulsed with heavy loss. The arrows which they use are harpooned shape and covered with poison, and they fire these with great precision. I have watched the boys being put through their first course of musketry (with the arrow), and great interest is taken in it, and the manner in which they use them is marvellous.

This punitive expedition continued for some five months and we took from them a vast number of cattle (their riches), cut their crops and punished them severely; they then had enough of it, the chiefs submitted and peace was declared.

To make peace with some of the tribes is a very strange proceeding. A large piece of ivory is brought and also a mortar—which has previously been used for crushing their corn—a sheep or bullock is killed, the liver taken, cut up in small pieces and placed in the mortar. A declaration is then made "That anyone breaking the peace will be hunted as the Elephant who possessed this tusk was hunted, and they will then be crushed like the corn has been crushed in this mortar." The raw liver is then passed round and peace declared.

The Wa Nandi are a tribe who inhabit a very large tract of mountainous country; their clothing consists of one large skin slung across their body. They besmear themselves with oil and wear beads round their necks. They cut the lobe of their ears when children and this is stretched until it assumes a large diameter, like an elastic band. It is a common sight to see a man carrying a jam pot in one ear and a condensed milk tin in the other, and in one instance I saw a man walking about with an empty kerosine tin in his ear.

Expended sparklets are in great demand; these are threaded and worn round their necks, and also as earrings, and all the chiefs now possess their own sparklet bottles, sold by traders, and expend sparklets for amusement.

During operations some little while ago my Baganda allies, who were armed with muzzle loaders, blazed away all their bullets and I was at my wits' end what to do; I had plenty of powder, no bullets. I commandeered all empty sparklets from friendly chiefs, filled them with sand, plugged them, and they answered the purpose splendidly. Needless to say no one was hit with them.

Our government troops this last few years have made great strides and have gained a splendid proficiency. The best shooting company was No. VII. (Capt. Collard's company), who far exceeded our expectations, after careful instruction, under the direction of Capt. Collard, and the keen interest in shooting taken by our officer, whom we missed after he left for the South. No. VII. Company is known right throughout British East Africa as the "Marinéés." When a Native N.C.O. was asked why they were called this name, he replied, "Because they are so clean, Sir." I thought this was a great compliment for the corps.

I am still living in Kavorondo, close to Victoria Nyanza. The natives of this place, until quite recently, did not wear one stitch of clothing, man or woman, but now have started to cover their nakedness, in fact, the outlying villagers have started to wear clothes, which consist of a piece of Americana (cloth) two inches square. This is all the clothing they can be induced to wear up to the present. I am merely speaking of this one tribe—Kavarondo—but if one goes a few miles further up country, the tribes are never seen without clothes.

The Great Uganda Railway is making splendid strides; it is now about 500 miles up country and will be at the Victoria Nyanza in a few months, where a large steamer is already running to connect it with Port Alice.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

JAMES ELLISON, Cr.-Sergt., R.M.L.I.,

Instructor Uganda Rifles.

Royal Marines Rifle Association.

COMMITTEE MEETING—The Committee met at the R.M. barracks, Gosport, on the 1st January. Present—Major R. W. Heathcote (*r.*) R.M.L.I., (*Acting Chairman*); Majors W. J. Langford (*r.*) R.M.L.I., C. G. Brittan, R.M.L.I., J. R. H. Oldfield, R.M.L.I., R. M. Byne, R.M.L.I.; Captains J. L. Homer, R.M.A., H. Oldfield, R.M.A.; Lieutenants J. Grover, R.M.L.I., and N. F. Trotman, R.M.A.

The statements of accounts for 1900 were passed, and the deposit of £15 in the Post Office Savings Bank was approved.

Major H. G. Cotterill, R.M.L.I., was elected Captain of the Team for 1901. Major W. J. Langford (*r.*) R.M.L.I., was elected Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

It was resolved:—(*a.*)—That, with a view to the simplification of the accounts of the Divisions and the Depot with the Association, the Deputy-Adjutant-General R.M., be asked to allot a sum of £21 to the Association out of the Admiralty Grant to the Corps. This sum to be expended in paying the entrance fees and subsistence allowance of N.C.O's. and men for the Coburg Cup, Brinsmead, United Service and Whitehead Competitions.

(*b.*)—That the National Rifle Association be asked to alter their definition of "Service Rifle Tyro" so as to include "Soldiers of the Regular Forces."

Captain J. L. Homer, R.M.A., was asked, and kindly undertook to represent our Association at the Spring Meeting of the N.R.A.

(*c.*)—That a Challenge Cup be purchased with the £15 presented by Captain C. E. Collard, R.M.L.I., to be called "The Collard Cup."

ii.—That a prize of two guineas be awarded to the winner of the Cup.

RULES FOR THE "COLLARD CUP" COMPETITION.

Entrance fee, one shilling. Each competitor will fire six shots under "Whitehead Challenge Cup" conditions, between 1st April and 14th June. Only one shoot may take place in one day. The last of six registers must reach the Hon. Sec. by June 15th. No firing to take place before 9 a.m. Preliminary practice is allowed.

A competitor must declare before shooting that he is going to fire one of his register cards. One target must be used for each six shots at 20 yards, and one target for the twelve shots at 50 yards. Each target will be signed and dated by the superintending officer, and will be kept in case they are required for reference by the Committee. The general regulations under the head of "Superintending Officer" in the Rules for the R.M. Twenty Competition will be carried out as far as they are applicable.

As soon as practicable after the 15th June the Committee will select the ten to compete for the Cup, taking the ten highest aggregate scores of the competitors who have sent in six fully completed and properly certified registers. In the case of a tie for places in the ten, the tie will be decided by the total scores at the longest ranges. The ten competitors selected will compete for the Cup in a shoot under "Whitehead Challenge Cup" conditions at Ash, during the R.M.R.A. Meeting.

The following proposals, having reference to the Rules of the Association, were made and carried:—

I. Page 9, Rule 6 (2)—for "five competitive practices" read "The Collard Cup Competition."

II. Page 10, Rule 13, line 7,—add "and also to the Captain of the Team, and to the Hon. Sec."

III. Page 10, Rule 13, line 9,—add "and also, as regards travelling expenses, to the Hon. Sec. when attending at Ash or Bisley.

IV. Page 10, Rule 14, line 3,—after "team" add "or individual."

V. Page 12, Match I. "Team"—add "young soldiers includes officers." To be a "young soldier" an officer must be under 23 years of age and with less than three years' service on the 1st May of the current year. The Captain of a team will hand in to the Superintending Officer a certificate signed by his C.O. that the "young soldiers" of his team are duly qualified.

The Honorary Secretary's address is—Major W. J. Langford, The Lambdens, Theale, Berks.

FOREIGN STATIONS COMPETITIONS, 1900.

PACIFIC.—The Competition took place at the R.N. Rifle Range, Comox, on the 25th September. The ships able to compete were the *Warspite*, *Arethusa*, *Leander*, *Icarus* and *Pheasant*. There were a good number of entries, and the entrance fees provided money prizes amounting to £1 17s.

The first ten in order of merit were:

			200	500	600	Total
			28	28	28	84
Sgt. Kent, R.M.L.I., (*The Silver Badge*)		*Arethusa*	25	25	24	74
Cpl. F. G. Spicer, R.M.L.I.	(15/-)	*Pheasant* ..	23	26	23	72
Lce.-Cpl. Austin, ,,	(10/-)	*Arethusa* ..	24	27	19	70
Pte. H. H. Archard, ,,	(6/-)	*Leander* ..	21	26	22	69
Sgt. Whitworth, R.M.A.	(6/-)	*Warspite* ..	21	27	21	69
,, Bishop, R.M.L.I.	(6/-)	*Icarus* ..	20	23	25	68
Pte. Aitkenhead, R.M.L.I.		*Arethusa* ..	23	23	22	68
Gnr. Alland, R.M.A.		*Warspite* ..	20	25	22	67
Pte. Easterbrooke, R.M.L.I.		*Arethusa* ..	22	19	24	65
Bmbr. Brooks, R.M.A.		*Warspite* ..	22	25	17	64

Entertainments.

DIVISIONAL SCHOOLS, CHATHAM.

THE annual Christmas Entertainment and Prize Distribution of the Chatham Division Royal Marine Schools took place in the Divisional Theatre on the 20th December, 1900. A new departure was made in the production of the patriotic cantata, entitled—"Britannia, Queen of the Ocean," which some of our readers may have seen at the depot—where it has been performed, certainly once—but which is new to Chatham. The performance greatly pleased everyone who saw it, and Mr. Keightley fully deserved the congratulations he received on the finished article which his training and drilling had produced. The music of the piece is pretty and inspiriting, and the dresses were well designed and the grouping excellent.

In a Chatham production it is hardly necessary to state that one or more members of Sergeant-Major Snelling's family took part. Miss Snelling looked well, and sang tunefully as "Britannia"; and many others of the little ones acted and sang with a zest which showed how much they enjoyed it. There were a dozen little blue-jackets—perfectly appointed in every respect, who gave an excellent display of cutlass drill, while all the regions of Greater Britain found typical representatives, and all received their meed of applause. The Canadian sleigh teams in a shower of snow were especially attractive. Miss Keightley made an excellent accompanist.

The Commandant took great interest in the rehearsals, and Mr. Wyllie, A.R.A., kindly gave valuable assistance in grouping. Altogether the performance was a great success. Subsequently Mrs. Wylde, in the absence of Mrs. Schomberg, presented the prizes. The following is a programme of the entertainment:—

"BRITANNIA, QUEEN OF OCEAN."

Britannia	Miss Snelling.
Scotia	Miss May Snelling.
Erin	Miss F. Turner.
Wales	Charles Griffiths.
India	Miss E Todd.
Australians, Cape Colonists, Canadians, Indian Attendants, Marines & Bluejackets	23 boys of Divisional School.
Isles of the Sea	12 girls ,, ,,
Canadian Sleigh Teams, with Bells	4 infants ,, ,,
Accompanist	Miss Keightley.

By the discharge to pension of Q.-M.-S.-Instr. Lennon and of Colr.-Sergt. Howe, the Corps, and the depot especially, loses two highly respected N.-C. officers. Q.-M.-S.-I. Lennon was well known at Gosport, where he had served for many years. Colour-Sergt. Howe ("Drummy") was better known as the ex-drum major of the depot. The members of the sergeants' mess, to mark their appreciation, subscribed towards a handsome tea and coffee service.

On the 8th January a smoker was held in the mess-room. Sergeant-major House, who presided, made the presentation, and in a neat and happy speech wished both good luck and prosperity in their new sphere of life. The event of the evening was undoubtedly Sergeant-major House's singing, this being the only occasion on which it has been possible to get him to warble. Mrs. Lennon was also the recipient of a very handsome Russian leather bag subscribed for by the wives of some of the members.

The members of the sergeants' mess, R.M. depot, held their annual quadrille party in the gymnasium on New Year's night, and a most enjoyable evening it was. The officers (past and present) of the depot as well as many civilian friends were invited, the number accepted being well over 300. The gymnasium was tastefully decorated, thanks to Q.-M.-S. Medlon and his staff. The refreshment and dancing arrangements were in the hands of Drum-Major Elliott and Sergeants Napper, Cox and White, and under their able jurisdiction everything went as happily as the proverbial marriage bell. Most of the officers who were not on leave attended, viz.:—Col.-Commandant and Mrs. Dowding; Colonel and Mrs. Corbett; Colonel and Mrs. Quill; Capt. and Mrs. Tupman; Mr. and Mrs. Marwood; Mr., Mrs., and the Misses Owen; Captain Phillips; Doctor Strickland, R.N., etc.

The programme consisted of 22 items, and the dancing was kept up till the early hours of the morning. The music was provided by part of the depot band, under Band-Sergeant Mills. It must have been a very enjoyable evening as everyone seemed so self-satisfied, a rather unusual thing, and one which is greatly to be desired.

Births.

BOR—On the 30th December, at 49, Mount Park Road, Ealing, W., the wife of Major J. H. Bor, C.M.G., Royal Marine Artillery, of a daughter,

DORIAN—The wife of Sergeant Dorian, of a daughter; also of a son in 1898.

PARKINS—At Gosport, on January 23rd, the wife of Sergt. F. Parkins, of a daughter.

SNOW—On the 25th Jan., at 23, Beaufort Gardens, S.W., the wife of Colonel E. B. Snow, late R.M.L.I., of a son.

TACKER—The wife of Sergeant Tacker, of a son.

Marriages.

ANDERSON—WADE—Pte. J. Anderson to Miss Mary A. Wade, at St. Michael's, Folkstone, on 6th January, 1901.

BROOKE—RUSSELL—On the 18th December, 1900, at St. Alfege Church, Greenwich, by the Rev. J. L. Robinson, M.A., R. Navy, assisted by the Rev. H. Morley, M.A., Captain Charles Louis Brooke, Royal Marine Artillery, eldest son of Colonel C. G. Brooke, Royal Irish Reserve Regiment, to Lilian Mary, daughter of the late George Russell, Esq., of 37, Radcliffe Gardens.

CATHIE—MAGUIRE—At Parish Church, Portsea, 24th December, Lance-Sergt. Cathie to Miss Maguire.

CATLEY—MAIDENS—At St. James', Portsea, 22nd December, Lance-Sergt. Catley to Miss Maidens.

CLARK—BARRETT—Corpl. L. Clark to Miss Alice J. Barrett, at St. Mark's Church, Portsmouth, on 8th January, 1901.

COMPTON-LANGRIDGE—Lance-Sergeant R. Compton to Miss Jane S. Langridge, at St. John's Church, Forton, on 5th Jan., 1901.

DESCOMBE-WRATTEN—At St. Andrew's, Deal, Cook-Sgt. Descombe to Miss Wratten.

EATON-THURSTON—Pte. S. Eaton to Miss Annie E. Thurston, at Parish Church, Portsea, on 22nd December, 1900.

ELMER—TOGHILL—At St. Mary Magdalene, Peckham, 29th December, Q.M. Sergt. J. B. Elmer to Miss Toghill.

FRANKIS—BUDDEN—On the 15th January, at Rochester Cathedral, by the Very Reverend the Dean, assisted by the Rev. Canon Jelf, D.D., and the Rev. J. Black, M.A., Chaplain Royal Navy, Captain Walter William Frankis, Royal Marine Light Infantry, to Eleanor Jessie (Queenie), eldest daughter of Lieut.-Col. Austin Frederic Budden, J.P., the Precincts, Rochester.

FOSTER—SIMMS—On 24th December, at Oxford, Pte. W. R. Foster to Miss F. Simms.

FURSEY—HAYTOR—On 26th December, at Rochester, Pte. R. Fursey to Miss J. F. Haytor.

GILL—KILSHAW—At St. James', Portsea, 25th December, Gunner Gill to Miss Kilshaw.

HANNAFORD—FINCH—Pte. J. W. Hannaford to Miss Jane Finch, at Baptist Chapel, Wimbledon, on 31st December, 1900.

KELLY—DAVIES—On the 10th January at St. Thomas's Church, Portsmouth, by the Rev. Charles Darnell, Vicar, assisted by Rev. H. R. Collum, Vicar, of Leigh, uncle of the bridegroom, Henry Edward Theodore Kelly, Captain R.F.A., eldest son of Lieut.-Col. Holdsworth Kelly, late R.M.A., to Mary Evelyn, eldest daughter of the late Olivira Davies, of Jerez de la Frontera, and of Mrs. Oliviera Davies, 36, Clarence Parade, Southsea.

LADD—TALBOT—On 22nd December, at Gillingham, Corpl. H. S. Ladd to Miss E. E. E. Talbot.

LEESON—FRANKHUME—At Parish Church, Sergeant Leeson to Miss Frankhume.

MARTIN—SMITH—On 22nd December at Sittingbourne, Corpl. J. Martin to Miss E. F. Smith.

NEALE—FRY—At Trinity Chutch, Bow, on 1st January, 1900, Private J. C. Neale (serving in H.M.S. *Alexandra*) to Miss Rose Fry, of Gosport.

PERRY—WILTSHIRE—At. St. James', Portsea, 7th January, Gunner Perry to Miss Wiltshire.

POWERS—PEARCE—On 13th January, at Kensington, Pte. W. J. Powers to Miss E. Pearce.

RALF—SPARK—At St. Barnabas, Tunbridge Wells, 26th December, Gunner R. Ralf to Miss Spark

ROOST—PARKEK—At St. Simon's, Southsea, 26th December, Lance-Sergt. Roost to Miss Parker.

SIMMS—BARRATT—A St. Simon's, Southsea, 26th December, Gunner Simms to Miss Barratt.

SIMMONDS—KEEP—On 25th December, at Brompton, Bugler J. Simmonds to Miss R. M. Keep.

SIMCO—SNOOK—At St. Bartholomew's, Southsea, 7th January, Corpl. Sinco to Miss Snook.

SMITH—WARREN—At All Saint's, Landport, 22nd December, Corpl. Smith to Miss Warren.

Deaths.

BABINGTON—On 4th December, 1900, at Chatham, the dearly loved eldest son of Armr.-Sergt. A. E. Babington, aged 3 years, 7 months.

BEARD—On 19th January, at Melville Hospital, Pte. F. G. Beard.

BURNETT.—At Cosham, on 6th November, 1900, at the residence of her parents, Florence, the beloved wife of H. Burnett, of Liverpool, late R.M.L.I.

BUTLER—On the 13th January, at Leamington, J. B. R. Butler, Lieut.-Colonel, 6th Bombay Cavalry, late R.M.A., aged 43 years.

CONNELL.—At the Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, B.C., on 14th November, 1900, Thomas Connell, late Gunner, R.M.A., aged 55 years, a native of County Clare, Ireland. R.I.P.

COSTELLO—On 4th December, 1900, Pte. T. Costello, H.M.S. *Hebe*.

HURLE—At Haslar Hospital, 27th January, Pte. G. Hurle.

KEARNEY—At R.M.A. Infirmary, 7th January, Pte. C. Kearney, R.M.A.

KENNEDY—H.M.S. *Sans Pariel*, 5th Jan., Gr. F. J. Kennedy, R.M.A.

KERSHAW—At R.N. Hospital, Haslar, 16th January, Gnr. J. Kershaw, R.M.A.

MAY—At Queens Road, Gosport, on February 4th, Kathleen Rhoda, the beloved and only child of Sergt. and Mrs. J. F. May (suddenly).

PARMENTER—At R.N. Hospital, Haslar, December 22nd, 1900, Sergt. S. R. Parmenter, R.M.A.

SANDERS—At R.N. Hospital, Haslar, 19th January, Bugler J. F. Sanders, R.M.A.

WELLS.—On December 17th, 1900, at Luccombe Estate, Maskeluja, Ceylon, the residence of her son, Mary Augusta Wells, widow of Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Wells, R.M.L.I., aged 54 years.

WESTOVER—On January 3rd, while serving on Recruiting Staff at Hull, Corporal Westover.

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Editorial.

WE are glad to be able to state that the circulation of the paper is increasing satisfactorily, but we should like to urge its claims on some of the larger ships serving on foreign stations. We are also badly in need of stories: surely, some of our many readers can send us yarns of moving adventures by flood and field. Fiction, too, is much needed, and here we offer a chance to our budding authors to expand their literary wings and soar to the heights of fame in our columns.

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The air is full of rumours as to the changes that are to take place in uniform and drill in the army. The new drill book is reported to be on the verge of publication, and the musketry regulations are under revision. With all the practical experience so dearly bought in the Transvaal, we should at last have arrived at some definite conclusions, and the next few years will have to be devoted to inculcating the lessons learnt.

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The *Ophir* was commissioned at Tilbury on 26th February, and came round to Portsmouth, arriving there on 28th. The detachment was furnished as follows: R.M.A.—2 sergeants, 2 bombardiers, 2 buglers, and 45 gunners. Chatham—1 sergeant, 1 bugler, and 15 privates. Portsmouth—1 sergeant, 1 corporal, and 15 privates. Plymouth—1 colour-sergeant, 1 corporal, and 15 privates. The names of the officers were given last month.

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Col. W. Campbell and Col. T. D. Bridge have been appointed aides-de-camp to His Majesty the King.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the whole of the officers, N.C. officers and men comprising the R.M. guard during the siege of the Legations at Pekin, June to August, 1900, being allowed to count six months' service toward completion of limited engagement, G.C. badges and pension.

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In answer to our correspondent "Siege," as to the rewards given to the garrison of Lucknow during the Indian Mutiny, 1857, we conclude that the above announcement is similar to what was then done, but we should be glad if any of our correspondents could give us any information as to what rewards or privileges were bestowed on that heroic garrison.

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We regret to hear that Captain W. E. Binney, R.M.L.I., has been placed on half-pay for one year from 8th February, on account of medical unfitness, and at the end of that time he is to be re-surveyed as to his permanent unfitness, or otherwise, for further service.

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Captain Coles, on re-survey, has been found to be still unfit for active service, and has been granted six weeks leave in extension.

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Among the officers mentioned in Lord Roberts' despatches, and in those of Sir Redvers Buller, we are glad to note in addition to Major (Brevet-Lieut.-Col.) A. G. D. Urmston and Major A. E. Marchant, the names of Captain R. Ford, A.S.C. (late R.M.L.I.), and Captain A. G. Barton, R.M.A. (attached to Army Ordnance Department).

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Lieutenants Cumberlege and Shakespeare, A.S.C. (late R.M.L.I.), have been promoted to the rank of captain; and Lieutenant J. L. Jesse has been finally transferred to A.S.C.

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The Netherlands Minister to this country has requested, through the Foreign Office, that the expression of the gratitude of the Netherlands Government be conveyed to Capt. and Brevet-Major L. S. T. Halliday, V.C, for the services rendered by him to the Netherlands Minister at Pekin during siege of the Pekin Legations.

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Last month we published an account of a very successful smoking concert which inaugurated the opening of the new Sergeant's Mess at Senglea, Malta. We are pleased to hear from the accounts of the billiard tournament and whist matches which we publish elsewhere, and from news brought by some members of the new mess who have recently arrived from the station, that the success, which attended the opening ceremony, has been well maintained and that a flourishing state of affairs already prevails. We are sure we are only echoing the

sentiments of our readers in wishing the promoters and members all prosperity in their venture which, without doubt, fills a long-felt want.

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Many of the old officers and men of the Corps will remember Lieut. James Weir Inglis, R.M.L.I., and we feel sure all will learn with regret that he died in Florida, on the 14th January last. Inglis was one of the senior subalterns in the battalion that served in Japan, 1864-65, and was badly wounded at Simonoseki on the 5th September, 1864, while carrying two men out of fire. A relation of his informs us that during the last few years he suffered a great deal of pain from this wound, and it caused him much inconvenience.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of an additional company being formed at each infantry division and the Depôt, Deal, dating from 1st April next. The formation and constitution of this company is left to the discretion of the Colonel Commandant. Thus is the old "H" company restored to the divisions; it will be in the recollection of the older members of the Corps how this company was taken from each division in October, 1889, and added to the depot establishment, so raising the depot from four companies to seven.

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One often hears the question asked "Why doesn't the *Globe & Laurel* be funny?" and the speaker goes on to compare our Corps paper unfavourably with the regimental journal of his brother's regiment; saying that in this latter the regimental life is more closely chronicled than it is in our more staid pages. But oh, gentle critic, pause and consider. Our circulation is well over 5,000 a month, and our paper goes to every corner of the globe. What shall it profit a man who sitteth down to read Corps news in far Wei-hai-wei if he opens the *Globe & Laurel* and reads something like the following, "It is not only Tom Cats that howl upon the parade in the small hours of the morning;" or "Where are those decorations?" Surely in such case he would be justified in the use of much bad language and the inevitable refusal to pay another farthing for such "qualified" rot. Also, let it be remembered that at home we have four headquarters and one depôt for whom to cater, and each of these separate establishments has separate interests (and talking of these establishments reminds us that we wish that the getting of copy from them did not so closely resemble the operation of extracting teeth); and therefore again, oh gentle critic, excuse us if we only print matter that may fairly be considered to interest the Corps at large, and remember that what is an excellent jest at Eastney may fall flat at Chatham, and that remarks which would be read as mordant satire at Forton would appear the drivellings of an escaped lunatic to those serving at Plymouth.

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In the House of Commons on February 28th, Captain Lee (the Member for South Hants) asked whether retired N.C.O's of the Royal Marines, now in Government employment in any of the naval establishments, who joined the Royal Fleet Reserves, will be granted necessary leave to attend annual trainings. Mr. Arnold Forster said this point was specially provided for in the regulations. On the same date Mr. Lucas (Member for Portsmouth) asked whether an ex-soldier joining the Royal Reserves, had refunded to him two thirds of the money with which he had purchased his discharge, and that this privilege was denied to N.C.O's and Men of the Marines, and whether the claim of the latter would be considered. Captain Pretyman said the matter was receiving attention. We understand that the attention of the House will be shortly drawn to other matters connected with the Royal Marines, and rumour says that the subjects of granting lodging allowance to married men embarked and of the great difference in naval gunnery pay between the seaman class and the Royal Marines will be to the fore—"so mote it be"

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On the 12th February Capt. F. Powell (late Quartermaster, R.M.L.I.) was directed by the War Office to proceed to Gosport for duty with the Army Service Corps, He has since been gazetted as Quartermaster in the 3rd Battalion Cumberland Volunteers. Capt. Powell has been out of the Service for four years.

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The Class of Old Soldiers which passed out at the Battery, Forton Barracks, on February 15th, exceeded, we believe, all previous records. They were all from the Depot and the class consisted of 1 Col.-Sergeant, 5 Sergeants, 1 Corporal and 13 Privates, among whom were representatives of each Division. Their average length of service was within two or three months of 16 years, or a total of continuous service of about 318 years; between them they possessed 61 Good Conduct Badges; 7 of them wear the Good Conduct Medal and 2 more are shortly entitled to it. The qualifications of the Sergeants included 13 V.G.I's, three of them being awarded the final V.G.I.

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We hear that in connection with the appointment of H.R.H. The Duke of Cornwall and York as our Colonel-in-Chief, Lieut. Miller, the Bandmaster of the Portsmouth Division, had the honour of submitting a Festival March, composed in commemoration of the occasion, and His Royal Highness has been graciously pleased to accept it as a musical tribute from the Corps. The publication of the March is in the hands of Mr. J. Williams, 32, Great Portland Street, London, W., and with a view to inducing the bands of the Naval Service to take it up arrangements are being made with the publisher for the issue of a gratuitous set of Band Parts to any Band President who cares to apply for them. These band parts will take some time in preparation, but we hope shortly to publish further information about them.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of the appointment of the undermentioned gentlemen as Second Lieutenants in the R.M.A., from 1st January, 1901.—Seymour Cruddas, Ronald Winter Hulton.

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SERVICE CADETSHIP.—The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to select Mr. A D. Welch, son of the late Colonel 2nd-Commandant W. D. Welch, R.M.A., to receive the Corps Service Cadetship for the year 1901, subject to his qualifying in the necessary examinations.

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We all know the damage that a red coat works in the susceptible female heart, but it is to be doubted whether any of our readers realise the amount of misplaced affection that has from time to time been lavished upon members of the Corps. In the Private Journal of Captain G. F. Lyon, R.N., who commanded H.M.S. *Hecla* in Parry's Arctic Expedition of 1821, occurs the following amusing account of the havoc wrought amongst the Esquimaux ladies by a sergeant of Marines (whose name alas! is not forthcoming), on Sunday, February 17th, 1822. "This day, being Sunday, our visitors were refused admittance in the early part of the day, and when we all left the *Hecla* to attend church on board the *Fury*, their astonishment was unbounded; never having seen us in regular uniform, but generally in thick great coats, they could scarcely recognize even their particular friends. The gay appearance of the Marines, such, even in this climate, is the attracting influence of a red coat, so delighted the ladies that they all danced and shouted in an ecstacy of pleasure as each soldier passed before them." After church several of the Captain's Esquimaux friends came to visit him, and he says "The ladies were all highly ornamented by the hand of Captain Parry, who had cased their pigtails in scarlet cloth. Togorlat's little child Tobenrat was exceedingly amusing; and being pulled naked out of her mother's hood volunteered to dance. . . . . During the exhibition of Tobenrat's dancing, I observed the eyes of the elder ladies turned with great complacency on the sergeant of Marines, my servant, who being in his best jacket created great admiration. It was but too plain that I shone with diminished rays in the presence of so brilliant an object. I therefore made a determined struggle for precedence, and succeeded to my wish by producing a flashy coat lined with yellow baize." The only comment that the above suggests to one is that Captain Lyon's way of keeping Sunday appears more lively than mustering by open list; but we do wonder what the sergeant thought.

Funeral of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

IT would be impossible for us to give a description of the whole funeral ceremonies connected with the transfer of the remains of Her late Most Gracious Majesty from Cowes to Windsor. We only propose to describe briefly the part taken by the Corps: words cannot convey the impressiveness and majesty of the procession across the Solent, but the memory of it will always live in the minds and hearts of those who were privileged to see it; the very elements conspired to add to the beauty of the scene, and few will forget the last ray of sunshine that followed the *Alberta* as she rounded the Spit Fort and appropriately entered the harbour's mouth as the sun was setting and the grey shades of evening began to fall—"Queen's weather to the last." As the yacht rounded Fort Blockhouse a chill fell on those present, and something seemed to pass from one's life and one realised for the first time that the weather was cold and raw.



Her late Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria,

BORN MAY 24TH, 1819. ASCENDED THE THRONE JUNE 20TH, 1837.
DIED JANUARY 22ND, 1901.

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At Cowes the road from Osborne House to Trinity Pier was lined by troops from the Southern District, among them a battalion of four companies of the Royal Marine Artillery, under Lieut.-Col. St. L. Burrowes, strength about 318, the company officers being Capts. Hire, Dibblee, Poole and Brown, Capt. and Adjt. McCarthy, the right of the battalion being about 200 yards from the Queen's Gate; also a company of 100 rank and file of the R.M.L.I., under Captain Graham and Lieuts. Burge and Stopford. The dress was Review order with great coats on, haversacks and waterbottles. The music was provided by the massed bands of the R.M.A. and R.M.L.I., with forty drummers of the R.M.L.I., and under 2nd Lieut. Miller, R.M.L.I.; the marches played were Beethoven and Chopin and one composed by 2nd Lieut. Miller. In the intervals between the marches, and also during the transference of the coffin from the gun-carriage to H.M. Yacht *Alberta*, the drums played a roll, the idea of which came from Germany, and gave a most impressive sound. Col.-Commdt. Guise Tucker, C.B., R.M.A. and Col. 2nd Commdt. A. Chapman, R.M.L.I. were with the Staff of the Southern District, and amongt the mourners were Major Britton and Major Cox, R.M.A., and Lt.-Col. McCausland and Major Huggins, R.M.L.I. The Yacht *Alberta*, preceded by the destroyers and followed by the other Royal Yachts, passed down through the lines of ships, which were manned and guards of Marines mounted on the bridges or barbettes. The minute guns and the mournful notes of the bands adding to the weird effect of the day. At the Clarence Victualling Yard, when the *Alberta* arrived, the jetties and walls were lined by 500 Royal Marines from the harbour ships, under Major Ormsby-Johnson, resting on their arms reversed. As soon as the Yacht was made fast the guard of five Sergeants, one Bugler, thirty-eight rank and file, under Capt. C. J. Thoroton and Lieut. Atkinson, R.M.L.I., was at once mounted. A sentry was placed at the head of the coffin and another at the foot, resting on their arms reversed, and a N.C.O. was posted at the entrance to the chapel in which the body rested; this guard also furnished sentries on the jetty. The Royal Insignia, the Crown, Orb, Sceptre, etc., were left on the coffin and everything as it had been during the voyage across the Solent. In the morning a Guard of Honour of 100 rank and file, R.M.L.I., under Capt. Esson and Lieut. Andrews, with Lieut. Clarke carrying the King's colour, was mounted on the jetty at 7.30 a.m. and remained till after the departure of the Royal train, about 8.45 a.m. The band of the R.M.L.I. was also in attendance and played during the transfer of the coffin to the saloon in the train. Capt. Theroton had the honour of being present at the short service held on board the *Alberta* before the departure in the morning. A battalion of R.M.L.I., of six companies, under Lieut.-Col. E. L. McCausland, lined the drill-field at Forton and saluted as the Royal train passed. It was a very cold and cheerless morning, with heavy cold showers at intervals, but in London

there was apparently little or no rain. Col. W. Campbell, R.M.A. and Col. G. F. D. Bridge, R.M.L.I. were on duty at Cowes as A.D.C's of Her late Majesty, and also in Clarence Yard during the night of the 1st February.

The Corps took a prominent part in the procession in London. The Chatham Division, R.M.L.I. furnishing one of the few bands in the procession. In the procession the R.M.A. and R.M.L.I. each furnished one company of 100 men; the R.M.A. company was commanded by Capt. W. B. Harkness and Lieuts. W. F. Trotman and C. R. Raikes. Owing to their train being late at Victoria they breakfasted in Victoria Street and proceeded at once to their place in the procession; the Company R.M.L.I., under Capt. E. H. Bockett-Pugh, was furnished by the Plymouth Division, and came up from Chatham that morning, breakfasting at the Trocadero. These two companies were commanded by Major A. G. Tatham, R.M.A. It is noteworthy that though the funeral procession was a military function the Corps took its precedence as Royal Navy, and not after the Royal Berkshire Regiment, nor the R.M.A. with the Royal Artillery. The Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I., also furnished a Guard of Honour of 100 rank and file, under Capt. E. H. Morres at Paddington Station. This company also came up from Chatham, where it had spent the previous night. Among the troops lining the streets were a battalion of R.M.A. 328 strong, under Lieut.-Col. A. S. LeQuesne, who were on duty near the Marble Arch; this battalion left Portsmouth about 1.40 a.m. and proceeded to Addison Road Station, breakfasting and dining at Olympia. Also a battalion of R.M.L.I., under Major C. E. Curtoys, from Chatham, who were stationed in Piccadilly; this battalion, about 450 strong, was provided with breakfast and dinner at the Trocadero Restaurant. Col. 2nd Commdt. A. D. Corbet, C.B., from Chatham, was in command of a brigade of troops from the Thames District.

Memorial Services were also held at all the Divisions, and at the Depôt, R.M.

It will be seen from the above that the part taken by the Corps was a very prominent one, and we are sure we all felt highly honoured in thus being allowed to pay our last respects to our *late* Most Gracious Sovereign.

Messages from H.M. King Edward the Seventh.

The following messages from His Majesty King Edward VII. were read on parade at 12 noon on January 28th, 1901, at the different Divisions and Depôt:—

"Osborne, January 25th, 1901.

I am desirous of expressing to the Navy my heartfelt thanks for its distinguished and renowned services during the long and glorious reign of my beloved mother, the Queen, to whose Throne I now succeed.

Her Majesty, ever proud of the great deeds of her Navy, the protector of our shores and commerce, watched with the keenest solicitude its vast progress during her reign, and made it the profession of my late lamented brother, as I also chose it for the early education of both my sons.

Watching over your interests and well-being, I confidently rely upon that unfailing loyalty which is the proud inheritance of your noble service.

EDWARD R. and I."

"Osborne, 25th January, 1901.

On my accession to the Throne of my ancestors, I am desirous of thanking the Army for the splendid services which it has rendered to my beloved mother the Queen during her glorious reign of upwards of sixty-three years.

Her Majesty invariably evinced the warmest interest in her troops, especially when on active service, both as a Sovereign and as the head of her Army, and she was proud of the fact of being a soldier's daughter.

To secure your best interests will be one of the dearest objects of my heart, and I know I can count upon that loyal devotion which you ever evinced towards your late Sovereign.

EDWARD R,I,

Royal Marines Memorial Fund.

Below will be found a list of subscriptions received by the Hon. Secretary since 28th January up to 26th February.

Individuals—Major-Gen. Sir Joseph Phillips, K.C.B., £5 5s., Sir H. G. Elliott, K.C.M.G., £3 3s., Captains F. M. Hobbs and H. D. Palmer, Major Bor, C.M.G., Lieut.-Gen. G. F. Monro, Major-Gen. E. S. Rose, Major G. E. Matthews, £2 2s. each, Major T. F. Daniell £1 10s., Col. W. G. Armstrong, Lieut.-Col. Burrowes, Lieut.-Col. Gatliffe, Major Murphy, Capt. J. Markham Rose, £1 1s. each, Lieut.-Cols. Milne and Cheetham, £1 each.

Pensioners—Per R.S. Officer, Birmingham, £1 7s., serving in Corps of Commissionaires £2 7s., per R.S. Officer, Exeter 6s. 6d., Messrs. S. J. Bartlett, J. Smith, G. Bewley 2s. 6d. each, per R.M. Depot, anonymous, 2s. 6d, Messrs. H. White, H. Rice, G. Evernate, J. M. Lynas, 2s. each, A. Brown, 4s.

Divisions, Ships, &c.—Portsmouth: Officers 2nd instalment £5 8s., N.C. Officers and Men 2nd instalment, 8s. 2d. R.M. Depot: Sergeants £12 17s. 10d., Junior N.C.O.'s £1 4s. 3d., Privates £30 6s. 11d. Recruiting Staff, Bristol £1 12s. 1d., Recruiting Staff, Birmingham £1 6s. 1d., Recruiting Staff, Exeter £1 2s. 1d. Col.-Sergt. Ellison 10s. R.M.O. Staff Clerks, 2nd instalment 3s. 6d. *Empress of India* £8, *Alexandra* £8, Island of Ascension £5 8s. *Ocean* £5 3s., *Highflyer* £5 0s. 8d., *Niobe* £3 12s. 7d. *Flora* £3 0s. 3d.. *Hotspur* £2 9s. 6d., *Pique* £2 11s. 10d., *Howe* £2 7s. 0d., *Australia* £2 2s., *Tribune* £1 17s., *Dryad* £1 11s. 6d., *Porpoise* £1 12s., *Jupiter* £1 10s., *Pyramus* £1 6s. 8d., *Cleopatra* £1, *Urgent* £1, *Impregnable* 16s.

Amounts previously ackowledged as received £541 6s. 8½d. Received during February, up to 26th inclusive, £150 6s. 5d. Sums promised not yet received, £131 8s. Total, £705 1s. 1½.

The amounts collected at Divisions and Depot and transmitted to the Hon. Sec. up to 26th February are as follows. These sums have already been acknowledged in the current or previous issues of the *Globe and Laurel*:—

Plymouth—Officers £20 1s. 6d., N.C. Officers and Men £74 10s. 4½d., Warrant Officers £1 7s. 6d.; total, £95 19s. 0½d.

R.M. Depot—Officers £31 7s., Warrant and N.C.O.'s £12 17s. 10d., Junior N.C. Officers £1 4s. 3d., Privates £30 6s. 11d., Pensioners, etc. £1 5s. 6d; total, £77 1s. 6d.

Chatham—Officers £17 1s. 1d., N.C.O.'s and men £50 13s. 3d., Pensioners, etc. £1 13s. 2d.; total, £68 7s. 6d.

Portsmouth—Officers £24 18s., N.C.O.'s and men £15 11s. 2d.; total, £40 9s. 2d.

22, Spring Gardens,
London, 26th Feb., 1901.

G. T. Onslow, Lieut.-Col. R.M.L.I.,
Hon. Secretary.

Marriage of Captain Dalton, R.M.L.I.—On January 16th, at St. Paul's Church, Vallette, Captain Cecil Dalton, Instructor of Musketry and Acting Adjutant to the Royal Marines of the Mediterranean Fleet, was married to Miss Rose Wilcocks, youngest daughter of Mrs. Wilcocks, The Elms, Mount Radford, Exeter. The Church was prettily decorated, and the aisle was lined by N.C.O's. of the fleet. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rev. A. A. Carter, of H.M.S. *Andromeda*. The bridegroom was accompanied by his brother, Surgeon F. Dalton, R.N., as best man. The bride was given away by Staff-Surgeon Young, R.N. Amongst those who signed the register were Admiral and Mrs. Burgess Watson. The N.C.O's. crossed bayonets as the newly married couple passed down the aisle, and the officers made a similar archway of their swords at the porch. Mrs. H. Wilcocks, an elder sister of the bride held a reception afterwards on board H.M.S. *Hibernia*, and later, Capt. and Mrs. Dalton left for Sicily. The presents include gifts from the Royal Marine Officers of the Fleet, the sergeants' mess, the men (R. & F. Royal Marines) of the fleet, the N.C.O's. of the range, the petty officers of the range, the warrant officers of the *Hibernia*, and many beautiful gifts from private friends Previously, the bachelor officers of the Corps had given a dinner at the Club to Major Talbot and Captain Dalton, the two to say farewell to the bliss of a bachelors' life. All heartily wished them both and their brides long life and every happiness.

The Humour of the Situation.

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

"HOW can they know England," asks Mr. Kipling cynically, "who only England know?" The answer of course is that they cannot, and that the simplest way of learning, especially during this cold weather, is to sit with their feet in the fender and read the French papers. On a question of English sport, it is true, I should consult the Italian press, but as an authority on our geography and history commend me to enlightened France. Thanks to the Gallic dailies and magazines, which it is my happy lot to scan, the false teaching of my childhood is gradually being exposed. I was instructed, for example, that there were but forty English counties. Even at the present day our antiquated maps give no more than that number. It was only yesterday that I learnt from a frivolous little weekly called *Questions Diplomatiques et Coloniales* that there is another. "Iron," it informs its readers, "is found in several of the English counties, but mainly in *le Staffordshire, le Derbyshire, et le Worthomptonshire.*" Worthomptonshire no doubt is the county whose Member is one day going to look into the grievances of the Marine Corps.

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The writer of that article, one cannot help thinking, must have been the same well-informed Frenchman who remarked that he was greatly helped to a remembrance of the number of days in the month by the English rhyme—

Thirty days hath October,
April, June and Novober.

But the passage that has amused me most of late is one from Edmond About's *Mariages de Province*. "When politeness has disappeared from our drawing-rooms," says the famous novelist, "it will still be found lingering in the wardrooms of our naval officers." That may be the case with the French navy: it may even be the case with ours. One may at least be permitted, as a seafarer well acquainted with wardrooms, to challenge the theory, and it must be conceded that in any case it is a trifle rough on the drawing-rooms. One also wonders whether M. About has ever heard wardroom conversation defined as 'flat contradiction to positive assertion followed by personal abuse.' When, however, we leave the particular for the general, and substitute for wardrooms the great brotherhood of the sea of which they form a part, we are bound to confess that *la politesse* is often more evident afloat than it is ashore. The current number of *La France Militare* gives some interesting historic examples of this truth under the heading of 'Courtoisie Maritime.'

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From these anecdotes I select two, chiefly because they have reference to our own navy. I do not remember ever having seen them in English, but doubtless to many readers of the *Globe and Laurel* they are chestnuts, and to such I apologise.

In the year 1686, then, the Spaniards having molested certain French merchant ships and refused to give the government of that nationality any satisfaction, M. de Villette, a famous French officer, was sent to blockade Cadiz. During his stay in Spanish waters he obliged all men-of-war arriving in the roadstead to salute the French flag before that of Spain. But it so happened that one day an English squadron under Admiral Herbert anchored near Villette's ship, the *Bourbon*. We can imagine what occurred, though it is not expressly stated. The context, however, I will translate from the Frenchman's own words. "I was not going to change any of my measures for him, and it came about that one of my gunners carelessly left a shot in the bore when he fired the sunset gun. The projectile went between the masts of the English flagship. I sent an officer on board to apologise to the admiral. His reply was that he was so accustomed to cannon shot that he had not noticed the incident!"

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The second instance of 'maritime courtesy,' is, in its tact and delicacy, probably unsurpassed. After the famous engagement of the *Ca-Ira* in 1795, in which sixth-sevenths of her officers and crew were killed and wounded, her captain, the distinguished Condé, was carried on board the English flagship. He himself had been badly hit in four places, but he made shift nevertheless to tender his sword to the admiral. "I accept it, monsieur," said the latter, "but as a souvenir of a brave man. I beg that you will take mine in exchange!" Noble words, as the historian justly observes, words which honour Frenchman and Englishman alike!

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'In these last days,' as our very good friends across the Channel say, free education, free libraries, and 'Free Lance' journalism have brought Literature (even with a capital L) within the grasp of the humblest. It is a melancholy fact, however, that neither the three powerful agents I have named nor all the King's horses and all the King's men can bring appreciation of literature—even literature with the smallest of l's.

While lunching the other day at a country inn my companion and I chanced to discuss that entrancing tale of our childhood, the *Swiss Family Robinson*: and, noticing that our amusement at its absurdities was reflected in the bucolic face of the waitress, I asked the latter whether she too had read the book.

"Yes," she replied decisively, "and I can't abide it."

"You think it a trifle er—overdrawn?" I suggested.

"I think it tommy rot," she said, with conviction.

I hastened to agree with her.

"Yes," she repeated, viciously sweeping the crumbs from the cloth, "I can't stand it at any price. Nor that other one," she added, as an afterthought."

I thought she meant the immortal *Robinson Crusoe*, and grew sad.

"At all events," I pleaded, "there were no arctic animals on *his* tropical island."

She tossed her head disdainfully. "I don't know what you're drivin' at," she sniffed. "*I* meant that there Shakespeare!"

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To do her justice, however, she was at least consistent in her prejudice against the antique. It extended not merely to books but to furniture as well. The hour happening to strike at that moment, my attention was drawn to the clock, an almost unique 'grandfather,' which stood in the darkest corner of the room.

"What a pity it is," I observed, "to put a beautiful old thing like that where it can hardly be seen."

"If I 'ad my way," she retorted, with the folded tablecloth under her chin, "I should put it where it could not be seen at all."

"What sort of clock would you prefer?" I asked with a sigh.

"Why, one o' them sort," she promptly returned, "where a owl comes out and says 'Cucker!'"

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To certain persons who know nothing of the laws of construction and the study necessary to master them, who are incapable of detecting an anticlimax, to whom the story alone appeals and the workmanship is unintelligible—to such persons the art of writing fiction presents itself as a pleasant pastime for one's leisure hours. To some extremists even it appears as a lamentable waste of time (and maybe talent) given us for more serious—and alas! duller—'labour in the vineyard.' Others there are who go yet further, and call poor Fiction by a still harder name: and to this class belongs a worthy Cornish cook, lately in the employ of the vicar of a Devonshire parish, who is also husband of a well known novelist.

Meeting a friend in the village one day, she was asked how she liked her new place 'up to vicarage.'

Cook shook her head dismally. "'Tis comfor'able enough," she admitted, "but——"

"But what?" persisted the friend.

"Well, things don't seem right, to my mind—I can't make'n out at all. There's master—parson—preachin' gospel o' Sundays, and the missus stoppin' 'ome all the week *writin' lies!*"

Home News.

PLYMOUTH.

WE have been very strong numerically during the past few weeks in spite of heavy demands for embarkation duty. This fact is not apparent to the casual observer who sees the Battalion fallen in for route-marching on Monday morning. He must see the pay parade at 12.30 on Fridays. So where then do all the men who make the difference get? That question is easily answered. Gunnery, the works, and the employed, and other institutions peculiar to the Corps engage them.

Strong as we are in men, the reverse is the case with officers. They are ever coming, but they are also ever going. One of the faces we miss now is that of our late paymaster, who has left us to take up the duties of secretary to the Royal Thames Yacht Club in London. We wish him all success in his new work. Major Clavell has returned from the Pacific station to look after our financial interest, and for many years to come we hope it will be from him that we shall receive our sea wages and other contingencies.

Our participation in the Proclamation of His Majesty King Edward VII. is, according to a promise in last month's *Globe and Laurel*, to be described elsewhere, and also our share in the last sad rites of our late beloved Queen. Our own parade, when His Majesty's gracious message to the Army and to the Navy was read, is immortalized in the *Naval and Military Record* of February 14th. The same depicts the Division cheering His Majesty.

Owing to our great bereavement everything has been quiet. The theatre has been closed, and for some days the band did not play. On the first occasion it played on parade it reminded us of another recent loss which the musical world has sustained by playing the "Reminiscences of Verdi." Mr. Winterbottom, who has been ill during the Xmas leave, is convalescent again.

At present there appears to be no prospects of either a District Tournament or a District Rifle Meeting. Tregantle is a long way from headquarters, and consequently regular practice is difficult. The Garrison Rifle Club commence practice on March 2nd. Of the team that last year tried for the "Cambridge" cup we have still left Sergt.-Major Jolley, Q.M.S. of I. Richards and Sergts. Davis and Channon. Sergt. Collins who obtained third place in the District Championship last year also remains. We shall loose the services of Colr.-Sergt. Howard, who goes to Australia in the *Ophir*.

Our gun battery is up to date. Within the last fortnight a 6-inch Mark VII. (Vickers) gun has been mounted in the battery. This gun has the peculiar breech block of the Wellin pattern.

Sergt. Judge, with a score of 130, won the £1 prize in addition to the sergeants' 10/- prize, in No. 1 Company, exercised at Tregantle this year. A young recruit, Pte. Hanson, ran him close with 128. This latter unfortunately missed a shot at 800 yards. The figure of merit of the company was 94. In the second company Ptes. Rolfe and Smith made 123 each.

GOSPORT.

Things have been going on very quietly at this port; at the beginning of the month everyone's attention was taken up with the arrangements for Her late Majesty's Funeral, which are described in another column.

Old members of the Division will learn with regret that it has been found necessary to cut down the fine avenue of trees behind the officers' mess, bordering the officers' gardens. They have been pollarded in what we must call a singularly ungraceful manner.

There have been a great number of men in barracks lately, and though we have had to furnish one or two detachments, yet the rush and strain to find them has not been quite so severe as usual.

Next month all the last batch of subaltern officers will be assembled here to go through the course of gunnery at Whale Island; it will quite revive the days of the old military instruction class.

The football team having entered for the Portsmouth United Service League, has been meeting with varied success, but considering that it is their first year they have done wonderfully well. They have had very bad luck in getting some of their best men injured, and unable to play in one or two matches, and at the present moment three members of the team are *hors-de-combat*.

The officers' hockey team has entered for the United Service League, but not being able to draw on their usual sources for assistance, they have not been very successful, having so far only won one match, and that over the other branch of the Corps.

The Armoured Bicycle.

THE following are the details of practical test firing against Mr. Wyley Lord's Armoured Bicycle, carried out at Kingsdown Rifle Range on 24th January, 1901, by permission of the Commandant, R.M.L.I., Walmer Depôt.

Rounds—1 to 46, by Lieut. Grover, Asst. Inst. of Musketry.

Rifle—Service Lee-Enfied. Mark I.

Ammunition—Service Mark II. S.A. Ball, ·303 in Cordite.

Object—To test under Service conditions: 1, Liability to be hit; 2, The damaging effect of rifle fire; 3, The cover given to cyclist riflemen.

Background—A Service practice target, in front of which the bicycle, complete as ridden, was dropped, with shield wheel vertical, on top of each ridge, which afforded an unlevel bearing and great exposure to the machine.

Light—Bright sunshine behind the butts.

Wind—Gusty and irregular, with cross currents.

TABLE OF RANGES, ROUNDS FIRED, HITS, & EFFECTS.

Yards	Rounds	Target Hits	Cycle Hits	Bullet effects
1000	9	3	0	Nil
800	8	3	0	Nil
600	9	4	1	Hit shield half inch from, but no crack; grazed tyre deeply, but mark disappeared; hit shield two inches edge, but no crack
500	10	7	2	Three hit shield within eight inches of centre of crack
400	15	5	5	Fourth broke weak makeshift washer holding shield; fifth passed between between shield and rim, perforating rim without disabling it. The shield made by error one-third inch diameter too small, which latter, however, remained in position.

Result—No penetration of shield, or any crack or projection behind plate. Indentation trifling and left no mark of glancing bullets. No damage to any part of the rest of the cycle exposed to the target hits. The machine was forced backwards less than half an inch by the eight hits, and no part was re-fixed or re-adjusted during the 51 rounds. Under favourable background conditions for the rifle, the machine was difficult to see at either ranges without glasses, whilst in the open with shield up and man behind it the whole machine was afterwards seen to be less distinguishable than a man's head. The effect when hit was practically nil, as without any repair whatever the cycle remained serviceable, and was ridden home miles from the range, the rider lifting it over park iron hurdles *en route*.

Some few years ago as a Coster was carefully wheeling a barrow, on the tray of which was his recently purchased stock of beautiful ivy geraniums—representing his capital as well as his stock in trade—from Covent Garden Market into Henrietta Street, a big four-horse dray caught the corner of the tray and shot the whole bag of tricks on to the pavement. As usual a big crowd very soon collected, and numerous sympathetic remarks were made to the Coster, who, however, took not the slightest notice, but merely stood there looking at his ruined plants, alternately removing his cap, scratching his head and replacing his cap. The expression on his face though, gave one the impression that his thoughts boded no good to the driver of the dray or his relations. At last he took off his cap again, banged it down on the pavement, and looking defiantly at the crowd—"No," he said, "there ain't no languidge for it." Then we all knew why he had been so silent and thoughtful.

A Tale of Love and War.

BEING AN EXTRACT FROM THE REMINISCENCES OF PATRICK FLYNN, ESQ., LATE PRIVATE, R.M.L.I.

"TELL yez a shtory, sorr? And phwat shtories should Oi know, Oi as has done me twenty-wan respectable and quiet, and have tuk me pension? Oh, no, sorr, it isn't that Oi'm wantin' a dhrink, but if ye du press me, Oi'll make it a drop of Oirish and hot wather, miss, and 'tis hot Oi means. Shtories, sorr? Shall Oi tell ye the shtory av the gurrl that wuz at the staff-sarjint's quarters whin Oi was a rooky? But ye'll want ut for the regimental paper? Shure 'tis never B Company Flynn that will git into print in his old age—tellin' av the indiscretions of his youth—and they improper. Phwat shtory will ye hear, sorr, then? Will ye hear how I losht me acting shtripe and three badges as well, an' damned meself fur the canteen medal fur all time, or will ye hear—ye'll hear the shtory of me badge, sorr. Well, Oi got 'em all back before Oi left last month, and the tale may serrve to show that ye shud resthrain yer ondiscriminatin' sympathies. It was whin Oi was serving afloat, sorr, at Portland, and av all the dishgraceful shpots that the Lords Commissioners hav' chose to dump their souldier-men down in, shurely it is the most ongracious. For there's but a a piece av rock and foive moile av shand betwixt it and the nearest town, and that no great things whin ye get there. Howsomever, there, Oi was, and the first day Oi was asked to volunteer for postman and the actin' shtroipe, and Oi did, little knowin' into phwat a difficulty 'twould land me.

Now our detachment O'll premise, sorr, was none of yer modern detachments wi' two thirds rookies and one third old souldiers, save the mark, as have done twelve months in the *Duke* up the yard; no, sorr, our detachment was fifty foine seasoned men, and the youngest souldier av us all had tin years to his name, which was Marks by the same token; and 'twas this Marks that losht me me badge. And thish was the way av it. Whin Oi joined the ship Oi found that Marks had inishinuated himself into the affections av the daughter av a greengrocer in Fortune's Well, as they call the God-forgotten collections av canteens that decorates the hill-side, and Marks and she were to be sploiced as soon as iver the greengrocer had made up his moind to part with twenty pound to buy Marks his ticket, for he shaid he wud have no common marine-souldier for a son-in-law, but a man phwat should join him in his own bushiness and tegither they'd make their fortunes togither with Annie's (fur that was the gurrl's name) out av shupplyin' fresh vegetables to the awficers av the fleet, for Marks had lied prodigious to the greengrocer about his influence with the awficers an' 'is general shtandin'! Well, matters wuz in this way whin I took on postman and me actin' shtroipe. Oi must tell ye further that Carey the greengrocer and his daughter wuz some sort av heretic, meself bein' a Catholic; though 'tis fifteen year lasht September since Oi wint to Mass, but me causes fur that Oi will tell ye another time. Well, thin, shortly afther Oi tuk on postman (an' me shtroipe) there came to the Oisland an entoirely new minishter or priesht av the particular heretical shect to which Carey belanged; and he, seein' that Carey wuz a comfortable man and his slip av a gurrl none so bad lookin', began a hangin' round av her, never hcedin' the claims av Private Marks of the Royal Marines, who had, so to speak, a roight av way in that quarter already; now Oi'll ask ye, sorr, whether this is threatin' the Corps with that respec' which the Queen's Regulations lays down? (Many thanks, sorr, an' Oi will have just another drop av 'Jameson' fur talkin' is thirsty wurrk). Well, Marks, sorr, was not a man to sit down and see his best gurrl taken from him by an heretical an', savin' yer prisince, herrin'-gutted priesht, and so he sez to me "Flynn," sez he, "will you come along o' me to Mister Carey's and shee fair play 'twixt me and this sky-pilate," and Oi sez that Oi was entirely agreeable, and togither we wint ashure and prosheeded to the shop av' the greengrocer. Whin we got there Marks as bould as brass opened the proivate door and walked in, me followin', and he walked straight through to the parlour when we heard the sound av' voices, and threw open the door, and phwat did we see? We saw the false and heretical priesht on his knees in front av' Annie Carey, a pershuadin' av' her to give up Marks, the man av' blood, and to marry him, thereby enshurin' her eternal salvation. Whin Mark heard himself called a man av' blood he rushed into the room and seized the divil-dodger be the collar, shoutin', "Oi may be a man 'tis blood, av' you that'll have the bloody nose on ye, ye spawn av' hell," and with that he got him a biff on the mouth and voilently pushed him from the house, beatin' and cuffin' him between whiles, and all the toime Oi was stroivin' to comfort Annie Carey in the corner. Well, prisently Marks comes back, preshoomably havin' finished with the priesht, but divil a word cud he get from Annie but "Go away ye bad man," and with that he had to be content an' go, sore against his will, and that evenin' we did as good a shpree as a God-forgotten hole like Portland cud give us. Well, the next mornin' Marks found himself on the quarter-deck with the Marine Awficer, tryin' to look shtern at him, but chucklin' behind his hand between whoiles; and prisently when he has done chucklin' he says, "The Captain has got a letter from a minister ashore who accuses you av asshaulting and battering the clergy—have ye anything to say?" With that Marks tells him as much av the shtory as he thinks needful, leavin' out my name altogether. The Awficer, he just looks at Marks and sez, "Have ye no more to say," and Marks he sez "No" "Leave shtopped for a month" sez the Awficer, and the Sargint he sez "Right turn—Quick March," and Marks comes down into the mess where Oi was awaiting av him and tells me his sentence, sayin' that he is sure that Annie will marry the heretical priesht in a month, if so be that he is not beside her to influence her. Well thin, a fortnight after, Oi was ashore gettin the mails; and Oi hear that Annie and the priesht is to be wed the followin' day, he havin' hurried on the sheremony to make sure av Marks not bein' able to come ashore and shpoil it. I went aboard, but shure I hadn't the heart to say anythink to Marks about it, for he was that down-hearted about everythink, and Oi thought too that mayhap he was best rid av such a fickle-hearted slip. So the next day Oi go ashore and see the weddin' and all, and then Oi go down to the Green House, which is a public house av a sort and whin there Oi had maybe a drink av Jameson too much, for all Oi cud think av to comfort Marks wuz that Oi shud take him a bottle av Jameson or two and tell him the news shimultaneous. Ye know, sorr, the leather bags that a ship's postman wears—well Oi shtuck a couple av bottles av Jameson in that, and bein' full meself, wint off to the ship for to comfort poor Marks with the whisky whin Oi tould him the bad news. Thin, sorr, Oi was searched at the gangway by the Crusher and the whisky found. Phwat cud Oi say? The Skipper he whipped off me badges and me actin'-shtroipe an' sint me to barricks to redeem me charackther as Oi cud; and that sorr, is the rayson ye shud always warn a rooky 'gainst bein' too soft-hearted to other people's troubles. Faith! we've enough av our own in the Royal Marines."

RETURN OF INVALIDS.—The steamship *Japan* arrived at Plymouth, 26th February, with invalids from China. They numbered 46, of whom four were suffering from the effects of wounds received in action, while fever and dysentry accounted for the invaliding of eight and five men respectively. Of eleven Marines who were passengers by the *Japan* the majority had seen some fighting. One of these, Pte. S. W. Haydon, of the Plymouth Division R.M.L.I., who belonged to the Wei-hai-wei Guard, was in the seige of the Pekin Legations. On the 15th day he was shot in the right side, the bullet causing a wound which necessitated prolonged treatment in hospital. Pte. G. S. Hunt, of the Plymouth Division R.M.L.I., one of the men landed from the cruiser *Aurora*, was wounded in both shoulders while engaged in the fighting at Tien-tsin. Pte. J. J. Bowden, Chatham Division R.M.L.I., who was landed from the battleship *Barfleur*, was wounded in both ankles in the fighting at Tien-tsin. The invalids, on landing at Plymouth, were supplied with comforts by the local committee.

FUNERAL OF CAPT. DOIG, R.M.L.I.—The remains of the late Capt. R. O. M. Doig, R.M.L.I., having been brought from China, were interred at the Highland Road Cemetery, Southsea, on Saturday, 2nd March. Wreaths were sent by his relatives and also by the Commandant and Officers of Chatham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth Divisions, and the Depot R.M., and also by the members of the Sergeants' Mess, Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I. Among those who attended the funeral were Col.-Commandant Kirchhopper, Major Byne, Capt. and Adjt. Blumberg, Capt. Morres (Plymouth), Lieuts. Wilton and Gillespie; Sergeant-Majors Mearles and Maclachlan, R.M.L.I., and several Sergeants.

Foreign News.

CHINA.

Wei-hai-Wei, N. China,
January 9th, 1901.

DEAR SIR,—The last time that I wrote to you was from the capital, and I see by our last "G. and L." that the account of the siege reached home in safety, much to our satisfaction; and, although I see that Dr. Morrison, the *Times* correspondent, has also supplied an account of our doings there, I must certainly say that he has taken very little credit upon himself for the splendid work which he performed there—for, wherever a sortie or attack had to be made by British Marines, he was always in the thick of it; and many an act of gallantry he performed which was lost sight of by the majority of the Legation inhabitants, but not by the Marine Force, who will always remember him as one of themselves.

No doubt a few lines concerning the Wei-Hai-Wei Guard will interest some of our readers, especially as no news whatever has been sent to you from this place concerning our Guard. We have been landed here now for over two years, and well into the third. Our strength when first landed was about 220, but at the present time it is 111. Our losses have been from various causes, chiefly from the late war; for, with only a few exceptions, all the Guard has taken part in this rising. In the Siege of Pekin we supplied fifty-one, including officers; with Admiral Seymour's force, in his attempt to relieve the Legations, we had twenty-five; also with the Marine Battalion, which finally entered Pekin, our strength was fifty-one. Our losses in killed and deaths from disease, was thirteen; wounded and invalided home, thirty-six. Our little cemetery here is well nigh full, for some of the ships out here have had a good many deaths from disease. For a time nearly one-half of our own Guard was down with it, but at present one and all are getting on splendidly, thanks to the climate, which has been grand, with the exception of one heavy fall of snow.

We are all now looking forward to the time when the good news comes of our leaving this place, for one and all have had quite enough of Wei-Hai-Wei, for, beyond three expeditions into the interior of this province with the Boundary Commission, and the Legation Guards leaving for north, and this late war, no one has left the island. The detachment who were doing duty at Tzu-Tau on the mainland, prior to the commencement of the rising, are quartered here with the remainder of the detachment. Their old home has been taken over by the Punjab Infantry, who have been here for some four or five months, the only other regulars on that side of the water being the 1st Chinese Regiment, who returned from the front a few weeks ago where they had acquitted themselves splendidly. On the island here in company with us we have a company of the 2nd S.R.A. with a battery of "4·7," also a balloon section R.E's. and several small contingents of Indian regiments. A great change has taken place on the island here, for nearly all the natives have been cleared off, and their dwellings converted in barracks, Service buildings, etc. We have also a capital road running completely around the island, in fact, Wei-hai of two years ago and now are two different places.

Life here lately has been very dull indeed, but with footer and hockey we can manage to make a bit of excitement now and again; at the former game we can give any ship on the station a good game, thanks to the capital play of Corporal Bentley, Privates Barr, Lacey, and Brooks. At hockey we have not lost a match yet. At present both games are at a standstill, as we have only one ship in harbour—the *Isis*. I am forwarding you an account of the matches played up to the present date.

A few days ago we heard the good news that Major Halliday, who was with us at Pekin, had been awarded the V.C.; one and all of us were greatly elated to hear of it, and only hope that he has completely recovered from his wound. I think I must now draw to a close, so will finish my letter.

I remain, yours sincerely,
D. J. GOWNEY, Corporal.

FOOTBALL, WEI-HAI-WEI.

The following are the results of the matches played on the Island Ground:—

R.A., lost (0-5); *Terrible*, lost (1-2); R.E's, won (5-0); R.E's, lost (0-1); *Orlando*, won (3-0); *Terrible*, won (4-1); *Terrible*, drawn (0-0); *Terrible*, won (2-0); *Plover*, won (5-0); *Dido*, won (4-0); *Plover*, won (2-0); *Isis*, drawn (1-1). Goals for 28, against 10.

HOCKEY, WEI-HAI-WEI.

Officers, *Terrible*, won (1-0); Officers, *Terrible*, won (2-0); Officers, *Terrible*, drawn (0-0); Officers, *Orlando*, drawn (3-3); Officers, *Terrible*, won (3-1); Officers, *Barfleur*, won (2-1).

British North West Fort, Taku, China,
January 4th, 1901.

New Year's day was celebrated at the British North-west Fort, Taku, by the Garrison holding Athletic Sports. The day being very favourable, the European population of Taku showed their great interest by turning out in good numbers, and were very enthusiastic in their applause. Most of the events were open to the International troops, and a number of Americans, Italians and Japauese competed, but the majority of the prizes were won by the British. The following is a programme with the list of winners:—

100 yards Flat Race—1st, Pte. Gibbons, R.M.L.I.; 2nd, Stewart, U.S.S. *Monocacy*; 3rd, 1st-class P.O. Green, R.N. High Jump—1st, Gnr. Lawes, R.M.A., 4 ft. 7 ins.; 2nd, O'Leary, U.S.S. *Monocacy*, 4 ft. 6 ins.; 3rd, Gnr. Ryan, R.M.A., 4 ft. 3 ins. 220 yards Flat Race—1st, Maida, Japanese Artillery; 2nd, Idalada, Japanese Artillery; 3rd, 1st-class P.O. Green, R.N. Long Jump—1st, Gnr. Lawes, R.M A., 15 ft. 10 ins.; 2nd, O'Leary, U.S.S. *Monocacy*, 15 ft. 5 ins.; 3rd, Pte. Goodwin, R.M,L.I., 15 ft. 2 ins. Wheelbarrow Race—1st, Ptes. Rennie and Degnan, R.M.L.I.; 2nd, Gnr. Macdonald, R.M.A., and Pte. Grady, R.M.L.I.; 3rd, Gnrs. McKinstry and Thompson, Quarter-mile Flat Race—1st, Pte. Gibbons, R.M.L.I.; 2nd, Pte. Goodwin, R.M.L.I.; 3rd, Nakamura, Japanese Artillery. Veterans' Race—1st, Pte. Williams, R.M.L.I., 2nd, 1st-class P.O. Green, R.N. 3rd, H. Lawrence, Gunner, R.N. Hurdle Race—1st, Gnr. Lawes, R.M.A.; 2nd, Gnr. Peckworth, R.M.A.; 3rd, Pte. Goodwin, R.M.L.I. Three-legged Race—1st, Ptes. Rennie and Degnan, R.M.L I.; 2nd, Ship's Steward Richards, R.N. and 1st-class P.O. Green, R.N.; 3rd, Messrs. Saville and Gray (Civilians). Young Soldiers' Race—1st, Pte. Gibbons, R.M.L.I.; 2nd, Pte. Rennie, R.M.L.I.; 3rd, Gnr. McKinstry, R.M.A. Tug-of-War—1st, Royal Marine Artillery; 2nd, Italians. Quarter-mile (Special Race)—1st, Nakai, Japanese Artillery; 2nd, Pte. Goodwin, R.M.L.I.; 3rd, Albrecht, U.S.S. *Monocacy*. Consolation Race—1st, Gnr. Thompson, R.M.A.; Ship's Steward Richards, R.N.; 3rd, Albrecht, U.S.S. *Monocacy*.

The Tug-of-War attracted most attention, six teams being entered, so that the winners well deserved their hard-earned prize. This reflects great credit on their "Coach," Sergt. Rogerson, R.M.A., to whose energy in their training the success was mainly due. At the close of the Meeting some Japanese troops gave an exhibition of their national sport, viz., "Wrestling," which was very interesting and greatly appreciated by one and all. This Meeting was one of the most unique of its kind, as it is the first time athletic sports have been held in a Chinese Fort by International Troops, and probably will be the last, unless the Celestial is foolish enough to again desire the occupation of his country by the "Foreign Devils."

THOS. BILNEY, Lce.-Sergt.,
Secretary Recreation Club.

Heavy-Weight Boxing Championship of the Far East.

The Heavy-Weight Boxing Championship of the Far East was fought at the City Hall, Hong Kong, on January 8th, 1901. Among those seated on the platform were His Excellency the Governor, Major-General Gascoigne, C.M.G., Rear-Admiral A. T. Bruce, and many other military and naval officers; the hall itself being crowded.

The aspirants to the honour of Champion were Joe Riley, of America, and Gunner Roger Mustoe, R.M.A., of H.M.S. *Barfleur*, both of whom had previously fought and won in presence of Hong Kong assemblies. Mr. Bailey, engineer, was declared referee and, while the men were being got into trim by their seconds and trainers, read the articles. These stated that the fight was to be of 20 two-

minute rounds duration for the heavy-weight championship of the Far East and a purse of $500, with $200 side stakes. The Marquis of Queensberry Rules were to be observed, and the referee's decision would be final. The fight commenced. Riley tried to flurry his rival by sand-dancing tactics, but failed. The first round was uneventful, and it appeared that the men were evenly matched. Riley forced a bit in the second round, but Mustoe secured the best of the exchanges to the delight of his backers. In the third round the Britisher succeeded in felling Riley close to the rope by a tremendous blow on the back of the neck, a performance which was greeted with loud cheers. Riley, with only a few seconds to spare, got up, but suffered rather heavily. Mustoe put in some terrific right-handed blows on Riley's ribs. The fourth round was very spirited, but Mustoe again grounded his adversary with another sledge-hammer blow on the back of the neck which sent him twisting and reeling. Riley got up and retaliated by administering one or two on Mustoe's face. Both men clinched, and Mustoe, immediately after the break-off, punched Riley on the side of the head. A foul was claimed but the referee contented himself by severely admonishing Mustoe, and warning him that a repetition would end the fight against him. Both men appeared distressed in the fifth and sixth rounds, Mustoe especially hanging back. The seventh round opened briskly, Mustoe giving his opponent a resounding face-blow without waiting for the usual feinting. Riley got nettled, and clinched. On the break-off he was warned for a similar offence to Mustoe's, and the warning had barely escaped Mr. Bailey's lips, when the men clinched again and the foul was repeated, this time Riley giving Mustoe two smart taps on the face. The referee then declared Mustoe winner.

The following are among some of Riley's most important tussles:—In 1892, at San Francisco, he knocked out Fred Acker, a local heavy-weight, of good standing, in five rounds; and in 1894 defeated Joe Maker, champion of the Pacific Coast, in four rounds. He boxed Alec Greegan in a six rounds' draw in 1896. Greegan, it will be remembered, fought Dan Creedon for the middle-weight championship of the world at Chicago in 1894. He defeated Joe Kennedy of San Francisco in 1897 in four rounds. Mustoe has only had one big prize fight, which took place at Hong Kong last year, when he fought Ben Hughes for the heavy-weight championship of the Army and Navy in the Far East.

MEDITERRANEAN.

Commodore Winsloe's Squadron returned to Malta on the 18th January. The winter cruise was chiefly remarkable for the fact that the original programme was carried out in absolutely no particular, except the date of leaving Malta; and after various revisions the task of making any programme at all was abandoned as useless. Under these circumstances the mails were always erratic and letters, even when three weeks old, were regarded as unexpected luxuries.

After steaming out of the harbour when starting for Alexandria, on the 17th November, 1900, signals were made from the Castille to say that plague had broken out at Alexandria, and we steered for Cyprus instead. There the English colony entertained us most hospitably. Each of the English families resident at Nikosia threw their houses open to as many officers as they could accommodate, and about two dozen of us were able to make a visit of four days to the interesting old city. The journey of 26 miles in carriages (for Cyprus has as yet no railway) was formidable, but our welcome at the other end repaid us amply. The four days went all too quickly: picnics, dances, dinners, music and the society of English folk in a foreign country were too good to last long, and we were due to sail for Beyrout.

But when we arrived off Beyrout, there was a heavy sea running, and so we turned northward for Alexandretta, leaving two ships only to go in for coals and mails. At Alexandretta—dirtiest and dreariest of squalid villages, hemmed in by pestilential marshes—we spent two days, and then the squadron split up into two divisions, one of which remained while the other went over to Ayas Bay, where shooting was to be had. The wireless telegraphists made good practice here and the ships at Ayas Bay got the Fleet telegrams by wireless over from Alexandretta. A big shooting party landed with tents and stores and camped out for a week; the bags were good but not phenomenal. A football ground was cleared in the scrub on the sandy beach and was in use nearly every afternoon. The weather was fine and warm, and there was bathing in mid-December.

The Squadron joined up and proceeded to Smyrna for Christmas, and general leave was given there. Owing to the cold weather, which made Christmas "seasonable," no excursions could be made to Ephesus, but a paper-chase was organised; there was lawn tennis and football, and a couple of small dances were given. The *Venus* Variety Troupe gave an entertainment in aid of a local charity, with the assistance of several officers from other ships. The concert was held in the theatre of the Sporting Club, which the members had most kindly placed at our disposal with the consent of the French Company who were then performing in it. The other clubs of the town also extended to us the hospitality of their houses. We spent a fortnight at Smyrna, and were on the point of leaving for Salonica when we heard of an outbreak of plague there. A day after we left the plague broke out at Smyrna, and so we escaped quarantine by only a few hours. So once more we made new plans, and put in our time at unknown and desolate places on the northern coast, of which places Deuthero Bay was perhaps the worst. We remained there a week, and had bitter winds, sleet and snow. Landing, except for shooting, was impossible, and the sport was disappointing.

Athens was our next port, or rather Salamis Bay, for at this time of year Phalerum is an uncertain anchorage. Port Piraeus was full of Russian warships, arrived from Crete to give leave and spend Christmas, a fortnight late, according to the style of the Greek Church

The British Minister entertained the Captains and some officers at dinner to meet H.M. the King of Greece, and a dance followed. The weather was bitterly cold and a epidemic of influenza attacked the Squadron. The *St. George* had seven officers on the sick list, including the three senior executive officers and both doctors; and over 40 men were sick at the same time.

When we were due to sail for Crete the weather was so heavy that we stayed on for two days and cut short our visit to Suda Bay, where in consequence we remained only 24 hours. The trip to Malta began badly in a full gale of wind and wet weather, but on Thursday the sea moderated and we were able to push on and arrive in Malta up to time—a good finish to an erratic programme

It is evident that "training" was more or less out of the question, owing to the uncertainty of times and seasons and weather. Probably the best work done has been that of the signal staff engaged on the Marconi apparatus, which has given much better results in the later part of the cruise, now that the delicate machinery and its adjustments are more familiar to the workers.

For the next winter cruise we of the Squadron pray for better weather, a dependable programme and regular mails.

SERGEANTS' MESS, SENGLEA, MALTA.

The members of the above Mess brought a very successful Billiard Tournament to a close on Tuesday evening, the 29th January, Sparks and Richards playing the semi-final; Sparks winning by the narrow majority of seven points. After which Sparks and Beveridge played the final 250 up. Sparks winning in a masterly fashion after tying at 219. Final result: Sparks, 250 (1st Prize); Beveridge, 221 2nd Prize); Longhurst (Prize for largest break).

At Whist the *Cæsar* beat the *Hibernia* by ten games to three and suffered defeat at the hands of the *Renown* by nine games to eight.

THE TRANSVAAL.

Dear Sir,—I have been thinking that possibly a very rough description of what is going forward in the Transvaal at the present stage of the war may be of interest to my brother officers, though, no doubt, a much clearer account can easily be obtained by reading the morning paper. However, I propose to make an attempt to convey to those who have not been out here—firstly, a description of this district and —secondly, what we are attempting to do in it.

Now, taking the opinion of about 90 per cent. of Englishmen out here, South Africa is just a damnable country pure and simple, but I must say I do not share this view, for though, no doubt, one *has* to

"acquire" a taste for the Karroo desert, the Kimberley district, the Orange River Colony, and Cape Colony generally, still the Transvaal is a fine country, and points above the other districts. As regards this particular district in which the force to which I belong is operating, that is to say, the country to the N.W. of Pretoria, I can say nothing but good of it and its climate, with the sole exception that during this time of the year the animals get the horse sickness and die off far too quickly to please a transport officer, the annoying part of the disease being that it invariably attacks one's best mules, horses, or oxen as the case may be, and very often leaves the old "rotters," with whom one could part with a lesser pang. Well, to return to this country: round here, we have a mountainous district, splendid soil in which anything you choose can be grown; good and plentiful supply of streams, excellent pasturage; and also, instead of having the endless monotony of rolling prairie that you get in the Orange River Colony, here the landscape is diversified, and the eye is relieved by mountains and with wooden villages, with here and there the once snug farm of some old Boer, surrounded by its fruit trees and orange groves, but the old gentleman and his sons having absented themselves from their residence to go "on commando," the comfortable farm is now a tumbled ruin, and "Mr. Atkins" has pretty generally made hay in the orchards, but unless a column has just recently been through, one can generally get lots of fruit; peaches, pommegranates, oranges, sweet potatoes, and such like appear to be the staple food of the population, as they used to say in the school books.

Well, after our force left the Rustenburg Valley—when I say our force I mean Cunningham's force, that used to be commanded by Clements, and I, I may add, have the honour to be serving with it in the capacity of transport officer of the 6th Corps M.I., and senior transport officer to the force;—not at all a bad job, and considerably more pleasant than some of the jobs I have had before in this country. But to return—after our force left the Rustenberg Valley, we trekked out through Olifant's Nek and got on to the high veldt, to the south-west, our orders being to watch and harass De la Rey, but instead of that up to the present, at least, that gentleman has been observing and harassing us; in fact, we have had small engagements every day, either the advanced or rear guard being engaged. One day we nearly lost our rear guard and several guns, and then they surrounded us at Middelfontein and sniped the camp pretty heavily, we losing a considerable number of men and animals, and I was pretty busy trekking my transport from one side of the kop to the other to avoid the bullets, in fact, we were in a bit of a hole until Babington's advance drew off the Boers. The fact of the matter is, the Boer is a past master in the art of mounted infantry warfare, as all our M.I. will allow; he knows when to gallop and when to go slow, and how to hide himself, and, of course, we are never very hard to find, as we go trekking along with huge baggage and supply trains, winding like long snakes through the valleys: while brother Boer, with a chunk of biltong in his pocket and all his gear on a led horse, fairly laughs at us from his lair among the rocks.

The female Boer is mostly somewhat plain, although there are exceptions, and very bitter, not above doing a bit of shooting on her own; but I have met some that are quite pleasant to talk to, and the farm women will sometimes give one chickens, etc., when they have any, and refuse payment too, but as a general rule, I confess these lovely creatures are of a sulky and taciturn disposition which, perhaps, is not to be wondered at. We have killed most of their husbands and brothers, or have them in the "tronk" at St. Helena, as they call it.

And, now, I think I have exhausted my literary powers, and in conclusion I might add, that although in time of war this country may appear somewhat feeble, it undoubtedly will be both a profitable and pleasing country to live in in years to come, though it will be no place for the wily civilian for some years.

And that reminds me that it may interest your readers to know that this S. A. Constabulary is at present marking time, there is evidently a slump on, the chief apparently does not approve of it, or something of the sort. I don't quite know what it is, but at present the force appears to have received a check, but no doubt it will be an excellent thing in the future.

Yours truly,
H. N. HOWARD.

Royal Marines Rifle Association.

FOREIGN STATIONS COMPETITION, 1900.

AUSTRALIA.

The shooting took place at Sydney on three different dates, and the practices were carried out at 200, 500, and 600 yards, Bisley targets and scoring. Ninety-seven men competed out of an available strength of 250. Owing to absence from Sydney, some of the ships were unable to take part; but the following Detachments were represented, viz:—*Royal Arthur*, *Katoomba*, *Ringarooma*, *Pylades*, *Tauranga*, *Ringdove*, *Boomerang*, *Porpoise*, and *Archer*. The sum of £3 10s. was subscribed by the officers of the corps serving on the station for additional prizes, and this sum, together with 17s. 6d. left over from the entrance fees, after payment of expenses, provided money prizes to the amount of £4 7s. 6d.

Corpl. W. Simpson, R.M.L.I., of H.M.S. *Pylades*, was the winner of the Silver Badge and £2, and the next ten leading scores and prize-winners were as follows:—

Sergt. G. Rutherford	R.M.L.I.	*Pylades*	87 and £1
Gunner D. MacLeod	R.M.A.	*Royal Arthur*	82 and 10s.
Sergeant A. Kendal	,,	,,	81 and 7s. 6d.
Act.-Bomb. R. Town	,,	,,	78 and 5s.
Bombr. H. Southam	,,	,,	78 and 5s.
Private A. Carter	R.M.L.I.	,,	75
,, J. Corbyn	,,	,,	75
Bombr. J. Ross	R.M.A.	,,	74
L.-Cpl. W. Northmore	R.M.L.I.	,,	73
Col.-Sergt. Hone	,,	*Katoomba*	73

Signed—F. G. COTTER, Lieut.-Col. R.M.L.I.,
Sydney, January 4th, 1901.

EAST INDIES.

The competition for the R.M.R.A. Badge among the Detachments serving in ships on the above-mentioned station has resulted in Sergt. H. Clarke, R.M.L.I., of H.M.S. *Highflyer*, being declared the winner with a score of 66 points, viz., 18, 23, 25. The firing was carried out at Curepipe Range, Mauritius; distances, 200, 500, and 600 yards. Service conditions. Men from H.M.S. *Highflyer*, *Eclipse*, and *Pomone* took part, and the ten leading scores after that of the winner.

			200	500	600
Sergt. T. Page	R.M.L.I.	*Pomone*	22	18	24—64
Lce.-Sergt. Turner	,,	*Eclipse*	20	24	19—63
Pte. W. Smith	,,	*Highflyer*	23	22	18—63
,, H. Lomas	,,	*Eclipse*	21	18	23—62
,, T. C. Ringrove	,,	,,	22	25	13—61
,, L. Bevis	,,	*Highflyer*	19	17	22—58
,, A. Small	,,	*Pomone*	16	16	24—56
Corpl. R. Sinnott	,,	*Highflyer*	20	18	18—56
Pte. G. Parrick	,,	*Pomone*	11	22	16—56
,, H. Cook	,,	*Eclipse*	22	15	18—55

NORTH AMERICA & WEST INDIES.

The winner of the R.M.R.A. Badge for 1900 was Sergeant Samuel Hellier, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Hermes*.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS—R.M.R.A. 1900.

RECEIVED.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1899 ...	23	1	9
Divisional Depôt Subscriptions	100	0	0
Life Members joined in 1900	24	10	0
Individual Subscribers (Annual)	82	8	11
Entrance Fees, XX Competition	4	18	6
Divisional Depôt Shares, U.S. Fee	1	10	0
Morris Tube Company Prizes	10	0	0
Miscellaneous	4	19	9
	£251	8	11

EXPENDED.

	£	s.	d.
Postage	9	12	7
Stationery and Printing	24	1	6
Expenses at Ash ...	55	16	9
,, Bisley ...	25	4	10
Entrance Fees, Bisley ...	3	9	0
Subscription to N.R.A., 1900	5	0	0
Money Prizes, Divisional Matches, etc. ...	22	2	0
Jewels, Badges, etc. ...	20	2	3
Morris Tube Company Prizes	10	0	0
Miscellaneous	11	9	9
	£186	18	1
Balance Credit	64	10	10
	£251	8	11

Audited and found correct—
(*Signed*) D. L. BARRETT,
Major R.M.L.I.,
Feb. 4th, 1901.

(*Signed*) C. G. BRITTAN,
Major R.M.L.I.,
Hon. Sec. R.M.R.A.,
Dec. 31st, 1900.

Shooting.

Results of the Musketry Training of the Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I., for the year 1900.

Total number exercised was 878, composed of 11 officers, 514 Old Soldiers, and 352 Recruits. Of these 266 were Marksmen, 612 2nd Class Shots: 3rd Class Nil. Figure of Merit $\frac{23}{40}$

The best Shooting Detachment was the 6th. Figure of Merit $\frac{1.04}{5.5}$ Officers of this detachment were Capt. Binney and Lieut. Miles. The N.C. officers were Col.-Sergt. Shapland, Sergt. Parish, Corpls. Goodwin and Wellington. There were 22 Marksmen and 19 2nd Class Shots.

The highest score for the year was made by Lce.-Corpl. J. Johnson, 145 points.

There were twelve Recruit Officers exercised. Figure of Merit $\frac{3.9.5}{5.4}$ Eleven of these classified as 1st Class Shots, and one as 2nd. The highest score was made by Lieut. Partridge, with 444 points.

The J.D. Prizes were awarded as follows:

Lce.-Sergt. G. Marsh (45 points) .. .. £1 16s. 1d.
Col.-Sergt. G. Brace (32 points) } .. .. 18s. 0½d. each
Sergt. F. Worters (32 points) }

There were 28 Officers exercised with the Revolver. Figure of Merit 52. The highest score being made by Lieut. Ozanne, 70 points.

There were 10 Staff-Sergts exercised. Figure of Merit 55. Drum-Major Cockrane making the highest score, viz., 77 points.

The results of the Annual Course with the Rifle is very much better all round than in 1899, when the Figure of Merit was $\frac{23}{40}$

The Revolver Officers were handicapped with very bad weather throughout their course.

The Result of the Revolver Course is below that of the previous year.

DEPOT ROYAL MARINES, DEAL.

Result of Musketry Training and Shooting Matches at the Depôt the year 1900.

TRAINED SOLDIERS.—353 Exercised. Figure of Merit $\frac{23}{51}$

Best Shot of Col.-Sergts. and Sergts.—
(Depôt) Col.-Sergt. Samuel Sugden, 142 Points.
" " Corporals—
(Portsmouth) Corpl. George Dallison, 118 "
" " Privates—
(Chatham) Pte. A. J. Murton, 131 Points.
" " All Ranks—
(Depôt) Col.-Sgt. Samuel Sugden. 142 Points,

RECRUITS.—1596 Exercised. Figure of Merit $\frac{3.0.9}{4.6}$

Best Shot for the Year (Recruits)—A Coy., Pte. C. H. Johnstone,

The following N.C. officers were awarded Prizes for Judging Distance:—

(Plymouth) Sergt. Samuel Napper, 42 Points.
(Depot) Col.-Sergt. Samuel Sugden, 38 Points.
(Chatham) Sergt. F. A. Ackerman, 37 Points.
(Portsmouth) Sergt. Thomas Fulcher, 37 Points.

Best Shots Annual Revolver Course—
Officers—Lieut. J. Grover, A. Instr. of Musketry, 85 Points.
Warrant and N.C. Officers—Q.M.S. C. Hill, 84 Points.

TEAM MATCHES, 1900—INDIVIDUAL AVERAGE.

Names.	*No. of Shoots.*	*Average.*
Q.M.S. C. Hill	7 ..	91·14
Sergt. E. G. Burgis	7 ..	89·28
Drum-Major G. Elliott	7 ..	88·71
Q.M.S. Instr. H. J. Pearson	7 ..	87·42
Sergt. C. Littleworth	5 ..	87·20
" J. H. Fallace	1 ..	86·00
" J. Lloyde	5 ..	84·00
Col.-Sergt. S. Sugden	4 ..	84·00
Sergt. W. H. D. Phillips	5 ..	83·60
W. Officer C. W. A. Bailey	4 ..	83·00
Sergt.-Major E. J. Sullivan	5 ..	82·40
Pte. I. Salt	2 ..	81·50
Col.-Sergt. W. Waldron	2 ..	80·50
Sergt. W. Potter	4 ..	75·57

The Depot won the All Comers Cup and Revolver. The Bronze and Revolver Jewels.

Football.

THE R.M.A. had no difficulty in disposing of Gosport Progressives in the third round Hampshire Junior Cup on December 1st by five goals to nil, and they also accounted for Boscombe in the fourth round on the 12th January, and so qualified for the semi-final tie against H.M.S. *Excellent*, at Whale Island, on February 23rd.

In the U.S. League they beat R.A., Hilsea, by 5—2 at Hilsea, and R.M.L.I., at Forton. by 3—1. Two other matches were down for decision on January 19th and 26th but of course were scratched.

The following is the result of Company matches up to date.

H Co. beat O Co. on February 11th, by 2 goals to 1.
C Co. drew D Co. on February 12th, 2 goals each.
G Co. W.O. A Co. (absent) on February 14th.
G Co. beat K Co. on February 15th, by 3 goals to 2.
F Co. beat M Co. on February 18th by, 14 goals to 2.
T Co. beat E Co. on February 19th, by 3 goals to 2.
B Co. beat P Co. on February 21st, by 3 goals to 2.
L Co. *v.* N Co. was postponed from February 22nd, owing to an important Cup Tie match on February 23rd.

R.M.A. Reserves have notched 6 points in 2nd Division U.S. League, defeating Naval Depot Reserves (3-2) and H.M.S. *Excellent* Reserves (1-0) and 2nd Hants V.A., not putting in an appearance, while H.M.S. *Vernon* beat R.M.A. Reserves (2-0).

HAMPSHIRE JUNIOR CUP.

SEMI-FINAL: R.M.A *v.* H.M.S. *Excellent.*

This tie was decided at Whale Island on February 23rd. The sides were very even and a good game should have resulted if Gnr. Beale (goal-keeper for the R.M.A.) had saved any goals. In the first quarter of an hour the *Excellents* scored from a corner, but it was not long before Thompson equalised from a fine centre by Catley Play was very even now until the ball was rolled between Gnr. Beale's feet into the net, by Lieut. Bray. Soon afterwards another shot was put in, which Gnr. Beale attempted in vain to fist out, and the game stood 3-1 to the *Excellents* at half-time. Soon after the kick-off Thompson got a good goal for the R.M.A., which however proved to be their last. Soon after this a skying shot was sent in by the *Excellents*, and Gnr. Beale watched it go into the net without attempting to save. After this the R.M.A. team slacked off and a general exodus of their supporters ensued; this, to say the least of it, did not look well. Fouls were frequent now and two penalties fell to the *Excellents*, which were easily converted, and the score at the finish was 6-2.

R.M.A. team. Gnr. Beale, goal; Gnr. McDonald, Corpl. Spooner, backs; Gnr. Munroe, Bmbr. Collier, Gnr. Reid, half-backs; Sergt. Catley, Gnr. Guthrie (left), Gnr. Hall (Centre), Sergt. Smith, Gnr. Thompson (right), forwards. Referee.—Mr. Haskell.

NAVAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE, MALTA.

The following are the results received up to 11th February, 1901, for *Empress of India* Cup matches:—

Ship.	W.	D.	L.	Goals.	Points.
Illustrious	14	1	0	52—2	29
Andromeda	9	1	1	32—6	19
Theseus	5	0	1	13—5	10
Hibernia	4	1	3	11—8	9
Vulcan	3	3	5	18—28	9
Cæsar	4	0	2	10—6	8
Canopus	3	1	3	9—8	7
Royal Sovereign ..	2	0	4	8—16	4
Victorious	2	0	5	7—15	4
Barham	1	1	1	5—6	3
Royal Oak	1	1	2	3—4	3
Renown	0	1	4	2—15	1
Gladiator	0	0	2	2—4	0
Vindictive	0	0	4	0—15	0
Dryad	0	0	5	1—22	0
Ramillies	0	0	6	2—21	0

In the recent games at Platea the *Vulcan* has beaten *Gladiator* and *Ramillies* and has lost to *Victorious*. At the present time there are five ships which have not had the pleasure of winning a match this season, and it is somewhat melancholy to find the two Flagships amongst them, though it is hoped we shall see considerable improvement in the *Renown* before the end of the season.

Correspondence.

To the Editor, "Globe and Laurel."

Hong Kong,
January 11th, 1901.

Sir,—I read in the December number of your magazine a letter in which the writer, while appealing for pecuniary aid on behalf of the wounded and sick of, as well as the widows and orphans occasioned by, the China and Kumasi expeditions, mentioned the fact of the men of the China Fleet having collected £400 among themselves and forwarded such for distribution to Miss Weston. So I thought perhaps if you would be so good as to mention through your columns an idea of mine, by the execution of which a few pounds have already been gained, others might with advantage take up the idea in their ships, barracks, or depôts, and by thus helping themselves, form a very strong argument to the public as to why they should also render assistance. I enclose you a copy of two poems (if I may call them so), and also forward you a memento and memorial card. The first two I composed myself, had them printed at a small cost, and sold them throughout the whole fleet at about 3d. profit per copy. Up to the present I have disposed of 500 copies; 1000 copies are disposed through the fleet on approval, and 500 still remain in hand, so over this "turn out" we are at least £10 in hand. I then turned my attention toward producing something that should form to the owner a memento of the campaign, and at the same time keep in his mind the names, and most probably the forms, of those of their heroic shipmates who died—as every Britisher should wish to die—at their post doing their duty. But, sir, I am not, nor was I ever, a good hand with the pencil. and I would have been at a loss for original designs had not three of my shipmates—a bluejacket, a marine, and a stoker come forward—volunteered their services and executed the three designs respectively on the card, gratis, at the same time granting me sole right of publication. These designs, along with a few verses, formed our card, and having been roughly drawn and taken to the printers, in due course it was produced. By no means a few have already been disposed of, and although at the time of writing receipts have not covered expenses, yet there is every prospect of such being done, and in addition a fair profit being made. As I know, sir, that what affects the welfare of the Navy, though more particularly that of the "Bravest of the Brave," is the object of your paper, I write feeling confident that if you think it at all likely that the narration of one attempt more in this fleet to meet the grave necessities of the situation may induce others to respond, that if you think the narration of such will meet with any pecuniary assistance, you will only be too pleased to bring it prominently before your readers. I leave everything with you unreservedly, and thanking you for your trouble,

I am, Sir, etc.,
R.J.M., Seaman.

[We have seen the poems and card which are most tastefully got up, and reflect great credit on their authors. Should any of our readers wish to obtain copies we will be glad to forward their address to our correspondent. Ed.]

Dear Sirs—Can you or any of your numerous readers give me any information as to the rates of pay of the "Duke of York's or Lord High Admiral's Maritime Regiment," which was raised in 1664? And what was the pay of the British Infantry soldier from then till the end of the century?

Yours sincerely,
H. FORBES MACKAY.

[The pay of the Duke of York and Albany's Maritime Regiment of Foot was as follows—Sergeants, 1s. 6d.; Corporal, 1s.; Drummer, 1s.; Private 8d. We should be glad if any of our correspondents could answer the second part of this letter.—Ed.]

Dear Sirs—I have just been reading an account of the presentation of Victorian Medals to some thirty-four N.C.O's and men of the Royal Rifle Reserve Regiment, and knowing that a like honour has been confered on the Guards, I venture to ask you if there is any reason why the N.C.O's and men of the Royal Marines, who formed the Guard on board the *Alberta* on February 1st and 2nd should not be similarly decorated, or whether it is only another case of the Corps having been "overlooked." Trusting you will not think I am "growling" (though that is supposed to be a perquisite of the Corps),

I am, yours faithfully,
POOR OLD JOE.

P.S.—I enclose my name and address, not for publication, but as guarantee of good faith.]

"A Gallant 79."

Thermopylæ of fame exists to-day,
Though years by thousands now have passed away
Since tablets there were placed, the tale to tell,
How brave the Spartans fought and how they fell.

* * *

In present days there is a little band
Of gallant men, who hail from Britain's land;
Whose valour great compares with Spartans brave—
For such they've shewn on land and on the wave.
A well-known Corps, we proudly call Marines;
A ready branch of fair Britannia's means,
Whose splendid fighting form has always been
A credit to our Country and our Queen:
Did send from out its ranks a valiant few,
Who proved themselves to all both brave and true:
To China's shores, as the Legation Guard,
A duty soon they found meant fighting hard.
Just seventy and nine their strength it told,
When danger, unforeseen, crept near their fold,
And brought them face to face with shot and shell,
As savagely the foe on Pekin fell.
For weeks and weeks this dauntless little band,
Without a rest, there fought both fierce and grand;
Within each noble breast, this thought there fast
Was glued, *Our duty do until the last.*
Right well that duty by those men was done,
The place was saved and all the fighting won.
But some are gone, and some still wounded lie,
Our feeling hearts for whom send forth a sigh.
To write the fearless acts of these staunch men
Would tire the hand, and wear away the pen,
For many deeds were wrought, both great and small,
Reflecting greatest praise on one and all.
No British stone of thanks should stay unturned,
When once from foreign seas they have returned;
Receptions grand should be their goodly lot,
When those still left are all together got.

* * *

Such wondrous valour, friends, can never pass,
Without expressions of our fervent praise.
Let British people join in one great mass,
And unto hearts so brave a tribute raise.

David Hobbs,
Late Sergeant, R.M.L.I.,
Portsmouth Division.

December 10th, 1900.

HOCKEY.

The following are results of games played for *Cæsar's* Hockey Cup up to January 25th inclusive:—

Ships.	Played.	W.	L.	D.	Points
Andromeda	4	0	3	1	1
Canopus	2	0	2	0	0
Cæsar	3	1	2	0	2
Illustrious	9	7	0	2	16
Ocean	5	3	1	1	7
Ramillies	4	1	3	0	3
Renown	6	5	0	1	11
Royal Sovereign	2	0	1	1	1
Theseus	2	0	2	0	0
Victorious	5	1	2	2	4
Vulcan	1	0	1	0	0

Births.

BALL—At Eastney Barracks, 31st January, 1901, the wife of Sergeant E. J. Ball, of a daughter.

BENTLEY—On February 3rd, at Glasgow, the wife of Sergeant H. Bentley, R.M.A., of a daughter.

CONGDON—On the 24th inst., as the Depot, Royal Marines, Deal, the wife of Major E. C L. Congdon, of a daughter.

HOWARD-VYSE—On February 11th, at Tregantle, Alverstoke, Hants, the wife of Captain Cecil Howard-Vyse, R.A., (née Ethel Hast), of a son (Cecil Elsmie).

MORLEY—On February 6th, at Trafalgar House, Jessie Rd., Southsea, the wife of Sergt. A. Morley, R.M.A., of a daughter.

WARNER—On February 10th, at Gosport, the wife of Colour-Sergeant W. Warner, R.M.L.I., of a son.

Marriages.

ASTRIDGE—COFFIN.—On Feb. 5th, 1901, at Holyrood Church, Crofton, Hants, Corpl. J. A. Astridge to Miss M. A. Coffin.

HILL—SCOTT—At St. Agatha's, Portsea, 16th February, 1901, Gunner F. Hill to Miss A. M. J. Scott.

KING—CORDREY.—On Feb. 9th, 1901, at St. Paul's Church, Southsea. Pte. F. King to Miss Florence Cordrey.

MASTERTON PETRACCA—At Parish Church, Portsmouth, 30th Jan., 1901, Lance-Sergt. J. Masterton, R.M.A., to Miss H. Petracca.

MORGAN—HORNIMAN—On the 12th February, at Holy Trinity, Brompton, by the Rev. George Holden (Vicar of St. John's, Wilton Road), and the Rev. J. Warde, Captain Reginald Hallward Morgan, R.M.L.I., to Sarah Muriel, youngest daughter of William Horniman, Paymaster-in-Chief, R.N.

PRIDDY—MOREY—At St. Simon's, Southsea, 20th February, 1901, Lance-Sergt. W. Priddy, R M.A., to Miss A. M. Morey.

Deaths.

FLEETWOOD—At Hong Kong, 8th January, 1901, F Coy., Gunner J. J. Fleetwood, R.M.A., of H.M.S. *Barfleur*.

HENDERSON.—On 4th Feb. at Melville Hospital, Clr.-Sergt. Allan Henderson.

McCLELLAND.—On Feb. 9th, 1901, at Haslar Hospital, Pte. T. D. Mc Clelland.

SMITH.—On Dec. 30th, 1900, while serving in Liffy, Pte. A. T. Smith.

WATERS—On the 5th February, at Pau, Les Basses Pyrénées, France, of Pneumonia, Nancy, youngest daughter of Major Waters, R.M. Interred at Hook, Surrey.

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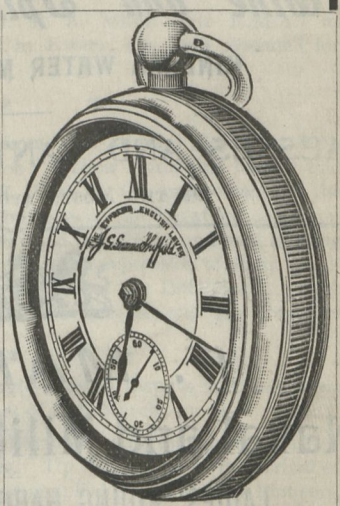
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Editorial.

WE regret that during the illness of the regular staff of the paper, a mistake was made in sending off several of the parcels to the ships by Parcels Post instead of as usual. We hope they arrived safely, and hope that any who have not received their copies will communicate with us, and we are sorry if any delay has occurred.

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By an unfortunate mistake we omitted to announce last month that on the 6th November His Majesty King Edward VII., at an investiture of the Order of the Bath, decorated Major A. E. Marchant, R.M.L.I., with the C.B. for his services in South Africa. Major Marchant is the first Marine officer to receive this honour at the hands of His Majesty.

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Prior to the sailing of H.M.S. *Ophir* from Portsmouth, and subsequent to the ceremony of awarding the medals to the Bluejackets and Marines, 2nd Lieut. G. J. Miller, Bandmaster of the Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., and Mr. B. Green, Bandmaster of the R.M.A., were sent for by His Majesty and were decorated by His Majesty, 2nd Lieut. Miller with the 5th Class of the Victorian Order, and Mr. Green with the Victorian Medal. In making the presentation to Lieut. Miller, His Majesty alluded to the pleasure the playing of the R.M.L.I. band had always given to Her Majesty the late Queen, and we find on turning over some old files that between the years of 1890 and 1897 the R.M.L.I. band, Portsmouth Division, had played before Her Majesty by command no less than 66 times.

We hear that in addition to Captain Collard, Captains Clark and Nelson are also serving with the Rand Rifles at Johannesburg. This appears to be an extraordinary corps, a kind of Volunteers, but you've got to serve in it or else starve. As we understand it the duties of our comrades are rather analogous to those of adjutants of a Volunteer corps at home.

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We regret to hear that Major E. S. D. Crowther, Gunnery-Instructor at the Plymouth Division, has had to go on a year's leave, owing to ill health. We hope it is not serious, and we are sure all will wish him a speedy recovery.

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We understand that in the Navy Estimates provision is made for a Colonel 2nd Commandant for duty at the Depot, thus bringing the Depot on the same footing as a Division.

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The D.A.G., R.M. notified with regret that Pte. W. Andrews, who had deserted from H.M.S. *Monarch*, was killed in action at Olifant's Nek, on 22nd January last, whilst serving with Roberts' Horse.

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The appointment of Lieut.-Col. B. A. Milne (late R.M.A.) as Recruiting Staff Officer, 2nd Class, at Exeter, has been extended for two years from 30th June next.

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The following communication from Vice-Admiral Seymour, R.N. has been published for information: "Their Lordships having had before them the report of Capt. E. Wray on the proceedings of the Guard of Royal Marines during the seige of the Legations at Pekin, desire me to convey to Captain Wray and the officers and men forming the Legation Guard under his command an expression of their Lordships' approbation of the gallant conduct of the Detachment, which reflects great credit on themselves, the Service, and the Corps of Royal Marines."

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With reference to the recent Anglo-Russian dispute at Tientsin, we extract the following from the *Times* of 28th March, 1900:—

"The prompt action of General Barrow in ordering up the Marines from Taku averted a serious danger. Up to the time of the arrival of the Marines the British sentries were supplied by the Madras Pioneers, who for several days were surrounded by crowds of foreign soldiers, mostly French, who assailed the Sepoys with all kinds of abuse, calling them coolies. The Marines arrived during the night and quietly relieved the Madrassis, so that when daylight came the Russians found themselves face to face with stalwart English Marines,

instead of Indian soldiers. The change greatly chagrined the French who came to jeer at the 'Coolies.'" The Marines have now returned to their ships.

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At the Annual Meeting of the R.N.S. Institute, Captain J. Machlain Rose was awarded the French Gascoigne prize of 30 guineas for his essay on "Lessons to be drawn from the Expedition to South Africa in regard to the best organisation of the Land Forces of the Empire," which was awarded first place. The gold medal was not awarded. Major J. H. Box was re-elected a member of the Council.

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We think that the following incident, taken from an article in the *United Service Magazine*, entitled, "The Unintelligence of Thomas," may interest our readers, seeing that the Naval Brigade referred to consisted largely of Royal Marines. "Fuel was notoriously scarce in the Free State, and many a time did our men shiver all night, and even on occasion go without a hot meal, for want of it. Yet I have seen a whole brigade, in one of the most desolate parts of the country, pass by, on the march, a nice dry tree, lying there on the ground, with broken branches and everything complete for fuel. Not only did the marching column pass it by, but even the whole of the brigade transport. Nearly at the tail of the column came two naval 4·7 guns I need hardly say there was a yell from the Naval Brigade and in five minutes that tree was reposing in bits on the limbers and in the ammunition waggons. The Naval Brigade, I may remark, generally had full stomachs, and always had a scrap of something to eat in their haversacks; they were rare foragers, and never left anything eatable behind them. The soldiers, on the other hand, receiving exactly the same rations, used to throw away, in spite of repeated warnings from their officers, anything that remained after their meals, and their haversacks were almost invariably lacking in food scraps. I must say, however, that even when on half rations and empty bellies they never complained, but 'stuck it out,' without a murmur."

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War Office Gazette.—Capt. W. H. Basevi, from the Royal Marine Light Infantry, is permanently appointed to the Army Pay Department, retaining his substantive rank.

The appointment of Lieut. C. H. Hood, R.M.L.I., as A.D.C. to Col. (local Major-General) H. L. Smith-Dorrien, D.S.O., commanding a Brigade Field Force, South Africa, is dated March 29th, 1900, and not as stated in the *Gazette* of June 8th, 1900.

Pekin, Sunday, March 10th.—The bodies of the Legation Guards and others who were killed or died during the siege, were removed from the temporary cemetery at the British Legation to the European cemetery outside the west wall of the city, and buried there with military honours yesterday.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

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We notice that Major F. C. Ormsby Johnson, R.M.L.I., has an interesting article in the current fortnightly on the "Orthodox Use of Mounted Infantry." Major Johnson is a strong advocate of a larger scope for this arm of the Service. and his able exposition of his views will undoubtedly be read with much interest by all interested in the subject, though in this matter, as in all other matters of Army reform, it is unlikely that all will be agreed.

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The Corps Dinner.—In consequence of the lamented death of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, it has been decided that the annual Corps Dinner shall not take place this year. Under the circumstances, the Committee do not propose to call for the annual subscription for the year. His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall and York, K.G., etc., etc., Colonel-in-Chief of the Corps, has intimated that he will have much pleasure in dining with the officers of the Corps next year. An amended scheme for organization of the Corps dinner funds is now under consideration and will be submitted by circular shortly to divisions, to all officers absent from Headquarters, and on the retired list. A balance sheet of the present state of the funds will be enclosed with these circulars.—G. T. Onslow, Lieut.-Col. R.M.L.I., Hon. Sec. Corps Dinner Fund.

Royal Marine Memorial,

SOUTH AFRICA—CHINA, 1899-1900.

A MEETING of the Committee of the above was held at Spring Gardens, on March 12th, 1901, for the purpose of considering

1. The State of the Funds.
2. Whether the scope of the Memorial should be extended to include the "Victorian Era."
3. Whether any part of the Funds should be applied to some charitable object, such as donations to Schools founded for providing free education for orphan children of Non-commissioned officers and Men, or formation of a Widows' and Orphans' Fund, or other object of a charitable nature.

The Secretary having reported the amount of subscriptions received and promised, viz.: £837 12s. 1d., it was resolved that a further circular should be addressed to Officers (Active List and Retired) who had not responded to the appeal for funds, and to such ships, &c., from which either no subscriptions or very small amounts in proportion to the strength of detachments, &c., had been received.

The Hon. Secretary reported that he had received from various sources suggestions to the following effect:—

(*a*) That the scope of the Memorial should be extended, and

(*b*) That many who had not subscribed would do so, and others who had already subscribed would increase their subscriptions if some part of the Funds were devoted to charity.

The Committee having heard the representatives of Divisions, who reported the opinion of their respective Divisions on these points, after full discussion, decided in each case to adhere to their former decision, viz.:—

That the Memorial should be confined to perpetuate the memory of those who have fallen in South Africa and China, 1899-1900.

That it should be a Monument erected in some public place in London.

Considering the large sum which would be required to carry out any scheme of Charity, it is decided such project would not be feasible, having regard to the sum at present, or ever likely to be, at disposal of the Committee.

It was decided that names of those who fell in South Africa and China, 1899-1900, should be inscribed on the Memorial, and that the Monument should bear the names of the Campaigns and Actions in which the Corps have been engaged.

It was resolved that efforts should be made to raise £1,200.

The Hon. Secretary was directed to ascertain from the proper authorities where space could be provided in London for erection of a Monument.

The following is a copy of the Circular referred to, and which has now been sent to all who it was thought might not have received the first Circular. The Hon. Secretary would be much obliged if readers of the *Globe and Laurel* would inform him if they know of anyone connected with the Corps who have not yet heard of the proposed Memorial:—

Royal Marine Memorial, South Africa—China, 1899-1900.

Committee: Lieut.-General A French, C.B., R.M.A., Chairman. *Members:* Major-General Sir J. Philips, K.C.B.; Major-General H. P. Wright, R.M.L.I.; Major-General G. F. Blake; Captain Sir J. Colomb, K.C.M.G., M.P.; Colonel W. Campbell, A.D.C., representing the R.M.A.; Lieut.-Colonel Parkyns Hearle, representing Portsmouth Division; Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Horniblow, representing Plymouth Division; Major H. S. Neville White, representing Chatham Division; Captain D. Mercer, representing R.M. Depôt. *Hon. Secretary:* Lieut.-Colonel G. T. Onslow, R.M.L.I.

A circular issued by the Committee formed to carry out a proposal to obtain funds for raising a suitable Memorial to perpetuate the memory of Officers and Men of the Royal Marines who lost their lives in the wars in South Africa and China during 1899-1900, was sent in November last to all the Divisions of the Corps, to all of H.M. Ships in Commission, to all Officers on the Active List on shore detached from Head Quarters, to all Retired Officers, and as far as possible, to

all Pensioners and others who have left the Corps, setting forth the object of the movement, and asking for funds.

The response to this appeal has not come up to the expectations of the Committee.

It is estimated that a contribution of one day's pay from all ranks now serving would alone produce the sum of about £2,000.

The actual sum received, or promised, to the present date amounts to only £837 12s. 1d.

Only 80 Retired Officers and 65 Ships have responded to the appeal.

Probably further sums are now on their way from Ships on Foreign Stations, though contributions having been received from every Station shows that by now all Ships could have communicated with the Hon. Secretary.

It is thought that some of the circulars may not have reached their destination; that in many cases the appeal has been accidentally overlooked and forgotten; or that would-be subscribers are desirous of more information before sending their contributions.

The Committee at a Meeting held in London, on March 12th, 1901, therefore decided to issue a further appeal by circular to all those who have not yet subscribed.

A synopsis of the proceedings of the Committee Meeting held on 12th March, is appended, from which it will be seen that it is intended to erect a Monument in London, to the memory of the Royal Marines who fell in action or died of wounds or disease in South Africa and China, 1899-1900, and to inscribe on the Monument the names of great Actions and Campaigns in which the Corps have taken part, as well as a list of the Officers and Men who perished in South Africa and China, 1899-1900.

It is urgently requested that all who are willing to subscribe to the above object will forward their subscriptions, as soon as possible, to the Hon. Secretary, or to the Officers representing their Division.

G. T. ONSLOW, Lieut.-Col., R.M.L.I.,
Honorary Secretary.

22, Spring Gardens, S.W.,
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Recruiting Staff, Southampton, £1 8s.; Hull, £1 7s.

Other sums promised: Lieut.-Gen. A. French, C.B., £5 5s.; Major-Gen. J. I. Morris, D.A.G., £5 5s.; Major-Gen. Wright, £2 2s.; Sir J. Colomb, K.C.M.G., M.P., £10; Capt. F. J. Parry, £2 2s.; Major-Gen. West, £1 1s.; Major-Gen. Moody, £2 2s.; Gen. Sir H. S. Jones, K.C.B., £5.

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Colour Sergeant Drake, R.M.

SIR.—As one who, whilom, had the honour of forming an effective member of that distinguished corps, the Royal Marines, it affords me great pleasure to describe to you an incident in the life of a brave man. I have never heard or read of a nobler display of unflinching, enduring valour, and genuine bull-dog courage, than the "Romeo Primero" affair. I am fortunately enabled to furnish your readers with a full detail of that remarkable display of indomitable courage under circumstances which would have appalled the heart and prostrated the physical energies of men of less determined bravery and bodily strength than Sergeant Drake, and I feel convinced that it will be read with the same feelings of wonder and admiration with which I heard it from the lips of the stalwart hero himself.

Before I enter into a description of the desperate conflict, it is necessary to premise that the Romeo Primero was captured off Cape Lopez by the Waterwitch and Racer somewhere about the middle of 1847. As is customary in such cases, four of the Brazilian slaver's crew were sent in her to assist Commander Mansfield's small party of five hands in navigating the vessel to St Helena. Drake, three seamen, and a krooman, composed these five hands. It was I believe, on the night of the second or third day after their departure, that the treacherous Brazilians attempted to seize the ship. Some accident having occurred to the top-gallant halyards, the only two seamen who were on deck were ordered by Com. M. to go aloft and repair the damage, he himself taking the wheel. Drake, the remaining seaman, and the darky, were asleep in their hammocks, it being their watch below. The four miscreants, on the alert to seize the first favourable opportunity, took advantage of the circumstance of the two men going aloft, and while one of them went below for the purpose of despatching those who were asleep, another of the remaining three, seizing hold of Drake's musket, levelled it at the Commander, who fell, stunned by a severe wound in his head, which tore off a part of his skull. In the meanwhile the scoundrel below was not idle. Having mortally wounded the seaman, he was proceeding to despatch Drake, who, feeling a peculiar sensation about the neck, awoke, and raising his arm, diverted the knife from his throat, but not without receiving a deep and severe wound above the collar-bone. Without for a moment losing his presence of mind, he flung himself out of his hammock, and wrenching the knife from the ruffian's hands, plunged it into the fellow's stomach with such furious energy and hearty good will that he felt the point of it grate against the spine. He then seized the man's cutlass, and perceiving that his officer was being overpowered, he gallantly rushed to his support, regardless of the blood which was fairly welling out of the deep wound in his neck. It must have been a splendid and a fearful sight to have beheld him, a bleeding, ghastly figure, resolutely standing over his officer, and evincing superhuman strength and courage in resisting the attacks of the cowardly Brazilians. Well, Sir, to cut the story short, for I perceive that I have nearly exhausted my space—by the time the seamen descended to the assistance of the noble fellow, he had made such right good use of his weapon, that he killed one and wounded the other two of his antagonists, who precipately fled below, fairly terrified at the indomitable valour, and fierce, overwhelming energy, with which their gallant opponent fought.

It only remains for me to add that Sergeant Drake, exhausted by the hemorrhage, fainted away immediately after the flight of the ruffians; that he did not arouse to consciousness till a week after, and that he was several months in hospital before he recovered of his wounds.

I remain, Sir, your obedient Servant,
THREE SCORE YEARS AND TEN.

Portsmouth, 14th April, 1852.



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H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CORNWALL AND YORK.

His Royal Highness Prince George Frederick, Duke of Cornwall and York, Earl of Inverness, and Baron Killarney, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.V.O., P.C., Hon. D.C.L. Oxford, Hon. LL.D. Camb., Rear-Admiral Royal Navy, Colonel-in-Chief Royal Marines, Capt. 1st Prussian Dragoon Guards, Colonel-in-Chief Royal Fusiliers, Hon. Colonel 3rd Batt. West Yorkshire Regt., 3rd Middlesex Volunteer Artillery, and Suffolk Yeomanry Cavalry, was born at Marlborough House, 3rd June, 1865, and married 6th July, 1893, H.R.H. Princess Victoria Mary of Teck. H.R.H. was appointed Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Marines. Both the Duke and Duchess are at present on a tour through the Colonies in H.M.S. *Ophir*, and it is understood that on his return our Colonel-in-Chief will be created Prince of Wales.

Notes from the Log Book of Pte. John Green.

(LATE ROYAL MARINES).

No. 5.

I HAVE no doubt that many strong minded Marines, who have followed my career as described in the few sketches set forth in the pages of this journal, have marvelled at the weakness I invariably displayed in allowing myself to be so easily led, but I must say in extenuation that I was ever a happy-go-lucky fellow, a "come-day,-go-day,-God-send-pay-day" sort of character, and although after each scrape I always determined to turn over a new leaf, it was many years before I succeeded in doing so. In the following incident this special failing is once more disclosed, but I trust the strong-minded men afore mentioned will make every allowance for me after this explanation, and so, turning to the Log Book in which each event I have related has been ticked off in red ink, with the date it appeared in print, I find that I closed my last extract at Malta, waiting passage to the *Pearlist* in the next outward bound troopship.

The day after my interview with Jeremiah Snagg, I was sent for by the Sergeant-Major, who asked me if I would volunteer for the Hospital to assist in nursing an able seaman of my own ship by the name of Paine, who had been left behind, and was now dangerously ill. I was both surprised and shocked—poor old Blewy dangerously ill! Of course I would; so in spite of my good resolutions to avoid these kind of actions in future, I immediately assented, and was soon landed at the Hospital steps by one of the numerous small boats attached to the ship. On reporting myself, I was conducted to a large airy ward overlooking Bighi Bay. Blewy occupied a corner cot, and on my arrival was being held down by half-a-dozen Maltese nurses. Brushing these on one side, I took his hand with the words—"What cheer, Blewy, my hearty," but he did not respond to my greeting. My presence, though, appeared to calm him, and the fits of violence grew less frequent. On the morning of the third day, he regained consciousness, and the doctors said that now, with careful nursing, he would pull through.

Day by day he gradually grew stronger until he was able to take a short walk with my assistance. One day, when looking over the wall which separates the cemetery from the Hospital grounds, he remarked:

"Ah, Jack, if it had not been for you I should now have been moored head and stern in this homestead, my cable was nearly run out when you made your number. I knew you at once, but was unable to hoist the answering pendant; but honestly there are many worse harbours than this to drop both anchors in, and good company to moor with, too. Here lie many from the Crimea, driven in by stress of weather—*Bellerophon's*, *Arethusa's*, *Rodney's*, and *Agamemnon's* now rest in 'columns of line abreast,' their rivalries forgotten, hundreds wrecked by falling from aloft are scattered about without any attempt at formation, the sad results of trying to be *first* in every evolution. In one ship I was in we averaged one killed per week for the whole commission," and then to my astonishment he burst into rhyme:

But we'll stow all melancholy
And this sentimental folly
Ere we hear each Jack and Jolly
Shout avast,
They fulfilled the old tradition
And they knew that their position
Must be better next commission
Than the last.

"Now, Jack," he continued, "as we are leaving Malta soon we must put our heads together and arrange a surprise for the natives, something out of the way, that our names may be remembered on the station and handed down from one ship's company to another, even until the third and fourth commission. The question is, what shall we do?"

"I have not the slightest idea," I replied, "but whatever it is, draw it as mild as you can. I am in the report now for breaking leave under aggravated circumstances, and too much notoriety will not be beneficial to either of us just at present."

He evidently was not listening, for just then he raised his head, smacked his thigh, hitched up his trousers, and shouted: "I've got it! I've got it!"

"Got what?" I queried.

"The idea, Jack, my boy—the idea of a huge joke, to be played on the garrison and ships in harbour.—A joke that will probably augment our pay-day to a considerable extent."

"The last clause is a great incentive to a man with my limited income," I observed, "but go ahead with the detail, and I will see if I can conscientiously join in the fun."

"That is just what I am *not* going to do," replied Blewy, "although I know you are as free from conscientious scruples as a pig is of feathers, yet you have such a happy knack of always hauling on the wrong rope, that I cannot trust you with details, but this is the general idea: Tom and I will give a grand entertainment under the the patronage of the two Commanders-in-Chief, hiring the Theatre Manuel for that purpose; we will have large bills printed and placed all over the towns, stating that Professors Pain and Green will give their grand and unrivalled display of Legerdemain and the Art of Self Defence, as performed before all the crowned and uncrowned heads in Christendom. Now the next troopship is due here on the 20th, three weeks today—so we have no time to lose. You must go out to-morrow and engage the theatre for that date; if successful, you will call on the Lieut.-General and Vice-Admiral, asking permission to bill their names. You will require a rig out, but old Strop and Block will lend you a tip-top suit of mufti if I drop him a line."

During the first part of this long speech I had felt inclined to knock him down, and probably should have done so had he not been so weak. Then it struck me that illness might have effected the brain, and thought him raving, but when he spoke of the ship and gave the correct date of her arrival, I came to the conclusion it was another scrape of some kind he was leading me into, and mentally determined there and then to have nothing to do with it, so interrupted him with:

"For God's sake, Blewy, avast heaving, and take the turns out of that yarn of yours, for I'll be hanged if I can understand what you are talking about. What do you and I, for instance, know about conjuring?"

"Not so much now," he replied, "as I hope we shall do later, but don't ask questions, do as you are told and I guarantee you are entirely satisfied in the end."

All my enquiries as to his intentions, and protestations against being forced to work in the dark, having been made in vain, behold me then the next morning emerge from old Strops in a rig that would have turned all the "blue lights" in the fleet green with envy, and, hailing a dghaiso, I proceeded to Valetta for the purpose of interviewing the manager of the Manuel. I found him at a café in the Strada Reale, a spruce Italian, with waxed moustache and close-clipped beard, dressed to kill or seriously wound at two hundred yards, beflowered, and leaving behind him when he moved, a scent similar to that left by a fox. We soon came to business, and I engaged the theatre for one night only at a cost of £60, to be paid *after* the performance. Blewy, in his instructions, had been very particular as to the latter part of this agreement. Then, according to orders, I waited on the Governor, or at least attempted to, but I was first met by a flunkey who bowed and scraped like a billy goat in a passion, then he passed me on to an "aide" who evidently expected me to out-lackey the lackey in servility, but I had had too many introductions to Post Captains in the Royal Navy to be frightened by such a sucking warrior as this, and opened the ball with: "Can you obtain me an introduction to His Excellency? I am here to ask his gracious permission to have the honour of placing his name alongside that of the Naval Commander-in-Chief, as a patron of the talented artists I represent, and who appear in this Island on the 20th for one night only. In addition to feats of legerdemain hitherto undreamed of, we are giving a Fifty Guinea Cup to be boxed for by representatives from the Army, and a similar trophy to candidates from the Naval Service, and at the conclusion Professor Green will take these pair of champions, one down the other come on, until they cry enough." The "aide" all this time had been twirling an incipient moustache, and, knocking imaginary dust from his polished riding boots, but as I approached the end of the programme he appeared more interested, and when I had finished, remarked: "Well, then God help Professor Green, but as I myself shall probably enter for the Army Cup, I think I can promise His Excellency's patronage.

If you will be kind enough to wait a few minutes, I will let you know."

He retired, and I then had quite a yarn with myself, thus: "Well, Jack, you are an ass. When you break your leave, or return on board with the assistance of a bowline, you know the scale for each offence and what you will get; but what is the scale for humbugging a Lieut.-General? "Number One," I shouldn't wonder. When are you going to learn common sense and keep out of scrapes?"

In a few minutes the young officer returned and announced that His Excellency would have great pleasure in attending. I thanked him, said "good morning," ascertained that the Admiral was on board, and selecting the smartest looking dghaiso in waiting, shoved off with, "Flag ship, Jose."

"Which sidee sheep you go, sir," asked the Maltese as we drew near

"The starboard side, you blooming goat; do I look as if I was going after washed clothes or to beg biscuit dust from the bottom of the bread barges, eh; don't you know a gentleman when you see one?"

Now, I did not half like the mission I was on, and had Blewy been out of Hospital, should have compelled him to work his part of the scheme himself. Fancy John Green, Royal Marine, sending in a bogus card to an admiral—it was nothing more or less than mutiny, and rank mutiny at that. But having got alongside, I left all my funk in the boat, stepped inboard, and through force of habit saluted, which would have betrayed me had I been observed. The Quartermaster stepped up, I asked to see the Secretary, and he marched me aft to the smoking room, which, of course, to make matters worse, was at this time filled with the Ward Room Officers, many of whom, including the Major of Marines, I recognised as old shipmates.

The Secretary came forward, I repeated the request I had laid before the General, and was able to state positively, that the latter had promised to attend the performance. The buzz of conversation was hushed as I unfolded the programme, and the Boxing Competition seemed to meet with particular favour. "Yes, see the Chief by all means, Sec., it will be a welcome change and vary the monotony of that everlasting Opera Company," said one whom I guessed to be the First Lieutenant; and, this being the general feeling, the Secretary departed in quest of the Admiral, but returned almost immediately with the answer, which was entirely satisfactory.

As I was about to depart thoroughly pleased with myself, the Marine Officer, who I was greatly concerned to see had been studying me intently, came up, and with "I beg pardon, but I seem to recognise your face, and it is connected in my mind with some stirring episode in my career, but upon my life I cannot bring it to mind, perhaps you can enlighten me."

Now, I had been perfectly aware all the while that we had served together on the 29th June, '59, when under Admiral Hope, we failed to storm the Taku Forts, he was wounded, and during the retreat, had fallen into one of the numerous pits dug by the Artful Chinee to trap the unwary besiegers, I had rescued and assisted him back to the boats. This, and something more, flashed through my mind in an instant. I said, "Does Hong Kong and a row with the police bring anything to your remembrance, Major?" "By Jove, yes; you are Dale, of the Artillery."

To explain this, I must again digress and go back to the year '60, when H.M.S. *Fury*, in which I was then serving, was lying in the harbour of Hong Kong. My leave as usual was stopped, but a mess-mate of mine looked after a Master Mate, whose plain clothes fitted me to a nicety, and occasionally when the Sergeant-Major was ashore and the coast clear, I would avail myself of the opportunity offered, don the mufti, slip into a sampan, and have a few hours spree in Cat Street or its vicinity. Returning one night from one of these stolen pleasure trips, I saw a young fellow in the hands of the police, rightly struggling to be free. There were only two of them, but these two would have made four ordinary Marines. However, I sailed in, and between us soon convinced them that it would be suicidal policy on their part to persist in his detention. I recognised him at once as the officer who was wounded at the Taku Forts the year before, and who belonged to the flagship. He was very grateful for saving him from an appearance at the police court the following morning, and insisted that we should have a drink together at the Club, at the same time asking to whom he was indebted. Not caring to say exactly who I was, which might have led to subsequent complication, I gave him the first name that came to my tongue, and answered, "I am Dale, of the Artillery," and now, after the lapse of a dozen years, he still remembered the name, and repeated "You are Dale, of the Artillery." I acknowledged the fact.

"I am very pleased indeed to meet you again Dale, and though I searched Hong Kong through, and left message after message for you at the Artillery Mess, I was never successful in meeting you."

I murmured something about duty, Singapore, Strait Settlements, &c., and he went on, apparently not noticing my confusion and the great difficulty I had to keep myself from springing to attention and saluting each time his questions called for an answer.

"You will lunch with me, of course, Dale?" "I have already lunched, thank you, Major," I replied, "and have an early engagement on shore;" at the same time consulting the magnificent-looking time-piece supplied me for the day by Messrs. Strop and Block. I saw him start as his eye fell on the watch.

"By the way, Dale," said he, "would you allow me to examine that watch of yours, it is the exact counterpart of one stolen from my cabin the day before yesterday." E.L.

(To be continued.)

The Navy Estimates.

THE following extracts as regards the Royal Marines are taken from the statement of the First Lord of the Admiralty, explanation of the Navy Estimates, 1901—1902, presented to Parliament:—

"2,630 recruits were raised for the Corps during the year 1900, the Artillery branch receiving 616 of this number, the remainder going to the Infantry Divisions.

For the Artillery branch the mean height was 5 feet 8 inches, for the Infantry, 5 feet 6 inches. The twelve months produced a wastage of 2,165, the largest for some years. More than half of this number were men time-expired, pensioned, purchased, and invalided, most of whom will be eligible for re-entry in the New Reserve, and will probably join it.

During the past year directions have been given for the training in gunnery of the young officers, R.M.L.I., to take place in the Gunnery School at Whale Island instead of at their Divisional Headquarters, in the same manner as the young officers, R.M.A.; whereby uniformity of instruction is insured.

A fuller recognition has been made of the eligibility of Marines for employment as captains of guns in H.M. ships. A proportion of Marine captains of guns will in future be allowed in the complements of all battleships and such first-class cruisers as are flag-ships; and a new auxiliary rating of second captain of gun has been established by Order in Council for men of the Marine Infantry, with an additional allowance of one penny per diem while borne on ships' books for the duty.

Musketry.—Twenty per cent. of the men on shore qualified as marksmen, 75 per cent. reaching the next stage of efficiency.

Reserve of Officers.—During the past year attention was directed to the fact that no specific regulation existed under which retired Marine officers could be recalled for service in case of emergency. A scheme has been prepared for the creation of a 'Reserve of Officers, Royal Marines.' It makes all officers who voluntarily retire liable to serve in this Reserve; those already on the retired list, or who may be compulsorily retired having the option of joining if under 50

Reserve of men.—Taking advantage of the powers given to the Admiralty by the Naval Reserve of 1900 to raise and keep up a new division of reserves in addition to the men already authorised under the Act of 1859, steps were taken to incorporate in the new force a Reserve of Royal Marines, and the raising of this Reserve is now in course of operation. –

The increase authorised includes 1000 Royal Marines, made up as follows:—27 commissioned officers, 1 warrant officer, 56 staff-sergeants and sergeants, 27 buglers and musicians, 889 rank and file.

The Relief of Pekin.

Wei-Hai-Wei, 20th January 1901.

SIR,—Seeing that abler pens than mine have not sent any news of the doings of the R.M. battalion formed to take part in the Allied Expeditionary Force for relief of Pekin, I venture, though late, a few words there anent which may be of interest to the readers of our Corps paper.

On the 29th August orders were received at Wei-Hai-Wei for the detachment of Marines stationed on the mainland (Flagstaff Camp) to be transferred to the island pending the dispatch of all available officers, N.C.O.'s and men to Tientsin, at which place a battalion was to be formed. Accordingly, Capt. Dustan, Lieuts. Mahew and Harmar, along with 44 N.C.O.'s and men from island, as well as Capt. Mullins and detachment from *Terrible*, embarked for Taku, where we arrived on the afternoon of 30th August. The whole were immediately transferred into shallow-draught vessels for passage up the Pei-Ho river to Tientsin, at which place we arrived on the following afternoon and were housed along with *Aurora's*, *Endymion's*, *Orlando's*, and *Barfleur's* Marines in a "go-down on the bund," named after the rear-admiral's ship. Preparations were at once begun for formation of a battalion of four companies, under the command of Major E. V. Luke, with Lieut. Mahew as adjutant; Clr.-Sergt. Hart, of Wei-Hai-Wei, being the sergeant-major, and Sergt. Messenbird, R.M.A., the Q.M.S.

No. 1 Company—Island Guard (Wei-Hai-Wei), under the command of Capt. Harris and Lieut. D' Harmar. Sergt. Handford being the company sergeant.

No. 2 Company—*Barfleur's*, under Lieut. Armstrong. Company sergeant, Clr.-Sergt. King, R.M.A.

No 3 Company—*Endymion's* and *Aurora's*, under Capt. Dunstan. Company sergeant, Sergt. Bell.

No. 4 Company—*Terrible's* and *Arurora's*, under Capt. Mullins. Company sergeant, Sergt. Peck.

The battalion was attached to Naval Brigade, commanded by Capt. Callaghan, R.N.

The American commissariat came to our aid, fitting us up with khaki suits and waterproof sheets, and which proved very serviceable. The land transport being in readiness for the advance, it was decided to utilize the river as an auxiliary means of transport. Three junks were placed at the disposal of the battalion, into which were stowed the surplus kit and stores as well as a supply of alum and charcoal for clearing the "pea soupy" water of the Pei-Ho. A store of the water was to be kept on board for the use of the men on arrival at their bivouac, the latter being generally contiguous to the river bank. Sergt. Carpenter, with 12 men as escort along with a crew of commandeered natives, was placed in command of flotilla. On the 2nd August the whole of the Naval Brigade was exercised in a route-march round the outskirts of the settlement in order to get their "land legs" in preparation for the stiff march in front of them.

On the 3rd of August the Allied Forces commenced the advance, the Naval Brigade with their three 12-pounders moved a few miles outside the native city and bivouacked close to the Hsi-Khü arsenal which is situated close to the river bank. One company detailed for picquet.

With a view to re-taking the native city the enemy was found to have taken up a strong position about three miles north of the arsenal, holding both banks of the river, their left being protected by a swamp at Peitsang, while their right was thrown sufficiently forward so as to threaten the arsenal which was strongly held by the Russians.

At sunset on the 4th a strong outpost line of observation was taken up by the Allies, Marines supplying one company. The night passed without incident.

Struck bivouac (no tents being taken) at 3 a.m. on 5th. Everything being in readiness at daybreak the Allies moved out to attack enemy's position. No. 1 Company being the advanced guard of the Naval Brigade which had to scour the village to the north of Hsi-Khü arsenal, which gave Admiral Seymour's party such trouble in his retreat on Tientsin. It was soon in our possession. The Marines, especially No. 1 Company, came under fire here for the first time. Our battery took ground to our right and came into action at about 500 yards range. A hot musketry fire could now be heard, but evidently at long range, as few bullets passed over us, although a few 1-pounder shells burst unpleasantly near to us; a large shell bursting dangerously near to Major Luke. By 10 a.m. the enemy were in full retreat being hotly pursued by the Japs, the cavalry continually harassing their right flank. Our guns ceasing fire the Naval Brigade continued the advance, the Marines acting as escort to the guns. Marching along on the right bank of the river we came upon the trenches, rifle pits, and gun epaulments of the enemy which told their own tale, groups of dead Japs and Chinese being rather thickly strewn about, as well as dead Chinese floating down the river. The enemy being completely routed and the Allies somewhat fatigued, it was decided to bivouac at Peitsang for the night. Thus the first fight ended fortunately without a single casualty in the Naval Brigade.

On morning of 6th continued the advance, crossing over the left bank of river without opposition. The Naval guns being unable to keep up on account of bad state of roads, were embarked on junks for passage up river. Yangstun was reached on the evening of the 6th, where we bivouacked. The heat was terrific, and that combined with the dusty nature of the road caused a goodly number of men to fall out, but they rejoined during the evening.

The advance northward was resumed on the following morning at daybreak. The battalion recrossing the river and continuing the marching along the right bank, arriving at the village of Thsai-Thun at midnight and bivouacked after a very long and trying day's march.

We were not "roused out" on the following morning till seven o'clock, when all hands were marched to the P.M.O. tent and there received a strong dose of quinine and iron, after which the march towards the capital was resumed, the heat at mid-day registering over 100 degrees in the shade. The town of Ho-Hsi-Wo was reached at nightfall on the 8th.

The troops and horses being very much done were allowed to rest on the following day, and all footsore and weakly men were left here to guard the lines of communications. Mah-to was reached on the 10th; here the enemy was expected to make a big stand, but the Bengal Lancers and American cavalry getting home they were forced to beat another hasty retreat towards Pekin. A very regrettable incident happened during the day; a Russian battery coming into action in rear of the Americans, burst a badly timed shell right in amongst them, killing, I think, about six and wounding several more.

Tung Chow was reached on the 11th; junks were unloaded and preparations made for the final advance on the capital, which was reported to be only one day's march from here. More N.C.O.'s and men were left behind to guard communication. The battalion being now reduced to three companies.

About 3 p.m. struck bivouac, and with the Naval guns and crews commenced the final march, all hands being very keen at the thoughts of soon getting within measurable distance of the Legations and so raising the siege of our comrades. We had not proceeded far, however, before the rain came down in torrents, and soon everyone became drenched to the skin. The roads were soon converted into a quagmire which made the going, for man, beasts, and guns, very difficult; we toiled on till midnight, the guns giving much trouble, being sometimes up to their axle-trees in slush, and the night being intensely dark a halt was made, the guns parked under the walls of a joss house and the men dismissed to find shelter therein. A huge bonfire being made of the wooden images the men soon dried their clothing, and were about to throw themselves down upon the damp floor of the joss house to snatch a few hours sleep when we were quietly informed by our good chaplain that one of our Wei-Hai-Wei comrades, Lce.-Sergt. J. Dodd, who had fallen out on the roadside a few hours before from sheer exhaustion, had just expired. The first death, so far, during the campaign. We turned out at 2.45 the following morning, and having dug a grave hard by the temple, the remains of our deceased comrade was laid to rest and the march continued; the roads were, if anything, worse than on the night previous, but the troops kept going, tugging away at the drag ropes till about 9 a.m., when a halt was made for breakfast.

The men having refreshed themselves, the Marines clapping on the dragging ropes, literally hauled the guns through veritable sloughs, and the heat again becoming intense towards mid-day the men were very much played out by evening. The capital now being only four miles off the booming of the guns of the Allies could be distinctly

heard, and as all but the Naval Brigade had gone by another road, it was obvious that we would not reach the capital till the following day, as darkness was setting in and the roads getting infinitely worse. Halting for the night on the banks of the canal, we set out early on the morning of the 15th, leaving the guns behind and marching as hard as we could, reached the east gate of the Tartar city at about 8 a.m., and pushing on, arrived in the grounds of the "Temple of Heaven" at about 11 a.m., where we heard that the Legations had been successfully relieved the day previous, the Sikhs being the first to enter.

After the battalion had refreshed we formed up with General Gaslee at our head, and proceeding towards the British Legation arrived there about 1 p.m., and took up our quarters for the night in the Royal Carriage Park.

On the morning of the 16th, moved out to clear the wall, extending from the Chien-Mun gate to the Haut-Mun, of the enemy. No. 1 Company, under Capt. Harris and Lieut. Harmar, forming the firing line, the remainder being in support. "A" Battery in position on the Chien-Mun shelled the enemy as we advanced along the wall. Every one now thought we should, at last, have a brush with the Boxers, as their tents, banners and guns could be distinctly seen. Our chagrin at finding the enemy had cleared out, and that the French troops were in possession of the Haut-Mun gate, can be better imagined than described.

The Allied Forces, comprising the Russians, Japs, French and British, the latter force consisting of Marines and Indian troops under the command of Major Luke, R.M.L.I., forming the reserve, advanced northwards to attack the Imperial Native City, wherein was situated the Petang R.C. cathedral, which, as all the world knows, had been closely besieged for two months, and were still bravely holding out.

The French general was in supreme command of the attacking force. The west gate was quickly blown in by the Japs, who again did most of the fighting. The French and Russians being chiefly engaged in indiscriminate slaughter, pillaging and burning right and left. The Christians from the cathedral assisted by the "fathers" (the siege by this time having been raised) came swarming along the main street, and mixing along with the French troops, gave themselves up to the wholesale butchering of any Chinaman who was not wearing a scapular, beads, or some such token of the religion.

Gate after gate and wall after wall having been taken, and the famous marble bridge crossed, the British took up their position on Coal Hill, immediately opposite the north gate of the forbidden city, which for the present was left untouched, guards being mounted over the various gates leading thereto, and no one was allowed to enter.

The Allies were now in full possession of the Imperial Native City, the British again coming out of the affair scatheless.

Nothing of importance took place beyond organized looting until the forbidden city was entered by the troops, representative of all the Allies.

The commander-in-chief having no further need for the services of the Naval Brigade, orders were issued for the battalion to leave Pekin on the 31st August, and proceed by march route to Tung Chow, which we did, arriving there the same night. The guns on this occasion being drawn by teams of horses supplied by the R.A., hence our covering the distance easily in one day.

The Naval Brigade now embarked in junks, and at daybreak cast off from the bank and commenced our trip down the river to Tientsin, where the greater portion of the brigade arrived safely on the afternoon of the 3rd September.

After having heard read a congratulatory telegram from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty the Naval Brigade was broken up, the detachments leaving the same evening by rail and river for their respective ships and Wei-Hai-Wei, via Taku.

The Wei-Hai-Wei detachment, which of course includes the Legation Guard, arrived at the above-named place on the evening of the 7th, and at once disembarked and proceeded to barracks, where a fine spread had been prepared by Clr.-Sergt. Elliott, who had been detained here to perform duties of sergeant-major at the base and drill instructor to the town guard for the defence of Leu-Kung-Tao.

Although the detachment sent from here to take part in the relief of Pekin went through with the loss of only one N.C.O., who died on the road, there have been, unfortunately, nine deaths from disease, since our return here, contracted at the front. M.P.H.

Home News.

Eastney, 24th March.

THERE are now nearly 450 recruits in the depot company here, with no near prospect of the return of the depot to Walmer.

On the 1st inst. the officers gave a farewell dinner to our late Chaplain, the Rev. W. S. Harris, who left to take up his new post of Chaplain of the Fleet at the Admiralty. On the same evening the junior N.C.O's. held their annual soirée in the gymnasium.

Several improvements are to be made in the barracks during the coming financial year. Now that the former married quarters have been converted into single men's quarters, the wash-houses and mangling room are of little use, and they are to be converted into recreation rooms which, owing to the crowded state of the barracks, are badly wanted. The racquet court is also to be thoroughly restored.

Under the superintendence of Lieut.-Col. Burrowes, a piece of the drill field, east of the officers' mess, has been levelled, drained, and fenced for a football ground; it will be sown in August, and should be in going order by the season of 1902-3. The cost will be about £100, and the labour has been principally provided in barracks. It is to be hoped that a good ground will encourage the team to better things than they have done this season.

The new Royal Fleet Reserve, which was initiated on the 1st March, so far promises to be a success. A good many pensioners have already enrolled in Class A, and the men discharged at twelve years and under have made an equally ready response in Class B. Eight of the latter commenced their annual week's training on the 18th March, one preferring to complete a fortnight (two years' training).

Chatham.

The event of the month at the Chatham Division has been the departure of the band to embark in H.M.S. *Ophir*. Whilst the Division is honoured by its selection to accompany their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, we shall none the less miss it greatly. Our loss, however, is the band's gain, and we may feel sure that they will worthily represent the Corps on this historical occasion. The Royal Engineer Band very kindly played them off to the station.

The detachments which concentrated here from the several Divisions to embark in the *Ophir* were a very fine lot as far as physique and every other qualification went. If their conduct is equal to their appearance they will not be much amiss. They formed a body of men which any officer might be proud to command.

The Paymaster is now installed in his new office, and at last the Division has a pay office worthy of other Divisions. The increased convenience resulting from the change is great, and the new rooms would be an object of envy to the gallant officers who have lately occupied the Paymaster's chair at this Division.

The post of mess sergeant in the officers' mess has changed hands this last month. Sergeant Beck, who has held the office for some ten years past, has been invalided, and Sergeant Taylor, up to now second clerk in the staff office, has taken over the duties.

Portsmouth, 25th March.

The month has passed quietly through; several very enjoyable entertainments have been given. The members of the sergeants' mess gave their annual smoking concert on March 11th, which was enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience; a full account of the programme is given in another column.

On Friday, 15th, the members of the junior N.C.O's club gave their annual ball in the theatre, when dancing was kept up with great spirit till 2-0 a.m., and was much enjoyed by those present.

On the 22nd the sergeants' mess also gave their annual ball in the theatre, which had been most tastefully decorated by an indefatigable committee. The floor was in splendid order, and with the usual beautiful playing of the string band, dancing was kept up till 4-0 a.m. and a most enjoyable evening was spent. This day being the anniversary of Tofrek (or better known as McNeill's Zareba), there were fore-gatherings of the Soudan veterans.

On March 16th H.M.S. *Ophir* sailed from this port; at the ceremony in the morning we furnished a guard of honour of 100 men with King's colours and band, under Captain Garrett, who were drawn up on the

jetty, and it was on this occasion that our bandmaster, Mr. Miller, was decorated with the Victorian Order, which we all hope he may wear for many years.

On the 19th the Gosport and Fareham Beagles met at Browndown, and the officers provided breakfast in a marquee near the huts, which was largely attended; in spite of rather a lack of scent a very enjoyable day was spent.

The conversion of the old sergeants' mess into a shoemaker's shop and store has been now completed, and has been taken into use.

The Fleet reserve has provided a topic of conversation, and men have turned up in fair numbers to enrol themselves, the result being that many familiar faces have been seen in their old haunts.

The football team has been playing up hard, as also has the officers' team, but we fear in both cases with rather varying success.

Plymouth.

Since last month, the Royal Fleet Reserve has been inaugurated, and we have seen among us several former comrades. So far, eleven men of Class A, and eight of Class B, have been up for exercise.

The new married quarters for N.C.O's. lately built at the back of the officers' mess, close to the dock gate, are to be occupied forthwith. There are eight of these houses, and each will be occupied by a company sergeant. "H" company will come into existence on April 1st.

It is with much regret that we lose Major Crowther, who has been granted twelve months leave on a medical certificate. He has been Gunnery Instructor since September, 1896, and consequently, would have vacated the billet in the coming autumn. We hope the nature of his illness will not prove so serious as it now seems, and that he will again be able to serve. He has always taken an interest in athletics as well as gunnery.

Captain Bendyshe completes his five years as Adjutant of the Division on March 30th; Captain E. H. Morres has been appointed to the vacancy he will create.

Deal, 24th March.

During the past year many important additions have been made to the depot, to keep pace with the ever increasing requirements of the Corps. Since Christmas, recruiting has been very brisk all over the country; the average number of recruits finally appointed being about sixty per week.

The very handsome new hospital, situated in the Blenheim road, was completed and opened last autumn. The wards, kitchens, and general arrangements are all of the very latest pattern, and a most complete steam laundry, capable of doing the washing for the whole of the barracks, as well as the hospital, has just been added. The hospital has accommodation for about 105 patients, of whom about 21 can be received into the zymotic side and 84 in the general wards. During the winter the staff has been worked at high pressure owing to an epidemic of scarlet fever and measles amongst the men, which, however, is now showing signs of abating.

As soon as the new hospital was taken over, the old hospital barracks, re-named now the "East" barracks, was handed over to the Works Department for conversion into barrack rooms. These rooms will be ready for occupation by April 1st, and will give accommodation for about 350 extra men. A new cook-house and latrines are to be built this year, and a new parade ground formed in the rear of the old hospital wards, the existing wall which now surrounds it, being levelled.

The new works to be undertaken comprise a new main guard-room at the Canada road entrance of the North barracks, and a band practice room and bath rooms at the end of the North drill shed. The new guard room will be a great boon, as the present inconvenient and isolated guard room in the South barracks can then be done away with.

The football season has been, on the whole, fairly successful, although owing to the very inclement and wintry weather, many games had to be abandoned. A Challenge Shield for company teams has been instituted this year, the first winners being "B" company, who defeated the band and drums after a good game. A silver cigarette case was presented to Sergeant Fallace, the captain of the winning team, and also to Sergeant McGinley, who was referee during all the matches; and a silver match box to each of the remaining members of the winning team.

We are now looking forward to the next Cricket season. So far nothing has been heard of any exceptional bowling or batting talent amongst the recruits, but we hope to fish up a good bowler or two from amongst them. Col. Quill, who will again captain one team, is, of course, a host in himself, and we hope to see him making a few more centuries before the season is over.

Great disappointment was felt when the Bayonet exercise and Physical drill competitions were cut out of the programme at the Military Tournament. The two cups which were won by teams from this place in the above competitions have been purchased by the Depot and will be kept in the Recreation room. We are entering teams for the bayonet fighting (also won by the Depot last year) and also for the tug-of-war. The men have been in training for some time, under Sergt. Dorian, and we hope will give a good account of themselves at the Tournament.

The new second commandant for service at the Depot has been approved and will probably join about the 1st April.

Foreign News.

MALTA.

DURING the last four months the Grand Harbour of Malta has been unusually empty, for this time of year, as far as H.M. ships are concerned, but now nearly all the vessels of the fleet are assembled here and great preparations are being made, both afloat and ashore, for the reception of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, next week. The *Ophir* is expected to arrive here on the 25th inst., escorted from Gibraltar by the *Andromeda* and *Diana*, and leaves at midnight on the 27th.

H.M.S. *Renown* is to leave Malta on the 6th April for Genoa, to embark the First Lord of the Admiralty, the First Sea Lord, and the Director of Naval Intelligence for passage to Malta. They will arrive at Malta on the 11th April, and stay at Admiralty House. Their visit is said to be of quite a private nature, and they will leave Malta in H.M.S. *Cæsar* on the 16th April; on the same day the fleet will leave Malta to carry out the first series of the somewhat extensive Naval operations which have been arranged for this year. It is understood that the fleet will be back again in Malta Harbour for the greater part of May. The Annual Naval and Military Rifle Meeting will be held at the Pembroke Camp Rifle Range, on the 13th to 18th May, and the Naval Athletic Sports have been fixed for the 28th and 29th of that month.

SUPPER AND SMOKING CONCERT.—The Football team of H.M.S. *Cæsar* entertained the *Royal Sovereign's* football team at a Supper and Smoking Concert, on Tuesday evening, the 5th March, at the Flag Ship, Floriana. The chair was taken at 7 p.m. by Sergt. Longhurst of the *Cæsar*. Pte. Kinch, captain of the *Sovereign's* team, responded in a few words, thanking the *Cæsars* for the way they were entertaining them.

SERGEANTS' MESS, SENGLEA, MALTA.—A very enjoyable Smoker was held on Saturday, the 9th March, at the above Sergeants' Mess, which was thoroughly appreciated by over 100 members and guests.

SUICIDE IN FLORIANA.—An inquest was held on Monday, 4th March, at the Central Hospital, Floriana, on the body of Pte. Frederick Charles Carrol, aged 20, Royal Marine Light Infantry, of H.M.S. *Theseus*, who was found dead from a revolver shot, in a bed-room in the Union Jack Hotel, 14, Strada St., Calcedonio, Floriana, at 11.30 p.m the previous Saturday evening. From the evidence, it appeared that four persons were also in the room at the time of the occurrence, who were unaware that anything unusual was happening. There was nothing to explain why the unfortunate man destroyed himself. A verdict of "suicide while temporarily insane," was returned. During the afternoon the body of deceased was removed to Bighi, and interred in the Naval cemetery with the customary honours. He was a member of the Church of England.

Anecdotes.

IT having come to our knowledge that our readers are desirous of having some of the many humourous incidents which occur daily amongst service men inserted in our columns, we offer a prize of a Bound Volume of our Journal to the sender of the best suitable story, fact or fiction. All letters to be addressed to the Editor, *Globe and Laurel*, Royal Marines, Gosport.

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Hawker: "'Ere yer are, photo of De Wet, one penny!" Old gent: "Let me have one, please (returns a few minutes later)—"You scoundrel! I haven't got De Wet here." Hawker, surprised: "Lor lummy, has 'e got away agen."

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Officer going the rounds espies a dish of dumplings on the table.—"What are they, sergeant?" Sergeant: "They're doughboys." Officer: "Well, put doughboys in the report and the small puddings in the scranbag." Sergeant faints.

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"My husband is so nice about explaining these war terms to me. I know I aggravate him awfully, too, sometimes. Why, only think, I had to ask him this morning what the seat of war was for. "Yes?" "Wasn't it foolish? But he is so patient. The idea that I didn't have sense enough to see that it is for the standing army to use when it gets tired."

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Passing along Union Street, Plymouth, one day, a tall marine stopped and called a shoeblack to polish his boots. The feet of the marine were in proportion to his height, and the boy looking at the tremendous boots before him, knelt down on the pavement and called upon a chum near at hand.—"Jim, come over and gie's a hand, will yez, I've got an army contract here." Collapse of the Royal.

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MILITARY DEFINITIONS.

Prisoner—A very pleasant state of temporary retirement from the duties and annoyances of the profession.

Dress, verb active—To force a given number of soldiers into a continuous straight line by loud vociferation and considerable noise.

Drill, verb active—To arrange human beings in unnatural positions.

Esprit de corps—The art of abusing and finding fault with every regiment but your own.

Infantry—A branch of the Service useful in macadamising roads.

Inspection—An opportunity afforded by custom to soldiers of seeing a live general once a year.

Valise—An ingenious contrivance invented for the purpose of exemplifying how little it is possible to get into a small bag.

Leave of Absence—A very nice and pleasant existence—when you can get it.

Recruit—A victim of delusion, to be speedily undeceived by coal fatigue.

Roster—A fabulous list of rotation kept by the adjutant, in which you always appear last for leave and first for duty.

War—A noisy and unpleasant substitute for diplomacy.

Duties of the Orderly Officer—To rise at an hour when the civilised portion of society are enjoying their first sleep, to find himself brought suddenly into contact with raw meat, a propinquity which might be productive of the severest shock to the nervous system; to intrude into the breakfast parlours and dining rooms of beings intended by the all-bountiful spirit of nature to enjoy the same advantages as himself, and to pester them with unnecessary questions as to the quality of their meals; to intrude into the cook-house, thereby to inhale an odour very different to that to which he has been accustomed, and in which grease and steam chiefly predominate; to leave his dinner when a little more than half-way through it for the purpose of ascertaining if a given number of individuals have retired to rest in a state of sobriety, a piece of information highly interesting when acquired; to sit up when rather sleepy and tired in order to disturb the slumbers, and threaten with palpitation of the heart, the men on guard, who are trying to snatch a few hours' rest.

Scene: After deck. Time: 10 p.m. Sergt. J.——"Sentry, did you strike the bell at 10 o'clock." Pte. A.——"No, Sergeant, I forgot." Sergt. J.——"D——good job no one heard you."

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Colonel Pompadour: Who was that young bounder you were dancing with so often last night?" Ada: "Why, pa, he is my accepted lover." Colonel Pompadour: "Your lover, child; why I never saw him before! What does he do?" Ada: "Do, pa? Do? Why he does nothing; he is at the War Office."

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SCOUTING.—I am only a private, a private in the 1st Roal Carbolics; I have never been offered the honorary degree of a stripe (not that I should have taken it, of course, but still, I am surprised that my captain has never really appreciated my worth) and little contingencies have always intervened to prevent my getting a G.C. badge—but what care I for these vain gawds! Enough that I am possessed of that keen intelligence, that magnificent brain power which has produced a Cæsar, a Marlborough, and a Napoleon. And when the other day I got hold of a little book entitled "Aids to Scouting," I saw my opportunity at last. "Now I am going to astonish them" I thought; "Now I will show them what I am made of; Scotland Yard won't be in it; Le-Coq and Sherlock Holmes will be compelled with shame to take the lower place." By good fortune I managed to become the possessor of a copy of "Sherlock Holmes," and studied the character thoroughly. I found leaning back and pressing the tips of the fingers together mere child's play, and the clean shaven, haggard appearance was easily cultivated. The overcoat was a difficulty. I heard there was an old one belonging to one of the Hamlets of the divisional theatre, but cash down was a *sine qua non*; I applied to the company officer for an advance to send home, but the pay sergeant said "This man is already twenty shillings in debt this month, sir!" So that was no go. Finally, I had to make shift with my regimental great-coat; after wearing it for one day I discarded it as I found the heat too great. By the way, operations were now suspended for three days, owing to my company officer awarding me three days C.B. for shaving my moustaches; he wouldn't accept my explanation!

And now for my experiences at tracking and the detective lay. Not all successful, I am bound to admit, but then you can't expect all oranges; practice makes perfect, the greatest general is he who makes fewest mistakes (Napoleon) etc., etc.

First experiment—Day: fine, beastly hot. Time: 9-30 a.m. Place: a road in Hampshire, straight and hard. Signs: Lots of tracks of feet going in the direction of Fareham. The deep impressions showed that they were in a fair hurry and there were no signs of stopping anywhere. Deduction: a number of naturalised natives had been going to Fareham for the sake of exercise, unless one is in a special hurry he can't go more than fifty yards without sitting down to smoke; and there is only one thing to make a native hurry, the greed of—well, we'll say liquor. Note: probably this deduction was correct, I had no means of verifying it.

Second experiment—Place: the same as above. Time: 7-30 p.m. (dusk). Signs: track of a bicycle, very erattic, going from side to side of the road. Prints of ammunition boots in three places where the rider had evidently dismounted (or fallen off?) and five charred ends of matches where he had been trying to light his pipe. Deduction: "Drunk, can't ride straight or see to light his pipe!" I exclaimed aloud in triumph as I drew forth my note-book. At that very moment I came in violent contact with a large body, and on looking up (my eyes had been fixed on the ground hitherto) I saw the owner of the bicycle standing close to me under the shadow of a tree. The bicycle lamp was lit. The rider was Private Basher, the celebrated bruiser of X company. "I've been watching you, you double-blanked idiot," he exclaimed. "Drunk, am I, and can't light my pipe? Why, I haven't got a pipe on me, and the matches you saw were used in lighting the bike lamp, which was a job in this wind. I was going very slow, waiting for my chum to catch me up, that's why the track looked wobbly. However, as you may still have doubts on the subject, to prove to you that I am sober I will just demonstrate to you how accurately I can place my fist upon your peepers. Take that! and that! you extra-adjectived thingumbob!"

Owing to inability to see out of either eye for the next three days, I had to suspend my researches for some time.

Third experiment—Day: night, 9-30 a.m. Place: a road in Forton (I don't know which). Signs: I was returning from the Soldiers' Home when I most unaccountably lost my way. Tried to find north by the Pole star, but owing to the atmospheric density there seemed to be two or three Pole stars, not one of which would stop in one place for a second together. Remarkable phenomenon! I then lay down on the road and attempted to read the signs, hoping that I might thus obtain a clue to the right direction, when I was pounced upon by two men who wore circular badges on their left arms. They made most unfounded charges against me, and when I attempted to explain myself, told me to "chuck it." They led me off to a somewhat meagrely furnished, but well-secured apartment, with a guard of honour and two sentries outside. Deduction:—this I leave to my readers. A share of my C.B. will be presented to the sender in of the correct solution. If more than one correct answer is received, the prize will be divided.

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We are going to publish phrenological charts of our subscribers' heads. Those who pay promptly, and all new subscribers, will have splendid heads. One of them has just discovered that the name of a very old complaint is the "Gymjams."

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A recruit on sentry at Chatham, observing some one approaching his post, gave the usual challenge: "Halt! who goes there?" It happened to be the sergeant-major who, noticing that the recruit's heels were not properly closed when he challenged, shouted to him, "Close your heels!" The recruit replied, "Pass, Close your Heels, all's well."

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Lower deck of trooper, 4-30 a.m.—Two soldiers about to stow their hammocks come across a marine having a guard and steerage. First soldier: "Whist, Jock, whist, go round the other passage, the navy's not awake."

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They were going out to do their course of firing and as it was a very cold day, took the precaution of taking two cans of soup with them to fortify the inner man. On arriving in the neighbourhood of the target the weather was found to be too hazy to fire the 3-pounder, and the officer in charge decided to wait a little while on the chance of the mist lifting. In the meantime permission was obtained and the soup handed round and duly enjoyed by all. No alteration taking place in the weather, it was later decided to steam closer to the target and fire the Maxim, and Pte. Smith was ordered to get a box of ammunition up from the cabin. Some few minutes afterwards Smith was seen having a very confidential yarn with his chums Brown, Jones and Robinson, and on being questioned, the terrible truth was discovered—"no ammunition had been brought out," on hearing which the officer in charge retired in deep dudgeon to the cabin and immersed himself in the pages of the *Globe and Laurel.*

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They were "passing out" up at the battery; six of them were manning a pair of 3-pounders and the remainder hugging the "ship's side," trying to keep warm until their turn came round to earn (or "dip") the penny, when the following conversation was overheard:

Old Jerry, the "Snob"—"Blimey, I reckon Major Drury ought to be 'ere now!"

Old Daddy.—"What for, Jerry. D'yer think he'd spin a yarn about us?"

Old Jerry.—"Yus, and it wouldn't be about no three sanguinary bad hats, neither, it 'ud be about six (soldier's adjective) old." (soldier's epithet of disgust and derision).

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A Marine was employed in painting a battleship, suspended on a stage under the ship's stern. The captain, who had just got into the boat alongside for the purpose of going ashore, ordered a recruit to let go the painter (the rope which makes fast the boat). The boy instantly went aft and let go the rope by which the Marine's stage was held. The captain, surprised at the boy's delay, cried out, "Confound your eyes, why don't you let go the painter?" The boy replied, "He's gone, sir, cans and all."

Entertainments.

THE annual smoking concert was held at the Sergeants' Mess on March 11th, Sergt.-Major Mearles in the chair, and Sergt.-Major McLaughlin in the vice chair. Songs were admirably rendered by Sergts. Williams, Leonard, and White, Messrs. Hockley, Mann, Taylor, Fielder, and Beams, and a recitation by Mr. Mitchell, the mandoline band, under Col.-Sergt. Noakes, an impromptu by Lance-Sergt. Anning on a home-made violin, and songs by Lieuts. Burge and Hazelwood, combined to make the concert a grand success. During the evening toasts were proposed and drank, with musical honours. The King, Queen, and Royal Family, and the Commandant and Officers, both by the Chairman. Capt. Garrett and Capt. and Adjutant Blumberg responded for Commandant and Officers. The Members of the Mess, was proposed by Lieut. Burge, Sergt.-Major Mearles responding on behalf of the members of the mess. The band, under Sergt. Miller, played selections at intervals, and about 200 jovial souls, after singing "God save the King," departed to court Morpheus at 11 p.m.

By kind permission of the Colonel Commandant, the junior N.C.O.'s held their annual ball on Friday, March 15th. The room was tastefully arranged by the committee, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, some 22 dances being gone through under the guidance of Corpl. James, M.C, and his colleagues. A part of the divisional band, under Corpl. Bradman, supplied the music. The junior N.C.O.'s ought to be very grateful for the admirable way in which the committee arranged the affairs of the evening, and brought the whole to a successful close at 2 a.m.

The Sergeants held their annual ball at Forton on the 22nd March. A large number were present, amongst whom were the Colonel Commandant, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. McCausland, Major Trotman, Capt. and Mrs. Thornton, Capt. and Mrs. Eveleigh, Capt. and Adjt. Blumberg, and other officers of the Division. Dancing started at 8.30 p.m. and continued until 4 a.m., a most excellent programme being gone through. The room was very prettily decorated, displaying great credit and taste to those engaged in the work of getting the place ready. At 4 a.m., the band played "God save the King," and everyone departed in a happy frame of mind, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

An excellent entertainment was given at the Royal Marine Theatre, Forton, on Wednesday, March 27th, the building, as usual, being filled to overflowing. Pte. Pugsley performed a first-rate step dance. Songs by Sergts. Leonard and Drake, Messrs. Buck and Hockley, and Miss Smith were received with great applause. Pte. Taylor's sketch, "Seeing the Transvaal War," was undoubtedly the hit of the evening. The whole closing with a screaming absurdity entitled "Turning 'em Out." During the evening several selections were rendered by the band.

Football.

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

March 2nd	R.M.L.I.	*v. Excellent* ..	Draw.	
,, 9th	,,	*v.* 20th Coy., R.G.A. ..	Lost.	2—1.
,, 16th	,,	*v.* Naval Depôt ..	Lost.	3—0.
,, 20th	,,	*v.* Portsmouth Grammar School.	Won.	5—1.
,, 27th	,,	*v.* Rifle Depôt ..	Lost.	6—1.

PLYMOUTH DIVISION.

Association Football does not find much favour here in this very hotbed of the Rugby game A team has been "scraped" together since the new century commenced, which has acquitted itself in a fairly satisfactory manner by defeating the 3rd Gloucester Regt. 2—0; the 5th P.B. 2—1; and the *Lion* (training ship) 3—1. With the 30th Coy., W.D., R.G.A., two games have been played, one a pointless draw, the other a severe defeat, 2—5.

The Hockey season has not been a success, which is attributed to the continual change of officers.

DEAL.

Depot, R.M., *v.* Daneville (Margate). Played at the Depot, on Saturday, March 16th. The home team winning by 3 goals to nil.

NAVAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE, MALTA.

The following are results received up to date for *Empress of India* Cup Matches :—

Ship.	W.	D.	L.	Goals.	Points.
Illustrious	15	1	0	56—2	31
Andromeda	11	1	1	39—8	23
Cæsar	9	0	2	25—8	18
Theseus	7	1	3	14—7	15
Canopus	6	3	4	16—13	15
Royal Sovereign ..	6	0	5	18—22	12
Hibernia	5	1	4	13—11	11
Vulcan	3	3	6	19—31	9
Ocean	3	2	4	12—6	8
Barham	2	1	3	8—14	5
Victorious	2	0	4	7—15	4
Royal Oak	1	1	3	4—6	3
Gladiator	0	1	4	4—15	1
Renown	0	1	7	2—15	1
Vindictive	0	0	5	0—19	0
Ramillies	0	0	6	2—21	0
Dryad	0	0	9	1—27	0

Under Rules 2 and 3 of this Competition the following ships have played enough matches to qualify, and their names and percentages are given in order of merit :—

Illustrious 97, *Andromeda* 88, *Cæsar* 81, *Theseus* 68, *Canopus* 58, *Hibernia* 55, *Royal Sovereign* 54, *Vulcan* 37.

Shooting.

PLYMOUTH.

The newly formed Three Towns and District Rifle Club challenged our N.C.O's. to a competition with the Morris Tube. It took place on the evening of March 8th, in their gallery at Norley Yard, Plymouth. Fourteen rounds per man were fired, seven standing and seven kneeling. The results were : N.C.O's, 434; Three Towns and District, 412. The Three Towns and District thus losing by 22 points. A return match will be fired soon after Easter in our own gallery.

The result of Musketry of the present year are as follows :

No. of Det.	*No. Exercised.*	*Fig. of Merit. Ind.*	*Sec.*	*No. of Marksmen.*	*Best Shot.*	
1	85	94	40	25	A 3763 Sgt. E. Fudge	130
2	73	92	38	22	D 10047 Pte. F. Smith	123
3*	66	78	43	3	F 2962 Sgt. Burridge	124

*Very bad weather throughout.

Lieut. Beyts has already improved on last year's record for Officers in Revolver Shooting. He made 80.

Shooting Match, Plymouth Division R.M.L.I. *v.* H.M.S. *Cambridge*, on Saturday, 23rd inst., at Trevol, resulting in a win for the R.M.L.I. by 40 points. The weather was very cold, with a fish-tail wind, which accounted for the low scores on both sides.

Answers to Correspondents.

R.M.—Belmont, Graspan, Modder River, Magersfontien, Paardeberg, Osfontien, Veit River, Zand River, Pretoria, Diamond Hill, Belfast.

Sergt. Hill—Many thanks for story, and will publish it shortly.

Mrs. Cox—Many thanks for poem, we hope to use it later.

Sergt. Judge—Chatham Barracks were built in 1777. The west and south wings being added to it in 1864-1865. Am trying to find out all about lights.

Births.

Atkins—On the 16th Feb., at Chatham, the wife of Sergt. T. J. Atkins, of a daughter.

Cochran—On the 19th March, at 36, Upper Brook Street, the wife of Major A. G. Cochran, R.M.L.I., of a daughter.

Mills—On the 8th November, 1900, the wife of Sergt. Mills, of a son.

Pearson—On the 19th Feb., the wife of Q.M.S. Pearson, of a son.

Marriages.

Beech—Haynes—At St. James' Church, Portsea, 6th March, 1901, Musician A. E. Beech, R.M.A., to Miss J. M. Haynes.

Boon—Grace—On the 23rd March, at the Register Office, Portsmouth, Pte Thos. Boon, to Miss Emily Grace.

Chandler—Harding—On March 16th, at the Garrison Church, Gibraltar, by the Rev. Haines, Fred. Chandler, R.E., to Florence, daughter of Captain Harding, R.M.L.I.

Harding—Chandler—On March 5th, at Parish Church, by the Rev. E. S. Burgess (by special licence) Captain G. F. Harding, of King's Thorpe, Deal, to V. S. Chandler, of Herne House, Deal.

Langford—Drage—On 23rd March, at Parish Church, Medstead, Hants, Pte. C. Langford, to Miss Marion Drage.

Mytton—Flowers—At St. James' Church, Portsea, 10th March, 1901, Corpl. T. P. Mytton, R.M.A., to Miss E. Flowers.

Shaw—Branfield—At St. Peter's, Pimlico, Corpl. Shaw to Miss Branfield.

Deaths.

Andrews—On the 22nd Jan., at Olfants Nek, Pte. W. Andrews.

Burton—On the 4th March, at his residence, 34, Breakspear Road, Brockley, after a short illness, William Percy Shepherd, only son of the late Lieut.-Col. William Moulden Burton.

Hatch—On the 11th Feb., at the Military Hospital, Trincomalie, Pte. H. J. Hatch, H.M.S. *Highflyer*.

Oldnall—Killed in action at Tabaksberg, South Africa, on the 29th January last, Henry Cairns Oldnall, Captain Royal Field Artillery, eldest surviving son of the late H. S. Oldnall-Russell, of Sion House, Worcestshire, and stepson of Major-General J. F. Crease, C.B., R.M.A.

Roberts—On the 11th March, at Goona, India, suddenly, when upon the march from Jhansi to Deesa, John Bradley Roberts, Lieut., Royal Field Artillery, son of Colonel H. Bradley Roberts, late of the Royal Marine Artillery.

The Editors beg to acknowledge the following subscriptions received up to 31st March, 1901.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sergt. W. Hussey ..	0	1	6	Major.-Gen. Adair ..	0	1	6
Bombr. Perkins ..	0	2	6	*Minerva* ..	0	7	0
Mr. Potter .	0	1	6	Private Robbins ..	0	3	9
Mr. Willey ..	0	1	6	*Ganges* ..	0	4	0
Major Marchant, C.B...	0	15	3	R.N. Gunnery School,			
Lieut. Simpson ..	0	4	6	Sheerness ..	0	5	3
Indefatigable ..	0	18	0	*Katoomba* ..	0	5	0
Sergt. King ..	0	1	6	Mr. Dean ..	0	2	9
Cpl. Flannigan ..	0	1	6	*St. Vincent* ..	0	1	9
Mr. Polley ..	0	1	6	*Victoria and Albert* ..	0	1	6
Mrs. Clark ..	0	1	6	Sailors' Home, Portsea	0	1	6
Pte. McDonald ..	0	3	0	Lance-Corpl. Edmunds	0	2	0
Mr. Drage ..	0	3	0	*Isis* ..	0	7	3
Major Beresford ..	0	1	6	*Victory* ..	0	1	0
Mr. Grills ..	0	1	6	*Cambridge* ..	0	5	0
Officers' Mess, Forton	0	19	6	*Excellent* ..	0	9	6
Drum Major ..	0	3	0	Private Antin ..	0	1	0
Mr. Bucher ..	0	1	4½	Corpl. Joyce ..	0	1	0
Sergt.-Major Mearles ..	0	13	2	*Vulcan* ..	0	8	9
Mr. Eales ..	0	1	6	*Galatea* ..	0	10	6
Sergt. Ride ..	0	1	6	Pte. S. Mellows ..	0	1	8
Mr. Turner ..	0	0	5	*Britannia* ..	0	3	11
Mr. Paxton ..	0	1	6	*Collingwood* ..	0	4	0
Mrs. Despard ..	0	1	6	Major Halliday, V.C...	0	9	3
Gibraltar ..	1	5	6	*Benbow* ..	0	4	0
Anson ..	0	7	6	*Colossus* ..	0	8	0
Pte. W. V. Hill ..	0	1	6	Lance-Corpl. Moon ..	0	1	6
Mr. White ..	0	0	9	Sergt. Holland ..	0	1	6
Camperdown ..	0	9	0	Mr. George ..	0	1	6
Mr. Lawrence ..	0	1	6	Pte. Williams ..	0	1	6
Mr. Symth ..	0	2	6	Mr. Hammond ..	0	1	0
Pembroke ..	2	10	0	Mr. Bowerbank ..	0	1	0

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Editorial.

WE are glad to say that the large circulation of 5,500 copies is still being maintained, we hope, however, that it will go on increasing still, so as to keep pace with the large increases in the Corps.

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One great event during the month has been the publication of the Honours Gazette for South Africa up to the date of Lord Roberts' departure. The Gazette is dated 19th April, 1901, but the commissions, etc., bear date 20th November, 1901. We are glad to see how well the Corps is represented, as the following summary will show:—To be Companion of the Bath (Military Division)—Major Schofield Patten Peile, R.M.L.I.; To be members of the Distinguished Service Order—Lieut. Leslie Orme Wilson, R.M.L.I., Lieut. Frederick J. Saunders, R.M.L.I.; To be Brevet-Major—Capt. Alured Yarker Barton, R.M.A. (attached Army Ordnance Department). In addition to these members still serving with the Corps, the following former officers of the Corps have also been decorated:—To be Companion of the Bath (Military Division)—Major Sir Henry Elliott, K.C.M.G., Transkei Territories. To be Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George—Major (local Lieut.-Col.) P. E. F. Hobbs, Army Service Corps.

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Those of the Corps who have served at Forton will also be glad to see that Staff-Surgeon E. C. Lomas, R.N., has also been awarded the D.S.O.

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Major M. A. G. Huggins having on medical survey been found at present unfit for active service, has been granted three months leave of absence from 24th March.

Before H.M.S. *Ophir* sailed, at the presentation of medals, Lieuts. Raikes, R.M.A. and Stockley, R.M.L.I. were decorated with the medal for the South African Campaign, as also were twenty N.C.O's and men, whose names we have as yet been unable to ascertain.

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In connection with the visit of T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York to Malta, the following telegrams will be of interest:—From Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean to Commodore Winsloe, H.M.S. *Ophir*, Gibraltar, 21st March, 1901.—"Marine Officers, Mediterranean Fleet, respectfully request the honour of entertaining their Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. the Duke of York, at luncheon, at their Club, on Tuesday next." From Commodore, Gibraltar to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.—"H.R.H. much regrets that in consequence of a previous engagement he is unable to accept the kind invitation of Marine Officers, Mediterranean Fleet."

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H.M. the King has granted permission to Capt. and Brevet-Major G. E. Matthews, R.M.L.I., serving with the Egyptian Army, to accept and wear the insignia of 3rd Class of Order of Medjidieh, conferred on him by H.H. the Khedive of Egypt.

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In the *Gazette* of 19th April the following appointment on the staff of the line of communications is confirmed:—To be posted as D.A.A.G. whilst employed with Army Transport, Capt. H. M. Howard, R.M.L.I.

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Amongst the officers appointed to the new Royal Garrison Regiment we notice the name of Capt. H. J. C. Gibsone, formerly R.M.L.I.

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Capt. R. H. Willis has been seconded for service with the Army Ordnance Department, with the rank of Ordnance Officer, Fourth Class, and has been appointed to Barbados. Prior to leaving he was admitted an Associate of the Institute of Electrical Engineers.

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The following Captains, Indian Staff Corps (formerly R.M.L.I.), to be Majors:—J. M. Ransom, W. S. Mandall.

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Capt. J. B. Pym has been selected for service as an Ordnance Officer, Fourth Class, and has we understand received an appointment at Woolwich.

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Capt. Athow has been allowed to retire, receiving a gratuity of £1,600; the retirement to take effect from 29th March.

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Major G. D'A. Anderson, having been declared physically unfit for further service, has been placed on the Retired List from the 9th April.

Mr. Allan Mackintosh who has been Foreman of Works at the Depot for so many years, has been transferred to Pembroke Dockyard, as general Foreman of Works. Mr. Mackintosh carries with him the best wishes of everyone with whom he came in contact.

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In future Royal Marines selected for service as divers at the Island of Ascension are to undergo a special course of diving instruction in one of the gunnery establishments before leaving England to take up the appointment.

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An exchange of ships and sea time has been sanctioned between Lieut. E. O. H. Orpen-Palmer, H.M.S. *Edinburgh* and Lieut. J. Bush, H.M.S. *Pembroke*.

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Deputy Inspector W. B. Drew, R.N., has on promotion been appointed to R.N. Hospital, Hong Kong, and is succeeded at the Depot by Fleet-Surgeon H. Rodd, R.N.

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Fleet-Surgeon J. H. Anderson, R.N., on completion of his service at the Portsmouth Division has been appointed to Portsmouth Dockyard and has been succeeded by Fleet-Surgeon W. R. White, C.B.

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Col.-Sergt. G. King has been appointed Quartermaster-Sergeant-Instructor of Infantry, at the Depot.

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Sergt. A. W. White (late Chatham Division, R M.L.I.) who a short time ago was transferred to the Permanent Staff of the N. South Wales forces, was the recipient of a pleasant send off, as the following cutting from an Australian Paper will show :—

"On Thursday evening, at the Town Hall Hotel, Paddington, a send-off was given to Squadron Sergeant-Major White, of the 2nd Mounted Rifles, prior to his departure for South Africa, by comrades of the Royal Marines, Navy, R.A. Artillery, and civilian friends. Songs and recitations were rendered by members of H.M.S. *Royal Arthur* and other ships on the station; also members of the Royal Artillery and others. During the evening Squadron Sergeant-Major White was made the recipient of a pair of binoculars, suitably inscribed, by comrades and friends, as a token of the high esteem in which he is held by them.

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In the accounts of the recent fighting by the West African Frontier Force, under General Sir F. Lugard, in Northern Nigeria, we notice that Lieut. C. F. O. Graham, R.M.L.I,, was in charge of a company at the capture of Kantagora, being detailed to attack the east side of the town. At the capture of Bida, Capt. J. C. H. Rigby, R.M.L I., was dispatched with a force of mounted infantry to capture the main road to Bida, and to close the enemy's line of retreat. This force was engaged with the enemy's rear guard, and after a hard gallop of four miles overtook them, killing many and capturing a number of prisoners.

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Extracts from London Gazette, dated 8th February, 1901 and 16th April, 1901.—"Ordnance." I find a good many names deserving of mention, and I submit the following as specially deserving :—Captain A. Y. Barton, R.M.A. (Signed) Redvers Buller, General.

I wish to bring the names of the following officers to notice for meritorious services performed : —Captain A. Y. Barton, R.M A. (Ordnance Department). (Signed) Roberts, F.M.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Capt. E. J. Stroud being appointed Instructor of Gunnery at Plymouth, *vice* Major E. S. D. Crowther, who has been granted leave of absence for one year for the benefit of his health.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the appointment of Lieut. A. H. French, R.M.L.I., to fill the vacancy for Assistant Instructor of Musketry at Plymouth, *vice* Simmons, promoted.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of the appointment of Lieut. H. S. Lloyd, R.M.L.I., as Assistant Instructor of Gunnery at Plymouth, *vice* Capt. G. F. Muller.

Surgeon B. F. Parish to R.M.A.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the following promotions in the Royal Marines :—

Lieut.-Col. and Brevet-Col. T. F. D. Bridge, A.D.C., to be Col. and Commandant on augmentation, and appointed to the Depot, R.M.

Major J. R. Johnstone, C.B., to be Lieutenant-Colonel, *vice* Bridge, promoted, and appointed to the Plymouth Division.

Capt. C. L. Shubrick to be Major, *vice* Johnstone, promoted, and appointed to the Portsmouth Division.

Lieut. G. F. Muller to be Captain, *vice* Shubrick, promoted, and appointed to the Plymouth Division. The whole to take effect from the 1st inst.

Major W. P. Drury, R.M.L I., is advanced to the Senior Majors' List from the 1st inst., and to be borne on the strength of the Portsmouth Division whilst extra regimentally employed.

To be Captains on augmentation, dated 1st inst. :—Lieut. E. W. Harding, R.M.A., Lieut. F. S. Heard, R.M.L.I., and appointed to Plymouth Division. Lieut. J. Grover, R.M.L.I., and appointed to Portsmouth Division. Lieuts. A. G. Little and G. E. D. Manley, R.M.L.I., and appointed to Chatham Division. Lieuts. A. H. French and L. O. Wilson, R.M.L.I., and appointed to the Portsmouth Div. Lieut. W. J. Simpson, R.M.L.I., and appointed to Chatham Div.

The promotion of Lieuts. Harding and French to be conditional on their passing the prescribed examination within a reasonable period.

Capts. Harding, Grover, French, and Wilson will retain their present appointments, Capts. French and Wilson being borne on command at Plymouth and Chatham respectively.

Royal Marines Rifle Association.

THE annual rifle meeting of the association will take place at Ash Ranges, Aldershot, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the 25th, 26th, and 27th June next.

It has been notified by the Secretary of the N.R.A. that the undermentioned regulations will apply for this year in the "United Service" Match :—

Dimensions of Target and Positions for 1901.

Third-class target.—For the sitting, kneeling, and prone positions, bullseye, 7-ins. diameter ; inner, 14 ; magpie, 21 ; outer, remainder of target, 4-ft. square.

Second-class target. — Bullseye, 20-ins. diameter ; inner, 30 ; magpie, 40 ; outer, remainder of target, 6-ft. square.

Third-class target.—For the standing position, bullseye, 12-ins. diameter ; inner, 24 ; magpie, 36 ; outer, remainder of target, 4ft. sq.

The prone position is to be allowed at all distances in all stages of the "King's" and "St. George's" competitions.

12, Pall Mall East, London, S.W., March, 1901. By order, C. R. Crosse, Lieut.-Colonel, Sec., N.R.A.

We have been favoured by Captain C. E. Collard, R.M.L.I., with a copy of the rules of the Central Mines Rifle Association, in connection with the "Rand Rifles," a battalion of 400 miners under the command of Captain Collard, who also acts as the honorary secretary of the association.

Although at the time of writing only a "baby" of four weeks old, Captain Collard informs us that the association shows every promise of rapidly developing into a strong man, and we have no doubt that with his valuable assistance and experience it will eventually prove a "Sandow" among rifle associations ; especially because, owing to the financial position of certain gentlemen who have given their patronage to the movement, it is not likely to suffer through a want of the "sinews of war." A range about the size of Browndown has already been started in the neighbourhood of Johannesburg where there are no grasping British landlords or nervous county councillors to regulate the site of a rifle range. We are sure that Captain Collard will have the good wishes of his old corps, and especially of its shooting members, in this venture.

The Humour of the Situation.

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

(*This Article has been unavoidably held over from our last issue.*)

IN sitting down to chronicle the humour of the situation during March I feel that I am in the false position of the Hebrew brick-makers deprived of the essential straw. For, truth to tell, there has been no humour in the situation at all. The biting, vicious, black north easter which has prevailed throughout the month has nipped humour, as well as hawthorn, in the bud. Our volatile neighbours beyond the silver streak have been notably affected by it. Instead of being unconsciously funny, which is their normal condition, the east wind has made them spiteful. What a joy the French papers of the past four weeks must have been to those of the little Englander gang who are sufficiently educated to read the language! Even the poorest linguists among them must have derived some pleasure from the constant pictorial vilification of their King and country. The Spanish and Italian journals have been worse—from the humorous, not the patriotic point of view, for they have all been deadly dull. Mr. Punch himself, if one may say so with reverence, has been a little below par of late. The biggest pessimist of us all, however, may rest assured that April showers following on the heels of these freezing winds of March will bring forth, not only May flowers, but that unconscious humour of the situation which is never very long in abeyance.

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One of the most entertaining of my acquaintance is the gentleman to whom I pay a daily fee for the privilege of journeying to Whitehall by metropolitan stage carriage. He is, in other words, a 'bus conductor, and each morning as he punches my ticket and fumbles in his leather bag for the change, we lightly touch upon the topic of the hour.

In due course we discussed that extraordinary phenomenon of the red rain, which attracted so much attention about the middle of the month, and I asked him what he thought of the theory that it was caused by sand blown from the heart of the Sahara desert.

"Rats!" he replied, with decision. "You might just as well say it was spray from the Red Sea. No, sir; you take my word for it that the cause o' that there red rain was—"

He glanced over the 'stern rail' of the 'bus, and the next moment had vanished down the steps. There was a scuffle, a sounding box on the ear, a dismal howl, and a small boy, who had been surreptitiously travelling on the footboard during the conductor's absence above, darted across the road amid the jeers of his companions.

"'E thought," explained my friend on his return, "that I 'ad dropped on 'im out of 'eaven. But," he added viciously, as he punched my ticket, "I give him 'ell!"

"You were saying," I murmured, "that the cause of the red rain was—"

"That there bloody war in South Africa," he said. "Fares, please!"

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To most people there is a considerable fascination in following the working of a child's mind, mainly, I suppose, because it is so long since most of us 'put away childish things' that we have forgotten how we ourselves thought in those distant days when each of us 'spake as a child.'

The other afternoon I chanced to be waiting on a station platform in the company of a very small kinsman who was bursting with pride at his ability to read (with much *sotto voce* spelling) such legends as 'This Way Out.' Presently he came across the warning in chalky capitals of 'WET PAINT,' a warning he gravely contemplated for some moments in silence.

"Why," he demanded of me, "have they writ it so cross?"

"How else could they have written it?" I asked, puzzled.

"More slowly," he returned, "*in small letters.*"

Then I perceived. Because it took him longer to recognise small type than capitals he concluded that the former was a less brusque medium in which to warn the public than the latter. And after all there *is* something 'cross,' as he expressed it, about that arrangement of straight lines hastily chalked upon a board as compared with the same announcement set forth in the delicate curves of 'lower case.'

Many quaint and pretty stories are current in Town of little Prince Edward of York, who, in spite of his punctilious acknowledgments of the Londoners' saluations during his drives abroad, is first of all a healthy English child, if afterwards a Prince. Here is a story of our future King which, to the best of my belief, has never yet appeared in print.

A few hours after the Queen's death the little fellow came upon one of the ladies of the household in tears. "Why are you crying?" he asked. "I am crying," she returned, "because God has taken great-grandmama away from us." Then, to the usual childish questions as to where He had taken her, and why, and what sort of a place was Heaven, the lady tried to frame replies in language suitable to the intelligence of her interrogator. Heaven was a place, she explained, where earthly rank did not exist, and where even Queens went up the golden stairs behind the angels.

Prince 'Eddie' pondered this statement for some moments. He was doubtless wondering how the venerable and august lady of his remembrance, and of whom he is said to have been very fond, would adapt herself to these strangely altered circumstances. Then he shook his head·

"I am sure", he returned with conviction, "that she won't like walking upstairs *after* the angels."

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Driving a nail into a wall without blasphemy is, I am convinced, an art apart and, outside the carpenter fraternity, acquired by few. I belong to the majority. Whilst hanging a picture recently I first hit my thumb and then dropped the hammer on to my toes, which caused me to say things that are quite immaterial to The Humour of the Situation. In recovering the hammer, however, a scene flashed across my mind which changed my chagrin to laughter, and a description of which may serve to eke out another of these very frivolous paragraphs.

We were at sea in a low freeboard battleship, and a working party, including the blacksmith, was finishing a job on the forecastle. Every now and then the ship would dip her nose into the heavy swell, taking a green sea inboard, and ducking the party up to their waists. But presently there came along a veritable Portsdown Hill in the way of waves. Up heaved the great squat bows of the old 'Admiral' until the ram itself showed above the water, and then began the downward plunge into the green valley beyond. It was a case of *sauve qui peut!* The working party bolted for the barbette, and, with one exception, all succeeded in reaching its friendly shelter before the deluge came. The exception was the blacksmith, who was naturally washed overboard.

As soon as the forecastle was again clear there was a rush to the ship's side to see what had become of him. The odds were a hundred to one that he had been drowned. But if Love laughs at locksmiths Fortune sometimes smiles upon blacksmiths. Hanging to a rope's end was a gasping, spluttering object with streaming hair and without a cap, that had been snatched by a miracle from the jaws of death. His sympathetic mate leaned over the rail, and reached down a rescuing hand.

"Are you 'urt, Bill?" he asked.

"Worse," coughed the aggrieved blacksmith, "I've lost my ruddy 'ammer!"

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And so we come to the last paragraph of the page for which it is my monthly responsibility to provide 'copy'. In seeking it these funereal March days, my lines, as I have already indicated, have not been cast in pleasant places. The East Wind Demon has spread his black wings over Paris editors and London 'bus drivers alike, and when those two classes of born humourists grow morose one recognises that there will be no more real merriment in the world until they smile again. A spell of April sunshine may do much in this direction, though it is in June that I expect to see them both at their best.—W.P.D.

Our esteemed contemporary—the *Daily Telegraph*—let loose its young man on the day of the *Ophir's* departure and he managed to discover some interesting facts concerning the Corps that may surprise our readers, as follows:—"From Forton came in boats 100 *Royal Marine Light Artillery*, under the command of Capt. W. Bathurst Harkness, while Eastney Depot supplied a similar number of *Red* Marines, who were commanded by Capt. A. F. Gatliff."

Diary of our Colonel-in-Chief's Colonial Tour.

MARCH 15th—The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, accompanied by the King and Queen, left London for Portsmouth to embark on H.M.S. *Ophir* prior to starting the Colonial Tour. The bands of the R.A. and R.M.A were stationed at the Harbour station and approach to the viaduct leaving to the Dockyard respectively, and played "the National Anthem" as the Royal Train passed. Naval and Marine Guards were drawn up opposite the *Victoria and Albert*. The Windsor Guard of Bluejackets and 100 Marines, under Captain Morgan, on the Jetty, and the Marine Guard and Band on the *Ophir*.

March 16th—Guards of honour consisting of 200 Bluejackets, 100 R.M.A., and 100 R.M.L.I. formed hollow rectangle facing H.M.S. *Ophir*, and Victorian Orders and Medals, and South African Medals were presented by the King. At 4.0 p.m., H.M.S. *Ophir* cast off and left the harbour, accompanied by the *Irene*, *Alberta*, and eight Destroyers, until met by H.M.S. *Niobe* and *Diadem*. The *Irene* continuing as far as Culver.

March 20th—Arrived at Gibraltar.

March 22nd—Left Gibraltar, escorted by H.M.S. *Andromeda* and *Diana*.

March 25th—Arrived at Malta. 4,000 Marines and Bluejackets, with 20 field guns, landed to assist lining the streets, and take part in the procession.

March 27th—Their Royal Highnesses dined aboard H.M.S. *Renown* with Vice-Admiral and Lady Fisher. Their departure was a scene of extraordinary brilliancy. The land locked harbour and bastions were lined with troops bearing torches, and amid a salvo of rockets, the Royal Party left the *Renown*, the Ships in Bighi Bay firing a salute.

The *Andromeda* and *Diana* leave the harbour, the *Ophir* slips her buoy, and while another salvo of 1,000 rockets is fired, the crews of the fleet man the rigging and cheer. The boats in two long lines in the harbour, are illuminated with Very's lights, and the escorting ships, and ships in the Bighi Bay with long lights. The escort fire a Royal Salute, and turn their searchlights towards Port Said at an extreme elevation. Then follows the Aquatic Fête, with a procession of dragons and weird floating monsters, like a page of fiery geology. The whole vision—the noise, light, colour, and smoke ends a successful visit.

The Duke on leaving signalled "We deeply appreciate the reception accorded to us by the Mediterranean Fleet."

March 30th—Arrived at Port Said.

March 31st—Left for Suez.

April 1st—Arrived at Suez and left for Aden.

April 5th—Arrived at Aden. South African Medals presented in the drawing-room of H.M.S. *Ophir* to officers and men of *St. George* and *Juno* who had won them. H.M.S. *St. George* and *Juno* take over escort and with the *Ophir* leave at midnight.

April 12th—Arrived at Colombo. During the stay at Colombo, the Royal Party visited Kandy, and were accorded a very loyal reception from the residents and natives.

April 14th—Presented King's Colours to Ceylon Mounted Infantry, and South African Medals to those who took part in the campaign.

April 16th—Left Colombo for Singapore.

April 21st—Arrived at Singapore.

April 23rd—Left Singapore for Australia.

(To be continued).

Obituary.

THE LATE CAPTAIN G. E. D. MANLEY, R.M.L.I.

NEWS has been received at Cheltenham of the death on Monday, April 22nd, of Captain George Errington Drummond Manley, fourth son of Surgeon-General Manley, C.B., V.C. Captain Manley, who was only 25 years of age, was educated at Cheltenham College, and in 1884 received a commission in the Chatham division of the Royal Marine Light Infantry. When the cruiser *Dido* was commissioned four years later, he was appointed marine officer on board and went to Las Palmas where the ship was stationed during the Spanish-American war. The ship afterwards joined the Mediterranean Squadron and next proceeded to China, where Captain Manley landed with a party of Marines at Ching-wan-tau, north of Taku, to hoist the British flag at the railway station there. After service at Wei-hai-wei, Hong-kong, Shanghai, and Wu-sung he was ordered to Chin-kiang station, about 150 miles up the Yang-tsze river, where he died of brain fever. News of his promotion to captain had not reached him at the time of his death, it having only recently been gazetted. One of his brothers has been severely wounded in the South African war.

Royal Marine Memorial.

The subscriptions received during April and since the list published in the *Globe and Laurel* of that month amount to £203 6s. 0d., bringing the total receipts up to 30th April to £1027 13s. 0d.

Sums promised, but not yet received, amount to £34 12s. 0d., the grand total of assets is now therefore £1052 5s. 0d., or £148 short of the sum estimated as being the least that will be required.

It is hoped that this sum will be reached during the present month and that the list may be closed by June 1st.

A retired officer of the Corps, while promising £5 has offered to increase this amount if nine others will do the same. The Hon. Secretary would be glad to receive the names of any who are willing to do so.

As will be seen by accompanying list, seventeen more ships have sent in their contributions, the total number that have subscribed being now 86, 30 of the battleships and large cruisers still hold back, but no doubt subscriptions are now on their way from them.

As far as can be ascertained at present, complete lists not having been received from Divisions, all officers on the Active List at Headquarters, and very nearly all away at sea, except in ships referred to above and elsewhere, and retired officers have subscribed.

Received during April:—

Officers—£5 5s., Major-Gen. Morris, D.A.G.; £3, Lieut.-Col. H. C. Money; £2 2s., Major A. Evans, General Ogle, Lieut.-Col. Edye; £2, Gen. C. C. Suther, Lieut.-Col. J. T. P. Evans, General Adair; £1 1s., Major V. Brown; Col. Travers, Lieut.-Col. A. F. Gatliff (additional), Major W. G. B. Willis, Col. Cooper, Capt. St. G. Bowers Armstrong; £1, Col. Lysons, Col. Leefe, Major C. L. Gordon; 16s., Capt. G. Campbell; 15s., Col. Fothergill, Capt. Dalton; 10s. 6d., Capt. Basivi; 10s., Lieut. Orde Lees, Capt. Powell; 7s. 10d., Mr. Butler.

Divisions, etc.—Royal Marine Artillery £70 16s. 6d.; Plymouth Division (additional) Officers, £2 19s.; Plymouth Division (additional) other ranks, £5 11s. 4½d.; Chatham Division (additional), £1 11s. 4d.; Depot, proceeds of Entertainment, £3 16s. 2d.; R.N. College (additional), £8 10s.; Pensioners, Chatham (per Mr. Butler), 12s. 2d.; Surplus, Col. Houghton Memorial, Chatham, £2 9s.

Pensioners—5s., W. Joy, T. Fisher (late Col.-Sergts.); 2s. 6d., J. P. Bye (late Sergt.-Major), G. Taylor (late Col.-Sergt.); 2s., Geo. White (late Sergt.).

G. T. ONSLOW, Lieut.-Col., R.M.L.I.,
22, Spring Gardens, S.W. *Hon. Secretary.*

South African Medal.

(Extract from Army Orders, 1st April, 1901.)

HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to confirm the order given by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria that a medal be struck to commemorate the military operations in South Africa. The medal, in silver, will, provided the claims are approved by the Commander-in-Chief, be granted to all officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the British, Indian, and Colonial forces, and to all nurses and nursing sisters who actually served in South Africa between 11th October, 1899, and a date to be hereafter fixed; to all troops stationed in Cape Colony and Natal at the outbreak of hostilities, and to troops statioued in St. Helena between 14th April, 1900, and a date to be hereafter fixed.

The medal in silver, with clasps, will be granted to any native soldiers specially employed within the sphere of operations who fulfil the necessary conditions. Non-enlisted men of whatever nationality who drew military pay, will receive bronze medals without clasps. The following clasps will be granted to all entitled:—Belmont, Modder River, Paardeburg, Driefontein, Wepener, Johannesburg, Diamond Hill, Belfast, Wittebergen, Defence of Kimberley, Relief of Kimberley, Defence of Mafeking, Relief of Mafeking, Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal, Rhodesia, Talana, Elandslaagte, Defence of Ladysmith, Relief of Ladysmith, Laings Nek, Natal. No individual can have both the defence and the relief clasps for either Kimberley, Mafeking, or Ladysmith.

Notes from the Log Book of Pte. John Green.

(Late Royal Marine).

No. 6 (concluded).

THE watch I was wearing stolen from the Major's cabin! Before I could get over my surprise he asked the second time if he might examine it. "Certainly," I replied, as I handed it over, "it only came into my possession this morning, I got it from a Maltese."

"It is really mine, Dale," he said, after a short examination. "Do you think you would know the vendor again?"

"I am afraid not, Major, but as I have been unwittingly a receiver of stolen property you will do me a great favour if you retain it without further question."

"I should really like to keep it, but if I do, you must allow me to reimburse your expenses. What, pray, did the rogue charge?"

"Five pounds," I replied, drifting deeper and further into the mire and hating myself in proportion.

"Well, here is the money and my thanks in addition; now come below or we shall be late for lunch," and in spite of my excuses he conducted me to the ward room and installed me in a seat by his side.

Now was I in a sad dilemma, for though familiar with the theory of dining picked up in many a dog watch on the aft deck through the medium of the ward room skylight, yet I found that theory on this subject, like many others less scientific, was of little use without practice. I was introduced by the Major as "My friend Dale of the Artillery," and during the meal had to listen to the whole Hong Kong yarn over again with remarks from one and another that actually made me blush.

To make matters more embarrassing, I was known personally to all the ward room servants, and their astonished looks and puzzled faces occasionally almost upset my gravity; in addition to this there passed in review the grinning figure-heads of all the detachment, who came to peep through the half-closed door at the gentleman who bore such a remarkable resemblance to John Green.

The Gunnery Lieutenant attempted, each time the conversation gave him the opportunity, to extract my views as to the advantages and disadvantages of the Armstrong gun for land and sea service, but I evaded the question by a superior "could if I would" sort of smile, and his opinion of my ability as an artillery expert was considerably enhanced when I asked the ingredients that went to make up the bursting charge and contents of the projectile principally used by the Chinese.

The lunch, like everything else, came to an end at last, and I felt glad to remember that I had not done anything outrageous enough to be commented on. Perhaps this was due mainly to Joe Broster the Major's servant, who, presuming on my identity, had whispered at the commencement, "Follow motions, Jack, and damn the Admiral"; so taking this advice I passed the ordeal successfully.

The Major accompanied me to the gangway and, with a promise to dine with him the following night, a promise by the way I never intended to fulfil, I at length succeeded in getting away and was soon landed on the *Marina*. Old Strop received me very graciously until I mentioned the watch claimed by the Major of the flagship. I hinted that it was probable his premises would soon be in the hands of the police, and asked him to explain for instance how he could sell monkey jackets at half the price charged by the purser's steward; in the end he was glad to be rid of me, at the same time pressing me to accept as a present the suit I had been masquerading in that day and condoning my return without the watch. It was late when I arrived at the hospital that night, having made various calls, but Blewy was awaiting to hear how I had prospered. Having detailed the result of my several interviews, he expressed himself very pleased, and was good enough to add that it was nearly as well as he could have done it himself.

A short time after he was discharged cured, and we returned to the *Hibernia*, where a few days leave was asked for and granted.

Now Blewy was still keeping me in the dark as to what he really intended to do on the evening of the 20th, and I never found out until the last moment, so anyone perusing these extracts from my log must hold me guiltless of any participation in the huge fraud he contemplated and ultimately succeeded in carrying out, I regret to add, with my assistance.

We put up at the "Armstrong Gun," where Blewy was very well known, and the following day made arrangements to bill the town. The printer was delighted with the lavish order he received, and thousands of many coloured posters were struck off, the publisher arranging to put them up in every conspicuous place in the island, the account to be rendered on the morning *after* the performance. The remainder of our leave was spent in considerably augmenting our score at the "Gun" and pointing out to the printer isolated stradas and vicugnas he had overlooked in his scheme of decoration.

The ships and barracks were inundated with these placards, and now nothing could be heard on the forecastle or in the taverns ashore but the jargon of the prize ring. Boxing gloves were purchased by commanding officers and the men encouraged to enter for the cup, some even going so far as to excuse promising candidates from all duty and paying training expenses out of their own pocket, and I, in my blindness, thinking that as Professor Green I should have to box with the champions as laid down in the programme practised incessantly, having always been fairly proficient with the gloves, in a short time no one in the *Hibernia* would stand against me, and my fame was even whispered ashore.

Time rolled on, the eventful day arrived. At 10 a.m. the *Euphrates* entered the harbour, commenced coaling, and made a signal to all concerned that she would resume her voyage to the East at 6 p.m. I was packing my bag when Blewy came up actually weeping. "Only to think, Jack, all my calculations upset because the "Euphry" leaves at six instead of eight, and the grandest *coup* I ever had the opportunity of making will prove a failure unless we can get her detained another two hours." "But the performance would not be over by eight o'clock, I replied, innocently, so it will not make much difference to us, we can send a notice ashore to the manager, that owing to unforeseen circumstances, Professors Paine and Green are unable to carry out their unrivalled display as advertised."

At this moment a boat was called away, and the bo'sun's mate piped "All supernumeraries taking passage in troopship fall in in the port gangway." Half-an-hour after I found myself shaking hands with the Sergeant-Major of the *Euphrates*, an old ship-mate of mine in the *Fury*. "Come below, Jack," said he, "I suppose you can go one, or you are wonderfully changed since the old days in China." I assented and followed him down, Blewy sticking to me like a leech. His caboose, as he chose to call it, was well and even luxuriously furnished with articles of Indian manufacture, presented, he informed me, by the traders of Bombay for value received, or in other words for the privilege of fleecing the troops. I introduced Blewy, who casually mentioned in the course of conversation, that it would be worth a fiver to anyone instrumental in keeping the ship in her present position until 8 o'clock.

"Do you mean that," asked the Sergeant-Major?

"I do," replied Blewy.

Without more to do the former gave a "swaddy" who was going aft an order to pass the word to Jack Butt the Marine, who soon appeared in answer to the summons.

"What time is the skipper's washing coming off, Butt?"

"Six o'clock smart, Major."

"Very well, now you will make it your business to belay that, you can go ashore and make any arrangements you like, I don't care what you do, but no washed clothes belonging to the Captain are to be on board this ship before 8 o'clock—you understand?"

"Very good, Major," and with a wink to me Jack Butt departed.

"The next thing" said Blewy "is to get leave until the ship sails, with permission to land in mufti, and I want to borrow a couple of mail bags from the postman." The Sergeant-Major was very accommodating after a short yarn that Blewy had with him in private, and passed us over the side in plain clothes with the caution to be back by eight bells. We at once made our way to the theatre, and found the manager waiting rather impatiently our arrival, he expressed surprise at the absence of all stage properties, but Blewy reassured him by the information they were on the way, and added, I never choose

to have them too early, as there are secrets even in our profession which I should not care for an intelligent gentleman like yourself to fathom. He then proceeded behind the scenes where nothing was right, in fact he found fault with everything, until I could see the Italian was visibly impressed with our importance, and his respect increased in proportion.

At 6 o'clock the doors were opened and the rush for seats was phenomenal, in half-an-hour the cheaper parts of the house were filled to overflowing; at 6-45 the carriages began to arrive and rolled up continuously until nearly seven, when Blewy in a most polite manner asked the manager to go on and announce that the *conjuring was about to commence*. This gentleman had been giving us every assistance to take the money—possibly with an eye to his £60—and had informed us more than once that in all his experience there never had been such a bumper house as this.

No sooner had he gone than Blewy, producing the mail bags, rapidly commenced to fill them with the receipts. It now dawned upon me for the first time what this huge joke really was—we were going to make off with the money.

Handing me the first bag into which he had expeditiously conveyed a hundredweight of coin of the realm, he said, "Now, Jack, hurry down with this, hire a boat, and be on the look-out for me; if I'm not there five minutes after you shove off to the ship." What could I do but obey?

The first man I saw when I arrived on the beach was Jack Butt with the Captain's washing. "Have you got a boat, Jack?" I enquired, if so give us a passage off, my chum will be down in a few minutes. Hardly had we seated ourselves when Blewy appeared, staggering under his load, which he deposited in the stern sheets, and the boatman, with a promise of double fare, was propelling us toward the trooper with all the energy he could muster.

"I got away just in time," muttered Blewy as he regained his breath, "when I left they were kicking up more row than a "Blue Bell" audience on a Saturday night; but I say, Jack, what a huge joke; ask your friend," he went on, "for permission to place our bags at the bottom of the clothes basket." Jack Butt having no objection, this was done.

"Is the Captain's washing entitled to side-boys and the starboard gangway?" I asked, as I saw the boatman making for that side.

"Yes," said Jack, "and the accommodation ladder is never got in until he is aboard."

We soon got alongside and Butt quickly made his way on deck to report his tardy return, while Blewy and I carried the basket of washed clothes straight down to the marine store room, where we deposited our bags, shifted into uniform, went on deck and found the ship had already slipped her buoy and was slewing her bows rapidly in the direction of the open sea.

"What an infernal row there seems to be ashore," remarked the Captain of the forecastle, when we got forward, "some grand 'festa' or other I suppose." We listened, and could hear a confused clamour, but the ship each minute gathering fresh way, the noise soon died astern. Blewy's last remark before turning in was, "What a huge joke, what a huge joke."

We did not see the Sergeant-Major that night, but in the morning made our way below, and Blewy intimated his readiness to hand over tne "fiver" he had promised. The Sergeant-Major said he was very pleased to be in a position to oblige an old "ship" and an old "ship's" chum, "But whatever did you have in those bags you left here yesterday?" he continued. "I know there are plenty of rats in the ship, but I never knew them so numerous as they must have been last night, for this morning there is not a vestige left of either the bags or anything you left in them. I know that troopship rats will eat almost anything, for last trip I was taking out a pair of double-barrelled guns for John Lawson to a friend of his in India, and they took them away bodily, lock, stock, and barrel. If I leave a drop in the bottle overnight the bottle and contents invariably disappear before morning, and Paddy Comyns, my storeman, informed me that he once saw them marching off, one made fast to the neck of the bottle by his tail with a clove hitch, the remainder formed up as a baggage guard."

No doubt the veracity of Paddy Comyns was an impossibility. I looked at Blewy, Blewy gazed on me, and as we sorrowfully made our way on deck, I could not resist the temptation of murmuring "What a huge joke."

E.L.

Battle of Navarino,

20th October, 1827.

(The following account of this battle has been extracted from a letter written by a lieutenant of H.M.S. "Albion" to a member of my family a few days after the battle, and was found while looking through some old family papers. It may be interesting to our readers, particularly those who have spent a commission in the Mediterranean, and have probably visited the famous Bay of Navarino).—W. J. Gaitskell, Major, R.M.A.

"On the 19th, the signal was made: 'Prepare to enter.' We formed in line and got all in readiness to engage; to our great disappointment the evening drew in, and no wind perceptible in the harbour. We had a light breeze outside, but the large, heavy red ensigns of the Turks too plainly showed us there was none within. After standing close up to the mouth of the harbour in line, the admiral made a signal: 'No wind within, must wait a more favourable opportunity.'

The forenoon of the next day we formed again, and it being my watch, between two and three p.m. I went dancing and laughing down to tell the officers the admiral had hoisted the signal: 'Enter, prepare to engage the enemy.' We stood in accordingly, the magnificent, grand-steered *Asia* led the line, the *Genoa*, ourselves (*Albion*), and then smaller vessels under the lee of the line of battle, being thus protected from the forts on the right of the harbour entrance. After us came the French, last the Russians, every ship forming a beautiful line one astern of the other. I am stationed on the lower deck at the quarter guns, and had by that the full view of the line astern through the stern ports I promise you I felt not a little proud at belonging to a nation that assumes as her own indisputably, the right of leading against any common enemy. 'Foremost to fight and last to retreat,' I felt to be the national motto of that day. Adored be the God of our strength who has given us this foremost place among the nations of the earth. May those who follow the peaceful avocations of life on our native soil seek His face, and by their prayers nerve the arms and fortify the minds of their gallant fellow-countrymen whose lots are cast more martially.

It had been the more general opinion that having experienced the folly of their policy at Algiers, the Turks would, if intending an engagement at all, commence their fire as soon as we got within range of the castle, on which they had as many as thirty guns mounted. It is true the walls were in poor condition and appeared more formidable than they really were, but I doubt if well served on shore, they might not have prevented our entry on that day. The breeze was very light, and failed soon after the firing commenced. However, to our great surprise we stood in abreast of the fort and shortened some sail. The Turks fired a gun and hoisted their colours at the citadel. Still, all was quiet in the harbour, and no appearance of warfare. Shortly after, we (standing on, still) perceived they began to haul in their springs and thereby bring their broadsides to bear upon us.

I think about 4 p.m. the *Asia* ranged up close alongside of the Turkish admiral and let go her anchor. Beautiful, majestic, and fearless then did the Cross of St. George float alongside of the Crescent and Star. So fine a ship is the *Asia* that it rendered the sight the more imposing. On we came; the *Genoa*, a very pretty ship, anchoring alongside of her opponent. Not a breath was heard, and so still was the wind that we heard the commander of the *Asia* give the order to the men furling the sails in a low tone of voice: 'Down to your quarters.' At this time we did not anticipate an action. Unaware of their real force, we saw frigates all round, but so few liners that we imagined our own force overwhelming. At last the *Albion* came on; the situation of the Turks had been changed, and our opponent was missing. The master at the wheel said: 'Captain O——y, which shall I lay her alongside of?' 'The largest you can find, and we shall be sure of the right one.' The comparatively diminutive *Albion* was accordingly anchored between an 84 and a double-decked frigate of 64 guns. Just as our anchor was gone, I was called to see the Turkish frigate close to us with her guns positively loaded so completely up to the muzzles that I distinctly saw some of the wads protruding. At the same instant, I heard a shot and saw the fire-ships at the entrance in a blaze. A magnificent sight it was, I

assure you. The French admiral, passing at the time, fired a whole broadside into her, and she immediately sunk. The others, I believe, blew up during the action or were sunk.

Immediately the Turks opened fire on all sides. We had not time to furl sails and, indeed, it is a most provident thing we did not, for all the Turks' guns were pointed upwards, expecting us to follow the admiral's motions. The first fire we found was entirely at our masts and rigging: they were very prettily cut up. We turned to with a hearty goodwill (Jack like), with three cheers. To use the French admiral's own expression, we proved the *Albion un parfait diable*. There was no stopping them: they kept up a most terrific fire from both sides. We had opposed to us originally a force of upwards of 290 guns—one 84, one 64, one 48, one 76, one 22: the third and last were perfectly raking fires, the one ahead, the other astern. After about half-an-hour's very hard fighting a frigate's spring was cut on our larboard quarter, and the 1st lieutenant, Gaitskell, and the rest of the boarders rushed upon the deck and carried her. We from on board swept her decks with grape and canister. The Turks finding their vessel gone, set fire to her, jumped into the boats alongside, taking one of ours also, and rowed off. The poor fellows, however, did not reach the shore, they were all sunk by the fire from our main deckers. I do not think 50 escaped. Their crew was 450 men. We cut her cables and she then drifted across her own vessels and blew up. About ten minutes afterwards I was carried below.

The 84 being the bigger ship, there was more force directed against her. Anything so terrific as our fire was, I could never have imagined. It was incessant and prolonged until there was not a gun fired from the 84 for a quarter of an hour. As soon as the frigate aforementioned went adrift, two others opened fire upon us, and a very fine 20-gun brig, the finest I think I ever saw, worked up across our stern with the intention of raking us. A few well directed shots were sent between wind and water and she went down quite suddenly, almost without any warning, leaving her masts above water as a warning to all such impertinent intruders upon a 74's fire.

A large double banked frigate lay at the beginning of the row on the *Asia's* broadside. She directed one treble shotted fire into her from one side and the poor Turk lowered his ports and went down in a few minutes, hardly firing a gun after his first discharge.

Still, to the *Albion* the battle was only just begun. She had a 76 and a frigate on each bow, and numerous others firing in the smoke. Add to which, the crew of the 84, as we learnt afterwards from the Greek slaves, finding we did not fire on them, returned from below to their guns and gave us an angry return. Poor fellows, they thought we were weakened, but to their amazement, we ceased only for a moment, and then rattled such a peal into their ears as bewildered them. They ran together, huddled in clusters about the deck and were massacred by our destructive fire. Add to this, a liner drifted alongside of them, the mainmast of the former fell across the latter, and they remained in that state of affairs when your luckless wight of a brother was carried below. . . .

There were 10 killed and 50 wounded. The *Genoa* lost her captain, a kind, good old man, and very brave. After he was wounded, he had his chair placed on deck and continued giving orders till it was all over. The other ships lost more than we did. The poor fellows were cut down while on the rigging, and on the Turks opening fire, dead, wounded, and living all fell on the deck together. We had not a shroud, backstay, or rope but what was cut. Some of our sails were cut in ten and twelve and some in seventeen places. One of the young messmates under my command was killed; he had dark clothes on, and I did not see him until I stumbled over him. He had received a pat on the face, side of his head, which had completely taken away the face and the top part of the head leaving the back part of the skull only. . . .

After my exit from the really busy scenes, I heard several explosions, and learned from others that the Turks had set fire to their vessels as fast as they deserted them, under the hope, as we afterwards heard, of firing some of ours. Their spite was particularly directed against our ship from having, I think, struck the only Turkish flag by boarding during the action.

The next day everything was wreck and confusion with them. It came on to blow strong into the harbour, and by that means all their designs of firing us were stopped; they were quite in our power. We sent a boat and officers on board the admiral's ship to receive the commanding officer. The description given is that there was not a single part of her but what was literally cut to pieces; her decks, her beams, her guns (brass) were all in shivers; here lay a gun that had burst, there six or seven had been dismounted, three or more ports knocked into one, and the side battered in. In short, the officer of the boat said: 'never were any vessels more completely riddled in this world.' The crews were originally 950 or 850 men. The slaves we took out said that there were at least 500 killed and died of their wounds in each vessel. The decks were literally strewed with their slain. The Turks have no surgeons on board: if any are wounded, they die. This account was also corroborated by the admiral's secretary, who is now on board attending a half-brother who has lost his arm.

It was noble to see the behaviour of our smaller vessels. Each to his whack as we say, though the effect might be that of chalking (?). The *Talbot*, sloop of 26 guns, ranged up alongside of a large 44-gun frigate and drove her on shore. The little tender also to the *Asia*, of six guns, got foul during the action of a 22-gun corvette. The Greeks offered to board her, and when upon her decks, they turned round on their old masters and carried the corvette; not until, however, they had lost two-thirds of her little company and two mids. killed. She was too small for such an extensive procedure.

The Turks can't enter into the European principle of not firing upon these smaller vessels except in case of retaliation. To burn, sink, and destroy continued on the part of the Turcoman, until there only remained one frigate and some smaller vessels. The Turkish rear-admiral hoisted his flag on board a 10-gun brig as being the most effective vessel he had.

A short time before we came out of the harbour, the frigate's three masts all went by the board, a sad proof of her riddled and shattered state. When we had completely done our business, and seen Ibrahim Pacha go alongside and in very humble terms sue for a few ships to be saved to be allowed him to return with him to Egypt, we came out in the reverse order to which we entered, our own *Albion* being the last of the line. The forts, in token of submission, had a white cap over the muzzles of their guns: poor John had had enough, and was very ready to show it. A corvette came down to us one day with her tompions or stoppers in her guns, as much as to say, '*Parblieu*, we have had enough, you may fire, I shan't return it.'

The *Asia* and *Genoa* are much more cut up than we; the fire confused our opponents. We fired away more than 1000 cartridges from each deck, that is the lowest computation, in three hours, from the ship which Admiral Beauclerk used to call the green ship's company. They are very young, but, as has been well proved, quite tough enough to give and to take. I write this on the way to Malta harbour."

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The following is an interesting anecdote of a sheep which was on board the *Rose* ship at the Battle of Navarino, and was brought to England, and arrived on the 31st January, 1828.—

This poor animal was on board during the battle, skipping about the whole time, which was three hours and a half, and escaped unhurt. On the voyage from Navarino to Malta the ship's company was short of provisions, and the officers proposed this sheep should be killed, but with the feelings so consistent and always belonging to a true sailor, the Jack-tars drew up a petition to the captain, begging that this sheep should be spared, as they would rather subject themselves to hunger than that the poor animal should be slaughtered. The petition was granted, and also the latter part of it, which was, that the sheep should be taken to the park of one of the midshipmen's fathers and turned out for life; the sailors raising the subscription among themselves to pay the expenses of its journey thither.

RETURN OF THE GOVERNOR OF ST. HELENA. Mr. R. A. Sterndale, Governor of St. Helena, arrived at Southampton yesterday on board the *Guelph*. Mr. Sterndale, who has come home on three months' sick leave, has been severely indisposed for a considerable time. During his absence the Government will be administered by Lieut.-Col. T. J. P. Evans, R.M.—*Times*, 1st May.

Notes from South Africa.

Richmond Road,
Cape Colony.

FOR a long time your assistant Editor in South Africa has not been of any assistance to the regimental journal, for with correspondents in the field writing of the stirring events in which officers and men of the Corps participated gloriously, ordinary communication from less fortunate individuals are of necessity humdrum and uninteresting.

Now, however, that the officers and men who so splendidly sustained, and added to, the reputation of the Corps by their grand share in the work of the various Naval Brigades, have returned home—or are shortly about to return, H.M.S. *Doris* being due to leave Simonstown on the 14th April—the claims of the *Globe and Laurel* on its representatives abroad again arises, and as it has been authoritatively laid down that it is the duty of an opposition to oppose, so also it is equally the duty of a correspondent to write. Taking that view, it is to be hoped that if only—on the score of duty—the Editor will pardon a South African correspondent who sends in copy which deals not, alas! with battles and moving accidents by flood and field, but is necessarily only concerned with such minor detaiis as are incidental to the sweeping-up-stage of a slowly-dying war. The proclamation of martial law generally to the Cape Colony, which has been a concomitant of these embers for some months past, might very well have been made with great advantage at the very beginning of the war, and had it been done, there is no doubt that a large proportion of the Cape colonists who joined the Boer forces would have remained peacefully on their farms, and fretted and fumed in speech instead of taking action. The number who went over is calculated according to the best estimates at a little short of 10,000, and if martial law had stopped over half that number the end would have justified the means.

As it is, the general working and administration of martial law is very effective indeed, and although not unduly irksome to loyalists, it is a great check on disloyalty, and as such, and for other reasons, the greater proportion of the people would suffer gladly the inroads of De Wet and Kritzinger and their marauding bands, while they are indignant and restive under martial law run by British officers.

In its general working, I am, personally, much occupied, and am kept going pretty constantly, either acting as sole judge in some cases, and as general adviser to military courts on civilians in others, and these duties, as well as those of ordinary judge advocating on general courts martial, fill up the time very fully.

Death sentences on civilians as well as soldiers have, fortunately perhaps for the peace of mind of the officer who has to award them, to be confirmed by Lord Kitchener, whose broad shoulders thus carry the final legal responsibility in these matters in addition to the military one.

Recently in the case of the derailing of a train at Taaibosch Siding by Cape colonists, whereby several of His Majesty's leiges were killed, our evidence was perfectly clear and conclusive, and three men implicated were shot at De Aar.

The country is very far from being pacified yet, and only a few days ago, our train was sniped at in broad daylight, from a kopje near the line, about midway between Laserburg Road and Beaufort West. A soldier about a week ago was severely wounded by another sniper, at Nelspruit, but luckily the miscreant was caught, and as a result of an officer's visit to Hanover Road, he will be prevented from further sniping for many years to come.

Beaufort West is quite a considerable place for a Karroo town, and is the most populous centre between Worcester and Kimberley. The garrison at present is about 700 men all told. I had occasion to come down here as Judge Advocate on a General Court Martial, and while there an incident took place on the 8th of April, which is illustrative of the kind of thing that is going on round and about lots of places in the Cape Colony, notwithstanding the fact that Christian de Wet and all his forces have been officially "driven back" across the Orange River. The remount Kraals here are close to the town, but there are besides large numbers of horses that have been taken over by the military authorities from the farmers in the district, under the provisions of Martial Law, to prevent them falling into the hands of the Boers. They numbered about 800 from this Beaufort West district, and for some reason which is "*caviare* to the General," these horses have been placed out to graze at a farm called Mimosas Lodge, about thirty-six miles, due east, on the road to Aberdeen. The grass in the Salt River, Vlei, is certainly very good for grazing, but surely there are other considerations of even more importance than fattening horses, and it is to be hoped that in other districts this pernicious idea has not been followed. The farm is the property of a loyal Dutchman named De Vifliers, and for some other occult reason the only guard for these horses, many of which it must be admitted are in very poor condition, consists of four native boys. Under such conditions, the logical conclusion of the matter was naturally bound to come sooner or later, and yesterday afternoon a portion of Scheeper's command raided 400 of the best of these horses, and let the remainder loose. We have, thus, at considerable trouble and expense, and with marked forethought, carefully provided the Boers with a remount depot, and doubtless have incidentally subjected our loyalist friend to Boer annoyance and unpleasant attentions. When the news came to Beaufort West, in the evening, there was some excitement, as it was stated that Scheeper's lot were coming direct to Beaufort. Mounted men are scarce in the garrison, which is too small even to man the defences properly Twelve cyclists and a small mounted section of the Town Guard went out on the Aberdeen Road, followed later at 11 p.m. by a half squadron of Brabant's Horse, which was accompanied by such of us as were not required for manning the defences. The nights are glorious in this Karroo air, and with a night moon it is very pleasant going for a ride after dark. No information came from the advanced patrol, and as Beaufort is quite open to the south, the half squadron, being the only remaining mounted men, had to return. Presumably the advanced force arrived the usual "two hours late," which has become stereotyped in South Africa. It's at least to be hoped that it has not been cut off, as happened to a party of eighteen mounted scouts near here, about a month ago. These men went out, rested for the night, and in the morning found themselves surrounded by the Boers of Kritzinger's commando, who took them all prisoners, after several had been shot. These Boers get the most accurate intelligence, and with the majority of the inhabitants of the town in deep sympathy with them, it is not surprising that they know everything that goes on. When the 18 scouts were captured the Boer leader who took them prisoners interrogated the N.C.O. in charge of the party, and actually called him by his name. "Sergeant Taylor," he said, "where are the other two men who started with you and what has become of the led horses? And where is that local scoundrel of a Dutchman who showed you the way here?" The sergeant tried to put him off with some cock-and-bull story, but the Boer showed by his further questionings that he knew exactly where the led horses were, and all about the orders of the patrol. The knowledge that the Boers have such accurate information adds to the irksomeness of garrison life in these parts. A short time ago a party of officers were going to shoot buck at a place some distance away, but luckily for them they were warned that if they went arrangements had been made by the Boers to bag them while they were bagging the springboks. Practically, therefore, the garrisons are confined to the immediate neighbourhood of their posts.

Some details of the *personnel* of some of the corps out here of special and other service may be of interest. Lieut.-Colonel Evans, in addition to being in command of the garrison of St. Helena, is ex-officio acting as Governor of the island in the absence of Governor Sterndale on sick leave. Lieut.-Colonel Money is still Commandant of Prisoners of War at Green Point. Major Peile, who has been Commandant of the Dockyard Battalion of Town Guard at Simonstown, goes home in the *Doris* in a few days' time. Major Paris was in command of a small column up Kimberley way. Major F. White is still, I understand, in civil employ in the Orange River Colony, but has left his former post at Ladybrand. Captain Beith, of H.M.S. *Monarch*, has been permitted by the Naval Commander-in-Chief to take up the post of Staff Officer to the Commandant at Queenstown, in the district under General Brabant. This is a new departure of good augury, and he is to be retained on the ship's books while serving in that capacity. Captain Collard is still, I think, in the Rand Rifles at Johannesburg. Captain Howard, when last I heard of him, was with the transport at Bloemfontein. Lieut. Russell

(*Monarch*) has just given up the adjutancy of the 4th Dockyard Battalion of the Town Guard at Cape Town.

Intermingling of naval and military responsibilities have been pretty frequent during the war, and, I think, to the mutual advantage of the services. And one sees in the Army Orders now and again, "Capt. So-and-So, R.N., H.M.S. *Nonsuch*, to be Military Commandant of Thereabouts, with command pay at the rate of 3/- a day," but I have not yet observed that any military officers have been appointed to the command of cruisers or even gunboats. If the guerilla warfare be much further prolonged, perhaps in time we shall come to that.

A former non-commissioned officer of the Chatham Division—Sergt. C. Reade—who is in the employ of the Cape Government Railways, holds a commission as the senior lieutenant of the Railway Battalion of Town Guard.

We are anxiously awaiting details of the proposed scheme put forward by Mr. Brodrick for turning over certain coaling stations to the Navy, whereby he expects to get five battalions for other service. Such a scheme, if accepted, will doubtless widen our service horizon.

9th April, 1901. A.F.G.

Anecdotes.

The Prize of a Bound Volume of the "Globe and Laurel" has been awarded to Lce.-Sergt. King, R.M.L.I., for Scene—H.M.S. "Victory," Portsmouth Harbour.

SCENE—H.M.S. *Victory*, Portsmouth Harbour. (Lady to "Marine Guide," who has just shown her over the ship). "Thank you, very much, I am *so* much obliged to you for your lucid explanation, I am sorry to see that 'Gratuities to Guides' are strictly forbidden." Marine Guide—"Yes, Madam! and so was the apple in the Garden of Eden." (Collapse of old lady).

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A Kroo-man was one day walking in rear of the Barracks at Ascension, endeavouring to reach the "Kroo" quarters unperceived, with a side of bacon over his shoulder, which he had evidently stolen. The Marine policeman, however, came upon him rather suddenly and said—"Hullo, tar-pot! what have you got there?" The nigger, looking round, replied—"My Gollum, Sah! who put 'um dat dar?"

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A little bit mixed.—Tommy having written a letter to his *fiancée*, sealed and stamped the envelope, says: "I'm blowed if I like to send this, some of the words are spelt wrong and the others are not spelt right."

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Irish Recruit: "Till me now, Sargint; Pwhat would happen to me if Oi was to call you a——fool?" Sergeant: "Call me a——fool; why I'd have you put in the guard-room, and you get 28 days, etc., etc." Irish Recruit: "But, if Oi was only to think it, Sargint?" Sergeant: "Well, Ah, hum; I suppose nothing would happen." Irish Recruit: "Well then, Sargint, Oi thinks it."

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An Incident at Forton.—One of the steadiest and most sober of men in the right-half battalion steered from the canteen to his room about 9.15 p.m. one evening, soon after his arrival from the Depôt. Being alone he soliloquised thusly: "Let me see, its the end block in this direction and the top room. Ah, this must be the one; now I've got to go to the top of the stairs." Coming to the top he tries to stand, which is a failure. "Well I'm blowed, I could swear I was sober when I left the canteen and now here's the floor coming up like a ship in distress. I suppose I must crawl." After crawling about for some time he hears a shout from below—"Who's that up there?" "Why, it's me" says our friend; "show us a light, I can't find the door." "But what are you doing up there?" "Doing! why trying to get in and find my bed of course." By this time a small crowd had gathered below and there was a roar of laughter. "What the devil are you laughing at?" Eventually someone finds wind to exclaim "Oh you've done it this time, you have gone too far up and are wandering about the roof on the signal stage." The next few ejaculations are unfit for publication; the reverse of blessings being called on signalmen, etc., with particular emphasis on those who use roof stages.

Home News.

EASTNEY.

THE Commandant has converted part of his vegetable garden into a full-sized croquet court, and part of the small meadow between the church and the south-western entrance gates to the barracks into a vegetable garden.

Much inconvenience has been caused to the barracks generally by the recent alteration in the number of omnibuses running from the barracks to High Street, Portsmouth. Whereas formerly three went at intervals of two minutes every quarter-hour from 9 a.m. to 10-30 p.m., now only one runs every half-hour, and does not start so early in the morning. The irritating part of it is that there does not appear to be any good and sufficient reason for the cessation.

The Cadet Corps is increasing, and is much appreciated by the boys and their parents; it now numbers about 150.

CHATHAM.

The officers' mess at this Division was the home, at Easter, of between 30 and 40 volunteer officers. These officers were members of the Midland Volunteer Officers' Association, to which Captain J. Marchant, R.M.L.I., Adjutant 2nd V.B. South Staffordshire Regiment, is appointed lecturer, and their visit was due to his initiative. It would be difficult to conceive a more successful and better organised arrangement. The officers were as keen as possible on every point connected with soldiering, and were shown everything of interest by both the naval and military authorities at Chatham. Socially, they were a great acquisition to the mess, and the only regret was that there were so few officers to perform the duty of hosts Needless to say, the capacity of the mess was strained to its utmost, but from the constant thanks showered on us by our guests it may safely be said that they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Captain Marchant has gained a great reputation for himself in the Midlands. The regiment to which he is adjutant was, at the time of his appointment, in a very bad way, indeed it is said, within an ace of disbandment. By his tact and energy he has raised it to a state second to none in the Midlands, and every member of the Association was enthusiastic in his praises.

The foundation stone of the new Royal Sailors' Home at Chatham was laid by Vice-Admiral Sir W. R. Kennedy, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief at the Nore, on the afternoon of the 25th April. The site for this building, which has already made good progress, is at the back of the Divisional Schools, the side of the hill having been scarped away for the purpose. When completed, the Home will be a most imposing structure. At the ceremony, the children from the Royal Marine schools sang with great success several patriotic songs.

The annual Divisional Rifle Meeting will take place on 19th and 20th June.

The annual Athletic Sports will be held on Chatham Football Ground, on 26th June.

PORTSMOUTH.

The month has been uneventful, but several interesting competitions have been brought off. On Friday and Saturday, March 29th and 30th, the Regimental Tournament was held, and the several events were well contested; in the Bayonet Combat for Company Teams, six teams entered, with the following results:—First round, D Co. beat A Co.; H Co. beat E Co.; B Co. & G Co., byes. Second round, D Co. beat G Co.; B Co. beat H Co. The final was won by B Company, defeating D Company after a close contest, the result only being decided by the captains of teams fighting, when Colr.-Sergeant Childs defeated Sergeant Tyler. In the Individual Competitions there were thirty-two entries for the Bayonet *v.* Bayonet, the prizes being won by 1st, Sergt. F. J. Cooper, 15/-; 2nd, Sergt. Sanders, 7/6; 3rd, Pte. T. Saunders, 6/-; 4th, Pte. Cooper, 6/-; 5th, Pte. Charlesworth, 5/-; 6th, Lance-Corpl. H. Lambert, 5/-. Prizes of 2/- were won by Lce.-Corpl. Milner, Ptes. Dibble, Devall, Prictor, Vaughan, Harvey, Mullington, and Lance-Corporal Jacobs. In the Instructors' Competitions, Sergt. Tyler won the Bayonet *v.* Bayonet, Sabre *v.* Sabre, and Foil *v.* Foil. In the District Tournament on 16th April, our Bayonet Combat Team was defeated by the Royal Marine Artillery, and none of our individual competitors were fortunate enough to gain a prize.

The ties for the Company Football Challenge Cup were also brought off, and resulted in some very good games. In the first round, E Co. defeated the band and drums; the remainder having byes. In the second round, E Co. beat G Co.; A Co. beat B Co.; F Co. beat C Co.; D Co. beat H Co. In the third round, F Co. beat E Co.; and D Co. beat A Co. In the final, after a very close and exciting game, F Co. just defeated D Co. by one goal to nothing. On the conclusion of the game the Cup was presented to the winning team by Colonel Chapman (in the absence of the Commandant), who made them a short speech.

The Division also entered for the Six-a-side Football Tournament promoted by the Hampshire Association, and though winning their heat in the first round, they were put out in the second round by the team which eventually won the competition.

At the Naval Boxing Tournament, Lce.-Corpl. Lambert entered but was unsuccessful.

The Divisional Shooting Club has commenced its practices, as has also the Revolver Club; the attendances have been large, and the new regulations and targets are appreciated, scores being very fair, one 101 has already been registered.

The cricket nets are up; practice is in full swing, and we are looking forward to a successful season if fates and naval manœuvres are propitious.

PLYMOUTH.

The first census since the *Globe and Laurel* was instituted was taken on Sunday, March 31st. The number that slept in barracks on that night was 811 males and 94 females. As we have no records of previous censuses, it is impossible to make any comparisons.

The annual inspection in Gunnery by the Port Admiral took place on Friday, 19th April.

Portsmouth Division will remember the *Volta*, one of the Portsea steam launches. It has been purchased by the Torpoint Ferry Company, and is now in the Hamoaze, and will run in addition to the floating bridge.

A W.D. rifle meeting is to commence on June 8th, and will be continued on the following week-days. Last year's Admiral's Cup will be known as the "Fairfax" Cup, and will be shot for under new conditions, *viz.*: the "tile and peg" sectional practice. The new Admiral's Cup will be shot for under the same rules as last year.

Men of the Royal Fleet Reserve (R.M.) are eligible to fire in the individual competitions open to the army.

Major Burges, 3rd Gloucester Regiment, at present stationed at Devonport, has kindly given a Cup, to be competed for by a team of six officers from any one unit in garrison or any two ships in harbour. It will be a sectional practice at a moving target.

In connection with the Garrison Rifle Club it has been decided to offer two silver spoons per month, under the following conditions:—(*a*) one spoon to be for officers, and the other for warrant and N.C.O's. and men; (*b*) to be won by the aggregate of the best independent scores at 200, 500 and 600 yards, and 500, 600 and 800 yards made on any one shooting day during alternate months. The competition this month is for the first named distances.

Foreign News.

MALTA.—NAVAL REVIEW AT THE MARSA.

On Monday, the 15th April, at 10 a.m., the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty inspected the officers and men of the fleet on the Marsa Several rehearsals had taken place previously, and consequently the civilians who desired to be present were able to decide upon their route without fear of getting mixed up with the long columns of Seamen and Marines, which from 9.30 a.m. were converging on the Marsa. In spite of the fact that 12,000 men assembled for the parade, and that all found their places between 9 and 9.45 a.m., there was an entire absence of confusion that reflects the greatest credit on all concerned. The race-course stand and polo stand were set apart for onlookers, and were speedily occupied by many ladies and a few officers, Naval and Military, in uniform. Their Lordships, with customary punctuality, arrived at the reserved enclosure on the race course stand at 10.15 precisely, and were received with a general salute by all arms. A more imposing sight it is hard to imagine; for there, on the race-course, were 12,000 men. On the extreme right were three batteries of field guns, the first two of 12-pr. Q.F., the third of 9-pr. R.M.L., each battery consisting of eight guns. On the left of the field guns came the first brigade of Seamen, these all under arms some 4,500 strong; on the left of this brigade came the Royal Marine brigade, 2,500 strong; in rear was the second brigade of Seamen composed chiefly of stokers and other ratings, such as carpenters, stewards, &c., about 4,500 strong. The only people left on board the ships being domestics and the sick. After being saluted, their Lordships inspected about 100 men dressed in white, who were drawn up in the race-stand enclosure; this was the special Seamen Gunners Class, an innovation of the Commander-in-Chief for the more rapid training abroad of the young seamen in gunnery, which has given most satisfactory results. Then they drove through the ranks of the second Seamen brigade and witnessed the latter march off in quarter column, expressing themselves much pleased; and indeed the way these men marched was surprising, when it is noted that they were men not accustomed to moving with precision in large bodies. The companies of Chief Petty Officers were distinctly noticeable for their fine bearing and physique. After this their Lordships inspected the guns and the other brigades, passing thence to a specially erected stand from whence they witnessed the march past of guns and armed men. The guns went by in pairs and the armed men in fours, thus giving the onlookers time to realize the great number on parade. Where all marched so well it is impossible to pick out one unit as superior to another; but as usual the fine physique of the Royal Marine Artillery was most noticeable. The weather was kind, and owing to the lightness of the wind, little dust, comparatively speaking, was experienced. All men were on board their ships by 12.30 so that the arrangements for embarkation were excellent. The spectacular effect of the countermarch, which took place immediately after the salute, was fine, but somewhat marred by the clouding over of the sun just previously. Those who witnessed a rehearsal of the same when the sun was shining brightly and glittering on the fixed bayonets, described it as very grand. Their Lordships, after the review, signalled their appreciation to the fleet, ordering a half holiday and an extra ration of grog.

SERGEANTS' MESS, SENGLEA, MALTA.

A smoking concert, the last before the departure of the fleet, took place on Saturday last, and as usual was thoroughly enjoyed and well patronized.

ESQUIMALT.

H.M.S. *Amphion*.

At present the *Egeria* and ourselves are the only two ships in here. The *Warspite* is down at Honolulu and expects to be back here about May 15th, when we shall probably leave. The *Icarus* is somewhere among the islands, and the *Phaeton* is at Panama.

Having only been on the station a short time, our Marines have not had much opportunity of doing much, as we have spent most of our time at sea getting out here. We pulled against the Marines of the *Phaeton* in cutters at Panama, and were beaten rather easily; however, we hope to do better against the *Warspite* when she comes back. A most exciting Morris-tube match was fired at sea by us against our bluejackets. By some excellent shooting on the part of our last two men we just won by one point. The only other competition we have taken part in, the Marines won again. This time they beat the bluejackets at football by one goal to nil. C.L.H.

TAKU, CHINA.

The garrison of the north-west fort at Taku have not been allowing the grass to grow under their feet, as the following programme will show.

THEATRE ROYAL, NORTH-WEST FORT, CHINA.

A grand theatrical and variety entertainment will take place in the above theatre in March, 1901, under the distinguished patronage of the Allies in China.

PROGRAMME.—PART I.

The popular farce by T. Williams, Esq., entitled
"Ici on Parle Français."

Caste—

Major Regulus Rattan ..	Lieut. Richmond, R.M.L.I.
Victor Dubois	Major Kappey, R.M.A.
Mr. Spriggins	Dr. Roche, R.N.
Mrs. Spriggins	Mrs. Crawford.
Angelina (their daughter)	Miss Cromarty.
Julia (wife of Major Rattan)	Mrs. Macral.
Anna Maria (maid of all work) ..	Mrs. Hurst.

Prompter, Lieut. Laurie, R.M.L.I.

The scene is laid in lodgings at a fashionable watering place.
Time, present day.

PART II.

1. Song	"The Day We Gae'd to Rothsay, O!"	Gnr. Kinstey.
2. Song ...	"The Wife and Nipper" ..	Pte. Horsley.
3. Song	"Staring Me in the Face"	Pte. Meech.
4. Recitation..	"The Lifeboat"	Lce.-Sergt. Howell.
5. Song ..	"Sons of the Sea" ..	Gnr. Sissons.
6. Song ..	"Josephine" ..	Pte. Riggs.
7. Song	.."The Old Log Cabin" ..	Lce.-Sergt. Mahon.
8. Recitation..	"The Circle of Death" ..	Corpl. Allpay.
9. Song	"Those Wedding Bells"	Pte. Horsley.
10. Song	"My English, Irish, Scotch Lassie Jane"	Gnr. McKinstry.
11. Song ..	"Kitty Wells"	Lce.-Sergt. Mahon.
12. Song ..	"Gallery and Boxes"	.. Pte. Riggs.

"God Save the King."

THE COMMONWEALTH CELEBRATIONS IN AUSTRALIA.

We take the following from the "Sunbeam," a Sydney paper, and are glad to see that the old corps created their usual favourable impression:—

In the grand procession on Commonwealth Day, the Service men—both Bluejackets and Royal Marines—were universally admired, and they showed less signs of fatigue at the end of the long march than any body of men present, and none of them fell out for drinks of water, &c., and they were the only troops who did not do so. Their marching and appearance, too, was all that could be desired.

The Royal Marines were, in our opinion—and that opinion is strongly supported by that of several leading military officers—the most striking feature of that long military spectacle. Certainly there were more gorgeous uniforms, and some grand men inside of them. It is also true that there were small parties of picked men who, taken man for man, compared fairly well; and the Indian Contingent, all officers and non.-coms., who were, as they ought to be, exceptionally fine. But the non.-coms. and men of the R.M.L.I. and R.M.A. were not picked men, but just men of the ordinary detachments to be found in any of H.M. Ships in the world; and yet they stood the comparison even against picked men of other Imperial Regiments so well that thousands confessed that for general appearance, stature, marching, and soldier-like bearing, they were incomparable. One old soldier of the Queen exclaimed aloud on a grand stand as they marched past, "Just look at them; it's no wonder they told such a tale at Graspan!"

At the sports which were also held, and in which the visiting Imperial troops took a prominent part, the corps gained the following gratifying successes:—

The Bayonet Review Exercise was won by a team of ten men from the *Royal Arthur* detachment of Royal Marines. In the Physical Drill Competition (ten men per team) the *Royal Arthur* Marines were again first, with the Garden Island Marines second, and *Ringarooma* Marines third.

Entertainments.

EASTNEY.

TO assist in arming and equipping the R.M.A. Cadet Corps, a more than usually good variety entertainment was billed for the Eastney theatre on April 12th, and the Corps and their friends responded to the programme with a packed house, which produced about £20.

The band, as usual, ably rendered the overture, and some excellent songs were given by members of the Corps; "The Wreck off Haslar Creek," by Mr. Walter Melville, provoking roars of laughter; while Mr. Graham was in fine voice, and gave an admirable rendering of "Trocadero." The Cadet Corps did its share with a very creditable display of free gymnastics, while their youthful band gave "The British Grenadiers" in excellent fashion, reflecting much credit on their Instructor, Drum-Major Flower. The Khaki Pierrot Banjo Team received a well deserved encore.

The second part of the programme consisted of a farcial comedy, written by Mrs. Robertson and Miss Fairtlough, entitled: 'A Trying Time," in which Mrs. Robertson was exceedingly humorous as a she-dragon of a mother-in-law with a rasping voice. Miss Fairtlough made a pleasing daughter: while Fröken Lange played the part of her school friend with graceful naiveté. Major Liston, W.I.R., as a French waiter was to the manner born, and Captain Hire, R.M.A., as the daughter's husband, pourtrayed the part with his accustomed drollery.

R.M.A. BAND. Mr. B. S. Green, Bandmaster, R.M.A., and the band deserve more than passing notice, and are to be warmly congratulated for the patriotic concerts spontaneously arranged by them on the Clarence Pier, Southsea, on April 10th, in aid of the War Fund, and their first-rate and nicely varied patriotic programme met with well-deserved success.

The band opened with the "Turkish Patrol," and Mendelssohn's Overture, "Fingal's Cave," which was splendidly played, produced a deep impression. Miss Fanny Monk has a clear contralto voice, and her rendering of "The Enchantress" was particularly good. The concert polka, "Nightingale and Blackbird," was faultlessly rendered by Musicians White and Beech. "The Blue and Red Marine" (words by Mrs. Aubrey Cox, music by Mr. B. S. Green), sung by Musician Dowell, was given with considerable gusto, the chorus being taken up by the band. Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E minor was splendidly given by that promising and youthful executant, Musician L. Moor, whose phrasing and expression are of the highest order, and won a perfect storm of applause. Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody, with its varying moods and fitful expressions, was magnificently pourtrayed by the band.

The evening concert opened with "The Boys of the Old Brigade." Miss Fanny Monk received a very warm welcome for her rendering of "Kathleen Mavourneen," which was sung with much dramatic power and perception, the phrasing and expression being particularly good. The soldiers' chorus from "Faust" demonstrated the vocal ability of the band, who had to comply to an enthusiastic encore. Mr. Percy Maggs recited "The Drummer Boy" and an amended version of "The Absent Minded Beggar." Mr. Maggs has a pure, resonant voice, and his enunciation is all that could be desired. Armed with such enviable qualities, no wonder that his success was so marked and his reception most enthusiastic. Musician Baxter gave a very highly finished rendering of Van Biene's evergreen "Broken Melody." A welcome innovation was the singing of Musician Dowell, who rendered that popular song, "The British Lion's awake," by the bandmaster, Mr. B. S. Green, with considerable dash. The chorus was lustily taken up by his comrades, and it is almost unnecessary to add that this spirited song brought down the house. In response to continuous applause, Musician Dowell repeated the last verse, and even then the audience clamoured for more. Bombardier Ife, R.M.A., gave a grand display of Indian Clubs, which was greatly appreciated, and an enthusiastic encore was demanded. "Our Boys at the Front" (played by the military band), introducing the regimental marches of the different corps serving in South Africa, was greeted with hearty cheers as the name of each regiment was shown.

The two concerts distinctly added another laurel to the Blue Marine band, and enabled them to hand over to the Mayor of Portsmouth's War Fund the handsome sum of £37.

The sergeants gave their annual ball in the Gymnasium, at Eastney, on March 29th, and it went with the usual swing, and was much enjoyed by everyone present, including several officers of the Corps.

Great regret was caused by the absence of the popular M.C. on these occasions, who was down with an attack of typhoid fever, but fortunately he is now progressing favourably towards recovery, and ere these lines are in print will probably be quite convalescent.

PORTSMOUTH.

An excellent variety entertainment was given at the R.M.L.I. theatre, Forton, on Wednesday, 24th April. The first part was devoted to songs, &c., and was taken part in by Ptes. Bilbow, S. E Taylor, Lance-Corporal Mann, Corporal Long, the Misses Hine, the Gymnastic Troupe, Mr. Hine, and the Band; Mr. Hine's gramophone selections receiving great applause. The second part consisted of a sketch entitled: "Soothing Syrup, or the Mad Actor"; the characters being sustained by Privates S. E. Taylor, Harvey, Orchard, Bilbow, and Lance-Corpl. Mann; the whole being very well performed and reflecting great credit on all concerned.

Sports.

EASTNEY.

BOXING. At the Naval Boxing Tournament held in the Garrison Gymnasium, Portsmouth, April 24th and 25th, Gunner Smith, R.M.A., won 1st prize of £4 in the 11-st. 4-lb. competition open to garrison and town of Portsmouth.

R.M.A. AT SOUTHERN DISTRICT MILITARY TOURNAMENT, held in the Garrison Gymnasium, Portsmouth. The R.M.A. were successful beyond their expectations, and it is to be hoped they will do well at the Agricultural Hall, in June, They won the following events—

Foil v. *Foil*.—1st prize, Bronze Medal and £3, Corpl. W. McFadden.

Bayonet v. *Bayonet*.—1st prize, Bronze Medal and £3, Corporal W. McFadden.

Bayonet Combat.—1st prize, £4 10s. *Team*—Sergeant Ballard, Gnrs. Campbell, Crockford, McKay, Lally, T. Smith, Prior, Pomfret and Randall.

Competitions for N.C.O's. and men not in possession of Gymnastic Certificates—1st prize, £2, Gunner Crockford; 2nd prize, £1, Gunner McKay.

PLYMOUTH.

SHOOTING.—R.M.L.I. *v.* Three Towns Rifle Club. The return match with Morris Tube was fired with the above clubs in the shooting gallery at the R.M. Barracks, Plymouth, on Wednesday, 18th inst., and resulted in a win for the R.M.L.I. by 28 points. A card with one inch bullseye was used for "standing" and a three-quarter inch for "kneeling."

The Divisional competition for prizes offered by the Military Tournament Committee was held on the parade on the 11th April, and resulted as follows—

Bayonet v. *Bayonet*.—Bombr. G. Rose, Ptes. C. Clarke, F. Harris, C. H. Johnstone, W. Holland, W. G. Carter, W. Dallen, G. Chapman, all receiving prizes of 10/- each. *Sabre* v. *Sabre*—Bombr. G. Rose, 10/- *Foil* v. *Foil*—Bombr. G. Rose.

FOOTBALL.—30th Co. R.A. *v.* R.M.L.I., at Maker. The Marines kicked off against wind and rain, but at once made for the home goal. They were driven back, and about seven minutes from the start Lieut. Belcher scored with a beauty. From the kick-off the Royal Artillery forced the ball in the Marines' goal and the ball was rushed through. This reverse roused the Marines and they forced several corners, but their shooting was poor, and the Royal Artillery added another goal. The Royal Artillery continued to have the best of the exchanges until half-time. With the wind behind them the Marines penned the gunners in their own half. Harrington soon scored, and shortly afterwards Campbell added another. Play continued in favour of the Marines, and Kirkwood brought the scores equal, after which one of the gunners sustained a nasty wrench and had to retire. The Marines added further goals through Phillips and Lieutenant Montgomery. Result—R.M.L.I., 5 goals; R.A., 3.

ROYAL WELSH FUSILIERS *v.* R.M.L.I.—Played at Crownhill, a strong wind making good play difficult. The Marines, playing with the wind, at once penned the homesters in their own half, but they were unable to score, and when the interval was called neither side had scored. In the second half, play opened out, and about five minutes from the re-start, following some smart work by the Marine forwards, Farringdon scored. This roused the Welsh, and they forced several corners in quick succession, but were unable to penetrate the defence, which was very sound, and a break away by the visitors resulted in Lieut. Hare scoring with a shot which gave the goalkeeper no chance. The game then slackened down, the exchanges being pretty even until about seven minutes from the finish, when another goal was scored for the Marines. Result—R.M.L.I., 3 goals; R.W.F., nil.

MEDITERRANEAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE. The following list shows the order of merit for the *Empress of India* Cup for the season 1900-1

No.	Ship.	W.	D.	L.	Points.	Per cent.
1	*Illustrious*	15	1	0	31	97
2	*Andromeda*	13	1	1	27	90
3	*Cæsar*	13	0	2	26	87
4	*Royal Sovereign*	10	0	5	20	67
5	*Canopus*	8	4	4	20	62
6	*Theseus*	7	1	4	15	62
7	*Hibernia*	5	2	5	12	50
8	*Barham*	4	2	4	10	50
9	*Vulcan*	4	4	7	12	40
10	*Victorious*	2	0	8	4	20
11	*Dryad*	0	1	11	1	4

The following ships did not play the necessary number of matches to qualify:—*Ocean, Royal Oak, Gladiator, Renown, Ramillies, Vindictive.* The Cup was presented to the winning team by Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York at the naval "at home" on the Marsa, on the 25th March.

HOCKEY. Result of competition for *Cæsar's* Hockey Cup—

Ship.	Pld.	W.	L.	D.	Per cent.
Renown	8	7	0	1	93·7
Illustrious	9	7	0	2	88·8
Ocean	6	4	1	1	75·0
Victorious	6	1	3	2	33·3
Cæsar	6	2	4	0	33·3
Ramillies	5	2	3	0	40·0
Canopus	3	1	2	0	33·0
Andromeda	5	0	4	1	10·0
Royal Sovereign	4	0	3	0	0
Theseus	3	0	3	9	0
Vulcan	1	0	1	0	0

The *Renown* therefore wins the Cup.

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Endymion	1	0	0	*Gladiator*	1	10	6
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Sergt. Bradshaw	0	1	6	*Theseus*	0	7	11
Minotaur	0	6	0	R.M.A., Eastney	2	13	2
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Furious	0	4	1	Sergt. Peacock	0	1	0
Vernon	0	3	0	*St. Vincent*	0	1	6
Officers, Chatham Div.	2	12	0	Mr. Stewart Boyd	0	1	6
Chatham Division	2	13	8	Officers, Chatham	1	11	0
Officers, Forton	1	0	0	*Royal Oak*	1	10	6
Lce.-Corpl. Hughes	0	1	6	Sergeant Gill	0	1	0
Cruiser	0	4	6	Major V. Brown	0	2	6
Charybdis	0	19	8	*Doris*	0	4	1
Andromeda	0	8	10	*Hood*	0	8	0
Prince George	0	10	7	Private Ray	0	2	0
Ramillies	1	1	0	Plymouth Division	6	6	10
Major Servante	0	2	0	*Psyche*	0	10	6
Renown	0	10	0	*Magnificent*	0	11	6
Gunnery School, Sheerness	0	5	0	Mr. Logan	0	1	6
Sans Pariel	0	8	4	Gunner Thompson	0	1	0
Canteen, Forton	5	0	0	*Barfleur*	3	0	6
Mr. Vernon	16	7	7	Officers' Library, Forton	0	2	0
Gladiator	0	9	6	Colonel Adair	0	5	0

Births.

COLVERSON—At Gosport, on 20th March, the wife of Lce.-Sergt. A. G. Colverson, of a daughter.

FARQUHARSON—At Chatham, on 8th March, the wife of Sergt. J. A. Farquharson, of a daughter.

MULLINGTON—At Gosport on 29th March, the wife of Lce.-Sergt. P. Mullington, of a daughter.

PEARCE—At Chatham, on 2nd February, the wife of Pte. G. Pearce, of a daughter.

TYRRELL—At Chatham, on 4th January, the wife of Sergt. T. Tyrrell, of a daughter.

WARD—At Walmer, the wife of Lce.-Sergt. Ward, of a son.

Marriages.

COULBERT—PERRY—On 8th April, at Battersea, Pte. S. A. L. Coulbert to Miss H. S. Perry.

DALLISON—WHEELER—At Trinity Church, Aldershot, Corpl. Dallison to Miss Wheeler.

HARDING—SPICER—On 20th February, at Plumstead, Col.-Sergt. H. Harding to Miss S. Spicer.

HILL—WAKEFIELD—At St. Stephens, Wandsworth, Pte. Hill to Miss Wakefield.

McGEE—THOMPSON—At the Parish Church, Portsea, 8th April, Pte. F. J. McGee, R.M.A., to Miss L. Thompson.

MATON—CHANDLER—At St. Bartholomew's, Southsea, 6th April, Corpl. C. F. Maton, R.M.A., to Miss E. F. Chandler.

MOSS—SEABROOK—At St. James', Portsea, 8th April, Corpl. G. H. Moss, R.M.A , to Miss A. R. Seabrook.

O'BRIEN-CASEY—ROBINSON—On the 10th April, at St. Paul's, Kingston-on-Thames, Vincent Tom, only son of the late Capt. O'Brien-Casey, R.M.L.I., to Effie Arthurine, youngest daughter of the late William A. Robinson, Esq., Solicitor, of 5, Philpot Lane, E.C., and sister of the late Dr. A. W. Robinson, of Twickenham.

PRESTON—WILLIS—On the 15th April, at Peshawur, by the Rev. R. Storrs, Chaplain, George Allan Preston, Lieutenant and Adjutant 40th Pathans, Indian Staff Corps, to Cecil Lucie, second daughter of Major W. Willis (retired), Royal Marine Light Infantry; Inspector of H.M. Prisons, Scotland.

RUDLING—COLLEDGE—At St. James', Portsea, 16th April, Gnr. J. G. Rudling, R.M.A., to Miss J. E. Colledge.

SHAW—BRANFIELD—On the 14th March, at Pimlico, Lce.-Sergt. G. Shaw, to Miss A. Branfield.

STICKLES—MYERS—At the Parish Church, Walmer, on 30th March, Pte. G. A. Stickles to Miss Elizabeth Myers.

WILLOWS—MACEY—At Lake Road Chapel, 12th March, 1901, Gnr. A. Willows, R.M.A., to Miss M. A. Macey.

WARR—CALLAWAY—At St. Luke's, Southsea, 4th April, Gnr. F. W. Warr, R.M.A.. to Miss A. E. Callaway.

BLACKMAN—HEWITT—On April 17th, at St. Mark's Church, Ford, by the Rev. C. A. Teaps, Corporal Blackman, R.M.L.I., to Nellie Hewitt, daughter of Thos. Hewitt, R.N.

Deaths.

BUTON—On April 2th, 1899, William Buton, late Sergeant, R.M.A.

BROWN—At Glasgow, on 3rd April, Valentine Daniel, son of Major V. Brown.

CLARKE—At R.N. Hospital, on 19th April, Pte. G. E. Clarke, R.M.L.I.

JUSTICE—At R.M.A. Infirmary, on 5th April, Bmbr. H. G. Justice, R.M.A.

LAWSON—At Wei-Hai-Wei, on 12th October, 1900, Pte. A. Lawson, R.M.L.I.

MULLINGTON—At Gosport, on 31st March, Phyllis, danghter of Lce.-Sergt. Mullington.

MITCHEL—At Lanouli, Bombay, Hugh McPherson Mitchel, son of the late Lieut.-Col. Sir Charles Bullen Hugh Mitchel, R.M.L.I., G.C.M.G.

THITE—At the London Hospital, on 30th March, T. Thite, late Sergeant, R.M.L.I., Portsmouth Division.

TROUT—On 22nd April, at 3, Hastings Terrace, Plymouth, Richard, the beloved husband of Elizabeth Trout (late R.M.L.I.).

In Memoriam.

HADDLETON—On March 30th, 1900, Walter Henry Haddleton Retired W.O. Royal Marines.

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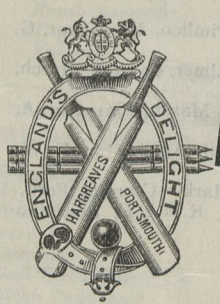
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Editorial.

THERE seems to be a slight misunderstanding as regards postage of the *Globe and Laurel*. The papers are sent by parcel post to all places included in the "Inland Rates"; to other parts they are sent by book post, and charged accordingly. Unfortunately, last quarter, after the accounts had been made out and enclosed in the packages, the clerk who took them to the post-office sent some of the latter by parcel post, hence the discrepancy between the stamps on parcels and the charge in the accounts. We regret any inconvenience that may have been caused thereby. We would draw the attention of large ships' detachments "on home service" to the fact that we pay the postage on parcels of sixty and above.

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We reprint the following from the *St. Helena Guardian*:—"When the *Guelph* was well away from the island, the ceremony of "swearing in" Lieutenant-Colonel Evans, R.M.L.I., O.C.T., as Acting Governor took place before the troops and principal inhabitants of the island on the lower parade. The warrant was read by Mr. Homagee, Police Magistrate, and the oath administered by the Hon. G. N. Moss, M.E.C., the salute in the meantime being fired from Ladder Hill.

On all hands we hear most flattering accounts of the manner in which His Excellency, Lieutenant-Colonel Evans has won the good will of all who serve under him, and we have no doubt that under his guidance the affairs of our little Colony will be ably and justly administered."

And also the following Proclamation by Lieutenant-Colonel Evans, in St. Helena.

"PROCLAMATION *by His Excellency Lieut.-Colonel T. J. P. Evans, Royal Marine Light Infantry, senior officer in command of His Majesty's troops in the Colony of St. Helena, Acting Governor of the said Island.*

'Whereas, under and by virtue of Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Creat Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Westminster the 11th day of June, 1890, the Administration of the Government of the said Colony did on the departure of His Excellency Robert Bruce Sterndale, devolve on me.

Now therefore, I do hereby proclaim, declare, and make known that I have this day taken the prescribed oaths and assumed the the Administration of the Government of the Colony of St. Helena under and by virtue of Her Majesty's said Letters Patent.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Island of St. Helena this 10th day of April, 1901.

(*Signed*) T. J. P. EVANS, Acting Governor.

By command of His Excellency the Acting Governor.

(*Signed*) ROBT. R. BRUCE, (for Colonial Secretary).'"

"On Monday, the 15th April, His Excellency the Acting Governor paid an official visit to H.M.S. *Thetis*. His Excellency was received with the customary honours, and on his departure was saluted with seventeen guns by the ship."

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In Lieutenant-General Sir A. Gaselee's despatch, dated Pekin, 17th January, 1900, reviewing the military operations in China since the middle of August last year, he acknowledges the valuable services rendered by Major (Now Brevet Lieut.-Colonel) E. V. Luke, R.M.L.I., and Lieut.-Col. J. B. Wood, of 3rd Infantry Brigade (late R.M.L.I.)

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The following appointment to the Staff of the Lines of Communication made in South Africa is confirmed—Captain G. E. Barnes, R.M.A., to be Station Staff Officer.

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Major G. A. French, A.S.C. (late R.M,L.I.), who has been acting D.A.A.G., Southern District, since last November, has been confirmed in the appointment.

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Captain J. P. Shine has been appointed temporary Superintendent of Gymnasia, Southern District, *vice* Major F. J. Raitt, who has retired from the Service.

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Lieut. S. P. Musson, R.M.L.I., has been transferred to the Indian Staff Corps as a Second Lieutenant.

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We congratulate Lieut.-Col. A. G. B. Urmston on his game in the second round of the Amateur Golf Championship at St. Andrews, when he was only beaten by Mr. G. W. Miller by one hole, after a tie up to the eighteenth hole.

We regret to see the announcement in the newspapers that Captain R. Ford, A.S.C. (late R.M.L.I.), was seriously ill with enteric fever in South Africa, at Ventersdorp, on May 18th. We are sure the whole Army will wish the popular ex-secretary of the Army Football League a speedy recovery.

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General Sir Henry Brasnell Tuson, K.C.B. (late D.A.G. Royal Marines) has been placed on the retired list after close on half a century's service. He served in the China War of 1859 and '60, and the Egyptian and Soudan Campaigns; he was created a K.C.B. in 1895, and served as D.A.G., Royal Marines, from 1899.

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Major F. J. Raitt, R.M.L.I., is placed on the retired list, at his own request, with a gratuity, dated 25th April, 1901.

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Captain P. L. W. Bourchier, R.M.L.I., has been granted six months leave of absence in extension from 4th May.

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An exchange of ships has been sanctioned between Captain W. G. B. Simpson, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Arethusa*, and Lieutenant G. E. Rooney, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Tamar*.

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Private Freeman, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Doris*, has been specially recommended for gallant conduct in South Africa.

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An exchange of Divisions has been sanctioned between Majors H. G. Cotterill (Portsmouth) and C. H. Kennedy (Chatham).

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of Barrack-master and Brevet Lieut.-Col. Denny, R.M.L.I., being placed on the retired list, under the Provisions of the Order in Council, 22nd February, 1870.

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Captain G. R. Poole, R.M.A., will be the officer for duty at Bisley during the forthcoming meeting of the National Rifle Association.

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Among the lots offered at Messrs. Debenham's monthly sale of medals on the 24th of May were the silver war medal with two clasps: "Off Rota, 4th April, 1808," and "Syria," given to the late Major-General James Whylock, R.M.L.I., and the China medal with four clasps for "China, 1842," "Fatshan, 1857," "Canton, 1857," and "Taku Forts, 1858," given to 31st Company, James Davis, R.M.L.I.

A handsome white marble cross, with the following inscription, has been raised in the Highland Road Cemetery, Southsea, to the memory of the late Captain Doig, by the Officers of H.M.S. *Endymion*:—

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF
RICHARD OSBORN MACHAN DOIG,
CAPTAIN, ROYAL MARINE LIGHT INFANTRY,
AGED 28 YEARS,
WHO DIED 13TH AUGUST, 1900,
OF FEVER CONTRACTED ON ACTIVE SERVICE IN CHINA,
WHILE IN COMMAND OF
DETACHMENT ROYAL MARINES OF H.M.S. "ENDYMION."

ERECTED BY HIS BROTHER OFFICERS OF H.M.S. "ENDYMION."

In our obituary notice we omitted to mention the numerous handsome wreaths sent by the Divisions, Depot, and others on the occasion of the funeral in this cemetery.

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On Friday, May 17th, Lord Goschen unveiled a granite monument which has been erected in Victoria Park, Portsmouth, by the officers and crew of H.M.S. *Powerful*, to the memory of their comrades who fell at Ladysmith and elsewhere in South Africa. The monument, which is in the form of an obelisk, is of reddish brown Peterhead granite, and stands about 24 feet high. In the moulded panels around the base block are various inscriptions. Among them is the following:—

"To the memory of officers and men of the Naval Brigade of H.M.S. *Powerful*, who were killed in action or died during the campaign in South Africa, 1899-1900."

This is followed by the names of those to whose memory it is erected, some fifty in number, including nine privates, R.M.L.I.

Diary of our Colonel-in-Chief's Colonial Tour. South African Medal.

(continued from last month).

April 30th—Arrived Albany, Western Australia.

May 1st—Left Albany. During the voyage from Singapore the Royal Party witnessed the burial of a stoker, who was accorded full naval honours. The line was crossed on April 30th, and the occasion was marked by the reception of Neptune and his court in the time-honoured manner. On the conclusion of the ceremony the signal, "His Royal Highness has observed that the mainbrace of the *Ophir*, *Juno* and *St. George*, requires splicing, and he hopes that this may be done after exercise this morning," was made, and it is needless to say, this invitation to drink the Duke's health was welcomed by all hands.

May 5th—Arrived Melbourne.

May 6th—Immense crowds lined the streets, which were brilliantly decorated, and enthusiastically welcomed the Royal Party, who were met by the Governor-General and all the Federal Ministers at the landing stage.

May 7th—A busy day. Levée at Government House at 11 a.m. Rough-riding display in the afternoon and conversazione in the evening.

May 8th—Presentation of war medals to 500 Victorian officers and men who had fought in South Africa.

May 9th—Opening of the First Federal Parliament. His Royal Highness was received with tremendous enthusiasm, and in the course of his speech at the opening ceremony, gave the following telegraphic message from the King: "My thoughts are with you on this auspicious occasion. I wish the Commonwealth of Australia every happiness and prosperity."

May 10th—Review of 15,000 troops at Flemington Racecourse. In the evening the Duke and Duchess attended a reception by the Mayor and Mayoress in the Town Hall.

May 11th—Procession of 20,000 representatives of Trades and Friendly Societies. The degree of Doctor of Laws conferred upon His Royal Highness at the University.

May 12th—The Royal Party attended service at St. Paul's.

May 13th—Left Melbourne on a short visit to Ballarat, where the Duke laid the foundation stone of a memorial to the Ballarat soldiers who had fallen in the war. On the return journey stopped at Gulong and inspected guard of honour.

May 15th—Presentation of prizes in the Exhibition Buildings to public school boys.

May 18th—Left Melbourne by train, stopping at Benalla, Wangaratta, Albury and Wagga Wagga.

May 19th—Arrived Newcastle in the morning.

May 20th—Continuing the journey, Brisbane was reached at 9-20 a.m. The Duke and Duchess were again enthusiastically received, and many addresses were presented.

May 21st—Entertainment by 6,000 boys and girls in the grounds of Government House. In the afternoon the Royal Party sailed down the river to Lytton, where 5,000 troops were reviewed and medals presented to Queenslanders returned from the war. After dinner Their Royal Highnesses viewed an aboriginal corroboree.

May 22nd—Laying of the foundation stone of Brisbane's new cathedral in memory of the late Queen Victoria. Afterwards Their Royal Highnesses visited the Agricultural Show.

May 23rd—Levée in the morning, garden party in the afternoon, and in the evening the Royal Party attended a concert in the Exhibition Hall.

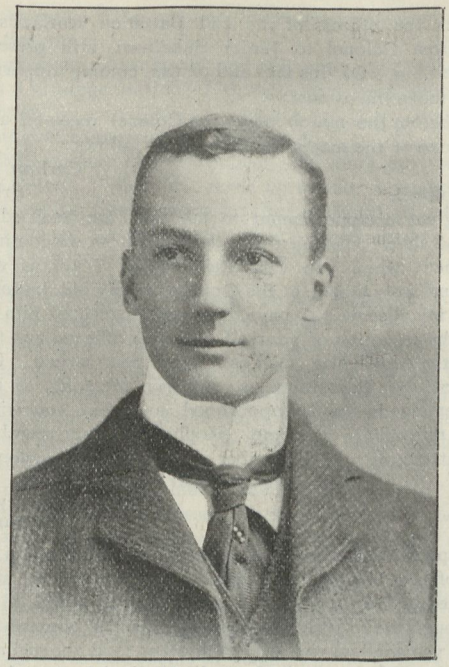
May 24th—Left Brisbane by train at 11 a.m.

May 25th—Arrived Newcastle in the morning. After driving through the town the Royal Party proceeded to Hawkesbury to rejoin the *Ophir*.

May 26th—*Ophir* left this morning for Sydney. The Duchess of Cornwall and York's birthday celebrated at sea.

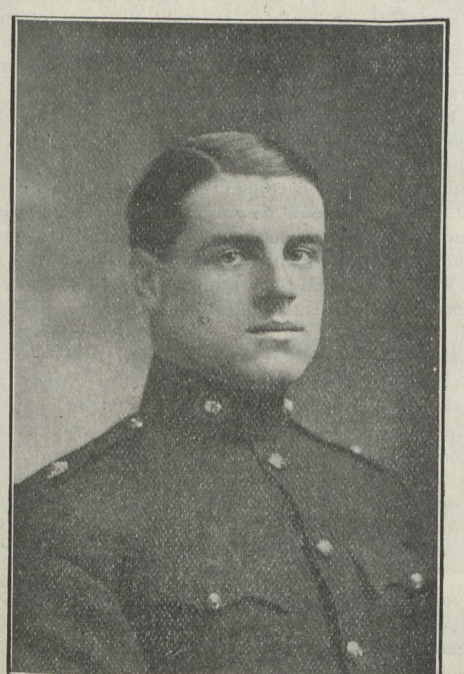
May 27th—Arrived at Sydney. The Royal Party landed as soon as the *Ophir* was anchored, and proceeded through all the principal streets, which were bright with decorations and spanned by numerous emblematical arches, to Government House, accompanied by the Governor-General, Lieutenant Governor and principal Federal Ministers. Everywhere Their Royal Highnesses received an ovation from the jubilant crowds who filled every available spot along the route.

(To be continued).



CAPT. L. O. WILSON, D.S.O., R.M.L.I.

Captain Leslie Orme Wilson, D.S.O., R.M.L.I., joined the Royal Marines as 2nd-Lieut. on 1st February, 1895, and was promoted to Lieutenant at Portsmouth Division, 1st January, 1896, becoming Captain on 1st April, 1901, when not quite 25 years old. He holds the extra certificate of the Hythe School of Musketry, and was recently appointed Assistant-Instructor of Musketry at Chatham. His first foreign service was in H.M.S. *Hibernia*, from which he was invalided early in 1899. He embarked for South Africa with the re-inforcing draft after Graspan, and joined the Naval Brigade shortly after the Modder River Battle. He was present at Magersfontein, and afterwards took part in the advance on Bloemfontein and subsequently on Pretoria. After the fall of that place, he went on with General Pole-Carew's column towards Komati Poort, and was with the 4·7 inch gun on Monument Hill, Belfast, where he was severely wounded in the thigh. He was then invalided home, and we are glad to say is quite recovered, and fit for duty again. He was awarded the D.S.O. in the Gazette of 19th April, 1901, after being mentioned in despatches.



LIEUT. F. J. SAUNDERS, D.S.O., R.M.L.I.

Lieutenant Frederick John Saunders, D.S.O., joined the service as 2nd-Lieut. on 1st February, 1895, and became Lieutenant at the Chatham Division on 1st January, 1895. He embarked in H.MS. *Powerful* in June, 1897, and served for nearly three years on the China Station. On her way home the *Powerful*, as every one knows, was sent to the Cape, and on her arrival there landed her Marines, who joined the Naval Brigade, the Marine part of which was under the late Major Plumbe. After garrisoning Stormberg for a time, the Brigade returned to Cape Town, and was then sent to join Lord Methuen's Division. Lieut. Saunders was present at Belmont, Graspan (where he and Major Marchant were the only Marine officers unwounded, though he had some very narrow escapes), Modder River, Magersfontein, and subsequently in the advance on Bloemfontein, including Paardeberg, and all the other actions. During the advance on Pretoria, on reaching Kroonstadt, he was invalided from enteric fever, from which he has now fortunately quite recovered. He was awarded the D.S.O. in the Gazette of 19th April, 1901, after being mentioned in despatches. He was appointed Superintendent of Swimming Instruction in December, 1900.



MAJOR S. P. PEILE, C.B., R.M.L.I.

Major Schofield Patten Peile, C.B., R.M.L.I., joined the Royal Marines as Lieutenant on 31st January, 1878; he was promoted Captain on 18th July, 1886, and Major on 28th November, 1895. He obtained the extra certificate at Hythe School of Musketry, a 1st class certificate in H.M.S, *Excellent*, and has passed the course of Army Signalling. He was landed in Egypt in 1882, and served on H.M. the Khedive's personal guard at Ras-el-Din Palace; he also commanded a detachment at the seizure of Ismalia on August 28th, and afterwards commanded the detachment of Marines (Naval Brigade) attached to Gen. Graham's Brigade at the actions of El Magfar and Tel-el-Mahuta, and landed at the surrender of Fort Ghernil; for these services he received the Egyptian Medal and Khedive's Bronze Star. Whilst a captain he served for two years in charge of the Detachment at Ascension, and was afterwards Instructor of Signalling at Plymouth. Subsequently he was Musketry Instructor at Gravesend. He embarked in H.M.S. *Doris* on 9th December, 1899, after the death of Major Plumbe, and proceeded to the front to command the Marines with the Naval Brigade, joining them at Paardeberg; he served all through the advance on Bloemfontein, and afterwards in the advance on Pretoria. After the capture of that place he was invalided, and was for some time in hospital at Deilfontein, but on recovery rejoined his ship. He has, during the late invasion of Cape Colony, been in command of the Dockyard division of the Town Guard at Simons Town. He was awarded the C.B. in the Gazette of 19th April, 1901, after having been several times mentioned in despatches. He has recently arrived home in H.M.S. *Doris*, which is to pay off at Devonport.

The Relapse of the "Rutland Rakes."

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

EVERYONE who is well informed on military matters—and who in these days of khaki and bandolier is not?—knows that the 112th Regiment of Prestonpans and Culloden notoriety is the present 2nd Battalion of the Rutlandshire Light Infantry. Now, the Army being second only to the Navy in its detestation of reform, the revolutionary change of 1881 has naturally been regarded by the majority of officers ever since as *anathema maranatha*. They cherish an unreasoning (from the War Office point of view) prejudice for the nicknames by which their respective regiments were known under Marlborough and the Iron Duke. Some extremists there are who even go to the length of inscribing on their visiting cards the time-honoured numerals of the Flemish and Peninsular campaigns, in preference to territorial titles associated with modern 'regrettable incidents.' To these misguided kickers against the pricks, however, the Rutlands until quite lately had been notable exceptions.

So far from keeping green the memory of the defunct 112th, they had always used their utmost endeavours to wither it. Not only had the historic number, like the original word for four in the Japanese vulgate, been spoken with bated breath, but it had hitherto been conspicuous by its absence from visiting and mess-invitation cards alike. Never had a religious body—which the Rutlands pre-eminently were—so dreadful a skeleton in their cupboard as the regimental records of the notoriously godless 112th Foot. And, truth to tell, a far less 'serious' corps than the 2nd Rutlands might well have resented identification with the hardest drinking regiment of rakes and blasphemers in 'Butcher' Cumberland's command. References to past glories (especially those of the '45,) were regarded by the rakes' regenerate successors as personal insults, while the word 'Culloden' upon the regimental colour was a continuous eyesore to more than one anonymous subscriber to the funds of the Peace Society.

Adepts as the officers were at parlour games and poodle-faking, in the cricket and football world the regiment was entirely unknown. The rank and file are pretty certain to take the cue from their superiors, and while the latter lounged away their leisure hours in the drawing-rooms of the Deanery and Minor Canon Row the former perspired at every Non-conformist tea-meeting within bounds. Consider, therefore, how grievously the iron must have entered into the soul of such a regiment on hearing itself referred to (which it did a dozen times a day by unregenerate brother professionals) as the "Rutland Rakes."

As affording a temporary escape from these scoffers the order for the regiment to beat up its territorial county for recruits was hailed with acclamation. But there was another and weightier reason, from the officers' point of view, for mutual congratulations on the prospective march.

Rich as they were in morals, graces, and every ladylike accomplishment, it was whispered that, after settling their monthly mess bills, the officers of the 2nd Rutlands would have been hard put to it to jingle the proverbial halfpenny on the proverbial tombstone. Their poverty, indeed, was notorious, and in their inmost hearts they resented the regiment's alternative *soubriquet* of the 'Pious Paupers' far more bitterly than that already set forth. In vain did they seek—sometimes collectively, sometimes individually, but always by stealth—to remove the intolerable stigma. The wrong horse invariably won, the unlucky number persistently turned up. One road to wealth alone remained, and that by a happy chance was the very road along which they would presently march with band, and drums, and colours, and every other pomp and circumstance of—but God forbid!

We have it on the unimpeachable testimony of the Ordnance Survey that Rutlandshire is the smallest county in England. It was also at the time of my story, and for its size, the richest. It was studded with the parks of wealthy magnates as a church door is studded with nails, and the devious route of the gallant regiment lay through most of them. The march, in the interests of recruiting, was to be characterised by no indecent haste, and many summer days and nights would of necessity be spent encamped beneath the magnates' oaks and sycamores. But—and herein lay the hopes of the pauper mess—the magnates possessed other joys besides ancestral timber, to wit, marriageable daughters. In spite of snares set in cathedral precincts and a score of lay dovecots the officers of the 2nd Battalion Rutlandshire Light Infantry, from Colonel to Junior Subaltern, still preserved their bachelor freedom. Of this fact and of the coming opportunity they resolved to make the utmost.

The day before the march began the Colonel received a letter. It came from one of the magnates, and ran as follows:

Carlton Club, S.W.
Friday.

My dear Colonel,

It is a great disappointment to me that I am detained in town on business and shall consequently be debarred from welcoming you and your regiment when you visit Ravenmere. I am, as you know, a bachelor, and have no one at the Grange but my old butler to do the honours in my absence. I have, however, instructed him to prepare rooms for the reception of yourself and your officers, and to hand you the key of the wine cellar (such as it is) on your arrival. I trust that you will look upon the Grange as your own mess for as long as the regiment remains in the neighbourhood, and that you will all make yourselves thoroughly at home. Hoping that your march will be the means of attracting a large number of recruits to the colours,

Believe me, my dear Colonel,
Yours sincerely,
William Burleigh.

This hospitable invitation was gratefully accepted, and a month later found the officers installed at Ravenmere Grange and the men comfortably billetted in the village and encamped in the grand old park. The march through the territorial county had been a triumphal progress. Squire and yeoman had vied with each other to do the regiment honour, and the regiment in return had condescendingly allowed itself to be beaten on a dozen village greens at the dreadfully fatiguing game of cricket. Recruits had flocked to the colours at every halting place, and the agricultural industry of the district was consequently at a standstill. The weather had been superb, the cider and champagne cup alike admirable, the ladies as beautiful and charming as they were wealthy. This last discovery, it must be confessed, came as a pleasant shock to the officers of the Rutlandshire Light Infantry, who, together with the rank and file, exemplified the advantages of the territorial system by hailing from every county in the kingdom but Rutland.

The first step, then, in the scheme for acquiring the coveted halfpence (with, maybe, a few thousand surplus sovereigns) to jingle on tombstones had been accomplished. The "Pious Paupers" had met, had been presented to, had ridden, dined, danced, supped and played ping-pong with the magnates' daughters, whose bright but unsophisticated eyes saw round every soldier's head the halo of romance. Nor were the canonized warriors slow to make the most of their golden opportunity. The Colonel had reasons for deeming himself not absolutely repulsive to a fairy of sixteen summers and as many hundreds a year. The junior subaltern, in obedience to Nature's inevitable law of compensation, had been coyly annexed by a widow whose years and figure were of the same ample proportions as her rent roll. Each of the officers between these widely sundered comrades had a similar cause for self-congratulation. On the other hand the last stage of the march had begun—for Ravenmere would be quitted for the neighbouring railway station—and no fitting opportunity had hitherto offered for speaking (and hearing) the words on which so much hung.

Then it was borne in on them that no place afforded such splendid facilities for asking momentous questions as Ravenmere Grange, with its moonlit terraces and gardens, where they themselves were hosts and the guests could be of their own choosing. And so it came about that the Colonel and officers of the 2nd Battalion Rutlandshire Light Infantry asked certain ladies of the county to dinner.

Up to this point the course of true love, contrary to precedent, had been as smooth as it had been swift. The "Pious Paupers," experienced navigators as they were upon that treacherous course, were not altogether surprised, therefore, when things presently began to happen.

It was on the afternoon of the fateful day itself, while the officers were at lunch, that the Colonel was accosted by the octogenarian butler.

"I beg your pardon, sir," he quavered, "but the coachman has come round to know whether he can do anything for the officers in the way of taking baggage to the station on the 30th.?"

The Colonel smiled. "You are in a great hurry to get rid of us,

Portman," he said. "The regiment leaves Ravenmere on the 31st, you know, not the 30th."

"I am very glad to hear it, sir, and only wish you could stay longer. I was under a misappre'ension—I thought you were leaving the day after to-morrow."

"The day after to-morrow will be the 31st."

The ancient retainer looked troubled. "I don't know what's come to me," he fretted, "that I'm never up-to-date nowadays. Let me see—the psalms last Sunday were for the twenty-fift' day of the month. Twenty-sixt', twenty-sevenf, twenty-eight'—Good Lord! To-day, not to-morrow, is the twenty-ninth of August."

"What do you mean?"

The old man hesitated. "I mean," he said at length, "that I can serve no dinner in the Panelled Room to night!"

A War Office order to play polo would have caused less consternation to the mess than this simple announcement of the patriarch. The senior captain, as mess caterer, was the first to recover himself.

"My good Portman," he began suavely, "that's all nonsense, you know. The Panelled Room is the only one large enough for the purpose: the table is already laid; there is no time to put off our guests. Why upset all our plans at the eleventh hour?"

The old man seemed embarassed. "If I may make so bold, sir," he said, again addressing the Colonel, "didn't the Squire say anything in his letter to you about the 29th of August?"

"Not a word. Mr Burleigh *was* good enough to say, however," continued the gallant officer with rising irritation, "that we were to regard this house during our visit as our own mess, and that he wished us to make ourselves thoroughly at home in it."

"Then," returned the autocrat doggedly, "he forgot you would be here on the 29th of August. If you insist, gentlemen, on dining in the Panelled Room to-night of all nights in the year, do not blame me for the consequences. Our Young Men's Christian Association meets in the village this evening, and, as one of its most active members, I respectfully request leave to attend." And with a deferential bow he quitted the room.

It was barely an hour before the arrival of the guests when the next thing happened. The last of the evening light was fading from the Panelled Room, where Malpas, the indefatigable mess caterer, was putting the finishing touches to the table. The soldier servants were 'cleaning into mess livery' in a distant part of the house; the remainder of the officers were upstairs in their respective bedrooms, dressing. Availing himself of the solitude, Malpas was in the act of transferring the choicest flowers to the place in which he had the greatest interest, when someone entered the room and stood behind him. Supposing it to be one of the servants, the officer turned round to ask him what he wanted. *No one was there*, and—Captain Malpas, D.S.O., suddenly bethought himself that it was time to go and dress for dinner.

Now, it chanced that at this very moment the Colonel, complacently shaking out the richly laced mess jacket which, as he expressed it, was 'to do the trick,' dislodged therefrom a letter. It was the Squire's invitation already quoted, but as it lay upon the bed, its fourth page uppermost, the Colonel perceived that it bore a postscript which he had hitherto overlooked. It ran as follows:

"On referring to the time-table of your march, I see that you will be at Ravenmere on the 29th of August. This compels me to attach a condition to the foregoing invitation. If you are at the Grange that night, oblige me by not dining in the Panelled Room. I need say no more than that it is a family tradition to lock up that particular room from sunset on the 29th. till the following morning. Portman will arrange accordingly."

The Colonel sat down on the bed and considered. So the butler's objection at lunch time had not been, as the mess had decided, the crank of a privileged dotard. The Squire, doubtless, had strong reasons for closing the room that night, and it was on the express condition of its being closed that he had offered his hospitality to the regiment. Obviously their host's wishes must be observed. And yet—the Colonel bethought him that the final arrangements for the banquet had been made, that the fair guests were already on the road thither, and that there was no time either for change of programme or for its postponement. Also, it must be confessed, the Colonel thought of the Panelled Room's French windows, which opened so conveniently on to the terrace and rose garden, and this last reflection, in conjunction with the announcement of the first arrivals, determined him to ignore the unwelcome postscript altogether.

The dinner (up to a certain point) was a brilliant success. The gallant hosts had spared no effort to make it so. The credit of the Service, of the regiment, and of the territorial county was at stake. This must have been so, for they had assured each other of the fact a dozen times that day. Yet each of the "Pious Paupers" knew in his heart of hearts that this elaborately organised "ladies' night" was a desperate speculation, that it was in reality a final collective bid for—Money.

After the coffee had been served, the band, in consideration of an early start on the morrow, were permitted to retire. The waiters, for the same ostensible reason, were also excused from further attendance: and the mess sergeant, having lingered to extinguish all lights but the two large candelabra on the dinner table, also withdrew.

Up to this point everything had gone as merrily as the proverbial marriage bell, a bell which each of the hosts already heard in fancy. The menu, the wine, the flowers, the martial music on the terrace—all found favour in the eyes of the fair guests for whom they had been provided. The 'Paupers," confident in their scarlet bravery, made such giant strides in the good graces of the country heiresses, that they already possessed in imagination a regimental drag and a *glockenspiel* for their band. The room itself, with its dark oak panelling, its portraits of ruffed and periwigged Burleighs, its vistas through open windows of moonlit garden and park, was a chamber worthy of the glittering uniforms and feminine beauty it contained. Everything had gone well; the very sunset had been rosy with promise. And then—then came the extraordinary occurrence which led to the Great Relapse.

One of the ladies, who had been toying with a snuff box on the table before her, suddenly turned to her neighbour.

"How interesting this old relic must be to you all, Captain Malpas!" she remarked.

Malpas glanced carelessly at the battered silver trinket in her hand.

"Why," he asked with a smile, "should it be of special interest to us, Miss Majoribanks?"

The girl looked surprised. "I should have thought," she began reprovingly, "that all regimental heirlooms—"

"But, pardon me, that box is not ours at all. It belongs to the house."

"What an extraordinary coincidence, then. Listen." She held the raised lid to the candle light. "'Presented to Captain Roger Pinker, of His Majesty's 112th Foot, by—'"

Beyond an occasional flicker of a candle there had been no signs of the wind, which at this moment extinguished every remaining light in the Panelled Room. It burst through the open windows with a shriek so human, so utterly despairing, that the merrymakers within were chilled even more by the eerie sound than by the iciness of the blast itself A sudden silence fell upon the startled men and women, who were still dimly visible to each other in the saddened light of a misty three-quarters moon.

The spell was broken by the Colonel in a voice that no one had greater difficulty than himself in recognising as his own.

"Who spoke," he faltered, fumbling with his silver match box, "of the godless 112th?"

The match which he struck the next moment was instantly blown out, and the room was filled with laughter. Yet it bore no sort of resemblance to the pleasant, refined merriment which had rippled through the dinner. For this new laughter was the hideous, mocking, mirthless laughter of the damned, and they who heard it, soldiers as well as women, would fain have clapped their hands to their ears and rushed headlong from the room.

But they were unable to do either the one thing or the other. The laughter was accompanied by the sound of a great unclasping and flinging aside of swords and the dreadful imprecations of a bygone age. Invisible chairs were dragged across the floor by invisible hands and edged between those of the terrorstricken company, whose nightmare horror nearly reached its climax as the presence of the dead was felt at either elbow. So tightly were the living wedged between these unseen, but shudderingly tangible, Shapes that their knees were forced together and their arms jammed to their sides. For the space of an hour, too—and this you may set down to hypnotism, occultism, extreme terror, or

what you will—they were smitten with an unconquerable dumbness, though most of the women would have given the very jewels on their necks to scream. Several, indeed, adopted the feminine alternative and swooned; but, as no one could move hand or foot to help them, they were left perforce to recover in the due course of nature.

With set faces that were scarcely less white than their fair guests' the officers of that 'serious' corps, the Rutlands, listened horrorstricken to the ribald jests and blasphemy of their eighteenth century predecessors. A boisterous toast to the success of the "Rutland Rakes" had quickly established the identity of these terrors that walked by night, while their frequent and shameful references to the county ladies of their time caused the great-grand-daughters of those slandered beauties to pray for sudden death. For one appalling hour the 'Pious Paupers' and half the wealth and loveliness of Rutland were compelled to play the audience to the most drunken orgie of libertines that even the eighteenth century could produce. As time wore on the din of oaths and tipsy laughter was increased by the sound of crashing glass and overturned chairs. From fragments of hiccupped conversation and sundry bloody threats against the Scottish rebels it appeared that the notorious Rakes were marching northwards to join the royal forces; and the living audience were presently petrified to hear an oath recorded that they who might fall in the coming campaign should celebrate each anniversary of that night in Hell.

Echoes from this pandemonium had from time to time reached the mess sergeant and his myrmidons in the distant servants' hall. But, though a little exercised by the unwonted hilarity of their officers and by the marked absence of feminine laughter, the honest soldiers thought little of the matter until the arrival of Portman from the village. In crossing the park the old retainer had noted that the Panelled Room was in darkness; and the intelligence that the party had not yet quitted it so upset him that it was resolved, in spite of previous orders, to re-enter it without being summoned thither.

It was at the moment when the awful compact was being sealed by the shivering of glass and a deafening burst of profanity that the door was flung open, and the soldier servants headed by Portman and the mess sergeant entered with candles. At first the lights were well nigh extinguished by the whirling draughts of which the place seemed full; but a moment later the flames burned brightly enough without need of sheltering hands. For a dead calm reigned in the Panelled Room, where pale faced men and women sat and swore beneath their breath or sobbed hysterically (according to their sex), though outside the night wind shrieked and wailed down the terrace like a crew of tortured souls, until it was presently lost in the distance.

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Carriages were hurriedly summoned, and, the half fainting women having been escorted thereto by the limp and crestfallen men, farewells were said with studiously averted faces. For, after the unthinkable things to which utterance had been given in their presence that night, it was obviously impossible that the ladies of Rutland and the officers of Rutland's regiment should ever again look into each others' eyes.

And then, the last carriage gone, Portman related to the officers gathered in the hall, how, when a very small lad, he had heard his grandfather tell of the King's soldiers halting one night at the Grange in the days of his own childhood when on their way to fight bonnie Prince Charlie; of the wicked doings of their officers in the Panelled Room; of the snuff box left behind by one of them; and of the wiping out of the entire regiment three weeks later at the rout of Prestonpans. "And each 29th of August since that time," concluded the old man with senile pride, "their ghosts have come back to carouse and renew the oath at Ravenmere Grange."

By a reference to the Army List it will be seen that the 2nd Battalion of the Rutlandshire Light Infantry is now stationed at Pinkpij-amaz. The officers have made no further efforts either singly or collectively to mend their fortunes by marriage, and the drawingrooms of that fashionable Anglo-Indian resort know them not. They are still paupers, though alas! no longer as pious as in the days of the Deanery and Minor Canon Row. For their leisure is given to such snares of the Devil as polo, fives and cricket, the remainder of the twenty-four hours being dedicated to the study of their bloodthirsty profession. This does not include their regimental history, however, the most casual reference to the distinguished corps from which they are sprung producing language. It is whispered that they once received a sort of piebald shock, which in the same hour turned their hair white and their morals black. The metamorphosis is known throughout the Service as the "Relapse of the Rutland Rakes."

Obituary.

COLONEL JAMES AINSLIE STEWART, of the Royal Body Guard, and formerly of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, died 27th May, at 44, West Cromwell Road, South Kensington, aged eighty. He entered the service as 2nd Lieutenant, 11th May, 1839; became 1st Lieutenant, 21st November, 1842; Adjutant, 4th Division, 28th November, 1849; Captain, 23rd November, 1852; Brevet-Major, 10th December, 1864; Lieut.-Colonel, 11th March, 1865; retired on full pay with the Honorary rank of Colonel, 22nd May, 1866, and commuted his pension in October, 1870. He succeeded Captain Portlock-Dadson, R.B.G., as Secretary of the Royal Cambridge Asylum for Soldiers' Widows, 1st October, 1868, and held the office for thirty years. Appointed to the Royal Body Guard, Hon. Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, 4th June, 1869, and to the Greenwich Hospital Pension of £80 a year, 22nd December, 1896. He was for nearly twenty years Churchwarden of St. Matthew's Church, Earl's Court, and was also an Auditor of the Army and Navy Stores.

He served on the coast of Syria during the whole of the campaign of 1840, with the R.M. Battalion at D'Jouni, as assistant Engineer; the storming of Sidon, surrender of Beyrout, and bombardment of St. Jean d' Acre (war medal with clasp and Turkish medal). Served on the coast of Africa for two years; landed in command of a detachment, 23rd May, 1842, at Cabenda, and on the 31st May, at Ambriz, when 1,200 slaves were liberated and the barracoons destroyed. On 5th June he proceeded fifty miles up the river Congo to destroy barracoons. On the 9th August he landed with his detachment at Cabenda and marched inland to destroy barracoons: 200 slaves were liberated and the barracoons destroyed. In the performance of this duty he was attacked by some thousands of natives, who fired from the bush, killing and wounding three of his men and a seamen. On a retreat being ordered, he covered it and brought the killed and wounded men with him eighteen miles. At Loango he was again landed in a heavy surf; marched several miles into the country to destroy barracoons. He was favourably mentioned in the despatches, and his commanding officer says: "His zeal, activity and gallant conduct under fire was beyond all praise." Was present at the bombardment of the batteries at the straits of Simonosaki, the entrance of the inland sea of Japan, on 5th and 6th September, 1864, and served as paymaster of the R.M. battalion in Japan, 1864-65. He had the Queen's Jubilee medal with clasp for 1897.

Son of the late Surgeon James Stewart, M.D., R.N. and J.P. for Hants, he married, first, Louisa Sophia, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Owen, rector of Hodgeston, Pembrokeshire; she died 18th July, 1855. Secondly, 7th December, 1858, Adelaide, youngest daughter of William Jones, Esq., late Deputy Storekeeper of the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, and the Gun Wharf, Chatham; she died 24th April, 1892, aged 61. His son, William Ainslie, died 12th May, 1864, aged 4 years.

COLONEL EDMOND CHARLES DOMVILLE, on retired full pay, R.M. Light Infantry, and late Staff Officer of Pensioners, died 25th May, 1901, at Penlee, Paignton, aged 75. He entered the service as 2nd Lieutenant, 6th May, 1844, became 1st Lieutenant 27th December, 1847; Adjutant, 3rd Division, 8th April, 1853; Captain, 5th September, 1855; retired on half-pay, 31st October, 1868; Appointed Staff Officer of Pensioners, 1st November, 1868; Brevet-Major, 14th July, 1871; Brevet-Lieut.-Colonel, 1st October, 1878, and Brevet-Colonel, 1st June, 1882.

He landed in 1845 with a detachment of Royal Marines, for the protection of British property at Monte Video. He was then detached for service in the *Parana*, and was present at the attack and capture of the forts of Obligado, and forcing the passage of the river. He commanded a detachment at Rat Island, off Monte Video, and also at the defence of Colonia, in the river Plate, in March and April, 1847.

He was the seventh son of the late Deputy-Inspector-General James Domville, M.D., R.N., of Greenwich Hospital; brother to Colonel James William Domville, R.A.; to Doctors Henry Jones Domville, R.N., and William Thomas Domville, R.N.; to Chaplain the Rev. David Edward Domville, R.N., and to John Smith Domville, and Edward Acheson Domville.

He married Miss Ellen Churchmond. His eldest daughter, Annie Ellen, married 13th July, 1870, the Rev. W. J. Rowland, and his second daughter married 26th October, 1875, Walter John Llewellyn, Esq., J.P.

ROBERTS.—On the 3rd May, at 74, Oakley Street, S.W., after a short illness, Henry Bradley Roberts, Colonel, late Royal Marine Artillery, late of Spital Lodge, Chesterfield, and of Freiburg in Baden, in his 73rd year. Funeral at Freiburg.

He entered the service as 2nd Lieutenant 18th October, 1847; became 1st Lieutenant, 1st October, 1848; Lieutenant and Quartermaster, 2nd Division, 1st January, 1857; Captain, 14th April, 1859; Brevet-Major, 10th May, 1861; Instructor of Fortification at R.N. College, from 1862 to 1873; Brevet-Lieut.-Colonel, 5th February, 1872, and retired on full pay with the Honorary rank of Colonel, 20th September, 1873.

He was present in the action with the batteries and expulsion of the Russian garrison from Redout Kaleh, on 19th May, 1854 With the R.M. Brigade in the Crimea during the siege of Sebastopol, and was in charge of the batteries upon the heights at the battle of Balaclava. Served on the Staff of the Royal Engineers in planning and constructing the defences on the right of Balaclava, and afterwards joined the Royal Artillery in the siege train before Sebastopol, 1854-55. Mentioned in despatches; medal and clasp; Knight of the Legion of Honour; 5th class of the Medjidie and Turkish medal. Was for many years a successful Army Tutor at Freiburg, in Baden.

He was the eldest son of the late Lieut. John Roberts, R.N., of Spital Lodge, Chesterfield. He married, first, Augusta, daughter of George Gillman, Esq., J.P., of Portsmouth. Several of his sons are in the service, one of whom, Lieut. John Bradley Roberts, R.F. Artillery, died on service in India, 11th March, 1901, aged 24. He married, secondly, 11th April, 1896, Sarah Howey, daughter of the late Henry Coxon Shirreff, Esq.

In Memoriam.

In loving memory of WILLIAM COLVILLE JAMES, Lieutenant, half-pay, Royal Marines. At rest, 12th May, 1895.

Foreign News.

MEDITERRANEAN. H.M.S. *Canopus*.

The marines of the *Canopus* had a whalers' race with the marines of the *Victorious*; the course was about three miles, the *Canopus*' crew winning easily. On 10th May the same crew had a splendid race over the same course with the marines of the *Theseus*, who led for some way from the start, but were eventually beaten by about eight lengths, the *Theseus*' crew not completing the whole course. The names of the *Canopus*' crew are:—Pte. Howes (bow); Gnrs. Atkins, Frail, Goss, White (stroke); Colr.-Sergt. Stilwell (cox).

CHINA. H.M.S. *Dido*.

FUNERAL OF LIEUT. MANLEY, R.M.L.I., at Chinkiang, Yangtse River.—Within almost three years of our commission being up, we have received a great blow in the sudden death of our marine officer, Lieut. G. E. D. Manley, R.M.L.I. A more popular officer it would be hard to find; in our football matches he was always there; at cricket we looked to him to win the game for us,—always good for thirty or forty; at boxing he would always referee, and he was one who knew how to use them; and no one could take greater pride in our marines' cutter's crew than he—(they have only been beaten once in nine races)—and now he is gone! On one Tuesday he was well and jolly: the following one we laid him to rest in the little cemetery here. The whole detachment formed an escort in two single files, then came the band of H.I.M.S. *Bussard*, by kind permission of the captain; following that came the gun-carriage, with the helmet and sword of the deceased placed thereon, and literally covered in wreaths; behind this were the bearers; and then followed the six principle mourners—his servant and five other marines, who had attended devotedly on him during his illness; then came midshipmen, chief petty officers, and domestics, bearing each a wreath, cross, or anchor of flowers—together with four bluejackets from the German man-of-war *Bussard*, each of them bearing floral devices; behind all this came about 200 different ratings, seamen and stokers; and bringing up the rear were our captain, commander, and every officer except two, who had to remain on board. With the band playing "Chopin's Funeral March," the sad procession wended its way through, not hundreds, but thousands of Chinese. When the cemetery was reached, we found almost all the European residents there, and more wreaths, etc., were added to the already large number. Our chaplain, the Rev. F. H. Jackson, M.A., R.N., officiated at the ceremony, and the deepest emotion was evinced when the three volleys had been fired and the "last post" sounded. Many of the English residents stood by with tears in their eyes, as only a week ago Lieut. Manley was in their midst playing tennis. As for our detachment of marines—I'm only a domestic but, I never saw such deep sympathy as their tear-stained faces shewed; each one of them was deeply moved, and it was with heavy hearts they marched back to their ship. - W. G. VERCOE.

H.M.S. *Terrible*.

The R.N. athletic sports were held on the naval parade ground, Wei-hai-Wei, on Wednesday, the 17th April, 1901, and I thought it might interest many readers of the *Globe and Laurel* to see with what result the marines of North China competed. The units which took part were H.M.S. *Terrible*, H.M.S. *Britomart*, H.M.S. *Redpole*; the island guard of marines and naval ratings of the island.

The weather could not have been better, and a large number witnessed the races. The most amusing event of the day was the officers' race. The nature of the race was kept a secret from the officers competing until the last moment when, to the surprise of all, Chinese carrying baskets were brought out, with bamboo canes. The competitors were told off in pairs and stood facing the officers' pavilion at 100 yards distance. On the gun being fired they had to run for their baskets (which in the meantime had been filled with 12-pr. shells) and carry them back to the starting point and then again to the pavilion, which was the winning post. The competitors found great difficulty in keeping the baskets from turning over. Amid the laughter of the spectators each pair had to stop, on an average, about six times and reload their baskets with shells, which were strewn half over the parade.

The following are the events in which the marines took prizes:—*220 yards.*—1st, Pte. J. Greenfield; 2nd, Pte. J. Burr; 3rd, Pte. T. Lacey.—All of the Island Guard. *One Mile (walk).*—1st, Colr.-Sergt. A. E. Saunders; 2nd, Pte. J. Powell.—Both of the Island Guard. *High Jump.*—2nd, Pte. Storey, of the Island Guard. *100 yards.*—1st, Pte. J. Greenfield; 2nd, T. Lacey; 3rd, J. Barr.—All of the Island Guard. *One Mile* (open to Garrison)—3rd, Pte. J. Butler, H.M.S. *Terrible*. *Veterans.*—2nd, Pte. J. S. Boobier, H.M.S *Terrible*. *Quarter-Mile.*—1st, Pte. J. Greenfield; 2nd, J. Barr; 3rd, T. Lacey.—All of the Island Guard. *Half-Mile.*—1st, Pte. J. Butler, H.M.S. *Terrible*; 2nd, Pte. Philimore, Island Guard; *Three-Legged.*—2nd, Pte. Allen and Corporal Gowney, both of the Island Guard.—(In this race there were 116 men entered). *Quarter-Mile* (open to Garrison).—3rd, Pte. J. Barr, Island Guard. *Consolation Race*—2nd, Corporal T. Bentley, Island Guard. *Tug of War*, in which seven teams entered.—1st, Marine Team A, Island Guard. There was a very large number of entries in all the events, and I think the above list of marine winners very large, considering the number of naval ratings that entered.—Sergt. S. J. Barnett.

Cape Station.

The following ships had a proportion of marines landed during last quarter, viz.:—H.M.S. *Doris*, H.M.S. *Tartar*, Mossel Bay; H.M.S. *Sybille*, H.M.S. *Blanche*, Lambart's Bay; H.M.S. *Magpie*, Port Nolloth.

Major Piele, R.M.L.I., and Lieut. Russell, R.M.A., are returning to their ships on the disbanding of the Town Guards at Simonstown and Cape Town, where they were employed as adjutants for the period of three months.

Captain Beith, R.M.L.I., is proceeding to Queenstown, having been appointed Staff Officer (temporarily) to Lieut.-Colonel Cuming, Commandant, 1st Colonial Defence Area.

Colr.-Sergeant Speight, R.M.A., has been awarded the medal for long service and good conduct.

Home News.

CHATHAM.

The only event worthy of note which has occurred at this Division during the month, has been the inspection of the Division by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. This took place on the afternoon of the 22nd May. There was the usual march past on the parade and the usual inspection of gun drill at the Battery.

The annual Divisional Rifle Meeting will take place on the 19th and 20th June, on the Milton Ranges.

The annual Divisional Athletic Sports are to be held on the Chatham Football Ground, Maidstone Road, on the 26th June. The Lines have always been considered rather an unsatisfactory place on which to hold the sports, and it is hoped that the Football Ground will provide a little more comfort and privacy.

The Divisional Half-mile Challenge Shield has been transformed into a "Company Challenge Shield," and marks have been allotted to all the chief events, which will count towards winning it. It was felt that to award the shield for the Half-mile only was not a very satisfactory arrangement.

PORTSMOUTH.

The month has been very uneventful; the only disturbance of the usual routine was the inspection of the Sea-service Gun Battery, by Admiral Sir C. Hotham, on May 8th. The inspection went off very satisfactorily, and the Admiral expressed himself as much pleased.

On 2nd May the band gave their annual dance in the theatre, which was well attended, and gave great pleasure to those present.

Cricket is in full swing, and the pitch promises well; already several matches have been played, with varying success. On paper we have a very strong Divisional team, and we ought to do well throughout the summer.

The members of the Rifle Club have been hard at work practising twice a week. The Sergeants' Club fired against the R.M.A. at Eastney, but were defeated by nine points only. The Divisional team, however, unfortunately fell before the *Excellent*, and also the R.M.A. in the Southern District League at 500, 600 and 800 yards, firing with service sights only,

The Officers' Mess has lately received a flag from China that belonged to the troops of General Lee. This flag was taken by a detachment of American Marines and our men in Pekin under the command of Captain Myers, U.S. Marines, and presented by him through Major Halliday, V.C., to the officers of the Portsmouth Division. Major Halliday has also presented the rifle of one of the Boxers that he shot on the occasion when he won the V.C.

A Garrison Clay Pigeon Club has been started, of which Major Trotman is treasurer and secretary. Meetings are held twice a week at Browndown.

PLYMOUTH.

The staff of this Division has already this year, undergone considerable change, and again this month I have to chronicle additions to the list. Surgeon Bowers after being with us for two years, has been appointed to the *Beagle*. He will be missed by all, officers, non-commissioned officers and men, and by the families among whom he was very popular. He is relieved by Surgeon Tomlinson lately of the *Rambler*. This appointment gives us a completely new medical staff since Christmas last. Another gap, one much regretted, is caused by the unexpected decision of Colonel Denny to send in his papers some months before age compelled him to go into retirement. His successor as barrackmaster is not yet appointed, but before this is in print the billet will probably be filled up. Colonel Denny is one of the last officers left in the Corps who marched out of the Woolwich Division when it ceased to exist.

"Honour to whom honour is due" is the tradition of the west country which has always been proud of its sailors. When the *St. George* paid off at Portsmouth three years ago, the people of Portsmouth fêted the ship's company after an eventful commission. The *St. George* was succeeded at the Cape by the *Doris*. This ship has served through more eventful times than her predecessor, and the people of Devonport have taken advantage of the *Doris* lying in the basin preparatory to paying off, to give a thoroughly hearty welcome to those members of the ship's company, including Marines, who landed as part of the Naval Brigade for the recent fighting in South Africa. The *Barrosa* also is paying off here, and her members were included in the invitation to a banquet on May 22nd, at the Public Hall, Devonport. The route from the dockyard gates at Keyham to the Hall was gay with bunting. The Divisional Drum and Fife Band marched the men up, and during the banquet the Divisional band played.

On the 23rd the officers of the above ships were entertained at dinner by the officers of the port; Major Peile, C.B., Captain Jones, D.S.O. (now in Cambridge), and Lieutenant Clutterbuck being among the guests.

On May 7th the theatre was opened once more, the occasion being an entertainment by Herr Wingard, whose wonderful sleight of hand tricks and mesmeric powers entertained a good audience. For his mesmeric performances he had a good subject in Private (I won't give his name away), the "Professor Humbug" of the evening.

DEPOT.

The glorious summer weather of the past few weeks has been a most welcome change from the cold east winds, with which Deal has been favoured for so long this spring. Cricket is now in full swing and although the ground, owing to lack of rain, is not so good as usual, some very fair scores have been made. Some very promising talent has been unearthed from amongst the recruits, and the team promises to be quite up to the average this year. Lance-Sergt. Sutcliffe, who has recently undergone a serious operation, is now able to play again, and is getting into good form both with the bat and ball, whilst Lieut. Stopford has played one or two very good innings in the preliminary matches.

On the rifle range some good scores have been made by Captain Colquhoun and Q.M.S. Pearson, and although the Depot were beaten in a match with the Hythe Staff, we ought this year to have a good record.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty inspected the Depot on the 18th May and were apparently very pleased with what they saw. Lord Selborne was present, and was accompanied by Admirals Douglas, Durnford, and Fawkes; Major-Gen. Morris, D.A.G., and Major Ashton arrived the night before. The whole of the men of the Depot were drawn up on the South Green, where their Lordships were received with a general salute. After inspecting a class in the gymnasium they say the whole of the squads at infantry drill. The new theatre, swimming bath, East Barracks, and Hospital were then visited, and several items of the new works for the coming year were discussed, after which they left Deal for London.

The epidemic of measles and scarlet fever which broke out in the winter still continues, although it now shows sign of abating. An isolation camp has had to be formed on the South Green. At one time there were sixty men in this camp, but at present there are only the occupants of a couple of rooms there. It is hoped that before long it may be quite stamped out.

Major Cochran has exchanged with Major Luke, the former returning to his headquarters at Portsmouth in a week or so: whilst Captain Colquhoun has proceeded to Aldershot for a course of signalling instruction.

The new theatre is proving a great attraction to the men. There have been several very good companies down, who have had a full house nearly every night of the week. At present, we are handicapped owing to lack of funds to fit up the interior with scenery, seats, etc., but it is hoped that money may be eventually forthcoming for this purpose.

At one of our barracks, which shall be nameless, the field officer was going his rounds when he noticed a cobweb in one of the rooms; turning to the cook he asked him the reason he had not dusted the room. The cook (a young recruit) boldly exclaimed, "If you please, sir, we always keep a cobweb in the room in case anyone cut his finger!"

Collapse of F.O.

Shooting.

R.M.A. *v.* H.M.S. "EXCELLENT."

Fired at Tipnor. H.M.S. *Excellent* won by 11 points.

Lieut. Rodway	98	Gnr. Pratt	97
Sergt. Height	93	2nd P.O. Richardson	95
Cr. Sergt. Deacon	91	1st P.O. Farley	93
S.-M. Foley	91	1st P.O. Feldwick	92
Lieut. Baker	89	C.P.O. Moxon	91
L.-Sergt. Hutchings	82	C.P.O. Scopes	90
Capt. Homer	88	C.P.O. Buck	88
Sergt. Paddison	87	W.O. Lamb	87
Sergt. Beddow	83	1st P.O. Hansell	83
Q.M.S. Ede	78	1st P.O. Robertson	81
Total	886	Total	897
Average—88·60		Average—39·70	

R.M.A. *v* R.M.L.I.

Southern District League, 1st Round, 23rd May, 1901.

500, 600, and 800 yards.

Fired at Browndown. R.M.A. won by 26 points.

Sergt. Beddow	95	Sergt. Dorey	91
Sergt. Paddison	84	Q.M.S. Finlayson	88
Capt. Homer	84	L.-Corpl. Lea	81
Lieut. Baker	80	Major Byne	80
S.-M. Foley	79	Capt. Garrett	78
Lieut. Rodway	77	Sergt. Sanders	73
Sergt. Height	73	Bk.-Sergt. Cole	69
Cr.-Sergt. Deacon	72	Sergt. Cooper	58
Total	644	Total	618
Average—80·50		Average 77·25	

Fired with Service Sights.

R.M.A. *v.* 3RD HANTS.

At Browndown, on Saturday, May 11th, the R.M.A. won by 84 points, with the record average of 93.

R.M.A.	*200*	*500*	*600*	*Total*
Cr.-Sergt. Deacon	32	34	33	99
Capt. Homer	33	31	34	98
Lieut. Baker	32	33	33	98
Sergt.-Major Foley	31	33	33	97
Cr.-Sergt. Mastin	32	32	31	95
L.-Sergt. Pottinger	34	35	25	94
Gnr. Bridgewater	29	33	31	93
Capt. Poole	31	31	31	93
Sergt. Paddison	35	31	27	93
Sergt. Hutchings	35	31	27	93
Q.M.S. Prior	33	31	28	92
Q.M.S. Burrage	30	28	33	91
Q.M.S. Ede	31	28	32	91
Sergt. Beddow	31	32	26	89
Sergt. Gray	22	30	27	79
Total	471	475	451	1395
Average	31·40	31·53	30·06	93·00

3rd (D.C.O.) V.B.H.R.				
L.-Sergt. Fletcher	32	32	33	97
Pioneer-Sergt. Woods	34	30	30	94
Sergt. Trueman	29	34	30	93
Cyclist Morey	33	30	30	93
Sergt. Hellyer	28	31	31	90
Corpl. Hooker	28	32	30	90
Corpl. Sutton	31	29	29	89
L.-Corpl. Kinsman	30	27	29	86
Sergt. Mervin	32	25	29	85
Sergt. Baxter	27	32	27	86
Q.M.S. Kent	28	31	26	85
Capt. Wyatt	28	26	30	84
Sergt. Pervin	28	31	25	84
Pte. Whitbread	28	26	27	81
Sergt. Fuller	30	28	15	75
Total	446	444	421	1311
Average	29·73	29·60	28·06	87·40

R.M.A. SERGEANTS' MESS *v.* R.M.L.I. SERGEANTS' MESS.

20th May, 1901.

Fired at Fort Cumberland. R.M.A. won by 9 points.

Sergt. Chell	93	Cr.-Sergt. Nurse	95
S.-M. Foley	92	Q.-M.-S. Finlayson	95
Sergt. Beddow	91	Sergt. Leppard	91
Sergt. Paddison	90	Sergt. Dorey	91
L.-Sergt. Hutchings	90	Bk.-Sergt. Cole	89
Q.-M.-S. Ede	89	Sergt. Cooper	86
Sergt. Bristow	88	Sergt. Press	85
Q.-M.-S. Prior	86	Sergt. Burnett	84
Cr.-Sergt. Mastin	85	Cr.-Sergt. Green	84
Sergt. Height	84	Sergt. Sanders	83
L.-Sergt. Pottinger	83	Sergt. Berry	82
Sergt. Fraser	78	Sergt. Percival	81
S.-M. Squires	75	Sergt. Milne	74
Cr.-Sergt. Jenvey	75	S.-M. Mearles	73
Mr. Sparrow	74	Cr.-Sergt. Couzens	65
Cr.-Sergt. Clarke	59	L.-Sergt. Fowler	65
Total	1332	Total	1323
Average—83·25		Average—82·68	

H.M.S. "URGENT" *v.* JAMAICA RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

At Norman Range, Kingston, Jamaica, on 11th April, 1901.

Sergt. Winstanley	97	A. Duperley	97
Sergt. Waters	95	J. Thomas	89
Pte. Kirkin	93	H. Duperley	88
Pte. Lee	93	H. Edgehill	82
M.A.A. Weatherton	91	C. Massey	76
1st P.O. Simmons	91	T. Duperley	71
Bugler Houghton	88	Lieut. Sanguinetti	65
Comdr. Robertson	81	Dr. Henderson	57
Total	729	Total	625
Average—91·1		Average—78·1	

Return Match, on same range, 25th April, 1901:—

1st P.O. Simmons	90	A. Duperley	103
Sergt. Winstanley	86	J. Thomas	102
Sergt. Waters	85	H. Edgehill	83
Comdr. Robertson	83	C. Massey	83
Pte. Kirkin	83	T. Duperley	79
Pte. Lee	76	Dr. Henderson	77
Bugler Houghton	74	Corpl. Marley	75
M.A.A. Weatherton	69	H. Duperley	65
Total	646	Total	667
Average—80·7		Average—83·3	

Cricket.

R.M.A. SUBALTERNS *v.* THE REST OF OFFICERS.

The season opened at Eastney with this match on 27th April.

SUBALTERNS.		THE REST.	
Lieut. C. T. Fisher, lbw, b Tatham	110	Captain E. McCarthy, c Kelvert, b Lushington	35
Lieut. C. A. Bishop, b Harding	17	Captain E. W. Harding, b Trotman	10
Lieutenant G. Lushington, c McCarthy, b Harding	84	Major W. F. Trotter, b Fisher	8
Lieut. N. F. Trotman, c Gaitskell, b Dobrée	24	Capt. C. R. Brown, run out	18
2nd Lt. Warder, c Gaitskell, b Harding	0	Major E. P. Brittan, b Lushington	36
2nd Lieut. Jolly, run out	18	Major W. J. Gaitskell, not out	30
Lieut. P. Heycock, not out	15	Capt. F. L. Dibblee, lbw, b Lushington	13
Lieut. H. Dening, not out	12	Captain J. L. Homer, b Lushington	0
Lieut. Kilvert, 2nd Lieut. Briscoe, 2nd Lieut. Blount — did not bat, innings closed		Major A. G. Tatham, not out	8
		Capt. de S. Dobrée, did not bat	
		Capt. G. R. Poole, did not bat	
Extras	12	Extras	22
Total	292	Total (7 wickets)	180

R.M.A. *v.* 4TH OXFORD L.I.

Played at U.S. Recreation Ground, Portsmouth, and won by 128 runs.

4TH OXFORD L.I.

	1st Innings.	*2nd Innings.*
Col.-Sergt. Thorne, c Dibblee, b Dobree	1	c Poole, b Dobree 14
Lieut. J. Topham, c McCarthy, b Gaubert	18	not out .. 41
Lieut. H. W. Jackson, c McCarthy, b Dobree	1	b Trotman .. 2
Capt. Heneage, hw, b Dobree ..	0	b Trotman .. 0
Col.-Sergt. Clayton, c Poole, b Gaubert	7	st Poole, b Dobree 1
Sergt. Grant, b Gaubert	1	c Tatham, b McCarthy 1
Major Hughes, b Gaubert ..	0	
Private Cox, b Dobree	7	b Trotman .. 1
Col.-Sergt. Dudley, b Gaubert ..	4	
Col.-Sergt. Moore, b Gaubert ..	7	not out .. 2
Major A. N. Other, not out ..	0	
Extras	3	Extras .. 4
Total ..	49	Total (6 wickets) 72

R.M.A.

	1st Innings.	*2nd Innings.*
Lieut. G. Lushington, b Grant ..	39	
Capt. de S. Dobree, c Heneage, b Cox	7	
Lieut. C. T. Fisher, b Grant ..	33	
Lieut. Briscoe, c Grant, b Cox ..	12	
Capt. G. R. Poole, lbw, b Clayton ..	34	
Capt. E. P. Brittan, Capt. E. M. McCarthy, Capt. F. L. Dibblee, Major A. G. Tatham	did not bat innings closed	
Sergt. Gaubert, not out	40	
Lieut. N. F. Trotman		
Extras	12	
Total ..	177	

OFFICERS *v.* N.C.O.'S AND MEN.

Eastney, Monday, 13th May.

OFFICERS.		N.C.O.'S AND MEN.	
Major Tatham, b Gr. Gibbons	18	Gnr. Bendall, c Fisher, b Dobree	30
Capt. Harding, c Sgt. Smith, b Price	37	Sergt. Smith, c Dibblee, b Harding	14
Capt. McCarthy, b Sergt. Gaubert	91	Gnr. Baurle, c Harding, b Dobree	0
Lieut. Fisher, not out ..	48	Sergt. Catley, c Fisher, b Harding	31
Capt. Brough, lbw Gaubert	0	Gnr. Brown, c Poole, b Harding	7
Lieut. Blount, b Price ..	4	Gnr. Frain, c Poole, b Dobree	3
Lieut. Lushington, b Bendall	14	Gnr. Gibbons, run out ..	7
Capt. Dobree, not out ..	19	Sergt. Robinson, c Brough, b Dobree	0
Capt. Poole, Major White, Capt. Dibblee	did not bat	Gnr. McKiemin, c Brough, b Harding	9
		Gnr. Price, c Poole, b Dobree	12
		Sergt. Gaubert, not out ..	5
Extras	14	Extras	3
Total (7 wickets)	245	Total ..	121

R.M.A. *v.* ST. MARY'S VICARAGE STAFF, PORTSEA.

Played at U.S. Recreation Ground, Portsmouth, 21st May, and won.

ST. MARY'S VICARAGE.		R.M.A.	
Rev. F. Leveson-Gower, c Dibblee, b Fisher ..	133	Major Tatham, b Keymer	12
Rev. H. Harland, b Dibblee	36	Capt. Poole, b Keymer, b Leveson-Gower ..	76
Rev. E. R. Walker, b Dibblee	0	Capt. McCarthy, c Walker, b Keymer	27
Rev. C. E. Briggs, b Fisher	10	Lieut. Fisher, run out ..	5
Capt. Shine, R.M.L.I., b Fisher	4	Capt. Harding, c Keymer, b Leveson-Gower ..	42
Rev. J. Stanney, b Gaubert	3	Lieut. Lushington, c sub., b Leveson-Gower ..	34
Rev. B Keymer, st Poole, b Harding ..	57	Capt. Dibblee, not out ..	59
Rev. E. P. Luard, not out ..	7	Capt. Brough, c Shire, b Leveson-Gower ..	6
Rev. G. Northey, absent		Sgt. Gaubert, b Leveson-Gower	2
Rev. R. Wells, b Fisher ..	0	Lt. Briscoe, c Harland, b Keymer	0
Rev. C. J. Soltan, c Poole, b Fisher	0	Lieut. Blount, not out ..	3
		Extras	19
Extras	10		
Total ..	260	Total (9 wickets)	285

R.M.L.I. *v.* R.N.

Played at Mount Wise, 9th May.

R.M.L.I.		R.N.	
Capt. Little, b Gillespie ..	4	Lieut. Bonham-Carter, c Montgomery, b Toulmin ..	11
Sergt. Titchmarsh, c and b Davson	42	Mr. Redman, lbw, b Toulmin	20
Lieut. Montgomery, c Wardle, b Bonham-Carter ..	24	Comdr. Hutchison, b Little	0
Lieut. Harrison, c and b Davson ..	9	Lieut. Cayley, b Toulmin ..	3
Lieut. Toulmin, b Bonham-Carter	2	Lieut. Wardle, b Toulmin ..	10
Surg. Munday, b Bonham-Carter	2	Lieut. Davson, b Little ..	3
Capt. Ommaney, c Wardle, b Bonham-Carter ..	2	Dr. Horley, c and b Little ..	4
Capt. Bockett-Pugh, b Davson	0	Mr. Gillespie, b Toulmin ..	
Surg. Tomlinson, b Bonham-Carter	0	Comdr. Haworth-Booth, b Little	1
Lieut.-Col. Robyns, lbw, b Bonham-Carter ..	5	Lieut. May, b Little ..	0
Lieut. Gordon, not out ..	5	Mr. Gush, not out ..	3
Extras	13	Extras ..	13
Total ..	108	Total ..	75

R.M.L.I. *v.* R.N. BARRACKS.

Played at Mount Wise, 15th May.

R.N. BARRACKS.		R.M.L.I.	
Brunsden, c Munday, b Davson	4	Capt. Little, c Brunsden, b Bowden	14
French, c Toulmin, b Davson	4	Surgeon Munday, b Bowden	11
Comdr. Hunt, b Toulmin ..	5	Lieut. Toulmin, b Tamblyn	55
Major Cotterill, b Titchmarsh	46	Sergt. Titchmarsh, c Hunt,	
W. Jones, c Toulmin, b Titchmarsh	34	Lieut. Clutterbuck, c and b Tamblyn	3
Tamblyn, c Harrison, b Little	51	Lieut. Davson, not out ..	16
Lieut. Grenville, lbw, b Little	46	Col. Robyns, not out ..	0
Thomas, b Titchmarsh ..	13	Lieut. Harrison, Surg. Tomlinson, Capt. Bockett-Pugh, Capt. Ommanney	did not bat
Saunders, b Little ..	0		
Bowden, not out ..	27		
Mayell, c Harrison, b Davson	8		
Extras	21	Extras	15
Total ..	259	Total (for 5 wickets)	243

OFFICERS *v.* SERGEANTS.

Played at Forton.

Lieut. Stopford, c Wigginton, b Ashton	11	Sergt. Ashton, b Richards ..	11
Lt. Green-Armytage, not out	121	Sergt. Parker, run out ..	0
Capt. Coles, run out ..	14	Lce.-Sgt. Reynolds, c Green-Amytage, b Stopford ..	16
Lieut. Williams, run out ..	38	Lce.-Sergt. Mullington, c and b Richards	16
Lieut. Richards, b Broster ..	4	Lce.-Sgt. Wigginton, b Coles	29
Lieut. Gillespie, c and b Sperring	8	Lce.-Sergt. Iltor, b Williams	3
Capt. Blumberg, not out ..	1	Lce.-Sergt. Sperring, c Wilton, b Richards	1
Lieut. Atkinson, Lieut. Syson, Lieut. Temple, Lieut. Wilton	did not bat	Sergt. Hooker, b Richards	8
		Lc.-Sgt. Gilder, c Wilton, b Coles	0
		Sgt. Smith, c Syson, b Williams	0
		Sergt. Broster, not out ..	12
Extras	13	Extras	
Total ..	210	Total ..	138

R.M.L.I. *v.* R.N. COLLEGE.

Played at Forton, May 4th.

R.N. COLLEGE.

	1st Innings.	*2nd Innings.*	
Huntingford, b Godfrey	5	not out ..	10
Higgs, c Godfrey, b Green-Armytage	82		3
Harrison, b Richards	9	b Coles ..	
Carden, b Godfrey	9		3
Jones, run out	22	b Coles ..	
Weller, b Armytage	1		5
Brookfield, c Syson, b Stopford ..	11	not out ..	1
Barnby, not out	2	run out ..	0
Herford, b Stopford	0	b Coles ..	
Young, b Stopford	0		
Garner, b Stopford	0		1
Extras	13	Extras ..	
Total ..	152	Total (4 wkts.)	23

	1st Innings. R.M.L.I.		*2nd Innings.*
Lieut. Stopford, b Barnby	5	b Harrison	10
Lieut. Williams, c Young, b Barnby	11	c Carden, b Brookfield	24
Capt. Godfrey, run out	2	c Young, b Barnby	17
Lieut. Green-Armytage, b Barnby	8	b Garner	19
Capt. Coles, c Young, b Brookfield	1	c Carden, b Brookfield	0
Lieut. Atkinson, b Brookfield	0	b Brookfield	2
Lieut. Richards, c and b Barnby	5	c and b Brookfield	4
Lieut. Godfrey, b Barnby	8	c Barnby, b Brookfield	0
Lieut. Syson, b Barnby	9	c Young, b Brookfield	1
Lieut. Temple, not out	6	c Young, b Brookfield	0
Lieut. Wilton, c and b Barnby	0	run out	5
Extras	9	Extras	14
Total	64	Total	183

R.M.L.I. *v.* STUBBINGTON HOUSE.

Played at Forton, May 15th.

R.M.L.I.		STUBBINGTON HOUSE.	
Lieut. Williams, b Atchison	18	Mr. Watling, lbw, b Morgan	1
Capt. Godfrey, c Simmons, b Watling	28	Mr. Wood, b Morgan	8
Capt. Coles, b Watling	23	Mr. Atchison, c Godfrey, b Morgan	13
Lt. Green-Armytage, b Price	0	Mr. Foster, c Capt. Godfrey, b Green-Armytage	40
Corpl. Durham, c Foster, b Watling	2	Mr. Price, not out	82
Capt. Morgan, b Watling	1	Mr. Haytor, c Wiggington, b Green-Armytage	15
Capt. Shine, c Simmons, b Price	29	Dr. Kyffin, b Sperring	0
Lieut. Godfrey, not out	3	Mr. Grant, b Shine	2
Sergt. Wiggington, c Wood, b Price	1	Mr. West, not out	0
Sergt. Ilton, c Wood, b Atchison	8	Mr. Simmons, did not bat	
Sergt. Sperring, b Price	2	Mr. Russell, did not bat	
Extras	18	Extras	22
Total	133	Total	183

R.M.L.I. *v.* 20th Co., R.A.

Played at Grange, May 22nd.

R.M.L.I.		20th Co. R.A.	
Corpl. Durham, b Savage	8	Webb, c and b Morgan	7
Lieut. Williams, b Saunders,	6	Saunders, b Morgan	3
Capt. Chichester, lbw, b Savage	1	Miller, ,,	6
,, Coles, b Saunders	4	Stevens, ,,	0
,, Morgan, b Savage	55	Knight, ,,	4
,, Shine, c Norton, b Saunders	40	Savage, b Chichester	6
Capt. Strong, c Goddard, b Savage	17	Pearl, ,,	10
Sergt. Ilton, b Goddard	14	Wilbraham, ,,	13
Lieut. Godfrey, c Knight, b Goddard	23	Naughton, not out	1
Lieut. Green-Armytage, not out	27	Hounsell, c and b Chichester	3
Sergt. Wiggington, not out	7	Goddard, not out	0
Extras	12	Extras	2
Total	209	Total	55

SERGEANTS *v.* REST OF DEPOT.

SERGEANTS.		REST OF DEPOT.	
Sergeant Robinson, lbw, b Stopford	13	Col. Quill, b McGinley	0
Sergt. Hughes, c Tupman, b Stopford	5	Col. Urmston, c Hughes, b Hickman	9
Sergt. McGinley, c Mercer, b Stopford	3	Mr. Stopford, b Hughes	52
Sergt. Wright, c Urmston, b Stopford	3	Private Riley, hit wicket, b Hickman	0
Sergt. Raby, b Benson	8	Capt. Mercer, st Robinson, b McGinley	51
Sergt. Hickman, b Quill	23	Capt. Tupman, c Wright, b McGinley	12
Sergt. Rayworth, b Stopford	0	Pte. Uxley, c Robinson, b McGinley	4
Sergt. Trott, c Heard, b Quill	16	Maj. Goddard, b McGinley	1
Q.-M.-Sergeant Sherhod, c Stopford	10	Pte. Palfrey, b Hughes	12
Sergt. Bradley, b Stopford	7	Capt. Heard, not out	7
Sergt. Baskerfield, not out	4	Pte. Benson, run out	1
Extras	14	Extras	8
Total	106	Total	157

Football.

EASTNEY.

THE R.M.A. closed their season on April 24th by drawing a match against H.M.S. *Excellent*. The season has certainly been successful though not so much so as we should like it to have been. The first team entered for the Portsmouth Cup, Hants Junior Cup, and United Service League. In the first they were defeated by Eastleigh in the first round, after a drawn game at Eastney. They were kept twenty-five minutes in the cold, but the Portsmouth Football Association refused to uphold the protest, much to the surprise of all. In the Junior Cup they reached the Semi-final stage, but then came hopelessly to grief against H.M.S. *Excellent*, owing to the weakness of the goalkeeper, Gunner Baule. In the United Service League they were more successful, only losing two matches and finished second with 22 points. If funds had obliged they would have received medals.

All Matches— RECORD:

Played 22; Won 14; Drawn 4; Lost 4; Goals for 68; Against 23

League Matches only—

Played 14; Won 10; Drawn 2; Lost 2; Goals for 41; Against 10

The R.M.A. Reserves had a most successful season, as they were only entered in Second Division of the U.S. League and came out easily at the head of the list with 16 points, and receive the Cup and Silver Medals.

League Matches— RECORD:

Played 10; Won 8; Drawn 0; Lost 2; Goals for 20: against 7.

COMPANY FOOTBALL CHALLENGE SHIELD (HOLDERS—D COY).

First Round - H Co. beat O Co.; D Co. beat C Co.; G Co. beat A Co.; Q Co. beat K Co.; F Co. beat M Co.; T Co. beat E Co.; B Co. beat P Co.; N Co. beat L Co.

Second Round—D Co. beat H. Co; Q Co. beat G Co.; F Co. beat I Co.; N Co. beat B Co.

Semi-final Round—Q Co. beat D Co; N Co. beat F Co.

Final—Q Co. beat N Co.

Theatricals.

(*Communicated*) EASTNEY.

A MOST delightful entertainment, to assist in equipping the R.M.A. Cadet Corps, recently instituted at Eastney, was given at the charming little theatre in the Barracks, on Tuesday evening, the 21st ult. The play selected for the occasion was Messrs. Maltby's and Lindo's Comedy Farce, in three Acts, entitled *My Soldier Boy*—a play as full of (what Hamlet called) "sallets" as it is possible for human nature to endure; and the Caste, which was a remarkably strong one, was as follows:—

Montagu Mendle (a Solicitor)	Capt. HIRF, R.M.A.
Capt. Cecil Cullender, Archie Allison, Colonel Roscoe (12th Hussars)	Capt. PATERSON, R.M.A. / Capt. TEMPLE, R.M.A. / Capt. RICKARD, R.A.
Jonas Toddenham (Mendle's Stepfather)	Capt. WEBB, R.A.
Michael O'Docherty	Mr. CRAWLEY, R.M.A.
Lydia Mendle	Miss O'KEEFE
Mrs. Morrison (a business little woman)	Miss ALEXANDER
Geraldine Morrison	Mrs. MCCARTHY
Martho	Miss FAIRTLOUGH

Nothing is more difficult than to reproduce a joke with its original aroma; and this play, from end to end, was an enormous joke, irridescent with the most prismatic vivacity, and teeming with the most ludicrous improbabilities, which followed each other with the unflagging rapidity of thought, and with all the brilliant variety of the kaleidoscope. But the players threw themselves into the situation with such utter *abandon*, and so thoroughly identified themselves with its action, that these improbabilities became, for the time being, the most natural and inevitable of every day occurrences, and the audience applauded and sympathised with the actors, not because they were well-known in the Garrison and in Southsea Society, but because they were actually what they represented. It was, from end to end, a very carefully finished performance—a fine specimen of the Art Horace so highly commended. And the manner in which this Art indirectly manifested itself reflected the very highest credit both on the stage manager and on every individual member of the company.

Where everyone was so good it is invidious to attempt to discriminate, and within the very limited space at our command, criticism becomes almost impossible. Of course, as in every day life, the motive to action was set going by some personal influence, and in this case it originated with Mr. Mendle, an equivocal and highly sensitive lawyer, and his most daringly mendacious and charming little wife; and with Captain Cullender, an easy-going young Hussar, whose nonchalance and good nature unwittingly made him their accomplice; and the way in which these three conspirators unconsciously involved everyone they came across in their own subterfuges constituted both admirable comedy and the very richest farce. The complex character of the lawyer was carried through all its sinuosities, with most telling effect, by Captain Hire, and the quick, Celtic temperament of Miss O'Keefe gave him a most thoroughly congenial helpmeet, while the artistic finish with which Captain Paterson impersonated himself—for such it virtually amounted to—would have afforded a most useful object lesson to those London actors who persist in thinking that they know the best type of the British officer. Captain Cullender was congenially supported by Archie Allison, whose cynicism was exactly of the ordinary Mess Room mixture; and Captain Rickard gave a very convincing presentation of a certain Colonel, at a certain stage. Nothing could have been better than Captain Webb's impersonation of Montagu Mendle's intractable, yet simple-minded old stepfather; while Michael Docherty was a life-like reproduction of the faithful and outspoken soldier servant of the Micky Free genus, and his sweetheart, Martha, was an equally amusing and truthful presentation of another familiar domestic type. Miss Alexander seemed to give a new and finer rendering of the original Mrs. Morrison, for nothing could be more comically at variance with her appearance than the "business" of which she talked with such easy *insouciance*; and her daughter, Geraldine Morrison, was so ingenuously charming that one found oneself unconsciously resenting Archie Allison's short-sighted and tardy conversion.

It is, perhaps, unnecessary to add that the musical programme, executed by the R.M.A. Band, under Sergeant Holding, was most appropriately selected—for who that knows them doubts the fact?—and that their performance most materially enhanced the harmony of a very delightful evening.

B.F.

FORTON.

It may interest some of the readers of the *Globe and Laurel* to know that during the last five years, owing to the liberal support of the patrons of the Royal Marine Theatre at Forton, the Committee have been enabled to vote sums amounting to £176 10s. to the various Charities; amongst them, £115 to the Benevolent Fund of the Division, and £26 18s. to the *Daily Mail* War Fund; and in addition, they have paid for the whole of the scenery being renovated and considerably augmented, still leaving a balance of £23 9s. 4d. in the hands of the president.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of the *Globe and Laurel.*

Sir,—Having been honoured by a special invitation to attend the opening ceremony of the Earls' Court Exhibition, by H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, on the 4th of May, I had the opportunity of seeing the representation of the defence of the Legations at Pekin, which was well carried out by the Director-General, Mr. Imrie Kiralfy. When the various bodies massed on the arena for the final spectacle, on the entry of the men representing the Royal Marines, in scarlet with white helmets, played on by a spirited march, very different to the circus tune which has now superseded the grand old quick march of the Corps—"The British Grenadiers"—most appropriate, as the great Duke of Marlborough commenced his military career in the marine regiments, the whole audience in the vast theatre, packed to the roof, sprang to their feet, cheering and applauding until the men were halted in position,

It must be very gratifying to a Corps, always placed in the background by the authorities when honours or rewards are distributed, to find such a spontaneous and hearty tribute given in London to the men who so nobly defended the Legation.

Queen Victoria recognised their gallantry, but I am not aware that a single medal for "conspicuous gallantry" has been awarded to men who certainly earned it.—Yours, CAPTAIN, formerly R.M.L.I.

[*The Medal for Conspicuous Gallantry with annuity of £10 was awarded to Lance-Sergeant (now Sergeant) J. E. Preston, Portsmouth Division R.M.L.I.*—ED.]

RECRUITING.

Sir,—The following remarks were suggested by a recent debate *anent* the advisability of increasing the marine force, for the purpose of taking over the naval coaling stations, but was rejected by Lord Goschen, on the ground that it would be impossible to raise the required number of men without materially lowering the standard for this most valuable branch of the service.

A resident of considerably over thirty years among the rural population of mid-England as a medical man, has given me an insight into the opinions of the agricultural labouring class, and I think I may claim to know these people thoroughly, ignorant of all things outside their own actual experience, though by no means wanting in shrewdness nor in adaptability to altered circumstances.

I wish to call attention to the usual methods of recruiting among these people, and to suggest a means which, in my opinion, would be much more successful. The advent of a recruiting sergeant in a village is regarded much the same as the appearance of the devil, or at least, as that of one of his most potent agents. Mothers hope he will not 'get hold of' their sons, and so on. Enlisting is regarded as falling into a trap, and life in any branch of the service is supposed to mean, more or less, an endless round of bullying and bad feeling, partially compensated by bright clothing, and an allowance out of which a man may spend a daily sum variously stated at from three halfpence to about twice the amount.

What is a marine? Ask one of the men about whom I am writing, this question, the reply of nineteen out of twenty will convey a hazy notion of something between a soldier and a sailor, and not a good specimen of either. Should he be asked to explain his idea of the differences of the two branches he would be found either ignorant of their existence, or at most be able to say that one wears a blue coat and the other a red. Of the actual daily life of men belonging to any branch of the service they know extremely little, and of the marines actually nothing at all. They have no opportunities of gaining this knowledge, as indeed, how should they? The men themselves are rarely or never seen in the villages, and even diligent readers will not find much to help them in ordinary current literature. It is true, my connection with the rural population was severed nearly three years ago, and since then the events of the Boer war have, to a small extent, enlightened some who knew nothing of this branch of the service; how much their knowledge has been increased I am unable to say, but I do not believe it is to any great extent.

Now if my statement is right, which I certainly believe it to be, or even if it is to be taken only as having some truth in it, it is evident that what is needed is some means of imparting correct ideas as to the actual facts in regard to the service in general, and particularly in respect to the daily life, work, rate of pay, and other things which go to make up the life of a marine, by no means neglecting the pension. Were these things put before them plainly, and in such a way as to insure belief in the statements made, plenty of men would be found willing to join the ranks. When it is considered that the men about whom I am writing earn only from fifteen to eighteen shillings per week, out of which they have to pay rent or lodgings and the costs of food and clothes, and that men earning the latter sum are considered lucky, it is at least reasonable to suppose that if they really knew the advantages of the service they would be willing to enlist.

If my arguments are approved it follows that definite reliable information is what is necessary to convey to them in some form, and I would suggest lectures as the best form calculated to produce the desired effect. Let a lecturer with a lantern and plenty of judiciously selected slides travel through the country villages and small towns, giving lectures in school-rooms or other convenient places; these lectures might either be free or a small charge might be made, it is possible that the latter plan would be most effective, as less likely to 'give away the show'; they should certainly be as far as possible amusing, and give full details of barrack life, duties, amusements, leave granted, facilities given to men on leave, rates of pay, opportunities and chances of gaining stripes, and above all—pensions; for those to whom I refer have little prospect of anything except an old age of poverty, with the workhouse as at least a possible home for many of them.

I would suggest this as civilian work. Let the recruiting party follow in the wake of the lecturer, working the various villages not too closely after he has left, but before the lecture, or entertainment, has had time to be forgotten.—W.A.G.

Birth.

BOXWELL—At No. 12, Staff Quarters, Forton Barracks, 21st May, 1901, the wife of Q.M.-Sergt. A. Boxwell, of a son.

Marriages.

HILL—GOULD—At Victoria Road Wesleyan Chapel, Southsea, 28th April, 1901, Gnr. W. A. Hill to Miss A. R. Gould.

BUNNELL—SLATER—At Holy Trinity Church, Grays Inn Road, London, 28th April, 1901, Musician W. Bunnell to Miss F. E. Slater.

ANKERS—LINACRE—At St. James', Portsea, 11th May, 1901, Gnr. A. Ankers to Miss A. L. Linacre.

HEATON—HOBBS—At St. James', Portsea, 11th May, 1901, Bombr. J. Heaton to Miss J. E. Hobbs.

STICKELS—MYERS—At Parish Church, Walmer, on 30th March, 1901, Pte. G. A. Stickels to Miss Elizabeth Myers.

SPRINGALL—HALLAMORE—At Congregational Chapel, Bromley, Kent, on 14th May, 1901, Sergt. W. Springall to Miss Gertrude Constance Hallamore.

DALLISON—WHEELER—At Holy Trinity Church, Aldershot, on 6th April, 1901, Corpl. G. Dallison to Miss Marie Wheeler.

Death.

PAYNE—On 12th May, 1901, Gnr. James Payne, L Coy., aged 47.

The Editors beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following amounts:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cruiser	0	1	6	Capt. Eagle ..	0	1	6
Pte. Peel	0	1	6	Col. Milne ..	0	1	3
Pte. Bowman ..	0	1	6	Mrs. Mead ..	0	1	6
Mr. Bernley	0	1	6	*Camperdown* ..	0	3	0
Cr.-Sergt. Hanna ..	0	1	6	Mr. J. Caldwell ..	0	1	6
Jupiter	1	6	8	Dr. Eustace ..	0	0	6
Mr. Williams ..	0	2	6	*Forte*	0	12	0
Mr. W. Thornton ..	0	1	6	Pte. Durant ..	0	3	0
L.-Sergt. Potter ..	0	0	9	Bmbr. Chapman ..	0	0	6
Monarch	0	6	5½	Pte. Savall ..	0	1	6
Chatham Division ..	2	12	10	Forton Barracks ..	0	13	9
Pallas	0	2	1½	*Phaeton*	0	11	5
Gunnery School, Sheerness	0	5	0	Sergt. Statham ..	0	1	0
Miss Alleyne ..	0	1	6	*Warspite*	0	12	6
Mr. Lilleycrap ..	0	1	6	Mr. Brewer ..	0	1	6
Officers' Mess, Forton	1	0	6	*Victory*	0	1	2
Corpl. Rowe ..	0	1	6	*Sybille*	0	2	5
Sergt. Reynolds ..	0	15	0	*Hannibal*	0	15	3
Mr. Larkins ..	0	1	6	*Orlando*	0	17	8
Blenheim	1	17	6	*Icarus*	0	3	7
Plover	0	2	0	*Howe*	0	16	6
Major-Gen. McArthur	0	2	6	*Hyacinth*	0	5	7
Cr.-Sergt. Hardy ..	0	1	6	Sergt. Dobb ..	0	2	0
Mr. Plumstead ..	0	1	9	Drum-Major Keen ..	0	4	0

Answers to Correspondents.

A SUBSCRIBER.—The names of the R.M.L.I. in H.M.S. *Ophir* may be found under the heading "Embarked" in our April issue.

H.L.S. (PPYMOUTH) AND C.L. (PORTSMOUTH).—Billiard Handicap crowded out.

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Editorial.

THE Corps has been very prominent during the past month at the Royal Military Tournament, and all eye-witnesses declare the display of the R.M.A. to be one of the best things ever produced at Islington. We congratulate them on it, and their wonderful successes in the tug-of-war; it is no light matter to move a "ton of policemen."

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Among those who received the South African war medals from H.M. the King, on June 12th, on the Horse Guards' Parade, were Col. W. P. Adair, D.A.G., Royal Marines, and Lieut. C. H. Hood, R.M.L.I., who served as A.D.C. to Major-General H. L. Smith-Dorrien, D.S.O.

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Capt. R. D. Beith R.M.L.I., has been appointed Staff Officer to the Commandant of the 1st Defence Area in Eastern District, Cape Colony, dated April 15th, 1901. It is in this District we understand that Kritzinger's commando has been operating lately.

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Lieut.-Colonel A. N. Gatliff, R.M.L.I., has been appointed J.P. for Cape District, South Africa.

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Captain Sir John Colomb, K.G.M.G., presided at the lecture given by Major-General Webber, C.B., on "Army Reform," at the Royal United Service Institution, on June 10th.

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Captain N. A. W. Scott has been appointed Superintendent of Gymnasia, North Western District, vice Captain H. E. Walter, Lincoln Regiment.

In our May number we gave an account of a presentation of a pair of binoculars to Sergt. A. W. White, R.M.L.I., Chatham, on his leaving Australia for South Africa; we have since learned that the following inscription was placed on them on a silver shield, "Presented to Sergeant A. W. White, R.M.L.I., on his departure for South Africa as Squadron-Sergeant-Major of the N.S.W. 2nd M.R., by his comrades of the Royal Marines and Royal Navy of the Australian Squadron, Royal Australian Artillery and civilian friends, as a mark of esteem and respect. March, 1901."

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We extract the following from the *Melbourne Age*, of May 11th, anent the great Review on Flemington Racecourse, before H.R.H. Duke of York: "Where all did so well, however, it would be difficult to say which corps shaped the best. It is easier to pick out the best from the 'not so good' in the case of infantry, and yesterday the very best marching among the footmen was done by the Royal Marines, the Royal Australian Artillery, the Bluejackets, both Imperial and Local, etc."

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The Admiralty have approved of the services of Capt. and Adjutant W. E. G. Connolly, R.M.L.I., being placed at the disposal of the Egyptian Government for employment under the Sirdar.

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Captain A. E. Bewes, R.M.L.I., has been appointed Adjutant of the Chatham Division, R.M.L.I.

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It has been notified that a limited number of ex-buglers between the ages of 45 and 46, will be accepted for the Royal Fleet Reserve.

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By R.M.O. Circular, dated June 18th, 1901, Miniature Decorations and Medals will be worn by officers of the Royal Marines with mess dress, but will not otherwise be worn in uniform.

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Major H. H. Roberts, R.M.L.I. (retired), has been appointed Recruiting Staff Officer 2nd Class, for the Hull District, vice Major Swinburne, R.M.A. (retired).

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Major J. L. R. Maclurcan has been appointed Barrackmaster of the Portsmouth Division, vice Major Kelly retired, and Major N. C. Ormsby-Johnson, vice Brevet-Lieut.-Col. R. Denny at the Plymouth Division.

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Returns of those who served in South Africa having been called for, we hope we may soon congratulate them on receiving their hard-earned medals.

As it may be useful to men on furlough, we publish the following General Orders for Royal Marines, 1901 :—

"All Non-commissioned Officers and Men on furlough will be admitted when sick to Naval or Military Hospitals. Where there is no Naval or Military Hospital they will equally be entitled to medical treatment at the public expense; but charges for attending cases of sickness occurring on furlough will only be admitted as charges against the public when it can be certified by the man's Commanding Officer that he is satisfied, after perusal of the civil practitioner's certificate on the claim, that the illness resulted from causes beyond the man's control. This privilege does not extend to men absent without leave or in a state of desertion. G.O. 74, June, 1901."

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We regret to record the death of Lieutenant Sir Rose Price, Bart., 3rd Batt. King's Royal Rifles, who was killed in action near Villiers Dorp, on June 9th. He was the son of the late Sir Rose Price, late Royal Marines.

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The following officers passed the examination (*c*) and (*d*), held last May :—R.M.A., Capts. R. C. Temple and E. W. Harding; R.M.L.I., Capts. A. H. Brabazon, H. M. C. W. Graham, G. Drage, F. L. H. Strong, A. H. French, N. O. Burge (distinguished in tactics), F. J. Saunders, D.S.O.; Lieuts. W. H. Stopford, E. W. Still, F. V. Temple, C. B. Andrews, R. F. S. Beyts, R. H. Darwall, W. W. Godfrey, P. H. Colley, R. C. Scafe, C. G. Bird, J. H. G. Wilson, W. H. P. Richards.

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We are glad to be able to announce that the report of the illness of Captain R. Nord, A.S.C. (late R.M.L.I.), in South Africa, was an error; the report in the papers referring to another officer of the same name. Captain Nord arrived from South Africa a few days ago in excellent health. He has been doing splendid work at the front, and commanded the Supply Park with conspicuous success at a most critical period. He held local rank as major, being graded as an A.A.G.

Foreign News.

Headquarters, Queenstown,
Cape Colony.

HERE I am still digging out with very few respites from office work; I put in about ten hours daily in the office. I managed to get out after small parties of evening from 19th to 24th April, and from May 7th to 12th, etc., but when we have large numbers I must remain here at the end of the wire to ensure proper co-operation, receive telegrams, despatching others, etc.

We have about 1,300 hundred of enemy in the area at the present time under Kritzinger, Fouchee, Malan, Lotter, Myburgh and others. 300 of them came within fifteen miles of Queenstown last week, making in the direction of our horse depot close by; so I went out but they did not attack. The town guard here has been sleeping in the trenches for a whole week, and very cold work it is at night with fifteen degrees of frost and no blankets; but the days are warm.

I should not be surprised to see the war over by end of August. The Orange River Colony is a howling wilderness; forage and cattle, etc., cleared, there isn't enough food to bait a rat-trap with; the Transvaal is not much better off. So most of the fighting goes on in the Cape Colony where it is not possible to clear the country in the same way, because of the interests of the British farmers and loyal Dutch. Still, the horses are all bought and collected into the various remount establishments. Now the Boers cannot get hold of horses they will soon have to throw up the sponge; but naturally the exact date of the termination of hostilities, no man knoweth. The Cape Colony has to look after itself, trusting to its local (colonial) troops for its defence. A few detachments of the Militia, only, being scattered about guarding bridges on railway line, etc.

When Kitchener clears the Transvaal he will send Imperial troops to assist in the Cape Colony, which will see the dying struggles.

Military courts are of great frequency, all rebels caught in arms and others who assist enemy by giving false information, or who do not at once report movements of enemy, being tried summarily. Formerly the magistrates used to try these cases, but their powers are not sufficient, and often times they fail to mete out justice by reason of their sympathies.

The following are the towns which have commandants in my area, viz :—Queenstown, Sterkstroom, Molteno, Barkly East, Maraisburg, Lady Frere, Tackastud, Dordsdrecht.

I was offered in the first place the commandantship of either Molteno or Dordrecht, but I preferred to be Staff Officer of the Area to be stuck in one place as a commandant.

My chief is very anxious to get back to his *business*, and if his wishes are granted, I shall take his place as Commandant of the Area and get a staff officer under me.

I forget if I told you that Lord Kitchener's congratulations to Commandant, No. 1 Area, have been in all the papers here. The occasion was a prompt march and a rapid one of seventy-five miles after enemy that wrecked a train (we have had three trains wrecked since I have been up here). We eventually cornered them near Jamestown.

I was away in the armoured train recently, but no time for more.

R.D.B.

Diary of our Colonel-in-Chief's Colonial Tour.

(continued from last month).

May 28th. Review of 9,000 troops commanded by General French, in the Centennial Park, and presentation to Lieut. Dufrayer of a scarf embroidered by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

May 29th. Levée at Government House. H. R. H. afterwards received numerous addresses from municipal, religious, industrial, and philanthropic bodies.

May 30th. The Duke inspected the Naval Depot on Garden Island, planting a fig tree as a souvenir of his visit.

May 31st. Laying of the foundation stone of the Queen Victoria Memorial Pavilion in connection with the Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney. Afterwards at the jubilee commemoration of the Sydney University, the degree of LL.D. was conferred on H.R.H.

June 1st. Presentation of war medals to 1,000 men and two nurses.

June 3rd. The Duke of Cornwall and York's birthday, observed as a public holiday.

June 6th. The *Ophir* left for Auckland.

June 7th. At the wharf an address was presented by the Mayor after which the Governor read the proclamation announcing the incorporation of the Cook Islands with New Zealand.

June 12th. Review of 4,000 troops, including a body of cadets, mounted troops from various districts, among whom were many Maoris, and Naval contingent

June 13th. The Royal party left for Rotorua by special train at 10 a.m.

June 14th. Visit to various places of interest in the Rotorua district.

June 15th. Various native dances performed by 2,000 Maoris, among the chiefs of whom commemoration medals were afterwards distributed. Returned to Auckland.

June 16th. Left Auckland, where it is said Their Royal Highnesses had the most enthusiastic welcome yet accorded them, for Wellington.

June 11th. Arrived at Wellington. Foundation stone of the new Town Hall laid.

June 19th. Distribution of 300 medals to men returned from the war, at Parliament House.

June 20th. Inspection of industrial works and benevolent institutions.

June 21st. After laying foundation stone of a statue of Queen Victoria, the Royal party left Wellington for Lyttleton.

June 22nd. Arrived at Lyttleton and proceeded by train to Christchurch.

June 24th. Review of several thousand troops. Left Christchurch.

June 25th. Arrived at Dunedin.

June 26th. Presentation of loyal addresses and afterwards of medals to men returned from South Africa.

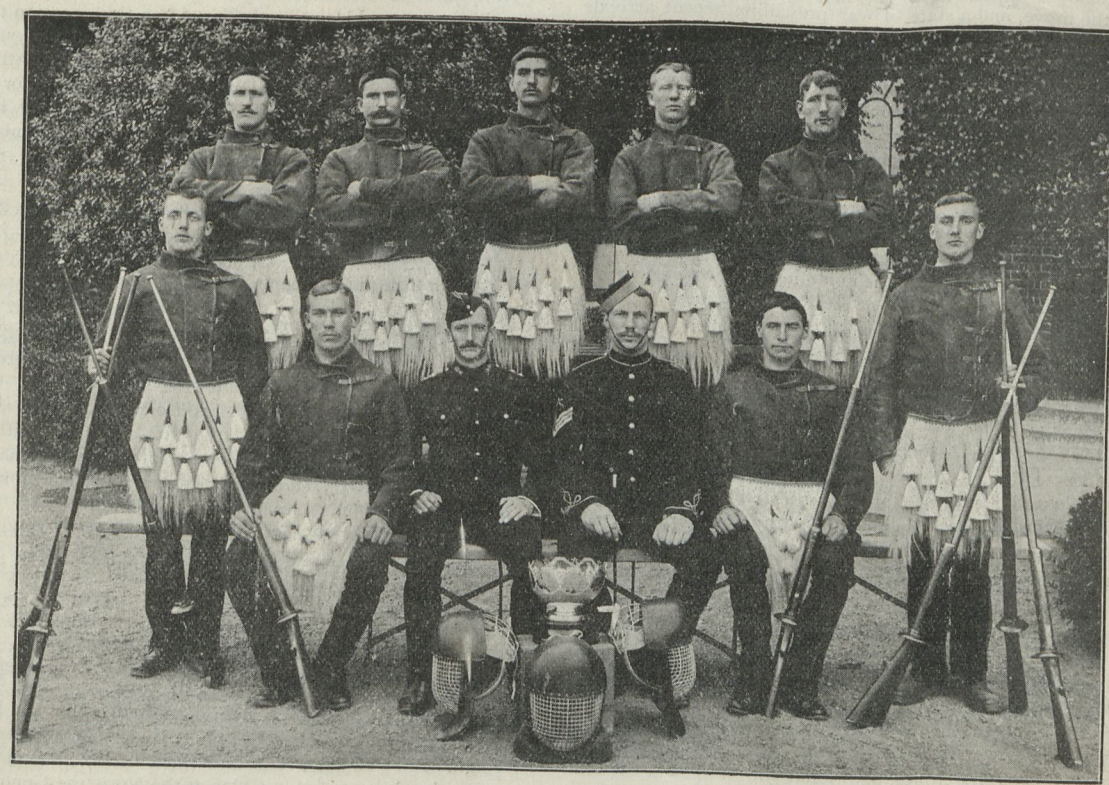
June 27th. Left Dunedin by train for Lyttleton. On the way to the station the foundation stone of the Queen's statue was laid, and the Royal party then rejoined the *Ophir*.

R.M.A. Tug of War (Catch Weights) Team.



Gr. R. Sawyer. Gr. R. Acton. Gr. R. Robins. Gr. L. Lillywhite. Gr. L. Hitchcock. Gr. R. Morgan. Gr. H. L. Fisher.
Gr. R. Howes. Sgt. G. Burroughs. S. M. Jones (*coach*) Capt. & Adjt. McCarthy. Ac.-Br. H. J. Wheeler. Gr. R. Richards,

R.M.A. Bayonet Fighting Team.



Gr. H. Randell. Gr. D. McKay. Gr. D. Campbell. Gr. P. Pomfret. Gr. A. Lamb. Gr. T. Smith.
Gr. C. Crochford. Capt. & Adjt. McCarthy. Sgt. G. Ballard (*trainer*) Gr. M. Lally. Gr. J. Clark.

Royal Marine Memorial.

Admiralty Recruiting Dept.,
22, Spring Gardens, S.W.,
1st July, 1901.

In forwarding the list of subscriptions received during June to the *Globe and Laurel*, the Hon. Secretary of the fund takes the opportunity of informing the Corps at large what steps have been taken towards carrying out the ideas decided upon by the Committee.

In compliance with the resolution of the Committee at their last meeting, negotiations have been entered into with the authorities of the City of London for a site for the proposed Memorial. The steps at which negotiations have arrived being, the Streets Committee have before them the problem whether or not they can find a site for the Memorial in front of the Royal Exchange, a spot which has been rightly called the "Centre of the Universe." Until that point has been decided, no other authorities have been approached officially with reference to any possible site, though unofficially, enquiries have been made to pave the way.

An eminent sculptor has volunteered his service and advice to the Committee, and has furnished a design of a monument which has been criticised in most favourable terms by the leading artists of the day. Photographs and descriptions of this design will shortly be sent to all members of the Committee, and to Divisions, etc., free criticism being invited.

It was hoped that ere this, it would have been possible to have closed the subscription list for the memorial to our comrades who fell, either in action or by disease, in South Africa and China, but it was not taken into consideration that it takes a very long time, even in these days of quick transit, for letters, etc., to reach the uttermost parts of the world, and so bring to the notice of all members of the Corps, active and retired, the fact that any such memorial is contemplated.

Only within the last few days of the month of June, the Secretary has received subscriptions, or notifications that subscriptions are on their way from some of the more distant stations. Ships on the China station in particular have been handicapped, in that owing to being constantly on the move, and a state of war prevailing, recent arrivals from that station state that the first intimation they have received that any such movement is on foot, has been through the medium of the *Globe and Laurel*, picking up a chance paper in a mess or recreation room, and seeing there a list of subscriptions.

The Hon. Secretary of the fund therefore takes upon himself, subject to the approval hereafter of the Committee at their next meeting, to say that the fund will not be closed until the monument is erected and all expenses thereof fully paid. Under these circumstances, and after perusal of the above remarks, it is hoped that anyone who has not yet subscribed will do so in course of time, the smallest subscription being welcome, so that it may be said that the monument was erected by the officers and men "active and retired" of the Royal Marines.

The following subscriptions have been received during June:—

Individual Officers.—£5 5s., Gen. Sir Howard S. Jones, K.C.B.; £1 1s., Capt. L. Wilson and Lieut. F. M. Bennett; £1, Major-Gen. Scafe. *Ships, etc.*—Wei-hai-wei, £13 1s.; H.M.S. *Collingwood*, £1 16s.; *Alacrity*, £1 13s. 3d.; *Camperdown*, 16s. 6d.; *Trafalgar*, 5s. 5d.

The amount raised to date amounts to £1140; Sums promised, not yet received, £35. Total £1175.

By some accident the following ships subscriptions were omitted from the list published in *Globe & Laurel* for May, but were included in the totals.

Ships subscriptions received during April and from 29th to 31st March:—

Crescent, £7 11s. 6d.; *Royal Oak*, £7 10s.; *Pembroke*, £6 18s. 11d.; *Hibernia*, £5 17s. 3d.; *Vivid*, £5 11s.; *Royal Arthur*, £5 6s. 7d.; *Hannibal*, £5; *Isis*, £4 6s.; *Ramillies*, £3 15s.; *Orlando*, £3; *Victorious*, £1 10s.; *Majestic*, £1 7s. 1d.; *Endymion*, £1 6s.; *Hyacinth*, £1 3s. 6d.; *Theseus*, £1; *Proserpine*, 12s. 3d.; *Racoon*, 12s. 0d.

CORRECTION.—In June *Globe & Laurel*, Capt. Jones, D.S.O., was credited with an additional subscription of £1; this should read, H.M.S. *Cambridge*, per Capt. Jones, additional £1.

G. D. ONSLOW, Lieut.-Col., R.M.L.I.,
Hon. Secretary.

Entertainments.

EASTNEY.

IN aid of the R.M.A. Provident Fund, several officers, sergeants, and bandsmen of the R.M.A. assisted by their friends, gave a delightful entertainment in the Eastney Theatre on the 4th June, and were welcomed by a most enthusiastic audience. The Mandoline Trio (Supt. Clerk W. G. Sparrow, Sergeant C. R. Kelly and Sergeant Beale), and Musicians Baxter and Moores exquisitely rendered cello and violin solos were admired and appreciated by all. Miss Kent gave three songs very charmingly in a sweet soprano, and the Rev. C. Calvert's fine voice has seldom been heard to better advantage. Mrs. McCarthy brought down the gallery with "The Soldiers in the Park," and Lieut. Fisher gave a couple of popular songs with much spirit. Miss O'Keefe's humorous and delightful recitations called forth rounds of applause, and the comic element was, as usual, effectually supplied by Sergeant Kerr.

The second part of the programme consisted of that intensely amusing little comedy, "A Pair of Lunatics," which was most cleverly and charmingly acted by Mrs. McCarthy and Capt. Dibblee. The delightful labyrinth of "delusions" and misunderstandings through which the unhappy pair wandered, kept the audience in continued ripples of laughter.

AMATEUR THEATRICALS, CHATHAM DIVISION.

A theatrical performance was given in the Royal Marine Theatre, Chatham, on the afternoon of the 17th and the evening of the 18th June, in aid of the Divisional charities. The entertainment was initiated and organised by Mrs. Schomberg, and the thanks of the Division are due to her for her efforts to make it the success it undoubtedly was, and for the addition to the Benevolent Fund which it is understood will result from it.

The plays produced were "My Lord in Livery," which must be well known to most of our readers, and "The Three Tenants," which is perhaps less familiar. The plot of the latter turns on the efforts of an old Scotch retainer to keep apart three tenants to whom the house agent has let his master's house, by some mistake, all at the same time. The praises of Mr. Crowe as an actor have been sung more than once in this paper, and it need only be said on this occasion that as Peebles his acting was as excellent as it was amusing. Doubtless, being a Scotsman, he felt himself once more on his native heath and naturally the intricacies of the Scotch language had no terrors for him. Colonel Corbet had a part that fitted him like a glove, and his get up was admirable. Captain Wilson acted in a frank and genial manner, and the ladies' parts were most successfully taken by Mrs. Schomberg and Miss Wilmer.

"THE THREE TENANTS"—DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

Mr. Grope (a Gentleman in search of quiet) Colonel A. D. CORBET, C.B., R.M.L.I.
Mr. Farintosh (a Gentleman in search of sport) Captain L. O. WILSON, D.S.O., R.M.L.I.
Peebles (a Scotch servant) .. Mr. R. M. CROWE, R.M.L.I.
Mrs. Fitz-Feather, a widow lady with a nervous temperament) Mrs. SCHOMBERG.
Miss Gwendoline Fitz-Feather (her niece) .. Miss WILMER.

In "My Lord in Livery," Miss Douglas and Mrs. Marchant acted brightly, Mr. Clarke invested the part of Spigott with the necessary amount of nervousness, and Major Scott and Lieutenant Elliott made excellent footmen. The former danced a minuet in a style for which even his best friends scarcely gave him credit.

"MY LORD IN LIVERY,"—DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

Lord Thirlmere (H.M.S. *Phlegethon*) Major C. T. H. SCOTT, R.M.L.I.
Spiggott (an old family butler) .. Mr. F. V. A. CLARKE.
Hopkins (a footman) .. .. Mr. B. N. ELLIOTT, R.M.L.I.
Robert (the smallest page procurable) .. Bugler T. REED, R.M.L.I.
Sybil Amberly (daughter of Sir George Amberly) Miss DOUGLAS.
Laura, Rose (her friends) .. .. .. Miss HAYNE, Mrs. MARCHANT.

Music was supplied at one performance by the band of the 3rd Batt. Connaught Rangers, and at the other by that of the Royal Engineers. There was a good attendance, amongst those present being the Commander-in-Chief at the Nore, the General Officer Commanding the Thames district, and the Admiral Superintendent.

The Stolen Destroyer.

By C. W. G. Hill

THE new torpedo boat destroyer *Firefly*, recently built on the Clyde, to the order of His Majesty's Government, had just arrived in Devonport in charge of a navigating party from the West Country Depot, who had been sent north to fetch her round to be finished off and prepared for sea. A guard party of four marines in charge of a lance-corporal, went aboard on her passing into the reserve, and the party who had brought her round, returned to the Depot. Close on three weeks passed away; the workmen came aboard every morning, leaving again on completion of their day's work. She had filled up with coal and provisions, and was quite ready to undergo her trials as soon as ordered. The night before these were to commence, the workmen had left as usual leaving the four men aboard alone, one of their number whose turn ashore it was, having gone earlier in the day. The three men sitting round the bogie below, were passing the time by having a game of cards, leaving the sentry to walk and watch alone on the upper deck. Nine o'clock struck; the lance-corporal taking a lantern went the rounds to make sure that all was secure for the night and no danger from fire or anything else to be feared. Of the other two men, one had the middle watch, the other the morning, so both had turned in. Having satisfied himself that all is correct the corporal with a cheery "good night" to the sentry, also goes below and turns in. Placing the lantern near the head of his hammock, he lays awake reading a short time, then he too falls asleep. The sentry on deck finding that he has still another two hours' watch to keep, looks round for something to do to pass away the time a little quicker, but seeing nothing on deck he goes below. He soon finds the paper the corporal has been reading, so taking it and the lantern he goes on deck and sitting down on the engine room hatch with the lantern beside him, commences to read. This is rather a slack way of keeping watch for a man left in charge of a new destroyer which is expected to attain a speed of at least thirty-eight knots on her trial, for is she not fitted with Parsons' latest improved electro-turbine engines which have already proved so successful even in their original pattern. But then what danger is to be feared, or what could happen to her, lying snugly at her buoy in the best defended harbour of the West of England. So he continues to read for a short time, but feeling drowsy he stands up, gives himself a shake, and takes a turn up and down the deck. Then sitting down again he goes on reading. But he is tired, and so little by little his head falls forward, the paper drops from his hands, and he is asleep.

The clock in the tower of the Technical Schools has just chimed the quarter before eleven when a man waiting in the centre of the Brickfields is joined by another, and presently four more walk up from different directions. "A splendid night for our work, senor," says one of the party, evidently an Englishman, addressing a dark featured little man of about forty, who is a Spaniard and their leader. "Yes, a dark night, no moon, and well suited to the game we are playing; but where are the remainder, the arrangements were for all to be assembled here by eleven." "That was so," replied the Englishman, "but I met the Yank this afternoon, and he said he would join us on the road leading to the pier with the rest of the party." "That is well then, we may as well get down and see if old Jacques has secured a boat and is waiting for us." So the party moves off in the direction of Keyham, crosses Devonport Park and turns down the lane leading to Pottery Quay. A few hundred yards down the road they are joined by eight others, who had been hiding in one of the many dark and secluded corners to be found in this badly-lighted road. "Present, senor," says one, addressing the Spaniard. "Jacques is waiting with the boat and here we are." They have reached the pier and a boat at once shoots out of the darkness and drops alongside. All enter, the Spaniard sits astern while six of them get out the oars which are muffled to prevent any splashes which might be noticed when least intended. But the leader well knows that they may be taken for a patrol of water police and he has his answer accordingly. The boat is shoved off, the oarsmen give way and rapidly the boat skims towards the "trot" where the torpedo boats and destroyers lie snugly moored. The sentries on one or two of the ships hail them as they pass, and are quite satisfied with the answer they receive, "Police." And as they draw near the *Firefly*, round under her stern they go, then drop sharply alongside. "My God! he sleeps," exclaims one, and jumping nimbly aboard he claps a handkerchief, saturated with chloroform, over the face of the sleeping sentry. "Carry him below aft and look after the others," says the leader. "Secure the boat astern, and then down below all of you to your stations and light up the fires, steam must be up in two hours." Meanwhile two have gone for'ard and secured the sleeping men in their hammocks. At length all is ready for getting under way, she slips from her buoys, runs out into the stream, and then heads away down the harbour, just as the clocks in the three towns are striking the hour of three. Past the guardship she goes, past the victualling yard, through the Hamoaze, past Drake's Island and out into the Sound. The breakwater is soon left behind and the course set down Channel. But the officer on watch on the guardship as she passed could not remember any destroyer being under orders to leave at that time in the morning, the training flotilla rarely left before nine o'clock, and any other arrangements would sure to have been published. So he goes below to the captain's cabin, who happens to be aboard this night; knocking loudly he is soon bidden to enter. "Why, Freeman, what is the matter?" "I considered it my duty to report to you, sir, that a destroyer has just passed us going out of harbour, and as the occurence is rather unusual, I thought it best to acquaint you, as I was not aware of any of the boats being under orders to leave at such a time." "You have done quite right, Freeman. Tell the signalman to ask Mount Wise if they have any knowledge of it, and if not, to telephone to the commander-in-chief for instruction." Freeman left the cabin and going on deck, hailed the signalman on the bridge and gave him his orders. Presently the answer came back from Mount Wise. "We have no information of any destroyer being under orders to leave at such a time, but signalled her as she passed and have reported by telephone to the admiral." On receipt of the message the admiral sent for his flag-captain, who shortly afterwards arrived and entered into deep conversation with him. One result was that the destroyer *Osprey* was ordered to raise steam at once and proceed in search of the missing vessel. Then a message was dispatched to a signal station down the coast, and the reply came back, "A destroyer has just passed proceeding down Channel." By five o'clock the *Osprey* was ready to leave, and receiving as her final instructions the orders to overtake the *Firefly* and ascertain under whose orders she was acting, and if opposed to use force, she proceeded to sea. About seven o'clock it was reported to the admiral that a cruiser was just passing bound down Channel and had "made her pennants," which showed her to be the *Juno* on her way from Portsmouth to Gibraltar. At once the admiral ordered a signal to be sent for her to proceed in search of the destroyer. The signalman on watch on the bridge of the *Juno* noticed that the receiver of his Marconi instrument was showing signs of agitation and in a minute read off: "From Commander-in-chief, Devonport, to Captain, *Juno*, proceed down Channel in search of a destroyer which left here at 3 a.m. this morning without orders." Rushing below he delivered the slate with the message to the captain to read. "Signal back: 'will search and return to report,'" said the captain; "send the commander and chief engineer to me." The result was that the cruiser was soon forging her way ahead at a good twenty-two knots, while the first division of boarders were gathered together in little groups under the fo'c's'le ready for action. At ten o'clock the signalman reported "Destroyer off the port bow, sir." The captain and commander rushed on the bridge with their glasses. The cruiser was now bearing down fast on the destroyer which was apparently lying to. "Ask her country and name," and before he finished speaking the flags were fluttering in the breeze. In reply the stranger hoisted the yellow and red ensign of Spain. "Can you make her name out, Travers," the captain asked the commander. "I can see an 'F' on her stern, two 'f's;' by Jove it's our own boat the *Firefly*, whatever's the game?" "That we shall soon see," replied the Captain, "we'll run alongside of her. Mr. Forbes, line the port side of the fo'c's'le with your division and serve out twenty rounds of ball ammunition to a man." "She has evidently broken down, sir." A scene of great excitement seemed to be prevailing on the destroyer, men could be seen rushing about her decks and popping up from below. As the *Juno* bore down on the smaller vessel a man standing

right aft on the destroyer hailed the cruiser: "Don't fire, we have failed, and surrender," In case of foul play the cutter, gig and whaler were quickly manned and armed, and proceeded alongside the destroyer. "What is the meaning of this?" the captain asked the Spaniard as he boarded the destroyer. "I have failed and surrender, that is all I can say." "Very well then, transfer them to the boats; take them aboard and have them placed below under double sentries. Also tell Mr. Morley to come over himself and bring some of his men." The engineer soon came with some artificers and stokers and went below. He soon came up and said to the captain, "The boilers are short of water, sir, and they have drawn the fires to prevent themselves being blown sky-high." "Very well, Mr. Morley, we will fill the boilers for you, and as soon as you can get under way we will return to Plymouth." A lieutenant was sent aboard to take charge of her, and by twelve o'clock she was ready to accompany the *Juno* back to port.

On the way back the captain sent for the marines and questioned them, but the three who were below could only say that on waking up they found themselves lashed in their hammocks, and unable to move hand or foot. The sentry on watch acknowledged falling asleep, and was remanded for the official enquiry. As soon as he arrived in the Sound the captain signalled his return with the destroyer, which was ordered to proceed up harbour to her buoy. As soon as this was done the party who had navigated her back went aboard the *Juno*. The captain then transferred his prisoners to the port guardship, and having sent to the admiral a written report of the discovery of the destroyer, left to continue his passage to Gibraltar. Very little information could be obtained from the prisoners who were unrecognised by the country they were working for, and shortly afterwards they were sentenced to long terms of penal servitude. The three marines who were below when the boat was captured were acquitted of any negligence; but the sentry was awarded ninety days' imprisonment with hard labour and to be dismissed the service, for falling asleep on his post under very aggravating circumstances. And so the British Government retained and the Spaniards failed to obtain "The stolen destroyer."

Royal Marines Rifle Association.

THE Annual Meeting of the above took place at the Ash Ranges, Aldershot, on the 25th ultimo and three following days. The weather was fine throughout, but the wind was strong at times and accounted for the comparative lowness of scoring in the Competition of the XX. for the Jewels and places in the VIII. The same cause also affected the shooting in the Revolver Competitions, but not sufficiently to explain the lowness of some of the scores, and we look for an improvement in this branch of the shooting.

The "Gold," "Silver" and "Bronze" Jewels were won by Q.M.S.I. H. J. Pearson, R.M.L.I., Cr.-Sergt. Deacon, R.M.A., and Qr.-Master and Hon. Lieut. A. Baker, R.M.A., respectively. The first named becomes in consequence the winner of the N.R.A. Silver Medal and entitled to shoot in the "Prince of Wales" Competition at Bisley.

The "Collard Cup" was won by Q.M.S.I. H. J. Pearson, R.M.L.I., with a score of 126, Major R.M. Byne, R.M.L.I., taking second prize, with 123 points. Major Byne also proved the winner of the N.R.A. Bronze Medal, having made the highest score, viz., 126 points, in the Inter-divisional Revolver Match.

The Officers' Cup was again carried off by the Royal Marine Artillery, who beat the team from the Depot by one point.

The Revolver Cup was won by the team from the Depot, who thus continue to retain uninterrupted possession of this trophy since its introduction in 1898.

The following is a full list of Competitors and Scores in the various events:—

THE REVOLVER MATCH.

WINNERS—THE DEPOT.

	20 yds.	*50 yds.*	*Total*
	h.p.s. 84	84	168
Sergt. W. H. D. Phillips ..	64 ..	59 ..	123
Q.M.S. C. Hill	60 ..	60 ..	120
Q.M.S.I. H. J. Pearson ..	67 ..	51 ..	118
Sergt.-Major E. J. Sullivan ..	62 ..	45 ..	107
Sergt. J. H. Fallace	59 ..	32 ..	98
Major E. E. Chown	49 ..	34 ..	83
		Grand Total ..	649

Next in Order of Merit:

ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY.

Q.-Mr. and Hon. Lt. S. G. Rodway	60 ..	46 ..	106
Sergt.-Major D. J. Foley ..	53 ..	52 ..	105
Q.-Mr. and Hon. Lt. A. Baker ..	45 ..	55 ..	100
Sergt. D. Beddow	50 ..	45 ..	95
Q.M.S. F. Ede	46 ..	47 ..	93
Capt. J. L. Homer	52 ..	35 ..	87
		Grand Total	586

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

Major R. M. Byne*	67 ..	59 ..	126
Lce.-Corpl. T. Lea	62 ..	46 ..	108
Sergt. W. H. Sanders ..	58 ..	41 ..	99
Sergt. A. G. Leppard ..	42 ..	42 ..	84
Sergt. W. Dorey	44 ..	40 ..	84
Q.M.S.I. D. Finlayson ..	49 ..	35 ..	84
* Winner of the N.R.A. Bronze Medal.		Grand Total ..	685

PLYMOUTH DIVISION.

Lieut. H. S. Lloyd	57 ..	42 ..	99
Q.M.S.I. J. F. Richards ..	49 ..	47 ..	96
Major J. R. H. Oldfield ..	50 ..	42 ..	92
Armr.-Sergt. A. R. Hermon ..	50 ..	31 ..	81
Capt. G. F. Muller	51 ..	28 ..	79
Sergt. F. Davies	31 ..	34 ..	65
		Grand Total ..	512

CHATHAM DIVISION.

Cr.-Sergt. E. G. Burgis ..	50 ..	47 ..	97
Sergt. G. E. Geater	49 ..	47 ..	96
Cr.-Sergt. H. G. Braybrook ..	49 ..	47 ..	96
Q.M.S.I. H. Andrews ..	36 ..	45 ..	81
Q.M.S.I. A. G. Kay	28 ..	24 ..	52
Lieut. C. E. S. Wright ..	20 ..	6 ..	26
		Grand Total	448

LIST OF THE "TWENTY" SHOOT.

	25th June		*26th June*		*27th June*		
	a.m.	*p.m.*	*a.m.*	*p.m.*	*a.m.*	*p.m.*	*Total*
h.p.s	105	105	105	105	105	105	630
Q.M.S.I. H. J. Pearson, R.M.L.I. Gold Jewel and N.R.A. Silver Medal.	92	95	91	89	87	91	545
Cr.-Sgt. F. J. Deacon, R.M.A. Silver Jewel.	85	93	94	85	91	89	537
Q.M. & Hon. Lt. Baker, R.M.A. Bronze Jewel.	84	93	89	93	90	87	536
Capt. J. L. Homer, R.M.A. ..	92	86	88	81	85	96	528
Sgt.-Inst. D. Beddow, R.M.A.	87	91	79	92	88	88	525
Q.M.S.I. D. Finlayson, R.M.L.I.	92	83	84	91	84	90	524
Q.M. & Hon. Lt. S. G. Rodway, R.M.A.	90	85	78	97	80	84	514
Q.M.S. C. Hill, R.M.L.I. ..	91	90	90	78	78	86	513
Lce.-Corpl. T. Lea, R.M.L.I. ..	82	83	81	90	88	88	512
Q.M.S.I. J. T. Richards, R.M.L.I.	82	90	78	82	89	90	511
Q.M.S.I. F. Ede, R.M.A. ..	88	91	82	77	76	93	507
Lieut. H. S. Lloyd, R.M.L.I. ..	81	91	84	76	87	79	498
Sergt. J. Lloyde, R.M.L.I. ..	81	79	89	82	78	88	497
S.M. E. J. Sullivan, R.M.L.I. ..	88	92	80	80	74	83	497
Dr.-Mjr. G. Elliott, R.M.L.I. ..	81	81	78	87	89	80	496
S.M. D. J. Foley, R.M.A. * ..	87	82	79	84	82	79	493
Q.M.S. H. J. Burrage, R.M.A.	81	94	76	85	75	75	486
Sergt. W. Potter, R.M.L.I. ..	78	82	80	81	71	71	463
Sgt.-Inst. W. Dorey, R.M.L.I.	72	84	84	75	73	72	460
Capt. R. C. Colquhoun, R.M.L.I. †							
Major R. M. Byne, R.M.L.I. †							

* Added to the XX. † Unable to attend.

THE "COLLARD" CUP.

	20 yards.		50 yards.		Total
	h.p.s. 84		84		168
Q.M.S.I. H. J. Pearson, R.M.L.I. (The Cup and Two Guineas)	66	..	60	..	126
Major R. M. Byne, R.M.L.I. (Second Prize—One Guinea)	66	..	57	..	123
Q.M.S. C. Hill, R.M.L.I.	61	..	54	..	115
Q.-M. & Hon. Lt. S. G. Rodway, R.M.A.	53	..	56	..	109
Major E. E. Chown, R.M.L.I	61	..	48	..	109
Sergt.-Major E. J. Sullivan, R.M.L.I.	49	..	50	..	99
Q.-M. & Hon. Lt. A. Baker, R.M.A.	56	..	43	..	99
Capt. J. L. Homer, R.M.A.	58	..	35	..	93
Q.M.S. F. Ede, R.M.A.	45	..	35	..	80
Sergt.-Instr. D. Beddow, R.M.A.	30	..	39	..	69

COMMITTEE MEETING.

The 12th Committee Meeting was held at Forton Barracks, Gosport, on the 19th June, 1901. Present—Major R. W. Heathcote (*r*), R.M.L.I. (acting Chairman), Capt. J. L. Homer, R.M.A., Major R. M. Byne, R.M.L.I., Capt. A. French, R.M.L.I., Lieut. J. A. F. Cuffe, R.M.L.I., Major W. J. Langford (*r*), R.M.L.I. (Honorary Secretary).

SELECTION OF THE XX.—Twenty-four completed series of five cards were handed in and the undermentioned were duly selected for the XX., the name of Sergt.-Major D. J. Foley, R.M.A. being added to the list in accordance with the rules governing the competition:

RESULTS OF FIVE PRACTICES FOR XX.

Order of Merit.	Rank and Name.	Total.
1	Capt. J. L. Homer, R.M.A.	472
2	Q.M. and Hon. Lieut. A. Baker, R.M.A.	464
3	Q.M.S.I. D. Finlayson, R.M.L.I.	463
4	,, F. Ede, R.M.A.	460
5	Capt. R. C. Colquhoun	456
6	Q.M.S.I. J. F. Richards, R.M.L.I.	453
7	,, H. J. Pearson, R.M.L.I.	453
8	Lieut. H. S. Lloyd, R.M.L.I.	452
9	Cr.-Sergt. F. J. Deacon, R.M.A.	451
10	Q.M.S.I. C. Hill, R.M.L.I.	451
11	Sergt.-Instr. D. Beddow, R.M.A.	448
12	Sergt.-Major E. J. Sullivan, R.M.L.I.	445
13	Sergt. W. Potter, R.M.L.I.	443
14	Lce.-Corpl. T. Lea, R.M.L.I.	443
15	Drum-Major G. Elliott, R.M.L.I.	443
16	Sergt. J. Lloyde, R.M.L.I.	442
17	Q.M.S. H. J. Burrage, R.M.A.	441
18	Major R. M. Byne, R.M.L.I.	439
19	Sergt.-Instr. W. Dorey, R.M.L.I.	439
20	Q.M. & Hon. Lieut. S. G. Rodway, R.M.A.	436
	Sergt.-Major D. J. Foley, R.M.A.	432
	Pte. J. Salt, R.M.L.I.	430
	Sergt. G. E. Geater, R.M.L.I.	420
	Lce.-Sergt. W. Hutchings, R.M.A.	417

COLLARD CUP.—Twelve completed series of six cards were submitted and the following were selected as the "Ten" to compete for the Cup at the Ash Meeting, on the 28th inst.

Note.—A letter from Major and Bt.-Lieut.-Colonel A. G. B. Urmston was read, with reference to the rules for this Competition, and it was resolved to submit same at next meeting of the Committee.

"COLLARD CUP" CARDS.

Order of Merit.	Rank and Name.	Total.
1	Q.M.S.I. H. J. Pearson, R.M.L.I.	776
2	Major R. M. Byne, R.M.L.I.	745
3	Major E. E. Chown, R.M.L.I.	718
4	Sergt.-Major E. J. Sullivan, R.M.L.I.	713
5	Q.M.S.I. C. Hill, R.M.L.I.	702
6	Capt. J. L. Homer, R.M.A.	684
7	Q.M. & Hon. Lieut. S. G. Rodway, R.M.A.	671
8	Q.M. & Hon. Lieut. A. Baker, R.M.A.	646
9	Sergt.-Instr. S. Beddow, R.M.A.	630
10	Q.M.S.I .F. Ede, R.M.A.	606
	Sergt. J. Lloyde, R.M.L.I.	592
	Lce.-Sergt. R. S. Pottinger, R.M.A.	546

Home News.

EASTNEY.

ON Whit Monday the R.M.A. Cadet Corps made their first appearance in public at the annual sports held in the Recreation Grounds, North End, Portsmouth. Leaving the Barracks at one o'clock, the party, divided into two (Artillery and Infantry), and headed by the band, marched to the grounds through Milton, Copnor, and Stamshaw. The principal part of the display was given by the Artillery branch with a battery of three 7-pounders.

The "corps" was inspected by the Mayor of Portsmouth at 5 p.m., and was complimented by his Worship on their smart appearance and the manner in which they had done their work. The band also received a word of praise for the progress they had made since their formation. At 6 p.m. the corps left for Barracks, arriving at 7.30 p.m. Before dismissing, the corps was complimented by the Commandant on the condition in which they returned after their long march. He also hoped they would be inspected in a short time by the D.A.G., Royal Marines. The instructors were Band-Sergt. Styles, R.M.A.; Artillery, Colour-Sergt. Butfield and Corporal Fry; and Infantry, Sergts. Robinson and Roost. Officer in command, Mr. Watson, Schoolmaster.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty inspected the Division on Tuesday, 18th June. The usual reception on parade was dispensed with, and instead their Lordships were received at the church by the Colonel-Commandant and the heads of departments and conducted round the Barracks. They took great interest in the Cadet corps, which received them with a general salute, and the battery of three 7-pounders afterwards performed several evolutions most creditably. Several proposals for new works are under consideration, all more or less due to the continued increase of the Corps, and the consequent need of expansion in every direction A new church is more than ever desirable—the present one accommodates about 950, whereas there are now upwards of 1,800 men at headquarters. Among other proposals are the addition of another storey to the Barrackmaster's stores, the conversion of the recreation buildings into the Sergeants' mess, and the Sergeants' mess into one set of recreation rooms, while another would be provided by the conversion of the wash-houses and mangling room in the old married quarters, recently converted into single men's quarters, the building of a swimming bath; and a second storey to the grocery canteen.

The D.A.G., Royal Marines, held his annual inspection at Eastney from 18th to 21st June, and accepted the invitation of the Commandant and officers to dinner on the latter date.

CHATHAM.

The Divisional Athletic Sports took place on the 26th June, at the Chatham Football ground, on the Maidstone Road, and they were the most successful that have been held for many years. The change of venue contributed largely to this success, and it was acknowledged on all hands that the Football Ground was a far better place for the Sports than the Great Lines, though not quite so accessible. The stands and other buildings and appliances on the ground were very convenient, and it was found possible to control the admissions, and in other respects keep better order. Perfect weather also added to the enjoyment of everybody.

The officers' enclosure appeared much fuller than usual, and amongst those present were the Commander-in-Chief at the Nore, the General Officer Commanding the District and the Admiral Superintendent. Colonel and Mrs. Dowding, and Colonel and Mrs. Bridge were present from the Depot, but a cricket match there kept many officers away. Mrs. Schomberg distributed the prizes at the conclusion of the Sports, and the loss of our own band was amply compensated for by the splendid music provided by the Depot Band, under Mr. Nicholson, which attended through the kindness of the Colonel Commandant and Officers of the Depôt.

The thanks of the Division are due to the Sports Committee, and more especially to Captain and Adjutant W. E. G. Connolly, who prepared the ground and whose untiring efforts were mainly responsible for the success of the afternoon.

PORTSMOUTH.

The chief events of the month have been the inspection by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty and the annual athletic sports. Their Lordships inspected the Division on Wednesday afternoon, 12th June, when, after inspecting the guard of honour, they went round the Barracks and up to the gun battery, where the men under instruction were at work. It came on to rain and so their visit was cut short. There was to have been a big parade of Royal Marines on Southsea Common, on Thursday, 27th—a field battery and two battalions R.M.A., and two battalions R.M.L.I., one from H.M. ships—but rain came down and the parade was cancelled, not, however, before all had got very wet; one battalion was lucky in not having crossed the floating bridge when the order arrived.

The athletic sports were held in the Barrack field on Thursday, 27th, and were most successful. The day was splendid, sunny and warm, with just a gentle breeze to keep one cool. The ground was nicely decorated and looked very pretty. There were plenty of competitions, (the Regulars being much *en evidence*), and several of the events were very closely contested. The results are given in another column.

On the 21st and 22nd the Garrison sports were held on the U.S. Ground, and the names of the R.M A. and R.M.L.I. figured largely, as will be seen by the results given under their own heading in another column.

The flowers are all out now in the boxes, and the barracks are looking very pretty.

On the rifle range the new course has been inaugurated, and seems very practical. More individual firing and less volleys seem to be the main features.

The detachment of H.M.S. *Porpoise*, under Sergt. Newman, who were engaged in the trouble in Samoa, have returned to Barracks and proceeded on furlough.

PLYMOUTH.

The annual inspection of the Division by the Lords of the Admiralty was held on Tuesday, the 4th June. Their Lordships were received by a battalion in line under Lieut.-Col. Eagles, which afterwards went through the usual ceremonial proceedings. When the battalion was dismissed, the classes under instruction at the battery were visited by some of the Lords, who witnessed some drill.

Surgeon Bowen, R.N., who left us last month, has presented the Officers' Mess with a framed facsimilie of the Warrant to execute Charles I., A.D. 1648, and to the Officers' Library a book by J. F. Sanderson entitled "Thirteen Years among the Wild Beasts of India."

Mr. Lake, pensioner, R.M.A., gave an exhibition of pedestrianism on the parade on the evening of the 18th June.

Lieut. Lloyd won the Garrison Rifle Club Spoon for Officers for May, with a score of 93 at 500, 600, and 800 yards.

Band-Sergt. Miller has taken his pension, and is succeeded as Band-Sergeant by Sergt. T. Read. Before leaving, he was the recipient of three presents in recognition of his connection with the Corps, and as a mark of appreciation of valuable services. The gifts comprised a case of pipes and cigar holder, subscribed for by the N.C.O.'s, a silver match box from Mr. F. Winterbottom, the bandmaster, and from the officers the euphonium on which he has played for many years. Band-Sergt. Miller has now taken up an appointment as bandmaster of the Dean Artillery Volunteers. His father held the position of principal euphonium player in the R.M. band for over 40 years.

The N.C.O.'s and men of C Co. were, on Saturday evening, the 23rd June, entertained to a smoking concert at the Royal Standard, Stonehouse, to give a send-off to their Company-Sergeant, Colour-Sergeant J. White, who is about to be discharged. Colour-Sergt. Alsop, Colour-Sergeant of G Company, was in the chair. Colour-Sergt. White was presented with a beautiful marble clock, with massive bronze ornaments, and an illuminated address on vellum (the composition of Pte. Blatchford). The clock bore a suitable inscription. At the same time Pte. Blatchford was presented with a handsome reading lamp, subscribed for by a few comrades.

The successes of the Division in the W.D.R.M. cricket and cycling are dealt with elsewhere.

DEPOT.

In spite of the large number of squads which have passed out at the Depot during the last three months, these barracks are still very crowded, recruits coming in faster than we can get rid of them to Headquarters, notwithstanding all our efforts to push on with their drills. A musketry camp will be formed shortly at Kingsdown for those recruits going through musketry, and it is hoped that the extra accommodation so gained will tide us over the summer, and prevent any overcrowding.

At cricket, the Depot team have so far been very successful. Up to the present, we have played 11 matches, and have won 6, drawn 3, lost 2. Captain Little, who has just joined, is a great addition to the team whilst Sergt. Sutcliffe has played one or two very fine innings. Major Luke has joined on exchanging with Major Cochran, and is looking none the worse for his recent exciting experiences in China.

At the recent tournament in London, the Depot team were beaten in the tug of war, but were second in the bayonet fighting contest.

The isolated camp in the South Barracks is still occupied, but it is hoped that the worst of the recent epidemic of measles is now over, although several fresh cases have recently occurred amongst the children in the married quarters.

Major Cox, who relieves Col. Urmston as Musketry Instructor, is expected next week, and the latter will remain at the Depot for duty in place of Major Goddard, who has embarked in the *Albion* for the China station.

Next week will be a very busy one for the Depot, as our sports will be held on the 2nd and the D.A.G. commences his annual inspection the following day.

Athletic Sports.

PORTSMOUTH.

THE Annual Sports took place on Thursday, 27th, in beautiful weather. There was keen competition in most of the events, and some close finishes were witnessed. A very close race took place in the sergeants' quarter-mile race; Sergt. Sanders only just passing Sergt. Smith at the finish. The obstacle race brought out a large field, and a very trying course was set them; the buglers running strongly managed to secure three prizes altogether, Sergt. Sanders winning easily. The sack fight and mop tournament caused great amusement, and were very closely contested. We append the results.

100 yards Flat Race—1st, Sergt. Sanders, 2nd, Sergt. Smith, 3rd, Sergt. Carter.

120 yards Flat Race (bandsmen, handicap)—1st, Mus. Dykes, 2nd, Mus. Lovett, 3rd, Mus. Gorman.

100 yards Flat Race (officers' servants)—1st, Pte. W. Kidd, 2nd, Pte. W. Dickson, 3rd, Pte. W. Knight.

220 yards Flat Race (buglers over 15)—1st, Bugler Milne, 2nd, Bugler Rice, 3rd, Bugler Gough.

100 yards Flat Race (buglers under 15)—1st, Bugler Phillips, 2nd, Bugler Symes, 3rd, Bugler Ricketts.

High Jump—1st, Pte. Hennings, 2nd, Lce.-Corpl. Woodward, 3rd, Pte. Forbes, 4th, Lce.-Sergt. M. Williams.

Tilting the Bucket—1st, Ptes. Tolley and Thorne, 2nd, Ptes. Kidd and Nevard, 3rd, Lce.-Sergt. Buckland and Pte. Humphries.

120 yards Handicap (old soldiers over 16 years' service, members sergeants' mess)—1st, Sergt. Carter, 2nd, Colr.-Sergt. Noakes, 3rd, Colr.-Sergt. Precious.

120 yards Handicap (old soldiers over 16 years' service, rank and file)—1st, Pte. Hemmings, 2nd, Lce.-Sergt. Francis, 3rd, Pte. Keats.

Pick-a-Back Race—1st, Pte. Hemmings and Mus. Lovett, 2nd, Buglers Wren and Hemlin, 3rd, Sergts. Aston and Facer.

Quarter-Mile Flat Race (rank and file)—1st Pte. J. P. Jones, 2nd, Lce.-Corpl. Drury, 3rd, Pte. Stevens. Time, 61 secs.

Quarter-mile Flat Race (members sergeants' mess)—1st, Sergt. Sanders, 2nd, Sergt. Smith, 3rd, Sergt. Cooper. Time, 60 secs.

Sack Race—1st, Pte. S. P. Jones, 2nd, Mus. Lovett, 3rd, Bugler Gough, 4th, Pte. Kidd.

120 yards Hurdle Race (buglers and privates)—1st, Pte. Hennings, 2nd, Mus. Dykes, 3rd, Pte. Cobb.

120 yards Hurdle Race (non-commissioned officers)—1st, Sergeant Sanders, 2nd, Sergt. Carter, 3rd, Sergt. Cooper.

Company Tug-of-War—1st, C Company, 2nd, F Company.

Bicycle Race—1st, Corpl. Long, 2nd, Pte. Childs.

Mop Tournament—1st, Ptes. Kidd and Nevard, 2nd, Sergt. Williams and Lce.-Corpl. Robertson, 3rd, Buglers Lombard and Rice.

Half-mile Race—1st, Pte. Stevens, 2nd, Pte. Harper, 3rd, Pte. Ralph.

Tent Pitching Race—1st, Corpl. Shead's Team, 2nd, Corpl. Evans' Team.

200 yards Flat Race (boys)—1st, W. H. White, 2nd, E. Day, 3rd, W. Stone.

200 yards Flat Race (girls)—1st, Burnett, 2nd, Brown, 3rd, Norris.

220 yards Flat Race (officers' handicap)—1st, Capt. Chichester, 2nd, Col. Chapman, 3rd, Capt. Graham.

Mile Flat Race—1st, Corpl. Moore, Rifle Depot, 2nd, Pte. Stevens, R.M.L.I., 3rd, Lce.-Sergt. Barnes, R.M.A.

120 yards R.M.L.I. Pensioners' Race—1st, Mr. W. Fleming, 2nd, Mr. Franklin, 3rd, Mr. Phillips.

75 yards Flat Race (boys)—1st, L. Barfield, 2nd, J. Childs, 3rd, P. Wright.

75 yards Flat Race (girls)—1st, E. Daw, 2nd, E. Newbold, 3rd, M. Holloway.

150 yards Flat Race (officers' children under 10)—1st, D. Hire, 2nd, L. Hoskyns, 3rd, D. Evelegh.

Obstacle Race—1st, Sergt. Sanders, 2nd, Pte. J. S. Lee, 3rd, Bugler Hawkins, 4th, Bugler Rice.

Sack Fight—1st, Bugler W. Smith, 2nd, Bugler Ricketts, 3rd, Bugler Wren.

Consolation Race—1st, Mus. Williams, 2nd, Mus. Crossley, 3rd, Pte. O'Neill.

CHATHAM.

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(*See also Home News*).

Putting the Shot (no follow) two trials—1st, Colr.-Sergt. Clay, 7/6, 30ft. 3in.; 2nd, Corpl. Vass, 5/-, 29ft. 2in.

300 yards Flat Race (under 15 years of age)—1st, Bugler Reid, 4/-, 2nd, Bugler Waterhouse, 3/-, 3rd, Bugler Bacon, 2/-

300 yards Flat Race (under 18 years of age)—1st, Bugler Cole, 5/-, 2nd, Bugler Tucker, 4/-, 3rd, Bugler Hodge, 3/-.

Long Jump, two trials—1st, Corpl. Vass, 10/-, 2nd, Pte. Laversuch, 5/-, 3rd, Sergt. New, 2/-.

300 yards Flat Race (bandsmen's handicap)—1st, Mus. Foam, 10/-, 2nd, Mus. Howard, 7/6, 3rd, Mus. Wilson, 5/-.

Egg and Spoon Race—1st, Bugler Taylor, 7/6, 2nd, Pte. Tarry, 5/-, 3rd, Pte. Clear, 2/-.

300 yards Flat Race (veterans over 15 years, 5 yards' start for every year over 12 years' service)—1st, Gunr. Perkins, R.M.A., 15/-, 2nd, Pte. Owens, 7/6, 3rd, Colr.-Sergt. Clay, 5/-.

300 yards Flat Race (3 yards start for every year over 12 years' service)—1st, Lce.-Sergt. Orgar, 15/-, 2nd, Lce.-Sergt. Guthree, 7/6, 3rd, Sergt. Stephens, 5/-.

High Jump, two trials—1st, Pte. Meckiff, 10/-, 4ft. 8in., 2nd, Lance-Sergt. Orgar, 3rd, Sergt. New, 2/6.

300 yards Flat Race (servants)—1st, Pte. Potter, 10/-, 2nd, Pte. Fairclough, 7/-, 3rd, Pte. Falkus, 5/-.

300 yards Flat Race (handicap, company sergeants, 3 yards start for every year over 12 years' service)—1st, Colr.-Sergt. Braybrook, 15/-, 2nd, Colr.-Sergt. Bullen, 7/6.

300 yards Flat Race (recruits, never embarked, final)—1st Pte. Pottard, 15/-, 2nd, Pte. Laversuch, 7/6, 3rd, Pte. Garvee, 5/-.

Obstacle Race (open to Army and Navy in Garrison)—1st, Lce.-Sgt. Orgar, 20/-, 2nd, Pte. Dimmock, 15/-, 3rd, Stoker Curley, 7/6, 4th, Stoker Gunn, 5/-.

Tug-of-War (open to Army and Navy in Garrison)—1st, Stokers, Northumberland, 110/-, 2nd, Headquarters, R.M.L.I., 44/-.

Divisional School Race 1 (boys in standards (*a*) 1, 2, 3)—1st, Owen Griffin, 2/6, 2nd, White, 1/6, 3rd, Thompson, 1/-. (*b*) remainder—1st, Aitcheson, 2/6, 2nd, Knight, 1/6, 3rd, Griffiths, 1/-.

Divisional School Race 2 (girls in standards (*a*) 1, 2, 3)—1st, Osborne, 2/6, 2nd, Steel, 1/6, 3rd. Willie, 1/-. (*b*) remainder—1st, Griffiths, 2/6, 2nd, Webber, 1/6, 3rd, Hayward, 1/-.

Half-mile—1st, Sergt. Everett, 15/-, 2nd, Sergt. New, 7/6, 3rd, Sergt. Stephens, 5/-.

Sack Race (for 2 men, 1 in sack, 1 carrier)—1st, Ptes. Williams and Flowers, 7/-, 2nd, Lce.-Corpl. Ryan and Bugler Waterhouse, 4/-, 3rd, Pte. Wells and Bugler Hunt, 2/-.

Hurdle Race, 120 yards, 10 flights—1st, Lce.-Corpl. Smith, 15/-, 2ud, Pte. Dimmock, 7/6, 3rd, Lce.-Sergt. Orgar, 5/-.

Hammock Race—1st, Bugler Spendlove, 5/-, 2nd, Lce.-Corpl. Carter, 2/6, 3rd, Pte. Tarry, 1/6.

100 yards Flat Race (final)—Lce.-Sergts. Orgar and Guthrie and Pte. Gaunt, tie, 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes (15/-, 7/6, 5/-) divided.

Tug-of-war (companies' final)—1st, A Co., 55/-, 2nd, F Co., 27/6.

Tilting at the Bucket—1st, Bugler Ryan, 10/-, 2nd, Lce.-Corpl. Lorence, 5/-, 3rd, Bugler Reid, 2/6.

Maxim Gun Competition (12 men and 1 instructor)—1st, Sgt. Young's team; Sergt. Oakey and Lce.-Sergt. Hodgkins, tie for 2nd place, prizes (39/- and 26/-) divided.

Race for Children of Officers, 100 yards (1) boys—Master Oxland. (2) girls - Miss Stephens.

Mile Race (open to Army and Navy in Garrison)—1st, Gnr. Wesson, R.A., 30/-, 2nd, Bombr. Welham, R.A., 20/-, 3rd, Stoker Gunn, 10/-.

Officers' Bicycle Gymkhana—Comdr. Farquhar and Miss Magrath.

Balaklava Melée (6 men per company)—1st, C Co., 18/-, 2nd, E Co., 12/-, 3rd, G Co., 6/-.

Obstacle Race—1st, Pte. Dimmock, 20/-, 2nd, Lce.-Cpl. Smith, 10/-, 3rd, Sergt. Young, 7/6.

Portsmouth Garrison Sports.

Held at the U.S. Recreation Ground, June 21st and 22nd. It will be noticed that the Corps was well represented and highly successful. The principal results are appended.

200 Yards Flat Race for boys under 18.—1, Bugler Phillips, R.M.L.I.; 2, Bugler Symes, R.M.L.I.; 3, Bugler Hawken, R.M.L.I.

One Mile Flat Race (Navy)—1, Private Stevens, R.M.L.I.; 2, Lance-Sergt. Phippard, *Hannibal*; 3, A.B. Halligan, *Vernon*. Won fairly easily.

One Mile Flat Race (Army).—1. Corporal Moore, Rifle Brigade; 2, Sergt. Richards, 3th Battalion Lancashire Regt.; 3, Lance-Sergt. Barnes, R.M.A. Won in good style.

100 Yards Flat Race for Staff-Sergeants and Sergeants, Chief and 1st class P.O.'s.—1st, E.R.A. Young, *Duke of Wellington*; 2, E.R.A. Crompton, *Duke of Wellington*; 3, Sergt. Sanders, R.M.L.I. Won easily.

100 Yards Flat Race (Army). Final.—1, Sergt. Sanders, R.M.L.I.; 2, Bugler Wallis, R.M.A.; 3, Sergt. Murphy, R.M.L.I. Won by a yard.

Long Jump.—1, Staff-Sergt. Conlon, Gymnastic Staff; 2, P.O. Dunning, *Excellent*; 3, Private Syson, R.M.L.I. The winner cleared 17-ft. 6½-ins. and the second man 16-ft. 7½-ins.

Putting the 15-lb. Shot.—1, Gunner McKay, R.M.A.; 2, Sergt. Stratham, 4th Oxford Light Infantry. Winner's distance, 36-ft. 5-ins.; second man, 28-ft. 7-ins.

Half-Mile Flat Race, Championship.—1, Corpl. Moore, Rifle Depot; 2, Private Stevens, R.M.L.I.; 3, E.R.A. Young, *Duke of Wellington*. Time, 2 min. 10 1-5 secs. The winner ran in splendid style and had matters all his own way throughout.

Five Mile Bicycle Race (championship of Navy and Army, Southern District).—1, Corpl. Waterman, R.M.A.; 2, Ship's-Corpl. Jupp, *Medea*; 3, L.S. Nineham, *Vulture*. Waterman, by far the best rider in the garrison, soon came to the front, and won by nearly a lap. A close finish between second and third.

150 Yards Race for men of 15 stone and upwards, Army and Navy.—1, Gnr. Morgan, R.M.A.; 2, Ship's-Corpl. Shute, *Duke of Wellington*; 3, Corpl. England, R.M.A.

One Mile Bicycle Race.—1, Corpl. Waterman, R.M.A.; 2, L.S. Nineham, *Vulture*; 3, Ship's-Corpl. Jupp, *Medea*. Won in a length and a half, the winner making all the running and easily stalling off a challenge in the last lap from Nineham. Time 2 min, 42 4-5 secs.

Tug-of-War, catchweights. Final.—The R.M.A. team beat the R.M.L.I., easily winning the first two pulls.

Tent Pitching Race. Final.—R.M.A. B Team beat R.M.A. A Team, and afterwards gave an exhibition.

Aunt Sally Competition for Officers.—1, *Vernon* Team; 2, R.M.A. Team.

Field Gun Competition.—R.M.A. beat R.N. College.

The R.M.A. gun team gave a very smart exhibition with the 5-inch B.L. gun, the general idea being to show how a gun landed from a warship might be transported and mounted on shore. The gun and its naval carriage were brought in on a waggon, together with stores for mounting it, the total weight being 5½ tons. It was then mounted, brought into action, and fired, and subsequently dismounted and removed. The time occupied from start to finish was 5 min. 42 4-5 secs., an exceedingly smart performance.

Shooting.

CHATHAM.

THE Divisional Rifle Meeting took place on the Milton Rifle Ranges on the 19th and 20th June, and was most successful. The weather was dull but fine and warm; a fairly strong breeze was blowing. A list of winners is attached:—

Scouts Competition.

E Co.	Leader, Sergt. J. Miller	1st Prize
C ,,	Leader, Sergt. W. Gibson	2nd ,,
G ,,	Leader, Sergt. J. Widowson	3rd ,,

Brinsmead Competition.

A Co. Team	Leader, Cr.-Sergt. Webb ..	19 points	1st Prize	
B ,,	,, Cr.-Sergt. Bullen	.. Tie 15 ,,	2nd ,,	
Gravesend	,, Q.M.S. Andrews		3rd ,,	
C Co. Team	,, Sergt. Gibson ..	14 ,,	4th ,,	
E (No. 1)	,, Sergt. Catlin	.. Tie 12 ,,	5th ,,	
H Co. Team	,, Sergt. Clarke		6th ,,	
F ,,	,, Cr.-Sergt. Braybrooke	11 ,,	7th ,,	
G (No. 2)	,, Sergt. Widowson	.. Tie 8 ,,	8th ,,	
D Co. Team	,, Sergt. Oakey		9th ,,	
E (No 2)	,, Sergt. Miller ..	6 ,,	10th ,,	
G (No. 1)	,, Sergt. Geater ..	5 ,,	11th ,,	

Match "A."

W.O's, Sergeants and Lce.-Sergeants—7 Rounds at 200 yards.

Rank.	*Name.*	*Points.*	£	s.	d.
Q.M.S. J. Batten		33	0	15	0
Q.M.S.I. H. Andrews		32	0	10	0
Sergt. F. C. Watkins		32	0	7	6
Q.M.S. A. G. Kay		31	0	7	6

And 28 other prizes.

Match "B."

Rank and File—7 Rounds at 200 yards.

Rank.	*Name.*	*Points*	£	s.	d.
Corpl. S. Campion		33	0	15	0
Corpl. J. R. Williams		32	0	10	0
Pte. E. Taylor		30	0	7	6
Pte. W. Prole		29	0	7	6
Corpl. R. W. Rufthead	.. ..	29	0	5	0

And 30 other prizes.

Match "C."

W.O's, Sergeants and Lce.-Sergeants—7 Rounds at 500 yards.

Rank.	*Name.*	*Points.*	£	s.	d.
Lce.-Sergt. R. W. Stubbs		32	0	15	0
Q.M.S. A. G. Kay		31	0	10	0
Cr.-Sergt. E. Burgis		31	0	7	6
Cr.-Sergt. H. G. Braybrooke		30	0	7	6

And 29 other prizes.

Match "D."

Rank and File—7 Rounds at 500 yards.

Rank.	*Name.*	*Points.*	£	s.	d.
Corpl. E. C. Mugridge		32	0	15	0
Lce.-Corpl. A. Keisle		30	0	10	0
Pte. D. Nicholson		30	0	7	6
Pte. J. Ford		29	0	7	6

And 31 other prizes.

Match "E."

Fired for by the twenty Competitors making the highest scores in Matches "A" and "C" amalgamated—7 Rounds at 200 yards.

W.O's and Sergeants' Aggregate at 200, 500 and 600 yards.

Rank.	*Name.*	*Points.*	£	s.	d.
Staff-Sergt. A. G. Kay		92	1	5	0
Sergt. F. C. Watkins		86	0	15	0
Cr.-Sergt. H. Braybrooke		85	0	15	0

Match "F."

Fired for by the twenty Competitors making the highest scores in Matches "B" and "D" amalgamated –7 Rounds at 600 yards.

Rank.	*Name.*	*Points.*	£	s.	d.
Corpl. J. R. Williams		83	1	5	0
Pte. J. Ford		79	0	15	0
Pte. F. C. Taylor		78	0	10	0

Revolver Competition.

Open to Revolver Club—12 Rounds at 20 yards and 12 at 50 yards.

Rank.	*Name.*	*Points.*	£	s.	d.
Sergt. Geater		108	1	0	0
and Revolver presented by Col. Chapman					
Cr.-Sergt. Braybrooke		92	0	15	0
Q.M.S. H. Andrews		84	0	10	0

Officers' Match.

7 Rounds at 200 yards; 7 Rounds at 500 yards; 7 Rounds at 600 yards. Two Prizes.

Capt. L. O. Wilson	82 points	1st prize
Capt. A. W. Wylde	77 ,,	2nd ,,

Ladies' Competition.

Each Lady Competitor to be nominated by an Officer of the Corps, who will provide rifle for her use and be responsible for cleaning.—7 shots at 200 yards, 2nd Class Target. Two prizes presented by the Officers.

Miss Douglas	32 points	1st prize
Miss Dooner	30 ,,	2nd ,,

14 Competitors.

THE WESTERN DISTRICT RIFLE MEETING.

The 14th Annual Meeting was held on the ranges at Fort Tregantle, on Saturday, June 8th, and during the following week. It has proved a great success this year, for although the prize money offered was considerably less than last year, there were over 2,000 entries. The Corps teams did very much better than last year, winning £19 in money and two challenge cups. Individual members were perhaps not so successful. On Wednesday and Saturday afternoons the Committee were "At Home" to their friends, on the latter day there being a big lunch in the officers' mess, which was very well attended. On each occasion there was a band during the afternoon. Thursday afternoon was set apart for the families and friends of Warrant, N.C.O's and men.

Three new competitions were introduced into the programme. Two of these, the Judging Distance Competition and the Maxim Gun Competition were won by teams from Headquarters. The weather was generally fair, but a few showers and strong winds had a great deal to do with the low scoring. The chief competition, the Admiral's Cup, was won by the R.M.A., by 19 points, after a keen struggle.

Among the Committee were Majors J. H. Swanton, D.I.M., W.D. H. G. Cotterill (*Vivid*), D. A. Hailes (I.M. Plymouth Div.), Sergt.-Major Jolley, and Q.M.S.I. of Musketry J. T. Richards.

The Range Officers were Captains E. H. Bockett-Pugh, J. F. Grattan and A. H. French (A.I.M. Plymouth Division). Cr.-Sergt. Webber was Camp Qr.-Master Sergeant.

Among those at the lunch on Saturday were Col.-Commdt. and Mrs. Baldwin, Major and Mrs. Vincent, Mrs. Hailes, Mrs. Bockett-Pugh, Capt. Ommaney, Capt. Muller, Lieuts. Lloyd, Hobson and Harrison.

The Prizes won by the Corps were:—

First Day. Match 29—Inter-Company: 1st, A Coy., £4, 3rd, D Coy. £2; 4th, B Coy., £1.

Second Day. Match 1—All Ranks (ashore) 200 yards: Marksmen—3rd, Sergt. Channon, 15/-; 4th, Arm.-Sergt. Hermon; 6th, Sergt.-Major Jolley, 7/6 each; 8th, Pte. Johnson, 5/-; 11th, Sergt. Hellier, 12th, Sergt. Daires, 2/6 each; 15th, Pte. Hodge (R. F. Reserve), 2/6. Second Class Shots—3rd, Lce.-Corpl. Sethegton, 10/-; 9th, Lce.-Sergt. Cameron, 5/-; 14th, Lce.-Sergt. Langan, 4/- Recruits—15th, Pte. Levine, 3/-.

Match 2 - All Ranks (afloat) 200 yards: Second Class—1st, Corpl. Staughton (*Vivid*), £1. Third Class—1st, Pte. King (*Nile*), £1; 2nd, Lce.-Corpl. Hall (*Vivid*), 10/-: 4th, Pte. Oliver (*Vivid*), 5th, Pte. Donovan (*Doris*, in reserve), 6th, Pte. Ash, 7/6 each; 7th, Pte. Strong, 8th, Pte. Godfrey, 9th, Lce.-Corpl. Price, 10th, Pte. Maher (*Doris* in reserve), 11th, Pte. Edginton (*Vivid*), 5/- each.

Match 4—Commissioned Officers, 200 yards: Lieut. A. A. Cordner (*Vivid*), Miniature Cup.

Match 5—Combined, 200 yards: 10th, Sergt. Daires, 10/-; 11th, Sergt.-Major Jolley, 12th, Sergt. Hermon, 7/6 each; 15th, Pte. Johnson, 5/-; 18th, Q.M.S. Richards, 2/6.

Third Day. Match 6—All Ranks (ashore) 500 yards: Marksmen—4th, Arm.-Sergt. Hermon, 7th, Q.M.S. Richards, 7/6 each; 11th, Sergt. Channon, 13th, Cr.-Sergt. Shapland, 15th, Pte. Smith, 2/6 each. 2nd Class—Lce.-Corpl. Setherton, 7/6; Lce.-Sergt. Cameron, 5/-; Pte. Porter and Sergt. Langan, 4/- each.

Match 7—All Ranks (afloat): 2nd Class—1st Corpl. Staughton, £1. 3rd Class—Pte. Ottery, 10/-; Dmr. Darch, Ptes. Godfrey, Coady, 7/6 each; Lce.-Corpl. Price, Pte. Edginton, Lce.-Corpl. Boffey, Ptes Dochett and Oreston, 5/. each.

Match 9—Commissioned Officers, 500 yards: Lieut. Cordner was second with a score of 32.

Match 10—All Comers, 500 yards: Q.M.S. Richards and Lieut. Lloyd, 7/6 each; Pte. Hodge (R. F. Reserve), 10/-.

Match 11—Combined, 500 yards: 1st, Sergt. Channon, £2; Sergt.-Major Jolley, 15/-; Seagt. Daires and Corpl. Staughton, 7/6 each; Q.M.S. Richards and Lce.-Corpl. Hall, 5/-.

Match 12—All Ranks, 600 yards: Marksmen—Sergt. Mee, 15/-; Q.M.S. Richards, Sergt. Hellier, 7/6 each; Sergt.-Major Jolley, Sergt. Collins, 5/- each; Arm.-Sergt. Hermon, Pte. Johnson and Sergt. Channon, 2/6 each. 2nd Class—Ptes. Pennington and Balchin, 7/6 each: Sergt. Langan, 5/-; Lce.-Sergt. Cameron, 4/-. 3rd Class—Pte. H. Elliott, 5/- Pte. G. Chapman, 4/-.

Match 31—The Cambridge Challenge Cup.—2nd, R.M.L.I.

Match 13—All Ranks (afloat) 600 yards: 2nd Class—Cpl. Staughton, 12/-. 3rd Class—Pte. King, £1; Dmr. Darch, Ptes. Lakin, Donovan, 7/6 each; Ptes. Ottery, Lce..Corpl. Coady, Pte. Edginton, Gnr. Treacher, R.M.A., 5/- each.

Fourth Day. Match 16—All Comers, 600 yards: 10th, Lieut. H. S. Lloyd, 7/6

Match 17—Combined, 600 yards; 1st, Corpl. Staughton, £2; Sergt, Hellier, 15/-; Sergt. Daires, 7/6; Pte. Ottery and Pte. Edginton, 5/- each.

Fifth Day. Match 18 -All Comers, 800 yards: Sergt. Davies, £1; Pte. Hodge, R.F.R., 7/6

Match 19—W.D. Championship: Sergt. Davies was sixth with 121.

Match 27—The Admiral's Challenge Cup: 1st, R.M.L.I. The Cup and £3.

	200	500	600	Total
Lieut. H. S. Lloyd	21	28	33	92
Sergt. F. Davies	26	31	30	87
Q.M.S. J. F. Richards	20	25	31	86
Sergt S. Hellier	26	28	25	79
Sergt.-Major P. Jolley	27	20	29	78
Sergt. E. Channon	22	25	28	75
Capt. G. F. Muller	19	26	28	73
Arm.-Sergt. A. E. Hermon ..	18	18	27	63
H.M.S. *Cambridge* was second with 602.				621

Sixth Day. Match 26—Revolver Challenge Cup: The *Cambridge* beat the R.M.L.I.

Match 28—The Fairfax Challenge Cup: 5th, R.M.L.I. (Musketry Instructors' Team), £1.

Match 30—The General's Prize: 2nd, R.M.L.I., £2 10s. (Sergt. Collins in command). Won by *Cambridge*.

Match 32—Naval and Military Record Challenge Cup: 1st, R.M.L.I. The Cup and £2 (Sergt. Collins in command).

Seventh Day. Match 37—Maxim Gun Competition: 1st, R.M.L.I. (Sergt. Woodings), £1 7s.; 2nd, R.M.L.I. (Sergt. Collins), 18/-; 3rd, H.M.S. *Cambridge*, 9/-

Match 36—The Commissioned Officers' Cup (presented by Major Burges, 3rd Gloster Regt.): 2nd, R.M.L.I. The Cup was won by the Staff.

Royal Military Tournament.

EASTNEY took a more than usually large part in the Royal Military Tournament this year. Twice a day throughout there was a display by forty R.M.A., with a 5-in. B.L. gun, the general idea being to show how a gun landed from a warship might be transported and mounted in an extemporised manner on shore and brought into action against an enemy. The detachment was commanded by Lieut. Kilvert.

The gun and its naval V.C.P. carriage were brought in on a waggon, together with stores (including 25 feet spars) for mounting it; total weight five and a half tons. It was then mounted by rigging extemporised sheers, brought into action and fired, and subsequently dismounted and removed from the area.

This display fairly caught on with the large audiences, who were both astonished and greatly pleased with what was quite a novelty at these Tournaments. One newspaper correspondent gave a most graphic description of the display, which will bear repeating:

"The gunners of the R.M.A. entered the ring with a brisk step, dragging a lorry, on which was a great naval gun with its carriage, weighing six and a half tons, and the stout sheer legs, with all appliances for rigging it. Sixty or seventy men were doing the work of oxen in double or treble span. The wheels sank deeply into the soft tan and dragged heavily; but this made no difference to the stalwart Marines, who plodded steadily on. At a word they let go the traces, leaped to each side of the lorry, and in a twinkling the sheers were lashed and hoisted by 'crews,' who ran 'fore and aft' with ropes as if they were weighing anchor. To the tackle of these sheers the ponderous iron carriage was hooked and then lowered. Another movement swung the gun aloft and then slowly, inch by inch, it was dropped into place with just one click of the trunnions in their sockets. Another swift change and the sheers were dismantled, the artillerymen lying behind them for shelter while the gun was fired. All this occupied less than five minutes, and it only took half as long to rig the sheers again, unship the gun, load it on the lorry and man traces again. In every respect this is a smart performance."

4th June—Tug-of-War Team (110 stone), under Sergt. Archer, beat R.E. (Aldershot), 2 pulls to 0.

5th June—Bayonet Fighting Team, under Sergt. Ballard, beat K.O.Y.L.I. Regiment by 7 points to 1.

6th June—Same team beat Grenadier Guards by 6 points to 2.

Tug-of-War Team (catch weights) beat 12th Coy., R.G.A. (Jersey) by 2 pulls to 0.

8th June—Bayonet Fighting Team, in the Final Round, beat R.M.L.I. (Depôt), holders of the Challenge Cup, by 6 points to 2.

Tug-of-War Team (110 stone) beat Training Battalion R.E., Chatham, by 2 pulls to 0.

Tug-of-War Team (catch weights) beat District Staff R.A., Woolwich (a very heavy team) by 2 pulls to 1.

10th June—Tug-of-War Team (110 stone) in the Final Round beat R.F.A. by 2 pulls to 0.

Tug-of-War Team (catch weights) beat Royal Horse Guards by 2 pulls to 0.

11th June—Tug-of-War Team (110 stone) representing the Army *v.* Auxiliary Forces, beat 12th Middlesex Volunteers by 2 pulls to 0.

14th June—Tug-of-War Team (catch weights), in the Final Round, beat Grenadier Guards by 2 pulls to 1.

15th June—On the evening of this, the last day of the Tournament, the principal event was the Tug-of-War between the R.M.A. team (catch weights), the U.S. Champions, and the City of London Police, a team that has never yet met its match in Metropolitan Athletics. Big men as the R.M.A. are, they looked almost puny beside the policemen, only one of whom was under 6 feet in height, and whose lightest weight man scaled 14 st. 10 lbs., or, as one daily paper described it, the team represented a "Ton of Policemen." The R.M.A., however, were not to be denied, and remained victors after 2 pulls, as exciting as any that have ever been seen in the arena of the Agricultural Hall. So keen was the interest felt in this contest by the Navy, and especially in H.M. Dockyard, that the L. & S.W. Railway ran a special train from Portsmouth to London for the occasion.

Cricket.

R.M.A. *v.* R.N.

Played at U.S. Recreation Ground, Portsmouth, 25th May, and won by R.N. by 73 runs. R.M.A. 150, R.N. 223. Principal scores: R.M.A., Sergt. Gaubert 33, Capt. McCarthy 25, Capt. Dibblee 22). R.N., Lieut. Hotham 51, Comdr. Palmer 36, Surgeon Shaw 29, Lieut. Allenby 20).

R.M.A. *v.* Hampshire Rovers

Played at Eastney, 27th May. R.M.A.—242 Hampshire Rovers—1st innings, 116; 2nd innings, (3 wkts.) 85

R.M.A. *v.* Gosport Forts.

Played at Grange Field, 30th May. R.M.A., 126 for 5 wickets, Gosport Forts, 36. R.M.A. won by 90 runs and 5 wickets. Principal scores: R.M.A., Sergt. Catley 35, Capt. Poole 23. Gosport Forts, Dr. Kyffin 13, Pte. Dewsley 12.

R.M.A. *v.* Portsmouth Grammar School.

Played at Eastney, 8th June. Won by R.M.A. by 141 runs. R.M.A., 278, P.G.S., 137. Principal scores: R.M.A., Capt. Harding 102, Sergt. Gaubert 46, Capt. Brough 27, Lieut. Twiss 35. P.G.S., Baker, not out, 32, La Trenz 32, Olliver 23.

R.M.A. *v.* 3rd Lincoln Regt.

Played at U.S. Recreation Ground, Portsmouth, 3rd June, and won by R.M.A. by 51 runs. R.M.A. 149, 3rd Lincolns 98. Principal scores: R.M.A., Lieut. Twiss 34, Sergt, Gaubert 28. 3rd Lincolns, Lieut. Topham 39.

R.M.A. *v.* R.M.L.I.

Played at Forton, 12th June, and won by R.M.A. by 17 runs and 2 wickets.

R.M.L.I.		R.M.A.	
Corpl. Durham, b Harris ..	5	Capt. Harding, c Godfrey, b Chichester	25
Capt. Chichester, c McCarthy, b Harris	19	Capt. Dibblee, c and b Shine	23
Lieut. Williams, c & b Gaubert	18	Lieut. Trotman, b Shine ..	6
Capt. Morgan, c Dibblee, b Harris	7	Lieut. Fisher, c Wilton, b Chichester	34
Capt. Coles, c Harding, b Gaubert	4	Capt. McCarthy, b Morgan	6
Capt. Shine, c Trotman, b Harris	15	Lieut. Foster, st Godfrey, b Coles	40
Lieut. Godfrey, c McCarthy, b Gaubert	15	Lieut. Lushington, b Coles ..	0
Sergt. Sperring, c Brough, b Foster	13	Major Tatham, not out ..	0
Sergt. Ilton, c and b Gaubert	4	Sergt, Gaubert, b Chichester	9
Lieut. Gillespie, not out ..	9	Capt. Brough, not out ..	0
Lieut. Wilton, b Gaubert ..	4	Capt. Hrrris, did not bat ..	
Extras	21	Extras	8
Total ..	134	Total (8 wickets)	151

R.M.A. *v.* Lancashire Fusiliers.

Played at U.S. Recreation Ground, 14th June, and won by R.M.A. by 68 runs. Principal scores: R.M.A., Lieut. Twiss 50 not out, Lieut. Briscoe 21. Lancs. Fusiliers, Major Charles 29, Lieut. Fleming 24, Lance-Corpl. Burnett 23.

R.M.A. *v.* R.A., Portsmouth.

Played at U.S. Recreation Ground, Portsmouth, 17th June—drawn.

Plymouth Div. *v.* Plymouth & Mannamead Coll.

Played at Mount Wise on 29th May and ended in a draw. Plymouth Division 200, P. and M. College 110 for 5 wickets. Principal scores: R.M., Lieut. Harrison 50, Lieut. Clutterbuck 27, Lieut. Harrington 20. P. and M. College, Maxwell 41, Caldwell 29, Blackwell 23.

Plymouth Div. *v.* H.M.S. "Britannia."

Played at Dartmouth on the 5th June, and won by R.M. by 15 runs. Plymouth Division 98 (Lieut. Harrison 41). H.M.S. *Britannia* 83 (Cadet Punnett not out 21).

Plymouth Div. *v.* R.N.E. College.

Played at Mount Wise on the 10th June, and won by R.M. by 126 runs. Plymouth Div. 263 (Lieut. Harrison 53, Surgeon Tomlinson not out 48, Sergt. Titchmarsh 36, Lieut. Toulmin 36, Lieut. Harrington 33). R N.E. College 136 (Butt 31, Cropper not out 24).

Depot R.M. *v.* Dover College.

Played at Dover on 8th June, the game ending in a draw. Dover College, innings declared closed, 182 for 9 wickets (Harrison 41, Mundy not out 43). Depot R.M. 151 for 5 wickets (Capt. Mercer 21, Sergt. Sutcliffe 60, Col. Quill not out 46).

Depot R M. *v.* Chatham R.M.

Played at Chatham, 12th June, the Depot winning by 47 runs.

Depot R.M.		Chatham R.M.	
Col. Urmston, b Capt. Little	5	Capt. Little, c Tupman, b Sutton	24
Capt. Mercer, c & b Pte. Holmes	4	Capt. Wilson, c Tupman, b Sutcliffe	52
Lieut. Stopford, st Wilson, b Holmes	29	Lieut. Locke, b Sutcliffe ..	3
Sergt. Sutcliffe, c Lewis, b Holmes	41	Mr. Keightley, c Phillips, b Sutton	0
Capt. Tupman, lbw, b Holmes	22	Capt. Gardiner, b Quill ..	21
Colonel Quill, b Holmes ..	2	Lieut. Lewin, b Quill ..	3
Major Goddard, c Wilson, b Little	22	Lieut. Wright, lbw, b Quill	1
Captain Phillips, b Little ..	1	Private Haughton, not out ..	7
Sergeant Hickman, b Holmes	10	Lt. Broughton, c & b Sutcliffe	3
Private Palfrey, b Little ..	11	Private Holmes, b Sutcliffe	0
Private Sutton, not out ..	6	Lieut. Dubrey, b Sutton ..	1
Extras	17	Extras	8
Total ..	170	Total ..	123

Depot R.M. *v.* King's School.

Played at the Depot on 13th June, the visitors winning a keen match by 15 runs. King's School 169 (Dunford 42, Huyshe not out 22). Depot R.M. 154 (Lieut. Stopford 57, Capt. Mercer 37, Capt. Tupman 25).

Depot R.M. *v.* Mr. Peto's XI.

Played at Knowlton on 15th June, the Depot winning by 7 wickets. Mr. Peto's XI., 1st innings, 102 (Wyman 26, Browning 21), 2nd innings 43 (Wingfield 15). Depot R.M., 1st innings 49, 2nd innings 100 for 3 wickets (Sergt. Sutcliffe 23, Colonel Quill 48).

Depot R.M. *v.* Westgate C.C.

Played at the Depot on 19th June, the Depot winning by 36 runs. Depot R.M. 146 (Mr. Stopford 24, Major Mercer 22, Sergt. Sutcliffe 23, Capt. Phillips 29). Westgate C.C. 110 (Workman 36, Milne 22).

Depot R.M. *v.* Shorncliffe Garrison.

Played on June 26th, the Depot winning by 92 runs.

Depot.		Shorncliffe.	
Major Mercer, c Tomkinson, b Burchall	36	Lt.-Col. Mackeson, st Tupman, b McGinley	0
Lieut. Stopford, b Byng ..	0	Capt. Byng, c Tupman, b Little	21
Sergt. Sutcliffe, not out ..	89	Lieut.-Col. Tylden, b Little	35
Capt. Little, b Burchell ..	1	Lt. Tomkinson, lbw, b Little	0
Capt. Tupman. c Byng, b Burchall	11	Sir M. Burrell, c & b Sutcliffe	3
Col. Quill, c Babbington, b Burchall	27	Capt. Kent, c Sutcliffe, b Little	2
Sergt. McGinley, c Byng, b Burchall	0	Lieut. Burchall, c Little, b Sutcliffe ..	0
Capt. Phillips, c Tylden, b Byng	13	Major George, b Little ..	8
Sergt. Robinson, st Babbington b Byng	2	Lieut. Townsend, hit wicket	10
Sgt. Hickman, c & b Burchall	1	Capt. Brooker, not out ..	3
Q.M.S. King, b Burchall ..	11	Sgt. Babbington, b McGinley	4
Extras	15	Extras	14
Total ..	206	Total ..	114

Portsmouth Div. *v.* Whale Island.

Played at Whale Island on June 8th, and won by R.M.L.I. by 21 runs. R.M.L.I. 131 (Lieut. Godfrey 37, Capt. Morgan 22). Whale Island 110 (Lieut. Bray 30, Lieut. Norbury 24).

Portsmouth Div. *v.* 4th Oxford L.I.

Played at U.S. Ground, Portsmouth, and won by R.M.L.I. by 146 runs. R.M.L.I. 202 (Capt. Morgan 40, Capt. Coles 31, Lieut. Godfrey 33, Sergt. Ilton 24, Capt. Chichester 21). 3th Oxford L.I., 1st innings 55 (Lieut. Swain 18), 2nd innings 59 for 8 wickets.

Portsmouth Div. *v.* Royal Navy.

Played on U.S. Ground on June 29th and won by R.N. by 43 runs.

Royal Navy.		R.M.L.I.	
Pearson, b Shine	12	Capt. Strong, b Hotham	27
Fellowes, lbw, b Morgan	10	Sergt. Ilton, b Hutchings	0
White, c Godfrey, b Chichester	45	Lieut. Williams, b White	11
Donaldson, run out	24	Capt. Coles, b Hutchings	1
Escombe, c Godfrey, b Coles	8	Lieut. Green-Armytage, c Darley, b White	22
Hotham, c Green-Armytage, b Morgan	58	Capt. Chichester, c Hotham, b Hutchings	15
Hutchings, c Godfrey, b Morgan	11	Capt. Morgan, c Escombe, b Hutchings	11
Martin, b Morgan	0	Lieut. Godfrey, c White, b Martin	39
Straubenzee, run out	26	Capt. Shine, b White	15
Browne, not out	13	Corpl. Durham, not out	24
Darley, b Shine	6	Lieut. Waller, b Straubenzee	14
Extras	17	Extras	13
Total	240	Total	192

Company Cup Competition Portsmouth Div.

E Coy. beat B Co. by 289 runs and 6 wickets. E Coy. 341 (Sergt. Ilton 109, Capt. Coles 102 not out, Corpl. Crawley 70). D Coy. 52 (Jones 14, Taylor 11).

Football.

WEI-HAI-WEI.

Matches already sent to *Globe & Laurel*. Played 12; won 7; drawn 2; lost 3.

Team	*Result*	*Home*	*Opponents*
1st R.E's	Lost	0	4
Plover	Drawn	1	1
1st	Lost	0	1
R.E's	Lost	1	3
R.A.	Drawn	1	1
Rosario	Won	3	0
Rosario	Won	4	0
R.E's	Won	4	0
Officers' U.S.	Won	4	0
1st	Won	3	1
R.E's	Won	2	0
1st	Drawn	1	1
Bonaventure	Won	2	1
Pique	Won	2	0
R.A.	Drawn	0	0
R.A.	Drawn	1	1
Britomart	Drawn	2	2
Redpole	Won	3	0
	Won	4	0

Total Matches played 31—Won 17; Drawn 8; Lost 6. Goals for 68; against 25.

Answers to Correspondents.

Lieut., R.M.L.I.—There is some confusion over those brevets and nobody knows yet what is going to happen.

E. F. CLARKE.—The scale of pension for Privates, after twenty-one years service, is 8d. a day, with 1d. a day extra for each G.C.B., the G.C. Medal, and for good conduct, providing the man has not been awarded a character inferior to V.G. throughout his service, and that the maximum of 1/3 per day is not exceeded. For every year after twenty-one ½d. a day is allowed. The Greenwich Pension is open to those who are totally disabled, or are in such a state as to be unable to live on their pension.

Births.

Figgett—On 19th May, the wife of Musician J. A. Figgett, of a son.
May—At 89, Queen's Road, Gosport, on June 26th, the wife of Sergt. J. H. May, of a son.
Shepherd—At Belfast, Ireland, on the 16th June, the wife of Sergt. G. Shepherd, R.M.L.I. (Liverpool Recruiting Staff), of a son.

Marriages.

Baldwin—Kingshott—At St. James', Portsea, 15th June, 1901, Cpl. T. Baldwin, R.M.A., to Miss K. Kingshott.

Blake—Holt—June 12th, at St. Mary's Church, Alverstoke, by the Hon. and Rev. the Master of St. Cross, Winchester, assisted by the Rev. A. L. A. Mason, Rector of Whitton, uncle of the bride, and the Rev. F. G. G. Jellicoe, Herbert, third son of the late S. J. Blake and Mrs. Blake, Uxbridge House, Alverstoke, to Amy Frideswide, youngest daughter of Lieut.-Col. R. W. F. Holt, late Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Draper—Short—On the 12th June, at All Saints, Roffey, by the Rev. J. F. Cole, Harold Irving Draper, Solicitor, eldest son of Hastings Draper, Solicitor, to Florence Muriel Short, only daughter of the late Major Short, Royal Marine, and Mrs. Snowden, of Horsham.

Dyke—Goddard—On 11th May, at Northbourne, Corpl. T. Dyke to Miss F. S Goddard.

Humphreys—Brewer—At St. John's, Landport, 27th May, 1901, Gnr. W. G. Humphreys, R.M.A., to Miss J. Brewer.

London—Aitken—At the Parish Church, St. Peter and St. Paul, Sutton, Pte. London to Miss Aitken.

Malone—Vincent—On the 8th June, at Christ Church, Brondesbury, by the Rev. C. Dale-Williams, assisted by the Rev. A. H. Brooks, Henry L'Estrange Malone, second son of Lieut.-Col. Anthony Malone, of Exmouth, and grandson of the late Sir William Hoffmeister, of Cowes, I.W., to Ethel Gertrude, younger daughter of the late H. R. Vincent, Esq., of Croydon and Jacobstowe, and of Mrs. H. R. Vincent, of 51, Fordwych Road, West Hampstead.

O'Dockeny—Biggin—At Forest Gate, Lce.-Sergt. O'Dockeny to Miss Biggin.

Saunders—Seeley—On 13th June, at Camberwell, Pte. J. W. Saunders to Miss A. J. Seeley.

Seerey—Grayson—At the Parish Church, Walmer, Corpl. Seerey to Miss Grayson

Trayfoot—Hawkes—At St. Mark's, Regents Park, 25th May, 1901, Bombr. A. E. Trayfoot, R.M.A., to Miss E. A. Hawkes.

Usmar—Whiffen—At St. James', Portsea, 5th June, 1901, Bugler F. Usmar, R.M.A., to Miss A. E. Whiffen.

Deaths.

Bickmore—On 20th June, at Chatham, infant daughter of Corpl. S. Bickmore.

Gray—On 31st May, on board H.M.S. *Ramillies*, Malta, Pte. G. Gray, R.M.L.I. (Portsmouth).

Heal—On 1st June, at Chatham, in Melville Hospital, Lce.-Corpl. G. Heal.

Suther—On the 3rd June, at Montague Mansions, Portman Square, Mary Elizabeth, widow of General W. G. Suther, C.B., Royal Marines.

In Memoriam.

In sweet and loving thought of Mary Anne, wife of Major J. Graham Edwardes, Royal Artillery, who went to her never, never-ending sleep on 20th June, 1895, at 66, Lansdown Place, Hove, Sussex,
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Forton Barracks ..	0	11	5
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Australia	0	6	6
Mr. Willcox ..	0	1	6
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Editorial.

THE events of the month have not been very stirring, the attention of the Corps having been mainly directed to Bisley, where we regret the Corps have not been so successful as in former years. We wish them better luck next year.

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We take the following from the *New Zealand Herald* of Thursday, June 13th, 1901, with reference to the great Review at Auckland on June 12th. In describing the march past our contemporary says: "It was reserved for the Royal Marines and the returned troopers to share the honours in the matter of popularity, the former earning the plaudits of the assemblage for their magnificent marching, undoubtedly the finest on the ground. They marched to the tune of 'Life on the Ocean Wave,' played by the Chatham Division of the Royal Marine Light Infantry band, and with such wonderful precision that it might have been but one man." According to the parade state there were present 376 of the R.M.A. and R.M.L.I., under the command of Major Clarke, R.M.L.I., with Lieut. Stockley, R.M.L.I., acting adjutant.

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His Majesty the German Emperor has conferred upon Lieut. A. Edyson, R.M.L.I., the Order of the Red Eagle, 4th Class, for services rendered in connection with the funeral of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have awarded a Greenwich Hospital Pension of £65 a year to Colonel C. F. Mengies (retired list), R.M.L.I., from 28th May last, and have increased the pension at present held by Major H. H. McCarthy (retired list), R.M.L.I., to £65 from the same date.

Lieut. H. W. Channer has been appointed to be Assistant Instructor of Musketry at the Chatham Division, *vice* Capt. L. O. Wilson, D.S.O.

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Lieut. L. Norcock has been appointed to be Assistant Instructor of Musketry at the Plymouth Division, *vice* Capt. H. H. French.

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The Medal Ribbon for South Africa has been issued to N.C. Officers and men at Headquarters, we hope we may soon congratulate them on receiving the medals as well.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of Major W. P. Drury being granted six months leave of absence on medical certificate, from 1st July. He will in consequence relinquish his appointment in the Naval Intelligence Department. We deeply sympathise with Major Drury that he is compelled to give up his appointment after holding it such a short time, and we are sure all our readers will regret to hear that it is on account of ill health, and that all will wish him a speedy recovery and express their hopes that we may soon see again the fruits of his facile pen in our columns.

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Captain and Brevet-Major L. S. P. Halliday, V.C., has been granted an extension of 90 days leave, on medical certificate, from 3rd July. We are sorry to say Major Halliday is still undergoing operations for the wound in his shoulder which he received now more than a year ago.

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Capt. W. Dixon, R.M.A., has been appointed to the Naval Intelligence Department, *vice* Capt. Peacock, R.M.A., who has been appointed Intelligence Officer in the Mediterranean.

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We hear that Capt. Beith, R.M.L.I., is still Staff Officer at Queenstown, S. Africa; and that Capt. G. E. Barnes, R.M.A., is Railway Staff Officer at Kimberley, but no news is to hand of other members of our corps serving at the front. Will not one of them send us a few notes of their doings?

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Lieut. E. S. Mairis, R.M.L.I., has proceeded to Aldershot to undergo a course of Gymnastics.

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In the account of the award of the Albert Medal to Lieut. Lechy, R.N., we notice that he was assisted in restoring animation to the rescued men by his servant, Pte. Botting, R.M.L.I.

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We notice that Captains E. H. Orlebar and R. L. Bayliff have obtained certificates of signalling at the recent course for Volunteer adjutants.

Sergt. T. Lawrence, R.M.L.I., has been appointed Gymnastic Instructor at the Greenwich Royal Hospital School, for a period not exceeding five years.

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His Majesty King Edward VII. has instituted a new Naval Decoration, to be called the Conspicuous Service Cross, which is to consist of a silver cross with the reverse side plain, having on the obverse side, in the centre, His Majesty's Imperial and Royal Cypher, E.R.I., surmounted by the Imperial Crown. This decoration is to be awarded for meritorious or distinguished services before the enemy, performed by Warrant Officers, or Acting Warrant Officers, or by subordinate officers of His Majesty's Fleet. Their names must have been specially mentioned in despatches by the Admiral or Senior Naval or Military Officer commanding the Squadron or detached force. The award to carry with it the right to have the letters C.S.C. appended to the officer's name.

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We have received from the Goldsmith's and Silversmith's Company an illustration of the sword of honour to be presented by the City of London to Sir James Wilcocks, K.C.M.G. it is of infantry regulation shape and appears to be very handsomely decorated and carried out in the usual good style of the Company.

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We congratulate Bk.-Sergt. J. E. Cole on the success of his daughter Maud in winning a prize in a recent competition, for an essay on the "Union Jack." Her success among some hundred competitors must also be gratifying to the Portsmouth Divisional School Authorities, where she is receiving her education.

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We must also congratulate Mr. Francis Grills (late Col.-Sergt., R.M.L.I.), on his appointment as Superintendent of the Brixham Seamen's Orphans' Home. He previously held the position of Senior Instructor at the Royal Hospital School for some ten years, and we have no doubt many of his old comrades will be glad to hear of his new appointment.

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Captain G. Drage, R.M.L.I., has been appointed to the Naval Intelligence Department at the Admiralty *vice* Major Drury.

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From the *Navy and Military Record* we take the following: "An interesting ceremony took place on the Recreation Ground, Wei-Hai-Wei, on Thursday, when Sergeant Peston, R.M.L.I., received the conspicuous gallantry Medal for bravery during the siege of Pekin. All the available Seamen and Marines were landed from the Squadron and drawn up in a square on the grounds, the massed bands of the *Terrible* and *Barfleur* playing selections until the arrival of Admiral Sir James and Lady Bruce. The act of bravery was read by Sir James, after which the medal was pinned on the breast of the gallant Sergeant by Lady Bruce; the troops giving three cheers for the King, and the band playing "God save the King."

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The Cape Times states that Fouché has entered native territory in the Macleor aud Elliot districts, where, owing to the absence of martial law, horses are plentiful. Sir Henry Elliot, late R.M., is in command of the Transkeian Defence Force. The territory now invaded has hitherto under a tacit agreement been left in peace, being native.

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We have much pleasure in publishing the following extracts from the supplement to the *London Gazette* of July 23rd:

Brevet—to be Colonel, Lieut. Col. J. B. Woon, I.S.C. (late R.M.L.I.).

To be Lieut.-Cols., Major (now Lieut.-Col.) J. R. Johnstone, C.B., R.M.L.I.; Major F. W. B. Koe, A.S.C. (late R.M.L.I.); Major E. V. Luke, R.M.L.I.

To be Major: Capt. E. Wray, R.M.L.I.

The King has been pleased to approve of the grant of the Medal for Distinguished Conduct in the Field to the undermentioned:—

R.M.L.I., Sergt. S. Murphy, Lce.-Sergt. J. E. Preston, Corpl. F. Johnson, Corpl. D. J. Gowney, Pte. T. A. Myers.

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THE AUXILIARY FORCES.—Major-Gen. M. A. H. J. Heriot has, on account of ill-health, resigned the command of the Plymouth Volunteer Brigade, which he has held since February 18th, 1893, when he succeeded the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe, the first brigadier. The retiring officer was formerly commandant of the Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I. It is stated that the brigade whilst in camp will be under the command of Col. Lord L. H. H. Clifford, of 5th V.B. Devonshire Regiment.

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An interesting contribution to history, especially as regards the ever memorable capture of Quebec, which gave Canada to England, is "The Military Life of Field Marshal George First Marquess Townshend," by his descendant, Lieut.-Col. C. V. F. Townshend (late R.M.), of the Royal Fusiliers.

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Capt. John B. Noble, R.M.L.I., has been appointed to the *Empress of India*, on the Mediterranean Station, as interpreter in French.

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The sale by Debenham, Storr and Sons, on the 28th June, included some interesting relics of the past: A fine old silver gorget, engraved with the Royal Arms and the Admiralty Crest, formerly worn by a Lieutenant of Marines, serving with the fleet during the Mutiny at Spithead. A very rare medal to the Corps, being the Army medal of 1848, with two clasps, for Java and Guadaloupe, awarded to Major General James Clarke, R.M., and the Naval medal of 1848, with two clasps, awarded to Colonel James Fynmore, R.M., for Trafalgar (where he served as a midshipman) and Algiers.

Home News.

THE principal events of the month have been the shooting at Bisley, the mobilisation and the inspection. Our representatives have not scored their usual successes at Bisley, but no doubt the weather had a great deal to do with it. Major Byne, however, has been keeping up his reputation with the Revolver, and put on good scores; and Q.M.S.-Instructor D. Finlayson has again been shooting in the Eight. The mobilisation went off very quietly, less notice was given than usual, and also fewer ships were commissioned, so that there were not so many men taken as was expected to be the case.

The heat has been terrific, and all sorts of estimates have been given, we placed the maximum shade temperature as 98 degrees, but we can hardly credit it. At the beginning of the month the Junior N.C.O's. had their annual outing.

PLYMOUTH.

The great heat of the past month has been the topic everywhere, and Plymouth is no exception to this, excepting that so far it has been exempt from the extraordinary phenomena of which we read as accompanying the heat elsewhere. To suit climatic conditions, drill in shirt sleeves has been the rule throughout the garrison, and it seems as if there had been quite a boom in uniform braces in consequence.

The Annual Naval Mobilization has not created a great void here. Only a few small cruisers commissioned, and for these barely a hundred men were required, chiefly for performing the duties of ward room servants, lamptrimmers, butchers, etc., and in lieu of domestics.

Lieut. Montgomery who is mobilized in the *Thames*, has lately played for Somersetshire C.C. in their matches against the South Africans and Gloucestershire.

The Garrison Rifle Club Spoons for June were both won by the Corps, Lieut. Lloyd with 95, taking the Officers, and Q.M.S. (I. of M.) Richards taking that of the W. and N.C.O's. with 97.

The "Naval and Military" Challenge Cup.

The Photograph shews the Team of Royal Marines, Plymouth Division, who won the "Naval and Military Record" Challenge Cup, in the Western District Rifle Meeting, at Tregantle, on June 14th. This Cup has been presented by the Proprietors of the "*Western Morning News*" for the first time this year. Eight teams entered.

Corpl. Sturdee Pte. Pearce Pte. Crowther Pte. Guluche Pte. Johnstone Pte. Thornley Lce.-Corpl. Brown Corpl. Camp

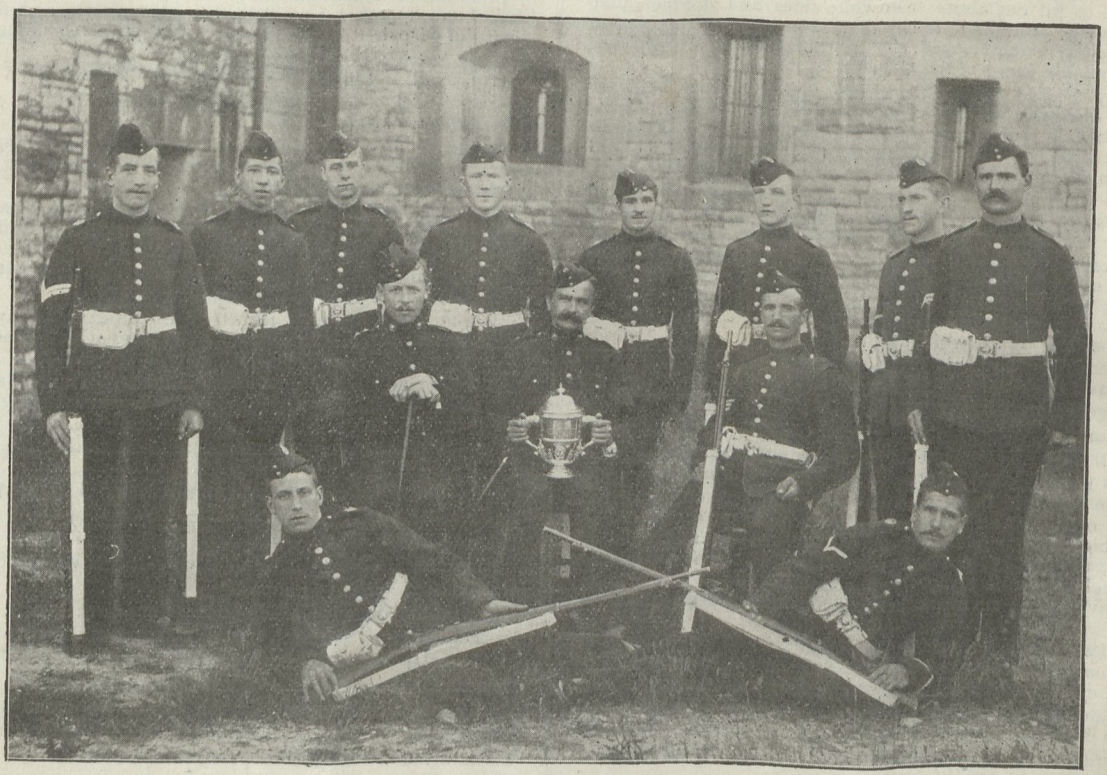


Photo by Easdon] Pte. Tupper Captain French Major Hailes Sergt.-Instr. F. Collins Lce.-Corpl. Dear [*Plymouth*

This Team also furnished a team of eight, who were second in the Maxim Gun Competition, being beaten by one point by a team entered from the R.M.L.I. Gun Battery. Two teams of the Royal Navy (from H.M.S. *Cambridge*) were third and fourth, a second R.M.L.I. Gun Battery team being last.

Royal Marine Memorial.

22, Spring Gardens, S.W.,
18th July, 1901.

A meeting of the Committee was held at 22, Spring Gardens, on the above date. Present, all members except Sir John Colomb, K.C.M.G., M.P., unavoidably engaged elsewhere. Lieut.-General A. French, C.B., R.M.A., in the chair.

The minutes of the meeting held 12th March, 1901, were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Subscriptions received and promised to date to the amount of £1193 5s. 10d were announced. Only 120 officers out of over 300 on the Retired List of the Corps having subscribed, it was resolved that a further appeal be made to non-subscribers.

The Honorary Secretary stated what steps he had taken to carry out the instructions of the Committee with reference to obtaining a site for the Memorial. The prospect of such site being found in the City being doubtful, it was resolved, on motion of Major-General Wright, seconded by Colonel Campbell, A.D.C., R.M.A.:—That appeal be made in first place for a site adjoining the new Admiralty Buildings.

The Committee considered a design for a monument which had been furnished by Captain Adrian Jones, Sculptor, of 147, Church Street, Chelsea. Photographs of this design with estimate of cost and description had previously been issued to all members of the Committee and submitted for opinion of Divisions. The opinions of all members, both individually and as representing Divisions, having been heard, and a letter from Sir John Colomb read, it appeared that while all admired the artistic effect of the design as a work of art, it was not considered suitable to the purpose in view, being not sufficiently true to fact and there being no direct allusion to China, or the principle achievments which have brought fresh honour to the Corps both in South Africa and China, viz:—Graspan, the defence of the Legation at Pekin, and other actions in China, while laying undue emphasis upon the work of only a small portion of the total numbers engaged in the two campaigns. After careful discussion the following resolution was passed: "Proposed by Major White (Chatham), seconded by Lieut.-Colonel Hearle (Portsmouth), the 4·7 gun should be removed and in its place two bronze figures substituted, one representing a Marine wounded lying down on or falling to the ground, the other standing over, or by him, firing, or at the "Charge" bayonet fixed. On the sides of the pedestal bas-reliefs representing scenes in China and South Africa respectively, at the ends. Front—Corps badges with scrolls, setting forth the principal actions in which the Corps has been engaged. Rear—Dedication and names of officers and men who lost their lives in China and South Africa. Supports to Pedestal—Anchors. The upper part, figures, etc., to be bronze, pedestal, etc., Aberdeen granite."

It was further decided, in view of the voluntany offer made by Capt. Adrian Jones, and considering the expense that would be entailed by applying to other sculptors, etc., to request Capt. A. Jones in the first instance to prepare designs on the lines indicated, subject to such modifications as he might suggest.

Subscriptions raised during July:—

Individual Officers.—£3 3s., Lieut.-General A. H. F. Barnes; £2 2s., General Le Grand (2nd donation) and Major-General W. D. Wright; £1, Capt. Price-Brown; 10s., Major Robinson per Colonel Hearle; 6s., Pensioner, R.M.A., per Major Tatham; 5s., Mr. F. Chullwyn, late R.M.A. *Ships, etc.*—£8 0s. 6d., Commissioner's House, Bermuda; £1 10s., H.M.S. *Physche*; £1 3s. 3d., balance of an entertainment, R.M. Depot, per Major Mercer; 13s. 6d., H.M.S. *Mildura*.

Total received and promised to 31st July, £1194 5s. 10d.

G. D. Onslow, Lt.-Col.,
Hon. Sec.

The Sergeant's Cat.

By Pte. Wallace Butler, R.M.L.I.

BEFORE the guard-room fire, sleek and purring, sat the guard-room cat. Who shall tell what purloined dinners, what succulent kippers, left to roast themselves by artless sentries, had gone to fill out those lush white sides, and produce that purr of contentment. Suffice it to say that, scouted from the fireside on most days, to-day, unchallenged, she sat there—for so also did her master, and he was Sergeant of the Guard.

Thrice already she had shown her wicked ways, her very boldness adding to the enormity of her crimes. First, on Nobby Clark's sausages at breakfast, then on my own dinner as it stood in a canteen on the hob, and lastly, horrible to relate, my beautiful whiting, cooked to a turn for tea, had disappeared, and that from under my very eyes.

The sergeant was indignant at my accusation; the cat was placid and unconscious; so I softly swore revenge, smiling sweetly the while and inviting her on my knee. I could afford to smile.

The relief went and came, it drew near my own time, but still I brooded over my injuries and their revenge. I'm a demon when roused, and never more so than when my food is concerned. The least a man has the right to expect is the enjoyment of his meals unpoluted; especially by big white cats.

The sergeant pulled out his watch "ten to twelve," and then glanced at me as I buckled on my belt and tightened my valise straps.

"Your first guard, isn't it, my lad?"

"Yes, sergeant."

"Well, you'll have an eery time of it on that old bone yard. It's a shame to put a young recruit on a post with such a bad name."

"Yes," broke in an old hand, who was taking his rest on one of the guard-beds in rear. "And they say as there's ghosts there too. I heard of one bloke as got in such a state of funk, 'e did a nip from 'is post, and when the military p'lice set out to find 'im, 'e was discovered under a 'ay stack two mile away. Just such another as you, 'e wos, and we wos 'aving just such another conversation afore 'e went on guard."

"Dinna ye fash, laddie; they're nae flesh and bluid tae hurt ye, if they were thousands strong and they're nae sae thick as that, a'm sure"—this from a braw laddie frae Glascie, younger even than myself.

There was an awkward pause, despite this cheering statement, and then a fatuous desire to say something overcoming my fear of ridicule.

"What would you do, sergeant," I asked, "if you came across a ghost while doing sentry-go?"

"Do," echoed the sergeant, with fine scorn, "run 'im through with my bayonet, in course."

Despite the seeming impossibility of such a course, I felt strangely comforted at this official pronouncement on the etiquette of the situation, and thanking him, I prepared with a lighter heart to follow him out into the night.

"Don't let that sanguinary cat out," he called out over his shoulder as we marched off.

"Too late, Stripey," came back to us. "He's already done a guy."

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"Halt, who comes there?"

"Relief."

"Advance relief, all's well."

"Relief, halt. Sentries, port arms. Change ranks. Shoulder arms. Front. Tata;" and there I was, or rather, where was I? It was impossible to see. The night was black indeed. The new moon peeped shyly from behind a heavy cloud and threw a whisp of light here and there on the tombstones. There was a light rustling of the wind among the last year's leaves and that was all.

I sloped arms and commenced to march up and down the little beaten path from the charnel-house to the sentry-box at the gate, the only living thing among the dead. But *was* I?

An altogether indescribable sensation of *companionship* had taken possession of me. Hearing nothing save the wind, I yet *felt* that something was walking my beat as well as I. My nerves were strung to such a pitch I could have seen or believed anything.

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One o'clock! Slowly the hour pealed forth from the belfry over the officers' mess, and then my heart stood still. I *knew* something was going to happen. The paralysis that crept over me told me that. But *what?*

What was that? Somebody or *something* was moving behind the tombstone just in front of me, and *it was moving towards me.*

"H-h-h-alt, wh-ho g-goes there? I managed to stammer forth. No reply. I had expected none.

I came down to the charge and repeated the challenge, and as I did so the moon leapt forth, and amid a white haze that had arisen in front of me, I distinguished a pair of eyes.

Nothing human ever had eyes like that. Some demon from the outer darkness had come to haunt me or, awful thought, to punish me for not scrubbing my share of the deck on Saturday. Thus conscience makes cowards of us all.

In an almost inaudible whisper I repeated the challenge, the rising tide of my apprehensions well nigh choking me, and then, with the frenzy of despair I lunged forward and positively flung my bayonet point in the direction of the apparition.

How shall I adequately describe what followed? A shriek of the lost rent the air, but certainly no louder than my own.

"Guard turn out."

Ghost or no ghost, I had gone through something. That was certain. There had been a scrunching of bones and a squelch of blood and air too horrible to hear.

Not only the guard room but the whole of the barracks was in commotion. Up hurried the sergeant of the guard and a file of men, and an instant later, regardless of ceremony, the officer of the day.

"A ghost, sir," I panted, as my breast rose and fell with pardonable pride. "A ghost, and I've laid it."

A lantern was lit and turned in the direction of my bayonet, and then there was a mighty oath and darkness again. The sergeant had dropped the lantern.

But the single glance had been sufficient. There in all the pride of his round, white belly, lifeless, with my bayonet through his back, lay "The Sergeant's Cat."

Diary of our Colonel-in-Chief's Colonial Tour.

(continued from last month).

July 2nd. The *Ophir*, after a very rough voyage from Lyttleton, arrived at Hobart at 11 a.m.

July 3rd. Their Royal Highnesses landed at 2 p.m. and were met by the Governor General, the Administrator, the Premier, and all the local officials. Boisterous enthusiasm marked the welcome from the thousands who lined the streets to Government House.

July 4th. The Duke laid the foundation stone of the National Memorial to Tasmanian soldiers who died in South Africa, and afterwards witnessed a wood chopping competition.

July 5th Review of troops and presentation of war medals, followed by a trades procession.

July 6th. Visit to High Peak, the residence of Mr. C. H. Grant, and laying of the foundation stone of the new Post Office, after which the Royal Party rejoined the *Ophir* and sailed for Adelaide.

July 8th. Arrived at Adelaide at 9 a.m.

July 9th. Their Royal Highnesses were most heartily welcomed at the Town Hall.

July 10th. Levèe at Government House and reception in the evening by the Duchess.

July 11th. Bust of the late Lord Tennyson unveiled in the Art Gallery and visit to the Adelaide University where the Duke received the degree of Doctor of Laws.

July 12th. Shooting expedition and dinner party at Government House.

July 13th. Foundation stone of the Maternity Hospital laid; review of 4,000 troops in Victoria Park, and state concert.

July 14th. Their Royal Highnesses attended divine service at St. Peter's Cathedral.

July 15th. Visit to Glenelg, the original settlement in 1836. Left Port Adelaide for Freemantle.

July 20th. Owing to bad weather the *Ophir* had to put in at Albany instead of Freemantle.

July 21st. Left Albany by train for Perth.

July 22nd. The Royal Party were received by the Governor, and proceeded through immense cheering crowds to Government House.

July 23rd Presentation of addresses, and foundation stone of the Memorial to the soldiers of Western Australia, who have fallen in the war, laid. His Royal Highness afterwards presented war medals.

July 24th. Various public ceremonies and reception at Government House.

July 26th. The Duke and Duchess left Perth for Freemantle where they rejoined the *Ophir* and sailed for Mauritius.

Royal Marines Rifle Association.

THE "COBURG CUP."

The Competition for the above took place at Bisley on Wednesday the 10th July in the afternoon, when the Cup was won by the Royal Marine Artillery for the third year in succession with a grand total of 701 points, being 4 points more than those scored by their winning team of last year.

The following is a complete list of competing teams with scores.

Royal Marine Artillery.

	200	500	600	Total.
Capt. Homer	31	33	30	94
C.-Srgt Deacon	34	31	29	94
Lieut. Baker	32	33	28	93
Sgt. Paddison	27	34	28	89
Gnr. Fee	31	27	29	87
Gnr. Carter	28	31	24	83
Gnr. Rogers	29	27	25	81
Gnr. Palmer	26	27	27	80
	238	243	220	701

Next best scores—

R.M.L.I., Plymouth.

Sgt. Channon	30	28	31	89
Sergt. Davies	31	30	28	89
Q.-S. Richards	31	33	25	89
Lieut. Cordner	32	29	27	88
Sergt. Hellier	31	23	28	82
Pte. Edgenton	26	28	26	80
Pte. King	30	30	18	78
Lce.-Cpl. Boffey	25	22	25	72
	236	223	208	667

R.M.L.I. (Depot).

Q.-M.-S. Pearson	32	32	32	96
S.-Major Sullivan	32	31	32	95
Qmr.-Sergt. Hill	31	29	31	91
Dm.-Major Elliott	30	27	32	89
Pte. Benson	27	31	20	78
Pte. Copp	29	22	25	76
Pte. Leamy	28	19	22	69
Pte. Bell	27	25	17	69
	236	216	211	663

R.M.L.I. Chatham.

Qr.-Sergt. Andrews	30	33	31	94
Col.-Sergt. Burgis	29	32	30	91
Qmr.-Sergt. Kay	30	28	32	90
Sergt. Powell	30	25	29	84
Pte. Mugridge	23	34	25	82
Lce.-Cpl. Jefford	25	24	31	80
L.-Cpl. Rodwell	24	22	27	73
Pte. Clements	22	26	21	69
	213	224	226	663

R.M.L.I. Portsmouth.

Q.-M.-S.-I. Finlayson	31	33	27	91
Pte. Reiffer	29	33	23	85
Sergt. Dorey	27	24	33	84
Lce.-Cpl. Lea	28	27	27	82
Major Byne	30	25	15	80
Pte. Broom	27	26	26	79
Pte. Clarke	31	27	20	78
Lieut. Richards	23	23	22	68
	226	218	203	647

THE "METHUEN CUP."

Some record scoring was made in the competition for the above which took place at Bisley on Saturday the 6th July, when the School of Musketry arrested the trophy from last year's winners, The Royal Marine Artillery, with a grand total of 775, (or one point less than an average of 97) as against 735 points made by the R.M.A. in 1900. Appended are the full scores of the winners, and our competing teams with grand totals of remaining teams.

1st, School of Musketry.

	200	500	600	Total.
Q.-M.-S. Robinson	34	35	34	103
Sergt.-Inst. Wallingford ..	34	34	34	102
Capt. Etches	33	34	33	100
Sergt.-Inst. Higgins	32	34	33	99
Sergt.-Inst. Robinson	32	32	31	95
Q.-M.-S. Davidson	31	35	29	95
Q.-M.-S. Layzell	32	32	27	91
Sergt.-Inst. Nicolls	32	30	28	90
	260	260	249	775

3rd, Royal Marine Artillery.

Capt. Homer	34	35	29	98
Col.-Sergt. Deacon	35	32	26	93
Sergt.-Inst. Beddow	30	34	28	92
Sergt.-Inst. Paddison	34	30	28	92
Lt. and Q.-M. Rodway	32	31	27	90
Q.-M.-S. Ede	32	32	26	90
Sergt.-Major Foley	31	29	27	87
Lt. and Q.-M. Baker	32	28	26	86
	260	251	217	728

5th, Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Sergt. Lloyd	32	35	31	98
Sergt.-Dmr. Elliott	32	31	31	94
Q.-M.-S. Richards	30	32	31	93
Q.-M.-S. Finlayson	29	33	30	92
Lce.-Cpl. Lea	32	30	27	89
Sergt. Littleworth	30	28	17	85
Sergt.-Major Sullivan	27	25	26	78
Sergt. Beech	29	14	26	69
	241	228	229	698

OTHER TEAMS.

	200	500	600	Total.
2nd, English Regiments ..	257	241	231	729
4th, Royal Engineers ..	250	241	234	725
6th, H.M.S. Excellent ..	255	238	201	694
7th, Greenjackets	250	248	195	693

THE "ALL COMERS CUP."

On the fourth day of the Aldershot Meeting—viz. Tuesday the 2nd July—the Royal Marine Artillery were successful for the third time in winning the above Cup, beating the School of Musketry by the narrow margin of 3 points. So for the present the Cup remains in the hands of the Corps, moving its quarters from Walmer to Eastney, as its possessors during last year have to be content on this occasion with third place.

The following were the scores, observing that the top score in match was made by Sergt. McCarthy.

Rifle Depot, viz. 34, 33, and 33 equals 100; while that well known opponent of ours Sergt.-Inst. Wallingford, Hythe Staff, beginning in poor form, attoned by making sixteen concecutive bulls as a wind up. 1, Cup and £15, R.M.A.

	200	500	600	Total.
Sergt.-Inst. Beddow	34	29	33	96
Q.-M.-S. Ede	29	33	32	94
Sergt. Poddison	32	31	29	92
Capt. Homer	32	34	26	92
Col.-Sergt. Deacon	28	28	33	89
Lt. Rodway	25	34	30	89
Lt. Baker	24	30	31	85
Sergt.-Major Foley	26	29	30	85
	253	248	221	722

2, £10, School of Musketry	719
3, £5, R.M.L.I., Walmer	713
4, H.M.S. Excellent	697
5, Rifle Depot	691
6, 3rd Worcestershire Regiment	672
7, Hampseirs Regiment Depot	661
8, 4th Worcestershire Regiment	655
9, 2nd Provisional Battalion	563

UNITED SERVICE CHALLENGE CUP.

The Volunteers won again this year with a score 13 points above their winning score of last year. Our team scored 13 points less than in 1900, and dropped to fifth place. We commenced at 200 yards indifferently, did not improve at 500, and, as has happened before, we went to pieces at 600 yards. We hope that before another Bisley meeting comes round, we may have been able to find some one who will help us as "coach" to the team—a want the captain and the team have long felt. Scores :—

		200 yds.	*500 yds.*	*600 yds.*	*Total.*
		h.p.s. 280	280	280	840
1.	The Volunteers ..	254	248	241	743
2.	The Army ..	258	250	223	731
3.	The Militia ..	240	241	241	722
4.	The Royal Navy ..	252	242	233	717
5.	The Royal Marines ..	242	242	221	705
6.	The Yeomanry ..	239	225	209	673

R.M. VIII.

Captain of Team—Major H. G. Cotterill, R.M.L.I.

		200	*500*	*600*	*Ttl.*
Col.-Sergt. F. G. Deacon	R.M.A.	30	34	31	95
Lieut. S. G. Rodway	,,	30	31	29	90
Sergt. D. Beddow	,,	30	31	28	89
Q.M.S.I. H. J. Pearson	R.M.L.I.	30	29	29	88
Q.M.S.I. D. Finlayson	,,	28	30	30	88
Q.M.S. C. Hill	,,	32	30	25	87
Captain J. L. Homer	R.M.A.	32	28	26	86
Lieut. A. Baker	,,	30	29	23	82
		242	242	221	705

WHITEHEAD CHALLENGE CUP (Revolver).

This match was shot on the "Running Man" range—four men up at a time, each man having two targets at 20 yards, and two men to a target at 50 yards. Our team has shown a marked improvement this year, the aggregate score being nearly 100 points better than our score of last year. Majors Byne and Chown both shot up to their usual form. Q.M.S.I. Pearson and Col.-Sergt. Phillips did not shoot quite as well as they usually do. There was ltttle or no air, and the smoke from the black powder hung about very much. Scores :—

		20 yds.	*50 yds.*	*Total*
		h.p.s. 672	672	1344
1.	The Royal Navy ..	552	491	1043
2.	The Army			1020
3.	The Volunteers			1019
4.	All Comers			1009
5.	The Royal Marines ..			921

R.M. VIII.

Captain of Team—Major H. G. Cotterill, R.M.L.I.

Q.M.S.I. H. J. Pearson	R.M.L.I.	70	56	126
Major R. M. Byne	,,	65	55	120
Sergeant J. Lloyde	,,	66	52	118
Col.-Sgt. W. H. D. Phillips	,,	69	48	117
Major E. E. Chown	,,	52	62	114
Q.M.S. C. Hill	,,	64	49	113
Lieut. S. G. Rodway	R.M.A.	61	47	108
Sergt.-Major E. J. Sullivan	R.M.L.I.	53	53	106

PRINCE OF WALES.

Ten shots at 200 and 600 yards. Open to winners of N.R.A. Medals only. Q.M.S.I. H. J. Pearson, R.M.L.I., counted out of the prize list with 89 (48 and 41).

THE BRINSMEAD CHALLENGE SHIELD.

The team from H.M.S. *Cambridge* won the shield and £12 with 26 hits; teams from *Excellent* and *Wildfire* taking 2nd and 3rd places. Our first team, the Chatham Division, was sixth with 17 hits.

Portsmouth Division ..	16 hits	R.M.A.	13 hits
The Depot ..	15 ,,	Plymouth Division ..	12 ,,

31 teams competed.

THE OFFICERS' CUP.

The following is a list of competing teams and scores in the competition for the above, and were received too late for insertion in last month's issue. :

ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY.—1st Shoot, 16; 2nd Shoot, 27; Total points, 43. Team—Capt. J. L. Homer, Q.M. and Hon. Lieut. A. A. Baker, Sergt.-Major F. J. Deacon, Sergt. D. Beddow, Sergt. J. Paddison.

THE DEPOT.—1st Shoot, 19; 2nd Shoot, 23; Total, 42. Team—Major E. E Chown, Sergt.-Major E. J. Sullivan, Q.M.S. C. Hill, Q.M.S.I. H. J. Pearson, D.-Major H. J. Elliott, Sergt. J. Lloyde.

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.—1st Shoot, 19; 2nd Shoot, 15; Total, 34. Team—Q.M.S.I. D. J. Finlayson; Sergt. J. Dorey; Sergt. Sanders, Sergt. Leppard, Lce.-Corpl. T. Lea, Lce.-Corpl. Blackmore.

CHATHAM DIVISION.—1st Shoot, 16; 2nd Shoot, 14; Total, 30. Team—Q.M.S.I. H. Andrews, Q.M.S.I. A. G. Kay, Cr.-Sergt. E. G. Burgis, Cr.-Sergt. H. Braybrooke, Sergt. G. E. Geater, Sergt. F. W. Willing.

PLYMOUTH DIVISION.—1st Shoot, 8; 2nd Shoot, 15: Total, 23. Team –Lieut. H. S. Lloyd, Lieut. A. A. Cordner, Q.M.S.I. J. F. Richards, Sergt. F. Davies, Sergt. Channon, Arm.-Sergt. A. E. Hermon.

The following are among some of the principal prizes won by individual members of the Corps :—

The Alexander Martin. Ten shots at 800 yards.—Won by Capt. J. L. Homer, R.M.A., with a "possible" and 5, 4, 5, for his tie shots, having tied with Sergt. Bradley, Canada.

Daily Graphic. Seven shots at 200 yards. Open to all comers.—108th, Q.M.S.I. H. J. Pearson, R.M.L.I., 34; Tyro prizes, Sergt. J. Paddison, R.M.A., 33. Seven shots at 500 yards. Open to all comers.—108th, Sergt.-Inst. D. Beddow, R.M.A., 33. Tyro prizes, Q.M.S. Ede, R.M.A., 33.

The Barlow. Seven shots at 200, 500, 600 yards.—14th, Gunner Rogers, R.M.A., 32, 33, 27–92; 22nd, Lance.-Corpl. Jefford, R.M.L.I., 31, 31, 25–87; 64th, Gunner Carter, R.M.A., 31, 30, 21–82; Private Ford, R.M.L.I., 28, 30, 23–82.

The Premier.—Sergt. J. Paddison, R.M.A., 32.

Scurry (King's). 200 yards, five shots.—1st, Q.M.S.I. H. J. Pearson, R.M.L.I., tie, 25.

Eley, 1st week.—7th, Major R. M. Byne, R.M.L.I., 39; 17th, Major E. E. Chown, R.M.L.I., 37.

Long Range, 1st week.—12th, Col.-Sgt. W. H. D. Phillips, R.M.L.I., 35.

Scurry.—12th, Q.M.S.I. H. J. Pearson, R.M.L.I., 22.

Alexandra. Ten shots at 200 and 600 yards. Open to all comers.—13th, Sergt. J. Paddison, R.M.A., 35, 31–66; 154th, Q.M.S.I. H. J. Pearson, R.M.L.I., 32, 29–61.

Gregory. 200 yards.—19th, Sergt.-Major D. J. Foley, R.M.A., 31; 23rd, Sergt. J. Paddison, R.M.A., 31.

All Comers Aggregate.—56th, Q.M.S.I. H. J. Pearson, R.M.L.I., 156.

L. & S. W. Railway (Tyro).—12th, Col.-Sergt. F. G. Deacon, R.M.A., 68; 15th, Sergt. J. Paddison, R.M.A., 68; 29th, Sergt.-Major E. J. Sullivan, R.M.L.I., 68; 61st, Drum-Major E. Elliott, R.M.L.I., 67.

Burt.—24th, Sergt.-Inst. D. Beddow, R.M.A., 18; 32nd, Q.M.S.I. H. J. Pearson, R.M.L.I., 18.

The Morris Competition.—The £10 given by the Morris Tube Association and Safety Range Company for competitors from the Royal Marines in this competition has been awarded as follows:—Lance-Corpl. T. Lea, R.M.L.I., Sergt.-Inst. W. Dorey, Gunner A. Stewart, R.M.A., 33 points, £1 10s. each. Sergt.-Inst. D. Beddow, R.M.A., Q.M.S. C. Hill, R.M.L.I., 32 pts., £1 each. Capt. J. Homer, R.M.A., Q.M.S.I. H. J. Pearson, R.M.L.I., 31 points, 15s. each. Private S. J. Pengelly, Q.M.S.I. D. Finlayson, and Sergt. F. Davies, 29 points, Q.M.S. J. F. Richards, 28 points, 10s. each.

Good Conduct Badges.

EASTNEY—

Gnr. W. Jameson, 1st; Sergt. W. Chester, 3rd; Gnrs. H. S. Fee, 1st; C. Pragnell, 2nd; G. E. Parker, 1st; H. Morrison, 1st; W. W. Sharpe, 3rd; T. R. Morgan, 1st; S. S. Warren, 1st; A. Parker, 2nd; G. T. Allen, 1st; J. Howes, 3rd; B. H. Pape, 3rd; C. Robinson, 2nd; C. Bacon, 1st; R. S. Spong, 1st; J. Clampitt, 1st; S. Hurst, 1st; Corpl. F. B. Niblett, 3rd; Sergt. W. Fraser, 3rd; Corpl. T. Cathie, 2nd; Gnr. E. Jackson, 2nd; Clr.-Sergt. J. Cullen, 4th; Corpl. W. W. Golding, 3rd; Gnr. E. Stevens, 4th.

CHATHAM—

Clr.-Sergt. Walker, 5th; Ptes. F. G. Hutcherson, 1st; B. Winsor, 1st; A. Carter, 1st; T. J. Mortimer, 3rd; R. W. Compton, 3rd; R. E. White, 1st; E. H. Harding, 3rd; D. Creek, 3rd; Sergt. F. W. Hammond, 3rd; Ptes. H. J. Mitchell, 2nd; R. W. Brown, 2nd; T. Parratt, 1st; W. Wedgbury, 1st; A. Lorence, 1st; W. Pearse, 2nd; A. R. White, 2nd; F. C. Saunders, 2nd; H. Selves, 3rd; A. E. Goddard, 2nd; G. Spicer, 4th; E. Bennett, 1st; T. C. Coombe, 2nd; C. Plumb, 4th; Corpl. A. J. Wanstall, 2nd; Gnr. J. Weat, 1st.

PORTSMOUTH—

Ptes. M. J. Ladbrook, 3rd; A. E. Worsfold, 3rd; W. J. Cook, 3rd; Lce.-Sergt. W. Kebby, 4th; Ptes. O. S. Warren, W. Salisbury, 4th; Sergt. J. R. Anderson, 4th; Provost-Sergt. C. Covell, 4th; Sergt. J. C. Drawbridge, 3rd; Corpl. J. C. Dunn, 2nd; Ptes. J. Joyce, 2nd (restored); W. Godman, 3rd; A. Bardell, 3rd; E. V. Silvester, 1st (restored); W. Brinklow, 2nd; J. T. Buckenham, 1st (restored).

PLYMOUTH—

5th—Clr.-Sergt. White; Ptes. Ball, Tredgett, and Davey. 3rd—Lce.-Sergt. Crocker; Mus. Smith; Ptes. Garland, Spencer, Radmore, Edwards, Milton, Brown, and Baker. 2nd—Corpl. Saunderson; Ptes. Tarr, Wynne, Richardson, Partridge, Garner, and Tobin. 1st—Ptes. Keetch, Blackmore, Mitchell, Bradford, Norris, Slocombe, and Smith.

DEPOT—

Lce.-Corpl. Watson, 3rd; Ptes. Smith, 5th; A. H. Capps, 2nd; Sergt. F. M. Worters, 3rd; Ptes. A. G. Tuck (restored), 1st; G. Franks, 4th; J. Russell, 5th; A. W. Warner (depd. 1).

H.M.S. *Pembroke*—Ptes. E. Gladwell, 1st; H. R. Blackeby, 2nd; H. Silk, 2nd; H. Harvey, 1st; A. Barker, 1st; J. R. Jennings, 1st; Gnrs. H. W. Lambert, 1st; R. Paddon, 3rd.

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Foreign News.

MALTA NAVAL & MILITARY RIFLE MEETING, 1901.

THE Annual Malta Naval and Military Rifle Meeting commenced on Monday, 13th May, on the Military Rifle Ranges at Pembroke Camp. On the morning of the first day the weather was not at all in favour of high scoring, and Tuesday, the 14th, was so stormy, the wind blowing almost a hurricane and bringing with it a perfect deluge of rain into the faces of the competitiors, that at 2 p.m. a notice was posted to the effect that all the firings of that day were cancelled, and the second day's programme would be carried out the next day. The meeting thus actually lasted one day longer than usual and finished on Tuesday the 21st (instead of Monday), on the afternoon of which day Lady Fisher kindly gave away the prizes.

The following list gives the names of those members of the corps which appeared in the published list of winners.

1ST DAY.

Sergeants and Petty Officers—200 Yards.

Place	*Rank*	*Name*	*Ship*	*Points*
2	Sergeant	Symons	*Hibernia*	33
	Sergeant	Sampson	*Renown*	31
	Sergt.-Major	Quinlan	2nd R.M.R.	29

All Comers.

Captain	Spurway, R.M.A.	*Royal Sovereign*	32
Mr.	Woodcock, R.M.A.	*Cæsar*	31
Sergeant	Harper	*Ramillies*	31

Young Soldiers and Seamen—200 yards.

Bugler	Webber	*Renown*	27
Gunner	Pope	*Renown*	23

Rank and File.

2	Private	Rossiter	*Victorious*	31
	Private	Chidlon	*Victorious*	29
	Private	Bennett	*Victorious*	29

Officers—200 Yards.

1	Captain	Spurway, R.M.A.	*Royal Sovereign*	33
2	Mr.	Woodcock, R.M.A.	*Cæsar*	31

Mediterranean Sweepstakes—200 Yards.

4	Captain	Spurway, R.M.A.	*Royal Sovereign*	32
	Sergt.-Major	Quinlan	2nd R.M.R.	32
	Mr.	Woodcock, R.M.A.	*Cæsar*	31

Revolver Sweepstakes.

Rank	*Name*	*Ship*	*Points*	*Prize*
2	Captain Spurway, R.M.A.	*Royal Sovereign*	68	10/-

Soldiers and Seamen.

Rank	*Name*	*Ship*	*Points*	*Prize*
Private	Heames	*Cæsar*	31	20/-
Private	McGowan	*Royal Sovereign*	31	20/-
Private	Dobson	*Diana*	31	15/-

and 21 other prizes from 10/- to 2/6.

Mediterranean Sweepstakes—200 Yards. (Afternoon).

Sergt.-Major	Quinlan	2nd R.M.R.	32	5/-
Captain	Spurway, R.M.A.	*Royal Sovereign*	31	2/6

2ND DAY.

Mediterranean Sweepstakes—500 Yards. (Morning).

Gunner	Hawkes	*Gladiator*	30	2/6

Soldiers and Seamen—500 Yards.

Private	Chapman	*Vindictive*	31	15/-
Bombr.	Spencer	*Royal Sovereign*	28	10/-
Private	Tulip	*Canopus*	28	10/-
Private	Rochton	*Vulcan*	27	7/6

and 19 other prizes from 7/6 to 2/6.

Officers—500 Yards.

Captain	Spurway, R.M.A.	*Royal Sovereign*	31	60/-

Young Soldiers and Seamen.

Bugler	Webber	*Renown*	16	2/6

3rd DAY.

Rank and File—500 Yards.

Private Turbeffield	..	*Illustrious*	..	27	20/-
Gunner Smart	..	*Victorious*	..	25	7/6
Gunner Crouch	..	*Victorious*	..	24	5/-

All Comers—500 Yards.

Mr. Woodcock, R.M.A.		*Cæsar*	..	34	50/-
Sergeant Symons	..	*Hibernia*	..	30	10/-
Sergt.-Major Quinlan	..	2nd R.M.R.	..	30	10/-

Mediterranean Sweepstakes—500 Yards. (Afternoon).

Sergeant Symons	..	*Hibernia*	..	30	5/-

Sergeants and Petty Officers—500 Yards.

Sergt.-Major Quinlan	..	2nd R.M.R.	..	29	10/-
Sergeant Symons	..	*Hibernia*	..	29	7/6
Sergeant Hayes	..	*Hibernia*	..	28	7/6

4th DAY.

Soldiers and Seamen—600 Yards.

Private Bland	..	*Illustrious*	..	27	10/-
Private Heames	..	*Cæsar*	..	27	7/6
Private Hicky	..	*Gladiator*	..	27	7/6

and 23 other prizes from 7/6 to 2/6.

All Comers.

Sergeant Hayes	..	*Hibernia*	..	33	15/-
Corporal Bowden	..	*Ramillies*	..	33	15/-
Sergeant Symons	..	*Hibernia*	..	31	10/-
Bombr. Spencer	..	*Royal Sovereign*	..	31	10/-
Sergt.-Major Quinlan	..	2nd R.M.R.	..	31	10/-
Sergeant Sparks	..	*Cæsar*	..	31	7/6
Private Lewis	..	*Theseus*	..	29	5/-
Mr. Woodcock	..	*Cæsar*	..	28	2/6

Mediterranean Sweepstake. (Afternoon).

Sergeant Hayes	..	*Hibernia*	..	33	15/-

Sergeants and Petty Officers.

Sergt.-Major Quinlan	..	2nd R.M.R.	..	32	60/-
Sergeant Sparkes	..	*Cæsar*	..	30	20/-
Sergeant Hayes	..	*Hibernia*	..	29	10/-
Sergeant Lock	..	*Hibernia*	..	29	7/6

Junior A. & N. Cup.

2nd Derby Regiment	..	..	320	Cup

NEXT BEST SCORES.

Royal Sovereign	..	..	300	
Canopus	..	..	296	
Renown	..	..	295	

Pembroke Challenge Cup.

Hibernia	..	..	684	160/-
Royal Engineers	..	..	667	80/-
Canopus	..	..	656	20/-

NEXT BEST SCORES.

Royal Sovereign	..	..	650	
Theseus	..	..	625	
2nd Derby Regiment	..	..	614	

H. & G. Simonds' Cup.

Royal Engineers	..	..	454	Cup

NEXT BEST SCORES.

2nd Derby Regiment	..	..	403	
1st Lanc. Fusiliers	..	..	402	
Royal Marines	..	..	400	

Volley Challenge Cup.

No. 2 team *Royal Sovereign*	..	45	Cup & 80/-
Marines, *Royal Oak*	..	44	37/6 } a
No. 1 team Lanc. Fusiliers	..	44	37/6 } tie

Mortimer's Cup.

9th, Sergeant Hayes	..	*Hibernia*	..	88	10/-
11th, Sgt.-Maj. Quinlan		2nd R.M.A.	..	87	10/-

Messrs Ind Coope & Co.'s Cup. 800 Yards

6th, Sgt.-Maj. Quinlan		2nd R.M.A.	..	47	15/-
20th, Sergeant Tyrell	..	*Victorious*	..	44	2/6

Consolation.

Bombr. Hood	..	*Illustrious*	..	34	20/-
Sergeant Pattenden	..	*Andromeda*	..	30	5/-
Private Davies	..	*Andromeda*	..	30	5/-

Barfleur Challenge Cup.

Royal Sovereign	..	417	Cup & 60/-
Canopus	..	344	
Renown	..	344	

The Admiral's Cup.

Vulcan 1st team	..	Cup & 80/-
Victorious 2nd team	..	50/-
Victorious 1st team	..	37/6
Canopus 3rd team	..	25/-

Fleet Challenge Cup—800 to 200 Yards.

Theseus	..	Cup & 100/-
Royal Sovereign	..	50/-
Canopus	..	25/-

Revolver Sweep—W.O.s', Sergeants, and Men.

Private Chapman	..	*Vindictive*	..	42	7/-

United Service Challenge Cup.

Royal Navy	..	..	672	Cup
Regular Army	..	..	669	
Militia	..	..	660	
Royal Marines	..	..	636	

The following are the individual scores of the Royal Marine team:—

MARINES, 4th.

Captain of Team—Captain Spurway, R.M.A.

			200	*500*	*600*	*Tl.*
Sergeant Hayes	..	R.M.LI.	29	27	33	89
Sergeant Locke	..	,,	31	29	27	87
Private Bullard	..	,,	28	23	34	85
Captain Spurway	..	R.M.A.	27	21	33	81
Lieutenant Woodcock		,,	26	27	25	78
Clr.-Sergt. Harrison	..	,,	20	29	27	76
Sergeant Hale	..	,,	22	28	23	73
Sergeant Symons	..	,,	20	30	17	67
			203	214	219	636

ROYAL NAVAL SPORTS, MALTA.

These sports took place on the Corradino on the 28th and 30th May. The weather was all that could be desired, though rather hot. The heats, as usual, were run off on the first day, and produced large fields, no less than 52 entries were obtained for the 100 yards flat race and 31 for the hurdles, thus necessitating many heats. The field guns competitions are now the result of four runs, thus giving any gun which has bad luck in any one heat a chance of retrieving itself.

Three runs were made the morning of the first day, thus each gun's crew appeared before their many admirers on the last day, and as the times of the previous three heats were not divulged, it added greatly to the interest of the proceedings. In the 9-pr. competition, the seamen from the *Royal Sovereign* were very smart and fully deserved to win. In the 12-pr. the *Canopus* Marines were distinctly unlucky in twice dropping their Morris tube cartridge in loading, or would have been even closer than they were, being eventually beaten by the *Andromeda's* seamen by 3 3-5 secs. in the total times. In the running events a new feature was introduced: each competitor having to wear a sash composed of his ship's colours, which was very useful by enabling the spectators to identify the runners at a distance. In the quarter-mile officers' race, Lieut. Christie, of the *Illustrious*, ran with good judgment and finished very strongly, coming through his men in the last fifty yards and winning easily by six yards in 54 4-5 seconds. He was also third in the officers' 100 yards. Capt. Phillips, R.M.A. won the hurdles easily by 12 yards in 16 4-5 seconds. A very promising runner was Mr. Thursfield, an assistant paymaster who won the 220 yards gunroom race in very good style, and who with more training and experience should do very well. The feature of the day was the splendid running of the Rev. F. S. Horan, the famous Canadian three-miler, who, running in the Corradino half-mile championship and making all the running in the second lap, won easily by 60 yards in the excellent time of 2 min. 2 secs. Had he been pressed, no doubt he would have got inside the two minutes. Those of your readers who know the rough and uneven nature of the Corradino and the hill before entering the straight, will be able to recognise the merit of Horan's win, which was quite the most popular of the afternoon; the next three places were filled by soldiers from the garrison. The *Royal Oaks'* Marines quite brought down the house by their exhibition of the bayonet exercise and physical drill, the fifth exercise being

especially well performed. A new arrangement was successfully tried this year in pegging out the 100 yards' track, as several runners the previous year were all over the place, like two-year-old's swerving under the whip, some having started on the outside right and finished on the extreme left. This was found to improve matters greatly, and no doubt next year there will be a special 100-yards' track in the middle of the grouud. The obstacle race heats were run off the first day, thus saving a great deal of hustling and shoving at the earlier obstacles, such as 70 men or more struggling to get through 14 barrels and preventing any possible chance of last year's mishap, when two obstacles gave way under the weight of so many men on them at once. Lady Fisher very kindly gave away the prizes to the successful competitors, of whom a list is appended below.

Event No. 1, 100 yards (Navy).—3rd Private Scott, *Barham*.

Event No. 12, 440 yards (officers).—1st, Mr. Christie, R.M.L.I., *Illustrious*.

Event No. 16, Hurdles (officers).—1st, Capt. Picton Phillips, R.M.A., *Canopus*.

Event No. 25, High Jump.—1st, Lce.-Sergt. Moore, R.M.A., *Hood*.

Event No. 27, 12 pdr. Field Gun Competition.—2nd, Royal Marines, *Theseus*.

Event No. 31, Marines' Bayonet Competition.—1st, *Royal Oak*; 2nd, *Renown*.

NAVAL POSTMEN'S DINNER & SMOKING CONCERT.

The postmen of His Majesty's Mediterranean Fleet held a very successful dinner and smoking concert at Mr. Lewis Buhagiar's Army and Navy Bar, Strada San Giovanni, on Monday, 22nd July, 1901. The affair was a grand success, and after a hearty repast the first toast of the evening was proposed by the Chairman, "The King," and drunk with musical honours. During the evening, Lance-Sergt. Attwell, *Surprise*, occupied the chair, the office of vice-chairman being ably filled by Bombr. Green, *Royal Oak*. A first-class programme was rendered in right good style. The harmony was brought to a close at 12 midnight (after the usual votes of thanks to the chairman and vice-chairman and the singing of Auld Lang Syne), by the singing of God Save the King.

H.M.S. Amphion, Pacific Station, July 8th, 1901.

DEAR Sir,—I don't think that anything of much interest has happened since last I wrote to you. The Flagship after her cruise south, arrived at Esquimalt during the beginning of May. The *Amphion* and *Egeria* arrived at Comox to go through their annual course of musketry. The best shot in the two ships was Lce.-Sergt. Owen, of the *Egerta*. The *Amphion* had five marksmen out of twenty-six marines who fired, and the *Egeria* one out of seven.

On June 30th, all the ships up north, *i.e. Warspite, Amphion, Icarus, Condor, Egeria, Virago*, and two torpedo boats joined up at Vancouver to take part in the Dominion Day Celebrations. On the first day two battalions of bluejackets, and one of marines, as well as the field gnns, were landed to march through the principal streets.

The next day there was a regatta and in the afternoon sports for men from the fleet. The *Icarus* then went down to Esquimalt and the *Egeria* left us to carry on surveying. The remainder are now going for a cruise round the island.

We arrived at Comox on July 6th, and on the 8th the *Warspite* and *Amphion* had a rifle shooting match which the *Amphion* won by 9 points. The targets used were the Naval service targets, so that a possible was 28 points. The scores of the Marines' firing were—

	H.M.S. Amphion—			
	200	*500*	*600*	*Total*
Pte. A. Cox	22	26	20	68
Lieut. C. L. Hall	22	22	20	64
Pte. J. Jones	18	23	17	58
Pte. A. Duffner	15	20	15	50
	H.M.S. Warspite			
Col.-Sergt. Crozier	23	20	18	61
Maj. W. S. Harvest	16	25	13	54

The score of 68 made by Cox was the highest score on either side.

The *Phœton* is expected at Esquimalt from down south on Sept. 1st.

C.L.H.



SERGT. J. E. PRESTON, R.M.L.I.

SERGT. JAMES EDWARD PRESTON, R.M.L.I., whose portrait we give above, enlisted in the Royal Marines on March 27th, 1894. He joined Portsmouth Headquarters on November 11th, 1894, and embarked in the *Cordelia* on November 12th, 1895. He returned to Headquarters on November 28th, 1898, and was drafted to the *Orlando* on February 16th, 1899. He was awarded the conspicuous gallantry medal for the following act:—On July 14th, 1900, after the enemy had been driven down from their barricade on the Imperial Carriage Park wall, near the West Hamlin, by shell fire, this N.C.O. climbed on to the wall, some 12 feet high, with the intention of capturing a banner left on the barricade by the enemy. Finding that he could not reach it, he called for his rifle to be given to him, and pushing down part of the barricade, kept the enemy, some 50 in number, at bay, while an American gunner named Mitchell, was enabled to lay hold of the flag. Sergt. Preston then jumped down and assisted Mitchell in drawing the flag over with difficulty, as the enemy had laid hold of the other end. He was struck on the head at the same time by a brick which partially stunned him.

This medal, as we mention elsewhere, was recently presented to him at Wei-Hai-Wei and, we are pleased to see, he has also been awarded the medal for distinguished service in the field. He was promoted Corporal on July 19th, 1898, and Sergeant (special for services in China) on December 19th, 1900. He holds a 1st class certificate of education, and has every prospect of a brilliant career before him.

N.C.O.—"Have you been through a Course of Cooking?" Tommy: "No!" N.C.O.: "Can you cook?" Tommy: "Well! I just finished a Course of Gun Drill."

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COULDN'T HAVE BEEN THE WORSE FOR DRINK.—Young soldier awaking and finding himself in the guard-room: "How the Dickens did I get in here?" Surly old Sweat: "Frog-marched in with me last night, we were both drunk!" Young soldier: "I'm sure I wasn't drunk, I only had *five* quarts altogether!"

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A short time ago a recruit was going through musketry, with not very promising results. After repeatedly failing to hit the target the Instructor ordered him to be tried at 300, 200, and 100 yards, but the results were even worse. At last, losing all patience, the Sergeant said in disgust—"For goodness sake, man, fix your bayonet and go and stab the target, it's your only chance!"

The Dunderheaded Squad.

(A lay of the Lee-Metford Rifle.)

I.

'TWAS an enterprising sergeant
Who had mastered rifles three,
First the Enfield, then the Snider,
And at last the Martini;
Who had sweated up the Metford,
But found its terms so odd,
That for all he could say
He never made way
With his Dunderheaded Squad.

Spoken—He explained with great volubility and absolute accuracy the different parts of the rifle; showed the dial sight, the clearing rod, and how it was screwed; gave the length of the barrel; pointed out the striker, the resisting shoulder, the sear, and the nose of the sear; and impressed it upon them that flanelette only should be used for wiping these parts. Then stood the weapon on its muzzle, and borrowing someone else's knife, prized open the trap cover (when the musketry instructor was not looking), and showed them how to roll up the pull through, and how to drive it home in the trap. But when he came to examine the squad, he found that they hopelessly muddled up their preconceived notions of what the words meant with what he had just told them, and in reply to his questions only something like the following replies could be obtained.

CHORUS:
The dial's for telling the time by,
The barrel's for holding the beer;
And you'll need a flannelette handkerchief
To wipe the nose of the sear.
The striker strikes out from the shoulder,
The cocking piece sets your cap;
And when screwed becomes the cleaning rod,
You must drive it home in the trap.

II.

Then the enterprising sergeant
Took his Dunderheaded Squad
Once more clean through that rifle new,
From trap to cleaning rod.
Then asked he, "What's the muzzle for?"
Just to hear what they would say.
And some idiot said
"To prevent the spread
Of hy-dro-pho-bi-a."

Spoken—"No! no! you are mixing up the War Office with the County Council Regulations. Now please pay attention and I'll go through the parts again, and you men in the rear rank, just *look* at what I'm saying; you'll have plenty of time to play with your rifles presently." So he went over the whole bag of tricks once more, but nothing could shake their firm conviction that—

Chorus: The dial's for telling the time by, etc.

III.

Next that enterprising sergeant
Detached the magazine.
He showed the case and platform,
And the spring that works between;
And when he thought the lesson
Was impressed upon their hearts,
Asked, "How doth the magazine come out?"
They said "In monthly parts."

Spoken—Then the inquisitive member began to tackle him; you know when you are shown over a cathedral there is always a persevering man who will question the verger on perfectly irrelevent facts and dates; so it is with the inquisitive member, he wants to know, "If you oil the outside of the rifle with the same oil as the inside," and "Why the cleaning rod is screwed the reverse way"—in fact "*why* it is screwed at all," until at last the sergeant loses his temper and replies, "Oh! I don't know why it is screwed any more than you do, unless it is that it is too much attached to the *barrel*."

But—Chorus: The dial's for telling the time by, etc.

IV.

Then the enterprising sergeant
Took his dummy case in hand,
And tried to show the motion
In a way they'd understand.
Then asked, "Explain the action."
"When on the nose, the striker hits the sear;
The ejector chucks him out."

Spoken—Then the inquisitive member had another innings, "O, I say, sergeant, what is this little thing like a brass farthing gone wrong screwed into the side of the butt? "Never mind, that has nothing to do with the mechanism." "But." "Oh well, if you must know, that is mark two." "What; mark two for a little gun like that, why in the billiard room they only mark two for a *cannon*.

But—Chorus: The dial's for telling the time by, etc.

V.

Then that enterprising sergeant
Dismissed with grief and pain,
And swore that never, never more
Would he teach that squad again.
He sought his lonely quarters,
And found relief from toil
By hanging himself
With his own pull through,
And swallowing his bottle of oil.

Spoken—But even as his spirit departed, he could still hear in the distance a ghostly chorus repeating—

The dial's for telling the time by, etc.

OFFICER TO PRIVATE P.: "Does that helmet fit you allright, my man?" Private. P.: "No, Sir! it fits me rather tight around the collar."—*Suffolk Gazette.*

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AT TOPOGRAPHY.—O.C. Company to Lce.-Corporal: "You know what these things are, don't you?" Lce.-Corporal: "Yes, Sir! I know all them *confidential* signs."

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ON GUARD MOUNTING PARADE.—Adjutant to Pte. K——"Are they the best trousers you have?" Pte. K——"No Sir! the others ain't long enough, I've sent them to be washed!"

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EXCITED OLD BOER: "Give us back our independence." Tommy Atkins (stripped of everything): "D—— your independence, give me back my bloomin' boots."—*The Regiment*

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CANTEEN SERGEANT TO SERGEANTS' MESS WAITER.—"Are you going to send for that beer, its as thick as mud?" Sergeants' Mess Waiter: "All right, I'll come up and cut it out as soon as I get a spade!"

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CAN'T POSSIBLY HURT.—Officer superintending practice at the butts: "Great Scott! Man, what do you mean by running across the range when firing is going on?" Innocent Marker: "They're only sighting shots, Sir!"

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A MINOR OFFENCE.—Commanding Officer: "Private Smith, you are charged with assaulting 'sentry' on Gate Duty." Private Smith: "I only threw his jacket behind the gate, Sir." Sentry: "Yes! but I was *inside* the jacket, Sir."

Naval Nicknames.

IN the Royal Navy nicknames are freely given. Very few men are without some prefix or "handle" to their surname, in lieu of their Christian one. Besides the common "Joney," "Browny," and "Smithy," who have to be content with a "y" added to their names, we have:—"Nobby" Clark, "Spud" Murphy, "Pedlar" Palmer, "Dusty" Miller, "Shiner" Wright, "Rattler" Morgan, "General" Jackson, "Tom" King, "Wiggy" Bennett, "Darby" Allen, "Darby" Kelly, "Teddy" O'Neal, "Hookey" Walker, "Boggy" Knight, "Justice" Hawkins, "Daisy" Bell, "Taff" Thomas, "Pincher" Martin, "Jumper" Collins, "Bobby" Burns, and "Slinger" Woods. If a man be exceptionally tall, he is called "Lofty," but if small in stature, "Shorty." A stout man is called "Tubby," or "Bags," while a thin man is "Windy." A man with a prominent nasal organ labours under the name of "Trunky," while he who requires an extra large hat is known as "Chumpy" or "Nutty." These are only a few specimens, as no matter what a man's "proper" Christian name is, as soon as he joins "Andrew Miller" (*i.e.*, Royal Navy) he must give it up, and rejoice (or otherwise) under some such sobriquet as the foregoing. Besides these *nom de plumes*, others are awarded them according to the rank they hold. On the lower deck the admiral is generally called "The Old Man," not out of any disrespect, but because he is *mostly* the oldest man in the fleet. He is sometimes called "Daddy." It is well known that his right-hand man, the captain, is invariably called "The Skipper." The next in seniority, of executive rank, the commander, has to be content with the name of "the Bogey Man." I should like to mention here that it greatly depends on *this* officer whether "the commission" (3 years on a man-o'-war) is a happy one, or otherwise. The navigating officer, generally a staff-commander, is called "Staffy." The officers immediately below him are the first-lieutenant, gunnery lieutenant, and torpedo-lieutenant, and are respectively called "First Luff" or "No. 1," "Gunnery Jack," and "Torpedo Jack." The signal officer is "Flag-Jack." A marine officer is happy with the title of "Joe the Marine." The non-combatants are not forgotten, as the paymaster is either called "Old Gold Dust" or "Pay Bobs." The chaplain *ought* to be happy with the names of "Holy Joe," "Sky Pilot," and "Bible Thumper." A Surgeon is called a "Linseed Lancer," and his assistants are "Poultice Punchers." In or out of the Navy a midshipman is a "Middy." The chief boatswain of a ship is *always* known as "Tommy Pipes," and if there are other boatswains on board junior to him, they are invariably termed, "Wash-Deck Bos'uns." The gunner has the delightful name of "Old Blue Lights," and the carpenter "Chippy." Next we come to the lower deck ratings. The master-at-arms, who is the chief of the "Ship's police," is always termed the "Jonty," or "Joss," and his assistants, the ship's-corporals, are called "Crushers." A chief-boatswain's mate is known as the "Chief-buffer." The carpenter's mate is jocularly called the "Wood-spoiler" or "Chippy-chap;" the painter is "Putty," the blacksmith, "Blackey," and the copper "Jimmy Bungs." The ship's-steward has taken the pay-master's old name of "The Pusser," and his assistant (generally a boy) is called "Dusty." A writer is a "quill-driver" or an "ink-slinger." The "Captain of the hold," generally an A.B. (able-seaman), who is responsible that the fresh water tanks are kept perfectly clean and wholesome, is called "Tanky," of course. Marines are well known as "Jollies," "Leather-necks," and sometimes as "Brass-mounted Sons of Guns." The latter epithei is generally hurled after the luckless Marine who inadvertently treads on the bare foot of a sailor. Blue-jackets are called "Matlows," "Whiggy's" "Jah-Bees," or "Flatfeet." Stokers are always "Clinker-knockers," and the new rating recently appointed by the Admiralty, the artificer-engineers, are already known as "Steam Bosuns." All signal-men are "Bunting-tossers" or "Flag-waggers." Servants and domestics are "Flunkeys" and "Dish-wallopers" respectively. The senior sergeant of Marines is known as the "Sergeant-major," or "Major," for short, and the junior sergeant "Stripey." The lamp-trimmer and butcher (both Marines) are termed "Sockets" and "Butch"; but both have Sunday names and titles, and they are "The Illuminating Artificer," and the "Bovine Dissector." All marine drummers are called "Sticks."—*The Regiment.*

Billiard Handicap.

(*Held over for want of space*).

SERGEANTS' MESS, PLYMOUTH DIVISION.

FEW ventures have proved so marvellously interesting and evoked such enthusiasm as a recent Handicap, instituted by the Games Committee. The Handicapper, who had a most difficult task to handicap 42 players, was Sergt. H. J. Smith, who used splendid judgment, as evinced by the exceedingly close finish of many games, in fact, in three instances, the games were only won by one point, this in itself proves that the handicapping was in the hands of a most experienced and competent man. The limits were Sergt. Geo. Parsons, who owed 25 points, and Sergt. Rugman, who received 65 points, out of a game of 150 up. After playing off four rounds it was decided that the remaining three should play off for the order of prizes, on the American plan, namely, playing each other. This created a great deal of excitement, as the first night each beat one another, so that they had to play over again. The final heats were as follows:—

	1st Day	*2nd Day*
Cr.-Sergt. Cobb (received 20)	89	116
Dr.-Major Cockram (received 30) ..	150	150
Cr.-Sergt.-Everest (scratch)	150	95
Dr. Major Cockram (received 30) ..	109	150
Cr.-Sergt. Everest (scratch)	103	134
Cr.-Sergt. Cobb (received 20)	150	150

Dr.-Major Cockram was therefore awarded the first prize, a Clock, value £1; Cr.-Sergt. Cobb, second prize, Set of Carvers, value 15/-; and Cr.-Sergt. Everest, third, a Cruet, value, 7/-.

The Games Committee are to be congratulated on their first venture, which was a complete success, and it is to be hoped that many similar handicaps will take place in the future. H.L.S.

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

A similar handicap to the above was held at Forton Barracks, some very interesting games resulting. Bad luck attended all the crack shots, with the result that most of them succumbed before the close of the third round. The semi-final round was fought out by Cr.-Sergt. Burnett and Band-Sergt. Millar, and Sergt. Hooker and L.-Sergt. Lloyd, and in the end Band-Sergt. R. Millar easily defeated Sergt. Hooker.

It was in the orderly-room at Pietersburg, and the gallant colonel was in a somewhat irascible mood. "Ten days C.B.!" he cried to the inveterate delinquent; and as the i.v. was removed he was heard to mutter that he could do it on his sanguinary caput. For this he was at once brought back. "I shall now make that twenty-one days!" shouted the colonel; but Tommy, still cynical, moved off muttering that it would hardly give him time to—well, say sit down and think things over. This too, being overheard, the miserable sinner was hauled back once more. "You will now go for one-hundred-an'-sixty-eight-hours!" roared the thoroughly enraged commander, and Tommy, putting his arms akimbo and eyeing his chief critically, turned and inquired: "Look 'ere, what's this blanked game called? Are you our colonel, or are you playin' at bein' a ruddy auctioneer?" Remanded for court-martial, the delinquent observing to his custodian, "Whoddiditellyer?"—*Sporting Times.*

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Scene: North Front, Gibraltar. Four companies standing easy during a field day. Two Spanish "lydies" appear on the scene, chaffing a perspiring Tommy in pure Andalusian. Pte. C (of A Co.): "What's she saying to yer, Bill?" Pte. B: "Well, I don't quite know, but I think she's arsking when it's A Co.'s pay day."—*Sporting Times.*

Shooting.

Result of Rifle Match, R.M.A. *v.* Rifle Depot, July 29th, 1901.

R.M.A.		Rifle Depot.	
Sergt. Paddison ..	99	Cr.-Sergt. McKey ..	94
,, Beddow ..	94	Sergt. Cunningham ..	94
Capt. Homer ..	93	Sergt.-Major Bowden ..	93
Cr.-Sergt. Deacon ..	91	Capt. Napier ..	90
Q.M.S. Ede ..	90	Sergt. McCarthy ..	88
Lieut. Rodway ..	89	Pte. Pocock ..	87
,, Baker ..	88	Q.M.S. Hennessy ..	83
Sergt.-Major Foley ..	83	Sergt. Bainbridge ..	73
Total	727	Total	702
Average—90·87		Average—87·75	

Fired at Fort Cumberland. R.M.A. won by 25 points.

THE ALL COMERS CUP (INDIVIDUAL), ALDERSHOT.

In connection with the above, prizes of £1 each were won by Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lieut. A. Baker, R.M.A., Col.-Sergt. Deacon, R.M.A., and Q.M.S. C. Hill, R.M.L.I. (95 each). While prizes of 10/- each were secured by Gnr. Stewart, R.M.A. (94); Sergt. Lloyd, R.M.L.I.; Sergt.-Major Sullivan, R.M.L.I. and Capt. Homer, R M.A. (92 each). Capt. Colquhoun, R.M.L.I (88), and Drum-Major Elliott, R.M.L.I. (91).

WESTERN DISTRICT RIFLE MEETING.

For the first time in the history of this meeting, which takes place annually on the Tregantle Ranges, a Maxim Gun Competition was introduced, when the following teams were entered :—

2 Teams, H.M.S. *Cambridge*; 1 Team, Musketry Detachment, R.M.L.I.; 2 Teams, Recruits, R.M.L.I.

The rules governing the Competition were as follows :—Each team to come into action at an unknown distance, fire ten rounds at a target that appears for ten seconds, each man firing ten rounds. One of the Recruit teams, which was trained by Sergt. Woodings, won easily.

Names of members of the team : Corpl. Gilroy, Ptes. Goss, Balchin, Shepherd, Bray, Romia, Kenyon, O'Kerfe and Elliott.

"Portsmouth Times" Challenge Shield Competition.

Fired at Browndown, June 29th, 1901, and resulted in a win for the R.M.A. (1st Team) with 198 hits.

Conditions of Competition.—March 12 miles in three hours and attack practice down the range, from 600 to 250 yards, firing 16 volleys. H.P. Score, 224 hits.

1st Prize, Shield, £12, R.M.A. (1st Team). 2nd Prize, £8, H.M.S. *Duke of Wellington*, 182 hits.

R.M.A. Team.—Capt. Patterson (Captain of Team); Sergt. Neal (Section Commander); Corpl. Mead, Gnrs. Hill, Leitch, Fee, Oldham, Jordan, Kemp, Horsham, Rogers, Sherringham, Palmer, Greenhalgh, Wenham, Downton.

Cricket.

R.M.A. *v.* Stubbington House.

Played at Stubbington, 10th July, R.M.A.—226 for 7 wickets. Stubbington House—76 for 3 wickets. Principal scores: R.M.A., Capt. McCarthy 103, Lieut. Warder 25, Major Tatham 42. S H., Mr. J. Wood 33 not out.

R.M.A. *v.* Portsmouth Grammar School.

Played at Hilsea, 6th July, P.G.S.—131 for 7 wickets. R.M.A.—228. Principal scores: P.G.S., Mr. A. H. Wood 58, Mr. J. Baker 20. R.M.A., Lieut. Fisher 99, Capt. McCarthy 21, Lieut. Trotman 48, Lieut. Warder 28.

R.M.A. *v.* Rifle Depot.

Played at U.S. Recreation Ground, Portsmouth, 27th June, R.M.A.—215. R.D.—218 for 9 wickets. Principal Scores: R.M.A., Capt. McCarthy 23, Lieut. Foster 89, Lieut. Fisher 37. R.D., Capt. Thresher 59, Hon. J. C. Lyttleton 52, Lieut. Barber 39, Major Sir. G. Campbell 25.

R.M.A. *v.* R.N. College.

Played at Eastney, 29th June.

R.M.A.		R.N.C.	
Capt. Harding, b Fisher-Hall	24	Sub.-Lt. Mackenzie, b Dobree	0
Lieut. Fisher, b Mackenzie	23	,, Fisher-Hall, b Gaubert	18
Lieut. Foster, b Mackenzie	29	,, Larel, b Gaubert ..	0
Lieut. Lushington, not out	124	,, Marryatt, c Lushington b Gaubert	5
Capt. Dobblee, b Mackenzie	5		0
Major Tatham, b Sarel	9	Sub.-Lt. Parsons, b Gaubert	5
Lieut. Trotman, b Fisher-Hall	13	,, Shipway, c Tratham b Dobree	11
Lieut. Twiss, not out	12	Sub. Lt. Dewar, c Dibblee, b Dobree	5
Capt. Dobree, Capt. Brough, did not bat, innings closed		Sub.-Lt. Eliot, c & b Fisher	9
Sergt. Gaubert, b Mackenzie	13	,, Knight, not out	47
		,, Buckle, c Trotman, b Gaubert	20
		Sub.-Lt. Kunhardt, not out	5
Extras	26	Extras	31
Total ..	277	Total (9 wickets)	151

Portsmouth Division *v.* Stubbington House.—Played at Stubbington House, on July 20th, and won by Stubbington House, by 27 runs. Portsmouth Division, 137 (Lce.-Sergt. Lee, 28; Corpl. Crawley, 20). Stubbington House, 164 (Mr. Wood, 39, Mr. Simmons, 37).

Portsmouth Division Sergeants (with 3 officers) *v.* Northwood Park.—Played at Northwood Park and won by R.M.L.I., by an innings and 15 runs. R.M.L.I., 221 (Lieut. Green Armytage, not out, 132; Sergt. Ashton, 16; Sergt. Sperring, 13). Northwood Park, 1st innings, 93 (Mr. Carr, 28); 2nd innings, 113 (Mr. Hathwaite, 56). Sergt. Sperring took 10 wickets for 46 runs.

Portsmouth Division *v.* Royal Academy.—Played at Forton, on July 17th, and won by R.M.L.I. Royal Academy, 111 (Mr. Staples, 54; Mr. Maugin, 21). R.M.L.I., 214 for 4 wickets (Corpl. Durham, 66; Lce.-Sergt. Lee, 65; Lce.-Corpl. Sellex, not out, 37; Sergt. Howard, not out, 26).

R.M.L.I., Plymouth Division *v.* 3rd Gloster Regt.—Played at Mount Wise, on the 24th June, and resulted in a win for the R.M.L.I. by 6 runs. R.M.L.I., 167 (Surgeon Munday, 52; Lieut. Montgomery, 16). 3rd Gloster, 161 (Capt. Higginbotham, not out, 97).

R.M.L.I., Plymouth Division *v.* The Staff.—Played at Mount Wise, on the 11th July, and resulted in a win for the R.M.L.I. by 75 runs. R.M.L.I., 179 (Lieut. Montgomery, 94; Lieut. Toulmin, 17; Capt. Ommanney, not out, 16; Lieut. Hare, 24). Staff, 96 (Capt. Hegginbothom, 59).

Anecdotes.

They were preparing for the Admiral's inspection in a R.M. Battery, it shall be nameless, and the Coat of Arms (lead) outside the casemate had been nicely re-gilded for the occasion. Pte. Muggings (usually a good hand on bright gear) had, prior to the Admiral's arrival, been detailed to give the finishing touches to the bright work outside the casemate, and in due course arrived opposite the coat-of-arms. After critically surveying it for some time he ejaculated "it be clane but it baint brilliant," and he proceeded forthwith to apply to it a mixture of elbow grease, emery cloth and greasy paste, with a view to its taking its proper place as the centre of attraction; after applying the mixture for some few minutes (to the detriment of the gilt coat and the casting itself) he gasped "darned if thing baint melting away." The feelings of the gunnery officer on going the rounds a little later and inspecting the damage that had been done, may not be described here, as he thundered "I'll see Pte. Muggings."—A fact.

The field training party were standing easy on the private parade and were whiling the time away chatting and yarning when a certain gallant officer who is a member of the Distinguished Service Order happened to pass by. Said one bright young spark to another, "Ere Bill, what's the meaning of the letters D.S.O. after 'is name?" "Wot," said the other, "dont you know that? Why! I thought every blooming idiot knew what they meant. They signerfy that 'e's well up in Divisional Standing Orders!"

Births.

LEPPARD—On May 23rd, at 62, Whitworth Road, Gosport, the wife of Sergt. A. Leppard, of a daughter.

KAPPEY—On 20th July, at Southsea, the wife of Captain M. A. Kappey, Indian Staff Corps (formerly R.M.L.I.), of a daughter.

Marriages.

BOLTON—BRIGHT—At Parish Church, Bishops Castle, Salop, 26th June, 1901, Sergt. G. Boulton, R.M.A., to Miss S. A. Bright.

BOYD—HAMPTON—At St. Paul's, Shanklin, I. of W., 11th July, 1901, Clr.-Sergt. R. Boyd, R.M.A., to Miss Hampton.

CAMP—GALLAGHER—At St. James', Portsea, 5rd July, 1901, Corpl. H. Camp, R.M.A., to Miss M. Gallagher.

FESTING—FESTING—On the 3rd July, 1901, at St. Paul's, Addlestone, Surrey, by the Rev. J. Utten Todd, uncle of the bride, and the Rev. Charles Sharpe, Vicar of the Parish, Captain Francis Leycester Festing, Northumberland Fusiliers, eldest son of the late Major-General Sir Francis Wogan Festing, K.C.M.G., C.B., Royal Marine Artillery, to Charlotte Katharine Grindall, younger daughter of the late Henry Blathway Festing and Mrs. Festing, of Bois Hall, Addlestone, Surrey, and Eppleton, Durham.

FRAIN—MAYS—At St. James', Portsea, 27th June, 1901, Gnr. J. Frain, R.M.A., to Miss Mays.

HOLLANDS—STANLEY—At Parish Church, Alverstoke, on 1st July, 1901, Sergt. Jas. Hollands to Miss Ruth Stanley.

PEARMAN—GUY—At Parish Church, Portsea, on 6th July, 1901, Pte. W. J. Pearman to Miss Annie E. E. Guy.

ROBINSON—LINES—At St. James', Portsea, 22nd July, 1901, Gnr. C. Robinson, R.M.A., to Miss Lines.

SMITH—TYLER—At Parish Church, Portsea, on 6th July, 1901, Corpl. Henry Smith to Miss Harriet Tyler.

TURVELL—GODDEN—At St. Peter's, Portsea, 1st July, 1900, Acting Bombr. H. J. Turvell, R.M.A., to Miss Godden.

WEALE—MORTIMER—At St. James' Church, Milton, Portsea, on 11th July, 1901, Corpl. E. C. Weale to Miss Helen E. Mortimer.

WESLEY—GIBBS—At Parish Church, Portsea, on 7th July, 1901, Pte. John Wesley to Miss Louisa Gibbs.

WILLIAMS—STEYTLER—On the 2nd July, by special license, at St. John's Church, Wynberg, by the Rev. C. Higham, assisted by the Rev. Rice Thomas, M.A., Chaplain of the Forces, Hugh Pigot Williams, Captain Royal Navy, second son of General Sir J. William Collman Williams, to Christine de Villiers Steytler, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Steytler, of Highclere, Wynberg, Cape Colony.

WILLINGALE—COOK—At Parish Church, Holyhead, 6th July, 1901, Sergt. Willingale, R.M.A., to Miss Cook.

Deaths.

BLOOD—At Deal, on 16th July, 1901, Pte. S. Blood.

LOFTUS—At Plymouth Hospital, on 6th July, 1901, Sergt. T. J. Loftus.

MCMEEKAN—On the 17th July, at Kearnsey, Emily Layton McMeekan, widow of the late Lieut.-Col. A. C. J. McMeekan (late R.M.L.I.), aged 73.

SEYMOUR—At 32, Southern Terrace, Mutley, Sergt. W. Seymour, Plymouth Division, aged 40 years.

THOMSON—On the 21st July, 1900, Violet, only child of Color-Sergt. James Thomson, R.M.L.I., aged 4 years and six months.

TYRIL—Sergt. D. J. Tyril, Chatham.

WATTS—At Bristol, on 9th July, 1901, Sergt. F. Watts.

Answers to Correspondents.

E. F. CLARKE—We regret that our answer last month was not as plain as it might have been. We should have stated that "For every year after 21, a half-penny a day is allowed, always provided that the maximum of 1/3 per day is not exceeded."

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Editorial.

BY the kindness of Messrs. Brewer & Co. of Shanghai, we are enabled to publish a photograph of most of the members of the Legation Guard at Pekin, which was taken by the Rev. C. Killie, just after the siege. We hope that this will prove an interesting memento to the Corps. A copy of the photograph was presented by the Portsmouth members of the Guard to the Division, and having been suitably framed, now hangs in the Men's Recreation Room, Forton Barracks.

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In reply to our appeal for news of members of the Corps in South Africa, we hear that Major F. White, R.M.L.I., is serving as Intelligence Officer on the Staff of Major-General Sir C. Knox.

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At the monthly meeting of the Royal Humane Society, held on August 22nd, the medal was awarded to Private T. Harper, R.M.L.I., for plunging overboard from H.M.S. *Hannibal* at sea, on 24th July, and assisting to save a seaman who fell from the ship.

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The report of the Annual Conference of Continental Chaplains held at Antwerp on 22nd and 23rd May, makes the following graceful allusion to the death of the late Colonel Bradley Roberts, R.M.A.:—"Freiburg in Breisgau—But probably most of all the death of Colonel H. Bradley Roberts, R.M.A., will be felt to be a blow to the community. At one time it might have been said that Colonel Roberts meant Frieburg. He was a strong churchman, a knightly gentleman and a leader of social life. Requiescat in pace."

War Office Gazette, 14th August—Army Service Corps, Lieutenant F. J. Reid to be captain.

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War Office Gazette, 20th August—Imperial Yeomanry, Montgomeryshire, Supernumerary Major and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. Forbes is absorbed into the establishment.

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The D.A.G., R.M., has notified that Captain H. M. Graham, R.M.L.I., is to take up the appointment of Adjutant, 5th Battalion Liverpool Regiment, on August 26th.

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The following are to be the qualifications as to age, height and chest measurement of recruits for the Corps until further orders:—

	Royal Marine Artillery.		Royal Marine Light Infantry.	
Age	*Height*	*Chest*	*Height*	*Chest*
17 to 18	5ft. 7½in.	33in.	5ft. 5in.	33in.
18 to 19	5ft. 7½in.	33in.	5ft. 5½in.	33in.
19 to 20	5ft. 8in.	34in.	5ft. 6in.	33in.
Above 20	5ft. 8in.	35in.	5ft. 6½in.	34in.

Over 5ft. 8in. and under 5ft. 10in. must be 34in. round chest; those of 5ft. 10in. and over must be 35in.

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The wearing of helmet chains and rosettes with white helmets being discontinued, a leather chin strap will be issued in lieu.

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The Secretary of State for India has approved of the appointment of the undermentioned officers, R.M., to the unattached list of the Indian Staff Corps, on the nomination of the L.C. of the Admiralty:—Lieutenant H. Dening, R.M.A., Lieutenants R. J. Clarke, R. F. S. Beyts, W. P. M. D. McLaughlin, H. J. H. Davson and H. A. Morgan, R.M.L.I.

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At a public welcome accorded to Sir Claude Macdonald at Grant Town, Scotland, he made a speech from which we take the following extract that appeared in the *Scotsman* of August 13th—"You have spoken in the address of the humble part which it was my great good fortune to be able to enact at the siege of Pekin. It gives me, therefore, great pleasure to testify in this public manner to the splendid gallantry of all those who nobly helped to keep the old flag flying. (Loud cheers). I allude to the Marine Guards who, by their discipline, pluck and endurance, worthily upheld the magnificent record of the Royal Marines—(cheers)—to those civilians who cheerfully volunteered and fought like veterans—(cheers)—and, last but by no means least, to the women of our race—(loud cheers)—who were conspicuous throughout by their calm, unselfish courage, which served as a magnificent example to the men of all nationalities. (Cheers)."

In the *Daily Mail* of August 28th, appears a humourous account of the siege of Christiana (Transvaal) dated July 5th, from which we take the following:—"On Thursday there arrived an expedition known as "The Paris Exhibition," owing to its being commanded by Major Paris. This officer belongs to the Royal Marine Artillery. What a Marine Gunner has to do with a column in the Transvaal is a mystery to a mere civilian. Presumably he has been lent by the Admiralty to the War Office in exchange for a commensurate quantity, say of black powder or some commodity to which the naval authority is unaccountably partial. However, the column is now lost. It left here on Friday morning to meet convoy and bring it back here, but neither it nor the convoy has been heard of since." We hope the last part of this is not true, and congratulate Major Paris on his command.

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We have received from Mr. D. Cutter a very interesting account of the presentation of a clock, bible and purse to Pte. J. Dowland, R.M.L.I. The presentation was made by the Rev. C. F. C. Knapp on behalf of the inhabitants of Woodlands to shew their appreciation of the services rendered to his country by Private Dowlaud, who landed with the detachment from H.M.S. *Doris*, and was wounded at Graspan. We regret that want of space prevents our giving the account in full.

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Major and Brevet-Lieutenant-Colonel Grey Skipwith, R.M.L.I., has been appointed a recruiting staff officer of the 2nd class at Manchester from 1st October, 1901. This appointment is in lieu of one at Cambridge which, on 30th September, on the expiration of the appointment of Colonel Thompson, will cease to bear a recruiting staff officer.

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Captain E. Y. Daniel, R.M.L.I., has been appointed to the Naval Intelligence Department, *vice* Captain J. E. Crowther.

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Lieut.-Colonel A. F. Gatliff, R.M.L.I., lett Cape Town invalided on 24th August, in s.s. *Dilwara*, due at Southampton on 13th September.

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We have lately seen some old papers giving the length of service of officers, Royal Marines, in 1825, and may congratulate ourselves that we did not serve in those days. On 1st January 1825, the senior captain had forty-three years' service, the senior lieutenant twenty-four years', and the senior 2nd lieutenant sixteen years'.

Royal Marine Memorial.

Subscriptions raised during August:—

Individual.—£5 5s., Lieut.-Col. B. C. P. Hamilton, Major A. M. E. Hayes, Captain Mountsteven; £2 2s., General T. W. Thomas, Major-General H. W. Mawbey, Major-General Mackay Heriot; £1 5s., Col. C. W. Carrington (2nd subscription); £1 1s., Lieut.-Col. Thelwall, Major Straghan, Colonel W. R. Triscott, Mr. R. Dymond, J.P., (late Sergt., R.M.L.I.); £1, Major Sparshott, Major Eden, Lieut.-Colonel Macintosh, Captain de Horsey; 16s., Major Kappey; 10s. 6d., Major Herring, Lieutenant-Colonel Macnamara, Captain Powell, O'Hara J. Tomlin, Esq.; 5s., Captain Smithson. *Ships, etc.*—£5 6s., H.M.S. *Cæsar*; £2, H.M.S. *Indefatigable* (per Staff Officer, Chatham, 23rd August); 5s., Chatham Division.

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Received in June but accidentally omitted from list published in July.—10s., Major H. J. Symons.

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G. T. Onslow, Lieut.-Col., R.M.L.I.,
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Diary of our Colonel-in-Chief's Colonial Tour.

(continued from last month).

August 4th. The *Ophir*, escorted by the *Juno* and *St. George*, arrived at Port Louis, Mauritius, this afternoon. The voyage from Freemantle was pleasant generally, but there was a heavy swell from the South-East Trade Wind.

August 5th. The Governor boarded the *Ophir* at 2-30 p.m., and welcomed the Duke. Their Royal Highnesses then landed and drove in procession to a pavilion. The streets were lined by the 18th Bengal Infantry, 27th Madras Infantry, Guards of Honour of Asiatics and the Ceylon and Mauritius Artillery. They were received in the Pavilion by the Governor and all the principal officials, and then drove on to Government House where addresses were received in the Throne Room. The foundation stone of a statue of Queen Victoria was next laid, after which a procession of Creole, Mahomedan and and Chinese school children filed past Their Royal Highnesses. The Duke and Duchess then drove through the town to Le Reduit, seven miles out, where they will reside during their stay. The populace were enthusiastic throughout, and it is important and gratifying to notice that the French were not behindhand in the evidence of their loyalty.

August 8th. The *Ophir* left Port Louis for Durban. Owing to the death of the Empress Frederick of Germany the embarkation of Their Royal Highnesses was of a private character.

August 13th. The *Ophir* arrived at Durban early this morning in pouring rain, being met by Rear-Admiral Moore, in the *Gibraltar*. Notwithstanding the rain the Royal Party transhipped into the tug *Panther* and headed by the *Thrush*, once under the Duke's command, proceeded up the Harbour. Although many of the decorations had been spoilt, the reception accorded Their Royal Highnesses was simply splendid. In the afternoon the Duke and Duchess left for Pietermaritzberg which was reached at 6-30 p.m.

August 14th. Opening of the New Town Hall, unveiling of a tablet in memory of Natal Volunteers and presentation of numerous addresses including one from the town of Ladysmith. Intense enthusiasm prevailed. After the morning ceremony came a splendid review in the Park; Generals Kitchener and Hildyard were present. After the inspection of the troops the Duke personally presented Victoria Crosses and Distinguished Service Orders which have already been gazetted. Then followed the presentation of an address by fifty-five Zulu Chiefs, headed by the Governor, and the Minister for Native Affairs. The address was couched in really beautiful words and the ceremony was deeply impressive.

August 15th. The Royal Party returned to the *Ophir* at Durban, and left for Simonstown.

August 18th. The *Ophir* arrived at Cape Town this morning.

August 19th. Cape Town was tastefully and gaily decorated, and gave a most boisterous reception to the Duke and Duchess. The Levée was a great success, and many gifts were presented, including diamonds from the De Beers Company and two Basuto ponies for the Duchess' children.

August 20th. Reception in the grounds of Government House of over 100 native chiefs from all parts of South Africa, including Khama and Lerothodi, who presented addresses and various gifts of native workmanship.

August 21st. Installation of the Duke as Chancellor of the University. In the afternoon 6,300 children, including Dutch and coloured, assembled in the grounds of Government House, sang an ode of welcome and rendered a programme of music.

August 22nd. Laying of the foundation stone of the Nurses' Home and the corner stone of the New Cathedral in memory of those slain in the war, in the presence of large and enthusiastic crowds.

August 23rd. The Duke and Duchess left Cape Town for Simonstown, and re-embarked on the *Ophir*. They were heartily cheered at every station on the way by kaleidoscopic crowds. The *Ophir*, escorted by the *Terpsichore* and *Naiad*, left for the ocean rendezvous off St. Helena, where the *Juno* and *St. George* will again meet her. Before leaving Simonstown Their Royal Highnesses received several presents from Boer prisoners of war made principally from Kruger coins.

Home News.

EASTNEY.

THE officers' annual dinner took place at Eastney on Friday, 2nd August. Among those not now serving at headquarters, or retired, we were glad to see General Sir H. B. Tuson, K.C.B., Major-Generals F. H. Poore and G. F. Pengelley, Lieut.-Colonels H. H. Kelly, A. J. Hill, and B. A. Milne, Majors H. de La Poer Beresford, T. Moore, and L. Conway-Gordon, and Lieut. the Rev. J. S. Bird.

On the same afternoon Colonel-Commandant and Mrs. Tucker invited their friends to a garden party on the field officers' lawn, to which all of the above were invited, and formed a pleasant re-union between past and present.

The R.M.A. Cadet Corps has now been formed six months, during which time over 150 members have been enrolled, and, in many respects good progress has been made. About 100 Cadets are fitted up with khaki uniform; bandoliers, belts, and leggings have also been provided, and, in completing this part of the dress, thanks are due to kind friends of the Corps, and wives of members, who have willingly assisted. A favourite branch of the Corps is the Artillery, composed of lads over 12½ years of age, who have made great progress at drill with the 7-pounder guns. The lads are distinguished by having two small grenades attached to the collar of the coat. During the summer months the drills have been varied, advantage has been taken of the light evenings, and the Corps has skirmished and performed exercises which could not be easily arranged for during the winter months. A march out occasionally takes the place of the ordinary drill. This gives the Corps a splendid opportunity of testing themselves and showing their progress in smartness, cleanliness, and power of endurance. The guns are invariably taken on these marches and no assistance is given the crews during the march. Shooting has been a special feature of the work of the Corps. Contests have taken place and prizes awarded, including a gold and silver badge presented by the retired officers of the R.M. Artillery. Further competitions are now in progress, and a team of 20 will be selected at its termination to take part in the R.M.A. rifle meeting to be shortly held. The Corps visited the camp of the Church Lads' Brigade at Hayling Island on Thursday, 1st August, by kind invitation of the officers and brigade. A most enjoyable day was spent in bathing, shooting, etc. In a shooting match arranged during the afternoon seven cadets of the R.M.A. secured 227 points out of a possible 343, against 166 points obtained by the representatives of the Church Lads' Brigade. On Sunday, 4th August, the C.L.B. visited us at Eastney. Tea was provided for 200 in the Recreation Rooms and a Church parade was held at 6 p.m.

CHATHAM.

The Thames District Rifle Meeting took place on the Milton Ranges, Gravesend, on the 28th and 29th August, Major Marchant, C.B., R.M.L.I., and Lieutenant Channer, R.M.L.I., being honorary secretary and honorary treasurer respectively. The weather was not very favourable for good shooting, the light being bad and the wind high. A list of members of Corps who won prizes will be found elsewhere.

A lawn tennis tournament, the first for some years, was held this month in the Garrison Gardens. The gentlemen's handicap singles were won by Major H. S. Neville White, R.M.L.I., who was owing ⅓30.

The annual inspection of the Chatham Division by the Deputy Adjutant General, R.M., took place on the 20th August and following days. A battalion of Royal Marines from the ships in port, landed for brigade drill with the Headquarter Battalion, on the occasion of the inspection.

PORTSMOUTH.

The month has passed uneventfully, though busily. All the ships specially commissioned for the manœuvres, except the *Pandora*, have paid off, and the men gone on furlough for seven days. The Company cricket matches have been played with the following results:

1st round—E Coy. beat D Coy. Band and drums beat C Coy. F Coy. beat H Coy. A Coy. beat G Coy. B Coy. a bye.

2nd round—E Coy. beat B Coy. A Coy. beat F Coy. Band and drums a bye.

3rd round—A Coy. beat Band and drums. E Coy. a bye.

Final—A Coy. plays E Coy.

On Thursday, August 22nd, a party of Sergeants of the 1st Vol. Batt. Royal Sussex Regt. paid a visit to the Barracks from Brighton. They arrived by launch, after having visited the Dockyard and Portchester, shortly after four o'clock, and were first shown over the battery, where they seemed much impressed and interested. They were then entertained to a substantial tea in the Sergeants' Mess, during which Sergt.-Major Mearles welcomed them in a few well chosen words. After tea they were escorted round the Barracks and shown over the different institutions and buildings, and some half-dozen of our Sergeants saw them safely off from Portsmouth Town Station at nine o'clock. Before leaving, they expressed their gratification at the manner in which they had been received and their admiration of all they had seen. They were under the guidance of Mr. E. Bartlett (late Col.-Sergt. R.M.L.I.), and we trust we shall have the pleasure of seeing them again on some future occasion.

Several of our opposite numbers in the U.S. Marine Corps from U.S.S. *Chigago*, at present in Portsmouth, have been exchanging visits with us, and expressing their delight and admiration of the Barracks.

H.M.S. *Centurion* arrived during the month, and was accorded a very hearty reception as she came up harbour.

On Friday, 30th August, Colonel Kirchhoffer and the officers entertained at dinner the officers of the Corps who have lately returned from the China Station, and were very fortunate in being able to get so many to come. Among those present were Lt.-Cols. Johnstone, C.B., and Luke, Majors Maclurcan and Wray, Captains Mayhew, Dustan and Strong, and Lt. Lees. Maj. Halliday, V.C., and Capt. Armstrong wrote regretting they were unable to be present; Major Halliday being still suffering from his wound.

DEPOT.

The present month has been a very busy one here. In addition to playing a large number of cricket matches, we have had a most successful torchlight tattoo, and on the 21st held our annual rifle meeting at Kingsdown. The tattoo, in spite of the unfavourable weather (a strong easterly wind was blowing all the evening), went off very well. Nearly £100 was taken at the gates, and, after paying expenses, a sum of over £70 was handed over to the Benevolent Fund. The Adjutant, Captain Tupman, who organised the whole of the entertainment, is to be heartily congratulated on the very gratifying result. At cricket we have been fairly successful, although we have been beaten by one or two very strong teams. Captain Tupman and Sergt. Sutcliffe have been in great form, the latter especially having both batted and bowled extremely well. We play our last match of the season this week.

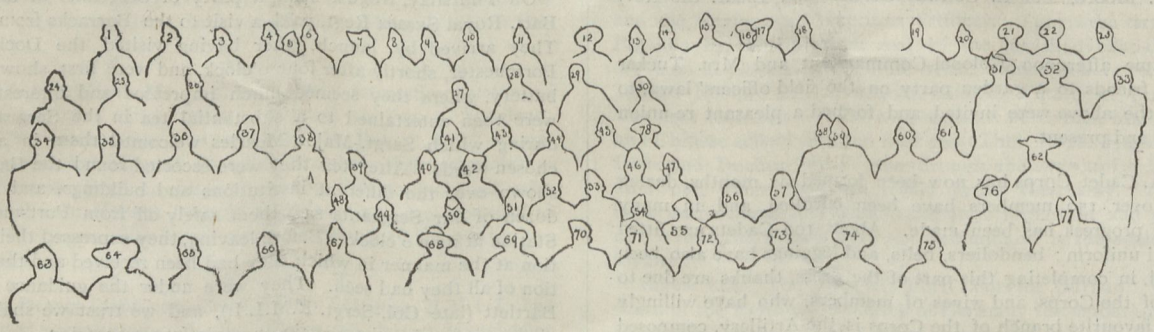
The Barracks are very crowded, and on the 10th of this month a record was established, there being 2264 of all ranks shewn on the effective list on that date. The previous best was in August, 1897, when the numbers reached a total of 2190. There are two squads under canvas on the South Green in addition to the men going through musketry, who are encamped on the ranges at Kingsdown.

The new theatre in the North Barracks has proved a great attraction to the men. Several very good companies have performed there, and to-night and to-morrow Mrs. Lewis Waller with her London company is to give a performance of "Zaza."

Colonel Urmston has gone away on leave, and before leaving startled us all by announcing that he was to be married on the 26th. We cordially wish him every happiness and good luck.

A large number of officers, both from Chatham and the Depot, went to Canterbury for the 'week,' which this year was favoured with glorious weather. Major Matthews, on leave from Egypt, spent a few days here recently. He returns to Khartoum next month.

Royal Marines Legation Guard, Pekin.



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1	Ch.	8273	Pte. W. G. Angel (pro. corporal)
2	Po.	4739	Pte. W. Betts
3	Ply.	8650	,, A. Alexander
4	Ply.	8669	,, G. Forrester
5	Po.	9286	,, J. Butler
6	Po.	5381	,, W. Cheshire
7	Ch.	9675	,, J. Greenfield
8	Ch.	9642	,, A. G. Mayo
9	Ply.	8623	,, W. R. Harding
10	Po.	9255	,, G. Goddard
11	Po.	9251	,, J. W. Walker
12	Ply.	8602	,, A. Jones (pro. cpl.)
13	Po.	9243	,, J. Marriott
14	Ch.	8798	,, G. T. Jones
15	Po.	9008	,, J. Rumble
16	Ch.	6471	,, H. Sands
17	Ply.	8333	,, K. King
18	Po.	8926	,, W. T. Woodward
19	Po.	9226	,, C. Baker
20	Po.	8924	,, J. R. Pitts (since transferred to Ch.)
21	Ply.	8698	,, J. R. Myers
22	Ply.	8677	,, C. Johnson
23	Ply.	8630	,, S. W. Haden
24	Po.	9258	,, W. Smith
25	Po.	9331	,, W. R. R. Edney
26	Po.	8604	,, W. J. Sparkes (pro. corporal)
27	Capt. Poole, W.R.R.		
28	,, Halliday, R.M.L.I. (V.C. brevet-major)		
29	Sir Claude Macdonald		
30	Capt. Wray, R.M.L.I. (brevet-maj.)		
31	Po.	5082	Cpl. D. J. Gowney (pro. sergeant, distinguished conduct medal)
32	Ch.	4982	Sgt. A. E. Saunders (pro. colour-sergeant)
33	Ch.	9451	Pte. J. G. Howard
34	Po.	9344	,, J. D. Newland
35	Po.	5308	,, E. Webb
36	Po.	8879	,, W. J. Hunt
37	Ch.	5376	Sgt. J. Murphy (pro. clr.-sergt., distinguished conduct medal)
38	Ply.	6529	Cpl. W. Gregory (pro. sergt.)
39	Ply.	8611	Pte. W. Viney
40	Po.	8816	,, W. Horne
41	Ch.	11033	,, H. A. Webster
42	Ply.	8684	,, D. Hill
43	Po.	8912	,, F. Tanner
44	Ch.	9635	,, E. G. O'Neill
45	Po.	8932	,, E. E. Powell
46	Po.	9195	,, W. A. Taylor
47	Po.	9239	,, T. G. Smith
48	Ply.	8649	,, A. S. Roberts
49	Po.	8603	,, J. Mears
50	Ply.	8654	,, A. Dunkley
51	Po.	6830	Cpl. G. Sheppard (pro. sergt.)
52	S. B. A. Fuller		
53	Po.	7358	Lc.-Sgt. J. E. Preston (pro. sgt., conspicuous gallantry medal, and medal for distinguished conduct on the field)
54	Ch.	9640	Pte. A. T. Layton
55	Ch.	9672	,, A. J. Tickner
56	Ch.	8579	,, H. Grainger
57	Po.	8927	,, R. Hendicott
58	Po.	8935	,, W. Rowe
59	Po.	8605	,, J. W. Heap
60	Po.	9113	,, A. E. Westbrook
61	Po.	9277	,, H. J. Green
62	Ldg.-Signalman H. Swannell		
63	Ch.	7695	Pte. W. Turner
64	Ply.	8687	,, T. R. Allin (pro. corpl.)
65	Ply.	8665	,, J. Dean
66	Po.	7036	,, W. Ford
67	Po.	5186	,, H. J. Salvin (pro. corporal)
68	Ch.	9676	,, W. J. Masters
69	Po.	8959	,, G. Davis
70	Po.	9346	,, J. Ormiston
71	Po.	3155	Bugler A. E. Webb
72	Ply.	8617	Pte. F. J. Cresswell
73	Po.	8885	,, A. Jones
74	Armourers Mate Thomas		
75	Po.	9081	Pte. G. Lister
76	Ply.	8653	,, J. Murray
77	Po.	5819	Cpl. J. Johnson (pro. sgt. distngd. conduct medal)
78	Ply.	8622	Pte. S. Mellows

NOTE.—We have endeavoured to give the correct names in the above key block, but considering the time that has elapsed since the photo was taken, we cannot vouch for its entire accuracy.—Editor *G. & L.*



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The Cock of the North.

BEING THE TALE OF A CHICKEN SHOW.

BY PRIVATE WALLACE BUTLER, R.M.L.I.

THE little market-town of Arlingford was wild with excitement, and that with reason. Captain Medlar had decided to give a chicken show; and not a hoarding in the whole district but blazed forth in letters of red and gold the preliminary announcements. Captain Medlar, you must know, is an officer who prides himself on the cordial relations he manages to establish between the Military and their less warlike, though not, perhaps, on that account more peaceful neighbours.

When, therefore, his detachment took up their quarters at the long disused Infantry Barracks at Arlingford, he determined to find out what local industries he could best support with the greatest possible advantage to the troops under his command. But, alas, Arlingford has no local industries. No, not even a brewery. It is simply a market-town, and that on but one day of the week—Wednesdays. The rest of its existence is as sluggish as the lazy little stream that meanders through it and, save for the aforesaid soldiery, as peaceful. The gallant captain was in perplexity.

Meanwhile things ran not altogether as smoothly in the Barracks as he could desire. The men were contented with their quarters; they found the housemaids in town both admiring and responsive; the beer was perfection, and last, but by no means least, the muddy waters of the Arling teemed with a plentiful supply of fish, whose one object in life seemed to be to rise to the cunningly disguised hook of a red-coat. And yet the detachment grumbled, and the sound of their grumbling reached their captain and gave him his inspiration.

"Its them dam' chickens, sir," said Jerry Andrews in reply to his query. "They fairly gives you the pip. A bloke can sleep through all the *reveillés* as has ever been blown since the world began, but when them chickens takes it up it's enough to wake the dead."

And the complaint was true. Whether it was from a spirit of rivalry awakened by the challenge of the bugle I know not but, at the first sound of *reveillé*, not a cock for miles round but crowed back defiance, and that not once but many times.

The captain was vexed. Already he saw in his mind's eye the inevitable result. A soldier trained is a poacher born, and a spring chicken the very acme of temptation. The matter must be dealt with and that soon. He called the sergeant-major to his aid.

"Jones," he said, "do you know anything about the care of chickens?"

"Know anything about chickens, sir?" queried that gentleman, with scorn, "I should rather think I do. Why afore I joined the Service I worked for close on three years in a poulterer's at 'Ackney. We sold some chickens there, I give you my word. Why chickens and cooked 'am was our speciality."

This may not seem much in the way of experience to the reader, but the captain was not too well acquainted with the little differences that exist between chickens living and chickens dead to be too discriminating. He went to his desk, wrote out a cheque and, much to that worthy's astonishment, handed it to the sergeant-major. It was for five pounds. "Buy some of the best breeds of chickens you know of," he said, "blood stock if you can get it, and if you want any more money, don't be afraid to ask for it. I'm going to give a chicken show, and it will be your duty to uphold the honour of the regiment."

Then, obeying the wise old saw that bids us strike the iron while yet it's hot, he mustered the detachment and explained to them the proposed show and the conditions attached to it, laying much stress on the point that, as they were entering themselves, it would be most unsportsmanlike to interfere with the chickens of other people.

A proud man was Captain Medlar, at having most tactfully solved a difficulty. But had he? There is also a little proverb anent the counting of chickens before they're hatched. Call it to mind, Captain Medlar, and tremble.

The detachment took up the idea with enthusiasm, and nothing was discussed for days but the respective merits of Dorkings, Leghorns, Minorcas, and Cochins, and many minor and not a few imaginary varieties of chicken invented on the spur of the moment by imaginative Tommies to eke out their scanty knowledge of the genuine article.

On their arrival the sergeant-major's chickens themselves created the greatest possible excitement. Dainty scraps were saved from the table for their especial benefit, and Jerry Andrews himself, the cook of No. 9 room, prime grumbler at the chickens of the surrounding neighbourhood, run in for being two hours adrift on pay-day and much the worse for liquor, explained that his absence was caused by his endeavours to procure some particular kind of weed that he gave out as especially good for chickens; and his plea was allowed.

Chickmania—if I may coin the word—reigned supreme. Tall Cochins perched on the front gate and fled squarking before the sentry as he walked his post. Squat Dorkings scratched up the parade. Bald-headed game-cocks, rendered well-nigh featherless in the never-ceasing struggle for supremacy, fought pitched battles everywhere. The bugler went in terror of his life, and at last took to the expedient of sounding the calls from a first-floor window. While, master of the situation, a superb Gallus Soneratii, from far away India, ruddy of comb and with a tail that would not have disgraced a young peacock, bore not ignobly the proud title of "Cock of the North," given him at first sight by an admiring Scot, who saw in his plumage the colours of the kilt of a well-known clan.

And then the barracks began to weary of the thing and to say rude things about the chickens; a state of affairs that was aggravated by the sergeant-major. The men's quarters in Arlingford Barracks front on the parade and have at their rear a large drying-ground, at the right end of which is the sergeant-major's house, his back garden being directly under No. 9 room. This garden, once radiant with tulip and crocus, ahd the pride of Mrs. Jones, her ruthless spouse had firmly fenced in and turned into a chicken-run, with a perch of honour for the "Cock of the North."

Hated as the other birds became, however, the popularity of the favourite increased, by leaps and bounds. Scarce a man in barracks but believed him to be the finest bird in the world, and had staked his money on his opinions. The one exception, Jerry, the cook of No. 9.

The day of the show drew near, and with it Mr. Jones' anxiety increased an hundred fold. He seemed to think of nothing, day and night, but the welfare of his fowls.

The Barracks murmured, and that not in secret. The sergeant-major heard and trembled for the safety of his pets. He interviewed the captain, and as a result the drying-ground was closed to all but the chickens until after the date of the show.

It was, perhaps, unfortunate that this fell hardest of all on Jerry Andrews, who on other occasions, well-nigh doubled his weekly pay day by washing the kit bags, etc., for the company.

"Mates," he said, "we'll have chicken for dinner afore this blessed show comes off or my name ain't Jerry Andrews, and the major's chickens at that."

Very easy to say. But how was it to be done? The rear doors that led from the men's quarters to the drying-ground were locked; the ground itself was bounded on its three other sides by high walls; the eyes of the sergeant-major were more than vigilant; the ears and teeth of his watch dog were of surpassing keenness. But then, as I have said before, the roosting ground was underneath No. 9 room. A good thirty feet separated them, it is true, but still there existed a connection.

Now it happened that several of the inmates of No. 9 were enthusiastic followers of Isaac Walton, and on almost every afternoon during the season the well-stocked waters of the Arling yielded of its store to their efforts. Jerry himself, though a clever angler, possessed no rod. It did not, therefore, seem strange when, on the eve of the chicken show, he asked for the loan of one. Curiosity was aroused, however, when he sat down and, taking three strong hooks, bound them together in such a fashion as to have a point in every direction. This curiosity was by no means satisfied when he placed them carefully in the lining of his cap and went out in search of lob-worms.

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In the meantime the preparations for the morrow's show went on apace. The town hall echoed and re-echoed to nothing but the hoarse screams of a thousand chickens loudly challenging all and sundry to mortal combat. Missing alone of all the competitors was the "Cock of the North," and that surely was secure under the jealous eye of its owner.

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Lights out. The barracks are apparently at rest; for, save in No. 9 room, there is a silence that can almost be felt. There, however, a whispered conference is proceeding :—

"Careful 'ow you bait it, Jerry."

"That's all right, mate."

"Lower away, then, and take care it does'nt catch in the wall."

"Swing her clear. Whoa, lads; steady, I've got a bite. Haul away."

What can it mean? Another second soon shows for, hauled noiselessly through the air and caught as surely chicken was never caught before, up comes a fine bird. With a gleam of triumph that, luckily for him, the darkness conceals, Jerry reaches out and, ere the unfortunate fowl can utter the first sound, wrings its neck, drops it on the floor, and, as it writhes spasmodically to and fro, noiselessly closes the window. A match is carefully guarded with a cap and lit. Then an exclamation of dismay breaks from the assembled conspirators, broken by an awe-stricken whisper, "Strike me, Jerry, it's the 'Cock of the North.'"

"Won't eat any the worse for that," is the nonchalant reply, and Jerry commences plucking him.

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The day of the show. The sergeant-major strides proudly into the garden to greet his champion; and, behold, it is not.

I haven't seen a tigress deprived of her whelps, but I did see the sergeant-major, and so I suppose I have some sort of an idea of the other.

When he had recovered sufficiently to be able to speak at all coherently, he sent for the police. An inspector arrived.

"But I tell you, Mr. Inspector," says the unfortunate Jones, "it can't possibly be anyone in barracks. Why the bird was the pet of the place, and besides, there's no means of getting at it from the men's quarters. In my opinion some one interested in the show has decoyed it away for the benefit of his own beastly bird."

"Very good, sir," replies the inspector. "But still as a matter of form, I'll just take a look round the place. Suppose I start with the morning's refuse."

Humiliation of humiliations. The sergeant-major seems ready to sink into the ground. What need to ask to whom those glossy feathers belong, to whom that ruddy comb? The inspector picks up the severed head and pulls from the gaping mouth a three-pronged hook. He looks slowly round him and then up at No. 9. The sergeant-major has followed his glance. It is sufficient.

Torchlight Tattoo at the Depot.

On Tuesday evening, 20th August, a Torchlight Tattoo was held in the South Barracks, in aid of charitable funds connected with the Depot Royal Marines. The northern half of the quadrangle was entirely devoted to the purpose, and seats were arranged six or eight deep round it, the event, as was the case with a similar effort last year, proving exceedingly popular, among visitors and residents alike, the whole of the seating accommodation being utilised. Unfortunately, the strong north-east wind greatly interfered with the carrying out of the arrangements, and to a considerable extent spoiled the effect of the illuminations, upon which much care had been expended. Enough could be seen of them, however, to indicate what was intended, and to give an idea of how pretty the quadrangle would have looked had the wind been more kind. The torch-bearers were also bothered by Boreas, while the cyclists were particularly affected, but in spite of these drawbacks the tattoo as a whole was a success, and merited the approval frequently expressed by the spectators.

Fairy lamps had been arranged in very effective designs, or in what would have been such but for the cause before mentioned. The front of the Officers' Mess was adorned with the letters "R.M.L.I.," outlined in coloured lights, and this, with its background of ivy, would have looked very well indeed, if the lamps could have been kept alight. Opposite the grand stand, which was placed in front of the Officers' Mess, and before the main entrance, was the royal title, "Edward VII.," in large characters, similarly picked out. This was turned round to face the road at the close of the performance. Four pretty designs in fairy lamps, each differing from the others, were placed at the corners of the square, between which Chinese lanterns and other illuminations were placed in festoons.

The performance began punctually at 8.15, when the band, playing a slow march, came into the square, preceded and followed by a double rank of torch-bearers, and flanked by more torch-bearers in single file. A strong contingent, bearing Chinese lanterns, then went through a series of evolutions, to the accompaniment of the band and drums and fifes alternately, which were very smartly done. The same performers also appeared twice afterwards, giving different displays on each occasion, of figure and maze marching, etc., which were frequently applauded. In one of their manœuvres they divided into five sections, one in the centre, and the remainder taking up positions at the four corners of a square, this having a particularly good effect as the men moved, the central party marching round in a sort of star formation, each arm consisting of a line of men, and the whole converging at a given signal, and again forming in single file as they were before. Another item which was greatly appreciated was a very clever display by the staff of the Gymnasium. The tableaux, lighted by coloured fires, had a very weird effect, in the dark night. The first post was sounded at 9 o'clock, the drums and fifes then playing the tattoo. A party of 24 cyclists then went through some evolutions, which were exceedingly well carried out. The machines were decorated with Chinese lanterns, and while these remained alight the effect was admirable, the intricate riding being gone through without a hitch; but the wind made it necessary that a halt should be called to re-light. Several machines had all their lanterns extinguished, and it was next to impossible to continue such complicated evolutions in the darkness, but after this interval they were successfully continued. Last post sounded at 9.45, after which the band played a march, in which the bugles were effectively employed, accompanied by the torch-bearers, the whole then forming in extended line across the green, and advancing to the tune of the Marines' march-past, "A life on the ocean wave," the National Anthem concluded the proceedings.

A certain member of a well-known Yeomanry regiment is, if not exactly a miser, an individual with a leaning towards economy. Not being possessed of a horse of his own, he usually hires a charger for the annual ten days' training. As he pays the lowest possible price for it he invariably finds himself mounted on the sorriest brute on parade.

On the last occasion he eclipsed all previous performances, his mount, according to one authority, resembling "a peashooter on stilts."

In the course of the morning's drill our hero, at the word of command, had just replaced his sword in the scabbard when a comrade remarked—

"Don't be cruel to the brute, Jack. You ought to be ashamed of yourself."

"Cruel?" echoed Jack; "what do you mean?"

"Why," was the response, "if you bangs yer sword into the scabbard like that again you'll either break the poor 'oss's back or knock his legs from under him. Be a bit merciful!"—*Yellow Plume.*

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"I notice that fowl-catching parties are now composed of two men, as one man was often worsted by an old lady with a broom-handle or copper-stick. One of the two devotes himself to catching the poultry, while the other distracts the hostess's attention by running after her and barking. This diverts her attack, and leaves No. 1 free. The process will probably be embodied in the New Infantry Drill Book.—*Household Brigade Magazine.*

Shooting.

THE first Annual Competition for the "Doig" Memorial Challenge Cup (presented to the Sergeants' Mess by Mrs. Doig, in memory of her late son, Capt. R. O. M. Doig, R.M.L.I., who died last year on active service in China), took place at the Kingsdown Rifle Range, on Saturday, 17th August, when some fine shooting was witnessed, Sergt.-Major Sullivan finishing on top with the wonderfully fine aggregate of 129, out of a possible 140, and thus becoming the first holder of the cup. The distances fired at were 200, 500, 600 and 800 yards. Staff-Sergt. Pearson and Sergt. Colwell were also in good trim. The following is a list of the highest scores:—

	Yards.				
	200	*500*	*600*	*800*	*Total*
Sergt.-Major E. J. Sullivan ..	33	33	33	30	129
Q.M.S. H. J. Pearson	32	35	29	30	126
Sergt. W. Colwell	30	34	30	30	124
Drum-Major G. Elliott	30	33	26	33	122
Col.-Sergt. S. Sugden	30	33	28	30	121
Q.M.S. Timms	26	31	29	32	118
W.O. Bailey	33	21	26	27	117
Q.M.S. K. Chisholm	27	24	24	31	116
Sergt. J. Lloyde	32	26	25	32	115
,, Potter	27	29	31	28	115
,, Humphrey	32	22	30	30	114
,, Wharton	21	33	31	29	114

THAMES DISTRICT RIFLE MEETING.

Officers, Warrant and Petty Officers, and Sergeants. Rifle, 200 yards, seven shots.—3, Colour-Sergt. Burgis, R.M.L.I., 33; 4, Colour-Sergt. Clarke, R.M.L.I., 32.

Rank and File and Seamen. Rifle, 200 yards, seven shots.—10, Pte. Benson, R.M.L.I., 30.

Young Soldiers. Rifle and Carbine, 200 yards. (Enlisted or enrolled since 1st April, 1900.—1, Private Muggridge, R.M.L.I., 31; 8, Private Manley, R.M.L.I., 24.

All Comers. 200 yards, rifle, seven shots.—8, Colour-Sergt. Clarke, R.M.L.I., 33; 9, Private Moody, R.M.L.I., 33; 10, Q.M.S. Kay, R.M.L.I., 32.

All Ranks. Rifle or Carbine, seven shots, 200 yards, at vanishing targets.—Q.M.S. Andrews, R.M.L.I., 7.

Warren Rifle Shield. Shield, value £12, presented by Lieut.-General Sir C. Warren, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., competed for by teams of six (of which any three members were under two years' service, and any three sappers or privates), representing companies of units (including Militia or Volunteers); warrant officers, and staff-sergeants, excepted. The depot of the R.W. Kent Regiment was allowed to enter a team as one company. Distance, 200, 500, and 600 yards, any military position. Fifteen teams competed. Seven shots each range.—1, B Company, R.M.L.I., 424; 5, C Company, R.M.L.I.

All Comers. 500 yards.—Q.M.S. A. G. Kay, R.M.L.I., 30.

The South Eastern Railway Company Challenge Shield. Presented by the South Eastern Railway Company, and competed for by teams of ten rank and file and one N.C.O. Conditions—magazine, independent in single rank, at two head and shoulder targets at 300 yards. Eight rounds, any military position.—1, Sheerness Gunnery School, No. 1, 27; 2, Sheerness Gunnery School, No. 2, 20; 3, R.M.L.I., *Pembroke*, 15.

The Warde Challenge Shield. Presented by Lieut.-Colonel C. E. Warde, M.P. Competed for by teams of ten rank and file and one N.C.O. Each team started in single rank from the 800 yards firing line, ran to the 500 yards point, fired three volleys, then ran to the 400 yards and fired four volleys. Regulation targets, any military position.—1, R.M.L.I., *Pembroke*, 53; 2, Sheerness Gunnery School, No. 1, 45; 3, Sheerness Gunnery School, No. 2, 38.

Officers, Warrant and Petty Officers, and Sergeants. Rifle, 200 yards, seven shots.—Colour-Sergt. Bullen, R.M.L.I., 33; Colour-Sergt. H. Clark, R.M.L.I., 31.

Rank and File and Seamen. 500 yards, seven shots. Pte. Blackstock, R.M.L.I., 30; Private F. C. Taylor, R.M.L.I., 30.

Young Soldiers. Rifle and Carbine, 500 yards, seven shots.—Private Scandrett, R.M.L.I., 30; Private Benson, R.M.L.I., 28; Private Mugridge, R.M.L.I., 23.

All Comers. 500 yards, seven shots.—Q.M.S. Andrews, R.M.L.I., 3[illegible] Colour-Sergt. Braybrooke, R.M.L.I., 32; Q.M.S. Kay, R.M.L.I., 3[illegible] Sergt. Powell, R.M.L.I., 31.

All Comers. 600 yards, seven shots.—Q.M.S. Kay, R.M.L.I., 25.

Officers, Warrant and Petty Officers, and Sergeants. Rifle, 600 yards, seven shots.—Colour-Sergt. Braybrooke, R.M.L.I., 25.

Rank and File and Seamen. Rifle, 600 yards, seven shots.—Private Benson, R.M.L.I., 33; Private Blackstock, R.M.L.I., 28.

Ladies' Prize. Service rifle or carbine at 2nd Class Bisley target at 200 yards. Prize presented by the Committee. Seven shots.—Mrs. Cotter, 33.

DEPOT RIFLE MEETING.

The annual rifle meeting took place on the Kingsdown Ranges on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd August. The following is a list of the principal prize winners:—

Recruits, who have passed a course of musketry.—1st, Private H. Brying, silver watch; 2nd, W. Leddlie, silver watch; 3rd, Private A. Moore, 10/-; also 2 prizes of 7/6, 2 of 5/-, 8 of 3/-, 35 of 2/6, and 30 of 2/- each.

W.O.'s Staff Sergeants, and Sergeants. 200, 500, and 600 yards.—1st, Sergt. Littleworth, 99, £1; 2nd, Colour-Sergt. Sugden, 97, 15/-; 3rd, Sergt. Gates, 93, 10/-; also 2 prizes of 10/-, 7 of 7/6, and 12 of 5/- each.

Junior N.C.O's and Old Soldiers.—1st, Private J. Salt, 95, 15/-; 2nd, Private Fitch, 76, 12/-; 3rd, Private Edgecock, 72, 7/6; also 2 prizes of 7/6, and 9 of 5/- each.

Recruits, who have not passed a course of musketry, 8 rounds Morris tube.—1st, Private H. Upsall, 10/-; 2nd, W. Smith, 7/-; 3rd, W. Reeves, 5/-; also 8 of 20/-, 12 of 2/-, and 15 of 1/- each.

Company Competition.—1st, C Company, £1 10s.; 2nd, E Company, 18/-; 3rd, G Company, 22/-.

Rifle Aggregate.—Restricted to 30 highest scores in matches for W.O.'s, Staff-Sergeants and Sergeants, Corporals, and Old Soldiers.—1st, Sergt. Littleworth, £1 and special; 2nd, Col.-Sergt. Sugden, 15/- and special; 3rd, Q.M.S. Hill, 10/- and special; also 5 of 10/- and 9 of 5/- each.

Revolver Competition (Service).—1st, Q.M.S. Hill; 2nd, Sergt.-Major Sullivan; 3rd, Q.M.S. Pearson.

Revolver Competition (Match).—1st, Q.M.S. Pearson; 2nd, Sergt. Lloyde; 3rd, Sergt. Fallace.

Rapid Firing Competition (Recruits).—1st, Private J. Wakeford, watch; 2nd, J. Lowe, watch; 3rd, F. H. Bensley, 7/6; also 1 of 5/- and 3 of 2/6 each.

Rapid Firing Competition (all ranks).—1st, Q.M.S. Sherhod, £1; 2nd, Q.M.S. Pearson, 15/-; 3rd, Sergt. Wingfield, 10/-; 4th, Colour-Sergt. Sugden, 10s.; also 6 of 5/-, and 6 of 2/6 each.

Officers' Competition, 7 shots at 500 yards.—1st, Captain Grove, special prize.

MALTA NAVAL & MILITARY RIFLE MEETING.

[We regret that there were several inaccuracies in our account of the above last month. We trust that the same have given our readers no inconvenience, and have pleasure in publishing the following corrections.—Editors *G. & L.*]

First Day.

All Comers.—Sergt.-Inst. Hale, *Hibernia*, 32; Sergt.-Inst. Symons, *Hibernia*, 32; Capt. Spurway, R.M.A., *Royal Sovereign*, 32.

Mediterranean Sweepstakes, 200 yards.—Add Sergt.-Inst. Symons, *Hibernia*, 32.

Soldiers and Seamen, 600 yards.—For Private Rochton read Private Rowbottom.

Second Day.

Mediterranean Sweepstakes, 500 yards. Morning.—Add Sergt.-Inst. Symons, *Hibernia*, 32, 15/-.

Fourth Day.

Soldiers and Seamen, 600 yards.—Add Private Walden, *Victorious*, £1. For Private Hicky read Private Hicks.

Volley Challenge Cup.—Winners, Marines *Royal Sovereign*; 2nd, Marines *Royal Oak*.

"Barfleur" Challenge Cup.—Royal Sovereign, 471, cup and 6[illegible] *Canopus*, 434.

Admiral's Cup.—2nd, *Victorious'* Marines, 37/6.

Fleet Challenge Cup.—2nd, *Royal Sovereign's* Marines, £2 10s.

Attack Challenge Cup.—3rd, *Victorious'* Marines, 67, £4 4s.

R.M.A. *v.* R.M.L.I.

Fired at Browndown, August 2nd, 1901. R.M.A. won by 24 points.

R.M.A.		R.M.L.I.	
Lieut. Baker	96	Major Byne	93
Sergt.-Inst. Beddow	95	Sergt.-Inst. Dorey	88
Colour-Sergt. Deacon	93	Colour-Sergt. Nurse	88
Sergt. Paddison	90	Lance-Corpl. Lea	88
Captain Homer	89	Q.M.S. Firlayson	88
Q.M.S. Ede	89	Colour-Segt. Burnett	86
Sergt.-Major Foley	87	Sergeant Leppard	86
Lieut. Rodway	84	Sergeant Sanders	81
Total	723	Total	698
Average, 90·25.		Average, 87·25.	

R.M.A. *v.* RIFLE DEPOT.

Fired at Browndown, 9th August, 1900. R.M.A. won by 59 points.

R.M.A.		RIFLE DEPOT.	
Sergeant Paddison	95	Sergeant Cunningham	95
Sergt.-Inst. Beddow	94	Sergeant Bambridge	90
Captain Homer	94	Colour-Sergt. McKey	90
Lieutenant Rodway	93	Sergt.-Bugler Williams	88
Q.M.S. Ede	91	Q.M.S. Hennessy	87
Sergt. Height	89	Private Pocock	87
Sergt.-Major Foley	89	Sergeant McCarthy	85
Colour-Sergt. Deacon	87	Sergt.-Major Bull	80
Lieutenant Baker	86	Captain Napier	78
Lance-Sergt. Hutchings	86	Sergeant Taylor	65
Total	904	Total	845
Average, 90·4.		Average, 84·5.	

R.M.A. *v.* 1ST HANTS ENGINEERS.

Fired at Fort Cumberland, 10th August, 1901. R.M.A. won by 23 points. This match was fired by teams of young soldiers and two Lance-Sergeants R.M.A., and eight of any rank of the 1st V.B. Hants Engineers. Rough wind and rain at 600 yards made shooting difficult.

R.M.A.		1ST V.B. HANTS ENGINEERS.	
Lance-Sergt. Hutchings	91	C.S.M. Burr	87
,, Pottinger	85	Sergeant Skeens	82
Gunner Carter	83	C.S.M. Norris	77
,, Greaturch	79	Sergt. Kenway	77
,, Downton	76	C.S.M. Mills	77
,, Rogers	75	Sergeant Pryer	74
,, Fee	75	C.S.M. Newton	70
,, Moore	68	Sergt.-Inst. Butcher	65
Total	632	Total	609
Average, 79.		Average, 76·12.	

R.M.A. *v.* H.M.S. "EXCELLENT."

Final Southern District League Cup. Fired with Service sights, at Browndown, 15th August, 1901. H.M.S. *Excellent* won by 31 points. 500, 600, and 800 yards.

R.M.A.		H.M.S. "EXCELLENT."	
Sergt.-Inst. Beddow	95	C P.O. Moxon	93
Colour-Sergt Deacon	90	P.O. Farley	93
Lieut. Rodway	84	Mr. Pratt	89
Captain Homer	83	Mr. Lamb	87
Lieut. Baker	82	P.O. Manning	83
S.M. Foley	78	C.P.O. Scopes	83
Q.M.S. Ede	68	P.O. Robertson	81
Sergeant Paddison	66	P.O. Feldwick	68
Total	646	Total	677
Average, 80·15.		Average, 84.62.	

R.M.A. *v.* 1ST V.B. BERKS REGT.

Fired at Fort Cumberland, 17th August, 1901. R.M.A. won by 106 points.

R.M.A.		1ST V.B. BERKS REGT.	
Lance-Sergt. Pottinger	98	Q.M.S. Macdonald	89
Colour-Sergt. Deacon	96	Mr. Moore	88
Sergeant Height	96	Lieut. Collins	87
Captain Homer	95	Sergeant Spencer	86
Sergeant Chell	91	Sergeant Jones	81
Sergt.-Inst. Beddow	91	Private Stubbington	81
Lieut. Baker	91	Sergeant Sallery	79
Q.M.S. Ede	91	Colour-Sergeant Johnson	77
Lance-Sergt. Hutchings	89	Private Stokes	75
Sergeant Paddison	85	Sergeant Green	74
Total	923	Total	817
Average, 92·3.		Average, 81·7.	

Counted out—S.M. Foley, 83; Sergt. Talbot, 70.

EXTRACTS FROM A MILITARY TREATISE ON THE

Discipline of the Marine Forces when at Sea,

TOGETHER WITH SHORT INSTRUCTIONS FOR

Detachments sent to Attack on Shore.

BY JOHN MAC'INTIRE, Lieutenant of Marines.

"Un homme qui n'est pas discipline est inutile."—*Montecuculi*

Major C. FIELD, R.M.L.I. London, 1763.

CONCERNING THE DRILL.

THE first thing to be taken care of in the disciplining of men, is to dress them, to teach them the air of a soldier, and to drive out the clown.—*Prussian Regulations*, page 118.

The new frigates are the best ships in the Navy for exercising detachments as to length; for most of them have very long quarter decks; there may be some large ships that have no poop (such as the *Royal William*) where a detachment can be regularly formed; but there can be no general rule as to the number of men that can be formed together in any ship, as those in the same class very often differ in the breadth and length of their decks.

VIDE PRUSSIAN REGULATIONS.

During all firings silence must be kept in the ranks, no talking, spitting, or moving about to be permitted; and the soldiers, as soon as their platoon or division has loaded and shouldered, must cast their eyes instantly to the right, carry well their arms, dress their ranks and files, and not put their right hands into their pockets or upon their fire-locks, but stand steady, without the least motion, as in the performance of the Manual.

THE MARINE FIRING.

Men in general have a kind of dread upon them till they have been in action; and if they are accustomed to kneel after having fired, they think themselves so secure in that position, that they can't quit it without reluctance; and in their hurry, will present their pieces right up in the air, fire without aim, and immediately pop down to load again.

This I believe will sometimes be the case with men who are not disciplined; but to do our recruits justice, I have never heard of their being shy; however, we should not encourage them to be so, by giving them an opportunity of screening themselves. But when men have seen service, and the officers know them well, I think that loading upon the knee is very prudent, because it will certainly save the lives of some men, which a good officer will never throw away, if it is consistent with the service to avoid it.

OF DRESS, NEATNESS AND DECENCY AMONG THE SOLDIERS.

Great pains must be taken to preserve neatness and decency amongst soldiers on board, especially in frigates and sloops, where they cannot appear so clean as in ships of the line.

Officers must induce the men to take a pride in their persons by inspiring them with military notions and manly behaviour; at the same time assuring them that they shall never have leave to go ashore to take their pleasure till they learn to dress in a graceful and soldier-like manner; for if a man takes no delight in his own person, he must consequently have more of the clown remaining in his composition than of the soldier. This confinement on board will prevail much with young fellows, who will never be easy till their appearance is satisfactory to their officers, in hopes of a day's liberty to visit their friends on shore. The soldiers must be inure to cleanliness in general, must have their hands and faces always well washed and their whole bodies clean, in order to escape the itch, and all other cutaneous disorders.

A detachment must shave, shift, and dress on Sundays and Wednesdays at sea, when the weather and the service will permit; and when in port must appear always clean, especially on the exercising days.

In the summer time when ships are in port and the weather is good, the soldier should be powdered on Sundays, likewise on days of exercise; and the sentries are never to appear in a slovenly, irregular manner, but always dressed in their full uniform (except in bad

weather) for which the sergeants and corporals shall be answerable.

There may be an uniformity in the appearance of the hair, all the soldiers are to have it dressed in the same manner, that is, the locks to be neatly buckled up in lead, which will look well for a week, the hair tied behind, and "albemarled" (clubb'd), the fore-top cut short, and brushed back.

When men are to appear under arms, the hair being in good order wants nothing but a little powder to make it complete, which can be done in a few minutes: so that this method will be found very convenient at sea, where we seldom have much time given us to get a party of men in readiness, when wanted to mount a guard, or perform any other duty.

N.B.—No soldier should be allowed to wear a wig, unless he cannot possibly wear his hair, in which case the wig must be very thin and "albemarled."

When a soldier has acquired a good air, he should be taught to take off his hat properly with his left hand, and let it hang down his side; in that position to look the officer, or other person whom he is saluting, in the face; take care at the same time not to stoop, or hang down his head. A soldier should learn how to address an officer, or other person of distinction, if he himself is at any time accosted by such, to be able to assume a graceful boldness, and to give a reasonable answer.

Soldiers should never shun their officers when they happen to come near them; but stand fast, take off their hats, and wait to see whether they have any orders to give.

When the uniform clothing is received on board, the commanding officer must order the tailor to fit it neat and smart, that the detachment may appear to the best advantage. It is afterwards to be tied up in different suits, with a tally to each, on which is wrote the man's name to whom it belongs; then the whole is to be deposited in the store room.

The coats are not to come below the hem. The skirts are to be tucked back by an uniform button, and a red cloth loop made in the shape of a heart, sewed over the lining of the skirt.

The breeches must fit tight about the thigh and in the seat, and come just below the knee.

The hats are to be properly cock'd, and the men to buy hair cockades. The caps must be altered to fit well, that they may not fall off under arms; to prevent which, the men must fix them firm upon their heads; they must also put them on even, and not backwards upon their necks.

When clothing is issued out in summer, the men should be ordered to put off their coats and hats at eight o'clock every evening, and wear their sea-jackets and caps till eight next morning. It there is any dirty work to be done, or the weather is bad, they must not put them on till it is over. This will keep the clothing clean all summer, for it is in the night that men destroy it in their watch; but when the weather grows cold, they must be permitted to wear it and button their coats.

The old coats are then to be converted into waistcoats, which must be made very neat, with white frogs on the breast; and if there is any spare cloth, caps should be made of it for the men to wear at sea in rainy and blowing weather, which will preserve their hats.

N.B.—The soldiers are to make underwaistcoats and nightcaps of their old waistcoats.

When the new hats are given out the old ones are to be brushed up, altered in the cock, the lace taken off, and proper white tufts made, to be worn in the left corner, and white loop over the button, which will set off an old plain hat.

N.B.—The men should never presume to make any alteration in their uniform clothing, without leave from their commanding officer.

When soldiers that are embarked have no uniform clothing they are to wear jackets, and put their uniform in the store room till they receive new clothing; it being meant that every soldier shall always have a good uniform suit to appear in if ordered upon service.

When a ship is paid the Commanding Officer should make a collection amongst the men for keeping the necessaries, &c., always complete, and not to trust to their buying them, as they will endeavour to impose upon him; for when the ship goes to sea he will find that some of his men have bought nothing, spent all their money, and are half naked. This collection should be consigned in the hands of a trusty Sergeant who is to give the detachment a clear account of what he lays out, that the soldiers may be satisfied, and see their money is properly applied to their own use. By these means they will be well provided with necessaries, and appear uniform, the slops being all of the same kind, and the Officer taking care to keep some money in the Sergeant's hands to supply what is wanted.

When ships come to a port where there is a regular slopman appointed to supply Marines embarked, and his goods are reasonable this trouble may be partly avoided; but if they do not answer the price, which is generally the case with these contractors, the best way is to buy everything with ready money collected from the soldiers at the payment of the ship.

All detachments should be provided with good, strong, black spatterdashes to buckle below the knee, and made to fit the leg exactly without any wrinkles. They are only to be worn when men are under arms, and will look more soldier-like than the white ones given at quarters, which are useless on board.

Every man must have a good knapsack (such as the regiments of foot use) to keep his linen and small necessaries in; for nothing looks more unmilitary than to see men come upon a poop or quarter-deck with shirts, stockings, &c., loose in their hands, which can easily be prevented at a very small expense to the soldiers.

The contents of the knapsack should consist of four check shirts, one white shirt, four pair coloured and one pair white stockings, a pair of shoes made of tanned leather, which will save the trouble and expense of black ball and brushes, of shoe soles, a pair of spatterdashes, a black leather stock, a set of uniform buckles, a hair cockade, a hat-rule, comb, small bag of hair powder, a hair band, needles and thread.

N.B.—The uniform shirts, stocking and shoes must be laid by in the store room with the clothing.

Each man should keep in his hammock a spare waistcoat and a pair of breeches ready to put on in case of getting wet, which often throws our men into sickness on their first going to sea; therefore it must be by no means omitted to keep them always well clothed and shod.

The slops must be frequently inspected in order to discover those who are guilty of abusing or selling them; and it must be made a rule to examine the whole at once: because if you only take half the detachment, the other half will lend to those who have sold, what they want to complete the articles, and by these means impose on the officer.

N.B.—No soldier should be suffered to wash, or do any dirty work in his new uniform clothing.

The messes should be regulated according as the men dress in the ranks, beginning on the right, and ordering the first and second files to form a mess; then the third and fourth, and so on, till the whole are regulated.

Then the men mess, exercise, and watch together, they will be more intimate, and more closely connected; which will induce them to support and assist each other reciprocally in point of duty, and live in harmony among themselves. When a soldier is troublesome and disagreeable to the rest, he must mess by himself, and never be indulged in by his officer till his behaviour is approved of.

When Marines have leave to go on shore to take their pleasure, the mess should go together; a Sergeant or Corporal is to parade them and see that they are dressed in their full uniform, with their hair powdered. Any mess that misbehave, must not have leave another time; and their misconduct shall be set down in the orderly book, likewise all other crimes committed by soldiers. Such orderly books to be always kept in the detachment, and delivered to each succeeding officer, that every man's character may be known.

The Sergeants and Corporals are to examine the dishes and necessaries of each mess twice a week, and to report to the Commanding Officer those that live in any ways indecent, or unbecoming the character of soldiers.

The hammocks and bedding are to be examined by the Sergeants and Corporals once a week to see that none have any vermin or filth in them; and in port the soldiers are to wash their bedding, and keep it in good order.

The old soldiers must teach the young recruits how to wash their lines; and the Sergeants and Corporals shall have theirs washed by

drum, if there is one in the detachment; if not a private man must do it and have some allowance made him for his trouble.

If any soldier is inclinable to be dirty, after many methods have been tried to induce him to cleanliness, severity must take place; and he should be subsequently scrubbed with a broom in a tub of salt water, and never suffered to wear his uniform, or any ways indulged till he accustoms himself to dress like a soldier.

All possible care should be taken that the sick are supplied with everything necessary, that they may be the sooner restored to their health and become able for duty.

Besides the care of the surgeon, their mess-mates should look after them, and it is very becoming the character of a good Officer to visit a poor sick soldier, who will be so proud of the honour done him that he will always exert himself to deserve it.

The eldest Sergeant of a detachment should be answerable for the decent appearance of other Sergeants, Corporals and Drums, and carry a proper command over them, that the officers may not be troubled with their compleints.

An officer that studies the regulation of his detachuent, will always find out methods to make his men appear like soldiers; and if it can be done in frigates, certainly the gentlemen who have the honour to serve in ships of the line, will think it no hard task.

In good weather the sentries who are posted with fire-locks, are to have the Marine arms, wear their full uniform and caps, with their hair well powdered, and everything in the completest order; but in bad weather they must use the Black arms of the ship, and wear their old clothing.

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(To be continued.)

Foreign News.

H.M.S. *Barfleur*,
Wei-Hei-Wei, 23rd June, 1901.

DEAR SIR,—I enclose a printed account of this ship at firing this year. Marines man four casemates. One gun, No. 4, you will see, got 13 hits out of 14 rounds. Time, two minutes; range 1612—1200 yards; speed ten knots. Please observe the difference between the 1900 and 1901 performance for the ship, the 4·7 guns getting more hits this year than number of rounds fired last year.

Why not fit up the "Dotter" (as it is idiotically called), the loading tray, and the Morris tube rifle in our gun batteries? They could all be fitted in a drawing room without damage to the furniture, and the interest they give to the gun's crews in five minutes is worth a forenoon's "detail."

Yours sincerely, McNAB.

PRIZE FIRING WITH HEAVY GUNS—H.M.S. *Barfleur*.
China Station, June, 1901. 4·7 Q.F. Guns.

No. of Gun	Rank and Name	No. at Gun	Rounds Fired	Hits	Misses
3	Sergt. G. Massenbird, R.M.A. ..	1	8	7	1
4	Gunner P. Butt ,, ..	1	8	7	1
4	Corpl. J. Barrett ,, ..	1	8	7	1
3	Gunner C. Carter ,, ..	2	6	6	0
1	Gunner E. Cobb ,, ..	2	6	5	1
2	Gunner W. Martin ,, ..	2	8	5	3
2	Gunner F. Garrod ,, ..	1	8	4	4
	Gunner J. Bell ,, ..	2	7	4	3

REMARKS.

The ten 4·7 guns fired 159 rounds and made 114 hits. This gives an average of 5·7 hits per gun per minute, which is a record for 4·7 guns.

The following table of results shews the great improvement in shooting the ship has made by using telescopic sights and by practising with Captain Scott's "Dotter" and "Morris tube aiming rifle," and also in loading by practising at a loading tray on the same principle as adopted in H.M.S. *Terrible*.

The "Dotter" has been in use on board since December, 1900 (when telescopic sights were made and fitted by ship's artificers), and the aiming rifle and loading tray only a fortnight before the present firing took place.

Year	Rounds fired	Hits	Average hits per gun per min.
1899	111	34	1·6
1900	111	47	2·35
1901	159	114	5·7

Cricket.

DEPOT R.M. *v.* ROYAL ARTILLERY.

THIS Match, which was played at the Depot, ended in a win for the home team, after a most exciting finish, by 72 runs, on the stroke of time.

DEPOT R.M.		ROYAL ARTILLERY.	
Major Mercer, l.b.w., b Young	1	Major Block, c Tupman, b Little	19
Capt. Little, c Sheerer, b Young	59	Gnr. Kelly, st Tupman, b McGinley	46
Capt. Tupman, c Kelly, b Young	27	Sergt. Harms, c and b Sutcliffe	33
Mr Stopford, not out ..	35	Sergt. Davis, lbw, b McGinley	16
Sergt. Sutcliffe, c Sheerer, b Young	0	Capt. Armitage, b Little ..	1
Col. Urmston, b Harms ..	25	Corpl. Wilmot, st Tupman b McGinley	0
Major Luke, c Armitage, b Harms	0	Mr. Block, c Little, b McGinley	0
Col. Quill, b Harms ..	0	Capt. Thompson, not out ..	17
Sergt. McGinley, b Wilmot	29	Gnr. Sheerer, run out ..	2
Capt. Phillips, c & b Major Block	22	Gnr. Depansy, b Little ..	2
Pte. Farmer, c Major Block b Wilmot	3	Mr. Taylor, c Little, b McGinley	1
Extras	17	Extras	9
Total	218	Total	146

DEPOT R.M. *v.* ROYAL FUSILIERS.

Played at Shorncliffe on Tuesday, the Depot losing by 42 runs.

DEPOT, R.M.		ROYAL FUSILIERS.	
Major Mercer, lbw, b Campbell	26	Capt. Byng, b Sutcliffe ..	26
Capt. Little, lbw, b Campbell	67	Sergt. Atkinson, c Stopford, b Little	4
Sergt. Sutcliffe, c Waller, b Townsend	9	Sergt. Shelley, c Phillips, b Little	29
Capt. Tupman, b Campbell	12	L.-Cpl. Campbell, lbw, b Little	1
Mr. Stopford, c Waller, b Campbell	4	Capt. Batt, c Tupman, b Little	0
Col. Quill, b Campbell ..	14	Mr. Birchall, b Little ..	4
Sergt. Robinson, c Ward. b Campbell ..	2	Mr. Townsend, st Tupman, b McGinley	17
Capt. Phillips, c Brennan, b Townsend ..	2	Sergt Brennan, b Stopford ..	44
Sgt. McGinley, st Batt, b Byng	13	Sergt. Ward, b Sutcliffe ..	0
Capt. Grover, not out ..	3	Mr. Waller, c Little, b McGinley	74
Pte. Farmer, c Townsend, b Byng	0	Bugler Breatham, not out ..	2
Extras	16	Extras	9
Total	168	Total	210

DEPOT R.M. *v.* WEST KENT.

This, one of the most important matches of the Depot programme, took plaoe on the Depot ground, on Thursday, August 1st.

WEST KENT.		DEPOT R.M.	
F. D. Browne, b Sutcliffe ..	29	Col. Quill, c Nichalls, b Mason	5
F. W. Wilmot, c Phillips, b McGinley	3	Major Mercer, b Weigall ..	4
H. D. Banning, c Wilson, b McGinley ..	2	Sergt. Sutcliffe, b Banning ..	45
C. P. Nichalls, c Tupman, b Sutcliffe	12	Capt. Little, b Weigall ..	3
E. H. V. Weigall, c Wilson, b McGinley	25	Capt. Wilson, c Hawksley, b Mason	2
G. T. Wilson, c Tupman, b McGinley	8	Col. Urmston, c Nichalls, b Hawksley ..	5
D. A. G. Bacon, b Sutcliffe	3	Mr. Stopford, b Weigall ..	6
H. Vincent, st Tupman, b McGinley.. ..	21	Capt. Tupman, b Weigall ..	11
A Chamberlain, b Sutcliffe	0	Col Luke, c Banning, b Weigall ..	6
W. D. Auld, c Mercer, b McGinley	12	Capt. Phillips, b Weigall ..	2
E. D. Hawksley, run out ..	15	Sergt. McGinley, c Auld, b Banning	1
G. A. Mason, not out ..	9	Pte. Smith, not out	0
Extras	8	Extras	4
Total	147	Total	94

Depot R.M. *v.* St. Peter's.

Played at the Depot on Saturday, 27th July, the Depot winning by 5 wickets and 217 runs.

Depot.

Capt. Little, c Cuyler, b Bacon	12
Major Mercer, c Weigall, b Bacon	24
Sergt. Sutcliffe, c Farmer, b Osmond	121
Col. Urmston, c and b Roffey	14
Capt. Wilson, c Creaton, b Osmond	32
Capt. Tupman, not out	69
Extras	12
(5 wickets) Total	284

Mr. Stopford, Col. Quill, Col. Luke, Sergt. McGinley, Pte. Smith, did not bat.

St. Peter's—Total 67. D. A. Bacon, 17; N. Roffey, 13.

Depot R.M. *v.* Walthamstow C.C.

The Depot opposed this strong London team on the Depot ground, on 31st July, and suffered defeat by 56 runs on the first innings.

Walthamstow C.C.—Total 164. R. Thorogood, 48: A. Petch, 60; H. Wilson, 20.

Depot.

Major Mercer, b Thorogood	7
Capt. Little, c Cattell, b Houghton	1
Sergt. Sutcliffe, c Nicholls, b Thorogood	7
Capt. Wilson, c and b Houghton	3
Col. Urmston, b Houghton	6
Mr. Stopford, c Thorogood, b Houghton	27
Capt. Tupman, b Thorogood	11
Col. Quill, b Thorogood	1
Col. Luke, st Cattell, b Houghton	9
Capt. Phillips, not out	19
Sergt. McGinley, c Thorogood, b Houghton	1
Extras	16
Total	108

Depot R.M. *v.* Royal Fusiliers.

Played at the Depot on Friday, 16th August, the visitors winning easily by 160 runs, Capt. Byng playing a grand innings of 146.

Depot.		Royal Fusiliers.	
Col. Quill, c Curwin, b Birchall	4	Capt. Batt, c and b McGinley	2
Major Mercer, lbw, b Byng	9	Sergt. Atkinson, b Sutcliffe	11
Sergt. Sutcliffe, b Byng	46	Sergt. Shelley, st Tnpman, b McGinley	7
Capt. Wilson, c Breetham, b Byng	3	Capt. Byng, c Farmer, b Sutcliffe	146
Capt. Little, b Byng	11	Mr. Curwin, c Little, b Sutcliffe	30
Mr. Stopford, c Brennan, b Birchall	10	Mr. Birchall, c Quill, b McGinley	8
Capt. Tupman, c Atkinson, b Byng	7	Mr. Townshend, b Sutcliffe	0
Col. Luke, c and b Birchall	3	Sergt. Brennan, b Sutcliffe	47
Sergt. McGinley, b Birchall,	0	Corpl. Campbell, b Sutcliffe	0
Pte. Smith, b Byng	5	Mr. Mills, c Little, b Sutcliffe	6
Pte. Farmer, not out	0	Pte. Breetham, not out	2
Extras	9	Extras	8
Total	107	Total	267

Depot R.M. *v.* St. Peter's.

Played at St. Peter's on Saturday, 17th August, the game ending in a draw.

Depot.		St. Peter's.	
Major Mercer, c W. R. Moon, b L. J. Moon	6	L. J. Moon, c Stopford, b Sutcliffe	72
Capt. Wilson, b L. J. Moon	45	W. R. Moon, b Little	29
Col. Quill, retired	55	H. R. Blaker, b Little	0
Mr. Stopford, b L. J. Moon	0	E. G. Moon, b Little	21
Capt. Little, lbw, b E. G. Mosn	66	C. O. Flynn, b Little	4
Capt. Tupman, c Weigall, b L. J. Moon	0	S. Darvell, b Little	0
Sergt. Sutcliffe, c Bacon, b L. J. Moon	1	A. Snowdon, b Little	5
Mr. Quill, b L. J. Moon	8	D. A. G. Bacon, not out	27
Sergt. McGinley, b E. G. Moon	17	N. Roffey, not out	22
Pte. Smith, not out	0	Extras	5
Pte. Farmer, b E. G. Moon	0	Total	185
Extras	13		
Total	211		

H. Buckmaster and F. Weigall did not bat.

Depot R.M. *v.* Mr. Weigall's Team.

Played at Southwood on Thursday, 21st August, ending in a draw.

Mr. Weigall's Team.		Depot.	
R. Austin, retired	113	Col. Quill, b E. J. V. Weigall	4
D. J. Bacon, b Smith	23	Major Mercer, b L. Weigall	6
S. Darwell, b Sutcliffe	35	Sergt. Sutcliffe, c Barton, b Bacon	54
A. Weigall, b Sutcliffe	5	Capt. Wilson, run out	0
L. Weigall, b Little	26	Capt. Little, c Austin, b L. Weigall	20
G. J. V. Weigall, b Sutcliffe	5	Lieut. Stopford, c and b Bacon	21
J. A. Claxton, b Little	15	Capt. Tupman, not out	43
Major Barton, not out	7	Col. Luke, b G. J. V. Weigall	0
N. Weigall, not out	2	Capt. Phillips, not out	7
Extras	21	Extras	5
Innings declared	252	Total (for 7 wkts.)	160

E. Weigall and F. Weigall did not bat.

Ptes. Farmer and Smith did not bat.

Depot R.M. *v.* Southwood.

Played at the Depot on Wednesday, 14th August, the home team winning by 78 runs.

Southwood.		Depot.	
Major Barter, c Tupman b Sutcliffe	28	Col. Quill. c Snowdon, b Hardcastle	19
D. A. G. Bacon, c Tupman, b Sutcliffe	5	Major Mercer, b Snowdon	6
J. Claxton, b Sutcliffe	0	Sergt. Sutcliffe, c Quill, b Bacon	17
G. J. V. Weigall, not out	36	Capt. Little, c Weigall, b Hardcastle	12
Rev. R. Robinson, b Little	21	Capt. Wilson, c Claxton, b Burgess	28
Rev. E. Hardcastle, b Sutcliffe	1	Mr. Stopford, run out	12
A. O. Snowdon, b Little	6	Capt. Tupman, b G. J. Weigall	14
Rev. E. Barter, b Sutcliffe	5	Col. Luke, not out	26
Mr. Quill, b Sutcliffe	0	Capt. Phillips, b Snowdon	30
J. Burgess, b Sutcliffe	0	Sergt. McGinley, b Snowdon	0
F. Weigall, b Sutcliffe	0	Pte. Smith, c Weigall, b Snowdon	16
Total	102	Extras	8
		Total	180

R.M.A. *v.* Hants Rovers.

Played at U.S.R.G., Portsmouth, on the 17th July.

R.M.A.		Hants Rovers.	
Capt. McCarthy, b Price	38	Dr. Conan Doyle, c and b McCarthy	10
Major Tatham, st Barber, b Conan Doyle	59	Hon. J. C. Lyttleton, c Talthan, b Trotman	107
Capt. Harding, c Price, b Risien	11	Mr. F. Bashford, c Tatham, b Bruce	21
Lieut. Trotman, b Price	1	,, A. G. Price, b Gaubert	1
,, Fisher, b Lyttleton	70	,, M. Foster, b Trotman	5
Gnr. Bruce, c Bashford, b Conan Doyle	2	Capt. Ellershaw, b Gaubert	21
Capt. Brough, b Bashford	4	Mr. W. D. Barber, not not	10
Sergt. Gaubert, b Conan Doyle	3	,, E. G. Bird, not out	5
Lieut. Jolly, c Foster, b Conan Doyle	4	Extras	11
,, Dening, b Risien	0	Total (6 wkts.)	184
,, Blount, not out	20		
Extras	12		
Total	224		

Messrs. H. F. Coulfield, F. J. Risien, H. E. Onslow, did not bat.

R.M.A. *v.* Gosport Forts.

Played at Eastney, 30th July.

Gosport Forts.—1st Innings, 25; 2nd Innings, 50.

R.M.A.	
Major Brittan, not out	50
Capt. Poole, lbw, b Lowes	18
,, McCarthy, c and b Bashford	33
,, Harding, b Spinks	0
Lieut. Warder, b Bashford	3
,, Huntingford, b Spinks	13
Capt. Brough, b Spinks	4
Lieut. Blount, not out	6
,, Jolly, b Lowes	10
Extras	12
Total (7 wkts.)	156

Lieut. Dening and Sergt. Gaubert did not bat.

Births.

BROGDEN—On 7th August, at Enbrook Manor House, Cheriton, Kent, the wife of Captain J. S. Brogden, R.M.L.I., of a son.

HOSKYNS-ABRAHALL—On 17th August, at the Commissioner's House, Bermuda, the wife of Major J. Hoskyns-Abrahall, R.M.L.I., of a daughter.

KING—On 30th July, at Southsea, the wife of Lce.-Sergt. A. G. King, of a daughter.

Marriages.

SILVER WEDDING.

CLARKE—NICOLLS—On 22nd August, at Little Marlow, Bucks, by the Rev. John Baines, Charles, son of the late D. T. Clarke, Esq., of Clapham, to Edith, only child of the late Lieut. Edward Nicolls, R.N., grand-daughter of the late General Sir Edward Nicolls, K.C.B., R.M., and of the late Thomas Love Peacock, Esq., of the India House, and Lower Halliford, Middlesex.

BARRADALE—CREASE—On 28th August, at St. James' Church, Piccadilly, by the Rev. Canon Grant, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Guildford, Alfred William Barradale, of Dudley, to Dorothy Melita Mary, elder daughter of Major-General J. F. Crease, C.B., Royal Marine Artillery, of Ince, Guildford.

URMSTON—ABBINETT—At Alverstoke Parish Church, on Monday, 26th August, Major and Brevet Lieut.-Col. A. G. B. Urmston, R.M.L.I., to Miss Mary Lily Abbinett, youngest daughter of Mr. H. Abbinett, of Clarence Square, Gosport.

CHILDS—BANKS—At the Parish Church, Brighton, 5th August, 1901, Pte. W. H. Childs to Miss A. M. Banks.

STOUT—LEE—At the Registry Office, Alverstoke, 1st August, 1901, Corpl. A. E. Stout to Miss A. G. Lee.

LEISHMAN—DONALDSON—At Ritchies Hall, Kirkgate, 9th August, 1901, Pte. J. J. Leishman to Miss J. Donaldson.

BARTEN—HART—At the Registry Office, Portsmouth, 8th August, 1901, Pte. T. A. Barten to Miss B. Hart.

STRATTON—VICKERS—At St. George's, Deal, 17th August, 1901, Pte. E. A. Stratton to Miss R. Vickers.

BENNETT—DEVINE—At the Registry Office, Alverstoke, 20th August, 1901, Pte. J. E. Bennett to Miss J. Devine.

YOULAEN—WILKINS—At Folkestone, Pte. Youlaen to Miss Wilkins.

DREW—SNELLING—At St. Peter's, Limpifield, Corpl. Drew to Miss Snelling.

MOORE—STEVENS—At St. James', Portsea, 1st August, Musn. L. Moore, R.M.A., to Miss A. Stevens.

TAYLOR—HOOKS—At Parish Church, Eastwood, 29th July, Gnr. J. W. Taylor, R.M.A., to Miss F. Hooks.

LEWIS—SIMPSON—At St. James', Portsea, 3rd August, Bombr. W. C. Lewis, R.M.A., to Miss E. M. Simpson.

BROADBENT—PASCOE—At St. James', Portsea, 1st August, Gnr. A. E. Broadbent, R.M.A., to Miss A. M. Pascoe.

LAMBERT—ROBERTS—At St. James', Portsea, 14th August, Clr.-Sergt. J. C. Lambert, R.M.A., to Miss E. B. Roberts.

Deaths.

KELLY—On July 25th, at 2, Foster Road, Gosport, Hants, Major H. C. Kelly, late Royal Marine Light Infantry, aged 42, youngest son of the late John Kelly, J.P., of Filleigh, Chudleigh, Devon.

RIGBY—On 3rd August, at the residence of his cousin, Lord Justice Rigby, Carlyle House, Chelsea, aged 27, Captain John Cecil Heagren Rigby, R.M.L.I.

HAWKINS—On 17th August, at 3, Sea Lawn Terrace, Dawlish, Devon, Captain Clement William Hawkins, on the Retired List, R.M.L.I.

HOPEWELL—On August 16th, at London, George Hopewell, late Cpl., R.M.L.I., aged 53 years.

LORUM—Sergt. J. Lorum, Plymouth Division, on board H.M.S. *Harrier*, 17th August.

WELLINGS—On the 31st August, at Bessbrook House, Canada Road, Deal, Elsie Gladys Wellings, daughter of Pte. W. A. and Mary Ann Wellings, aged 13 months.

DOWLING—Clr.-Sergt. J. V. Dowling, R.M.L.I.

PALMER—Pte. E. C. PALMER, R.M.L.I.

DAWSON—At R.M.A. Infirmary, 1st August, 1901, Gnr. W. Dawson, aged 22 years.

Answers to Correspondents.

CAPT. SPURWAY—Thanks for your full notice of Malta Rifle Meeting. We are correcting the account this month.

PTE. W.G.S.—Thanks for sketches. We are afraid we cannot use them.

SENIOR W.C.O.—We are sorry that our rules do not allow of our publishing your letter.

H.M.S. "ROYAL OAK"—Thanks for photos and account; we may be able to use them next month.

MARTINI, AFRICA—Capt. Byrne, though very severely wounded and reported dead, eventually lived to reach England, and died in St. Thomas' Hospital on March 24th, 1897.

The Editor begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following papers with many thanks:—

The Household Brigade Magazine; The Queen's Own Gazette; The Bugle (weekly); *The Men of Harlech; The A.S.C. Journal; The Regiment* (weekly); *The Oakleaf; The Bengal Tiger; The Sunbeam; The Sapper; The Green Howards Gazette; The London Scottish Regtl. Gazette; St. George's Gazette; The Bluejacket; The Tiger and the Rose; The Suffolk Gazette; The Dragon; The Lilywhites' Gazette, The Queen's Own Gazette; The United Service Gazette* (weekly); *The Yellow Plume; The Flash, etc., etc.*

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It has been notified that twenty-five Marine Pensioners can be entered as Stoker Pensioners in the Dockyard Reserve at Portsmouth. Candidates should apply to the Captain, Dockyard Reserve, H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have awarded the medal for Meritorious Service, with an annuity of £10, to J. Lamsley, late Sergeant, Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I. The annuity to commence from 24th July, 1901.

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Captain E. Y. Daniel, R.M.L.I., has been seconded for service in the Naval Intelligence Department, *vice* Captain J. E. Crowther.

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Captain J. Brough, R.M.A., has been appointed assistant to the Professor of Fortification, at the R.N. College, Greenwich, *vice* Capt. Brooke who has resigned.

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Captain H. M. C. W. Graham has been seconded for service as Adjutant of the 5th V.B. Liverpool Regiment (Liverpool Irish).

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The Council of the N.R.A. have expressed to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty their acknowledgment of the great assistance afforded to the Association by the detachment of R.M.L.I., under Captain G. R. Poole, R.M.A., during the late Bisley Meeting.

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As we go to press we learn that Major G. G. Aston, R.M.A., has been promoted Brevet Lieut.-Colonel, and Major F. White, R.M.L.I., has been awarded the D.S.O. for services in South Africa.

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The Naval Silver War Medal. with Clasp, for the action in the Gut of Gibraltar, 12th July, 1801, awarded to 2nd Lieut. Alexander Smith, R.M., was sold by auction in London, on the 28th August, by Messrs. Glendinning & Co.

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At the reception of H.R.H. the Duke of York at Capetown, we notice that Lieut.-Col. H. C. Money, R.M.L.I., had that section of the troops lining the streets, under the head of "Grand Parade," extending from the Reception Pavilion to Adderley Street. He had under his command the following troops: The Cavalry Depot, the excess Nos. of R.H.A. and R.F.A., the Oversea Colonial Depot, the South African Mounted Irregular Forces Depot, Imperial Yeomanry, and 24th Middlesex Rifle Volunteers.

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Major J. Bernard, R.M.L.I., Adjutant, 4th Middlesex Rifles, will proceed to Aldershot, on 1st October, to join the Signalling Class, which assembles there on that date.

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NOTE TO OFFICERS AND N.C.O.'s in charge of Detachments in the Channel and Cruiser Squadrons.—In nearly all the accounts for last quarter, postage for September was charged at "Foreign Rates," owing to the squadrons being abroad at the time the accounts were made out. The difference between Foreign and Inland Rates has been credited in our books and will be shewn on this quarter's statements.

Royal Marines Memorial.

22, Spring Gardens, S.W.,
28th September, 1901.

	£	s.	d.
Received during September;—			
H.M.S. *Katoomba*	5	12	11
,, *Glory*	3	6	0
,, *Blenheim*	2	10	0
Mrs. H. P. Tate	1	1	0
W. Spilsburn, late R.M.	0	1	0
Total ..	£12	10	11
Received previously	1203	3	10
	£1215	14	9
Sums promised	23	10	0
	£1239	4	9

(Signed) G. T. ONSLOW,
Lieut.-Colonel, R.M.L.I., Hon. Secretary.

Diary of our Colonel-in-Chief's Colonial Tour.

(continued from last month).

September 3rd. After a pleasant voyage from the Cape, the squadron dropped anchor this evening off St. Vincent, where the *Niobe* and *Diadem* relieved the original escort, the *Juno* and *St. George*.

September 4th. The Duke and Duchess spent the day on board the *St. George* while the *Ophir* was being coaled, and received the Governor of St. Vincent on that ship.

September 5th. The *Ophir*, escorted by the *Diadem* and *Niobe*, left for Quebec.

September 13th. The Squadron arrived in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, but the journey up the river was greatly hindered by fog, necessitating the anchor being dropped twice on Sunday.

September 16th. The Royal party landed at Quebec, the procession through the streets to the Citadel being immensely successful, and the welcome most hearty. In the evening the fireworks and illuminations were very beautiful.

September 17th. Owing to the death of President McKinley, the garden party arranged for to-day was cancelled. A review of some 5,000 troops, followed by the presentation of the V.C. to Lieut.-Col. Turner, D.S.O., was held on the Heights of Abraham, but was marred by a downpour of rain.

September 18th. The long railway tour through Canada commenced at 9.45 a.m. to-day, a large crowd speeding the parting guests. The Canadian Pacific Railway provided two special trains, one for the Governor-General and his suite, and the other specially built and probably the most luxurious train ever constructed, for the Duke and Duchess and their suite. Montreal was reached at 3 p.m., and the Duke, accompanied by the Governor-General, Sir Wilfred Laurier, and other distinguished persons, at once proceeded to an open space opposite the station and, in the presence of a huge and enthusiastic crowd, presented South African war medals. An address, prepared in English and French, was presented by the Mayor, and the Duke's reply was received with delight. A gloom, however, was cast over the entire proceedings by President McKinley's death, and most of the ceremonies were cancelled.

September 19th. To-day all functions were cancelled except official duties. These consisted of the opening of the Medical Hall at McGill University, the acceptance of degrees by the Duke and Duchess at the Victoria College for Women, and a visit to the Laval University. Everywhere their Royal Highnesses were enthusiastically received.

September 20th. The Royal party, who have been staying at Lord Strathcona's residence, left Montreal to-day and arrived at Ottawa at noon. The streets were thickly thronged, and as Their Royal Highnesses drove to Government House, they were fervently greeted by huge crowds.

September 21st. Unveiling of the statue of the late Queen Victoria and presentation of war medals, the first recipient being Sergeant Hollander who received the V.C. for saving the guns, and the late Trooper Molloy, who was blinded by the bursting of a shell.

September 23rd. To-day a visit was paid to the lumber yards where the Royal party embarked on rafts, glided down stream and then rushed down the lumber slides, afterwards Indians conveyed the party in birch bark canoes for a mile or so down the St. Lawrence.

September 24th. The festivities at Ottawa were brought to a close last evening by a brilliant reception at the Senate Hall, and at noon to-day the Royal party left for Winnipeg, their send off at the station being most vociferously enthusiastic.

September 26th. After a long journey through typical Canadian upland scenery, with long stretches of lakes and fine rivers and forests, Winnipeg was reached this morning. The Royal party received a very warm welcome, and after the presentation of addresses etc., had been replied to, the Duke presented War Medals. In the afternoon the new University was opened, and the boys from the Indian Industrial School, mostly Ojibbeways, gave an exhibition of fancy marching, etc.

EXTRACTS FROM A MILITARY TREATISE ON THE

Discipline of the Marine Forces when at Sea,

TOGETHER WITH SHORT INSTRUCTIONS FOR

Detachments sent to Attack on Shore.

By JOHN MAC'INTIRE, Lieutenant of Marines.

"Un homme qui n'est pas discipline est inutile."—*Montecuculi.*

London, 1763.

MAJOR C. FIELD, R.M.L.I.

CONCERNING THE DRILL OF A DETACHMENT IN A SEA ENGAGEMENT.

(Continued.)

THE C.O. should be posted as near the Captain of the ship as his duty will permit, that he may the sooner receive his orders.

The Sergeants are to have firelocks instead of halberds. The drums to have firelocks likewise, no drums being allowed to beat.

Having got everything ready, and expecting to come to action in a few minutes, the C.O. gives the word "To the Right About," upon which the detachment faces at once to the barricade, stands steady and quite silent.

I have heard of some officers who employ themselves in firing, in time of action, and by excess of valour, forget the most essential part. These may be called brave soldiers, who want conduct. The duty of an officer is to command his detachment, by keeping a strict eye upon the behaviour of his men, directing them where to throw their fire, and to be attentive to any orders he may receive. This he can never do if he fires much, but there are certain occasions on which an officer ought to fire, especially if he sees any remarkable person of the enemy, or to encourage the men by his own example; but firing must never be his principal object.

The Sergeants, likewise, are not to confine themselves to firing, as they must assist their officers in keeping the detachment in proper order, and it must be made a rule always to keep two ranks constantly complete for filling up immediately the vacancies made by the dead and wounded.

When the enemy's ship engages to windward, and her decks are open to you, you must be very attentive in observing when she rolls to leeward, at which moment a volley from the right and left to the centre must be fired in upon her decks, and the same must be repeated whenever there is so favourable an opportunity; it is on such occasions that small arms will do great execution, especially if you are near, and the good marksmen will have a fair opportunity of distinguishing themselves with honour.

When the enemy is upon the bow or quarter, the oblique firing will have the best effect, and when astern, the street firing must be practised, which may be changed into the oblique firing, according as the enemy changes his position, so that whatever movement he makes, you can have a fire to bear upon him, except when he is right ahead, in which case the Marines on the forecastle must fire obliquely, when there is a possibility of doing execution.

When Marines have been long enough at sea to get the proper use of their hands and legs, I can see no reason why they should not be employed in boarding the enemy as well as the seamen, when such service is intended. I would therefore propose that a Marine Officer should take the choice of the detachment, arm them with pistols and cutlasses, and board with them, in conjunction with a Sea Officer and the party of seamen. The Marines who enter voluntarily on this service should have some reward, be particularly respected, and recommended to be made Corporals as soon as possible.

When a ship comes to action in the night, the men must seize the first arms they can find (without anyone being particular to have his own arms), run to their posts, form and load immediately. Every man must remember his platoon, or division, and know how to form in an instant without noise. Care must be taken of any man whose courage is suspected, that he does not shrink, or avoid doing his duty in the night.

Great care must be taken that no powder is spilt on the deck, under the men's feet, and the pouches and cartridge boxes must be fixed in such a manner, that they cannot overset, and their flaps must always be laid down over the ammunition, otherwise some of the men will be hurt by the explosion of the powder, which often occasions great confusion.

Every Officer commanding a detachment on board should understand so much of seamanship, that by hearing the Captain give his orders concerning the working of the ship in time of action, he can readily conceive the position in which he intends to put her, and be ready with his detachment to throw in his fire, as circumstances may require, by which means he will save the Captain the trouble of giving him frequent orders. As a favourable opportunity, if not immediately embraced, may often be lost, the officer must keep a strict eye upon the enemy's ship.

OF EXECUTION PARTIES.

The soldiers pitched upon for this disagreeable duty must be sober, cool and steady men. They are to be formed into a small party and commanded by a good Sergeant, who is to carefully examine their firelocks and see they are well loaded and have good flints in them. He is to give the men a clear idea of what they are to perform, before-hand, that no mistakes may be committed.

The party being ordered to attend, stands shouldered till the prisoner has finished his devotions, upon which the Sergeant moves his hand and the party "makes ready," without the least noise; when the prisoner makes a signal—which is always done—the party immediately "present," silently, without planting their feet, levelling directly at his breast. The moment they have "presented," the Sergeant moves his hand again, upon which the men instantly fire. There must be a body of reserve in the rear, with their firelocks cocked, ready to fire, if the first fire does not take place.

SHORT INSTRUCTIONS FOR DETACHMENTS SENT TO ATTACK ON SHORE.

The Detachment must be formed on the quarter-deck, or poop, in close ranks and files, three deep, completely dressed, armed, and accoutred, the officers and sergeants posted, and every precaution taken to regulate them in the best manner, that they may be able to form immediately on their landing; they must be told, at the same time, the nature of the service they are going upon.

The Officer must see that the arms are in good order, the cocks not too stiff, the flints good and well screwed in; the bayonets fixed properly, and the rammers well fitted, taking care that every soldier carries with him a screw-driver, a worm, two good flints, besides the one in his piece; forty rounds of ammunition and a day's dry provisions, in case of accidents. This is no great burden. I would have a lock-cover made of leather, or thick cloth, for every firelock, to preserve the lock from the wet, in the boats, which are not to be taken off till the men are ready to leap ashore. The bayonet belts buckled over the right shoulder, and the pouches, or cartridge-box belts over the left (which will keep the ammunition dry) and the firelocks slung (at one motion), to prevent their being lost in getting into the boats. When the boats are near the shore, the men "unsling" at once, pull off the lock-cover, and when they leap into the water, must hold their firelocks high overhead, to preserve their shot, keeping their ammunition from the wet.

N.B.—They must not fire on pain of death, though opposed by the enemy, till they are clear of the boats and have formed regularly and received orders to charge.

N.B.—In landing detachments, where you expect the enemy to oppose you, it would be very proper to have a boat on each flank, armed with seamen, who are to keep a constant fire on the enemy whilst you are landing, and when once you have made a footing, these flanking boats may return, or join you, as circumstances may require. But I speak of this when two or three ships are together, as one ship seldom has boats enough to land her own detachment at once.

The soldiers must be cautioned not to commit that mistake of firing always from the same elevation, without considering whether the enemy is on a rising ground, or on that in a line with themselves; and it must be observed, that when you engage in plain ground, every elevation beyond four feet four inches, being the height at which a soldier of a middle standard should hold his piece to fire right

before him, or parallel to the horizon, is always a defect, which ought to be diminished as much as possible, and as a ball rises gradually till its force is almost spent, three feet and a half will be found a very good elevation.

If you are sent to destroy a small village, execute your orders at once, without suffering your men to straggle or get drunk; if they misbehave in these points the blame will fall on you, for your want of proper command over them. You must, on your entrance, secure all the avenues and gates of the place, and let nobody escape to give intelligence. Burn the village at once, carry off the chief magistrate and other hostages. if your orders are such.

When you are sent on such service in the night, order your men to put white paper in their hats or caps, and give them a watch-word, which they are to repeat often after they enter the village, that they may distinguish one another from the enemy.

Without silence and resolution nothing can be done in the night. If you surprise the enemy and act with vigour, half the battle is over, because they are only putting themselves in a posture of defence, when you are actually conquering.

If on your landing you can surprise a peasant, threaten to put him to death if he refuses to be your guide; but though he consents to shew you the road you want, don't trust him entirely, because, if from your behaviour he has reasons to judge you don't mean to put him to death, he will, in that case, lead you the wrong road and try to make his escape.

If you have taken officers prisoners and cannot conveniently embark them in boats, make the oldest certify the number of officers taken, which, if he refuses, you must treat him with rigour and compel him, without delay, to give it under his hand, for you have no time to deliberate, your expedition being very short, precarious, and desperate. On such service an officer should always have some paper and a pencil in his pocket, likewise his commission, in case of being taken prisoner.

Directions for Sergeants.

If you, or the men are illtreated by any officer, or seaman in the ship, you are to make me a complaint thereof in writing, signed by you; but not to be fond of making such complaint, when you can avoid it, for it is your duty to make the soldiers live in good friendship with the seamen, and never be partial to your own men.

The Sentinels are to be relieved every hour in the night and their arms, accoutrements, and ammunition examined every relief.

When the detachment is under arms it is the duty of a good Sergeant to keep a strict eye upon every motion that is made. He ought to be as quick as lightning; nothing should escape his observation. He must catch in a moment at the least fault and rectify it without flying in a passion. In short, a good Sergeant will think of nothing but his duty; he should dream of discipline, be eager to receive instruction, and never think he has done enough.

Directions concerning the Arms, Accoutrements, and Ammunition.

The wooden rammers should be entirely abolished as being very unfit for service, for a man is obliged to make two or three motions before he is sure of having his shot well rammed down, which prevents his loading quick; the rammers frequently break and the brass heads fly off, whereas with an iron rammer those inconveniences are avoided; one brisk motion does the business effectually, the rammer recoils and is returned at once.

If the hammers are soft, which is frequently the case with Marine arms, they should be well steeled, when ships are in harbour, and hammer-stalls made of good thick leather (such as are used in foreign service), to keep the hammers from wet and rust when the arms are laid by.

As it must be very inconvenient in time of action to have the soldiers break from the ranks and run to a shot-box for ammunition, when the cartridges in their pouches are expended, I have introduced into the detachment I command, a kind of pouch, made of good strong canvass, in imitation of those used by the Army, with a broad belt to go over he le t shoulder, and a large flap over the mouth of the pouch, half way down, to prevent sparks of fire from falling on the ammunition. The belts may be made short or long, to any man's size, by the help of a buckle. These pouches are painted black and no rain will go through them. They will not answer for marching, but do very well on board, as they contain more cartridges than a man will have occasion for in any engagement.

I would propose to wear the bayonet belts over the right shoulder, by which means the bayonets will be much more handy and the soldiers can fix them in an instant, without bending their bodies which they cannot well avoid doing when the bayonet belts are worn round their waists; besides, the belts and pouches being put on in this manner, will make a detachment appear more military than at present.

Home News.

EASTNEY.

AT the Annual Lawn Tennis Tournament, held at the Officers' Recreation Ground, Portsmouth, on Sept. 2nd and following days, Captain McCarthy won the 2nd Prize in the Handicap Gentlemen's Singles, and Lieut. G. W. Lushington and Miss E. Allen, a niece of Lieut.-Col. Burrowes, won 2nd Prize in the Handicap Ladies' and Gentlemen's Doubles.

At the Croquet Tournament, which followed on the 11th September, Lieut. C. T. Fisher won 2nd Prize in the Gentlemen's Championship. With a better knowledge of the game he would be a most dangerous opponent. He also formed one of the winning team of eight (four ladies and four gentlemen) in the Lloyd-Lindsay Competition, at the Gymkhana, held on Sept. 21st.

GOSPORT.

The month has been a very busy one, several events having taken place. In the first place there was the final of the Company Cricket Challenge Cup, which was won by E Coy., who defeated A Coy., by an innings and 64 runs. The season was brought to a successful conclusion by a match between E Coy. *v.* the rest of the Division, which was left a draw.

The matches for the Company Football Cup have been started and are being run this year on the League system, so that during the season a company will always stand the chance of being able to turn out a good team, and so notching the two points for a win. The results up to date have been very level. The Divisional team is well under way, and having entered for the Portsmouth Senior League are in great hopes of a successful season.

Hockey is also going strong, the Officers already having drawn a match with H.M.S. *Vernon*, and the Sergeants lost one to their old opponents the Rifle Depot.

On Thursday, 5th, the members of the Sergeants' Mess, to the number of over 100, had a most enjoyable Outing to the Crystal Palace. They went up and returned by special train; all the arrangements for trains, catering, etc., were most excellently carried out by Drum-Major Keen, who displayed his usual energy.

The Torchlight Tattoo, after being postponed from Tuesday 10th owing to the death of Captain P. L. Bourchier, took place on Thursday, 12th, and we were most fortunate in getting a perfect night. An account of it will be found in another column. A sum of £[illegible] was handed over to the Divisional Charities.

On Tuesday, 24th, the Rifle Meeting was brought off, on a day simply perfection for shooting. We give an account in another column. Some new items were introduced and produced great interest.

On 3rd September the Divisional Swimming Races were held. A patrol race, introduced for the first time, caused a good deal of amusement, the efforts of the competitors to recover their clothes and rifles from the bottom of the sea, provoking roars of laughter.

On the following day the Garrison Swimming Races were held at Southsea Beach, and for the fourth year in succession, Musician A. Herring won the Southern District Challenge Cup, after a good race with Gunner Allerdyce of the R.M.A. The R.M.L.I. managed to run in rather more than 20 per cent. of the prizes.

PLYMOUTH.

The monthly letter last month was not sent in, so the doings of the past two months must now be chronicled.

The Annual Inspection by the Deputy Adjutant General, was held during the first week in August. After this we lost the services of the band for the remainder of the month, as they went to fulfil engagements at Glasgow and Birmingham. At the latter place Mr. Winterbottom composed specially for the Industrial Polytechnic Exhibition, at Bingley Hall, a grand march, which was performed at the opening ceremony. That the band was greatly appreciated it is needless to add, and before leaving Mr. Winterbottom received from the Lord Mayor a handsome silver-plated tea service.

On August 28th the second Annual Flower show was held in the drill shed. It was a decided advance on the one held last year. Pte. Slade, who last year tied for the highest number of points for exhibits, this year again headed the list and won the prong given as a special prize. No. 49 room, for the second year in succession, won the prize for best kept window (unoccupied rooms). A full list of prize winners will be found elsewhere.

The Garrison Rifle Club Spoons, for July and August, were both won by Sergt. S. Hellier, who has lately joined the Musketry Staff, *vice* Davies, time of appointment expired.

The Sports were again held in the Rectory Field, Devonport, on Sept. 10th. The weather, which was bad for some days before, held up, and consequently a most successful programme was got through, the results of which are chronicled separately.

The Divisional Theatre, which has been closed since the beginning of the year, was re-opened with success on the 16th inst., with the production of "Halvei, the Unknown."

During the past months several foreign flags have floated in the Sound, at different times. Among the ships which have been visitors were the *Kreisser* (Russia), *Benjamin Constant* (Brazil), and *Narchauos Miaoulis* (Greece).

Lord Roberts visited the District on the 10th, coming here from Okehampton. In the evening a grand attack was made on the forts, by the Western Port Torpedo Destroyer Flotilla. On his departure on the 12th we provided a Guard of Honour for him at Devonport station. This is the first Guard of Honour that the Corps has been called upon to furnish for the Commander-in-Chief.

Foreign News.

CAPE STATION.

Lieut.-Colonel Gatliff, P.S.C., R.M.L.I., left for England in the s.s. *Dilwara* on August 24th. Lieut.-Colonel Gatliff has, in addition to serving at the front, occupied the positions of Chief Press Censor, Commandant at Rosmead Junction and Modder River, and for the last year and a half, besides being Staff Officer for Courts-martial, has been on special service at the Headquarters, Lines of Communication, as legal adviser to the General Officer Commanding and Deputy Judge-Advocate.

Captain Beith, R.M.L.I., has returned to H.M.S. *Monarch* from the front, the period for which his services were lent having expired.

Speaking of the guard of honour which received H.R.H. the Duke of York in landing at Simonstown on the occasion of his recent visit to these parts, the "Cape Times" says—"The men looked splendid. There was a dignity about the bronzed, bearded faces of the bleujackets that impressed one even more than the most regal of triumphal arches Cape Town can produce, and the gorgeous red of the Marines' tunics and the fine upstanding aspect of these men compelled admiration even for very picturesqueness." After inspecting the Guard, the Royal carriage was dragged from the Dockyard to the Railway Station by these men, the whole route being lined by bluejackets and marines.

The following officers of the Corps attended a Levee held by His Royal Highness at Government House, Cape Town, on August 16th—Lieut.-Colonel A. F. Gatliff, P.S.C., R.M.L.I., Lieut.-Colonel Money, R.M.L.I., Major L. C. Peters, R.M.L.I., Lieut. A. F. Simson, R.M.A., Lieut. G. Y. Russell, R.M.A. Major J. H. Bor, C.M.G., A.D.C., R.M.A. was in attendance.

Lieuts. Simson and Russell, R.M.A., rode in several of the events at a Gymkhana held under the auspices of the Simonstown Hunt Club on August 27th. The meeting was a very successful one.

Privates Sterling and Higgins have returned from the front. The latter was servant to Capt. J. A. M. Clark, R.M.L.I., and states that Captain Clark is in the Rand Rifles at Johannesburg, and is also a District Staff Officer. Captain F. A. Nelson, R.M.L.I, is also at Johannesburg in the Rand Rifles, to which corps he has been appointed adjutant; he is additionally a District Staff Officer. Both of these officers joined the Rand Rifles in January last. Captain Collard is with the Mine Guard outside Johannesburg.—R.D.B.

H.M.S. *Ophir*,
Mauritius, Aug. 5th, 1901.

Dear Sir,—Some very successful sports were held on the *Ophir* on August 1st, during our run from Freemantle to Mauritius. In all there were six races and a tug-o'-war. The judges were H.R.H. the Duke of York, Lord Crichton, and Hon. Derek Keppel, and the starters Commander Fawcett and Lieut. Raikes, R.M A. There were numerous entries and the sports caused a good deal of amusement. At the conclusion of the sports the Duchess presented the prizes to the successful competitors. Below will be found the names of Marines that won prizes.

Wheelbarrow Race—Gunners Donaldson and Bath, R.M.A., 2nd.

Horseback Race—Gunner Wright, R.M.A., and Bugler Sellers, R.M.L.I., 1st; Gunners Brown and Bruce, R.M.A., 2nd.

Potato Race—Bugler Sellers, R.M.L.I., 1st.

Obstacle Race—Gunner Nurse, R.M.A., 2nd.

In the final for the tug-o'-war the Bluejackets beat the Marines after three very hard struggles, by 2 to 1.

Obituary.

Lieut.-Colonel George Maunsell Shewell, on retired pay, R.M.L.I., died 15th September at Westhall, Lansdown, Cheltenham, aged 64. Born 27th September, 1873, he entered the Service 17th August, 1855; became 1st Lieut. 14th April, 1859; 2nd Captain, 3rd August, 1867; Captain, 29th November, 1872; Instructor of Musketry, 2nd Division, March, 1877; half-pay as Paymaster of the Depot with the honorary rank of Lieut.-Colonel, 31st May, 1899. He was a son of the late Edward Warner Shewell, Esq., of the Royal Crescent, Cheltenham; brother to the late Brigadier-General Walter Valentine Shewell, of the Bombay Staff Corps, and Quartermaster-General of the Bombay Army; to General Henry Shewell, late 2nd Bombay European Regiment; to the late Captain Ernest Hawkins Shewell, of the Bombay Staff Corps; and to Algernon Skewell, Esq. He married, 1st December, 1877, Alice Sophia, 3rd daughter of the late Major General H. Forster, C.B., Royal Artillery.

Captain Philip Lennox Walter Bourchier, R.M.L.I., died at Gosport on Friday, 6th September, after a long illness, and was buried at Haslar Cemetery on Wednesday, 11th Sept. with full military honours. The Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., furnished the firing party of 100 men under Captain French, and all the officers and men of the Division attended. The detachment R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Minotaur* (the deceased officer's last ship), under Sergeant Rundle, also attended, and to them was entrusted the task of carrying the numerous wreaths that were sent by friends, by the officers of the Portsmouth and Plymouth Divisions, by the sergeants of the Forton Barracks, and their own. Captain Bourchier, the son of the late Colonel Lennox Bourchier, R.M.A., was born August 13th, 1870, and joined the R.M.L.I. as 2nd Lieut. on 1st September, 1889; he was promoted to Captain on May 23rd, 1899.

Captain Clement William Hawkins, late R.M.L.I., who went on the retired list in 1886, died on 17th September, at his residence in Dawlish. He served with the Royal Marine Battalion in the operations in the Eastern Soudan during 1884-5.

An Unsuccessful Plot.

By C. W. G. Hill.

DR. NIKOLA TESLA says that with the very powerful electric sparks we now make—sparks of a few million volts—we are in danger of setting fire to the atmosphere. Air consists of oxygen and nitrogen. It is capable of ignition and combustion, the oxygen and nitrogen combining, as the oxygen and carbon unite in burning a piece of coal. If once the atmosphere caught fire on a large scale, all the fire engines and buckets available would not be able to extinguish it. A vast conflagration would wrap the globe; and when it had spent itself there would be no more atmosphere. Needless to say, all animals and plants would disappear. Only an airless, lifeless ball like the moon would remain to tell the tale.

In one of the splendidly furnished offices of the Electric Supply Company in Pretoria, the engineer and electrician were discussing the above paragraph in a German scientific paper. The English were advancing on the town, and although the Boers believed their capital to be impregnable, still the close proximity of the troops caused a good deal of uneasiness. The idea conveyed by the article in the paper had struck the engineer as being a splendid way by which to prevent the advance of the enemy, and he was talking over with the electrician the possibility of practically carrying the plan into effect. The electrician was a German named Strauss—a man well versed in his profession, and who had also studied as a hobby the application of electricity more generally as a motive agent. He considered that even if it proved possible to fire the atmosphere, the task of afterwards mastering the flames and causing the air to resume its normal condition, would prove an insurmountable obstacle. Anyhow, he decided to experiment on a small scale, and, fetching from an adjoining room a glass retort, he inserted in it the wire from a small battery. The result he expected; the spark from the current ignited the nitrogen and oxygen, and caused the inside of the retort to be enveloped in blue flames. As soon as the flames died out, showing that the air was exhausted, Strauss switched off the current. Then, turning to the engineer, he said, "It appears successful on a small scale, but how about checking the flames if it is possible to ignite a portion of the atmosphere. Anyhow, we will commence making the apparatus necessary and consider what steps to take to extinguish the conflagration afterwards." Next day all the employées were busily engaged in manufacturing most powerful dynamos. Strauss decided to have six of 500,000 volts each, which he considered would be sufficient. Bricklayers and masons were also busy building a strong bomb-proof fort twenty miles south of the town. In it he suggested placing the dynamos with their boilers and furnaces complete. Three openings in the wall facing south, the direction from which the attacking troops were expected to come, were left, and in them were fitted three large constructions, funnel shaped to emit the sparks; each would be attached to two dynamos, thereby giving a spark of a million volts to each. The work proceeded apace, and all considered that a week would see the end of their labours. A railway was laid from Pretoria to the fort to assist in carrying the materials, and work did not cease day or night, the men working in three shifts of eight hours each. Lord Roberts, with his forces, was advancing rapidly on the town, and all expected that ten days would see him camped within twenty miles of the town.

The engineer had a daughter of about twenty-one, who, during a visit to Cape Town, had managed to fall desperately in love with Captain Adair, of His Majesty's Royal Regiment of Dragoons. She knew well that he and his men were engaged in the advance with Lord Roberts, and fears for her lover's safety began to assail her. She managed to obtain from Strauss that the dynamos were a danger to the troops, but in what way she could not discover. Perhaps, she thought, they would be used to explode a huge observation mine underneath her country's enemies. In any case she knew they boded danger to her lover. She therefore decided on a bold and dangerous errand, nothing less than to go herself and inform Lord Roberts of her fears and obtain his opinion and assistance. So one night, dressed in a hood and long cloak, she managed to slip by the slumbering Boer trenches, and after much trouble and difficulty, by following the railway, she arrived close to the fort. She could see the sentry there was alert, but by making a large circuit succeeded in passing him unobserved. Just as dawn was breaking in the east, a cavalryman on patrol duty was surprised to see the form of a young girl approach him, but on finding out her object, and seeing how tired and footsore she was, he placed her on his horse and led it back to the inner lines, where he turned her over to the officer of the picquet. He soon found out what she wanted, and conducted her himself to the tent of the Commander-in-Chief. As soon as she was admitted to his presence she explained the reasons that had caused her to travel so far. Lord Roberts heard her patiently, and then told her that although he did not believe the fort to be anything out of the usual run of such things still he would send a strong force forward to reconnoitre. With this force he also despatched a company of Electrical Engineer Volunteers whose value he had already proved.

All night the furnaces had been belching forth dense volumes of smoke, the pressure of steam in the boilers rose higher and higher, and Strauss was confident his dynamos would be capable of emitting sparks of sufficient force to fire the atmosphere. Suddenly a sentry rushed in with the news that troops were fast advancing. Coal was piled into the furnaces, the pressure of steam increased until it seemed that the very boilers themselves must give out. Still no spark was emitted. Then a thundering British cheer burst out and the troops led by Captain Adair, rushed in, driving the defenders out at the very point of the bayonet. The Volunteer Engineers followed, and soon stopped the generation of steam and eased down the fires. An examination of the place then revealed the diabolical plan of the Boers, which had been defeated owing to the bravery of a Boer girl and her fears for her lover's safety.

A few days after the British entered Pretoria, a wedding took place at the English Church, which all the officers and troops attended, and as the smiling pair walked down the aisle beneath the crossed swords of the officers, every one present wished joy and happiness to the brave English Captain and the Boer maiden who, at the risk of her own life had so nobly defeated what proved to be "An Unsuccessful Plot."

The Blue and Red Marine.

Music by Mr. B. S. Green. Words by Mrs. Aubrey Cox

Dedicated by permission to the Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Marines, H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall and York

We've fought in Further India, we have fought in the Crimea.
Once again we've added China to the score.
We've paid our toll in shipwreck, yet I have a great idea,
Though we've done our best we're willing to do more.

Here's a health unto His Majesty, a health unto the Queen.
They have no more loyal subjects than the Blue and Red Marine.

We have fought in far Ashanti, left our dead in the Soudan;
But what matters it the deeds that we have done.
We must still be up and doing, train each boy to be a man,
Leaving someone else to work when we are gone.

Here's a health, etc., etc.

So let us praise our naval comrades, whose home is on the wave,
And our soldiers too, whose glory we have seen.
But the title gained at Graspan, the "Bravest of the Brave,"
Crowns the laurels of the Blue and Red Marine.

Here's a health, etc., etc.

Here's a health unto His Majesty, a health unto the Queen,
And another to their son who's now our head,
We'll be loyal in the future, ever willing, ever keen.
Faithful soldiers are the boys in Blue and Red.

Here's a health, etc., etc.

Types of Uniforms of our Corps in 1700 and 1800.

(*From Paintings in Plymouth Mess*).



PRIVATE, 1805. SERGEANT, 1829.

Anecdotes.

AT the recent outing of the members of the Sergeants' Mess, arrangements had been made for admission to all the side shows at half-price, the only stipulation being that the member's ticket must be produced and shewn to the money taker. It may be taken for granted that full advantage was taken of the privilege, but one of the members was doomed to disappointment. Going up to an automatic penny-in-the-slot electric banjo (a very clever and realistic instrument, by the way), he gravely shewed his ticket of admission and membership to it, and dropped a *halfpenny* in the slot. His wrath at finding that the instrument refused to "gee," and further, that he could not recover his "baubee," was dramatically intense. At first he demanded to see the Manager-General, or the King, or anyone else, to know why such a flagrant breach of contract was allowed, but was eventually soothed and led off to have another bottle of ginger-ale.

WE have heard it stated that the following occurred at the Depot. One of the sergeants, feeling a bit peckish, had dropped into the canteen to buy a gammon rasher for his tea, and just as it was being wrapped up, an old soldier came in and also called for a rasher. Not having asked for gammon, a rasher of "best streaky" was naturally cut off for him; he looked at it, for a minute or so, in an aggrieved sort of way and, turning to the canteen sergeant who had served him, said, "'Ere, I say, Major, yer might have give us a sergeant's rasher."

THE SENTRY'S FATAL HOUR. The hour of 4 a.m. has something mysterious about it. Cocks crow, people on the brink of death give up the ghost, everyone who is asleep sleeps sounder, and even the sentry can't always keep his eyes open. The period of deepest sleep varies from three o'clock to five. An hour or two after going to bed you sleep very soundly; then your slumber grows gradually lighter, and it is easy enough to waken you at one or two o'clock. But when four o'clock comes you are in such a state of somnolence that you would take no notice of the end of the world. Military men are well aware of this curious fact, and they often make sudden assaults on camps or cities between three and five, for they know that at that time the most wide awake sentry is liable to doze. Strangely, at the corresponding time in the afternoon, most people feel a bit done up. Whether it is due to the electrical condition of the atmosphere or to the position of the sun, no one knows. But it is a fact that the nervous system, brain, and lungs are most vigorous from about ten to eleven o'clock (night and morning) to twelve or one, and at their lowest ebb between three and five.—*The Regiment.*

A CRACK SHOT WITH A RIFLE. A Sheffield sportsman, who has the reputation of being a very bad shot, invited some of his friends to dine with him. Before dinner he showed them a target painted on a barn door, with a bullet right in the bull's eye. This he claimed to have shot at 500 yards' distance. As nobody believed him, he offered to bet the price of an oyster supper on it, and, on one of the guests accepting the wager, he produced two witnesses, whose veracity could not be doubted, to prove his assertion. Since they both stated that he had done what he claimed, he won his bet. During dinner the loser of the wager inquired how the host had managed to fire such an excellent shot. The host answered: "Well, I shot the bullet at the door at a distance of 500 yards, and then painted the target round it."

TRIED HIS PATIENCE. An old soldier, gin-soaked and garrulous, was in the habit of frequently dropping into the sanctum of an editor and pestering him about his old campaigns and battles. One day he came in just as the editor was in the bustle of "going to press," and with the generous, but ill-timed desire of giving information for an article on modern warfare, he laid a map on the desk and proceeded to point out the various positions in a battle in which he had taken part. "This," he said, pointing out with the stump of a pencil a certain part on the map, "is where the Arabs were massed in front of us. Here" (pointing to another place) "is where our division was drawn up in the zareba. We deployed in this direction, and our left wing was attacked by the enemy on this knoll. Just at this point I was wounded on the left shoulder, and two hundred yards further on I got my right arm shattered by a piece of one of our own shells." "But," broke in the irritated editor, "where did you get your brains blown out?"

A FRIEND INDEED. A prominent resident at Chieveley says: "When being out of camp after tattoo meant being put in the guard tent for the night, a rather funny incident occurred. A soldier who had been visiting a neighbouring camp was trying to sneak past the sentries, when he was brought up suddenly with 'Halt! who goes there?' He responded 'Friend,' and added in a husky undertone, "with a bottle in his pocket!" The sentry was equal to the occasion, for he promptly replied, "Advance, friend with the bottle, and er—draw the cork!'"

LOOTING, as is well known, has been most strenuously discouraged amongst our forces at the front, the penalty for the offence being the unusually severe one of hanging for the individual and withdrawal to the base from further operations in the campaign for the regiment. On one occasion, a certain irregular corps was camped for a time near a large sheep farm, and explicit orders were issued that under no circumstances were the sheep to be interfered with. The orderly officer for the day particularly emphasised the enormity of the offence of killing a sheep under the circumstances, and trusted that no member would be guilty of such an indiscretion; "but," he added parenthetically, "should a sheep attack you, it may be killed in self defence." It is reported that there was no lack of fresh mutton during the regiment's stay in that neighbourhood.

Shooting.

R.M.A. *v.* CONNAUGHT SIXTY.

Fired at Fort Cumberland, 21st September, 1901. R.M.A. won by 5 points. 200, 500, 600 yards.

R.M.A.		CONNAUGHT SIXTY.	
Sergeant Chell ..	98	Sergeant Foster ..	94
Captain Homer ..	94	Private Gates ..	93
Lance-Sergt. Hutchings ..	92	Captain Malpas ..	93
,, Pottinger ..	92	Lance-Corpl. Kinsman ..	92
Sergeant Paddison ..	90	Captain Wyatt ..	90
Gunner Bridgwater ..	90	Lance-Sergt. Fletcher ..	90
Sergeant Height ..	89	Q.M.S. Kent ..	90
Sergt.-Major Foley ..	89	Sergeant Trueman ..	89
Q.M.S. Ede ..	89	,, Lunt ..	88
Sergeant Beddow ..	87	Col.-Sergt. Coltherup ..	87
Lieut. Rodway ..	86	Cyclist Morey ..	87
Major Eastman ..	86	Sergeant Colley ..	86
Col.-Sergt. Mastin ..	85	,, White ..	86
Sergeant Bristow ..	83	,, Hellyer ..	83
Lieut. Baker ..	82	,, Forse ..	79
Total	1332	Total	1327
Average, 88·8		Average, 88·46	

R.M.A. *v.* R.M.L.I.

Fired at Eastney, 9th September, 1901. R.M.L.I. won by one point. 200, 500, 600 yards.

R.M.L.I.		R.M.A.	
Q.M.S.I. Finlayson ..	96	Sergt. Beddow ..	95
Lance-Corpl. Lea ..	91	,, Height ..	92
Sergeant Sanders ..	91	Lieutenant Baker ..	91
Major Byne ..	89	Captain Homer ..	90
S.I. Dorey ..	88	Lce.-Sgt. Pottinger ..	87
Sergeant Leppard ..	87	Sergeant Paddison ..	86
Col.-Sergt. Burnett ..	83	Col.-Sergt. Deacon ..	85
,, Nurse ..	83	Q.M.S. Ede ..	81
Total	708	Total	707
Average, 88·50		Average, 88·37	

CHATHAM.

The annual competition for the Garrison Cup between teams of Sergeants of R.E. and R.M.L.I. took place on 11th September at Milton in showery weather, R.E. winning by 9 points. Scores appended (200, 500, 600 yards)—

R.E.		R.M.L.I.	
Q.M.S. Taylor ..	90	Q.M.S. Kay ..	93
Sergeant Cranham ..	87	Sergeant Geater ..	81
Q.M.S. Kearney ..	85	Q.M.S. Andrews ..	78
C.S.M. Bignell ..	80	Q.M.S. Batten ..	78
Q.M.S. Alexander ..	79	Sergeant Powell ..	77
Sergeant Vousden ..	76	Col.-Sergt. Burgis ..	77
Q.M.S. Carter ..	74	,, Webb ..	76
Q.M.S. Butcher ..	72	,, Turner ..	71
C.S.M. Ascott ..	69	,, Braybrooke ..	71
Sergeant Store ..	68	Q.M.S. Hammond ..	69
Total	780	Total	771

THAMES DISTRICT RIFLE MEETING.

The Warde Challenge Shield—The names of the winning team in this competition were—Colour-Sergt. H. Clark, Corpls. A. Millett, W. Lawrence, Lance-Corpl. F. Mundy, R.M.L.I.; Gunner H. W. Lambert, R.M.A.; Privates G. Verrills, E. Blackstock, P. E. Clark, A. Ford, H. H. Nicholls, J. Beavis, R.M.L.I., serving in H.M.S. *Pembroke*.

Portsmouth Division Rifle Meeting.

FAVOURED by perfect weather, the annual rifle meeting was held on Tuesday, September 24th, at Browndown ranges. On Wednesday, 25th, the various prizes won by the competitors were presented at the Barrack Theatre by Colonel Kirchhoffer. Appended are the scores:—

Recruits, 200 yards—Pte. W. Clarke, 31 points; Pte. A. Fairbrother, 29; Pte. W. J. Leddlie, 28.

Rank and File, 200 yards—Pte. F, T. Weeks, 32 points; Lce.-Corpl. W. Blackmore, 32; Pte. A Colwell, 31.

Sergeants, 200 yards—Q.M.S. Finlayson, 34 points; Col.-Sergt. G. A. Nurse, 33; Col.-Sergt. R. J. Wigginton, 32.

Recruits, 500 yards—Pte. J. Scotney, 32 points; Pte. C. H. Reiffer, 31; Pte. A. Fairbrother, 28.

Rank and File, 500 yards—Lance-Corpl. T. Lea, 34 points; Corpl. Layton, 32; Corpl. T. J. Holmes, 31.

Sergeants' Competition, 500 yards—Q.M.S.I. Finlayson, 34; Sergt. A. G. Leppard, 33; Sergt. C. Maidment, 33.

No. 7 Divisional Stakes, grand aggregate—Q.M.S.I. Finlayson, 98 points; Lance-Corpl. T. Lea, 94; Col.-Sergt. R. Wigginton, 92; Pte. F. Weeks, 90; Q.M.S. A. Boxwell, 89; Sergt. A. G. Leppard, 89; Sergt. H. Morton, 88; Corpl. T. J. Holmes, 87; Sergt. W. H. Sanders, 87; Lance-Corpl. W. Blackmore, 87; Corpl. Layton, 86.

Colonel-Commandant's Prize—Lce.-Corpl. T. Lea, 33 points; Q.M.S. A. Boxwell, 32; Pte. Wilcox and Sergt. A. Leppard with 31 each tied for third prize, which was divided.

Company Challenge Cup—1, H Company; 2, G Company.

Special Attack Practice—D Company, 1st prize £1 16s.; A and E Company tie, 18s.

Tattoo at Forton Barracks.

THE Portsmouth Division of the R.M.L.I., held their annual tattoo on Thursday, Sept. 12th, and each performance seems to be better than the previous one. Especially was this the case this year when the display was held on the parade ground at Forton Barracks, under the most auspicious circumstances. Experience enabled the organisers to make a few necessary amendments in the programme, and this they did with advantage. There was not a break in the succession of events, and the programme was carried out without a hitch from start to finish—a period of an hour and a half. Captain and Adjutant H. E. Blumberg and Sergt.-Major Maclachlan were the chiefs of the committee, who deserve the heartiest congratulations on the success attained, while the many hundreds of persons who gathered round the ropes have the satisfaction of knowing that they assisted a good cause, the benevolent fund being controlled by an officially appointed committee of ladies and officers, the men of the Corps and their families receiving medical and other assistance.

The barrack square was brilliantly illuminated, a circle of Vauxhall lamps and Chinese lanterns being broken on the western side in order to permit the letters "E.R.," with a crown in the centre, being picked out in coloured lights. Punctually to time a bugle fanfare was sounded and from thence onward there was not a dull moment. A new and pleasing innovation was the marching of ninety-six torch bearers down the parade ground with the drums and fifes, leaving them extended in two ranks in open order, to be subsequently gathered by the brass band for a grand troop. The sending out of two searchlights with the gymnastic squad to light up their physical drill exercises, was a welcome change. The gymnasts, under Sergt. Tyler, gave a smart performance, concluding with a set piece, which the spectators loudly cheered. From three different points next came the torch bearers, to furnish light for the band, who, under Lieut. G. Miller, Mus. Bac., played three selections, including the mrach, "Hail to the Duke," arranged by Mr. Miller himself, and dedicated to the Duke of Cornwall and York, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Marines. The next forty minutes was devoted to a torchlight figure march, under Col.-Sgt. Bowerman, a fire brigade display (with rescues from a supposed fire), under Q.M.S. Taylor, a march by all the three hundred performers singing popular songs, and a lantern figure march under Col.-Sergt. Noakes, concluding with a march past. This event came all too soon, the display throughout being of a really excellent character. The band and the drums and fifes, the latter considerably augmented for the occasion, deserve high praise, Drum-Major Keen being particularly active. During the performance rockets were sent up at intervals.

Portsmouth Garrison Swimming Races.

HELD OFF SOUTHSEA BEACH.

THE Annual Swimming Races for the men of the Portsmouth Garrison took place off Southsea Beach, between the two stages, kindly lent by the Portsmouth Swimming Club, on Wednesday, September 4th. Although there was a very high wind blowing, it came from the shore, and the water close to the beach was nicely sheltered, and though there was a slight swell, broken water did not interfere with the success of the races. As usual with these races, the entries were very numerous, and many of the events had to be swum off in heats. The contests were very keen and in some of the races the swimming was exceedingly good. The arrangements were wholly in the hands of officers, and were carried out to the satisfaction of everyone.

The results were as follows :—

Boys under 16 years of age.—Distance, two lengths, about 110 yds. 1, Bugler Rowland, R.M.L.I. ; 2, Bugler Siggins, R.M.L.I.

Race for Privates.—In the first heat Pte. Wilson, 4th Lancashire Fusiliers, Gnr. Halliday, R.M.A., Gnr. Chapman, R.M.A., and Gnr. Shaw, R.M.A., were successful ; and Pte. Pearson, 4th Lancashire Fusiliers, Lce.-Cpl. Marsh, R.M.L.I., Pte. Keech, R.M.L.I., and Pte. Gallacher, Gordon Highlanders, were the winners. Chapman secured first place in the final, and was followed closely by Keech, Halliday and Gallacher.

Steeplechase over Obstacles, open to Army and Navy.—1, Lce.-Corpl. (Bugler) March, 2, Mus. Lovett, R.M.L.I., 3, Sec.-Cpl. Mallett, 4th Co., R.E.

Championship Race.—This was the principal event of the afternoon, and ten starters turned out. The race proved a very interesting one. Musician Herring, of the R.M.L.I., got the lead at the first and gradually increased it all the way through, winning by at least half a length and swimming well throughout. Gnr. Allerdyce, R.M.A., covered the ten lengths second, and he won easily over the third man, Pte. Keech, R.M.L.I., who was some distance behind.

Veterans' Race, over twelve years' service.—1, Pte. Keen, R.M.L.I., 2, Mus. Lovett, R.M.L.I.

Consolation Race.—1, Pte. Clarke, R.M.L I., 2, Pte. Wright, R.M.L.I., 3, Pte. Whitehall, R.M.A.

Officers' Race.—Capt. G. C. Gall, 11th Provisional Battalion, 2, Lt. Twiss, R.M.A. Won by about eight yards.

Portsmouth Division Swimming Races.

THE annual swimming races in connection with the Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., took place at Forton Barracks on Tuesday, September 3rd. The results were as under :—

Buglers under 15—1, Bugler Gough ; 2, Bugler Durham ; 3, Bugler Greer.

Divisional Championship—1, Mus. Herring ; 2, Lance-Corpl. Marsh, 3, Private Keech.

Boys under 15—1, Bugler Rowland ; 2, Bugler Siggins ; 3, Bugler Thomas.

Non-Commissioned Officers' Race—1, Sergt. Cooper ; 2, Lance-Corpl. Marsh ; 3, Lance-Corpl. Jenkins.

Veterans' Race—1, Pte. Keech ; 3, Mus. Lovett.

Recruits of Under Two Years' Service—1, Pte. Clarke ; 2, Pte. Wright ; 3, Pte. Forbes.

Old Soldiers' Race—1, Mus. Herring ; 2, Pte. Keech ; 3, Pte. Capel.

Breast Stroke Race—1, Pte. Keech ; 2, Ptes. Clarke and French, dead heat.

Patrol Race (competitors ran a quarter-of-a-mile, undressed, swam the course, dressed, and fired three rounds)—Five teams competed, G Company being the winning team, and B Company second.

Obstacle Race—1, Lance-Corpl. Marsh ; 2, Mus. Herring ; 3, Mus. Lovett.

Diving for Plates (competitors allowed three tries)—Pte. Cobb succeeded in bringing up 11 ; Private Wright, 9 ; and Pte. Monger, 6.

Consolation Race—1, Pte. Casey ; 2, Sergt. Sanders.

At the conclusion of the sports, the Commandant (Col. Kirchhoffer), presented the prizes, and was awarded three hearty cheers.

Cricket.

R.M.L.I., PLYMOUTH DIVISION *v.* R.A.

At Mount Wise, on 7th September, and won by Royal Marines by 82 runs.

R.M.L.I.		R.A.	
Surgn. Munday, b Godfrey	2	Capt. Collen, c Ommanney, b Willis	27
Lieut. Gordon, b Godfrey	6	Condr. Cooper, c Toulmin, b Willis	22
,, Toulmin, b Brooking	32	Sgt. Godfrey, c Titchmarsh b Farringdon	32
,, Weller, b Collen	37	Gnr. Culmer, c Toulmin, b Willis	6
Surgn. Tomlinson, run out	71	Lieut. Downing, b Toulmin	0
Sergt. Titchmarsh, c Collen, b Godfrey	25	,, Walker, b Farringdon	13
Pte. Brady, not out	7	Major Corder, b Titchmarsh	2
Capt. Ommanney, Lieut. Hare, Pte. Willis, Pte. Farringdon — Did not bat		Lt. Mills, c Willis, b Weller	2
		Bmr. McKenzie, b Titchmarsh	0
		Mr. Brooking, not out	1
		Gnr. Stevens, b Titchmarsh	2
Extras	21	Extras	12
Total (for 6 wkts)	201	Total	119

Innings declared closed.

R.M.L.I. *v.* CAPT. HIGGINBOTHAM'S XI.

Played at Mount Wise, on 30th August, and ended in a draw.

R.M.L.I.		CAPT. HIGGINBOTHAM'S XI.	
Lieut. Toulmin, b Jones	7	Sergt. Barton, b Toulmin	7
Surgn. Munday, b Jones	10	Corpl. Chambers, b Toulmin	2
Lt. Harrison, c & b Kingscote	27	C. Callaghan, c Hare, b Toulmin	0
Lieut. Davson, c Butter, b Kingscote	0	Capt. Kingscote, c Davson, b Montgomery	1
Col. Robyns, b Kingscote	3	Cpl. Inglis, c Hare, b Harrison	62
Lt. Lloyd, c Inglis, b Kingscote	2	Lt. Morgan, R.M.L.I., run out	59
Sergt. Titchmarsh, not out	109	Capt. Higginbotham, not out	34
Surgn. Tomlinson, b Jones	0	Pte. Jones, b Montgomery	0
Capt. Ommanney, not out	41	P. Butter, run out	6
Lieut. Gordon, did not bat		E. Pearse, not out	5
,, Hare ,,		T. Gigst, did not bat	
,, Montgomery ,,		Dakin ,,	
Extras	11	Extras	11
Total	210	Total	187

Innings declared closed.

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Innings.	*Runs.*	*Most in 1 innings.*	*Times not out.*	
Lieut. W. W. Godfrey	15	438	73	2	33·69
,, N. S. Clutterbuck	4	93	54	0	23·25
Capt. F. R. Godfrey	5	93	38	0	18·6
Lieut. Green-Armytage	8	114	31	1	16·28
Capt. J. P. Shine	7	114	40	0	16·28
,, Coles	10	134	64*	1	14·88
,, Morgan	13	192	55	0	14·76
Lieut. Huskisson	7	72	44*	2	14·4
Capt. Chichester	4	53	21	0	13·25
Sergt. Wigginton	9	94	26	1	11·75
Corpl. Crawley	9	103	29	0	11·44
,, Durham	6	56	24*	1	11·2
Sergt. Sperring	4	40	19	0	10·00
,, Ilton	11	89	24*	2	9·88
Lieut. Barnby	6	28	9	3	9·33
,, Williams	11	91	24	0	8·29
,, Syson	4	33	14	0	8·25
,, Atkinson	6	26	18	0	4·33

* Not out.

In Bowling—

Capt. Morgan	took	47 wickets
,, Chichester	,,	14 ,,
Lieut. Barnby	,,	11 ,,
Capt. Coles	,,	10 ,,
Lieut. Godfrey	,,	7 ,,
Capt. Shine	,,	7 ,,

R.M.A. COMPANY CHALLENGE SHIELD.

First Round.

Coys.			Winner
M *v.* P ..	P—136 .. Gnr. Wildes, 59 Bugr. Bowden, 14	M—44 .. Gnr. Perkins, 19	P Coy.
Q *v.* D ..	Q—66 .. Pte. Lindley, 25	D—161 for 6 Sergt. Smith, 34 Sergt. Gaubert, 49 Gnr. Salmond, 32	D Coy.
A *v.* N ..	A—45 .. Sergt. Catley, 14 Gnr. Cuthbert, 22	N—125 .. Major Tatham, 80 Gnr. Johnson, 19	N Coy.
K *v.* L ..	K—51 .. Mus. Binns, 24	L—9 for 91 .. Bmr. Hunt, not out, 49	L Coy.
I *v.* C ..	I—58 ..	C—142 .. Capt. Harding, 48 Gnr. Friend, 27 Corpl. Price, 24 Gnr. Smales, 23	C Coy.
F *v.* B ..	F—107 .. Gnr. Daniels, 34	B—250 .. Lieut. Foster, 108 Gnr. Bendall. 49 Gnr. Smith, 28 Gnr. Briggs, 18 not out	B Coy.
O *v.* E ..	O—124 .. Major Gaitskell, 50 Sergt. Turner, 14	E—215 .. Q.M.S. Richards, 50 Gnr. Bruce, 51 Capt. Dibblee, 31 Gnr. Hewlet, 21 Gnr. Chaff, 18	E Coy.
H *v.* G ..	H—122 .. Lieut. Trotman, 86	G—60 .. Gnr. Hamlet, 16 Gnr. Price, 13	H Coy.

Second Round.

L *v.* C ..	L—68 .. Bmr. Burrows, 19 Sergt. Barnes, 15	C—139 .. Capt. Harding. 52 Gnr. Smales, 43	C Coy.
N *v.* E ..	N—154 .. Major Tatham, 20 Sergt. Briscoe, 21 Gnr. Rawston, 24 Gnr. Mockolds, 31	E—57 .. Gnr. Bruce, 21	N Coy.
P *v.* D ..	P—57 .. Capt. Brough, 34	D—106 .. Sergt. Fisbee, 29 Sergt. Gaubert, 16 Bmr. Miller, 20	D Coy.
B *v.* H ..	B—59 .. Gnr. Bendall, 11	H—67 .. Gnr. Fisher, 20 Lieut. Trotman, 16	H Coy.

Third Round.

H *v.* N ..	..	..	H Coy.
C *v.* D ..	D—248 for 6 Lieut. Fisher, 126 Sergt. Smith, 69	C—52 .. Capt. Harding, 22 not out	D Coy.

Final Round.

D Company won by an innings and 64 runs.

R.M.A.—Averages, Season, 1901.

Matches Played, 17; Won, 10; Lost, 2; Drawn, 5.

Batting Averages.

	No. of Innings	*Times not out*	*Total Runs*	*Most in an Innings*	*Average*
Lieut. H. Blount ..	6	5	37	20*	37·00
,, G. W. Lushington	10	3	257	124*	36·71
Capt. G. R. Poole ..	8	—	270	85	33·75
Lieut. C. T. Fisher ..	13	1	390	99	32·50
Capt. E. McCarthy ..	13	—	373	103	28·69
Lieut. G. Twiss ..	7	2	139	50*	27·80
Major A. G. Tatham ..	14	3	225	59	20·45
Capt. E. W. Harding ..	15	—	292	102	19·47
Sergt. Gaubert ..	14	2	230	46	19·17
Lieut. N. Trotman ..	12	—	227	55	18·92
Capt. F. L. Dibblee ..	11	1	172	59*	17·20
Capt. J. Brough ..	12	4	84	27	10·50
Lieut. C. Briscoe ..	7	—	43	21	6·14
The following also batted :—					
4 Innings—					
Capt. G. N. A. Harris ..	—		17	7	—
3 Innings—					
Lieut. R. F. C. Foster ..	—		158	89	—
,, R. Warder ..	—		56	28	—
,, H. Dening ..	—		—	—	—
Sergt. Catley ..	1		43	35	—
Gnr. Bruce ..	1		15	11*	—
2 Innings—					
Capt. de S. Dobrée ..	—		7	7	—
Major E. P. Brittan ..	1		69	59	—
Lieut. C. Huntingford ..	—		15	13	—
,, A. Jolly ..	—		14	10	—
1 Innings—					
Major W. E. Trotter ..	—		12	12	—
Lieut. R. Vine ..	1		0	0*	—
,, R. Huddlestone ..	—		0	0	—

* Not out.

Bowling Averages.

	Overs	*Maiden Overs*	*Runs*	*Wickets*	*Average per wkt.*
Sergt. Gaubert	272	79	635	68	9·34
Capt. Dobrée ..	46	4	165	10	16·50
Lieut. Fisher ..	55	5	234	14	16·71
Capt. Harris ..	39	4	181	10	18·10
Lieut. Trotman ..	98	20	298	16	18·62
Capt McCarthy ..	48	8	187	10	18·70
,, Harding ..	21	—	88	4	22·00
,, Dibblee ..	20	—	108	4	27·00
The following bowled less than 20 overs :—					
Major Tatham ..	3	0	7	0	—
,, Brittan ..	3	0	12	0	—
Lieut. Huntingford ..	13	4	35	4	—
,, Foster ..	6	1	21	1	—
,, Dening ..	3	1	8	2	—
,, Lushington ..	8	2	27	1	—
Sergt. Catley ..	4	1	19	0	—
Gnr. Bruce ..	6	0	29	1	—
Capt. Poole ..	3	1	10	0	—
,, Brough ..	2	0	7	0	—

PLYMOUTH DIVISION.

Batting Averages, 1901.

	No. of Innings	*Total Runs*	*Highest Score*	*Times not out*	*Average*
Lieut. Harrison ..	13	321	73	1	26·6
Sergt, Titchmarsh ..	17	386	109*	3	25·7
Lieut. Harrington ..	4	93	34	—	23·2
,, Montgomery ..	8	180	94	—	22·5
,, Weller ..	3	56	37	—	18·6
Capt. Ommanney ..	17	172	41*	7	17·2
Surgn. Tomlinson ..	18	256	71	2	16·0
Lieut. Toulmin ..	17	231	55	1	15·4
Surgn. Munday ..	18	185	52*	3	12·3
Lieut. Gordon ..	14	123	49	1	9·4
,, Dawson ..	14	90	19	1	6·9
Lt.-Col. Robyns ..	18	112	14	—	6·2
Lieut. Sketchley ..	7	35	10	1	5·5
,, Hare ..	8	41	24	—	5·1
Capt. Bockett Pugh ..	10	39	11	1	4·3
Pte. Willis ..	6	12	11	1	3·0

* Signifies not out.

In South Africa a cavalry soldier met an infantry man toiling into camp, and beginning to chaff him, said: "So you've come at last, 'ave you?" Now the horseman was just off patrol, and had two fowls and a duck on his saddle. The footman looked him all over, and said: "If that ere De Wet 'ad feathers, you'd catch him in 'arf an hour!"

—*Yellow Plume.*

Boxing.

ARMY AND NAVY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Although the war in South Africa has called many men away who have at times displayed their skill and strength in the ring at Aldershot, a large programme was put forward on 25th September, when a start was made in the gymnasium, Queen's Avenue, with the championships open to officers and men of His Majesty's Army and Navy. For the first time since the competitions were started, now ten years ago, an evening display was given, this being due to the inclusion of four events confined to novices who have never won a prize.

The men's heavy-weights brought out Corporal W. McFadden, Royal Marine Artillery, who easily qualified for the next series. The other winners in this event were Sergeant-Inst. Mordaunt, Cavalry Depot Staff, and Sergeant F. Merckel, Royal Marine Artillery.

In the light-weights Corpl. Knowles, Royal Marine Light Infantry, Seamen Ford, H.M.S. *Gleaner*, Sergt.-Inst. G. B. Dent, Gymnastic Staff, and Private J. Sanders, South Wales Borderers, champion last year, showed the best form.

The heavy-weight competition was won by Sergeant F. Merckel, Royal Marine Artillery, who defeated Sergt.-Instructor in Fencing P. Mordaunt, Cavalry Depot, after three hard rounds.

This event was noticeable for the downfall of the champion, Corpl. W. McFadden, of the Royal Marine Artillery, and the success of a very promising boxer, Sergeant F. Merckel, Royal Marine Artillery. All the novices' events were stoutly contested, and at the finish three hearty cheers were given for Sir Redvers Buller, who called for and started himself a like compliment to the officials.

Entertainments.

CHATHAM.

The event of the month at Chatham has been the amateur theatricals organised by Mrs. Schomberg, on behalf of the Sailors' Home, Chatham, at the Royal Marine Theatre, and at which an original comedy entitled "The King's Amazons" was produced. This play has been written by Mr. E. St. G. Schomberg, the elder son of the Commandant, and it may be said at the outset that he deserves the greatest credit for his highly original production.

The plot is briefly that a young lady is in love with an officer at the front, and desirous of being near him, persuades several of her lady friends to form a corps of Amazons for active service in South Africa, and their adventures on the veldt in charge of two chaperons and attended by some elderly male relatives (somewhat deficient in courage), form the chief subject of the comedy.

There are many amusing situations in the play, such as the selection of their uniform by the girls after, needless to say, much discussion; the mustering of their kits by the captain of their company (Captain Fergusson); and the fainting of one of the sentries at the sight of a cockroach. Then the heroine falls asleep on sentry, mistakes her lover for a Boer and promptly shoots him, fortunately without wounding him seriously. The shot arouses the whole camp and leads to the precipitate flight of the chaperons across the stage in the most light and airy costumes. Eventually the Corps is ordered to return home, and the announcement of an unusual crop of engagements concludes the play.

Is is no discredit to the author to say that the comedy could be largely developed and that an experienced playwright would have made more capital out of the situations. On the other hand undue development of the purely military features would tend to make the play too technical for any but a service audience, a defect which has marred the general popularity of other able productions of a similar nature. Still it is confidently believed that, treated more as a burlesque with music and songs, the play could well prove attractive elsewhere than at Chatham.

The author had the assistance of a good company to interpret his characters. Mrs. Schomberg and Miss Thomas exhibited all the qualifications required of watchful chaperons. Mrs. Marchant was an attractive heroine with plenty of spirit, and Miss Kelly made a splendid company-sergeant, keeping admirable order amongst her somewhat unruly company. Of the other Amazons it need only be said that they were charming, and that Colour-Sergeant Benson, R.M.L.I., who instructed them in their drill, might well be proud of his squad. It is perhaps necessary to add that the Amazons' uniform was alike smart and serviceable. Of the men Colonel Kelly was most amusing as the captain of the Amazon company, and he introduced many characteristic embellishments into his part which are probably not in the text. Mr. Duberly's stage fall, when shot, was worthy of a more experienced actor, and Colonel Dwyer and Mrs. E. Schomberg filled well their somewhat difficult parts. Mr. Wyllie, A.R.A., kindly painted the veldt scenery, and Sergeant Waters, R.M.L.I., the wings, while Mr. Crowe rendered invaluable assistance as stage manager.

Dramatis Personæ:—

Captain Harry Montgomery (a distinguished officer at the front)	Lieut. G. Duberly, R M.L.I.
Captain Charles Cavendish (of the Scots Guards)	Colonel Kelly.
Sir Adolpus Adamant (a martyr to rheumatism) ..	Colonel Dwyer.
Lord Montmorency Mortimer (of an irritable nature)	Mr. E. St. G. Schomberg.
Lady Lucretia Mortimer (his sister)	Mrs. H. St. G. Schomberg.
The Hon. Violet Mortimer (their ward) ..	Mrs. Marchant.
Lady Lavinia Majoribanks (an elderly cousin) ..	Miss Thomas.
Lady Muriel Cholmondeley (Violet's particular friend)	Miss Kelly.
Vera, Geraldine, Rosamond, Sybil, Arabella — Other friends	Miss W. Arbuthnot. / Miss E. Carter. / Miss Wilmer. / Miss Arbuthnot. / Mrs. Scott.
Other Amazons	Mrs. Grafton. / Miss Doris Wilmer.

Scene I.—Lady Lucretia's Drawing Room, Grosvenor Square.

Scenes II. & III.—The Amazon's Camp on the Veldt.

The curtain-raiser which preceded the comedy was entitled "Woman's Wrongs." It was admirably acted by Colonel Kelly and his two daughters and was most amusing.

The Band of H.M.S. *Pembroke*, by kind permission of Captain Prothero, C.B., R.N., and other officers, provided the necessary music.

[We have received an excellent photograph of the members of the company, but unfortunately too late to enable us to get a block ready in time for this number.—ED.]

ROYAL MARINE THEATRE, STONEHOUSE.

The compact little theatre at the Royal Marine Barracks was well filled on the evening of 17th September, when the winter series of performances commenced with the production of the romantic drama, "Halvei, the Unknown." The three acts were very creditably presented, and the efforts of those taking part were greeted with unstinted applause. Sergeant W. Titchmarsh was very successful in the title role, while those who supported him displayed much ability and appreciation of their parts.

The cast was as follows:—Clara St. Claire (Miss Phyllis Gordon), Madame D'Arville (Miss Muriel St. Clair), Octave (Miss Ada Roberts), Philip D'Arville (Sergeant W. S. Digby), Lyonnet St. Claire (Q.M.S. F. Chapman), Triptolemus Jogniot (Sergeant G. Trice), Jean Moret (Sergeant H. C. Piper), Louis (Corporal C. J. White), Adrian (Corporal A. Davis), Jacques (Private H. Spong), a soldier (Colour-Sergeant F. W. Hopkins.)

The ladies, together with Sergeant H. Martin and Colour-Sergeants H. D. Smith and Hopkins, were responsible for much acceptable fun by giving the farce, "The Widow's Victim."

Stage Manager Hopkins and other officials must be congratulated on the success of the first night. The performance was repeated on the 18th.

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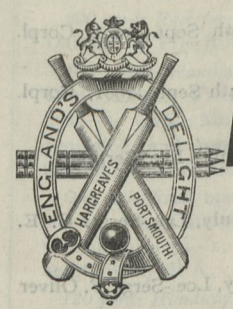
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Editorial.

WE have received, from time to time, from some of our correspondents, who are good enough to look after our interests on board, by having parcels of *G. & L's* sent to them, letters complaining that people in their ship who send their annual subscription direct to us, often receive their copy some days before the parcel arrives. This, we know from experience, is very annoying, but unfortunately it cannot be helped, owing to the fact that all parcels for ships on a foreign station have to be sent by book-post and may be waiting in the Post Office for some days, while the single copy is on its way in the ordinary letter bag. We trust that this explanation will convince anyone who has suffered in the above mentioned manner that we are not to blame for it.

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A small kit-bag having been substituted for the valise, the latter article of equipment will no longer be worn by men parading in marching order. The valises now in possession of N.C.O's and men will be retained by them as kit-bags until worn out.

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The D.A.G., R.M., has notified that valise devices are no longer to be worn by Royal Marines.

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A few Warders are wanted for the Prison Service in the Straits Settlements. Men of good character and health, not over 35 years of age. Pay, £96 to £200. Pension £100 a year after 20 years' service. Government will pay passage of wife and two children to Singapore. Preference will be given to men who have been N.C. officers. Applicants, who should be discharged, or about to be discharged, should apply to Staff Officers of Divisions.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of the appointment of Major R. J. Saumarez, R.M.L.I., to be Musketry Instructor at the Portsmouth Division, *vice* Major R. M. Byne, advanced to Senior Major's List.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of Capt. A. F. Binney, R.M.A., being seconded for service as Adjutant of the 1st Argyle and Bute Volunteer Artillery.

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Major and Brevet Lieut.-Colonel G. Skipwith (retired), R.M.L.I., is appointed Recruiting Staff Officer, 2nd Class, at Manchester.

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Capt. H. D. E. O'Sullivan. R.M.L.I., is seconded for service with the Egyptian Army, dated 16th August, 1901.

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Major M. A. Huggins having been found medically unfit for further active service, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of his being placed on half-pay for one year, from 24th September, in accordance with the provisions of Her Late Majesty's Order in Council, 30th November, 1882, and of his being re-surveyed at the expiration of that period.

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Captain E. H. Orlebar (seconded list) to be Major, *vice* Huggins, 24th September, 1901; Lieut. M. H. Marshman to be Captain, *vice* Connolly, seconded and appointed to Plymouth Division, 11th July, 1901; Lieut. H. N. H. Houghton to be Captain, *vice* O' Sullivan, seconded and appointed to Portsmouth Division, 1st August, 1901; Lieut. E. S. Mairis to be Captain, *vice* Graham, appointed to Plymouth Division, 28th August, 1901; Major R. M. Byne, advanced to Senior Major's List, 24th September, and appointed to Chatham Division.

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An exchange of Divisions between Lieut.-Col. and Brevet-Colonel C. G. Gordon, Portsmouth Division and Lieut.-Colonel J. R. Johnstone, C.B., Plymouth Division, has been sanctioned.

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From the *War Office Gazette*, 1st October, we take e following;—"Royal Garrison Regiment—Major H. J. C. Gibsone (late R.M.L.I.) is granted the local rank of Major in the Army, whilst serving with the Regiment.

To be D.A.A.G. for Musketry at Headquarters of Commands, Major W. J. Mardell (late R.M.L.I.).

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The King has been pleased to give a grant unto Brevet Lieut.-Col. W. S. Gordon, R.E. (late R.M.A.), His Majesty's Royal License and Authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the 2nd Class of the Imperial Order of the Mejidieh, which decoration has been conferred upon him by H.M. the Khedive of Egypt, authorised by H.I.M. the Sultan of Turkey, as a promotion in that order.

At the meeting of the Royal Humane Society, on the 15th October, 1901, the Silver Medal was awarded to Sergeant J. G. Maynard, R.M.A., for his gallant rescue of a native from the Bahr-el-Seraf, a branch of the White Nile. Sergeant Maynard jumped overboard and swam nearly 700 yards in a five-knot current, the place being full of crocodiles, and having to be hauled back by ropes floated down to him.

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It has been notified that the following officers of the R.M.A. have passed the necessary examination for the Ordnance College: Captains C. L. Brooke, E. Henderson and J. Brough.

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From the *Honours Gazette* of 27th September, 1901, we take the following:

R.M.A.—To be Brevet Lieut.-Colonel, Major G. G. Aston.

R.M.L.I.—To be Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, Major Frederick White.

A.S. Corps—To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order, Captains Reginald Ford and Kenneth Macdonald (late R.M.L.I.) To be Brevet-Major, Captain A. R. C. Atkins (late R.M.L.I.)

R.M.A.—To have the Distinguished Conduct Medal, Sergeant A. Carter.

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We have received two volumes of "The Exploration of Australia," by Albert F. Calvert, published by Dean & Son, Ltd. The book is well got up and printed, with good maps, and considering the connection of our Corps with Australia, should prove of great interest to our readers.

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In connection with Australia, we have been asked by a gentleman who has been commissioned to paint an historical picture of the "Landing of Captain Cook" for the National Gallery of Melbourne, if we can give him any authentic information as to the uniform worn by the Corps in 1770. We are unable to do so, but perhaps some of our readers might be able to supply the information.

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We have received a pamphlet on "The Supply Park in the advance from Orange River, *via* Jacobsdal, Bloemfontein and Pretoria to Komati Poort," by Captain R. Ford, A.S.C. (late R.M.L.I.), O.C. Supply Park. Captain Ford assumed command at Paardeberg, in succession to Major Long, A.S.C., and retained charge of it till the arrival at Komati Poort. It is most interesting reading, and gives one some faint idea of the enormous work and responsibility of the A.S.C. officers, and the really marvellous way in which Lord Roberts' Army was fed. It has, of course, many technical details, but we are sure a perusal of it would be most interesting to our readers. It is printed at the A.S.C. Printing Offices, Stanhope Lines, Aldershot.

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The winners of "Spoons" of Plymouth Garrison Rifle Club last month, were Captain Muller, R.M.L.I., 84 points, and Sergt. Charmar, R.M.L.I., 91 points.

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A correspondent has sent us the following account of some medals belonging to former members of the Corps, which we think will be of great interest to our readers:

Medal from George III. to Captain Ewing for Bunker's Hill, 1775.

The first battle of any consequence which took place at the commencement of the American War of Independence, was that at Bunker's Hill, on the 17th June, 1775.

In this desperate struggle a Captain Ewing, of the Marines, greatly distinguished himself, and by order of George III. was rewarded with £300 and a medal.

Obverse: On a garter, "A Testimony of Public Regard," "G.R." crowned in the centre.

Reverse: Surrounded by a narrow wreath is the following inscription —"By order of the King, with 300 Pounds for the Wound, Captain Ewing recd. the 17th of June, 1775."

The Star, or Medal, is composed of four points, with a representation of flames issuing between each point. There is a facsimile in Colonel Murray's collection.

[From the historical record of Medals and Honorary Distinctions, published 1891, by Captain George Tancrad, late of the Royal Scots Greys. The Medal is illustrated on page 48.]

Spanish Medal for British Services at Bagur and Palamos, 1810.—

"A medal was granted by Spain to certain men of the crews of H.M.S. *Ajax*, *Kent* and *Cambrian*, for services rendered, by the permission of our government, to the Spanish, to assist in forcing the French troops to evacuate Catalonia.

Obverse: The arms and quarterings of Spain and Great Britain, with a crown above each, surrounded by their respective flags. "Alianza Eterna." The whole encircled by a wreath.

Reverse: In the centre, "Bagur 10 de Settembre, Palamos 14 de Settembre, 1810." Legend, "Gratitud de Espana a la Intrepida Britanica."

The medal illustrated on page 75 has W. Daniels, R.M., H.M.S. *Cambrian*, and is in silver.

Major Laurie, Royal Marines, also received one of these gold medals for his services at Bagur and Palamos, in command of the Marines on board H.M.S. *Cambrian*.

These medals are extremely rare, as a very limited number were given." *From Tancrad.*

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Colonel Murray's collection contains the medal of the Royal National Institution for the Preservation of Life from Shipwreck.

Obverse: Head of George IV.; name of Institution, as above. "George IV., Patron, 1824."

Reverse: A drowning sailor being rescued; "Let not the deep swallow me up." Gold. Lieut. Samuel Lloyd, R.M., voted 18th February, 1829.

And a group consisting of the silver Turkish medal for Acre; the medal for Meritorious Service, 31st October, 1857, and medal for Long Service and Good Conduct, to William Healey, Colour-Sergeant, Royal Marine Artillery, Portsmouth Division, 21 years (afterwards Sergeant-Major).

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Pte. F. J. Hill, who returned to barracks from H.M.S. *Vernon* on the 1st October, was on Wednesday, 24th September, presented with a silver mounted briar and amber pipe, by the Torpedo Office Staff of the above named ship, as a token of their esteem and appreciation of his many good qualities. Pte. Hill was employed in the above office on clerical work since March, 1900.

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Can any of our readers tell us the origin of the custom of allowing a quarter of an hour's extra "Lights" at Chatham Division?

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Mr. Daniel Conner, eldest son of the late Captain Daniel Conner (Royal Marine Light Infantry), will be married early in the New Year to the daughter of Captain Horace Townsend (Wiltshire Regiment, retired), of Kincragie, Courtmacsherry, County Cork.

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At the sale of medals, on 31st October, by Messrs. Glendenning & Co. in London, the Baltic medal, awarded to the late Major A. B. Shairp, R.M.L.I., fetched 12/-.

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At the Investiture held by the King at St. James's Palace, on 29th October, Lieut-Colonel James Robert Johnstone, R.M.L.I., received the order of Companion of the Bath, Military Division, and Captain R. Ford, Army Service Corps, late R.M.L.I., the Distinguished Service Order for service in South Africa.

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Private A Robinson, R.M.L.I., was drowned at Devonport on the 29th October, by the capsizing of a liberty boat which was run into by the Torpedo-Boat Destroyer *Thorn*.

Diary of our Colonel-in-Chief's Colonial Tour.

(continued from last month).

September 28th. At Calgary, N.W.T. The Royal Party to-day witnessed what has been described as one of the most interesting and picturesque scenes of the whole tour. Owing to the line being blocked by a herd of cattle, the Royal Train was somewhat delayed, but immediately on arrival the Duke inspected and presented war medals to the North-West Mounted Police. This was followed by the characteristic scene of the day. Carriages and carts, mounted men, women and boys stampeded to a commanding eminence on the plain where there was a large Indian encampment of the Blackfeet Federation. There were gathered hundreds of mounted braves in full war paint, and chief after chief was summoned by name, each advanced to the Duke and Duchess, who welcomed them heartily and shook hands with them, and delivered a speech, some simply loyal, others humorous. To these speeches the Duke suitably replied, his answer being couched in language that appealed to their ears.

September 30th. After numerous stoppages on the way from Calgary, including halts at Banff, where the night was spent, at Revelstoke where the Duchess laid the foundation stone of a Cottage Hospital and at other places, New Westminster was reached punctually at noon. From Glacier to the next station Lady Minto and some friends rode on the cow-catcher of the engine, thus enjoying an unique view of the world famous Horse Shoe Loop. Their Royal Highnesses were accorded a most hearty reception and in the evening embarked on the steamer Empress of India.

October 1st. Leaving New Westminster at 5 a m., Victoria, B.C., was reached at 11. Here the streets were again gaily decorated with bunting, and triumphal arches had been erected here and there. After the procession Their Royal Highnesses lunched with Admiral Bickford on board the *Warspite*. Later events included the opening of an Agricultural Exhibition, an official Dinner at the residence of the Lieutenant Governor and a reception at the Legislative Building.

October 2nd. The Royal Party left at 10-30 p.m. for Vancover after spending a very quiet day, which was muchneeded.

October 3rd. Vancover was reached at daybreak. On landing, the Duchess was presented by the Indians of Port Simpson Mission with a Hat bearing the crown of the Simpsian tribe, an object of great antiquity and in their eyes of priceless value The Royal Party entered the train at 10 a.m. and resumed their homeward journey.

October 4th. Banff was reached at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The Duchess stayed at the hotel while the Duke is away shooting in the neighbourhood of Clandeboye Bay, Manitoba.

October 5th. The Duchess visited the Hot Sulphur Bath and afterwards made an excursion by special train to Laggan, visiting Lake Louise.

October 8th. To-day the Duke rejoined the Duchess after some excellent duck shooting, as the guest of Senator Kirchhoffer.

October 10th. The Royal Party arrived at Toronto at 2 p.m. to-day. Although rain had unfortunately marred some of the decorations the scene was exceptionally bright and the welcome magnificent. The usual addresses were presented and an excellent Concert was held in the evening.

October 11th. To-day was given up to a review of 11,000 troops in the Exhibition Gronnds. After the inspection the Victoria Cross was presented to Lieutenant Cockburn, and colours to the Royal Canadian Infantry. In the afternoon the Duke received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at the University, and in the evening Their Royal Highnesses held a reception in Parliament buildings.

October 12th. To-day a hurried visit was paid to some of the principal towns of Western Ontario. Passing through Berlin, St. Petersburg, and Hamburg, the Royal train arrived at London where the Duke presented colours to the 7th Fusiliers. Continuing the journey, the Niagara Falls were reached about 5 o'clock.

October 13th. After Church this morning the Royal Party went by the steamer *Corona* to Queenstown, and thence by trolley past the monument of Braile and Brock, who fell in the Fenian Raid.

October 14th. The journey once more resumed, Hamilton was reached at noon. Presentation of war medals and colours to the 30th Battalion took place here, and late in the afternoon the Royal train sped on its way.

October 15th. At Kingston the Duke and Duchess spent a couple of busy hours before embarking for a voyage among the far-famed Thousand Isles. The proceedings included a reception, an inspection of the Military College and the acceptance by the Duke of yet another D.C.L. degree, this time from Queen's College. Brockville was reached in the evening and the Royal Party left later by train for St. John, New Brunswick.

October 17th. The reception at St. John is described as quite astonishing. Everywhere the greatest enthusiasm and good feeling were displayed. The programme included the presentation of war medals, a sword of honour to Captain Jones for gallantry at Paardeberg, and new colours to the 62nd Regiment.

October 19th. Halifax, which was reached to-day, was described by the Duke as "unrivalled among the Naval ports of the world." Here were anchored the *Ophir*, *Diadem*, *Niobe*, and the whole of the North American Squadron.

October 20th. A Review held this afternoon was somewhat marred by a storm of wind, but everyone is enthusiastic over last night's reception and were delighted with the fact of the Duke shaking hands indiscriminately.

October 21st. The *Ophir*, with the Royal Party once more on board, left Halifax this morning for St. John's.

October 23rd. Newfoundland, which was reached this morning.

October 24th. Landing at 11 o'clock to-day in rather boisterous weather, the Duke and Duchess were received by the Governor, Premier, and other Ministers, and drove through cheering crowds of lusty fishermen to Government House, where Sir W. Whiteway read an address of welcome. Other addresses and many gifts were also presented, and in reply the Duke expressed the pleasure his visit and warm welcome had given him.

October 25th—The last phase of the homeward journey was begun this morning, the *Ophir* and her escort leaving at daybreak for England.

Obituary.

GENERAL HENRY CARR TATE, on the retired list, Royal Marine Artillery, died 12th October 1901, at St. John's House, Ryde, aged 90. He entered the service as 2nd-Lieut., 30th June, 1829; became 1st Lieut., 10th July, 1837; Captain, 4th May, 1847; Lieut.-Colonel, 6th February, 1857; Acting Colonel 2nd Commandant, Artillery Division, 6th February, 1861; Brevet-Colonel, 6th February, 1862; Colonel 2nd Commandant, R.M.A., 20th June, 1862; Major-General, 28th November, 1865; Lieut.-General, 1st April, 1870; General, 22nd July, 1875; and was placed on the retired list, 1st October, 1877. He served with the R.M. Battalion, on the North Coast of Spain, during the Carlist War, 1836.

He married 20th January, 1847, Jane, youngest daughter of the late D. Maude, Esq., of Middlewood Hall, Yorkshire, who died 10th December, 1859. His only daughter, Louisa Janet, died 5th August, He married, secondly, Anne Wright, youngest daughter of John Peter Gassist, Esq., J.P., F.R.S., D.C.L., LL.D., &c., of St. John's House, Ryde, and Clapham Common, Surrey.

CAPT. MASKELL MACKENZIE DOWNIE MORRISON, of the 36th Compy. of the Southern Division of the Royal Garrison Artillery, who died from asthma at Bethulie on October 7th, was 32 years of age, and had seen nearly 14 years' service. Born on June 29th, 1869, he entered the Royal Artillery on February 17th, 1888, obtained his lieutenancy on February 17th, 1891, and was promoted to be Captain on September 8th, 1898. From April, 1866, till April of this year he was adjutant of the 2nd Hampshire Volunteer Artillery (Southern Division Royal Artillery) at Southsea. He was the second son of Colonel J. C. Downie Morrison, late of the Royal Body Guard, and formerly of the Royal Marine Light Infantry.

MR. HERBERT DADSON MESSERVEY HIGMAN, of Marrickville, New South Wales, who died recently, aged 41, was the elder son of the late Captain Albert Duchesney, Higman, R.M.L.I., and grandson of the late Vice-Admiral Henry Higman.

The Siege of Peking.

[*By the kindness of Capt. and Brevet Major L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., we are enabled to publish some notes from his diary, which as they deal with events before the siege and the first few days till he was wounded, will, we think, be very interesting to our readers. The diary itself was more or less compiled after the siege from rough notes made during the progress of events.*—ED.]

30th May, 1900. Left ship (H.M.S. *Orlando*) with N.C.O.'s and men (50) and sick berth steward; at Taku Bar changed into shallow draught steamer outside the Bar. Met Russians, French, and Italians coming back. It appeared they thought they had been fired at by the forts. I stowed all my men with their bags and hammocks down below, and were met at 6 p.m. by a man called McCrae, who passed us on up the river and wired to Tientsin for a shallower draught steamer. At 7 p.m. served out tea to the men. At 10 p.m. met small steam launch towing a lighter; changed into lighter—bare, cold, and dirty. A tug and two lighters aground in the stream. Stopped at 11 p.m.; I kept on trying to get the Chinaman in the launch to go on.

Thursday, 31st. Roused out at 4 a.m. Took soundings at 5 a.m. Roused the men out to wash and clean up, and gave them breakfast of chocolate and biscuits (had taken two days' rations and 100 rounds of ammunition per man with us). Proceeded 6.20 a.m. Arrived Tientsin 8.15 a.m., met by Tientsin band (Chinese) also Strouts and Wray. The men were billeted with their men near the Club, and I was taken off to Dr. Irwin, who gave me breakfast, after which I put in a sleep. 9.30 a.m., Lieut. Wright, R.N., and 80 bluejackets arrived; they had left ship long after me, but were more fortunate in catching the tide. We all lunched with the Consul (Fizz!!). Fell in at 2.30 p.m.; marched to the station headed by band. 23 of my men finally had to be left behind at the station, so that we should not have more than the other nationailties. Wright and the bluejackets also stayed behind. Arrived Peking station 7 p.m., and were met by Mr. Dering (2nd Secretary of Legation) and several student interpreters, all riding ponies, as apparently no European ever thinks of walking here. Here we found not enough carts for the baggage, as although I had come ashore in purely fighting kit with very little extra, and only allowed my men to bring one bag between three men, Strouts and his men had brought all their kits. We had also taken over five or six boxes of ammunition from Wright, also an armourer and signalman, R.N. So I, a corporal and 17 men, remained at the station with the baggage. I had a student, Flaherty, as interpreter. We made a Chinaman give us tea, and ate some of my loaf and corned beef out of my haversack. I borrowed two hammocks of men who had gone on, and we made ourselves fairly comfortable for the night. I served out tea, biscuits, and rum to the men, and piped them down at 9.30 p.m. and roused them out at 5 a.m.

Friday, 1st June. When the carts arrived, escorted by Dering and others from the Legation, we started for Peking at 6.45 a.m. and arrived at the Legation 8.30 a.m. after a very dusty march. All quiet in the city. I had breakfast with Flaherty, also a bath (a great luxury), and then went to Chancery Mess, where there were a sort of happy family. Dering, Poole (the Doctor), and his brother (a Captain in the Army, who is studying Chinese), Oliphant (some billet in the Chancery), and a young chap called Russell. We three Wogwans (war Mandarins as the Chinese boys called us), made an addition to the mess which pretty well filled it up. The students have a separate mess. The men were quartered in the bowling alley and theatre. We found they had been having pretty exciting times, which event, however appeared to have quieted them down.

Saturday, 2nd. I borrowed various articles of riding kit, rode after tiffin on Dering's pony, "Torchlight," (which I am sorry to say has since been eaten, a ripping little beggar), with about eight students to the racecourse, and thence to Fengtai, a railway station which had been wrecked by the Boxers. Saw two engineers of the line (Curry and Knowles) who were living in a carriage with engine attached and steam up, and had been having a pretty bad time. The damage was tremendous, the engines being smashed and carriages burned. The Dowager-Empress's carriage, which had been a very gorgeous affair, was now six wheels and a bit of bent iron work. All the European houses were destroyed. In fact the Boxers must have had a high old time, although, strange to say, they had not taken up the rails yet or destroyed the telegraph line. We rode back viâ the race course. That evening I dined with Sir Claude and Lady Macdonald. Had to borrow clothes all round from the students, as I had no mess kit and no plain clothes.

3rd and 4th June. The next ten days we received news of missionaries being attacked and killed in the country.

5th June. Heard Johannesburg had been captured.

6th June. We posted men and civilians for defence. The officers of foreign detachments, foreign Ministers, and Secretaries came into our legation for council of war. Decided to hold all the Legation quarter, but to make our Legation the last line of defence, in case foreigner's driven in, as ours best situated and most capable of defence. Heard Pretoria captured, wire to Sir R. Hart.

8th June, Friday. I walked along the wall with Russell to the observatory, where the instruments on the wall are beautiful works of art, in a wonderful state of preservation. European refugees coming in all day. Expected attack that night, but nothing happened. I was in command, Strouts being sick.

Sunday, 10th June. Heard that Admiral Seymour and 500 men of various nationalities expected this evening or to-morrow morning.

Monday, 11th June. I turned out at 3.30 a.m. and went with 25 men and 30 carts to the railway station, also Dering, Capt. Poole, and students. I rode the "Flea," a pony of Dering's. Yanks and Italians ahead of us, Japs in rear. No officials at station, which is in possession of Chinese soldiers (Tung-Fu-Chiang's). No signs of our people. Find whole thing a *canard*, and return 8 a.m. to Legation. This fruitless trip has evidently bad effect on the populace. Heard in afternoon a member of Japanese Legation had been murdered outside S. gate of Chinese city. He was by himself in a cart, foolishly flying Japanese flag. The Japanese and Italian guards had previously returned from the station. Yanks had returned with us. Extra sentries posted all night on the walls of the Legation.

Tuesday, 12th. I began fortifying the house (Bax-Ironside's) which had been told off to me to defend. No news of Admiral. Four members of the Yamen came in to see the chief (Sir C. Macdonald). 103 degrees in the shade, very warm.

Wednesday, 5th June. Heard that force of 2,400 is on the way to reinforce us. Chinese teachers and boys all leaving Legation in a funk. Boxers coming into the city. An alarm caused in the evening owing to big fires all round. Several missions burned by Boxers, but missionaries had already taken refuge with us. I was sent to patrol round the Mongol Market, with three men and Oliphant (David) as interpreter, and then spent evening on the lawn till 2-0 a.m., as Strouts had gone outside the Legation. Then went to my post and lay down till 4 a.m. We then posted a picket on the bridge to the north outside the Legation, in accordance with a general scheme with the other nationalities to keep the Quarter, and allow no Chinaman in without a pass. Wray, Poole, and self took turns with this picket, except that Poole did not do night watches.

Thursday, 14th June. I was on duty at the picket, 10.30 p.m. Boxers came down road from the north (a dusty lane). I retired on the bridge and got Oliphant's brother (Nigel) to challenge in Chinese; as they were waving torches in a silly way and shouting, I thought they might be an innocent religious procession. They answered "Sha, sha" (kill, kill) and came on. I fired a volley which stopped them, except one who dashed on the bridge flourishing an enormous sort of pike and was shot by Sergeant Preston when within four feet. Strouts came up with reinforcements and told me to watch the road on one left, while he went up road on right. He was charged by a Boxer who suddenly appeared (it was a dark night), but shot him. Four we had shot four and wounded two (they probably carried away several). Dr. Poole came out with missionaries and stretchers and took in the wounded. Strouts then went in. Another Boxer came down the road and was shot, and I took his sword. We decided to leave the bodies there as a lesson, as they had on Boxer uniform, and it might help dispel the idea that they were invulnerable. Wray then came out and slept in long chair. I remained till four a.m. then woke Wray up, went in and lay down. Was just going to lunch when I be

to start off to the Nantung with 20 men and 20 Germans, also a man from the bank called Brent who volunteered to come as German and Chinese interpreter, also Morrison as guide. Found the whole place smouldering ruins. Horrible scenes. Rescued 200 Chinese Christians. Shot a few Boxers and looters. Germans got several swords and gave me two. Returned at 5.50 p.m. Went on bridge at 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. and 12 midnight to 8.30 a.m.

Saturday, 16th June. Then lay down, but had to go on the bridge again at noon, as Wray was off on an expedition with Americans. They found 50 Boxers in a temple and killed all. Brought back many weird weapons. All quiet on bridge. Strouts came out (about 6 a.m.) and strolled up the road (dusty lane). Suddenly firing began up the road; sent him six men at his request. Bullets whizzing in all directions. Saw him up the road watching Germans and others further up. Chinese soldiers about 800 yards further up, who had evidently been firing down the road. Some cavalry came along from the left and wanted to go up, but I thought it would only complicate matters, so I stopped them by interpreter (Russel) "Dangerous to go up." Suddenly more bullets came down the lane; cavalry bolted back the way they had come. One bullet came back off the wall and grazed my leg, but no harm done. Strouts and his men came running down to cover, but luckily none hit. Quiet night.

Sunday, 17th June. Made missionaries make bullet-proof barricade across the road leading to the bridge.

18 and 19th June. Soldiers still friendly.

Wednesday, 20th June. Came the ultimatum to ministers to go in 24 hours.

Thursday, 21st June. Firing on us began We shifted barricade back to the gate and made it into a sort of tambour with overhead shelter. Used carts with wheels off as revetment, also bricks. Employed at this all day with Chinese coolies and interpreters. Also cutting down trees to clear the view and make brushwood entanglement.

Friday, 22nd June. Did the same. Also put missionaries on to knocking down houses (Chinese) which adjoined the South wall of the Legation. The Chinese tried to burn us out on the S.W. side, but failed. The ladies all joined in handing buckets, and have all through done wonderfully and shown great pluck.

Saturday, 23rd June. They set fire to the Hanlin University on our west side, and then fired at the fire to prevent our putting it out; in which, however, we succeeded. I had some very hard work in pulling down buildings in the Hanlin to prevent the fire spreading to us. Captain Poole and some of our men had previously made a sortie, and driven the Chinese to a respectable distance, but they kept on sniping at us all the time.

Sunday, 24th June. Next morning I had the 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. watch, and found that Wray, who had the 12 to 2 a.m., had put a man with a loaded gun on the alarm bell, as he had found a French official was just going to ring it for a fire which was beyond the American Legation. Just as I was turning in, a Frenchman, whom I presumed to be the same man, came to where we were camping out (we had all given up our quarters and the Chancery Mess to the refugees) and said: "Zere is fire in ze house of ze American missionaries." I was very annoyed and told him to "allez," whereupon he went to turn out Sir Claude. I found it was the muleteers cooking their breakfast! I soon turned out again to make a sandbag bullet-proof place near the stables (S), and then was sent with six Marines and six civilians to help the Japs, who, however, said they were able to hold their own; so came back to find a bad attack on S.W. stable. Led a sortie among some ruined houses. Went down a narrow alley and came upon five men with rifles round the corner of a house. One immediately plugged me in the shoulder cutting the left brace of my Sam Browne belt in half. I then began to empty my revolver into them, as they were only a yard away there was no question of missing. I finished four and the fifth bolted round another corner. The men had then come up and I told them to go on. I found my way back to the hole in the wall, through which I was helped. Poole helped me to the hospital and dressed me. Had no pain to speak of. That finished my active share in the siege, which was rather hard luck. Sir Claude wrote me a very nice note when I was hit.

15th August—The Relief arrived yesterday. Thank God! and I don't think a day too soon.

Graspan, November 25th, 1899.

PER MARE. PER TERRAM.

Inscribed to the Memory of Major Plumbe, and the Officers and Men of the Royal Marines, who fell in that battle: whose heroic conduct added a lasting glory to the past achievements of the Royal Marines.

WELL done! brave boys. God rest your noble souls.
Loud o'er your glorious bed the parting thunder rolls,
The "Last Post" rings its long-drawn shrill farewell,
Bowed heads, knit brows, tight lips, their story tell—
"Died on the field of honor," 'neath each name
On the long roll, burns clear in sanguined flame.
O bravest! aye, our bravest of the brave,
Was it not ever thus you bore on land and wave,
The blazoned glories of a crownèd sphere.
A wreath! a lion! and a name of fear,
That grim old sentry's by the meeting seas,
Holding for Britain hoary Neptune's keys.
Tardy and late the honors paid you, though the debt,
Your country owes, 'twere strange she should forget,
Wide as the world your fadeless trophies won,
Bought by the blood of many a valiant son;
Rank you among her warriors foremost, first,
Vain 'gainst your dauntless breasts the foemen's best or worst!
O soldiers of the main, long were the tale
My feeble lyre, weak spirit needs must fail,
To sing the glories wrought on flood and field,
Since Elliott's challenge o'er the waters pealed,
To tell the story of your feats of arms.
Mid Ushant's thunder, Biscay's wild alarms;
Toulon's dire struggle, Trafalgar, Algiers,
Loud o'er the pirate city rose your conquering cheers;
And proud were ye, too, on that glorious day,
'Mid shattered hulls in Navarino bay;
'Neath Indian skies, amid Crimean snows,
By many a turbid stream that darkly flows;
Through Burmese jungle, foul Acheen lagoon,
Where sleeps the deadly air at breathless noon,
Half-hid, half-seen, amid the tangled green,
The rude cross marks where sleeps a staunch Marine.
Red grew the Libyian sands as on ye pressed;
Old Nilus laid his Lotus on your breast.
'Mid coral groves the Nereids guard your bones;
Over your mighty tomb Atlantis hoarsely groans.
A valorous few in this your crowning fight,
Who 'gainst the hellish blast bore up the stony height,
Truly we mourn you, but we do not weep.
Ye did not die! who fell on Euslin's steep,
Graspan! thy worn sides bear a fresher hue,
Deep thy scant herbage drank thy costly due!
Guard well the treasure Britain gives to keep
Watch o'er her sons, who in thy bosom sleep.
Let no rude hand profane the lustrous green,
That waves above a hero—a Marine!

Plymouth. JOHN W. F. ROWE.

Home News.

EASTNEY.

THE Theatre was opened for the season before a large and appreciative audience, on October 1st, with J. B. Buckstone's musical comedy, "Josephine, or the Child of the Regiment." Though staged here on several previous occasions, it is an evergreen favorite, and the various characters were ably portrayed. Miss Emilie Seymour in the title roll, Sergt. T. J. Kerr as "Guillot, the Peasant," and Gunner Parker as "Sergeant Scalade" being perhaps most conspicuous. "The Lady of Lyons" took the boards next, and was a great success, "The Jacobite" following on October 24th.

Lieut. and Qr.-Mr. F. Callaway reaches the age limit in November, and will be placed on the retired list. A vacancy of this nature occurs so rarely, that the run of promotion involved causes more than usual interest among the warrant and non-commissioned officers.

General Sir Evelyn Wood, who has recently been appointed to the command of the 2nd Army Corps, at Salisbury Plain, visited the Barracks on 22nd October.

PORTSMOUTH.

The month has, on the whole, been fine, with very few wet days, but getting rather colder.

The football team has been getting on very well in the Portsmouth League, and keeping up its reputation. Unfortunately they were defeated by Fareham, by one goal to nothing, after a hard game, in the 1st round of the Hants Junior Cup.

The officers' hockey team has won its first three matches in the United Service Hockey League, having defeated the Royal Naval College, H.M.S. *Vernon*, and the 11th Provisional Battalion.

The Theatre has opened its winter season with a conjuring entertainment, and the next week a lecture by Mr. Morris, late Squadron Sergt.-Major, 10th Imperial Yeomanry, on the Boer War.

The sergeants' mess have begun their usual fortnightly practice dances.

The Barracks were visited on 23rd October, by General Sir E. Wood, commanding the 2nd Army Corps, to whose district we believe we now belong.

The valise is gone, we can hardly say deeply regretted, but the new kit bag will not apparently make its appearance just yet.

The Band has been away for the past month, and has been playing at the Glasgow Exhibition for the second time; and now they have been asked to stay on and play during the last week of the Exhibition.

We are expecting the *Ophir* in, at the end of the month, and hope to give an account of the reception in our next letter.

The Company Football League has been running along. We give the results in another column.

DEPOT.

The Barracks are still very crowded with men, although recruits have not been streaming in quite so fast during the past month. Squads have to be tranferred to headquarters however, with barely six months' service, owing to the necessity of making room for the newcomers. The alterations to the East Barracks, which are now being pushed on, will, it is hoped, relieve the present congestion.

The present is rather a dull time at the Depôt. The football team, which is about the average, have played one or two matches and a few games of hockey have been played.

Since last writing, Colonel Gordon has returned from leave; and Majors Peile and Cotterill have joined here for duty to replace Major Luke and Lieut.-Col. Urmston, embarked. I expect during the winter that most of the company officers will be changed, as those now serving here are well up for sea.

On the 25th October we had a meet of the West Street Harriers, in barracks, and the usual hunt breakfast was given in the officers' mess. There was a big field, and as we luckily had a fine day, everything went off most successfully.

The following day, the 26th, we had a visit from Lord Roberts, who was staying in Deal, at the Castle, for a few days. He arrived in barracks about 12-30, and was received by the D.A.G. and Colonel Dowding. The visit was unofficial, but everything of interest in the barracks was shown him, with which he expressed great satisfaction. After lunching with the officers he visited the schools, barrack rooms, swimming baths, etc., and also saw the various squads at infantry and gymnastic drill. Lord Roberts left about 3-30 in the afternoon. The following day he attended service at the Depot Church, accompanied by Lord George Hamilton.

I am glad to say that the epidemic of scarlet fever and measles from which we have been suffering off and on, during the past twelve months, seems to be now quite stamped out, and we have been able to do away with the isolation camp in the South Barracks for some time.

Royal Marines Memorial.

Subscriptions received during October—

	£	s.	d.
Major Dalby	1	1	0
Surgeon Gilmore, R.N.	0	5	0
A Pensioner R.M.A.	0	2	6
Total ..	£1	8	6
Previously acknowledged	1215	14	9
Promised, not yet received	23	10	0
	£1250	13	3

October 31st, 1901. G. T. Onslow, Leiut-Col., Hon. Secretary.

Roberts's Horse Marines.

As some considerable time has elapsed since I last visited Buggins's Hotel, the "Red Marine," I thought perhaps the house might have changed hands, but my doubts were dispelled when I heard what was unmistakably Buggins's voice. It was a cross between a broken-winded accordion and the syren of a destroyer that was hoarse.

"Is that the Roberts that was in the Navy?" I heard him say. So by way of introducing myself, I answered, "No, Roberts was never in that portion of His Majesty's Forces that go down to the sea in ships."

It appeared someone had been reading the latest war news from South Africa, and Buggins was either very green as to what was going on or he had a yarn to spin, I very much suspect the latter. So after consuming (without invitation) one or two whiskeys I had called for, as I had expected, he commenced, "I thought it might have been the Roberts that was with me in the "Cockroach," one of the insect class yon know," said Buggins.

As I had no recollection of a ship of that name, "Was she ever at the Cape?" I asked,

"No, sir," said B., "it was in China."

Roberts was in charge of the ship, and I was in charge of the Marines, and if ever there was an officer deserved decorating it was Bobby."

So after accepting the invitation "to have another." Buggins continued, "We were lying at a place called Chung-yang, about 600 miles above Hankow, and owing to the river falling very rapidly one night, we were left lying in a small pool with just enough water to float the ship, in the place where the river ought to have been. We were in a predicament, I can assure you," said Buggins, "for there was not the slightest chance of us moving until the rainy season next year, not only that, there were rumours of a Boxer movement in our direction, for they had heard of our helpless condition, and of course we could do next to nothing, but wait, like Micawber, "for something to turn up." Now, it was the routine here, owing to the unfriendliness of the natives, to go ashore in parties for recreation, which generally took the shape of a run round and round the ship. The Bluejackets going first, and the Marines after they came on board. Now, Bobby was very partial to horses, and had often told me he would have made a better officer in the Cavalry than he was in the Navy, and I believed him. So thinking to break the monotony a bit, he managed to procure through our bumboatman, about 16 small Chinese ponies, and as there was not enough for the Bluejackets, he learnt all the Marines to ride, and ride well too," says Buggins, "Bobby was never happier than when he heard the boatswain's mate pipe the 'away Horse Marines.'"

Now, in order to get us into some sort of formation ashore, it was necessary to have some sort of drill, and as neither of us knew anything about Cavalry movements, and as Bobby expected some day to be in charge of a fleet, he decided to learn us steam tactics—steam antics we used to call it—and I can tell you we soon got that expert we could do any manœuvre there is in the book, or out of it, including the gridiron movement. And if ever you see a marine on the forecastle of one of His Majesty's ships, telling his wondering shipmates what movement the fleet has just done, or about to do, just you ask him if he was on the "Cockroach" with Bobby Roberts.

Well, to make a long story short, one day the skipper got information the Boxers had assembled for the purpose of attacking the ship, and as we could not get away, we were in a fine fix, for as Bobby told me himself, they were in such numbers that if each Boxer only threw one stone each at the ship there would be enough stones to bury the ship in a heap as high as the Pyramids? So he decided to strike the first blow before they could get near us. The next morning we were up at daybreak, and after a hasty breakfast, the boatswain's mate piped "Away the Horse Marines," of course, that meant us. We wore our white helmets, and took our rifles, and haversacks for nose bags for the ponies. After we were mounted we were given a boarding pike, to which was attached a small flag "to make us look more ferocious," Bobby said. These we carried *a la Lancer*.

Imagine us then lined up in front of the ship, 16 stalwart Marines, mounted on small Chinese ponies, our feet nearly touching the ground.

the ponies having on bluejackets' straw hats for sun bonnets, and harness composed mostly of spun yarn. To a spare pony was lashed a boat's magazine, containing, we afterwards found out, 1-lb. signal rockets. Bobby now appeared and gave the order "Full steam ahead," and with the cheers of the ship's company we started off, Bobby taking charge of the weather line and myself of the lee line. After altering the course several times, we got within about five miles of the place where the Boxers were supposed to be. Here we halted, or dropped anchor, as Bobby called it, and had dinner, giving our trusty steeds a feed from the nose bags. After dinner the skipper held a council of war and unfolded his plans. idea was to lash a boarding-pike on the starboard side of each pony, so that the point projected about a foot in advance of the pony's nose, to exchange the straw hats for our white helmets, and place them on the pony's head, while we were to wear the straw hats. He was then going to fix a signal rocket in the top of each helmet. Then after lighting the rockets we were to start them at full gallop at the Boxers, then drop off their backs and fire our rifles as fast as we could. Well, we soon lashed everything in position, and off we started again. It was nearly dusk when we sighted the Boxer army, or rather smelt them, for they seemed to be armed with banners, stink pots, and joss sticks, at least that was all we could see and smell.

We now formed up into single line abreast about five yards between ponies. At the order "Abandon ship" from Bobby, we were to light the rockets, which were bottom up, start the ponies, and then drop off and fire. When we got about 800 yards from the Boxers, Bobby gave the order. This evolution we carried out smartly, Bobby shouting out "Well done, Buggins, first ship." We now fired at them as well as we could, but never on this earth was there such a pandemonium, ponies, Boxers, banners, and stink pots all seemed mixed up in hopeless confusion. The ponies were plunging and kicking, and the rockets at this time began to blaze forth the coloured balls. The whole Boxer army turned and fled, so fast did they run, urged on with pricks from the pikes, that their pigtails stuck out straight behind them like the pennant of a destroyer when she's going at full speed.

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Nowhere in the world are the Marines now more feared and respected than in this part of China, for they are pointed to the children with awe, as the handful of men who put three millions of Boxers to flight, and were seen marching back to the ship as if nothing had happened."

"And Bobby got the C. B., I suppose," said I.

"No, sir. He got the C.A.," said Buggins.

"The C. A.?" I asked.

"Yes, sir. Confined to a luna-tic ass-i-lum, suffering from a disarranged idea as to how to fix a 4.7 on the head of a elephant," said B.

"And what did you get, Buggins," I asked.

"Oh, I got severely reprimanded for allowing the detachment's white helmets to be used as sun bonnets for the ponies."

LANCER, R.M.L.I.

Correspondence.

We give the following extracts from a letter received recently :—

Dear Sir,

I was tent and underground mate with Prettyjohns [late Colour-Sergeant R.M., V.C.—ED.] in the Crimea for many months. He, like myself, was acting Sergeant. In the first batch who were promoted he, like myself and Howard of Chatham, were left out in the cold, and got nothing, I went back to the *Diamond*, holding Lance Rank and left Prettyjohns on the Heights still acting. He was actually officer and non-com. in charge of the company in the trenches, during the time he was with the Detachment attached to the Light Division, yet he never was mentioned in the returns until afterwards. Howard was acting Sergeant-Major, Prettyjohns in charge of one of the companies and I was Private acting Quartermaster-Sergeant for over 9 months and never received anything until I rejoined my ship, and then I was made Corporal and became a Supernumerary in the Fleet and got back home in 1857.

Men were sent out to join the Battalion from Headquarters full Sergeants who had only a couple of years service and put over our heads. No one had ever heard of the Marines, and we were never mentioned in any of the histories, but Corps who were absent from to-days' [*i.e.* Balaclava—Ed.] battle, were lauded up to the skies. See that ridiculous print called the "Red Line," never was such a thing, the Marines fired first and last shot in the Battle of Balaclava.

Yours truly,

W. TURNER,

Late Sergt. R.M.L.I.

Around the ingle they form a circle wide,
Each tells the news he sees or hears;
And the mother with her needle and her sheers,
Makes old clothes look almost as good as new.—BURNS.

Dear Mr. Editor,

The old Joeys meet at times and gossip over their past, and recount the dangers about their young days. One of my old comrades in arms is Henry Derry, late private of the Portsmouth Division, Oxford Road, Southsea. I found him at his home, in a hale green old age, sitting under the shade of a hop plant which he had trained into a bower, cutting up various coloured cloths and stabbing them bit by bit into a piece of canvas, forming one of the old-pattern anchors and a cable in the centre. At his side sat his tabby cat, and cheek by jowl, four of the fattest rabbits. By the shade, in the window, the sweet and twitter of a bird was heard.

"Well, Derry, what a lovely bit of garden. How do you manage it? Those rose trees full of bloom and no green flies."

"Ah, my boy, now if you put about one spoonful of paraffin oil into about one gallon of water, it will clear off all the flies."

There were stocks, geraniums, dahlias, lilies, lavender, and mint, parsley, charlots and sweet herbs.

"Now I'll just tell you the secret of watering plants; put your water in the sun for a few hours before you use it. Never water plants direct from the tap, my boy."

"Why, Derry, I see you keep fowls."

"Yes, I have seven; it's a lucky number; and the number of eggs I get from those hens would astonish you, just as much as our present fleet would astonish old Charley Napier."

"When did I join the Royal Joeys? About the year 1846. I'm a bad hand at dates; my memory runs riot. But I could show the young ones a move in laying a gun even to-day, although I'm turned seventy-five; and as for this new-fangled short service, it's all wrong, my boy. Why I joined for unlimited time, and fulfilled twenty-one years and four months. Have I been to sea? Yes, I did about twelve years right off the reel. My first ship was the *Fantome*, brig and twelve guns. After six months I volunteered for the fifty gun frigate *Fox*, going out to China; and if you like I'll give you a few odds and ends about what took place during my five years and nine months in the *Fox* on the China Station. We did a lot of fighting all over the place; and we felt it many times, for we had to man-handle Johnnie Chinaman both in his war junks and on shore.

"I remember how we went in under close-reefed topsails at Canton, and let drive a broadside from our port guns, and then veered ship, came back and gave them our starboard guns. John Chinaman let us have it fast and furious; while we put the frigate about down came the main top mast and yards, then the spanker boom; and the splinters from the hammock nettings were flying about like hail. We had a good few killed and wounded. Just as we had fired our starboard broadside two shots from the enemy took all the even numbers of our gun, and the captain's right arm while stopping the vent. The trunnion was knocked off and, flying across the deck, caught the head of Sergt. Thorpe, R.M., just as he came up the main hatch ladder, passed on to the port side and killed Corpl. Hill, R.M. The two handspikemen were both killed, Frost and Atkins; thus our gun was disabled and put out of action, but we filled up the numbers at other guns. The pivot gun made good practice, and we saw a big, round line of smoke rise in the middle of the fort, going higher and higher, then a tremendous report, and the ship shook, which some thought was our magazine gone up. Soon after this it was man and arm boats for landing. Our officers were a splendid lot of brave

fellows, and although there were quite hundred to one against us, when you had leaders who said "follow me lads," why you felt on fire to get in front of him (they tell me that it won't do nowadays; well I should be sorry to be there then). We had a good deal of fighting at Shanghai and other places; going about up rivers and into creeks fishing out war junks. Rather risky work I can tell you. Many's the time I've had to put up the barrel of my Brown Bess to ward off the down cut of a sword, or the thrust of a spear. Did I ever kill a Johnnie. I'm afraid I did more than one or two. Long knives into you, or your bayonet into Johnnie. No time to think. What I didn't like was when they bolted out of their war junks, and blew them up just as we used to pull up alongside. By Jove, it was look out, I can tell you. Splinters, fire balls, stink pots, smoke and mud in all directions, and it used to stick to one for weeks after. As for the boat work, we would be away from the ship sometimes for three weeks, creeping up rivers and creek that no one knew anything about, and we had it hot, and got some ugly knocks I can tell you. We landed at one place, and just as we got on shore, up went a mine and tons of mud. A piece of a tree knocked me down, and they left me for dead; for when I came round, I saw the party quite half-a-mile away, so I ran after them, and when I caught up, the sergeant of my company said: 'Why, Derry, I have just reported you killed;' so I was called the 'resurrection man.' We had a long spell of it, first one place then another, in open boats exposed to the blazing sun; and night watches, for the enemy would be on the alert, and try to steal out at night from under the land; and they used to get out sometimes. Then we had to give chase (we had no steam launches then). It was pull, pull together boys, pull like mad, or they'll get out to sea, then its goodbye.

"Things were at last muddled up and peace made, so we had our homeward bound orders; but we had not gone far before we had orders to go into the Burmese Country, and here we commenced again and passed up the river Irawaddy. We had a good deal of boat work, searching the islets and creeks. On one occasion we landed to turn out a large number of the armed natives, who had been trying to pop off the sentinels. On landing, a monster snake was coiled up right in the path of the man next to me, with his head elevated in the centre of the coil, and it was bolting little snakes by what appeared to us, hundreds. It would not move, but raised his head hissing, so he ran his bayonet into its mouth, and out through its neck. It knocked him down, and gave me a tremendous blow, spinning me round; and I felt all stunned like, and a prickley sensation all over me: so did my mate. We killed it. It was full of young snakes and was three yards long. We felt the sensation caused by the snake, for several days, and from what I could see, the place was swarming with all kinds. Black, yellow, spotted, some of them green, lying along branches of trees, after the birds and insects.

"The Burmese are a well-built and good-featured lot of folks, and the lasses are splendid walkers; mostly naked, only a loin cloth. They are addicted to horse racing and cock fighting, and train the birds to fight, putting spurs on, quite one and a half inches long. The cocks fight until death.

"At last orders for home came, and we came back to headquarters after a commission of near upon six years; and after a few months I joined the *Queen* for two years. Then came the Russian war. Yes, I went to the Baltic and Crimea, and then to India with Captain Peel.

"Well now, I will say good-night. Just call and see us again, Chummey, and then I'll tell you about Bomersund, the Crimea and Lucknow, if you like. My best wishes to all the old hands, and success to the youngsters.

I am, yours till death,
his
HENRY X DERRY, R.M.L.I,
mark

Late private, Portsmouth Division,
Medals for China, Baltic, Crimea,
India Mutiny, Burmah, &c.

Witness—W. TURNER,
Late Sergt., R.M.L.I.

P.S—I shall call on him again. He says you are welcome to his yarn, if it's to your liking, for the *Globe & Laurel*.

Prize Firing.

The following is a rough extract of the Annual Prize Firing, 6 in. Q.F., of H.M.S. *Majestic*, for 1901.—

* Prizes to be awarded, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for Best Gun; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th for Best Individual Score. Points to be reckoned by number of rounds fired plus hits.

* This amongst all 6 in. guns in the ship equals 12. Marines man four guns.

BEST GUNS.

1st Prize, Tie—3rd Port, M Deck (Marines) 13 rounds, 8 hits. 1st Starboard U Deck (Seamen), 12 rounds, 9 hits. Time, two minutes run. (21 points each.) *1st and 2nd Prize divided.*

3rd Prize—3rd Starboard, M Deck (Marines), 11 rounds, 6 hits Time, two minutes run. (17 points.)

BEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES.

1st Prize—Gunr. J. Stephens, R.M.A., 7 rounds, 6 hits. Time, one minute. P.O. 1 Hinds, R.N., 7 rounds, 6 hits. Time, one minute. (13 points each.) *1st and 2nd Prize to share.*

3rd Prize—Sergt. Roost, R.M.A., 7 rounds, 5 hits. (12 points). Time, one minute.

4th Prize—Gunr. Spooner, R.M.A., 6 rounds, 4 hits. (10 points.) Time, one minnte.

The 3rd Port Main Deck (Marines) was the best gun for 1900.

No. of Hits per Ship's Company, per cent. (Marines included), 42·3

No. of Hits per Marines' Guns, per cent, 53·3.

No. of Hits for all 12 guns, 52.

No. of Hits for four guns Marines, 24.

Jacker's Shakoo.

THE Sergeant-Major tore his hair, he damned his ruddy eyes,
The strangest words I ever heard were mingled with his cries,
The barrack messes fore and aft re-echoed back the sounds,
"What's all this gear a-doing here when the Captain's going rounds.
"Here's Bill Smith's kersey, Jones' pouch, and Postie's khaki suits,
"These bags are marked with Putty's name, here's one of Lampy's boots
"Here's crabs and bags and frogs and belts, and tunics red and blue,
"With pipeclay boxes, dirty towels, and Jacker's new shakoo."
Just then they heard the bugle go, the Sergeant-Major swore,
Then thought of the torpedo tube, and opened up the door.
He called the barrack-dodger up, the gear they crammed inside,
And as the Captain's rounds went past the Sergeant-Major sighed.
Torpedo crews then came below, blew through the tube with air,
And belts and frogs and crabs and bags were scattered everywhere.
Then suddenly the guard-call went, on deck the swadies flew,
But there was Jacker fallen in without his new shakoo.

SIDNEY STEPHENS.

Capt. of Coy.: "Well, and so you want to get married?" Pte. B.: "Yes, sir." Capt. of Coy. (to Color-Sergt.): "What is his religion?" Color-Sergt.: "Wheelbarrow, sir!" Capt. of Coy.: "Wheelbarrow! What do you mean?" Color-Sergt.: "Goes when he's pushed, sir!"

Overheard the morning after the Sergeants' Practice Dance:
1st Voice; "Did you see old —— trying to dance last night?"
2nd Voice: "Yes, he looked like a camel trying to do a hornpipe."
1st Voice: "Ha! Ha! No, not quite so bad as that, but there was never so much impressed in all my lile."
3rd Voice; "Yes, and if you had been dancing with him you would still have the impressions on you."

They had been having one of the usual arguments about nothing and as usual neither would give way to the other. At last they got from argument to mutual abuse, and just as blows seemed imminent one clinched the matter by saying, "Oh, yes, I know you think yourself a ruddy walking encyclopædia; but I'll tell you what, you are as stupendous a monument of ignorance as you are of reality."

Bayonet Exercise Team, H.M.S. "Royal Oak."



WINNERS BAYONET EXERCISE COMPETITION, MALTA, 1901.

Foreign News.

MEDITERRANEAN FLEET.

MARINES AT THE PULLING REGATTA.

EXCITING RACING FOR THE *RAMILLIES* (MARINES) CUP.

DEAR MR. EDITOR—Thinking that perhaps a short account of the above might prove interesting to our comrades at home, I have taken the liberty to send you a short account of our doings at the same, hoping you will be able to find space for it.

The Pulling Regatta was opened on Tuesday (October 1st) at Lemnos, in very boisterous weather, and on the first day one event was the usual five-oared whalers' race for Marines. The course was 2½ miles, and about nine boats started. After a very good race the *Renown* won, the *Canopus* being a good second, and the *Victorious* third. The last named boat had a very disappointing accident. After pulling about a mile and rounding the first mark boat, leading by six lengths, she was struck by a heavy sea, which almost capsized the boat. It took the bow man's oar out of his hand and smashed the midship oar clear in two. Nothing daunted, the crew got out their spare oar and finished the last 1¼ miles with only four oars, finishing a good third, A very creditable performance.

Wednesday being the Cup day of the Regatta, the last event on the list before the all-comers', was a race for the *Ramillies*' cup. The cup, which is a very handsome one, is the gift of Rear-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, for twelve-oared cutters pulled by Marines, and was presented for the first time at last year's regatta, when it was won by the *Empress of India*. Nine boats started, and after a keenly-fought race, the *Ramillies* (2nd flag), and *Victorious* were judged to have pulled a dead heat, with the *Cæsar's* boat running up very close for the third place.

The two boats that tied were ordered to pull again the next night, and were accordingly towed out again to the starting point. The starting gun (which was anxiously awaited by every one in the fleet) was fired at 5 p.m. Through some mistake the *Ramillies*' boat took a wrong course and came home by a much shorter route than she ought to have done, so the race was declared in the language of the judge to be "null and void."

On Friday night the boats were once more towed out to pull the two miles again. The excitement by this time had reached fever heat right throughout the whole fleet. Every point of vantage was occupied watching the struggle for the ownership of the cup. Presently a flash is seen, which announces to the watching thousands that the boats have started. The *Ramillies*' boat is first round the buoy, and hopes ran high on board the second flagship, on the after bridge of which is Lord Charles Beresford watching the tussle with as much interest as any man or boy in the fleet. The boats are by this time pulling neck and neck, and nearing the goal, which is on a line between the *Ramillies* and *Theseus*. Presently a cheer goes up from the *Cygnet* (t. b. d.) which is a signal for the whole fleet, who take it up with a will and cheer again and again. The two boats pass the destroyer, and draw near the *Barham*, when it is seen that the *Vic's* boat has a very slight lead, which very slowly, but surely, increases until the goal is reached. A flash and a report from the *Theseus* and the *Victorious*, has won the hardest-fought fights of the Regatta of 1901 by two boats' lengths.

People looking cheer themselves hoarse as the *Cæsar's* Marines' cutter's crew take the winning boat in tow, and drop her alongside the gangway of the second flag, on the quarter deck of which the crew are received by the genial Rear-Admiral, accompanied by the Captain and officers of the ship, the ship's company in the meantime manning ship.

In presenting the cup to the Coxswain (Sergeant Hemmings, R.M.A.) Lord Charles complimented him and the crew on their victory, saying

at the same time that it was the hardest-fought race it had ever been his good fortune to witness.

Another burst of cheers goes up as the victors leave the flagship and man their boat, when they are taken in tow by their own picquet boat, and amid more cheering return to their own ship. Here are waiting the Captain and officers of the ship to give the conquerors a welcome home, the band playing at the same time "See the Conquering Hero Comes," which is hardly heard for cheering from the ship's company, who seem perfectly delirious with joy. And so ended the most exciting and keenly-contested race of the Regatta of 1901.

That it was a popular win is fully evidenced by the fact that almost every man and boy, even to the torpedo flotilla, had turned up to give the winners a right royal salute.

The *Ramillies* seamen won the *Cambrian* cup. The *Renown* won the *Duke of Edinburgh* cup, also the *Renown* cup for stokers. The last two cups mentioned were won last year by the *Renown*.

The *Illustrious* cup was won by *Royal Sovereign* seamen, 14-oared barges.

The officers' race was won by the officers of *Renown*, a splendid and exciting race, winning easily, thus winning the trophy presented by *Royal Sovereign*.

The midshipmen's race was also won by *Renown*.

At the conclusion of the Regatta the *Renown* gave a Smoking Concert, but no invitations were issued to the Fleet, as it was only a rehearsal of a series of concerts which the *Renown* has decided to give during the present cruise. Invitations to officers and men of the Fleet will be issued, probably the first being at Nauplia.

The rehearsal was a splendid success, the chair being occupied by Sir John Fisher. The performance was witnessed by the Misses Fisher, the Admiral's daughters, and also by Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., guest of Vice-Admiral Sir John Fisher. This gentleman contributed three songs, which were much appreciated. Encores for this gentleman were vociferous, but time prevented any further enjoyment of such splendid talent. Songs were effectively sung by some of the men, who rendered their songs in a most zealous manner.

The work of organizing these entertainments always devolve on someone, and on this particular occasion the task was undertaken respectively by Lieutenant Keane, R.N., and Gunner Allcock, R.M.A., and, of course, not forgetting the volunteers. A word of praise is due to Gunner Allcock in the manner he worked to make this rehearsal concert a success, and his portrayal of the villain in the sketch entitled "A Traitor in Ladysmith" was most effectively performed, being ably assisted by Gunner Timbury, R.M.A. Lieutenant Keane, R.N., contributed two Irish songs, and his brogue and movements were really worth hearing and seeing. The applause was deafening. The accompaniment was ably and most efficiently performed by W. Harrison, A.B.

Cricket.

DEPOT, BATTING AVERAGES, 1901.

Matches played, 24; Won 10; Lost 10; Drawn 4.

	No. of Innings	*Times not out*	*No. of Runs*	*Most in an Innings*	*Average*
Sergt. Sutcliffe ..	26	2	841	121	35·33
Capt. Little ..	22	1	505	75	24·05
,, Tupman ..	23	4	426	62*	22·42
Colonel Quill ..	22	3	364	104*	19·15
Capt. Willson ..	11	—	186	45	16·91
Lieut. Stopford ..	28	1	429	51	15·92
Colonel Urmston ..	18	1	238	82	14·00
Major Mercer ..	27	1	303	37	11·88
Colonel Luke ..	11	3	90	26*	11·25
Captain Phillips ..	19	3	171	30	10·69
Sergt. McGinley ..	11	—	94	29	8·54
Pte. Farmer ..	11	2	22	12*	2·44

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs	*Maidens*	*Runs*	*Wkts.*	*Average*
Sergt. Sutcliffe ..	400·5	61	1278	92	13·89
Capt. Little ..	262·4	42	882	60	14·70
Colonel Quill ..	69·1	9	282	16	17·63
Colonel Urmston ..	33·1	5	126	7	18
Sergt. McGinley ..	150·5	7	652	34	19·18
Lieut. Stopford ..	76·2	11	283	14	20·18

Entertainments.

At the Royal Marine Theatre, Stonehouse, on September 24th, the drama "Simon Lee" was performed, For the most part the play is of a pathetic nature, and the actresses infused the requisite amount of pathos into their acting. But male characters did not seem to be quite so happily placed. On the whole, however. the play was much appreciated by a crowded house. The cast consisted of the following: Walter Hatherleigh, the miser of Atherstone, Colour-Sergeant H. H. Smith; Simon Lee, bankrupt, poacher, and felon, Colour-Sergeant F. W. Hopkins; Japhet Jones, a general dealer, Colour-Sergeant J. H. Parsons; Dicky Drings, a tippling sexton, Colour-Sergeant J. Alsop; Frank Millington, afterwards Sheriff of Warwick, Corporal A. Davis; old Martin, Hatherleigh's servant, Corporal C. J. White; Lawyer Todd, Sergeant S. W. Digby; Michael and Thomas, poachers, Privates H. Spong and A. Lawrence; Robert and John, gamekeepers, Sergeant J. Edwards and Private E. J. Lawrence; Lambert Lambskin, clerk of High Cross, Staff-Sergeant E. J. Brown; gaoler, Sergeant G. Parsons; Grace, the miser's daughter, Miss Phillis Gordon; Annie, a servant, Hatherleigh's second wife, Miss Ada Roberts; Mrs. Jones, a shrew, Miss Muriel St. Clair. A farce "Diamond Cut Diamond," was afterwards performed, the parts being sustained by the following: Mr. Hartley, Charlotte's guardian, Colour-Sergeant F. W. Hopkins; Captain Seymore, Sergeant S. W. Digby, and Captain Howard, R.M.S.F. Chapman, both in love with Charlotte; Trap, servant to Captain Seymore, Sergeant H. C. Piper; Trick, servant to Captain Howard, Private W. Daley; Clay, a brickmaker, Corporal C. J. White; Charlotte Doubtfull, an heiress, Miss Phillis Gordon. The performances were repeated the following night.

There was a well-filled house at the Divisional Theatre, Stonehouse, again on October 1st. On this occasion the painstaking stage manager (Colour-Sergeant F. W. Hopkins) put on two well-known themes, as old almost as the division itself. But the autical drama of "Ben Bolt" has rarely been more creditably rendered, and the good old farce, the mainstay of many a stock company, wound up an evening of much dramatic merit. In the bill were the Misses P. Gordon, M. St. Clair, and Ada Roberts, Quarter-Master-Sergeant F. Chapman, Colour-Sergeants H. L. Smith and J. H. Parsons, Sergeants G. Trice, H. C. Piper, G. Parsons, and J. Edwards, Corporal C. J. White, Privates E. J. Lawrence, W. Daley, and A. Lawrence, and Corporal F. Cooke.

Gratuities for the Naval Brigade.

(From the *London Gazette*.)

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, October 1st, 1901.

Notice is hereby given to the officers, seamen, and Marines who took part in the operations in South Africa between October 11th, 1899, and March 8th, 1901, that the Special Gratuities awarded for the same are now in course of distribution in the Prize Branch of the Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty. S.W.

Any officer, seaman, or Marine not serving on board ship, or at the Marine Divisions, is required to apply for his share, by letter, addressed "On Prize Business," to the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, London, S.W. (enclosing his certificate of service, except ing in the case of Commissioned Officers), in which letter his own place of residence is to be precisely stated.

The following are entitled to participate, viz.:—

Officers, seamen, and Marines belonging to the following ships, who were either landed for duty, or were serving on board, during the period stated against each shtp:—

Barracouta, from October 24th, 1900, to March 8th, 1901.
Barrosa, from October 11th, 1899, to March 8th, 1901.
Blanche, from January 31st, 1901, to March 8th, 1901.
Doris, from October 11th, 1899, to March 8th, 1901.
Dwarf, from November 6th, 1899, to May 19th, 1900.
Fearless, from December 5th, 1899, to August 23rd, 1900.

Forte, from October 11th, 1899, to August 16th 1901,
Magicienne, from October 11th, 1899, to November 6th, 1900.
Magpie, from November 12th, 1900 to March 8th, 1901,
Monarch, (with Penelope), from October 11th, 1199, to March 8th, 1901.
Niobe, from November 25th, 1899, to August 23rd, 1900,
Partridge, from October 11th, 1899, to March 8th, 1901.
Pelorus, from December 8th, 1899, to June 26th, 1900.
Philomel, from October 11th, 1899, to March 8th, 1901.
Powerful, from October 11th, 1899, to March 15th, 1900.
Racoon, from January 13th, 1900, to July 15th, 1900.
Redbreast, from February 12th, 1901, to March 8th, 1901.
Sappho, from February 28th, 1901, to March 8th, 1901.
Sybille, from January 2nd, 1901, to February 25th, 1901.
Tartar, from October 11th, 1899, to October 2nd, 1900; from January 11th, 1901, to March 8th, 1901.
Terrible, from October 14th, 1899, to March 27th, 1900.
Thetis, from November 5th, 1899, to March 8th, 1901.
Thrush, from January 11th, 1900, to September 4th, 1900.
Widgeon, from October 11th, 1899, to March 8th, 1901.

The following scales of gratuities to non-commisioned officers and men of the Royal Marines for Services in the South African war has been approved. The letter *a* applies to men who were landed from, and the letter *b* to those who served on their respective ships during the time they were on the station;—(*a*) Colour-sergeants, £15; sergeants, £12 10s.; corporals, £8 15s.; buglers and privates, £5. (*b*) Colour-Sergeants, £6; sergeants, £5; corporals, £3 10s.; buglers and privates, £2.

Answers to Correspondents.

Sgt. T. Mead—Many thanks for the trouble you have taken. We have heard of similar cases before, but it is very seldom the Post Office officials drop on us.

Bugler T. Castle—You will see a paragraph in our Editorial column referring to your letter.

Sgt. H. S Judge—We regret that the alteration in number should have been overlooked, but are allowing you credit for ten copies, plus postage, since June. This will leave you about elevenpence in credit at the end of the present quarter. We have been unable to get any accurate information *re* Chatham lights.

Lce.-Sgt. Meakins—Many thanks. Although it arrived rather late, we have crowded other matter out to make room.

Corpl. W. J. Hill—Thanks for story; we hope to use it later.

Capt. Spurway—We regret photos were not acknowledged before. We hope to use one next month.

The Editor begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following papers with many thanks:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
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Blanche ..	0	15	0	Mr. H. T. Hurst ..	0	1	6
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Messrs. Cowie & Co. ..	0	1	6	*Prince George* ..	9	12	6
Mrs. Nelson ..	0	6	9	Mr. H. Henry ..	0	1	6
Depot R.M. ..	0	1	6	Sergt. C. Welch ..	0	3	0
Australia ..	3	6	5	*Furious* ..	0	4	0
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Minotaur ..	0	1	6	*Duke of Wellington* ..	1	0	0
Maj. Servante ..	0	9	0	Mr. Grande ..	0	1	6
Pembroke ..	0	3	0	*Royal Sovereign* ..	0	14	0
Mr. Stimpson ..	1	5	0	*Renown* ..	0	10	0
Galatea ..	0	1	6	Corpl. Joyce ..	0	1	0
Mr. Foden ..	0	8	6	*Andromeda* ..	0	8	9
	0	1	6	*Empress of India* ..	0	8	5

Officers Mess, Forton	1	4	0	*Canopus* ..	1	8	6
Mr. Willmott ..	0	1	6	Mrs. Isaacson ..	0	1	6
Dolphin ..	0	4	0	*Porpoise* ..	0	1	3
Sgt. R. Cole ..	0	1	6	*Vernon* ..	0	3	0
Mr. Amor ..	0	1	6	*Theseus* ..	0	7	6
Mr. W. Andrews ..	0	1	6	*Brilliant* ..	0	1	8
Mr. Beale ..	0	1	6	*Formidable* ..	0	2	0
Magnificent ..	1	0	0	Sergt. Horton ..	0	1	6
Basilisk ..	0	11	6	*Monarch* ..	0	12	6
Mr. Joyce ..	0	1	6	Mr. Wilson ..	0	1	6
Mr. E. Williams ..	0	1	6	Mr. Morley ..	0	1	6
Miss Jinks ..	0	0	9	*Bellora* ..	0	2	2
R.M.A., Eastney ..	2	8	1	Officers' Mess, Chatham	3	1	6
Sergt. Colwill ..	0	1	6	*Egeria* ..	0	7	9
Sergt. Wallace ..	0	1	6	*Brisk* ..	0	5	9
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Mr. McKay ..	0	2	0	Mr. Parish ..	0	1	6
Mr. C. Lane ..	0	1	6	Mr. Turner ..	0	2	0

Marriages.

Williams—Engelhardt.—On the 17th October, at St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington, by the Rev. J. Tarleton Hodgson, brother-in-law of the bride, assisted by the Rev. Canon Pennefather, Vicar, Captain Montgomery Sidney Williams, East Kent Regiment, only son of the late Colonel Williams, Royal Marine Artillery, to Emma Marguerite (Daisy), youngest daughter of the late Frederick Engelhardt, of Earl's Terrace, Kensington.

Phillips—Shaw.—At St. James', Portsea, on the 1st October, Sergt. H. T. Phillips, R.M.A., to Miss M. Shaw.

Dacher—Gardner.—At St. James' Portsea, 1st October, Gnr. W. Dacher, R.M.A., to Miss M. A. Gardner.

Hemming—Sanders.—At St. James', Portsea, 5th October, Gnr. A. Hemming, R.M.A., to Miss S. E. Sanders.

Webster—Moore.—At Our Lady and St. Swithin, Portsmouth, 1st October, Gnr. H. C. Webster, R.M.A., to Miss M. Moore.

Beale—Maddock.—At St. James', Portsea, 12th October, Sergt. H. Beale, R.M.A., to Miss M. Maddock.

Merritt—Welch.—On 31st August, 1901, Pte. E. F. Merritt to Miss Annie Kate Welch, at Parish Church, Sheet, Hants.

Gilder—Read.—Lce.-Sergt. S. J. J. Gilder, on 2nd October, 1901, to Miss Elizabeth Esther Read, at the Independent Chapel, Alverstoke, Hants.

Deaths.

Cowell—Pte. Albert Cowell, on the 14th September, 1901, serving in H.M.S. *Australia*.

King—Q.M.S. Samuel King, on 1st October, 1901, at R.M. Barracks, Gosport.

Northeast—Pte. Charles Northeast, on 5th October, 1901, serving in H.M.S. *Cressy*.

Goodfellow—On board Hospital Ship *Maine*, 15th October, 1901, P Co., Gnr. J. W. Goodfellow, R.M.A.

Webber—At St. Bernard's Hospital, Nagazaki, 20th August, Sergt. Webber. (*Pique*)

Donovan—At Stonehouse Hospital, 23rd September Pte. Donovan. (*Vivid*)

Anderson—At Montreal (by drowning) 19th September Pte. Anderson. (*Psyche*)

Diamond—At Stonehouse Hospital, 4th October, Pte. Diamond.

In Memoriam.

Bannatyne.—On the 1st October, 1871, Anne Langford Bannatyne, widow of the late William McLeod Bannatyne, Esq., of Clifton, Bristol, and only child of the late Captain Young, Royal Marines. In ever loving memory.—A.H.D.

Football.

PORTSMOUTH.

THE following matches were played during October, with results as stated. With the exception of the match with Fareham, which was the first round Hants Junior Cup, all were First Division Portsmouth League games. October 2nd—*Excellent*, lost, 3—0. October 5th—Gosport Athletic, drew, 0—0. October 12th—Portsmouth Hornets, won, 2—1. October 16th—Lancashire Fusiliers, lost, 2—0. October 19th—Fareham, lost, 1—0. October 23rd—R.M.A., lost, 4—0.

The Company League at present, stands as follows:—

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Against	Points
G Coy.	4	2	0	2	10	2	6
E ,,	3	2	0	1	7	2	5
A ,,	3	2	0	1	13	7	5
D ,,	4	1	1	2	4	6	4
B ,,	3	1	1	1	5	7	3
H ,,	2	0	1	1	2	7	1
F ,,	2	0	2	0	3	5	0
C ,,	3	0	3	0	3	10	0

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ST VINCENT.

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Editorial.

AT the close of another year we heartily wish all our readers the Compliments of the Season, and thank them and our contributors for their kind support. We are glad to say the circulation is steadily increasing, but we should like to see it go up still more to keep pace with the increases of the Corps. We hope next month to be able to publish a satisfactory balance sheet, and are always glad to receive suggestions for improvement in the paper. May the New Year be as prosperous.

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The following message was communicated to H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall and York by Marconi's telegraph, on 31st October.—"The Royal Marine Forces loyally and heartily welcome home their Colonel in-Chief." D.A. General; and His Royal Highness replied: "I thank the R.M. Forces for their kind welcome home."

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The King has been pleased to confer on H.R.H. George Frederick Ernest Albert Duke of Cornwall and York, the style and titles of Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester in the Peerage of the United Kingdom.

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The following telegram has been received from H,R.H. the Prince of Wales, at Sandringham: "The Commander-in-Chief thanks the R.M. Forces most warmly for their kind congratulations."

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H.R.H. the Prince of Wales having heard that the officers and men of the Royal Marine Forces had subscribed to erect a monument to their comrades who fell in S. Africa and China, w graciously pleased to exercise his right as Colonel-in-Chief and has directed that a cheque for twenty-five guineas be forwarded to the fund.

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The Prince of Wales has been pleased to make the following appointment to His Royal Highness' Household: To be extra equerry—Major J. H. Bor, C.M.G., R.M.A.

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The King has been pleased to confer the Royal Victorian Order, 4th Class, on Major Charles Clarke, R.M.L.I., commanding the detachment of Royal Marines on board H.M.S. *Ophir* during the colonial voyage of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York

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While H.M.S. *Ophir* lay in Yarmouth Bay, Isle of Wight, H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall and York presented each member of the crew with a silver medallion, bearing his crest and an inscription in remembrance of the voyage.

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Mr. John Wright, Bandmaster, Chatham Division, was also presented with a handsome ivory baton mounted with gold.

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Mr. A. D. Welch having secured a commission in the R.M.L.I., by open competition, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of the Service Commission for the year 1901 being awarded to Mr. C. G. Farquharson. son of Col. M. H. Farquharson (Retired), R.M.L.I., subject to his qualifying at the examination for admission to the R.M. College, Sandhurst, this month.

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Captain G. R. Poole, R.M.A., has embarked in charge of the R.M. detachment proceeding by freight ship to the Cape of Good Hope Station, returning to England on completion of that duty.

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An exchange of Divisions has been sanctioned between Major C. G. Brittan, Portsmouth and Major C. Clarke, Chatham.

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Sergt. H. Beagley (Portsmouth) has been promoted to Quarter-Master Sergeant *vice* King (deceased).

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The undermentioned ships have been added to the list of those whose crews are entitled to share in the special gratuity for the operations in S. Africa, 1899-1901:—*Barracouta*, 26th September to 23rd October, 1900 (first commission). *Rambler*, from 5th November, 1899, to 27th June, 1900.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of Major A. G. Cochran, R.M.L.I., being promoted to the rank of Lieut.-Col. by Brevet, from 5th October, under provisions of Order in Council, 19th March, 1883.

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We congratulate Captain H. D. Farquharson, R.M.L.I., on passing the entrance examination for the Staff College. He will join that institution on January 2nd, 1902.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of Q.M.S.I. of Gymnastics F. Medlon (Depot) being promoted to Sergt.-Major from the 19th inst., and appointed to the Chatham Division *vice* Sergt.-Major W. A. Snelling (retired).

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The King has been pleased to approve of the grant of the medal for Distinguished Conduct in the Field to Color-Sergt. J. Ellison, R.M.L.I., in recognition of his gallant conduct during the operations against the Nandi. We heartily congratulate Color-Sergt. Ellison.

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The following officers have been allowed to accept employment in the West African Frontier Force—Lieuts. F. R H. Lawrie and J. R. H. Gattey, R.M.L.I.

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The medal for Meritorious Service has been conferred on Sergt. John Drake, R.M.L.I. (retired), with an annuity of £10. He formed one of a prize crew on a captured slaver, whose crew attempted recapture. He was senior Sergeant of Marines on the ill-fated *Birkenhead* and was picked up after having clung to a stray spar for twelve hours. He subsequently saw service in the Crimean War and Indian Mutiny.

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We have received from Messrs. Witherby & Co., a copy of the Royal Navy List, Diary and Handbook, which is most beautifully got up, and should be invaluable to Naval Officers; also a copy of the Royal Navy List, but we must again beg the publishers to correct the parts that refer to the Royal Marines, which are most inaccurate, and very little, if any, of the recent war services of officers have been given.

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We have much pleasure in expressing our thanks to the proprietors of the Sketch for the loan of the block of the late Capt. H. W. Spurway, which appears in our columns this month.

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Capt. J. Brough, R.M.A., has been seconded as Assistant to the Professor of Fortification, R.N. College, *vice* Capt. Farquharson.

Capt. R. J. Colquhoun, R.M.L,I., has been appointed Assistant to the Professor of Fortification, R.N. College, from 1st January, 1902, *vice* Brough.

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Quarter-Master and Hon. Lieut. F. Callaway, R.M.A., has been placed on the Retired List, from 13th November, 1901, and has been granted a step of Honorary Rank on retirement.

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Superintending Clerk W. G. Sparrow, R.M.A., has been promoted Quarter-Master, with the Honorary rank of Lieutenant, from 13th November, *vice* Callaway.

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Second Lieutenants R. B. E. Warder, T. A. M. Bourchier and W. H. L. Tripp have been advanced to the rank of Lieutenants, 1st January, 1900.

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Lieut.-Col. and Brevet-Col. C. G. Gordon, R.M.L.I., who completed six years service as Substantive Lieut.-Col. on 19th November, has been placed an a supplementary half-pay list from 28th November, remaining eligible for promotion up to 54 years of age.

Major J. F. Daniell has been promoted to Lieut.-Col., to be borne on the strength of the Plymouth Division.

Capt. F. E. Eady has been promoted Major *vice* Daniell and appointed to the Plymouth Division.

Major A. G. Vincent is advanced to the Senior Majors' List and appointed to the Portsmouth Division.

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With reference to our notice about Prison Warders in last month's issue, applicants should apply to the Editor, *Globe and Laurel*, instead of to Staff Officers.

Diary of our Colonel-in-Chief's Colonial Tour.

(continued from last month).

October 29th. Communication established about 9 p.m. by wireless telegraphy with Vice-Admiral A. Wilson, V.C,, on the *Majestic*.

October 30th. The *Ophir* and her escort were met at sunrise by the Channel Fleet, which formed up in divisions, line ahead, and so proceeded up Channel.

October 31st. Portland Bill sighted, but the weather being so rough Totland Bay was chosen for the anchorage. The King and Queen, accompanied by the children of the Duke and Duchess, arrived at Portsmouth about 7 p.m., and spent the night aboard H.M.Y. *Victoria & Albert*.

November 1st. The King and Queen left Portsmonth Harbour at 10 a.m. in the *Victoria & Albert* and proceeded to meet the *Ophir*, escorted by the Trinity yacht *Irene*. At about 11 o'clock the *Ophir* hove in sight, and shortly afterwards the steam pinnace of the *V. & A.* was lowered, and despite the heavy seas their Majesties attempted to board her. This, however, was found to be impossible, so the Royal meeting had to be postponed till the *Ophir* was berthed alongside the South Railway Jetty. The *V. & A.'s* head was then tnrned and, with the *Irene*, *Alberta*, and *Osborne* leading the procession, passed through the Channel Fleet, which had anchored off Spithead overnight, and in the order named entered the harbour. Immense crowds had gathered at every available spot to witness the home coming, and the reception accorded was enthusiastic in the extreme. In the evening the King gave a dinner on board the *Victoria & Albert*, and at 10 o'clock next morning the Royal family left for London.

Admiral and General of Marines, 1794.

AT this time the following anecdote, highly honorable to His (late) Majesty King George III, was in confidential circulation:—During a late administration, it was thought expedient to offer a noble Lord, very high in the Naval profession, and very deservedly a favorite of his Sovereign and his Country, the office of General of Marines, held by Admiral Forbes, and spontaneously conferred upon him by His Majesty, as a reward for his many and long services. A message was sent by the Ministers to say, it would forward the King's Service if he would resign, and that he should be no loser by his accommodating the government, as they proposed recommending it to the King to give him a pension in Ireland of £3,000 per annum, and a peerage to descend to his daughter.

To this Admiral Forbes sent an immediate answer; he told the Ministers, the Generalship of the Marines was a Military employment given him by His Majesty, as a reward for his services; that he thanked God he had never been a burthen to his country, which he had served during a long life to the best of his ability, and that he would not condescend to accept a pension, or bargain for a peerage. He concluded by laying his Generalship of the Marines, together with his rank in the Navy at the King's feet, entreating him to take both away if they could forward his service: and, at the same time, assuring His Majesty he would never prove himself unworthy of the former honour he had received, by ending the remnant of a long life on a pension, or accepting of a peerage, obtained by political arrangement. His gracious master applauded his spirit, ever after continued him in his high military honors, and to the day of his death condescended to show him strong marks of his regard.

[Extract from King George III, His Court and family.—1820. Printed for Henry Colburn & Co., Conduit Street, Hanover Square.

General F. G. Le Grand.

WE publish this month a photograph of General Le Grand, R.M.L.I., who, on 12th December, attains his 65th birthday, and will be placed on the retired list after over 47 years service. He joined the Royal Marines as 2nd Lieutenant on 20th March, 1854, was promoted to 1st Lieutenant on 1st March, 1855, Captain on 5th November, 1864, Major on 1st October, 1877, Lieut.-Colonel 4th July, 1880, and Colonel 4th July, 1883. He was promoted Commandant of the Plymouth Division on 1st February, 1886, which he vacated on promotion to Maj.-General on 15th April, 1887, he became Lieut.-General on 20th November, 1899, and General 23rd May, 1899. He served at the siege of Sevastopol from 1854 till its fall; and was also at the capture of Kerch and occupation of Yenihali, and at the surrender of Kinburn for which he received the Crimean medal with clasp, and the Turkish medal. He served as Major of the battalion of Royal Marines sent to South Africa for special service in the Zulu war, 1879, which unfortunately never went further than Cape Town. As Lieut.-Colonel he commanded a battalion in the war in Egypt, 1882; commanded the Marines of the Fleet, about 1000 strong, landed at Alexandria after the bombardment; commanded the detachment that occupied the Mex Lines outside the town and constantly engaged with the enemy; commanded the Royal Marines occupying Port Said, and was present at the surrender of Fort Ghemi; for these services he received the Egyptian medal, Khedive's bronze star, and Medjidieh of the 3rd Class.



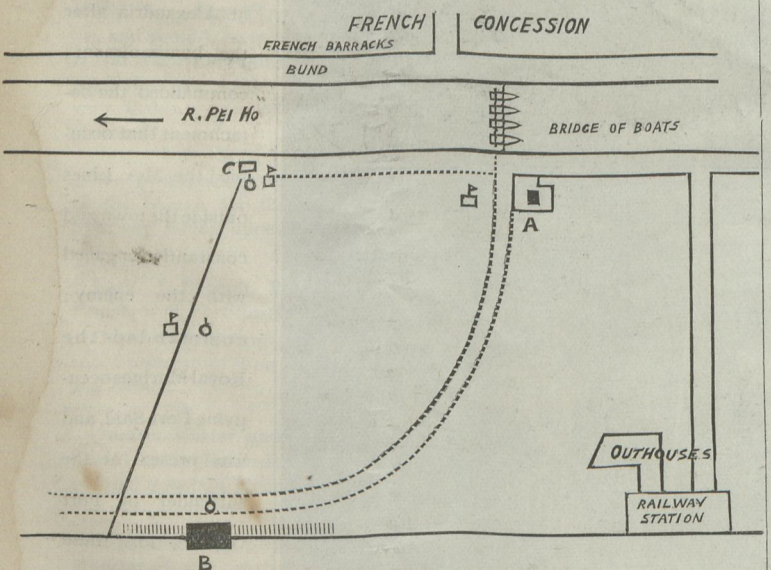
We hope he will live many years to enjoy his retirement.

Foreign News.

TIENTSIN.

We have received the following short account of the dispute over the railway siding at Tientsin in March of this year, which will probably prove interesting to our readers :—

On 16th March (we at N.W. Fort, Taku), received a wire from Tientsin "Rioting in Tientsin, 100 Marines to be held in readiness to proceed to Tientsin at any moment." We fell the men in at once (about 4.30 p.m.), and issued biscuits, etc., and 100 or 150 rounds of ammunition per man. Capt. Dyer, R.M.A., and Lieut. Lawrie, R.M.L.I., were the officers detailed. We heard no more till 10 p.m. that night, and the men had turned in, when another telegram arrived ordering us to go Tientsin at once. We marched out of the Fort at 10.10 p.m. and arrived at Tong-Ku about 10.45 p.m.; nearly two miles and a bad road. All this time we thought we were going to assist in policing the streets of Tientsin, as the French had had a bit of a down on the Indian troops, and several rows had taken place; but at Tong-Ku we heard that there was a dispute with the Russians over a railway siding which the British were making on land, which the Russians claimed had become theirs by right of conquest or some reason of that sort. It was a bluff of DeWogack's, but Col. Barrow was not taking any. We arrived at Tientsin about 3 a.m. on 17th and found it pitch dark and as cold as charity. A staff-officer met us and led us to a railway truck on a siding about 200 or 300 yards south of the station. We were told it was to be our guard house. Then we relieved the Sepoy guard and posted sentries at the disputed points. After the day dawned we were able to see more or less the position of affairs. This I have tried to show in the sketch I enclose. All the land between the road AB and the siding was waste, where the houses



A—House occupied by Marines
B—Railway truck for Marine Guard
C—Tent for Russian Guard
O—English sentry (Royal Marine)
□—Russian sentry (Cossack with sword and rifle)

of Chinese railway employés had been, but which had been destroyed during the siege of Tientsin as they gave cover to snipers. That morning we got orders to prevent the Russian road AC, which was being made, from touching our siding BC, which was within 30 yards of the riverbank. The road was being made so as to cut the siding. The Russians hurried up with the road and got so close that we marched down to stop them if necessary. Our magazines were charged and bayonets fixed, and the Russian officer then fell his men in and made them load. We waited for about 20 minutes like this, standing at ease and trying to look stolid, and then DeWogack came along with Captain McSweeney (who was Russian interpreter). DeWogack, looking very disgusted, came along and gave some order. McSweeney said, "That's all right; he's ordered them not to interfere with the siding." So we marched back and spent the remainder of the day trying to get away from the dust—a bad dust storm was blowing the whole time. Next morning at dawn we relieved the sentries, presented arms to the Russian guard and withdrew, they also presenting arms and withdrawing. We caught the 7.15 a.m. train to Tong-Ku and marched to Taku, where we arrived about dinner time (12 noon). Total strength of Russsian guard was 20 men; Royal Marine guard 30 men, afterwards increased to 60.

WEI HAI WEI RIFLE MEETING,

7th, 8th, and 9th October, 1901.

Soldiers and Seamen, 200 Yards—1. Private Didcock, *Terrible*, 33; 2. Pte. Dymond, *Bramble*, 33; 5. Bomb. Macdonald, *Glory*, 30; 8. Gnr. J. Harvey, *Glory*, 30; 11. Pte. Blake, *Terrible*, 28; 14. Pte. J. Seddon, *Aurora*, 28; 15. W. Luxton, *Aurora*, 28; 22. Gnr. Hatherell, *Glory*, 28; 24 Pte. G. Wills, *Bramble*, 28.

N.C.O's and P.O's, 200 Yards—2. Lc.-Sergt. G. W. Ash, *Bramble*, 32; 9 Sergt. Cooper, *Aurora*, 33; 22. Sergt. Cottle, *Glory*, 28.

Officers—2. Lieut. Kilvert, R.M.A., *Glory*, 32; Lieut. Leahy, R.M.A., *Glory*, 29.

Open, 200 Yards—4. Pte. Blake, *Terrible*, 33; 14. Pte. Didcock, *Terrible*, 31; 26. Gnr. Rider, *Glory*, 30; 30. Bomb. W. Patmore, *Glory*, 30.

Rapid Firing, 200 Yards—1. Bomb. Macdonald, *Glory*, 17; 9. Pte. Blake, *Terrible*, 16; 11. Lc.-Corpl. Holmes, *Terrible*, 15.

Soldiers & Seamen, 500 Yards — 2. Gnr. J. Harvey, *Glory*, 31; 3. Bomb. Macdonald, *Glory*, 31; 4. Pte. Woodley, *Aurora*, 31; 5. Gnr. J. Rider, *Glory*, 30; 8. Gnr. H. Clifton, *Glory*, 29; 9. Pte. Southard, *Terrible*, 29; 14. Pte. Whitter, *Terrible*, 28; 15. Pte. Turner, *Terrible*, 28; 17. S. Birch, *Glory*, 28; 18. Gnr. G. Sims, *Glory*, 28; 20. Pte. Reilly, *Terrible*, 28.

N.C.O.'s and P.O.'s, 500—5. Lce.-Sergt. J. Hirst, *Glory*, 30; 11. C.-Sergt. H. Peck, *Terrible*, 29.

Officers, 500 Yards—1. Capt. H. Mullins, R.M.L.I., 34; 3. Lieut. Kilvert, R.M.A., 31; 6. Lieut. Leahy, R.M.A., 28; 8. Lieut. Cox, R.M.L.I., *Talbot*, 27.

Open, 500 Yards—1. Bomb. Macdonald, *Glory*, 34; 10. Pte. C. R. Ashley, *Aurora*, 31; 17. Sergt. Frost, Island Gd., 30; 18. Sergt. J. Robson, *Glory*, 29; 20. Pte. Whitter, *Terrible*, 29; 22. Gnr. Rider, *Glory*, 29; 23. Gnr. F. Quest, *Glory*, 29; 24. Gnr. Cowning, *Glory*, 29.

Tile Match—2. *Glory* VII, composed by Royal Marines.

Championship—Highest possible 155. Champion, Lieut. Kilvert, R.M.A., 122; 8. Bomb. Macdonald, *Glory*, 106; 10. Capt. H. B. Mullins, R.M.L.I., 104.

Revolver Test Match—1. *Terrible*, 195. Clr.-Sergt. H. Peck was one of the team.

Hockey.

PLYMOUTH.

Our hockey season so far has been most successful, as we have succeeded in winning all our matches up to date; with the additional help of several more players due to return shortly, we hope to be able to keep up our record. The matches up to date are;—Nov. 13th *v* The R.A., won 5–2; Nov. 7th *v* H.M.S. *Cambridge*, won 2–1; Nov. 16th *v* H.M.S.s *Defiance* and *Cambridge*, won 2–1; Nov. 28th *v* The Garrison won 8–6. Our fixture card includes matches with Keyham Park, Newton Abbott, Kelly College, R.N.E. College, Keyham, and H.M.S. *Lion*, as well as Plymouth. We have had to postpone two matches lately owing to a lack in numbers, but hope to play them off early in 1902.

GOSPORT.

The Team has been very successful owing in a great measure to our being able to secure the help of the officers undergoing the gunnery courses in H.M.S. *Excellent*. The results are as follows:—Nov. 2nd *v* The Downs Hockey Club, Brighton, won 9–1; Nov. 4th *v* 4th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers (U.S.L.), won 9–0, Nov. 9th *v* Fareham, lost 1–3; Nov. 16th *v* R.M.A. (U.S.L.) won 8–0, 23rd *v* R.N. College (U.S.L.) lost 1–3.

R.M. Shooting Team, H.M.S. "Royal Sovereign."

Winners of the Volley Challenge Cup and Second in the Fleet Challenge Cup.

Pembroke Camp Meeting, Malta, 1901.



Pte. F. McGowan Pte. A. G. Jennings Bombr. Henley Gnr. W. H. Howard
Gnr. H. E. Sellman Clr.-Sergt. J. Harrison Capt. H. W. Spurway Gnr. F. Davenport
Lce.-Corpl. R. J. Cook Gnr. D. E. C. Scott

Royal Marines Memorial.

22, Spring Gardens, S.W.,
2nd December, 1901.

MOST readers of the Globe & Laurel will already be aware of the liberal donation to the Memorial funds, which has been received from our Colonel-in-Chief. His Royal Highness has signified great interest in the Memorial.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty took up the question of a site most warmly, forwarding an application to the Office of Works for a site near the Admiralty Buildings, strongly recommending that the request should be granted.

The full-sized model of the figures in clay is practically finished ready for casting, and the the designs for the pedestal with the bas-reliefs are now being prepared for submission to the Committee.

A sketch of the Monument as it will appear when finished (subject to alterations in minor detail to the pedestal), was furnished by Captain Adrian Jones, to whom the erection of the monument has been entrusted, and submitted to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who has expressed his approval of it. A photograph has been taken of this sketch, copies will be sent to the Divisions when received from the photographers, and an engraving will appear in the January number of the Globe & Laurel for the information of those subscribers away from Headquarters.

Although we have now sufficient funds for the bare expenses of the monument, the hon. secretary would be very pleased to receive subscriptions from any officers or men, active or retired, who have not yet subscribed. Perhaps some who are only undecided whether to subscribe or not, will do so when they see the engraving in the Globe and Laurel, and know that we are within reach of accomplishing our object.

It would be more satisfactory to have too much money, for any balance can be devoted to tablets or other forms of memorial, therefore any who have not yet subscribed are informed that the subscription list is not yet closed, and sums, however small, will be gratefully received.

During November the following sums were received—

	£	s.	d.
H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., etc., Col.-in-Chief Royal Marines	26	5	0
Major C. Clarke	1	1	0
Staff-Surgeon Whitelegge, R.N., formerly Portsmouth Division, Royal Marines	1	0	0
H.M.S. *Partridge*	0	15	0
Retired	0	5	0
A Pensioner, R.M.L.I. (Forton)	0	5	0
Making total subscriptions to 30th November, 1900, received and promised	£1270	0	0

G. T. Onslow,
Lieut.-Colonel, R.M.L.I,
Hon. Secretary Memorial Committee.

Home News

EASTNEY.

THE Officers entertained upwards of 400 of their friends at a Matinée in the Eastney Mess on Thursday, 31st October. An excellent programme of music was played by the Band, under Mr. B. S. Green, Bizet's "L'Arlesienne"—2nd Suite D'Orchestre and Elgar's "Suite from the Bavarian Highlands" receiving perhaps the greatest appreciation.

A second Matinée was given on Tuesday, 19th November, over 200 being present, when in addition to a choice selection by the Band, two violin solos were exquisitely rendered by Mrs. Scott, wife of Colonel Scott, C.R E., Southern District.

The Members of the Sergeants' Mess gave their first Smoking Concert this season, on Friday, 15th November. It was as well patronized as ever, and most of the items on the programme were thoroughly appreciated.

An excellent Variety Entertainment was given by the R.M.A. Cadet Corps and friends in the Eastney Theatre, on 4th November, in aid of their funds, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Portsmouth (Mr. and Mrs. A. Leon Emmanuel) kindly attended and presented the Cadet Corps Shield, which the Mayor has generously given to the Corps.

GOSPORT.

The month has been fairly well filled with entertainments, &c. The Football team has been going on with varying success, details are given in another column. The Officer's Hockey Team have been very successful in the U.S. League, and are only one point behind in the competition for the U.S. Cup, with nearly the whole of the second round to play. There was a Matinee Musicale in the Officers' Mess on November 14th, which was well attended.

The usual fortnightly dances in the Sergeants' Mess have taken place and have been most successful, and Smoking Concerts have been held after the last two Mess meetings, On 30th November a Fancy Dress Football Match took place between the Sergeants and Corporals which caused great amusement and produced a sum of £7 9s. for the funds of the Seamen and Marines' Orphan School.

PLYMOUTH.

Colonel-Commandant Baldwin and the Officers of the Plymouth Division gave a Dance in their Mess Room on the night of October 25th, which proved a great success and most enjoyable. The whole of the Mess premises underwent a complete transformation under the superintendence of the Committee, of which Colonel 2nd Commandant was the President. The Mess Room was stripped of everything except the Pictures and Colours, and a good floor prepared, under Lieut. Toulmin's superintendence. A small stage was erected in the centre of the room for the band, which, under Mr. Winterbottom, played a capital programme, which was carried on to the early hours of the morning. The Library and Breakfast Room thrown into one by opening the folding doors, was set apart for light refreshments. The billiard, smoking, and other rooms, together with some of the adjacent captains' quarters, were used as sitting-out rooms, as also was a corridor made by covering in the pavement outside the Mess with tarpaulin, lined with flags and decorated with ferns and plants, and dimly lighted by a couple of standard lamps. Captain Morres and Lieut. Lloyd were responsible for these arrangements. Off the corridor cloak rooms were provided, while room 117 was set apart for smoking. From the ante-room window a flight of steps connected the dancing room with the supper room, which was a portion of the drill shed canvassed off and carpeted. The first view of this room on descending the steps, a pleasing prospect presented itself. The room, which was an ideal supper room, and universally admired, was beautifully festooned with flags; down the centre was a table laid for about twenty guests, while all round, occupying the remaining space, without being at all inconveniently crowded, were tables, each laid for four. On the centre of each table was a lamp, each lamp having a different coloured shade. Space not occupied by tables was filled with fern and floral decorations. A feature in this room was the long sideboard, laden with ferns and plants, through which peeped out a maxim gun and two piles of drums and bugles and other trophies from China and elsewhere. This sideboard was flanked by the Burmese gun and a machine gun on a naval travelling carriage. The whole of this tasteful decoration was arranged by Capt. Ommanney, and will ever be remembered by those who had the good fortune to see it. The Colonel and Mrs. Baldwin, who carried a magnificent bouquet of choice flowers, presented to her by the bachelor officers, received the guests, of whom some 400 accepted, including many officers past and present of the Corps, accompanied by their wives and daughters, and also several *débutantes*. Unfortunately it was a wet night, but the rain did not interfere with the pleasure once inside the Mess.

AMATEUR THEATRICALS. Mr. H. V. Esmond's piece, "One Summer's Day" is being rehearsed by several officers and ladies, and will be performed in the Divisional Theatre at the latter end of the month.

The Devonport Garrison Rifle Club Spoons for September were won as follows; Officers—Capt. Muller, 84 points; Warrant and N.C.O.'s—Sergt. E. Channon, 91 points. The latter also won a special prize, given by Mr Carter of Tor Point. The distances were 500, 600 and 800 yards.

Football.

DEPOT.

At Depot, Ramsgate Town 1, Depot 0.
At Margate, Margate 4, Depot 2.
At Ramsgate, South Eastern College 5, Depot 0.
At Depot, Depot 3, St. Edmund's School 2.
At Dover, Depot 3, 10th Provisional Battalion 2.
At Depot, Depot 3, Margate College 1.
At Depot, Depot 1, Chatham Division 0.
At Margate, Depot 7, Margate College 2.

COMPANY SHIELD COMPETITION.

C Coy. 3, D Coy. 1. F Coy. 2, G Coy. 0.

PLYMOUTH.

Our Association Football season opened with a bad defeat at the hands of Plymouth College by 7 goals to 2. Our lack of combination was distinctly noticeable, this being the first time the team had played together. Our return match against the same team a week later, on the Brickfields, resulted, after a well-fought game in a victory for us by 2 goals to 1. Other matches up to date have resulted as follows:—Nov. 7th *v* H.M.S. *Impregnable* won 2–0; Nov. 16th *v* Harleigh School lost 2–1; Nov. 20th *v* 57th Field Co. R.E. drawn 2–2. Our fixture card includes matches against H.M.S. *Nile*, 30th Field Co. R.E. Plymouth, Tavistock, A.O.D., and Argyle (Wednesday). Owing to men continually embarking, our team has had to undergo several important changes.

PORTSMOUTH.

Nov. 2nd	—Gosport,	Portsmouth League ..	lost	2 0
,, 6th	—Lancashire Fusiliers	,, ..	,,	2 1
,, 9th	—Chichester	,, ..	,,	4 0
,, 20th	—H.M.S *Vernon*	,, ..	won	4 0
,, 23rd	—Portsmouth Britannias	,, ..	,,	

COMPANY FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

	Played	*Won*	*Lost*	*Drawn*	*Goals For*	*Goals Against*	*Pts.*
E Coy. ..	4	3	0	1	15	2	7
G ,, ..	5	2	1	2	11	5	6
D ,, ..	4	1	1	2	4	6	4
A ,, ..	2	1	0	1	9	4	3
B ,, ..	3	1	1	1	6	8	3
F ,, ..	3	1	2	0	6	6	2
C ,, ..	2	0	1	1	3	5	1
H ,, ..	3	0	2	1	1	14	1

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EASTNEY—
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L.S. & G.C.—Gnr. A. J. Leslie; Musn. A. H. Walker.
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DEPOT—
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Retirement.

EASTNEY—
Quarter-Master and Hon Lieutenant F. Callaway, 12th Nov.

Moves.

CHATHAM—
Clr.-Sergt. A. E. Saunders; Corpls. F. Padgett, J. Kirby, to R.M. Depot.
Sergt. Geater; Ptes. J. Palmer, G. Reynolds, to Aldershot for course of Regimental Transport Duty.
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Obituary.

It was with great regret we noticed the death of Lieutenant T. F. Garth Ogle, of the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), who was accidentally drowned while crossing a drift near Pretoria on October 30th. Only son of Major-General F. A. Ogle, C.B., Royal Marine Artillery, his boyhood was principally spent at Eastney, where he had, by his sterling qualities and manly ways endeared himself to everybody and become a general favourite. He was educated at Clifton College, entered the Royal Fusiliers as 2nd Lieutenant in 1898, and was promoted to Lieutenant 1st April, 1899. His short career in the service had bean chiefly spent with his regiment at Gibraltar, and it was only during the past summer that he succeeded in getting sent out to South Africa to take part in the present war.

On 20th November, killed in action in Griqualand, South Africa, Captain Elliott, of the East Griqualand Mounted Rifle Volunteers, and of the Kokstad Civil Service, son of Major Sir Henry George Elliott, C.C.M.G., Chief Magistrate of the Transkai native territories and formerly of R.M.L.I.



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Captain Spurway, R.M.A.

THE recent disastrous explosion at a 6-inch Q.F. B.L. gun on board H.M.S. *Royal Sovereign*, when at target practice off Astokos, near Platea, Greece, has dealt the Corps a heavy blow in depriving it of a most promising young officer, Captain Humphrey Weston Spurway, R.M.A. His presence near the gun seems to have been quite a matter of accident, and his untimely end will be deeply regretted by every member of the Corps in which, and his profession, he ever took the keenest interest, shewn, we may say, right up to the day of his death by the able and intelligent communications the editors of our regimental paper received from time to time for insertion on matters connected with the Corps.

The youngest son of Mr. Charles Spurway, formerly Surgeon, Royal Artillery, and Mrs. Spurway, eldest daughter of the late Rev. W. M. Lee, Rector of Yaverland, Isle of Wight, Captain Spurway was born 1st February, 1875, and educated at that famous old school, Blundell's, Tiverton, whence he passed the Woolwich Entrance Examination at Midsummer, 1892, and was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant, Royal Marine Artillery, in September the same year, and Lieutenant 1st July, 1893. He was a good linguist, especially in Italian, his early life having been passed chiefly at Rome, and when the Italian fleet visited Portsmouth in 1895 and he was embarked in H.M.S. *Majestic*, flagship of the Channel Squadron, his services as interpreter were frequently requisitioned. He returned to Eastney Headquarters shortly after promotion to Captain in June, 1898, but in April the following year joined H.M.S. *Royal Sovereign* for service in the Mediterranean. On 12th November, 1900, he married at Malta, Eleanor Katherine, youngest daughter of the late W. F. Sandford Hodgson, Esq., of Hawkshill Place, Esher.

Royal Marine Rifle Association.

The Honorary Secretary has received a letter from Major Bor, C.M.G., R.M.A., notifying that H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, Colonel in Chief of The Corps has been graciously pleased to express his intention of presenting a Challenge Cup to be open for Competition to all ranks, by whom we are sure this kind act of H. R. H. will be highly appreciated. We hope before the issue of next years programme to obtain the name of our Colonel in Chief as Patron of the Association.

Anecdotes.

Poor old Nobby Clark was in it again. Usually one of the most inoffensive and hard-working of men, he has an unfortunate habit of going out every now and then and spending his week's, or may be three weeks' pay, in having what he terms "a glorious bust up." On these occasions not his usual decorous self, but another individual altogether, and his language is, to say the least of it, anything but Parliamentary. Only last week he had one of his periodical outbreaks, and in consequence was picked up by the military police and placed in the guard-room, charged with "Being drunk and using *obscene* language in the streets." Commenting on the case shortly afterwards, one of the M.P.'s was heard to ask another, "What charge did they put against him, Bill?" To which Bill replied, "Why, being drunk and usin' *obscure* language in the streets, o' course." Well, in the ordinary course of events, an escort was sent ashore for him, and at six bells on the following day Nobby found himself on the Q.D. The Sergeant-Major, who has only just joined the ship, was there in all his war paint, and glancing down the column of "evidence," saw the word "documentary." Being one of the old school of non-coms, and not having had the good fortune to receive the education that most of our latter-day Non-Coms. get he was for the moment non-plussed. However, turning to the Corporal in charge of the escort (an old hand in the ship) he said, "Corporal, what mess is Private Documentary in?" The Corporal, thinking he had said Private Dockery, immediately answered "Number 10, Major," On which the S.M. at once doubled down to the mess deck, and shouted out for "Private Documentary." Some one explained his mistake to him amid the not unnatural merriment that it caused, and he joined heartily in the joke at his own expense. However, this did not help poor old Nobby, who got the usual "2 days' pay, 10 days' A."

Shooting

R.M.A. *v.* 1st V.B. HANTS ENGINEERS.

Fired at Fort Cumberland, 5th October, 1901. R.M.A. won by 72 points.

R.M.A.

	200	500	600	Total.
Lce.-Sergt. Hutchings	30	35	28	93
Gnr. Stewart	30	29	24	83
Sergt. Chell	33	27	21	81
Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger ..	30	28	22	80
Gnr. Rogers	27	30	22	79
Gnr. Fee	27	27	24	78
Gnr. Bridgwater	29	27	19	75
Gnr. Beagley	28	23	29	71
Counted out —				
Gnr. Raustron	27	29	4	60
	—	—	—	—
Total	234	226	180	640

Average—80·00.

1ST V.B. HANTS ENGINEERS.

	200	500	600	Total.
Coy.-Sergt.-Major Burr ..	31	31	28	90
Sergt. Skeens	29	23	27	79
Sergt. Pryer	26	26	21	72
Coy.-Sergt.-Major Mills ..	26	26	18	70
Coy.-Sergt.-Major Newton ..	32	24	12	68
Sapper Bower	23	22	21	66
Sergt. Kenway	27	18	20	65
Coy.-Sergt.-Major	23	27	8	58
Counted out—				
Sergt.-Major Pearce —	24	15	12	51
—	—	—	—	—
Total	216	197	155	568

Average—71·00.

Journalistic Gunnery.

In these days when science is making such gigantic strides in every direction, it would be a most regrettable circumstance if the above named branch were to escape notice. The peculiar variety of gunnery referred to has its origin in the most deplorable gun accident which lately occurred on board H.M.S. *Royal Sovereign*, an accident too fresh in the public mind to need recounting

The official explanation, to the plain matter-of-fact gunnery man, satisfactorily accounts for the accident, but when the omnipotent Press condescends to shed its particular store of knowledge on the occurrence, things indeed become, like Jeames' birth, "Wropt in mystery." One daringly original publication assigns the cause of the accident to the smouldering remains of a former charge igniting the next inserted cartridge! By what occult means a brass enveloped cordite charge contrived to smoulder, this sagacious scribe does not explain. In the same account, Lieut. James, R.N., is said to have had a narrow escape as the cartridge grazed that officer's nose whilst he was standing on the gun platform. This cartridge must evidently have been of the boomerang type with a tendency towards turning corners. One would have thought that, after such amazing outbursts of knowledge as these, the Press would have rested on its laurels with that complacency so characteristic of the Fourth Estate. But no! Pictorial aid is called in with the result that in a recent issue of *Lloyds' Newspaper* there is depicted to the gaze of a wondering public a 6 in. Q.F. gun, on what is evidently a 9 2 in. B.L mounting with the derrick for hoisting the projectile looming conspicuously in the background. It may be urged by the Captious that this type of Gunnery lacks accuracy, but it has at least the compensation of being amusing.

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GAMBRILL—On the 1st June, 1901, the wife of Sergt. Gambrill, of a son.

MARKS—At Deal, on the 17th May, 1901, the wife of Cook-Sergt. T. W. Marks, of a daughter.

ROWE—On the 26th October, the wife of Sergt. F. W. Rowe, of a son.

WILDEY—On the 17th November, the wife of Sergt. E. C. Wildey, of a daughter.

Marriages.

BAILEY—ASCOTT—At Holy Trinity Church, Westmarsh, on the 27th October, 1901, Pte. G. W. Bailey, to Miss E. Ascott.

BURNS—HILLMAN—At the Registry Office, Portsmouth, Bugle-Major J. L. Burns to Miss A. M. Hillman.

CARR—FRY.—On 5th October, at Tynemoutn Priory, Pte. G. Carr to A. L. Fry.

ECCLES—KING—At the Baptist Church, Deal, on the 28th October, 1901, Pte. H. J. Eccles, to Miss Lily King.

EDGE—BISHOP—On 13th November, 1901, at Parish Church, Portsea, Sergt. A. E. Edge to Miss Annie Maud Bishop.

FALLACE—ROBERTS—At St. Andrew's Church, Deal, on the 5th Oct., 1901, Sergt. J. H. Fallace to Miss Annie Roberts.

KAY—DAWS—On 5th October, at Chatham, Qr.-Mr.-Sergt., I. of G., A. G. Kay to Louisa Daws.

MARDEN BAKER—At Registry Office, Portsea, 2nd November, 1901, Gnr. W. Marden, R.M.A., to Miss F. K. Baker.

MARCHANT—DYER—At Parish Church, Portsea, 9th November, 1901, Gnr. J. Marchant, R.M.A., to Miss S. Dyer.

NASH—BOWERS—On 13th November, 1901, at St. Matthew's Church, Gosport, Mus. G. F. Nash to Miss Lilian Beatrice Bowers.

PHELPS—BLACKWELL—At Victoria Wesleyan Chapel, Portsmouth, 11th November, 1901, Bomb. W. E. Phelps, R.M.A. to Miss M. Blackwell.

TAYLOR—NEVE—On 2nd November, at Chatham, Pte. F. C. Taylor to M. A. Neve.

TILLEY—PINK—On 5th November, 1901, at St. John's Church, Forton, Pte. J. J. Tilley to Miss Alice Pink.

WATTS—HOSIER—On 11th November, 1901, at Parish Church, Alverstoke, Hants, Pte. A. E. Watts to Miss C. L. Hosier.

WANSTALL—TAYLOR—On 27th October, at Prittlewell, Sergt. A. J. Wanstall, to A. Taylor.

Deaths.

CRAWLEY—Pte. Herbert Crawley, on 11th November, serving in *Narcissus*.

MILLS—Pte. E. E. Mills, on 3rd November, serving in *Marathon*.

OGLE—On 30th October, at Pretoria, accidently drowned, crossing a drift, T. F. Garth Ogle, Lieut. The Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) only son of Major General F. A. Ogle, C.B., R.M.A., of 52, Clarance Parade, Southsea.

POWELL—On the 29th October, at 2 Marine-parade. Dover, the residence of her mother, Mary Elizabeth, wife of Captain Edward O'Donovan Powell, late R.M.L.I., and second daughter of the late James Jenkin, Esqre., Royal Engineers, aged 61.

ROBINSON—On 29th October, from drowning in Hamoaze, through sinking of Cutter of H.M.S. *Forth* by T.B.D. *Thorn*.

SPURWAY—On board H.M.S. *Royal Sovereign*, as the result of a Gun accident, on 9th November, 1901, Capt. H. W. Spurway, R.M.A.

THORNTON—Pte. E. W. Thornton, on 13th November, at Portsea.

Answers to Correspondents.

E. L.—Many thanks for story; always glad to hear from you; send us some Mediterranean News.

CAKT. MASCALL.—Thanks for anecdote which we print.

CORPL. HILL.—Thanks for story, crowded out this month.

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Revenge	1	10	0	General Byam ..	0	1	6
Colonel Denny ..	0	1	6	Major Lane ..	0	1	6
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