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The Journal of the Royal Marines

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Editorial.

WE publish this month the annual balance sheet, and we are glad to be able to show a satisfactory statement of accounts, it having been necessary to transfer only £45 from the Reserve Fund to the General Fund. The Reserve Fund shows a balance of £141 3s. 6½d., which is a good advance on last year. If only the kind support given by our readers during the past year is continued, we shall almost hope to make the paper pay its own way. The circulation is now 5,300, and with the large number of ships now in commission, and the great increase in the corps, we hope these numbers will be increased largely.

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We omitted to mention that two members of the Corps are taking part in the Antarctic Expedition in the *Discovery*. They are Lance-Corporals Blissett and Scott, both belonging to the Portsmouth Division, who were selected to go as officers' servants. Thus the Corps is represented in the first Government-aided expedition to the Antarctic, as they always used to be in the expeditions to the North Pole. Among the few relics of the Franklin Expedition that were found by Sir Leopold McClintock were two Marine's canteens and a helmet plate.

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A memorial has just been put up in Heene Cemetery, Worthing, to the memory of the Rev. W. H. Johnstone, father of Lieut.-Colonel Johnstone, C.B., formerly chaplain and professor of the H.E.I.C. Military College at Addiscombe from 1843 to 1861. It has been erected by nearly 100 old Addiscombe cadets and orderly officers, and the list of subscribers contains the names of many distinguished officers, including that of the Commander-in-Chief, Lord Roberts, who left Addiscombe 50 years ago. The monument consists of a grey granite Runic cross, seven feet in height, combined with a recumbent stone in red granite, on which is another cross.

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War Office, Pall Mall, Dec. 20—The Royal Welsh Fusiliers—His Royal Highness George F. E. A., Prince of Wales, and Duke of Cornwall and York, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., Colonel-in-Chief the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), and Royal Marines, to be Colonel-in-Chief. Dated Dec. 21st, 1901.

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Army Gazette, 3rd Dec., 1901.—Lieut. C. F. O. Graham, R.M.L.I., is granted the local rank of Captain in the Army, whilst employed with the West African Field Force.

War Office Gazette, 6th Dec.—The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)—Lieut. C. H. Hood, from Royal Marine Light Infantry, to be Captain to complete establishment.

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Major-General W. P. Wright was present at the meeting of the Committee of the Royal Naval Fund on the 11th December.

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At the monthly sale of medals by Messrs. Glendining, in London, on 3rd December, the war medal with one clasp, "San Fiorenzo, 8th March, 1797," awarded to Private Henry Cole, R.M., fetched fifty pounds; only three of this class were issued. A group of five medals, viz., war medal with clasp for Syria, Turkish medal for St. Jean d'Acre, Crimean medal with clasps for Balaklava and Sebastopol, Turkish Crimean medal, and medal for Long Service and Good Conduct, awarded to William Chambers, R.M., was sold for five guineas; the Egyptian medal with Tamaai clasp, awarded to Pte. S. Harris, R.M., fetched £1 14s.; and the war medal for Syria, awarded to the late Colonel H. G. Mitford, R.M., was bought in at £2 10s.

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At the Naval and Military Rifle Meeting, Wei-Hai-Wei, the Championship Cup was won by Lieut. Kilvert, R.M.A., H.M.S. *Glory*, with a score of 122 at 200, 500, 600, and 800 yards.

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Major and Hon. Lieut.-Col. G. W. Forbes, son of Gen. Forbes, R.M.L.I., has resigned his commission in the Yeomanry Cavalry, and has been granted permission to retain his rank and wear the uniform of his regiment on retirement.

With reference to the paragraph in our last issue, alluding to the errors now existing in Lean's Royal Navy List, it is with much regret that we learn that Colonel Lean was compelled by illness to relinquish his editorial work two years ago, and there is no hope of his ever being able to resume it. The publication is now entirely in the hands of Messrs. Witherby & Co., who, we trust, will take steps to correct and bring their information up to date.

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We regret that owing to the new copy of Messrs. Hiorn & Miller's advertisement in our last issue having been unaccountably mislaid, some of the articles therein advertised were unobtainable. Should any of our readers have been disappointed owing to this, we trust that they will accept this intimation of the cause of it.

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RETIREMENTS AND PROMOTIONS—The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of the following retirement and promotions in the R.M.L.I., to take effect from the 12th Dec., 1901—

General F. G. Le Grand to be placed on the Retired List, under the provisions of Order-in-Council of 29th Nov., 1881.

Lieut.-General A. H. F. Barnes to be General *vice* Le Grand retired.

Major-General E. L. Rose to be Lieut.-General *vice* Barnes promoted.

Col.-Commandant H. St. G. Schomberg, C.B., to be Major-General *vice* Rose, promoted.

Col.-2nd-Commandant R. P. Coffin to be Col.-Commandant *vice* Schomberg, promoted, and appointed to the Chatham Division.

Lieut.-Col. and Brevet-Col. C. G. Gordon (from Supplementary Half Pay List) to be Col-2nd-Commandant on the Establishment *vice* Coffin, promoted, and appointed to the Plymouth Division.

Major and Brevet Lieut.-Col. A. G. Cochran (since deceased) to be placed on the Retired List at his own request, dated 29th Nov , 1901.

Capt. E. Y. Daniel to be Major *vice* Cochran, retired, and appointed to the Chatham Division (to be borne "on command" whilst extra-regimentally employed), dated 29th Nov., 1901.

Major C. L. Gordon is advanced to the Senior Majors' List from the 29th Nov., 1901, and appointed to the Portsmouth Division.

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Lieuts. N. S. Clutterbuck and H. F. Montgomery have been appointed Assistant Instructors of Gunnery at Portsmouth and Chatham Divisions respectively, *vice* Capts. Houghton and Barber.

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An exchange of Divisions has been sanctioned between Major G. A. Cox, Portsmouth Division, and Major F. W. E. Eady, Plymouth Division.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have selected Captain de S. Dobree, R.M.A., to succeed Major E. P. Brittan, R.M.A., as Instructor of Gunnery (Repository),

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An Order-in-Council, dated 10th December, 1901, has been obtained to enable the Officer of Royal Marines, selected for the purpose of collecting Naval Intelligence on the China Station, to receive an allowance of 6s. a day whilst he is doing that duty, and on condition that he be borne as part of the Complement of the Flagship in lieu of a Subaltern of the R.M.A. This arrangement to take effect from the 1st April, 1901.

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Captains J. C. Deed and A. P. Grattan, R.M.L.I., are to be detached for duty to the Depot, R.M.

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The following Officers are to be detached to Woolwich on the 4th Jan., 1902, for a course of Military Equitation—Captains A. E. Rombulow-Pearse, A. P. Grattan, A. G. Little, N. O. Burge, F. J. Saunders, D.S.O., and Lieut. C. S. McN. Davenport, R.M.L.I.

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Captain Farquharson is to be borne on the strength of the Chatham Division from 1st Jan., 1902, on return trom the Seconded List.

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His Majesty the King has approved of a commission as Second-Lieut., in the Corps of Royal Marines, being conferred on Mr. J. Wright, Bandmaster of the Chatham Division, R.M.L.I., in recognition of his services with the band on board H.M.S. *Ophir*, during the voyage of T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales to the Colonies, to take effect from Nov. 6th, 1901.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have notified that they have received with much satisfaction from Commodore A. Winsloe, C.M.G., C.V.O., a report of the excellent conduct of the Band of the Chatham Division, while serving on board H.M.S. *Ophir*.

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Captain Francis Powell, late Royal Marines, who has been serving with the Army Service Corps in the Southern District, during the past year, has been appointed Officer in charge of Barracks, Thames District.

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A note to our readers. No one knows better than we do that it has always been considered the prerogative of a Royal Marine, whether ashore or afloat, to grumble and growl at any mortal thing, no matter how trivial, but we must confess that we have been surprised to hear that many men serving away from Headquarters do frequently growl at having to pay more than a penny for their copy of the Corps journal. We would remind all such that the annual subscription is at the rate of 1½d a copy; and that whether one copy or fifty are sent to a ship, the recipient of the same has to bear the cost of postage. Now as the postage on a packet of forty is generally about 1/4, we would ask is it fair to expect one man to pay the whole amount?

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We understand that "Naval Brigades in South Africa," edited by Surgeon T. T. Jeans, R.N., will shortly be published. This work should prove most interesting and valuable as a historical record of the war, as all the events are described by actual participation in them. It should be specially interesting to the Corps, as we understand that chapters have been contributed by Major A. E. Marchant, C.B., Captain W. T. C. Jones, D.S.O., and Captain L. O. Wilson, D.S.O., R.M.L.I. The book is illustrated with photographs and plans, and we hope shortly to see it in all our Corps libraries.

China Medal, 1900.

(From the *London Gazette*, Admiralty, January 1st, 1902.)

HIS Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to confirm the authority given by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty for the issue of a Medal to commemorate the Naval and Military Operations in North China in 1900.

II. The Medal will be granted to all Officers, Warrant Officers, Petty and N.C.O's, and Men of the British, Indian and Colonial Naval and Military Forces who were employed in North China and in the Yangtse Valley from 10th June, 1900, to 31st December, 1900, and to all who embarked in India for service in China in the expedition under the command of Gen. Sir A. Gaselee.

III. The Medal will be similar in pattern to the Silver Medal granted for the China Wars of 1842 and 1860, except that the obverse of the Medal will bear the same effigy of Her late Majesty as appears on the South African Medal, with the legend "Victoria Regina and Imperatrise."

IV. His Majesty has further approved Clasps being issued as follows:—

1. A Clasp inscribed "Taku Forts" to all those who were engaged in the Peiho River, on 17th June, 1900, in the operations which resulted in the capture of the Taku Forts.

2. A Clasp inscribed "Defence of the Legations" to all who took part in the Defence of the Legations in Pekin between 10th June and 14th August, 1900, both dates inclusive.

3. A Clasp inscribed "Relief of Pekin" to all those engaged in the operations on shore at or beyond Taku for the Relief of Pekin, between 10th June and 14th August, both dates inclusive.

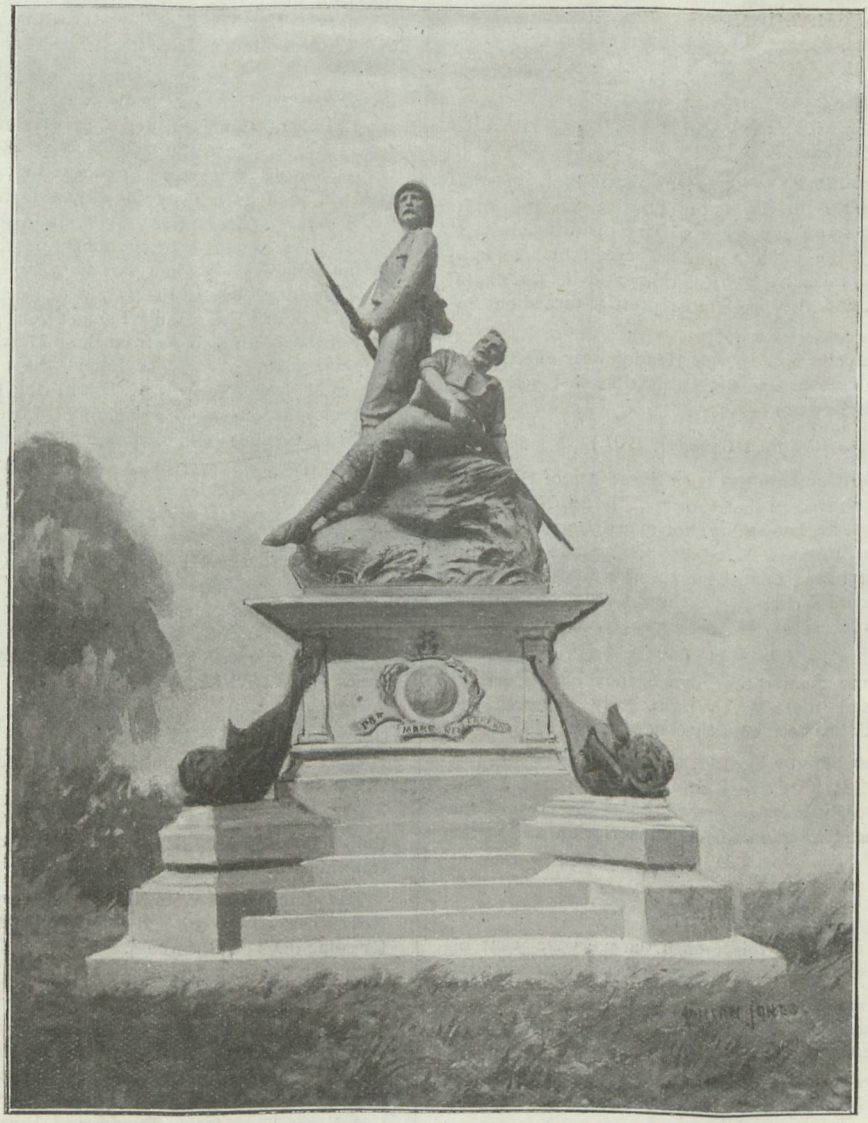
The Medal will be issued by the Accountant General of the Navy to all Officers and Men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines who are entitled to it.

Royal Marines Memorial.

THE accompanying engraving will give subscribers to the Corps Memorial some idea of how the Monument will appear when completed and erected on the site which has been so kindly promised in St. James' Park, on the West Front of the Admiralty.

As stated in the *Globe & Laurel* of December, the details of the pedestal have not yet been finally decided upon; but the full-sized model of the figures and plinth is now completed in clay, and only waits final inspection and approval of the Committee before being cast in bronze.

The figures as they now appear have undergone some slight alterations in the matter of the kit, &c.—the positions being the same as shown in the illustration, which is from a photograph of a sketch of the original small model.



The dimensions of the whole Monument will be as follows:—Figures, 8ft. 5ins.; plinth, 1ft. 9ins.; pedestal, 4ft.; steps, 4ft.; total height, 18ft. 2ins. The ground place will be about 14ft. square.

It is hoped that the Monument may be erected about June or July next; but this will depend very much upon how long the work of casting will take.

Subscriptions received during December—

	£	s.	d.
General Sir. H. B. Tuson, K.C.B.	2	2	0
Major Orlebar, R.M.L.I.	1	1	0

G. T. ONSLOW, Lieut.-Col.
Hon. Sec.

22, Spring Gardens, S.W.,
30th Dec, 1901.

Home News

EASTNEY.

THE Annual Vocal and Instrumental Concert, promoted by members of the Sergeants' Mess, in aid of R.M.A. Christmas Charities, was held in the Regimental Theatre, on 16th December, before a packed house, who enthusiastically received our old favourite, Miss Emma Masher, when she sang that old chestnut, "Sally in our Alley." Most of the other items of a long programme were excellently rendered and warmly applauded.

Upwards of 900 non-commissioned officers and men proceeded on the usual Christmas furlough.

CHATHAM.

Colonel Commandant H. St. G. Schomberg, C.B., was promoted to Major-General on the 12th December, and has been succeeded in the command by Colonel R. P. Coffin. By this promotion the Corps severs its (active) connection with a name which has been associated with it for a period of many years.

The annual tea, entertainment and prize distribution of the Divisional Schools took place in the R.M. Theatre, on the 19th December. In addition to songs and glees, a fairy operatta, entitled "Poppies," was given by the infants in most creditable fashion. Great pains must have been taken by Mr. Keightley and his assistants in training the little ones, and they were most prettily turned out in appropriate dresses.

There are some 1,200 privates now on the Headquarter effective at the Division, an increase of about 450 since this time last year, and the barrracks are as full as they can be.

(Unavoidably omitted from December, 1901.)

The event of the month at Chatham has been the return of the band from H.M.S. *Ophir*. They arrived on the evening of the 4th November, in the middle of the blackest fog known here for many years, and were played up from the station by the R.E. band. On parade they were quite undistinguishable, as it was impossible to see a foot in front of one's face, and the welcome which it was hoped to give them was shorn of a good deal of its heartiness by the unpropitious state of the weather.

It is felt that, during the memorable voyage, they have worthily represented the Corps and that Mr. Wright fully deserves the distinguished honour which has been conferred upon him.

The baton presented to him by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is a beautiful piece of work. It is of ivory and is surmounted by an Imperial crown in gold. A little lower down it bears the crest of the *Ophir* in gold, then a broad gold band with the inscription, and at the other end a deep gold tip.

PORTSMOUTH.

There is very little to chronicle this month, as everyone went on leave on the 21st December for Christmas, and left the barracks very deserted.

We have received two large squads from the Depot during the month. On the 19th there was a matinée in the officers' mess, which was well attended.

The members of the sergeants' mess gave an entertainment to their friends in the theatre, on Thursday 12th. A lengthy programme of songs and music, concluded by the farce "Black Justice," in which several old friends made a new appearance, was provided, and was much appreciated by a crowded house.

On 18th the Divisional Schools had their breaking-up party, the prizes being given away in the Barrack Theatre by Mrs. Chapman.

The sergeants gave an At Home on New Year's Eve, in their mess-room, which was very tastefully decorated.

Christmas passed over very cheerfully and quietly, the rooms being prettily decorated, the drummers' room bearing off the palm as usual.

PLYMOUTH. December 20th.

During the latter part of the now waning year, Plymouth has been exceptionally fortunate as regards weather. We have had few of the proverbial soaking wet days, and the severe snow storms that have created so much havoc elsewhere, have not visited us. The mornings are usually bright and crisp.

Bugler Wraight, for his successful interpretation of the "Urchin" in the Amateur Theatricals last month, was presented by the other performers with a watch and chain, the former engraved with his initials and "One Summer's Day," as a souvenir of the occasion. By the way, his name was omitted in the caste given in last month's *Globe and Laurel*.

The second of the Matinées given in the Officers' Mess was held on the 19th inst., when a large number of guests were present. A new selection, "The Toreador" was very much appreciated, as also was Mr. Winterbottom's piece, for stringed instruments, "Sur l'escalier."

Those who saw the children's performance last year, at the breaking up of the Divisional Schools, were looking forward to a pleasant entertainment this year, and they were not disappointed. After the report by Mr. Goss, the schoolmaster, Colonel Baldwin made some very pleasing remarks, congratulating the teaching staff. Mrs. Baldwin then gave away the prizes to the successful scholars, after which hearty cheers were given, in response to a call from Colonel Eagles. An excellent programme was then gone through, in which all the children took some part or other, including a song of welcome, an action song, entitled the "Chinese Umbrella," and two other songs, "The Tall Top Hat" and "I shan't go to school any more." We also were given the trial scene from the "Merchant of Venice," Miss Hilda Hopkins taking the *rôle* of Portia, the other parts being played by Misses M. Jolly (Nerissa), K. Elford (the Duke of Venice), M. Bennett (Antonio), M. Davey (Bassanio), E. Lovegrove (Gratiano), M. Pughe (Salario), F. Fudge (Stephano) and V. Smith (Shylock). The last item on the programme was a Rustic Operetta, entitled, "Merryton Market," the scene being a village bazaar. This was really capitally acted, and congratulations are due not only to the performers, but also to Mr. Goss and Miss Hawke, the head schoolmistress, for the thorough manner which prevailed in this and the other pieces, due to their unflagging interest in working all up to the desired state of efficiency. Most of the officers and their families were present. In the evening the same programme was performed for the benefit of the Mothers' Union, who had previously been entertained at tea by the ladies of the Division.

By the promotion to Col.-Commandant at the Chatham Division of Colonel Coffin, a vacancy has occurred as the president of the Western District Reception Committee of returned invalids from South Africa and China. This vacancy has been filled by Major Ormsby Johnson.

Before this paper is again in print we shall, to the regret of all, lose Col.-Commandant Baldwin, who will become a Major-General on the retirement of General Graham.

The detachment from the *Ophir* arrived in barracks on the 8th November. They too had come in for the fog and had been detained for some days off Sheerness.

The first matinée since the return of the band took place on the 25th November and was very largely attended.

Frequent variety entertainments have been held of late in the R.M. Theatre, and plenty of talent has been displayed. One item deserving special mention, and which has been repeated more than once, is a display called "Fifteen minutes of barrack room larks," in which Col.-Sergt. Clay, Sergt. Burton and Pte. Sharp give a very clever and amusing exhibition of rough and ready gymnastic tumbling, which would do credit to a London stage. Pte. Sharp has the distinction of apparently possessing no bones, and is a contortionist of no mean order.

Sergt.-Major Snelling retired to pension on the 18th November and has been succeeded in the office by Sergt.-Major Kelly, who has been temporarily performing the duty for some time. Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. Instr. of Gymnastics Frederick Medlon, from the Depot, has been appointed Field Sergt.-Major at this Division and has taken up his duties.

12-Oared Cutter's Crew. Royal Marines, H.M.S. "Victorious."

WINNERS OF THE "RAMILLIES" CUP, MEDITERRANEAN STATION, 1901.



Back Line—Lnc.-Sgt. G. Lewis, R.M.A., Gr. G. Crouch, Gr. W. Penwill, Gr. F. Wheatcroft, Br. G. Carter, Pte. T. Ellis, Gr. T. Heatley.

Centre—Gr. W. Styles (*stroke*), Act.-Sgt. A. Hemming, R.M.A. (*coxswain*), Capt. C. H. Cross, R.N, Capt. R. H. J. Meister, R.M.L.I., Gr. D. Ward (*stroke*), Gr. A. Hill.

Pte. J. J. Mills. Gr. G. Walker.

Obituary.

COLONEL DEMETRIUS WYNDHAM GREVIS JAMES, J.P., late of the 2nd Foot (The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment), of Ightham Court, Kent, who died on December 10th, aged 82, was the eldest surviving son of the late Captain Demetrius Grevis-James, of the Royal Marines, of Ightham Court, near Sevenoaks, who after serving with distinction at the battle of Copenhagen, 1801, retired on half-pay in 1812, and served the office of High Sheriff of Kent in 1833, of which county he was a Deputy Lieutenant and J.P. He died in 1861, the only son of the late Charles Grevis, Esq. He assumed the additional name of James, by sign manual, on inheriting the estates of his cousin.

Colonel James served with the Queen's Royals in the campaign in the Southern Mahratta country in 1844, including the storming and capture of the fortress of Punella, and part of that in the Concan and Sawant Warree country in 1844-45. He served also in the Kaffir war of 1851-52, and with expedition north of the Orange River in 1852-53.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL ARCHIBALD GELL COCHRAN, Royal Marine Light Infantry, died on the 8th December, at Park Place, Henley-on-Thames, aged 44.

He was born 1st January, 1858; entered the service as lieutenant, 1st February, 1877; became Captain, 5th January, 1886; Major, 5th November, 1894; and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel, 5th October, 1901.

He was the younger son of the late Admiral Cochran, of Buntings, Uxbridge, and brother to Frederick Home Cochran, Esq., he married 28th April, 1897, May Gwendoline, second daughter of the late John Noble, Esq., of Park Place, Henley-on-Thames.

He served in the R.M. Battalion during the war in Egypt, 1882; employed as Transport Officer at Rainlah during the time the battalion was at Alexandria; present at the actions of Mallaha Junction, Kassasin, 9th September, and Tel-el-Keber (medal and clasp and Khedive's bronze star).

A Cruise in a Mutineer.

Being the record of the experiences of a Royal Marine Guard on board the S.S. Milwaukee, bound from New Orleans to Cape Town with horses and mules for the Army of South Africa.

THE day was dawning brightly as the bugler sounded that call which never a soldier of His Majesty's Forces can hear without regret, and as each member of the garrison of Ascension rubbed the sleep from his eyes he became pleasurably aware of a feeling of excitement, for from Lloyd's signal station on Cross Hill, 800 feet above the barracks, the flags fluttered out telling the thrilling story—"Steamer in sight, flying signal of distress." All eyes turned seaward to read the story for themselves, and plain to see, in the universal code, came the signal—"Mutiny on board, send assistance." As the vessel anchored she was recognised as one of the transports that are daily ferrying remounts to our gallant troops in South Africa, and before many minutes had passed the boat that had at once put off to her returned, bearing her skipper and chief officer, who told the story of their troubles. It appeared then, that thirty-two of the "horsemen" (picked up from God knows where) who had been hired to look after the remounts on board, had mutinied, receiving tacit assistance, and refused to water and feed their charges. When the news reached the men there was, of course, the utmost excitement, and there was not a man in the garrison who would not cheerfully have done his best to remedy the existing state of affairs. After a long debate the Captain in charge of Ascension determined to send a guard aboard, for the safe keeping of the mutineers, consisting of one Sergeant, R.M.L.I., one Corporal and four Privates, R.M.L.I., and four Gunners, R.M.A., who were immediately embarked. On arriving on board we found our quarters as comfortable as possible, and after settling down (how long does that take a Marine?) we, with the guard under arms, held our first interview with our charges, who were under hatches, a state of affairs that had been compassed by the captain and officers of the ship with considerable strategy. When the Captain turned the charge of the mutineers over to us, a voice came to us from under the forecastle threatening us with a knife between our ribs, but I am afraid it did not produce much effect on our nerves. When this ceremony was over the hatches were again battened down and two sentries armed with loaded rifles placed on the prisoners, with orders to shoot if necessary. Then came a meal, and after that the two N.C.O's of the guard were escorted round the horse decks of the ship to see that none of the mutineers were still at large. The sight of the Sergeant's loaded revolver seemed to cause no small excitement amongst the Yankee muleteers still at liberty, and no doubt had its effect in preventing them from giving further trouble, which it is more than likely they would have done but for the timely intervention of the Royal Marine as a (very substantial) *deus ex machinâ*.

After our rounds the master of the ship being satisfied that everything was safe to proceed on his way to the Cape, weighed anchor. That night a most rigid watch was kept, the Sergeant and Corporal being up the whole night between them, and it was evident that the remainder of the muleteers who were at large were afraid of creating more trouble.

The morning's dawn showed us that we were out of sight of our little bit of clincker and on a most ticklish job; it was then decided that we should have the prisoners on deck to enable them to have a wash, etc. We had them up at about 7 o'clock, five at a time, and cautioned them, "that if they caused any more trouble we would shoot them down like dogs." The Sergeant in charge spoke to each man individually, and they seemed cowed by his resolute demeanour, promising that they would amend their ways. This curious parade lasted about an hour and a half, when the whole were again battened down under hatches and allowed to enjoy a liberal breakfast of "slingers." The day went off quietly till about 3.30 p.m., when the Sergeant decided to hold another of his fresh air parades, five at a time, fifteen minutes a spell, and an armed sentry looking on—a different sort of "pasear" to those they enjoyed in their native New Orleans. This parade was held partly as a means of enabling the prisoners to digest their dinner, which consisted of "pea-do" and "Fanny Adams," a combination their Guards were not accustomed to. By the way this fare was somewhat different to that demanded by the men when they first mutinied. Their demands then were so extravagant that they may be worth repeating, they were: A *second* course for breakfast, puddings and *tarts* for dinner, jam and meat to be added to tea rations. Think of it, O ye that go down to the sea in the ships of His Britannic Majesty! But to return to our story. At 5.30 we locked our darlings up for the night by battening down the hatches, but they unfortunately proved somewhat restive, and the commander of the guard had to administer a soothing draught in the shape of an assurance that any disturbance, such as abusing the sentry, using foul language, or making an unseemly noise, would be followed by twenty-four hours' bread and water for the entire gang. This sort of treatment they appeared to understand and remained quiet for the rest of the night. The following day passed without incident, except that the Sergeant decided that as the prisoners seemed resigned to their fate, they should have an extra fresh air parade, and that they were now exercised by eights and not by fives. This became the daily routine, and things went on very quietly, the monotony being varied occasionally by such events as the prisoners being brought on deck to pick out their own individual clothing, of which they had been deprived when they were put under arrest. This was a most curious sight, their "kits" appearing to have been purchased mainly from the rag and bone merchant.

By the way, we have not said anything about the personality of our interesting charges. They sprang mostly from "New Orleans," and both were and looked as bloodthirsty and evil a crew as one could meet. Mostly Americans, they belonged to the great "loafer" class; two, at least of them, had just come out of gaol after serving long sentences, and to top our sorrows there was a "Sheeny," about four feet of villany, with a tongue that could give any sea-lawyer points. These beauties did not even agree amongst themselves, and one night the Corporal was summoned to rescue the youngest of them, whom they had "stretched out," practically senseless. Needless to say he was removed from the reach of further brutality and he finally turned King's Evidence against the remainder. This may seem a suitable opportunity to place on record a few of the peculiarities of the ship's doctor, or the Fearless Physician as he was commonly called, from his habit of invariably costuming himself with a loaded revolver, a bowie knife, and a weapon that rather resembled a marlinspike. Thus attired he evidently thought that he at all events was safe from the gentle attentions of the mutineers. His medical attainments may have been on a par with his fighting abilities, but he considered apple-rings and hard boiled eggs a suitable diet for the man above mentioned to recruit his strength upon, and served out the Corporal with a bushel of pills (contents unknown) to administer two at a time to any prisoner who complained of any sort of pain anywhere. It was, of course, part of his duty to daily inspect the mutineers. For this purpose one would suppose that he would have visited the forecastle every morning—not a bit of it—those who were privileged to be present will never forget the tableau afforded by the Fearless Physician standing behind the Guard, poking his head round the left file and inquiring in a nervous tone of the top of every prisoner's head as it appeared above the hatch, "I guess as how you feel brighter?" On one occasion he ordered our Sheeny friend, who complained of pains all over and shivering fits, to take a cold bath! Imagine the Sheeny's face—he was evidently no believer in the "cold water cure."

One evening the ship's Officers, the Sergeant and the Corporal were all sitting round smoking on the upper deck, and listening to a phonograph that was on board, when they were startled by one of the non-mutinous muleteers rushing up and inquiring breathlessly, "Where's the Doc.? Where's the Doc.?" "What d'you want?" was the natural enquiry. "There's a man been and hung himself and I guess you'd better come!" was the startling intelligence conveyed to us. The Doctor went (with a large bag of instruments) on to the gloomy orlop deck, and ran in the gloom right into the swinging corpse. Suddenly the electric light was switched on, and tableau! The Fearless Physcian, white and shivering, embracing the sea-boot clad legs of a straw-stuffed dummy! We may seem to have unduly dilated upon the many excellencies of our doctor, but truth to tell our voyage south, which had originally promised so much excitement, became, owing to the excellent dispositions of the commander of the

guard, and to put it plainly the fear of God that he instilled into the mutineers, most uneventful. After all, five foot ten of British Marine with a loaded rifle is a nasty handful for even a crowd of South American "toughs" to tackle, in fact the ten Marines on board appeared to have been considered more than a match for all the troops in Durban, under a full-blown Lieut.-General, for the Immigration Agent there, said in the Police Court, that he never would have allowed the mutineers to be landed, but that there was no force capable of resisting the Marines on board, who were landing the men. After fourteen days steaming southward we at last arrived off Cape Town, only to find the plague raging and that we consequently had to take our prisoners on to Durban, calling at Port Elizabeth to take in two days' forage for the cattle, for it was running short. At Cape Town we were boarded by a Naval Lieutenant, who seemed most anxious to annex the Marine Guard as a working party ashore, but the Sergeant stuck to his instructions and the Guard stayed on board, much to the disgust of the prisoners, who, through our Sheeny friend and a "shyster," who was their spokesman, aired their opinions on British law pretty freely. Two days now brought us to Port Elizabeth, when a Lance-Corporal in the Army Service Corps came alongside and asked "what troops there were aboard." He was informed that there were a Guard of Royal Marines, but seemed none the wiser, as he had never heard of such a Corps. He was told that they formed an integral part of the Royal Navy and was given the numbers on board, but we expect he is puzzling over the "four gunners, R.M.A." to this day.

Before we got to Durban the Captain of the ship read the official log of the ship's voyage to the prisoners, in the presence of the Guard; our friend the Shyster then demanded "a trial," which, after all, was just what we were there to see he got. On Sunday night we reached Durban and on Monday morning went alongside the jetty. About ten o'clock we were boarded by seven policemen, with a load of handcuffs, to take the prisoners ashore. However, the chief of Police evidently didn't think he had enough men to take such desperate villains to the gaol and so requested the Sergeant to bring them, and a procession was finally formed with the Corporal ahead, then the prisoners handcuffed in fours, with four of the Guard each side of them, and the Sergeant behind. In this order we proceeded to the Police Station, where there were only thirty cells, and where our charges could consequently not be accommodated. They were, however, taken at once before the Magistrate, who read the charge to them and then remanded them, after which we marched them another two miles to Durban gaol, when we handed them over to the Warder and our responsibility ended. Perhaps we've omitted the most exciting event of our trip. It was the custom for the prisoners to be given disinfectants and to scrub out their mess place every morning. On the morning we arrived at Durban they blankly declined to move, the Sergeant then suggested that they should at all events sweep it out, but they made no answer and did not move. "Now," said the Sergeant, "I've ordered you to scrub out and asked you to sweep out, you have made no move to do either. I'm going to make you do both." With that he disappeared, returning presently with the Corporal and two men of the Guard. "With five cartridges charge magazines" was the first order, followed by "Fix Bayonets." "Now, Corporal, read out the names of the first six men on your list." The names are read. "You six will sweep out one side of the place. If you're not out of your bunks as your names are called I'll shoot every one of you; if you offer violence the Guard will use the bayonet. Now then"—The Lieutenant, R.N., may be said to have reduced the act of getting out of a bunk in a hurry to a fine art, when called late for the middle watch, but these lazy ruffians must have cut all previous records—the initial syllable of a man's name was hardly out of the Corporal's mouth before he was down on the floor sweeping for all he was worth. In this manner by six men at a time the whole place was swept and scrubbed, the only men to object being the Shyster, who said that he was *horse de combat*, and who was told "*horse de combat* or not, up you get," and a gentleman called Griffiths (gallant little Wales!) who said, "Sergeant, you can't shoot me, you can only put me in irons!" "Can't I?" came the answer. "Well, I'll just give you a fair chance, drop that cloth you've got and see." They say Americans are good poker players, but here were two and thirty toughs "raised out" on the biggest bit of bluff on record! Thus ended our trip with mutineers. Perhaps those who have followed us so far may be interested in the fate of our charges. The Shyster and one other man got three months, the remainder two, the Magistrate taking into consideration the fact that they had been in confinement already between three weeks and a month.

The Guard having got rid of their friends, returned to the ship, the Sergeant in charge reporting it to Capt. King, R.N., Chief Officer of Transport, who gave orders that until leaving harbour, he should be furnished with two orderlies daily, the remainder to parade and be inspected at 9 a.m. daily, so you see the Guard had a taste of military duty in South Africa, but alas, our good time was drawing nigh to its end; we left the harbour for the outside anchorage on May 24th, awaiting there our sailing orders. A few days passed, when we received orders to proceed on board H.M. Transport *Harlech Castle*, for passage to Cape Town. Our hope for active service was scattered, for we received another order cancelling the previous one. But we were not to rest; a fire was discovered in the main hold (caused through damp coal). Fifty Kaffirs were employed in spells shifting the coal, whilst water was continually poured on it. What Royal Marine could witness a fire without either helping to feed the flames or extinguish them? Reader, no Coy.-Sergeant in our grand old Corps ever made out a necessary list for such an one. The Guard in a body interviewed their worthy Sergeant asking permission to assume the *role* of firemen. Needless to say, permission was readily given, with the result the speedy extinguishing of the fire, and with the spluttering embers died the excitement of our trip. There is little more to record, save that our gallant ship headed towards that lovely Mid-Atlantic clinker heap; we realised then, and not till then, the truth of the words of those most truthful of men (Recruiting Sergeants): "There's nothing to do, my lad, the wind blows you along." After a few days, alas, they were too few, we dropped anchor in the harbour of our Island Home, made our adieus, landed, and fell once again into the placid routine of Ascension. Thus ended a trip in a Mutineer.—S.P.

Foreign News.

CAPE STATION.

THE principal item of news is the order for the return home of H.M.S. *Monarch* as soon as her services can be spared from the station. As far as I can gather, her place is to be taken by a cruiser, whilst the old hulk *Penelope* is once again to become receiving ship. Working parties are constantly employed getting the latter ready.

Lt.-Col. H. C. Money, R.M.L.I., has ceased to be Commandant of the prisoners of war camp at Green Point, Cape Town, on account of the removal to foreign parts of all the prisoners under his charge. By the time this letter reaches you he will probably be back in England, as I understand that an order has come out from home for all Marine officers employed on special service in S. Africa to return without delay.

Capt. Howard, R.M.L.I., is the only officer that I have hitherto been unable to locate. He is traced at last and I find that he is at present employed as Principal Transport Officer of Gen. Hamilton's column, acting in the neighbourhood of Rustenburg at the present moment.

The Marines of H.M.S. *Terphichore* were landed, together with the Bluejackets of that ship for a period of ten days in the month of October, being entrenched at Lambert's Bay. I have forgotten previously to mention that the Marine Detachment of H.M.S. *Barracouta* has also been landed for duty at Mossel Bay. This is perhaps ancient history, as the Boers have some time since been cleared out of that part of the Colony, but Scheepers and Therm were at one time very busy in the neighbourhood of Mossel Bay.

The Marine Detachment of H.M.S. *Naiad* has quite recently been landed, together with the ship's company of that ship, at Saldanha Bay for duty in the neighbournood of Piquetberg. This ship does not really belong to the Cape Squadron, having been lent from the Mediterranean.

"Batta" money has been paid to officers and men of all the ships on the station entitled to receive the same.

The following members of the Corps are to take part in a concert to be held at Simonstown, on November 27th and 28th, viz.: Sergt. Wainwright, R.M.L.I.; Bombrs. A. Jackson, W. Perkins and A. T. Jackson, also Pte. W. Mitchell, R.M.L.I. The concert is to be followed by a sketch entitled, "Touched," in which Sergt. Wainwright, R.M.L.I., will impersonate the Doctor, whilst Bombr. W. Perkins will represent Richard III.; Bombr. A. T. Jackson (Mr. Steward); Bombr. Trott (Mr. Steward and a female lunatic); Bombr. A. Jackson (Lunatic Lecturer), other parts being fitted by different members of the ship's company of H.M.S. *Monarch*.

A small Assault-at-Arms and Boxing Tournament will be held on December 4th, the proceeds of all these entertainments going to the support of the relatives of an A.B. of H.M.S. *Monarch*.—R.D.B.

NEWS FROM MALTA.

Perhaps it may interest a few readers who have been "Up the Straits," to know that the old stereotyped drill on Corradina has passed away for ever, and that now the Royal Marines from the Fleet are landed every week for tactical training and instruction, in co-operation with the troops in garrison. Everyone seems to thoroughly enjoy these outings, even when (as once happened) we started homeward from the ninth milestone. I need not particularise as all roads in Malta lead to Valetta.

A series of weekly lectures have been instituted at the Sergeants' Mess, and last week Captain Dalton, R.M.L.I., gave a very interesting *résumé* of the previous day's operations, dwelling particnlarly on the importance of patrols and reconnoitring parties generally sending back *correct* information. He also mentioned a fact which I fancy was new to most of us, viz:—That a brick wall without any interception or break could be utilised as a telephone. We were told also, that an efficient Brigade of Royal Marines could be landed in case of war, if necessary, self-supporting, with its own mounted infantry and field guns. It would comprise men who have qualified in the schools of musketry, gunnery, military engineering, cookery and army signalling. Others who have passed the army vetinary, cold shoeing, commissariat, and transport courses, also trades of every description, and last, but not least, a qualified dispenser.

The Sergeants' Mess, also self-supporting, is moving slowly but surely onward, and I am glad to say, out of debt. Certainly we have not much to veer and haul on, after paying rent, salaries, etc., but the furniture and fittings are our own, not, as yet, very grand, but comfortable, and the pioneers of the movement who first fitted out and commissioned this "Home over Sea," and worked hard without material assistance to make it a success, may indeed look back on their efforts with pride.

A VISIT TO MAJUBA.

Dear Mr. Editor, Volksrust, 1st November, 1901.

As the column to which I have the honour to belong was lying at Volksrust, a little township on the border of Natal, I seized the opportunity of paying a visit to Majuba Hill of mournful memory, which lies about six miles off, and I venture to send you a short account of my excursion. Leaving my horse at the Blockhouse at the Nek below Majuba (S. Africa is a mass of blockhouses now-a-days) under the charge of a friendly sentry, I proceeded to walk up the celebrated hill, which I should think is at least 1,500 feet high, and I confess I was fairly pumped by the time I got to the top, as the sides, go up by which way you will, are very precipitous and in places it is on your hands and knees that you have to go up. However, when I at last reached the top I must say I was rewarded by a glorious view—an ocean of kopjes, tier upon tier, forming a very picturesque scene, the hills being covered with growing grass—the emerald green of the landscape being toned down by the deep shadows thrown by the afternoon sun. But to return to my subject. Majuba is shaped like what scientific people call a truncated cone, a very common brand of kopje in this country; the base of the hill is cut up by numerous deep ravines, the slopes of Majuba being almost precipitous, and on the top is a cup shaped plateau, about a quarter of a square mile in area, which was the scene of our disaster in 1881.

In the centre of this plateau is a memorial stone to the soldiers who fell, and one or two other graves, the whole being surrounded with a barbed wire fencing, with an injunction to tourists not to scratch their names on the stones—but of course the sight-seeing cad of commerce has written his infernal tally on every available inch of space, with the date of his visit! There is in this little graveyard a memorial to the 58th Regiment, one to Capt. Cornwallis, son of Lord Hay, and also a little wooden cross, somewhat the worse for wear, commemorating one Brazier and twenty men, H.M.S. *Boadicea*, who were victims in the disaster. Colley's grave is down at Laing's Nek, and the place where he is reported to have fallen is on the side of the hill, but I could not find it. Nobody is allowed to go up Majuba Hill without first reporting to the Blockhouse on the Nek, in fact the ill-fated hill is jealously guarded by us as the Boers appear to have many superstitious ideas about it, and openly hold Majuba Day as a festival. However, its present day appearance, with the exception of the graves commemorating 1881, recalls the visitor to the war of to-day, for the south sides of the hill are literally honeycombed with Boer trenches, contrived most cunningly, like terraces, in all the nooks and crannies of the hillside, and where there are no trenches there are stone schanges, the trenches running for miles along the crest of Laing's Nek, over to another hill some fonr miles off, on which, I believe, they had a Long Tom, etc. How sick they must have been that we were not obliging enough to advance over Laing's Nek.

The shades of night were beginning to fall as I made the best of my way down the steep sides of the hill, and getting to the Blockhouse was lucky enough to meet the officer, who gave me a drink, and besides telling me that he liked duty in blockhouses, which astonished me not a little, he told me that there was an old native living about a mile oft, who had acted as Colley's guide up Majuba, and it appears rather marvellous to me that the Burghers have not sjamboked him frequently for his temerity.

Yours truly,
H. M. Howard.

Royal Marines Rifle Association.

THE CHANNEL JEWEL COMPETITION, 1901.

This was shot oft at Gibraltar, thanks to the Military Authorities, who gave us the use of the range for five days, for two hours in the afternoon.

There were 62 entries, but only 19 completed cards, on account of the limited time at our disposal.

Considering the absence of opportunities for rifle practice the scores are good. Military targets were used and the weather on the whole was favourable for the month of September.

The Tie between Cr.-Sergt. Whistler, R.M.L.I., *Majestic* and Pte. Goodey, R.M.L.I., *Magnificent*, was shot off at Berehaven, on an unfinished range, and resulted in a win for Cr.-Sergt. Whistler by four points (seven shots with two sighters at 600 yards). He therefore becomes the first winner of the Jewel.

The rules were made in order to allow ships separated from the Squadron to take advantage of any opportunities, but this does not seem to have been understood.

The first 14 scores were as follows:—

Cr.-Sergt. Whistler,	R.M.L.I.,	H.M.S.	*Majestic*	..	{27 / 27
Pte. Goodey	,,	,,	*Magnificent*	..	27
Sergt. Holdway	,,	,,	*Repulse*	..	26
Pte. Salwood	,,	,,	*Jupiter*	..	25
Gnr. Spicer	R.M.A.	,,	*Jupiter*	..	25
Gnr. Jones	,,	,,	*Prince George*	..	25
Sergt. Roost	,,	,,	*Majestic*	..	24
Pte. Lee	R.M.L.I.	,,	*Magnificent*	..	24
Gnr. Arnold	R.M.A.	,,	*Jupiter*	..	24
Pte. Lawson	R.M.L.I.	,,	*Prince George*	..	24
Lce.-Sergt. Lyne	R.M.A.	,,	*Prince George*	..	23
Gnr. Rivers	,,	,,	*Prince George*	..	23
Pte. Le Fevre	R.M.L.I.	,,	*Magnificent*	..	23
Pte. Spratt	,,	,,	*Jupiter*	..	

"Globe and Laurel" Accounts.

BALANCE SHEET. 28th DECEMBER, 1901.

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	1	19	8
Subscriptions and Sales	299	12	8
Transferred from Reserve Fund	45	0	0
	£346	12	4

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Messrs. Charpentier & Co., Printing	259	18	0
Wages	10	11	6
Postage	69	8	8
Office Expenses—Wrappers, Stationery, etc. ..	4	13	1½
Balance credit	2	1	0½
	£346	12	4

RESERVE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	84	18	8½
Sale of Volumes	2	6	4
Mr. C. Vernon, Advertisements	80	14	11
Donations, etc.	32	10	7
	£200	10	6½

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Charpentier & Co., Covers and Binding ..	2	13	5
Sundries	0	7	0
Illustrations—Sedgwick & Co., etc.	11	6	7
Transferred to General Fund	45	0	0
Balance credit	141	3	6½
	£200	10	6½

(Signed) H. E. BLUMBERG,
Capt. & Hon. Adjt., R.M.L.I., *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct—
(Signed) W. J. PAWSEY, Q.M. & Hon. Lieut., R.M.L.I.

Anecdotes.

Musketry instructor (to recruit): "Bedad, an' it's two hits ye've got on yer tar-r-get. One's an inner the other's a miss."

After about five years' absence from the Corps, he had come up on the Reserve, and on being questioned as to how he liked civil life said, "Oh! it's just about the same old 'nip,' whatever you start doing you've got to knock off and do something else."

There was a bit of an argument as to the exact whereabouts of Fratton Park Football Ground and the nearest way to it, and to clinch the matter a native of Gospost was appealed to. "Well," he said, "I can't rightly say, I've been there a many times, but I only knows my way up by *brake*."

The Canteen Committee were assembled in solemn conclave to consider any propositions or suggestions that might be brought forward, and nothing of a startling nature having been sprung on them, the president turned to the inevitable old soldier and asked him if he could suggest any improvement in the interior economy of the Division. "Well, sir," said he, "There's one thing I'd like to see, and that's to open the beer canteen at 7 o'clock in the morning." "At 7 o'clock in the morning! What ever for?" said the President. "Why, sir, so as we could get a livener," was the unexpected answer.

Old soldier cleaning his rifle for guard; in strolls a youngster just come on his service, and returned to duty from the band. Old Soldier: "Hallo, youngster; returned to duty, eh? Youngster: "Yes." O.S.: What instrument did you play?" Y.; "Saxophone." O.S.: "Saxeyphone, eh; well, you see this bloke" (pointing to his rifle). Y.; "Yes." O.S.: "Well, this is a sentry-go-afone; it takes two hours to play one bar on it, and four hours to get your breath back."—*Men of Harlech.*

On parade the other day. Captain of Company marching a detachment out of the gate. "All those men who have not got sight protectors are to put them on."

Amusing advertisement culled from *The Scotsman*, newspaper published in Edinburgh. "The small man who struts Princes Street and glares at ladies, is warned that a horse-whipping is in store unless he alters his ways."

They had just done the attack and as usual the sections assembled on their section leaders when the following remark was made: "Is there any of the 3rd section *here* away?"

One often overhears curious slips at the Battery but the following rather tickled us. N.C.O. drilling battery and giving orders for deflection; "Ship stationary, enemy steaming 10 knots in the *opposite* direction!"

It was the first time he had been in charge of a section at the annual course of Musketry and the Officer in charge had told him he must be most particular in specifying the object at which his section had to take aim. His first attempt "At the gorse bush, a quarter left" was not a success. "No. Now, Sergeant, that won't do at all" said the O.-in-C.; "There are about 30 bushes there, any one of which would answer your description. His second attempt "At the window of the House in front" was no better, and the O.-in-C. began to get a bit riled. "Now, look here, Sergeant there are 8 windows to that house, why on earth"—(his expression was stronger than that but it will answer the purpose here)—"don't you mention the one you want your men to aim at"? So he had another try. "At the right hand bottom 'corner' of the 13th telegraph pole from the railway line, Pre-e-e-sent" and there was a general collapse.

Entertainments.

OFFICERS' THEATRICALS AT EASTNEY.

THE representative audience which on Wednesday evening, December 11th, filled both floor and gallery of the R.M.A. Theatre were not slow in congratulating themselves on the good fortune which had favoured them with invitations, and few were present who did not believe that no better acted or better staged piece has ever been put on the Eastney boards than George Hawtrey's delightful farcical comedy "The Pickpocket," with which they were entertained that evening.

The plot of this amusing comedy turns upon the jealous suspicion aroused in the mind of Frederick Hope by the audacious, but by no means undivided, attentions paid to his wife by Osmond Hewitt, and is complicated by his adoption of a disguise which lays him open to arrest as a dangerous lunatic.

The play opens in the drawing room of Hope's house at Kensington, and reveals the charming Mrs. Hope bemoaning their intended visit to Southbourne-on-Sea, because it involves a temporary separation from her "dear Freddie." Even the candid opinions of her sharp-tongued, decisive, maiden aunt do not lessen her agitation, and only when her husband arrives and promises to join them at the week end, is she persuaded to pack for the journey. Aunt Maria's critical soliliquy of her niece's conduct when the young people had left the room, was most entertaining, as was also the interview between Miss Grumbledon, who had called upon Miss Trumper for advice in the choice of a health resort for her invalid uncle, and Osmond Hewitt, whose previous attentions to Mrs. Hope did not prevent him treating Freda Grumbledon with marked attention. The rapid transition of Hewett's affection from one to the other of these "ripping" ladies, afforded some of the most entertaining episodes in the play, and together with the incident of the yellow carnation, and his clever persistence in trying to learn the destination of Aunt Maria and Mrs. Hope, earned the well-deserved applause of the house. In the second scene, laid in the garden of the Westcliff Hotel, Southbourne-on-Sea, the comic situations followed rapidly upon each other. Gregory Grumbledon, Freda's "robust" but hypochondriacal uncle, whether learning the true nature of his complaints from his doctor's letter, or submitting to massage at the hands of Osmond Hewett, was the object of continued applause and amusement. The re-appearance of Hope disguised under the name of W. Johnson, his wife's inability to decide whether it was he or not, Hewett's attempt to establish his identity, first by stealing his handkerchief as suggested by Mrs. Hope, and secondly by attempting to force open his portmanteau under the implacable eye of Aunt Maria, were all incidents leading to the rapid development of the plot. How Osmond was caught in the latter act, and only escaped the revenge of Hope by contriving to escape from the room with Miss Grumbledon's help; the mistake which arose from Hope's extraordinary conduct on finding, when he returned with the police, that Hewett had vanished, and the general belief that he was indeed the dangerous lunatic Dr. Shaw had been warned was coming to the hotel, were admirably interpreted in the third act. The last scene in the entrance hall of the hotel, when the real lunatic appears to Uncle Gregory, and many mysteries, even that of Hewett's apparent thieving propensities, are cleared up, brought to a successful close a performance which throughout had been thoroughly appreciated and very much enjoyed by all present.

The applause which greeted almost every player testified to the admirable manner in which the performers carried out their parts. Indeed whether one thinks of Major Kappey as irritable Uncle Gregory, Lieut. Jolly as inimitable Osmond Hewett, Mrs. Robertson as cautic Aunt Maria, Miss O'Keefe as charming Mabel Hope, Mrs. Homer as patient Freda Grumbledon, Mr. Warder as the jealous husband, or Mr. Fisher as Andrew the waiter, it is to recall acting which by its spirit, naturalness, and "go" must long remain unequalled even by old performers on the Eastney stage.

Dramatis Personæ.

Frederick Hope	R. B. G. Warder, Esq., R.M.A.
Gregory Grumbledon	Major G. F. Kappey, R.M.A.
Osmond Hewett	W. A. Jolly, Esq., R.M.A.
Andrew (a waiter)	C. T. Fisher, Esq., R.M.A.
Dr. Shaw	A. H. L. Prynne, Esq., R.M.A.
Inspector Townsend	H. R. Twiss, Esq., R.M.A.
Mr. W. Johnson	W. L. Huntington, Esq., R.M.A.
James (Mr. Johnson's servant)	L. D. Briscoe, Esq., R.M.A.
Augustus	T. A. M. Bourchier, Esq., R.M.A.
Bathchairman	Capt. F. J. F. French, Esq., R.M.A.
Policeman	W. H. L. Tripp, Esq., R.M.A.
Mabel Hope (Frederick's wife)	Miss O'Keefe.
Miss Maria Trumper (Mabel's Aunt)	Mrs. Robertson.
Freda Grumdledon (Grumbledon's Niece)	Mrs. Homer.
Annette (a servant)	Miss Fairtlough.
Maid	Miss E. O'Keefe.
Maid	Mrs. Parish.

PLYMOUTH.

We regret that space will not permit us to give a full account of the many excellent shows that have been put on the boards of the R.M. Theatre, Plymouth, by Colr.-Sergeant F. W. Hopkins and a talented company, including Q.M.S. Chapman. Colr.-Sergts. Parsons and H. L. Smith, Sergts. H. Martin and Digby, Corpl. C. J. White, Pte. Daley, and the Misses Hilda Hopkins, Muriel St. Clair, and Catherine May. We have, however, received splendid reports of them, and heartily congratulate all concerned on the success that has attended their efforts.

R.M.A. Shooting Team, 1901.

The above team, of which we hope to publish a photo shortly, again did remarkably well in all their matches during the past season.

They fired for eight cups and trophies, of which they won four, were second for three and third for one.

Out of sixteen matches they won thirteen, their winning average being 81·25 per cent.

Their averages in N.R.A. and S.D.L. matches are as follows:—

N.R.A. Averages.

Rank and Name	*Shoots*	*Points*	*Average*
Capt. Homer	13	1219	93·76
Colr.-Sergt Deacon	12	1102	91·83
Sergt. Paddison	13	1181	90·84
Sergt.-Instr. Beddow	12	1086	90·50
Lieut. Baker	13	1173	90·23
Sergt. Chell	3	270	90·00
Sergt. Height	8	718	89·75
Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger	6	536	89·33
Lieut. Rodway	9	802	89·11
Sergt.-Major Foley	11	975	88·63
Q.M.S. Ede	12	1060	88·33
Lce.-Sergt. Hutchings	10	881	88·10
Gnr. Bridgwater	3	258	86·00
Gnr. Fee	3	240	80·00
Gnr. Rogers	3	235	78·33

Southern League Averages.

Sergt.-Instr. Beddow	4	372	93·00
Capt. Homer	4	349	87·25
Colr.-Sergt. Deacon	4	339	84·75
Lieut. Rodway	4	337	84·26
Lieut. Baker	4	336	84·00
Sergt. Paddison	4	336	84·00
Sergt.-Major Foley	4	329	82·25
Q.M.S. Ede	3	250	83·33

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; 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 Regl. 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; The Thin Red Line, etc., etc.*

Answers to Correspondents.

PRIVATE (Chatham)—The answers to your questions are as follows—
1.—The pay of a private married on the strength is 1/2 a day with 6d. a day lodging allowance. If he takes up his rations he is stopped 1½d. a day, thus making his total pay 1/6½ a day. If he does not take up his rations he *receives* an allowance of 3d. a day in lieu of them, bringing his total pay up to 1/11 a day. This, of course, does not include Good Conduct Pay, nor the Gunnery Penny.
2.—A private with a 3rd class certificate of education may be allowed to join the drill class, but according to regulations he must possess a 2nd class certificate before he is promoted corporal.

Births.

COX—On the 13th Nov., 1901, at 5, New Road East, Portsmouth, the wife of Pte. A. G. Cox, H.M.S. *Revenge*, of a daughter.
JACKSON—At Greenwich, on Dec. 8th, 1901, the wife of Sergt. G. Jackson, of a daughter.
PEEL—At the R.N. Cricket Ground, Malta, on Nov. 30th, 1901, the wife of Pte. J. L Peel, of a son.

Marriages.

HAYES—EVE—At Christ Church, Croydon, Nov. 26th, 1901, Sergt. S. W. Hayes, to Miss Ellen Beatrice Eve, of Croydon.
JEFFEREY—LOVE—At the Parish Church, Deal, on the 28th Nov., 1901, Pte. J. Jefferey to Miss R. Love.
KING—SAINTLY—At All Saints' Church, Portsea, Hants, 21st Dec., 1901, Sergt. C. B. King to Miss Lilian Elizabeth Saintly.
NUTHALL—DOBSON—At St. George's Church, Barrow, Dec. 24th, 1901, Arthur Nuthall, late R.M.L.I., Chatham Division, now Board of Trade Officer, to Miss Frances Dobson.
SNASDELL—ELMES—At the Parish Church, Walmer, Mus. P. T. Snasdell to Miss M. M. Elmes.
STRACHAN—WALKER—At the Parish Church, Walthamstow, Sergt. P. J. Strachan to Miss F. S. A. Walker.
TAYLOR—PORTER—At Baptist Tabernacle, Alverstoke, Hants, 15th Dec., 1901, Corpl. W. S. Taylor to Miss Ada Clara Porter.
THOMPSON GAMBLIN—At Parish Church, Alverstoke, Hants, 11th Dec., 1901, Sergt. W. Thompson to Miss Rose Ellen Gamblen.

Deaths.

COCHRAN—On the 8th Dec., 1901, at Park Place, Henley-on-Thames, of bronchial pneumonia, Archibald Gell Cochran, Lieut.-Colonel, R.M.L.I., aged 44, younger son of the late Admiral Cochran, of Buntings, Uxbridge.
FOX—At R.M. Infirmary, Deal, 9th Dec., 1901, Pte. A. H. Fox.
JACKSON—At Greenwich, Dec. 20th, 1901, Violet, the youngest daughter of Sergt. G. Jackson.
MCEVOY—At R.M.A. Infirmary, 8th Dec., 1901, Gr. John McEvoy, K Co., R.M.A., aged 49 years.
PEEL—At Malta, Dec. 10th, 1901, the infant son of Pte. J. C. Peel.
REYNOLDS—At R.M.A. Infirmary, 19th Dec., 1901, Mus. R. G. Reynolds, P Co., R.M.A., aged 27 years.
TUCKER—At R.M. Infirmary, Deal, 10th Dec., 1901, Pte. J. T. Tucker.
WALKER—At Haslar, 11th Dec., 1901, Gr. W. G. Walker, K Co., R.M.A., aged 26 years.

In Memoriam.

In loving memory of my mother, EMILY HARRISON, relict of Colonel Robert Seppings Harrison, R.M.L.I., who departed this life 18th December, 1895,

"Till the day break and the shadows flee away."

From her son serving in South Africa.

The Editor begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions, etc., with many thanks :—

Mrs. Smith	0	1	6	Col. Thompson	0	3	0
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Col. Fosbrook	0	1	6	Forton Barracks	1	3	1
Col. T. V. Cooke	0	1	6	Sergt. Moore	0	1	6
Sergt. Moffitt	0	1	6	Pte. Creak	0	1	6
Col. Hore	0	1	6	Mr. Fitzpatrick	0	1	6
Col. Bamber	0	1	6	Mr. Howard	0	1	6
Miss Axford	0	2	0	Sergt. Edgson	0	1	6
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Col. Blaxland	0	1	6	Mr. E. Hughes	0	1	6
Boscawen	0	5	0	Mrs. Featherstone	0	1	6
Major Hale	0	1	6	Major Shanks, R.M.	0	3	0
Orlando	0	17	0	Mr. Rowe	0	1	0
Sergt.-Major Mearles	0	15	0	Sergt.-Major E. Luff	0	1	6
Capt. Mascall	0	1	6	*Blanche*	0	4	6
Mr. Eustace	0	1	6	*Juno*	0	5	1
Col. Everitt	0	1	6	Q.M.S. Winne	0	4	0
Ganges	0	6	3	Mrs. Pamphin	0	1	6
Mars	0	15	0	*Pactolus*	0	2	4
Col. Boyd Hamilton	0	15	0	Mr. H. Turner	0	1	6
Benbow	0	9	0	*Majestic*	0	7	1
Jupiter	0	6	10	Major-Gen. Heastey	0	1	6
Sergt.-Major Simms	0	1	6	Lieut.-Col. Daniell	0	1	6
Gen. Le Grand	0	6	0	Mr. Phipps Eyre	0	2	0
Collingwood	0	5	2	*Severn*	0	7	3
Anson	0	7	3	*Formidable*	0	14	6
Sergt. Pilton	0	1	6	Col. Bourchier	0	1	6
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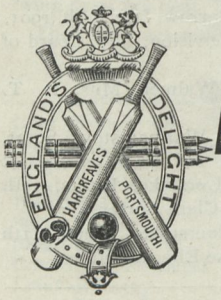
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Editorial.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has accepted an invitation to dine with the Officers of the Corps at the Whitehall Rooms, Hotel Metropole, on May 16th next, at 8.15 p m.

* * *

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased by His Order-in-Council, of the 13th January, 1902, to award a pension of £35 a year, to date from the 26th August, 1901, for one year, to Capt. L. O. Wilson. D.S.O., R.M.L.I., as compensation for a gunshot wound received by him in action at Belfast, South Africa, on the 26th August, 1900, whilst serving with the Naval Brigade.

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The alterations in uniform for the Army have been promulgated in Army Orders, but so far nothing has been decided about our Corps, though officers have been advised not to purchase new articles of uniform and appointments as follows: R.M.A.—Forage cap and F. S. cap; patrol jacket; undress, buff belts; full dress pouch and binocular case; mess dress, gold lace overalls; undress, buff sword-knot; brass spurs. R.M.L.I.—Scarlet serge frock; forage cap and F. S. cap; full dress trousers; full dress sash and sword belt; undress sash, undress sword belt; gold and buff sword-knot; Helmets, until plates with new pattern crown are obtainable. In addition to above, young officers on leaving Greenwich are not to be required to provide themselves with a tunic till further orders.

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Major J. H. Bor, C.M.G., R.M.A., is to continue in his appointment as D.A.A.G., Royal Marines, till March 12th, 1903.

An exchange of Divisions has been approved between Major C. Field (Plymouth) and Major W. P. Drury (Portsmouth).

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Major and Brevet Lieut.-Col. C. J. Cheetham, R.M.A. (retired), is to remain as Recruiting Staff Officer at Birmingham, until June 30th, 1903, when the appointment will no longer be considered a first-class district.

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Capt. P. Molloy, R.M.L.I., has undertaken the duty of Honorary Secretary to the recently established United Service Institution on the China Station.

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Lieut. R. H. Darwall, R.M.L.I., has been selected for the appointment of Instructor of Musketry, *vice* Capt. C. W. R. Dalton, whose time has expired.

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The following changes in the names of officers R.M.L.I., have been approved and are notified for information and guidance: Major J. H. Abrahall to be borne as Major John Hoskyns—Abrahall, and Capt. C. H. H. Abrahall to be borne as Capt. Christopher Henry Hoskyns—Abrahall.

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In order to facilitate the provision of Captains and 2nd Captains of guns, R.M.L.I., for first class cruisers not carrying any R.M. Artillery, men qualified for those ratings should not be embarked except in such ships. Any who may now be serving in battleships should be withdrawn as soon as opportunities occur. If, however, it is found that the number of qualified men at headquarters awaiting embarkation becomes large, report is to be made to the Royal Marine Office.

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Lieut. N. F. Trotman, R.M.A., has been promoted to Captain, *vice* Brough, seconded, dated 1st June, 1902.

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Capt. J. F. V. S. Whitmarsh, R.M.L.I., has been appointed Paymaster in the Army Pay Department.—*War Office Gazette*, 21st Jan., 1902.

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Capt. J. A. M. A. Clark, R.M.L.I., arrived at Southampton, 24th Jan., on the *S.S. Kildonan Castle*, on return from service in South Africa.

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We gather the following accounts of the mobile column commanded by Major Paris, R.M.A., from the daily papers. Perhaps one day he may be persuaded to give us a more detailed account himself:—

On Sunday morning, 5th January, Major Paris came suddenly upon a laager of women and children, with numerous stock, near Carolina.

The laager was guarded by only five men. The British troops took charge of the whole collection. The wife of Commandant De Beers was, apparently, the responsible party in charge of the women, who numbered about 150.—*Central News.*

VRYBURG, *January 10th.*

Major Paris's column again encountered the Boers on the morning of the 8th inst., twenty miles south-west of this place, and had a running fight with them, which kept our men in the saddle for twenty-four hours. The Boers kept falling back to avoid being cut off. Eventually, after the Diamond Fields Horse and Dennison's Scouts had pushed them very hard, the Boers fled, leaving their convoy in our hands, including a number of carts and horses. We took three prisoners. The enemy also had three killed and some wounded. One of the Diamond Fields Horse was killed. This is the third fight the Kimberley column has had in the last eight days.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, *January 20th.*

THE CAPTURE OF A WOMEN'S LAAGER.—Mr. Channing asked the Secretary of State for War whether Major Paris surprised a Boer laager containing 150 women and children near Carolina on Sunday, January 5th, and removed these women and children; and, if so, whether these women and children were being treated as prisoners of war, and were being compulsorily sent to one of the concentration camps.

Lord Stanley (Lanc., Westhoughton).—In reply to this question, Lord Kitchener telegraphs as follows:—"Arrangement come to between Commandant of Christiana and Tolly Debeer by which latter will remove these families on January 20th; pending removal families have been living undisturbed in their own laager, which has been kept fully supplied by Commandant of Christiana." (Hear, hear.)

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We understand that a brass tablet has been placed in the Legation Church, Peking, with the following inscription, which speaks for itself:—

IN MEMORY

Captain B. M. Strouts, aged 30, Royal Marine Light Infantry.
David Oliphant, aged 24. J. George Hancock, aged 24.
Henry Warren, aged 21. Walter E. Townsend, aged 21
Roger D. Drury, aged 22.
Her Britannic Majesty's Consular Service.
R. B. De Conney, Imperial Maritime Custom.
F. Hukerty James, Professor at the Imperial University of Peking.
Pte. C. W. Phillips. Pte. A. W. Scadding.
,, G. Sawyer. ,, W. Horne.
Royal Marine Light Infantry.
Who gave their lives in defence of this Legation,
June 20th—August 11th, 1900.

Also of Murray Ker, aged one year and ten months who died six days after the siege; son of W. P. Ker, Assistant Chinese Secretary, Her Britannic Majesty's Legation.

Therefore is it as greate follie to weepe;
Death is the beginning of another life.

"Neither men nor their lives are measured by an ell."

[This tablet is placed here by some of those for whom they died, and others to whom their memory is dear.]

* * *

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of the following retirement and promotions in the R.M.L.I., dated 30th Jan., 1902:—

General S. J. Graham, C.B., to be placed on the retired list on attaining the age of 65 years; Lieut.-General G. H. T. Colwell, C.B., to be General *vice* Graham, retired; Major-General J. I. Morris (Supernumerary) to be Lieut.-General (Supernumerary) *vice* Colwell, promoted; Major-General C. H. Scafe to be Lieut.-General *vice* Morris (Supernumerary); Col.-Commandant F. Baldwin to be Major-General *vice* Scafe, promoted; Col. 2nd Commandant A. D. Corbet, C.B., to be Col. Commandant *vice* Baldwin, promoted, and appointed to the Plymouth Division; Lieut.-Col. and Brevet-Col. W. T. Adair (Supernumerary) to be Col. 2nd Commandant (Supernumerary) *vice* Corbet, promoted; Lieut.-Col. T. J. P. Evans to be Col. 2nd Commandant *vice* Adair (Supernumerary) and appointed to the Chatham Division; Major C. G. Brittan to be Lieut.-Col. *vice* Evans, promoted and appointed to the Portsmouth Division; Capt. A. M. Connolly to be Major *vice* Brittan, promoted, and appointed to the Chatham Division; Major E. C. B. Roe is advanced to the Senior Majors' List from the 30th inst., and appointed to the Chatham Division.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of the undermentioned gentlemen being selected to receive commissions as 2nd Lieutenants in the Royal Marines, from 1st January, 1902, and they have been directed to join the R.N. College, Greenwich, on 31st January.—

R.M.A.—D. L. Aman and F. C. N. Bishop.

R.M.L.I.—F. J. Brett, C. H. Malden, H. C. Pepe, M. H. Stewart, R. W. J. Laing, T. A. N. Wright, M. K. Gray, G. A. Ilbert, H. Fawcett, S. H. Carns-Wilson, J. H. de M. H. Knight, F. B. Anderson, G. P. Oppenheim, J. J. Bramble, and C. G. Farquharson (selected to receive the service commission for 1902).

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Lieut. C. F. O. Graham, R.M.L.I. (local captain West African Frontier Force), who has been ordered to take up the command of the Gambia Company West African Frontier Force, sailed in R.M.S. *Fantee*, 30th November, 1901. He will form the company which is to be stationed in the Gambia Colony, in relief of a detachment of the West India Regt., which has hitherto furnished the garrison for Bathurst.

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Major Frederick White, D.S.O., R.M.L.I., is on passage from service in South Africa by the S.S. *Roslin Castle*, which left Cape Town on 23rd January and is due at Southampton on 13th February.

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An engagement is announced between Major Richard T. Saumarez, (Royal Marines), son of Admiral Saumarez, C.B., and the younger daughter of Mr. A. Ogston, D.L., of Ardoe, Kincardineshire, N.B.

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Mr. C. D'Oyly Harmar (Royal Marine Light Infantry), son of Colonel C. D'Oyly Harmar, of Rambridge, Andover, will be married in April at Andover, to the second daughter of the late Mr. T. Earle and Mrs. Earle, of Enham.

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As the sale of medals on 9th January, in London, by Glendining & Co., a very fine group of five medals was sold for £6, consisting of the Baltic, Crimean, with clasp for Sebastopol, Turkish, Crimea, Long Service and Good Conduct, and the medal for Meritorious Service awarded to First Sergt.-Instructor of Musketry T. McGuinness, Royal Marine Artillery. The war medal with clasp for Syria awarded to the late Colonel Henry George Milford, R.M.L.I., was sold for £3 10s. 0d.

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Hockey.

PLYMOUTH.

Since the last account of our hockey appeared we have had to postpone three matches in succession—*v.* H.M.S. *Lion*, R.N.E. College, and Keyberry Park. However on Saturday, November 30th, we determined to play Plymouth, although we could only raise ten men: one of these got crocked in the first few minutes of the game, and the remaining nine only succeeded in preventing our getting a worse defeat than 5–0. The following Wednesday we played the *Britannia* at Dartmouth, and only managed to raise a full team by getting two members who were on leave, to come over for it. We lost by three goals to two. The next match did not come off till the Christmas leave was up, when we put as strong a team into the field as we have had this season, and gave Plympton a beating of 9–1. On Saturday, the 18th, Keyberry Park H.C. came over from Newton Abbott, and we had the satisfaction of breaking their season's record by taking seven goals off them to their three—this being their first defeat.

Royal Marine Artillery Shooting Team, 1901.

Q.M.S. Ede. Gr. Palmer. St. Paddison. Gr. Carter. Gr. Fee. C.-St. Deacon. St. Beddow. Gr. Greenhalgh. Gr. Rogers. St. Height.



Lieut. & Qr.-Mr. Baker. Capt. Homer. Lieut. & Qr.-Mr. Rodway. Sergt.-Maj. Foley.

Royal Marines Football Team, H.M.S. "Highflyer," East Indies, 1901.



The Royal Marines Football Club of H.M.S. *Highflyer*, flagship of the East Indies Station, is a considerable factor in keeping the detachment in good health. Although the thermometer at Trincomali is seldom below 80 degrees, there is a comparatively cool hour before sunset, and football matches have been at the rate of about four a week on the Maidan during the past three months, against the officers, ship's company, R.A., R.E., &c., success usually being with the club. The detachment, in force, always turns out as a cheering party.

Home News

EASTNEY.

ON New Year's Eve, shortly before the time for the dinner and smoking concert given by the sergeants in their mess, some of the flimsy decorations hanging up round the room in celebration of the Christmas festivities, came in contact with the gas, and there was an immediate flare up. An alarm of fire was at once raised, and the fire brigade and engines were quickly on the spot, but meanwhile several sergeants in the mess had promptly torn down the decorations and trampled out the fire, so that the engines were not called into use. Except for some slight scorching and discolouration, but little damage actually took place, and the concert was hurriedly organised in the Theatre, and as usual, much enjoyed and thoroughly appreciated by all present. The little girl, Gwendoline Jones, a sister of Colr.-Sergt. Jones, R.M.A., who, passing along the road, put her head through the window and gave the first alarm of fire, was suitably rewarded, and publicly thanked by the Colonel Commandant on the school parade.

It is not often that a fire of any kind has to be recorded in barracks, but strangely enough, a second occurred on 6th January; this time at the official residence of Major A. H. Cox, at Fort Cumberland. The cause—a very old one—a domestic drying her clothes before an unauthorized fire in her bedroom. Result—a good deal of damage to a couple of the bedrooms by fire and water. The N.C.O.'s and Gunner, residing at Fort Cumberland, were promptly on the spot, and extinguished the fire without extraneous assistance.

The members of the sergeants' mess gave an enjoyable soirée in the Recreation Building, on the 17th ult. Colr.-Sergt. Weatherleigh did M.C. as usual, and was ably assisted by others, while Sergt.-Major J. Squires presided. Miss Payne, accompanied by a couple of the band on their stringed instruments, played a well-selected programme of dances.

PORTSMOUTH.

Everyone returned from furlough on 9th January, and work began again on 10th, after a strict medical examination in view of the small-pox in London, but happily no cases were discovered. We are very full just now, and there is scarcely a vacant bed in the barracks, as we have received over 120 recruits from the Depot since Xmas.

On the 16th the members of the sergeants' mess gave their annual dinner which was largely attended, and afterwards held a smoking concert, at which there was a remarkable display of talent; an account appears in another column. The football team has started work again, though unluckily several members have been laid up by accidents.

Hockey is in full swing, and on 25th the officers defeated a team of the A.S.C. from Aldershot, brought down by Captain R. Ford, D.S.O. (late R.M.L.I.).

PLYMOUTH.

If the portraits of the Kings William III. and IV., of Queen Mary and of the other celebrities hanging on the walls of the mess room, could emulate those family portraits which in "Ruddigore," walk out of their frames and take a temporary lease of life, what would have been their feelings on last New Year's Eve, when a mess dinner was held (for the first time I believe in the history of the Division), to which ladies were invited. The invitations were kept strictly to the wives of the officers now serving in the Division. Captain Armstrong, the senior bachelor presided, Lieut. Laurie being in the vice-chair. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent, and the old year sped and the new year welcomed before the party broke up. The ladies present were Mrs. Baldwin, Eagles, Robyns, Ormsby-Johnson, Hailes, Brabazon, Morres, Williams. Munday, Tucker and Bush.

A few new trophies from China have been added to the mess. Col. Luke and the officers landed in the late war have presented two Chinese flags, and Captain Armstrong some weapons and a beautiful vase.

The next matinee is to be held in the mess room on the 28th Jan.

We are about to lose Colr.-Sergt. Hopkins, of the Pay Office, who is so well known for the plays he has written, as well as for his histrionic talent. He will leave a gap that will not be filled readily. His plays include "Room 13," "Teusbia," "For his Sake," and many others which from time to time have been played on the boards of our theatre. Colr.-Sergts. Pollard of Fort Stamford, and Alsop of G Coy., are also two more of our senior N.C.O.'s, who will be missed, as in a few days they go to pension.

Foreign News.

MALTA.

I presume we in Malta, having loyally performed our duty, were thinking of retiring, when you gentlemen in England were keeping up the old tradition of drinking in the New Year.

A smoking concert was held at the Mess on that date, and a most enjoyable evening spent. As midnight approached there was no lack of volunteers to oblige, and it is evident that the "cream of the talent" from all Divisions has been drafted to the Mediterranean.

A smoker was also held on Boxing Night when we were favoured by visitors from the United States Army Transport *Crook*, who had called on her way to Manilla. One of the visitors gave a most amusing speech, which included the following, and given in the pure Yankee drawl. "I was always given to understand that the *Constitution* followed the flag, but when we reached Gibraltar and gazed on its massive fortifications, I came to the conclusion that the American *Constitution* was safer at home. Then we came on to Malta and saw the grand array of war ships you have here, I said to myself, 'Why, here's the whole British Fleet,' but when they told us it was only a *part* of the Mediterranean Fleet, I thought 'Well, it's a good thing for us they are not all here, or I guess there would not have been room for the old *Crook* to have dropped her anchor.'"

Perhaps the following rough statement of accounts relative to the Sergeants' Mess, may not be uninteresting to members of our opulent big brother establishments at home. It will shew them, at least, that their little brother learned to walk without the helping hand that was asked for.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Received for Liquor, &c.	648	5	11
,, Billiards	24	10	0
,, by Subscriptions	46	11	8
,, Discount	33	19	6
Value of Stock ..	10	12	2
	£763	19	3

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Paid for Liquor, &c.	467	9	11
,, in Salaries ..	74	6	0
,, Rent ..	62	12	0
Furniture, Fittings, &c.	80	10	2
Lights, Glasses, &c	50	0	0
Hire of Billiard Table	6	10	0
Balance Credit	12	12	2
	£763	19	3

Lectures twice a week are in full swing. On Monday evenings, Lieut. Sinclair, of the *Hibernia*, explains the map and its uses. On Wednesdays Captain Garrett and Captain Dalton alternate in describing duties and facts connected with the great art of war.

The weekly outings with the troops in garrison still go on, and the question as to miles covered could be best answered by the "Sea" Service boot.

Sir, H.M.S. *Canopus*, 6th Jan., 1902.

I have forwarded to the Hon. Sec. Royal Marine Memorial Fund the sum of 14s., being a contribution towards that most worthy object. This is the result of a collection made by some of the Royal Marines of H.M.S. *Canopus* and *Royal Oak*, after a highly successful smoking concert held at the "Mile House," Malta, at which about thirty Marines from each ship took part. Bombr. Binnersley (*Canopus*) was elected Chairman, and was ably supported by Sergt. Smith (*Royal Oak*), who officiated as vice-chair. Gunner Tom Fenton, R.M.A., was enthusiastically encored for his exquisite rendering of "Would I were a little bird," and after repeated calls from the audience, he responded with a song and dance which was also greatly enjoyed. Mr. Geteen (late R.M.L.I.) recited with fine effect "Per mare per terram," which was also encored. But undoubtedly the hit of the evening was the recitation by Gunner Bishop, who gave us "The Absent-Minded Beggar." Nearly every one present contributed towards the harmony

and a very pleasant evening was spent which, we hope, will not be the last. The two ships are regular "chummy ships," and in the annual football matches between the detachments the *Royal Oak* leads by one clear game.

Trusting you will find room for this in the "Globe and Laurel,"

Yours, etc., T.B.

Naval Postmen's Dinner and Concert.

At this season of the year there are many happy gatherings, but it is doubtful if any could exceed one which took place on the evening of the 27th December, when the postmen of H.M. Mediterranean Fleet were entertained at dinner by Mr. Buhagiar, of 20, Strada San Giavanni, Mr. S. L. Cassar, Photographer, and Mr. Critien, of Strada Reale. A party of about 20 sat down to partake of all the delicacies of the season, the chair being most capably occupied by Lance-Sergt. Attwell, of the *Surprise*, who found a most efficient vice-chairman in Bomb. Green of the *Royal Oak*. Mr. Buhagair deserved and received unstinted praise for his excellent arrangements. The table was prettily decorated with flowers, ferns, &c., in fact everything was all that could be desired.

After a hearty meal of all the good things provided, the chairman proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were drunk with musical honours, and the company proceeded to pass the evening in right convivial fashion.

Lance-Sergt. Peters, of the *Ramillies*, set the ball rolling with "Near It," rendered in inimitable style, and was followed by Bombr. Green (*Royal Oak*) "Belle of New York"; Corpl. Barnett (*Vindictive*) "Is your mammy always with you?"; Lce.-Cpl. Winterman (*Pioneer*) "Nancy"; Corpl. Molloy (*Theseus*) "A little bit off the top"; Corpl. Moon (*Gladiator*) "The old rustic bridge"; Bombr. Cookesley (*Royal Sovereign*) "The song of the thrush"; Lce.-Sergt. Attwell (*Surprise*) "In the future"; Corpl. Naylor (*Tyne*) "The recruiting sergeant"; Corpl. Buist (*Barham*) "Darling, I love you"; Bombr. Hiam (*Illustrious*) "Joneg's dog"; Corpl. Ward (*Diana*) "Just tell that I saw you"; Bombr. Plummer (*Formidable*) "Just one girl"; Corpl. Chambers (*Implacable*) "Business": Bombr. Allgood (*Cæsar*) "As your hair grows whiter"; Lewis Buhagiar, "Yam Bo"; Corpl. Joyce (*Vulcan*) "Skipper and his boy"; Corpl. Warren (*Renown*) "Don't you think she did" all being received enthusiastically.

"Our worthy hosts" by the chairman, "Absent friends" by the vice-chairman, "Sir John Fisher" and "Lord Charles Beresford," were among the toasts proposed during the evening, and were received with all honours.

Before dispersing, the Chairman said he was sure he was only echoing the sentiments of the company when he congratulated Mr. Buhagiar in the manner in which they had been served. He really thought that on this occasion Mr. Buhagiar had excelled himself, and begged to propose health, wealth, and happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Buhagiar. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Mr. Buhagiar suitably replied, and after "The King" had been lustily sung, the company dispersed, everyone agreeing that a most enjoyable evening had been spent.

Corpl. Hy. V. Moon, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Gladiator*.

CAPE STATION.

When last writing, I mentioned that an assault-at-arms was being held in Simonstown, and promised you a short account in my next. The event took place on December 4th, and consisted chiefly of boxing. The Featherweights event was won by Private Varney, R.M.L.I., of H.M.S. *Monarch*, after a ding-dong battle, in which he managed to dispose of his man in two rounds. The Lightweights event was won by Private White, R.M.L.I., of H.M.S. *Monarch*, who showed considerable skill and had trained to some purpose as the result proved. These were the only men of the Corps who entered and it is satisfactory to be able to record their successes. There was a Bayonet *v.* Bayonet exhibitition between Bomb. Jackson, R.M.A., and Gunner Chambers, R.M.A., in which the latter proved himself the winner. A team of R.M.A. also performed the Bayonet Exercise in very creditable style, Bomb. Jackson, R.M.A., being in charge.

I hear that Major F. White, D.S.O., R.M.L.I., returned to England in the s.s. *Bavarian* last week.

Recollections of an Old Marine.

The brave poor soldier ne'er despise,
Nor count him as a stranger;
Remember he's his country's stay,
In day and hour of danger.—Burns.

DEAR Mr. Editor,

My old comrade in arms, H. Derry, thanks you for the insertion of his last letter. He has a fund of information about the Marines and Naval Brigade at Lucknow, but gets rather confused. As he says, "You see, chum, I can't separate we Joeys from the Jacks, nor the Jacks from we Joeys, so we get lost in the Naval Brigade. You see we old shellbacks were under the command of Captain Sir W. Peel, of H.M.S. *Shannon*. Lieut. Byam landed with us. There were 140 reds and 15 blues, and every man had to pull his pound. We had to land a siege train and 68-pdrs., and it was no joke to move about with rafts, but, by Jove, they were stubborn customers over soft ground. We had to be our own horses and bullocks, and face the fiddle and the enemy too, I can tell you, in a blazing sun. There was no galloping away with our guns, like the soldiers did. We had to stick to them under all conditions. We went up the river until the ship bumped, then we anchored head and stern, made a raft of barrels, booms, and planks, hoisted out guns, took four days' provisions, then manned boats, and started again, cheering. But we soon had to save our breath and pull for dear life. I don't quite remember how long we were going up, but it was night and day. As we approached the narrows, there were constant delays; the rafts kept going aground on the mud banks, which were infested with alligators, and the stench was awful. No, I dou't recollect any of the Sepoys showing up on our way up, and we didn't know where we were going. All that we understood was the anxiety of Captain Peel to get on as fast as possible: he used to say, "Hurry up, lads, or we shall be too late." However we landed allright, and started inland. When we had gone about two miles, our right flank was fired into from some rifle pits, and the order to halt was given. Then Captain Peel led the way to the pits, and in among them he went pell mell, slashing to right and left. I was in disgrace, and was right hand man of the red marines. I left the ranks and went after Peel, followed by Corporal Head, who had orders to bring me back. He said that I had one black chiel in my mouth, and one in each hand, banging their heads together. However they soon cleared out, and Corporal Head and I helped Captain Peel, who was quite faint from loss of blood, out of a rifle pit. I was threatened with a court-martial for leaving the ranks without orders. While the above was taking place, the guns had been used freely, and several men were badly hurt.

We went on until we came to the city of Lucknow. My recollection is not very clear as to how long we were there. At times there is a feeling of the sun on my head and at the back of my neck even now, but it seems to me we must have been months about the river and place. Our position appeared to me to be behind the place, as the army were on the other side of the city to what we were. About four o'clock our battery opened fire and continued till dark, commencing again next morning. The marines were detailed for outpost duty and rifle pits, picking off the gunners from the batteries, to save Captain Peel's men, who were within close range, and who suffered very much. "It's no use unless we are close up," he said, "we must bring the whole place about our ears, and then get to close quarters." There was a Scotch Sergeant (of the 42nd) who came with a message. "Ah! mon," he said, "ye are the very de'ils to fight! Who's yon with the glass? He's a grand chiel with a charmed life. Peel? did ye say. I've a message for him. Sure I'll be killed dead with all those marbles flying about. Just then a gunner's mate asked, "What will ye give me if I just take that weather-cock off yon mosque?" "Oh ye'll nay do it. "Next shot down it came. "Ah, laddie, ye can shoot, take a wet out of my bottle, and then take me to your captain." Just dodge the bullets, for Sir Colin awaits my return, and don't forget the bairns at Cawnpore, and their mithers, boys."

There was a good deal of bog around, and some lively incidents occurred through men making short cuts; several had to be lassooed and hauled out.

It turned out afterwards that that Scotch Sergeant was only spying about for an opening, for later on he came back with a party of men

and entered a breach in the wall near the river, which the Naval Brigade, who were ordered to turn their guns on another part of the town, had made. The sappers soon made the hole bigger, and General Hope Grant led the 93rd through and opened the big gates. The place was then supposed to have been taken, so that night we had a rest. Well, some of us did and others did not, for there was sniping all night in all directions. In the morning we were astonished to find that the city was still held by thousands of Sepoys, and they gave us a warm reception. Captain Peel, during the night, had put all his guns in working order, and opened fire at the first streak of light, directing his gunners to shell a large building they called the mess, and for about three hours our 68-pdrs. did make a mess of it, I can tell you. About 3 p.m. an officer was seen on the highest part of the city waving a Union Jack and then we Joeys got mixed up. The question was, "Who are we to obey, Captain Peel or General Outram?" This was soon settled, for said Captain Peel, "I want a guard for my guns." We then had orders to retire, and our work was cut out to get our guns back to the river.

One night about December, '57, Captain Peel gave orders to up anchor, man the boats, and take the rafts in tow, and up the river we went again till we came to a suspension bridge which the black devils were pulling down as fast as they could. There was a General on shore, keeping in touch with our boats, etc., so despite the warm reception we received, we drove the Sepoys off between us, and helped the sappers to repair the bridge. Then we had a fog, under cover of which some rebel battalions brought down some guns, one of which, a 24-pdr., they sandbagged in a shed. However we cleared away the 68-pdr. on the raft, soon put that out of action, and blew up the whole concern There was a lot of fighting going on on shore, one regiment, partly under cover by the bank, got dreadfully mauled, but charged the guns, taking several, and then our turn came again, for as the cavalry and Sikhs put them to flight, we simply mowed them down by hundreds.

Well, my boy, to go on would fill a book. I had some ups and downs, and sometimes it makes me mad to hear so much about the Mutiny, and not a word about the old Joeys. Why, if we had not taken up those guns and made that hole in the wall for those bare-legged johnnies to get through, I'm thinking a different story would have been told. "Bah!" a Highlander once said to me, "Marines at Lucknow! I never saw one there. There was one sailor called Peel there."

Did we get any loot? No: the Johnnies had it all, we had enough to do to haul 68-pdrs. about.

Well, good-bye, mate. It appears the old Corps is still keeping up a good name. Success to them all round.

By-the-by it seems the public are a bit puzzled over the prize money called the Seymour Funds. Well, that fund was made out of the loot captured during the China War of 1851-52-53, and is distinct from the Canton prize money of £37000, looted in 1856-57.

Have they ever paid me my share? No; my wife says its all fiddle-sticks, and will be a sur-prize when I get it. Call and see me again, and perhaps I shall be able to think of some more yarns to spin the youngsters.

Yours truly,

HENRY DERRY, Pte.,
Late R.M.L.I.

Witness—W. TURNER,
Late Sergeant, R.M.L.I.

His X *mark.*

Football at Plymouth

Thursday, November 28th, was the date of the first match we have played since our last report was sent in. This was against H.M.S. *Nile*, and we proved to be much too strong for them, winning by eight goals to nil. The following Thursday we played Plymouth, and after a good game, won by two goals love. On Saturday, the 7th December, we went to Tavistock on their ground, and after a really close game, returned to Barracks defeated by two goals to one. The match arranged for December 11th, *v.* Edgcumbe A.F.C., had unavoidably to be postponed till after Christmas, and since that time we have had to scratch our fixture with the A.O.D. We hope to begin this year's matches with a game against the Edgcumbe team on 22nd January.

The Fate of the "Maine."

By C. W. G. HILL.

AN English naval officer was walking along the shores of the beautiful Bay of Naples one lonely summer afternoon, admiring the splendid panorama spread out before his view, crowned by the smoke-capped summit of Vesuvius; when his attention was arrested by the shrill cries of a female evidently in distress. Quickening his pace he soon turned the intervening bend of rock, and came upon the scene of strife. A man and a woman in heated altercation, the woman on her knees, her hands upraised to defend her head from the threatened blow; the man standing over her with dagger poised ready to silence her cries for ever. The officer's born love of chivalry caused him to rush forward, and with one well-directed blow to send the ruffian reeling senseless to the ground. After tying his hands together with his handkerchief, he returned to the fainting woman, and carried her into a rocky alcove and went to fetch some water to bathe her temples. His efforts were soon rewarded by seeing her slowly regain consciousness. As soon as she had recovered well enough to walk, he suggested accompanying her back to her home on the outskirts of the town. They soon arrived at the modest dwelling occupied by her family, and complying with her invitation to partake of some refreshments, he entered the house. Wine and fruit were soon brought in, and then he ventured to ask her the reason for the attack. She explained to him that the man was her cousin and a member of a band of anarchists who were plotting against the lives of Italy's King and Queen. The plan was to blow up the British warship while the Sovereigns were dining with the British admiral. She had learnt of the plot, and fearing for the safety of her lover, a Maltese musician in the ship's band, had ventured to persuade her cousin to get the plot abandoned. Mad at finding their plans were discovered, he had evidently intended killing her as the price of her silence, when the officer so opportunely frustrated his intentions. Having refreshed himself the lieutenant rose to leave, first however, promising the young girl to get every precaution taken to prevent the execution of the anarchists' idea.

A lovely summer night with the bright stars and silvery moon shining down on the broad expanse of waters of the Bay of Naples, H.M.S. *Gladiator*, a first-class battleship, lying moored to the Mole, presented a dazzling spectacle, lit up as she was from stem to stern with electric lights. Her masts, tops and yards outlined against the dark background, made her look like a fairy vessel. Her quarter-deck, with awnings spread, and decorated with flowers, ferns and bunting, looked bright and cool enough to be a scene transplanted from fairy-land. On the Mole a guard of honour of the Royal Marine Light Infantry awaited the illustrious visitors. The admiral and his staff resplendent in their splendid uniforms, stood ready to receive them. Their Majesties soon arrived and were escorted aboard the stately ship. The dinner was then proceeded with, the band discoursing sweet music, and a buzz of conversation filled the admiral's sumptuous cabin. None dreamt of danger. None even imagined it could be near.

The marine sentry on watch on the battleship's fo'c's'le slowly paced his limited post. He does not observe a boat swiftly dart out of the shadows and run alongside the bows. But he *does* hear a slight splash in the water and a muttered curse. Rushing to the rails he hails the boat. No answer. They are lying now unobserved in the darkness beyond. The sentry immediately despatches a messenger to the officer of the watch with the information that a strange boat is hanging round the bows. Silently the officer orders the whaler to be manned, and himself goes in charge of it, as it pulls, quietly and silently, slowly towards the bows. As it approaches another boat suddenly darts out and is rowed rapidly away. A quick search soon reveals a thin wire, this the officer at once orders to be cut, and then has the end nearest the ship hauled on. As he expected an electric mine soon comes to the surface and is placed in the whaler, quite harmless now, as the wire connecting it with the switch ashore has been cut. Then back to the gangway they row, and the young officer goes below to inform the admiral. He however will not mar his royal visitors' enjoyment by telling them how narrowly a dastardly plot has been frustrated. But in the morning all the world knows how narrowly Italy has missed being plunged into mourning for their loved rulers, and how by a girl's fears for her lover's safety, a stately British battleship and her gallant crew escaped. "The Fate of the *Maine*."

STATEMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE ROYAL MARINES RIFLE ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1901.

1901. 1st Jan.	*RECEIPTS.*	£	s.	d.
By Balance from 1900	.. .. ..	64	10	10
,, Divisional and Depôt Subscriptions	..	100	0	0
,, Life Members joined in 1901	.. ..	6	0	0
,, Entrance Fees, XX., and Collard Cup Competitions	.. .. ..	6	3	6
,, Entrance Fees, U.S. Cup (recovered)	..	1	10	0
,, Individual Subscribers, 1901	.. ..	78	16	0
,, Cash deposited in Savings Bank and Interest		15	5	0
		£272	5	4

1901.	*EXPENDITURE.*	£	s.	d.
To Postage	.. ..	10	10	2
,, Stationery and Printing	.. ..	28	17	10
,, Expenses in connection with Ash Meeting	.. .	49	3	1
,, Expenses in connection with Bisley Meeting		45	3	2
,, Entrance Fees, U.S., Whitehead, etc.	..	3	9	0
,, Subscription N.R. Association	.. ..	5	0	0
,, Jewels, Badges, etc. (including Collard Cup)		31	2	5
,, Travelling Expenses	.. .. ..	4	8	2
,, Money Prizes	.. .. ..	26	8	6
,, Cheque Book	.. .. ..	0	4	0
Dec. 31st. Balance Credit.	To Balance in Bank .. £51 0 1			
	,, ,, Savings Bank Deposit and Int. 15 5 0			
	,, ,, Postage (in hands of L.-Sgt. H. M. Lee) 1 12 2			
	,, ,, Cash in Secretary's hands .. 0 1 9	6719	0	
		£272	5	4

I hereby certify that there are no Outstanding Accounts, and that the Balance Credit consists of £67 19s. (Sixty-seven Pounds, Nineteen Shillings), composed as specified above.

Signed this Thirty-first Day of December, 1901,

W. J. LANGFORD (*r*) Major, R.M.L.I.,

Hon. Sec., Royal Marines Rifle Association.

The Lambdens,
Theale, Berks.

Audited and found correct,

(*Signed*) PARKINS HEARLE,

Paymaster and Bt. Lieut.-Col., R.M.L.I.

21st Jan., 1902.

Royal Marines Rifle Association.

THE thirteenth Committee Meeting assembled at Forton Barracks, Gosport, on the 21st January last, when the following members were present, viz.:—Major R. W. Heathcote (*r*), R.M.L.I., presiding; Majors J. R. H. Oldfield and R. J. Saumarez, R.M.L.I.; Major H. Oldfield, and Capt. J. L. Homer, R.M.A.; Capt. A. de W. Kitcat, Lieuts. W. H. Stopford and L. Norcock, R.M.L.I.; Major W. J. Langford (*r*), R.M.L.I., (Hon. Secretary).

The minutes of the twelfth Committee meeting were read and signed.

The annual Accounts and Balance Sheet were laid before the Committeee. Proposed by Major Oldfield and seconded by Major Saumarez that the sum of £20 (twenty pounds) be deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank—carried.

It was decided that in future competitors from the Corps at the Bisley Meeting be afforded accommodation in the lines of Royal Marines Working Party, if such arrangement can be effected.

Proposed by Captain Homer, and seconded by Captain Kitcat, that Major H. G. Cotterill, R.M.L.I., be requested to act as Captain of the Team for 1902.

Proposals as to rules governing the Competition for "The Prince of Wales" Challenge Cup were discussed, and the Honorary Secretary was directed to submit the same for the approval of H.R.H. These will be published in due course.

Resolved that for the future the competition of the Twenty for selection of Eight be limited to two days, three shoots per diem. The Revolver Cup, Collard Cup, and Officers' Cup competitions to take place on the third, and the Prince of Wales' Cup on the fourth day of the meeting.

Proposed by Captain Homer and seconded by Captain Kitcat, that the following addition be made to Rule 12, viz., "It being understood that in all competitions where subsistence is allowed to be contributed from the Admiralty Grant towards the expenses of the Rank and File, not more than half is to be claimed from the Association."

R.M.O. Memo 7846—01 of the 23-12-01, was laid before the Committee with reference to the proposed formation of a Royal Naval Rifle Association, and replies to queries therein were approved and directed to be sent by the Honorary Secretary to the Deputy Adjutant General.

A letter was received by the Hon. Sec. from Colonel-Commandant F. Baldwin, R.M.L.I., notifying that in consequence of his approaching retirement from the command of the Plymouth Division, he was desirous of resigning his position as Chairman of the Committee.

Proposed by Major Oldfield, R.M.L.I., seconded by Captain Homer, that Rule 2, Page 26, Foreign Station Competitions, be amended as follows: delete "Warrant, N.C. officers, and men," and substitute "all ranks." Rule 3, add "In case of the Badge being worn by an officer, a prize of one guinea will be awarded from the funds of the Association to the next in order of merit, not being an officer." Rule 1, add "South East Coast of America."—Carried.

(Signed) By order, W. J. LANGFORD, Major,
Hon. Sec., R.M.R.A.

AUSTRALIAN STATION.

H.M.S. *Royal Arthur*, Sydney,
December 1st, 1901.

Dear Sir,—The competition for the "Globe and Laurel" Badge given by the R.M.R.A for the Australian Station took place on the 28th November at the Randwick Ranges. I append the names of the first ten men and their scores. The scoring was bad, which to some extent was attributable to the glare and continually shifting wind.

AUSTRALIAN STATION COMPETITION.

Private Frederick Gooderson (Po.)	93 points	H.M.S.	*Katoomba*
,, H. J. R. Hollands (Ch.)	84 ,,	,,	,,
Act.-Corpl. Albert Collings (Ch.)	83 ,,	,,	,,
Sergt. Norman King (Ply.)	83 ,,	,,	,,
Private A. Nicol (Po.)	83 ,,	,,	*Wallaroo*
,, E. H. Russell (Po.)	81 ,,	,,	*Katoomba*
Clr.-Sergt. Hy. Hone(Ch.)	80 ,,	,,	,,
Sergt. G. Rutherford (Ch.)	80 ,,	,,	*Pylades*
Private Charles Greenyer (Po.)	78 ,,	,,	*Royal Arthur*
,, W. G. Pearce (Ch.)	78 ,,	,,	*Katoomba*

W. E. CUMMING, Major R.M.L.I.

Entertainments.

PORTSMOUTH.

The Annual Dinner and Smoking Concert of the Sergeants' Mess was held in the Mess Room, Forton Barracks, on January 16th, and proved an unqualified success. Nearly 140 members set down at six o'clock, and thoroughly enjoyed the dinner provided. The arrangements were left in the hands of Drum-Major Keen, who is to be heartily congratulated on the success that attended his efforts. We say this advisedly, for though he was ably assisted by the other members of the Games' Committee, it was undoubtedly due to his individual efforts that the affair was such a success. We must not omit to mention that the table decorations had been under the supervision of Mrs. Keen, who was toasted and heartily cheered for her trouble. The dinner being disposed of, the tables were cleared, and the company, augmented by many old members of the mess, made tbemselves comfortable to enjoy the smoker that followed. The programme for this had been left in the hands of Lce.-Sgt. H. M. Lee, and excellent songs (comic and sentimental) and recitations kept things going without intermission till after midnight. The assembly was further augmented by the appearance of Col. A. E. Chapman, Lieut.-Col. J. R. Johnstone, C.B., Major Eady, Captains Blumberg, Heriot, and Kitcat, Rev, S. A. Shone, Dr. Kyffin, and many other officers too numerous to mention. Space will not permit us to give the whole of the programme, which consisted of thirty-two items, not counting encores, which were only too numerous, but the following took part—Col. Chapman, Lieut.-Col. Johnstone, C.B., Lieuts. Barnby and Prynne, Dr. Kyffin, Mr. J. Mitchell, W.O., Staff-Sergt. Cass, A.P.C., Mr. Buck, Sergts. Leonard, Stonhold, Colverson, Botterill, Corporal Mann, and Pte. S. E. Taylor. Part of the string band of the division was also present, and Musician Ramsey presided most creditably at the piano. Mr. Smith was also present and manipulated the graphophone with his usual skill. Where all were so good it would be invidious to single out any particular one for special notice, so we must content ourselves with giving the above brief summary of those who were good enough to add to the general amusement. Numerous letters and expressions of regret at being unable to be present were received from, among others, Col.-Com. R. B. Kirchoffer, Lieut.-Cols. Roche, D.S.O., McCausland, Hearle, Rev. W. J. Wilby, etc., etc.

The usual toasts were honoured during the evening, and excellent speeches were delivered by Col. Chapman, Sergt.-Major Mearles, Superintending Clerk Mitchell, etc., etc., a very pleasant evening winding up with the singing of "God Save the King" shortly after midnight,

Royal Marines Memorial.

The Committee assembled at the studio of Captain Adrian Jones, 147, Church Street, Chelsea, S.W., Monday, January 6th, to inspect the full sized figures (modelled in clay) for the Corps Memorial.

The figures, being approved, are undergoing the process of being cast in bronze.

Designs for Bas Relief were also inspected and approved subject to alteration in minor detail.

The following additional subscriptions have been received since January 1st:—

	£	s.	d.
Lieut.-General Forbes	2	2	0
Lieut.-Colonel H. O. P. Wright ..	2	0	0
Colonel Farquharson	1	1	0
Capt. J. B. Finlaison	1	1	0
Mrs. Spurway	0	10	0
Lieut.-Colonel G. B. Stevens, 4th Madras Pioneers, late R.M.L.I...	0	5	0
Private F. J. Storey	0	5	0
Mr. S. Sexton, late R.M.L.I. ..	0	2	0
Concert—H.M.S. *Canopus* and *Royal Oak*, Malta, per Bomb. Binnersley, R.M.A.	0	14	0

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

From "The Times" of 1801.

Thursday, December 17.

We have now the satisfaction of being able to announce that the first symptoms which broke out in the fleet have been suppressed by that happy blending of valour and discretion which forms the characteristic of British Officers, and by their habitual mixture of temper and humanity with the most invincible resolution.

It was on the evening of the 7th. instant, that the first observations were made by the Officers of several ships of the squadron in Bantry Bay, and that indications became evidently certain of some intended and approaching act of mutiny. It appears, that on its being understood that four or five sail of the line were to be ordered to the West Indies, the crews of *Temeraire* and the *Formidable* declared, that, as the Peace was made, they would only sail to England, and they declared their determination not to weigh anchor, if called upon. Apprehensions were entertained that this spirit of insubordination would extend to the whole Fleet.

No sailing orders arriving, and the intended insurrection being adjourned to that event, things remained in the usual position till the morning of the 10th instant, when a seaman on board the *Temeraire*, Rear-Admirable the Hon. Geo. Campbell, misbehaving himself extremely, and with circumstances of daring impudence, towards one of the Lieutenants, received a flogging, and was put in irons

Soon after this occurence, appearences of revolt were for some time very visible upon the forecastle, until at length a general cry was set up of "Rescue the man in irons," and attempts were made to enforce their threat.

The Rear-Admiral with undaunted resolution and presence of mind ordered the hatches to be closed down immediately; and being seconded with no less intrepidity by Captain Eyles and all his Officers, *supported by the* Marines, who have *done honour to themselves* and given *a* glorious example *to their Corps upon this occasion*, he rushed into the middle of the mutineers and brought out their ringleaders prisoners from amongst them. They were immediately sent off in irons to the flag-ship of Admiral Mitchell, in order to be tried, and to receive the punishment due to the crime most unworthy of British sailors.

Musketry Training of the Plymouth Division

FOR 1901.

The musketry training this year has been carried out under two different systems. Five detachments were exercised under old Table B, and ten under new Table B. Figure of merit, old table, 86—41; new table, 116. There were 534 Old Soldiers and 488 Recruits exercised, and 4 ret. Officers, whose figure of merit was 394—38. All 1st Glass shots.

In the Trained Soldiers' Course, there were 149 marksmen, 798 2nd Class shots, and 88 3rd, the latter being during the new course.

The best shot for the year was Sergt. E. Channon, with 207 points. This was done under the new regulations.

Lieut. Pardoe, with 436 points. made the highest score for the Recruit officers. This course was fired in very unsettled weather. The best detachments for the year were the 1st and 12th (old and new regulations) respectively. Captain Bockett Pugh commanded the 1st, and Lieut. Norcock the 12th. The Judging Distance prizes were awarded to Sergt. Kirk, Lance-Sergt. Baker, Corpls. Sturdy, McLean, Cooke, and Moore, with 28 points each, and obtained 14s. 2d. each. The Crossed Rifles and Crown were awarded to—1st detachment, Sergts. Foxworthy, Jewell, and Fudge; 12th detachment, Sergts. Norman and Rice.

In the Revolver Course, the figure of merit was—Officers, 58; W.O. and Staff-Sergts., 62. The highest score for the officers was Lieut. Beyts with 80 points, and for the latter Q.M.S. (I. of M.) Richards with 85 points.

Fancy Dress Football Match at Forton.

As briefly announced in our December Home Notes, a fancy dress football match was played in the field attached to the above barracks, on November 30th last, and resulted in a substantial sum being handed over to the Seamen's and Marines' Orphanage. The teams consisting of sergeants and corporals of the Division under the captaincy of Lce.-Sergt. H. M. Lee and Lce.-Corpl. J. Noble respectively, were first photographed outside the Theatre, in garbs as fantastic as were perhaps ever seen on a football field, and then marched out *en masse*, under the direction of the referee (Colr.-Sergt. Green) who, attired in a cricket umpire's coat and a tall hat fully a yard in height, with blackened face, and carrying a book a yard square with the word rules printed on both sides, and accompanied by a bugler (a very necessary precaution, for at no period of the game could the whistle have been heard), presented a decidedly awe-inspiring appearance. On arrival on the field the referee was immediately tackled by Boss Croker (Sergt. Drawbridge), and having accepted a small honorarium (a £5 note the size of a sheet ot foolscap), announced the result of the game as follows;—Sergeants, 34 goals, 4 hard tries, 1 lone euchre, and 215 runs for 1 wicket; corporals, 33 goals, 5 hard tries, 2 miss cues, and a 10 break.

The score will give some idea of the play that followed and of the rules which held good. The start was somewhat unpropitious, for after the captains had tossed up for choice of goals (with a double-headed penny the size of a bread-barge lid, the coin having been provided by the sergeants the corporals naturally lost) the ball being atttached to a piece of string tied round the corporals' goal post, instead of travelling towards the sergeants' goal went in the opposite direction. The referee on having his attention called to this, sounded the "still," and having consulted his book of rules awarded three goals to the sergeants, and ordered the game to be restarted. Colonel Chapman was then good enough to kick off and start the game properly, and from then till the finish, which was signalled by cook house being sounded and all the players nipping for barracks as hard as they could, the fun was fast and furious. The first thing that struck the onlooker's eye after the start was the fact of the corporals' goal keeper being firmly lashed to his goal post, and a net carefully placed over the *front* of the sergeants' goal. It would take too long to give particulars of all the foolery, but when the players got tired of football, other games were started such as cards, billiards (with footballs got up to represent billiard balls and broom handles for cues), etc., etc. Finding that goals could not be scored quick enough in the ordinary way, goal posts and nets were brought out into the middle of the field, and on one occasion an old cricket practice net was thrown bodily over a scrimmage (in Rugby style), and 11 goals claimed for each side. Then the linesmen, oh! those linesmen, Lieut. T. O. H. Lees on his bicycle, and Lce.-Corpl. Carter on a pony. The only thing they did not do was break their necks. Lieut. Lees was all over the field, knocking down the fat men and riding over them, towing the ball round the field attached to a piece of string and scoring goals promiscuously at either end, getting hold of the pony's tail and being towed round himself, and goodness knows what else. As for Carter, no one would have been surprised to see him get inside the pony any minute, he seemed to be everywhere but there. Towards the end of the game a spurious referee (Lce.-Sergt. Ilton) appeared on the scene, and no other means being found for keeping him quiet, he was eventually tied up in a sack and thrown into the goal. One way and another a crowd of some 3,000 was kept heartily amused during the whole of the game.

Obituary.

Captain Charles Henry Fitz-Gerald, of the 67th (Sharpshooters) Company of the Imperial Yeomanry, who died at Bezuidenhoutskraal on January 20th, from wounds received in action at Driekuil, Cape Colony, three days before, was the only son of Major J. G. Fitz-Gerald, Royal Marines, retired, and was 26 years of age. Captain Fitz-Gerald joined the Imperial Yeomanry as a trooper, but in June, 1900, being then a corporal, he received a commission as lieutenant, and had since been promoted to the rank of captain.

Anecdotes.

Corporal instructing squad at musketry—"On the command ready, give the rifle a smart cant up with the *left hand*, at the same time carry off the *left heel* ten inches in front of the *left toe*."

On the Range.—Recruit firing, first shot miss—second shot miss. Officer—"Where on earth are you aiming?" Recruit—"Straight at it, Sir!" Officer—"Well, don't aim straight at it, aim at the left bottom *corner* of the bull!"—

Indebtedness.—Staff-Serjt. A. (referring to the pleasant-faced lady who has just passed): "Ah, old chap, I owe a great deal to that woman." Staff-Serjt. B.: "Indeed, who is she?" Staff-Serjt. A.: "My landlady."

Landed.—Hearing a faint rustle in the room below, the elder sister, supposing Serjt. A. had gone, leaned over the balustrade and called out, "Well, Bessie, have you landed him?" There was a deep sepulchral silence for some moments, which was broken by the hesitating constrained voice of Serjt. A., "She has!"

Ballyhooly has received the following description of Christmas from a fellow countryman :— The first half of the day I thought it was Sunday. The next half of the day I spent remembering that it was Wednesday. The remainder of the day I never once forgot that it was Christmas, and the divil a hair I cared what day it was the whole of the night after."—*Sporting Times*.

They were out route marching, and some of the men were grumbling about the distance they had traversed, and also over the length of time they had been kept out, when Private Sweden came to the rescue by remarking, "If the old chap" (meaning the commanding officer) "wants to keep us out till this time, why the devil doesn't he start *sooner* in the morning?"—*The Regiment*.

A sergeant serving in South Africa, says the *Journal of Education*, was wounded in the head and invalided home. The doctor who removed the bullet accidently removed a little bit of the brain with it. Prompted by a nice sence of humour, he wrote to the sergeant and asked him if he would like this bit of the brain returned to him. The sergeant replied that he did not think that he should want it, as he had just got a position in the War Office.

It was up at the Battery again, and being a very cold morning, the class of recruits under Sgt.—no we won't give his name away—were more than usually restless, and nothing would induce them to keep still. After a certain amount of other drill. the order "Lie down" was given and some of them, being unable to keep still even in that position, were somewhat non-plussed at the remark of their Instructor, "What, can't you *stand* still when you are lying down then!"

A few mornings ago a lady asked her husband, Major ——, to call in at the dairy when passing to order some new-laid eggs. After demurring for a bit, the Major yielded, and having given his promise nothing on earth would have kept him from fulfilling it. A couple of hours later the Major called at the shop in question, quite a small and unimportant establishment in a back street. Two or three minutes passed; then, as no one came to attend him, the Major gave a gentle knock on the counter. This had no effect, so a smart double rap was given; when a curly headed youngster put his head round the door-post and lisped out, "Father's a-comin." By the time "father" arrived the Major wos boiling with rage. "What the deuce do you mean by keeping me here all this time?" he roared. "I am very sorry, sir," but you see it's like this: you're the very first Major I've had in my shop, and as there appeared to be a lot of people passing by I thought what a good advertisement you was a-standing there!"

We have no doubt that many of our readers have had to make the most of some strange dishes for their Christmas dinner but we think the following menu of the Algonquin Indians would take a lot of beating. These people call their Yuletide dinner "Pohshequae-metsnok," and here is the list of victuals offered: Nippi sickissuog-

nootattamwaetchuash (otherwise clam water in cups), abbamochash-annutanawsuck (or devilled lobster, in shells), apwosu-missuckequecke, neah-keteamuk-acawme (boilded fish and fried potatoes). After the fish comes "Apwosu," the roasts, or baked, dishes, clams and lobsters, sweet potatoes, and drinks, these latter not being roasted, however. Then pipe and tobocco, soup, clam fritters, and salad. "Nassaum" was Indian pudding; then cheese and crackers, followed by apples and grapes, included under the simple name "wunnemechimmuonk-wenomemeneash," and the dinner ends properly with coffee, "across the water bean."

STAND EASY.—It was on one of H.M. ships when the Marines were relieved by Bluejackets, who very seldom do a guard, and one of the new guard, who had just been rated from a boy to a ordinary seamen, was sentry on the forebridge. He did not know much of his orders and when at quarter to eight the bugler sounded off, "Clean arms" he started to clean his rifle, and ten minutes after the "Return arms" sounding, he put his rags in his pouch and then started to walk his post again. After a few seconds "Stand easy" sounded off, so he put his rifle in the corner of the bridge and went down to get his "Stand easy"; by the time he got to his mess the Petty Officer of the guard was on the bridge to see if all was correct, but he could not find the sentry, he found his rifle, so thinking he might have gone down to get his "Stand easy" he went down to see if he was there; as soon as he got to his mess he found him getting through three eggs and two penny worth of bacon, and asked him what he was doing down in the mess, "Well," he says, "Having me stand easy of course." "Who told you to get your stand easy." "No one." "Then get up on the bridge at once." "What for." "Because I tell you to get up there." "Well I'm not going up till I've finished my tea." "Alright then I'll fetch the M.A.A." While the P.O, was gone he finished his stand easy and was just coming out of his mess when the M.A.A. came along and said to him "What are you doing down here." "Having stand easy of course! they sounded off 'Stand easy.'" "Alright Commander's report." As soon as six bells went he got relieved for the Commander to see. The Commander—"What have you got to say for leaving your post." Sentry—"Well sir, I got five days' 10-A for not obeying the bugle and this is the first time I have done sentry go, and when they sounded off 'Stand easy' I left, sir." The Commander—"Alright dismiss the case for obeying the bugle, but give him two hours first watch for disobeying the Petty Officer.

Attack on Petropaulovski, 1854.

Gallantry of the Marine Detachment serving on board H.M.S. "President," and heroic conduct and death of Captain Parker, R.M., his Subalterns being severely wounded.

THE Commanding Officers of the combined English and French squadrons on the Pacific Station resolved to assault the north end of the town, in Kamschatka, which the Russians had fortified skilfully, with very formidable batteries. It was decided that the assailing body should be divided into two parties: one was to ascend the hill called Nikolaiska, which overlooked the town from the north, the other was to take a road to the left, and storm the batteries which commanded "the gorge." On the brow of a hill a Russian force of Infantry was drawn up, sufficient to dispute with musketry and bayonet the ascent of the Marines. The Russians on the brow of the hill, did not await the charge of the bayonet, but withdrew behind their works. The advancing lines now divided, taking those works on either flank, as well as in front. Here Captain Parker fell, at the head of his brave Marines, being the first man to top the hill. Lieutenants McCullem and Clements, of the Corps, fell severely wounded The gallantry of these officers had greatly sustained the men in their desperate assault in which they had to encounter difficulties more formidable than the British at Bunker's Hill.—Abbreviated extract by Captain Mascall, R.M.L.I., from Vol. I History of the War with Russia, by E. H. Nolan, Ph. D., L.L.D. London, July, 1857.

Answers to Correspondents.

CHINA.—We are unable to answer your queries with authority, but it is laid down in the Royal Warrant for pay, etc., for the Army (para. 1243)—"That a soldier not above the rank of corporal, awarded a medal for distinguished conduct, may receive an annuity not exceeding £20," or (para. 1244) "a gratuity of £20 on discharge," or (para. 1166) "an additional 6d. per day pension." It is presumed the question concerns a Marine in possession of this medal.

PRIVATE, CHATHAM.—Owing to a printer's error our answer to the second part of your query last month was incorrect; a second class certificate of education is only necessary for promotion to sergeant, a third class certificate being sufficient for promotion to corporal.

LCE.-CPL. DICKENSON.—Enlisting money was abolished by Clause 77 (page 44) of the Army Discipline Act, 1879, and was made applicable to Royal Marines by R.M.O. Circular 158, dated 28th July, 1879, so that after that date the "Queen's Shilling" was not tendered.

PTE. J. J. MILLS.—Thanks for yarn, which we shall use. Send some more along; we will put them in readable order.

Births.

BULLOCK—At Eastney, 9th December, 1901, the wife of Provost-Sergt. G. Bullock, R.M.A., of a son.

CATTELL—At Eastney, 28th December, 1901, the wife of Colr.-Sergt. A. H. Cattell, R.M.A., of a daughter.

HUMPHREY—At Milton Barracks, Gravesend, on January 25th, the wife of Pte. R. S. Humphrey, of a daughter.

JONES—On the 13th January, the wife of Pte. F. W, Jones, of a son.

SADDON—At Eastney, 25th December, 1901, the wife of Colr.-Sergt. F. E. Saddon, of a daughter.

WATSON—On the 27th October, 1901, the wife of Sergeant A. E. Watson, of a son.

Marriages.

SILVER WEDDING.

HAVELOCK—STRANSHAM—On January 13th. 1877, at Bolarum Church, near Secunderabad, Deccan, Maj. Acton C. Havelock, Madras Staff Corps, eldest surviving son of Lieut.-Col. William Havelock, K.H., late H.M.'s 14th Light Dragoons, to Ada I., second surviving daughter of General Sir A. B. Stransham, G.C.B., Royal Marines.

PEARSON—PITCHER—On Saturday, 28th December, 1901, at Morar, Central India, by the Rev. Edward Pegg, M.A., C.M.S., James Rae Pearson, Indian Civil Service, eldest son of the late D. C. Pearson, M.D., of Upper Phillimore-place, and Beckley, Sussex, to Grace, youngest daughter of Colonel Duncan G. Pitcher, Indian Staff Corps, and formerly of R.M.A.

PRIMROSE—DEANE—On the 8th January, at St. Augustin's Church, Lethbridge, North-West Territories, Canada, by Rev. W. B. Magnan, P. C. H. Primrose, Esq., of the N.W.M.P., to Miss Lily Deane, second daughter of Capt. Deane, late R.M.L.I.

FRASER—BAILEY—On the 26th December, 1901, at St. Andrew's Church, Deal, Corporal W. Fraser to Miss L. E. Bailey.

LYONS—GRAHAM—At the Parish Church, Great Mongeham, Private H. S. Lyons to Miss A. M. Graham.

BEE—DAVIS—At our Lady of St. Swithin, Portsea, 18th December, Gnr. W. Bee, R.M.A., to Miss W. Davis.

HICKINBOTTOM—GOMMAGE—At St. James, Portsea, 25th December, 1901, Gnr. S. Hickinbottom to Miss S. A. Gommage.

BACON—FURNELL—At Registry Office, Portsea, 28th December, 1901, Gnr. C. Bacon, R.M.A., to Miss E. J. Furnell.

WALES—CHEESMAN—At St. James, Portsea, 29th December, 1901, Gnr. A. Wales, R.M.A., to Miss F. Cheesman.

CHARLES—MURPHY—At St. Marks, Woolston, 26th December, 1901, Gnr. H. W. Charles, R.M.A., to Miss K. M. Murphy.

EDWARDS—HILL—At St. James, Portsea, 21st December, 1901, Gnr. J. P. Edwards, R.M.A., to Miss A. E. Hill.

BURRIS—STAPLES—On 25th December, at Bermondsey, Pte. L. R. Burris to Miss M. B. Staples.

BUSHELL—LYONS—On 16th December, at Great Mengham, Pte. A. E. Bushell to Miss V. Lyons.

BASSETT—FULLER—On 24th December, at Leicester, Pte. E. Bassett to Miss E. Fuller.

RIPLEY—BRINDLEY—On 17th December, at New Brompton, Sergt. H. C. Ripley to Miss E. A. Brindley.

WOOTON—WATERS—On 22nd December, Pte. F. Wooton to Miss R. R. Waters, at Luton.

HILL—BOWLES—At the Parish Church, Walmer, on the 26th December, 1901, Pte. W. J. Hill to Miss L. M. Bowles.

PURCHASE—BRYANT—At the Baptist Tabernacle, Christchurch, on 22nd December, 1901, Pte. E. Purchase to Miss E. J. Bryant.

WILDOUGHBY—GANN—At the Wesleyan Church, Gosport, on 25th December, 1901, Corpl. T. H. Willoughby to Miss E. M. Gann.

BARTLETT—MOSSDALL—At All Saints' Church, Fleet, Hants, on 1st January, 1902, Lce.-Sergt. E. Bartlett to Miss A. L. Mossdall.

MCNAMARA—HAY—At St. Mary's Chapel, Alverstoke, on 25th December, 1901, Pte. J. McNamara to Miss T. Hay.

BEERLING—LADD—At the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Sandwich, Kent, on 30th December, 1901, Cpl. J. T. Beerling to Miss R. E. Ladd.

WOOLFREY—PASSELL—At St. Mary's Chapel, Alverstoke, on 30th November, 1901, Corpl. H. G. Woolfrey to Miss S. Passell.

BLACKWELL—BRYANT—At St. George's Church, Birmingham, on 25th December, 1901, Sergt. J. W. Blackwell to Miss E. Bryant.

MERCER—ADAMS—At the Register Office, Alverstoke, on 31st Dec., 1901, Corpl. R. Mercer to Miss Lucy Adams.

GOODYEAR—MASON—At All Saints' Church, Wimbledon, on 4th January, 1902, Pte. Jno. Goodyear to Miss Emily J. Mason.

COLLINGS—BETHELL—At Register Office, Alverstoke, on 21st Dec. 1901, Cr.-Sergt. Geo. Collings to Miss Rosabelle E. Bethell.

ALSFORD—GRUBB—At St. Mark's Church, Portsea, 16th January, 1902, Corpl. S. C. Alsford to Miss Edith A. Grubb.

Deaths.

WRIGHT—On Dec. 27th, at Silverstone, near Towcester, Augusta Sophia, widow of the late Capt. John Hoskin Wright, R.M., and daughter of the late Edmund Stedman, of Sudbury, Suffolk, Solicitor, in her 82nd year.

MCKELLAR—On the 2nd Jan., at Cresswell, Higher Compton, Plymouth, Julia, widow of the late Major Peter Martin McKellar, R.M.L.I., aged 81.

MADGWICK—On Jan. 14th, 1902, at 9, Laitwood Road, Balham, George Henry Madgwick, late Color-Sergt., R.M.L.I., aged 68. Australian and Canadian papers please copy.

FITZ-GERALD—On 20th January, of wounds received in action at Bezuidenhouts Kop, South Africa, on the 17th January, aged 26, Captain Charles Henry Fitzgerald, 18th Battalion Imperial Yeomanry, only son of Major J. G. Fitz-Gerald, late R.M.L.I.

ROGERS—Pte. E. Rogers, whilst serving in *Basilisk*, on 12th December, 1901.

BEDFORD—Pte. W. F. Bedford, whilst serving in *Pegasus*, on 16th January, 1902.

SILLEY—Bugler L. H. Silley.

FIRTH—On 31st Dec., 1901, at the Depot Infirmary, Pte. Job Firth.

The Editor begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions, etc., with many thanks:—

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Excellent ..	0	10	6
Victory	0	1	2
Mr. J. M. Young ..	0	1	6
,, J. Tomlin ..	0	1	6
Colonel Beechey ..	0	1	6
Mrs. Frisbee ..	0	1	6
Sergt. J. Hine ..	0	1	6
Captain McIlwaine	0	1	6
Gen. J. W. Scott, C.B.	0	1	6
Colonel Carlyon ..	0	1	6
Mr. J. Jones ..	0	1	6
,, Williams ..	0	1	6
Mrs. Bowen ..	0	1	6
General French ..	0	3	0
Mr. H. Burnett ..	0	1	6
Australia ..	0	6	6
Mr. T. Smith ..	0	1	6
Magnificent ..	0	1	6
Mr. T. White, Jun.	0	1	6
,, T. Chaplin ..	0	1	6
,, H. Jones ..	0	1	6
Commissioner's House, Bermuda ..	2	0	0
Mrs. Wylde ..	0	2	6
Mr. J. W. Anderson	0	1	6
,, W. Clunies ..	0	1	6
Mrs. Percy ..	0	1	6
Sergeant W. Lee ..	0	1	6
Mr. G. E. Plumstead	0	2	0
Gen. W. P. Wright	0	1	6
Colonel Durnford ..	0	2	6
Mr. C. Braybroke ..	0	1	6
Mr. A. Banwell ..	0	1	6
,, J. C. Walter ..	0	1	6
,, J. Young ..	0	1	6½
Mrs. Petley ..	0	1	6
Sergeant G. Mead	0	1	0
Mr. H. Green ..	0	1	6
,, W. Sartin ..	0	1	6
,, J. Chiverton ..	0	1	6
Prometheus ..	0	5	4
Mr. T. Huntingford	0	1	6
Sergeant H. Guy ..	0	1	6
Capt. Portlock Dadson	0	12	0
Mr. G. F. Winter	0	1	6
Officers' Mess, Forton	1	3	6
Capt. J. H. Lambert	0	2	6
Duke of Wellington ..	1	0	0
Glory	0	12	3
Chatham Division ..	2	5	8
Vulcan	0	10	7
Mr. W. Strong ..	0	1	6
Sergeant Collings ..	0	0	9
Mr. E. O. Lillicrap	0	1	6
Andromeda ..	0	7	6
Colonel Tyers ..	0	1	6
Sergt. C. W. Reynolds	1	3	1
Mr. J. Hunt ..	0	1	6
,, A. W. Buchan ..	0	1	6
,, Marshall ..	0	1	6
Mr. Bentley ..	0	1	7½
,, W. T. Pearce ..	0	1	6
Colonel Wroot ..	0	1	6
Mr. J. Dunn ..	0	1	6
,, E. H. Webb ..	0	1	6
Eastney Barracks ..	2	10	0
Capt. P. W. Simmons	0	14	9
Colonel Partridge ..	0	1	6
Mr. Southwell ..	0	1	0
Cr.-Sergt. W. Draper	0	3	0
Mr. W. F. Potter ..	0	1	6
,, Durham ..	0	1	6
Pegasus ..	1	0	6
Major E. Y. Daniel	0	5	0
Mrs. Savage ..	0	0	9
,, Doig ..	0	10	0
Cæsar	0	8	7
Major G. White (ret.)	0	1	6
Mrs. Paris ..	0	1	6
Colonel B. A. Milne	0	1	6
Miss Kitcat ..	0	1	6
Mr. J. B. Tyrrell ..	0	1	6
,, C. M. Sherwood	0	1	6
Sergeant E. Roper	0	1	6
Corporal Mellows ..	0	1	6
Mr. A. Muller ..	0	1	6
,, J. W. Peart ..	0	1	6
Cr.-Sergt. W. Jackson	0	1	6
Hood	0	12	3
Mr. C. Riggs ..	0	2	6
Sergeant Walker ..	0	2	0
Mr. E. Warren ..	0	1	6
Captain J. S. Wyley	0	3	0
Mr. G. J. Collins ..	0	1	6
,, J. Willey ..	0	1	6
Depot, Royal Marines	2	15	0
Endymion ..	0	12	0
Furious ..	0	4	0
Hannibal ..	0	15	0
Captain C. S. Watson	0	2	6
Charybdis ..	0	15	1½
Officers Mess, Chatham	3	4	6
Colonel Cheetham	0	1	6
Mrs. Binden ..	0	1	6
Sergeant Bullock ..	0	1	6
,, C. Monk ..	0	1	6
Mr. J. C. Rennie ..	0	1	6
,, H. W. Roan ..	0	1	6
Private S. Kingston	0	1	6
Galatea	0	8	6
Mr. Eason ..	0	1	6
,, A. E. Cox ..	0	1	6
Sergt.-Major Mearles	0	14	4
Mr, K. McK. Baillie	0	1	6
Pallas	0	3	0
Mr. Hatcher ..	0	1	6
Monarch ..	0	16	5
Hood	0	12	4
Drum-Major Keen	0	4	0

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Editorial.

ROYAL MARINES RIFLE ASSOCIATION. We are pleased to notify that H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief of the Corps, has graciously consented to be Patron of the Association, *vice* H.R.H. (the late) Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, and we are sure that this honour will be highly appreciated by our rifle enthusiasts, and the Corps generally.

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We would like to call the attention of our subscribers to the paragraph in the Editorial Notices, which refers to the fact that when the current copy is enclosed in a blue wrapper, it signifies that the subscription has expired, as it is impossible with our small staff to notify every one when their subscription is due.

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By command of His Majesty the King, the Band of the Chatham Division, R.M.L.I., are to wear the White Rose of York upon the regimental badges of their helmet plate and cap, in commemoration of their attendance upon H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall and York, K.G., etc., etc., during his voyage to the Colonies in 1901.

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This makes the second of our bands so distinguished, as the Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., also wear similarly the Prince of Wales' Feathers, in commemoration of the visit of His present Majesty to India, when Prince of Wales, in 1876.

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DINNER TO H.R.H. THE COLONEL-IN-CHIEF—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has graciously signified his pleasure to accept an invitation to dine with the Officers, past and present, of the Corps, on Friday, May 16th next, at the Whitehall Rooms, Hotel Metropole, at 8.15 p.m. Retired officers and officers serving away from head-quarters, or officers formerly in the corps, now serving with the army, are requested, if they intend to be present at the dinner, to inform the Hon. Sec., Lieut.-Col. Onslow, R.M.L.I., 22, Spring Gardens, S.W.

Plain clothes, with stars of orders, miniature medals and decorations, will be worn.

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Captain W. B. Harkness, R.M.A., of H.M.S. *Implacable*, has been appointed for service with the Mounted Infantry at Malta, and of his not proceeding to South Africa, otherwise than with that particular unit.

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Returns of Officers N.C. Officers, and Men, who are entitled to the Medal for China, have been called for, and we hope we may soon be able to congratulate them on receiving their well-earned decoration.

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Lieut. G. C. Wainwright, R.M.L.I., has embarked in H.M.S. *Duke of Wellington*, Lieut. G. R. Maxwell in H.M.S. *Vivid*, and Captain A. G. Little, R.M.L.I., in H.M.S. *Canopus*.

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Major E. C. B. Roe, R.M.L.I., has vacated the Adjutantcy of the 6th Volunteer Battalion of the King's (Liverpool Regiment).

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War Office Gazette, 25th Feb.—Army Ordnance Department—Capt. J. S. Brogden, R.M.L.I., to be Ordnance Officer, Fourth Class.

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Captain W. O. Burge, R.M.L.I., has been granted six months' leave of absence, on account of ill-heath, with permission to proceed to Italy.

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It is notified for the information of N.C.O's. who may desire to become candidates, on discharge to pension, for appointment to H.M. Yeomen of the Guard, that the following are the qualifications for appointment to that Corps—To be under 50 years of age, of not less than 5 ft. 10 in. in height, and in possession of decorations for services in the field. The applications of N.C.O's, who can be recommended, are to be forwarded through Colonels-Commandant, on their discharge to pension.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of the following Second-Lieuts., R.M.L.I., being advanced to the rank of Lieutenant, from 1st January, 1902.—R. S. Gibson, A. Peel, F. W. Home, C. S. Hazeon, C. V. Martin, C. Field, R. K. C. Nutt, J.

Goldsmith, H. de L. Willis, G. O. R. Greenhow, J. T. de S. Washington, W. K. Garnier, and C. G. Billing.

Their Lordships further approve of Second-Lieuts. F. G. Crick, R.M.A., and R. S. Gibson, R.M.L.I., who obtained the first places in the R.M.A. and R.M.L.I. respectively, at the recent examinations at the R.N. College, being awarded a prize of a sword.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of Second-Lieut. A. H. L. Prynne, R.M.A., being advanced to the rank of Lieutenant, from 1st July, 1899, with seniority next after Lieut. D. Briscoe.

Their Lordships have also approved of Second-Lieuts. H. K. Stephens, W. N. Stokes, W. Huntingford, and A. G .B. Bourne, R.M.A., being advanced to rank of Lieut., from 1st July, 1900.

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Lieuts. E. H. Orpen-Palmer and F. J. V. Arbuckle, R.M.L.I., have resigned their commissions.

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Captain P. Phillipps, R.M.A., has been selected for the Adjutancy of the 1st Suffolk and Harwich Royal Garrison Artillery.

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Captain M. H. Masterman, R.M.L.I., has been placed at the disposal of the Colonial Office for a period of five years, for appointment as Wing Officer in the Malay States Guides.

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At the first Levee held by His Majesty the King, at St. James' Palace, on the 11th of February, Colonel William Campbell, R.M.A., was on duty as one of the Aides-de-Camp in waiting. Among the presentations were by the First Lord of the Admiralty—General C. H. T. Colwell, C.B., R.M.L.I.; Lieut.-General John I. Morris, D.A.G., R.M.L.I.; Major-General G. F. Pengelley, R.M.A., on promotion; Colonel W. T. Adair, R.M.L.I., on promotion, appointment to the Staff, and return from active service; Lieut.-Colonel G. T. Onslow. R.M.L.I., on promotion and return from South Africa; Major Edmund Wray, R.M.L.I., on promotion; Lieut George J. Raikes, R.M.A., on return from active service in South Africa; Lieuts. Thomas A. M. Bourchier, William H. L. Tripp, and Richard R. G. Warden, R.M.A., on appointment; Quarter-Masters and Hon. Lieuts. S C. Rodway and W. Sparrow, R.M.A., on appointment. Major J. H. Bor, C.M.G.. R.M.A., was presented by Colonel the Hon. Sir William Carrington, K.C.V.O., C.B., on his appointment as Extra Equerry to H.R H. the Prince of Wales.

Generals Sir H. B. Tuson, K.C.B., R.M.A., and F. G. Le Grand, R.M.L.I.; Major-Generals F. H. Poore, R.M.A., and G. H. Blake, R.M.L.I.; Colonel W. Guise Tucker, C.B., R.M.A.; and Captain Sir John C. R. Colomb, M.P., K.C.M.G., R.M.A., attended the Levee.

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Lieut.-Colonel G. G. Aston, R.M.A., has been appointed one of the Secretaries to a Committee to consider how far the manning of the Navy may be supplied, and the active service ratings supplemented by reserves.

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We have received from the Goldsmiths' and Silversmiths' Company an illustration of the statuette of Armed Science, which was presented to Q Battery, R.H.A., by the past officers of the Battery, on its return from South Africa. The statuette is carried out in the Company's well-known style, and forms a handsome souvenir of the services of the Battery.

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We have received the Fourteenth Annual Report of the National Association for the Employment of Reserve and Discharged Soldiers. This Society does excellent work in helping men to find employment on discharge, and we gather from the report, that during last year six men of our corps obtained employment, and since the formation of the society, 22 have been so helped.

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Major-General Byam, R.M.L.I., and Mrs. Byam are visiting Barbadoes and Antigua.

H.M.S. "Calliope."

[By the kindness of Major A. E. Marchant, C.B., we are enabled to publish the official narrative of the marvellous escape of H.M.S. *Calliope* from the hurricane in Apia Harbour, on 28th March, 1889. Major Marchant was serving on board as a lieutenant at that time. We are unfortunately unable to publish some photographs that he has sent us owing to their being so faded. As it may be news to some of our readers, we remind them of the splendid conduct of the American sailors of U.S.S. *Trenton*, who though going to certain destruction themselves, yet cheered the *Calliope* as she passed them on her way, struggling out of the harbour.]

H.M.S. *Calliope*,
At Apia, Samoa,
20th March, 1889.

No. 19.

Sir,

Since the 5th instant, the date of my last letter of proceedings (No. 18), there has been nothing to remark on in the political state of affairs here, but I deeply regret to have to report a terrible hurricane, which has caused a disaster unprecedented since the introduction of steam; the total loss of four men-of-war out of seven, with a loss of 130 lives, and the stranding of two others.

2. The *Calliope*, I thank God, is left afloat and sound in hull; though with loss of three anchors, three boats, and foreyard sprung, and all fastenings of bowsprit carried away. We lost no lives, and had only one serious accident, a carpenter's mate who has a fractured skull, but he is doing well.

3. The *Trenton*, which arrived on the 11th, the *Vandalia*, the *Adler*, and the *Eber* are total wrecks; and the *Olga* and the *Nipsic* are on a sandy beach, with but small chance of getting them off.

4. On the 7th and 8th we had a gale, to which we struck lower yards and topmasts and got up steam, but it did not do much damage, and all the men-of-war rode it out without dragging.

5. On Thursday 15th, the barometer began to fall, with heavy rain but no wind, and fell until 2 p.m. on the 15th, when it reached 29·11.

We, in common with all the other ships, struck lower yards and topmasts, and got up steam, so as to be ready for anything; but we were assured by experienced people on shore that the fall was for rain, and that there was nothing to be afraid of. In addition to that we were lulled into comparative security by our having already had experience of three gales, and had ridden them out all right.

6. But as the afternoon of the 15th wore on, the wind came up from the N.E., and gradually freshened. By midnight it was blowing a gale, and it increased all through the middle and morning watch.

By daylight, when it was blowing a hurricane, we found we had dragged quite close to the reef. By that time the *Eber* had gone down with all hands but five.

7. The harbour was crowded with shipping, all dragging together. I got steam up in all boilers, and succeeded in keeping clear of the reef for some time, but soon found that that could not last for long. The seas were perfectly fearful, breaking over our topgallant forecastle, and all but burying the poor *Adler*, which soon went on the reef. By very good management they slipped their cables at the right moment, and were lifted right on to the reef, where they lay on their broadside. Had they not slipped the cables, she would have gone down in deep water. Twenty men were drowned in her, the others found shelter in the ship till Sunday morning.

8. The seas were now (8 a.m. on 16th) breaking from out beyond the reefs. The *Vandalia* was dragging down on top of us, the *Olga* was close on our starboard quarter, and the shore reef close on the port quarter. I managed for some time to keep clear of all three, but our port cable parted and we came against the *Vandalia's* stern, and carried away the jibboom, and all the fastenings of the bowsprit. The spar itself was saved by lifting right up when the bobstay, bands, &c., went. Then the *Olga* came up on our starboard side and very nearly rammed us. I just managed to sheer clear, but she caught our foreyard and damaged it severely. Luckily it boomed her off.

9. Seeing that every time we tautened our cable we were getting

nearer the reef (in fact it had become a question of feet), I made up my mind to slip and try to go out, reserving as a last resort the hope of beaching the ship on a sandy patch, which the *Olga* afterwards succeeded in reaching.

10. I called on the Staff Engineer for every pound of steam he could give us, and slipped the one remaining cable. I had slipped the sheet some time before, finding it did no good and hampered my movements. The engines worked admirably, and little by little we gathered weigh and went out, flooding the upper deck with green seas which came in over the bows, and which would have sunk many a ship. My fear was that she would not steer, and would go on the reef in the passage out, especially as the *Trenton* was right in the fairway. But we went under her stern, putting our foreyard over her quarter boat, and came up head to wind most beautifully. Once outside her it was nothing but hard steaming; if the engines held out we were safe, if anything went wrong with them we were done for. Thanks to the admirable order in which the engines and boilers have been kept, all went well.

We steamed from 9-30 a.m., when we slipped, until 8 p.m., with the extreme power of the engines, developing at least as much power as we have ever done on a trial, without a hitch, and that with the engines racing every plunge in a very heavy sea.

The wind increased during the afternoon still more. The best idea of its strength may be got from the fact that we made only a knot, or so, against it and the sea, just enough to give steerage way. I did not dare to go slower, because the ship would have fallen off into the trough, and also, it being as thick as pea soup, I could not tell if I was ten miles or ten yards off the reef which skirts the whole shore.

11. After 8 p.m., finding the sea going down somewhat, though it was blowing as hard as ever, I was able to reduce speed. By noon on the 17th it had blown itself out down to an ordinary gale. A passing glimpse of the sun showed us that we were well off the land.

12. I returned to Apia on the 19th (yesterday), and found the harbour perfectly clear, not a craft, from the *Trenton* to a schooner, afloat in it. The *Vandalia* is under water to her nettings. She lost her captain and thirty men. The *Trenton* is under water to her main deck. The *Olga* and the *Nipsic* are above water all right but some feet in the sand.

13. The whole of the anchor-buoys have been washed away, and the anchors and cables of all ships have been mixed up by dragging one over the other to such an extent, that there can be no hopes of picking them up. In view of the possibility of another hurricane, the great probability of at least another gale, and our condition, with only one anchor and damaged spars, I have made up my mind that the safety of the ship requires that I should not stop an hour longer than necessary in Apia, indeed, that I should get out of the hurricane latitudes as soon as poasible. I have therefore ordered 150 tons of coal from the German firm who are alone able to supply us, and propose as soon as that is in (to-morrow probably), to leave for Sydney. I have so informed the Consul, who sees the necessity of that course, and who does not think that a man-of-war is now wanted, though he expresses his hopes of seeing one when the fine season comes round.

14. I cannot speak too highly of the conduct of every officer and man on board the ship. During the hours we passed, when any moment might have been our last, every order was obeyed with alacrity and without confusion, and the way in which the Engineer Officers and Stokers kept to their work is beyond all praise. It is a matter on which I feel very keenly, and I propose to submit a special report on the subject when I have more time. I am obliged to close this immediately for the mail.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) H. C. KANE, *Captain.*

Admiralty, 21st May, 1889.

Sir,

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acknowledge the receipt of your submission of the 30th March last, No. 163, forwarding a report by Captain Kane of his proceedings in H.M.S. *Calliope*, on the occasion of the hurricane at Samoa, on the 16th and 17th March last.

I am to signify their Lordships' direction to you to acquaint Captain Kane that they have received and read with the greatest interest and satisfaction his report of the 20th March, No. 19, detailing the manner in which the safety of H.M.S. *Calliope* was secured.

Captain Kane showed, in their Lordships' opinion, both nerve and decision, in determining to steam to sea in the teeth of a hurricane, which destroyed all the vessels which remained at the anchorage he left; and in conveying to him the thanks of the Admiralty, my Lords desire to express their thorough approval of his skilful seamanship, and of the measures taken by him throughout to secure the safety of his ship.

My Lords also highly appreciate the manner in which Captain Kane was supported by his officers and men, and they desire especially to express to Staff Engineer Bourke and his staff the satisfaction with which they have read that portion of Captain Kane's letter referring to the management of the engines during the time the vessel was under full pressure of steam. To the admirable manner in which the engines of the ship were worked, may be attributed to a great extent the safety both of the ship and of the lives of all on board

The conduct of all concerned were highly commendable, and my Lords are of opinion that great credit is due to the officer commanding for the example he set, and the confidence he instilled into those under his orders.

I am, &c.,
EVAN MACGREGOR.

South African Medals.

EASTNEY.

15th February.

THERE was an imposing muster of the Royal Marine Artillery at Eastney this afternoon, when South African war medals were presented by the Colonel Commandant, Colonel Guise Tucker, to a number of officers and men who have served with conspicuous gallantry in the campaign in South Africa.

Nearly 1,600 men of the regiment were on parade, drawn up in line of quarter column under Colonel W. Campbell, A.D.C., when the Commandant came on to the parade ground and took up his position in front of the Union Jack, where the staff of the corps were assembled. The brigade then formed a square, with those who were to receive the medals in the centre.

Without any preliminary, Colonel Tucker pinned the medals, in several instances with seven and five bars attached, to the breasts of the recipients, who were as follows:—Lieut -Colonel and Brevet-Colonel J. B. Leefe, Major and Brevet-Lieut.-Colonel Aston, Q.-M.-S. Dyson, Colour-Sergt. Carter, Sergts. Gasson and Cullimore, Bombardiers Burroughs and Trayfoot, (bugler), Gunners Ashard, Broadbent, Bulbeck, Burgess, Haustead, Spencer and Thomas.

The ceremony over, Colonel Tucker, addressing the officers and men, said he need hardly say that it was with great pleasure he was there to present war medals to some of the officers and men of the Marine Artillery who had been serving in the South African compaign. He felt that it was an honour to be deputed to perform such a duty, a duty which the King himself was doing most industriously. One of the recipients had also gratified him by saying that he considered it a greater privilege to receive the medal from his commanding officer than from any one else. He felt it a still greater privilege because the war in which the medals were won had been such a remarkable one. As a great statesman said a few days ago " No army in the world had ever been called upon for greater or more continuous exertions, and no army in the world had ever met the call with so much endurance and strenuous endeavour." He had called that parade together—the largest parade of their men which it was in his power to assemble on that square—to witness the ceremony. He congratulated the recipients of the medals, and many other R.M.A.s in various parts of the world who had received similar medals, feeling certain that they would hand them down to their children's children as heirlooms of which they would be

proud, because the campaign in which the medals were won would be remembered as the greatest which they could look back upon for some hundreds of years. In conclusion, he wished Marine Artillerymen a happy and glorious return from every future campaign in which they might be engaged.

The band then played "God Bless the Prince of Wales," in compliment to his Royal Highness, who was recently appointed Colonel-in-Cheif of the Royal Marine Forces, and the National Antnem. The Brigade was then dismissed.

CHATHAM.

At Chatham, South African medals were presented to:—

Col.-Sergt. D. Leach; Sergts. G. W. Smith, A. Scougall. J. W. Widowson, T. A. Bull; Corpl. F. Simpson; Bugler F. J. Day; Ptes. W. J. Parker, D. Mitchell, G. Flynn, W. Stevens, A. E. Bushell, C. Smithson, R. Wingell, F. Johnson, H. Knight, W. Fugan, R. Rose, J. Scott, C. W. Westall, J. Collings.

PORTSMOUTH.

The Division paraded at noon on Wednesday the 19th February for the presentation of medals to the officers and men who had returned from South Africa. After the companies had formed up in three sides of a square, Lieut.-Colonel Roche, D.S.O., (in the absence of the Colonel-Commandant, who was, unfortunately, sick) presented the medals to the following officers and men, which were then pinned on by Mrs. Roche.

Capts. L. O. Wilson, D.S.O., and A. H. French; Col.-Sergt. F. Churchman; Corpls. G. W. Chant and F. W. Phillips; Sergts. T. E. Simpson, C. T. Piper, J. E. Watts, A. J. Mann, F. J. Honour; Privates W. Haunch, H. J. Taylor, L. G. Ranner, T. E. Cockle, A. J. Jones, R. Kent, J. Chorlton, J. R. Percival, G. A. Coster, G. Dean, E. C. Palmer, C. O'Connor, W. Lovell, G. E. Hatherell; Sergt. M. Miem.

In making the presentation, Colonel Roche said; "Officers, non-commissioned officers and men, the Commanding Officer regrets that owing to illness, he is unable to present these medals, so well earned by the recipients; this pleasing duty therefore falls on me. I regret that mistakes have been made in several cases as regards the bars —this, I trust, will soon be rectified. Whenever fighting takes place it is seldom that the Corps of Royal Marines is unrepresented. Some of us generally manage to be there either with the Army or Navy, and always by their behaviour add fresh laurels to our already glorious wreath. Recently we at home have watched with pride the doings of our comrades in South Africa and China. There is no need for me to recall to your memories the bravery displayed at Graspan, where our casualties were so very heavy, or the heroic defence of the legation at Pekin by a handful of brave men, commanded by officers who so nobly upheld the traditions of the old Corps. Wherever the officers or men may be, they invariably do their duty and do it well. I trust that all on this parade to whom opportunity may come, may follow this example of the recipients of these medals and do credit to their King, their country, and the Corps."

PLYMOUTH.

At the R.N. Barracks, Stonehouse, in the presence of many spectators, just before the dismissal of the Church parade, there was a presentation of medals and clasps to 32 N.C.O.'s and men who had served in South Africa. One of the recipients had as many as seven bars to his medal, while another had six, and several five bars. The majority of the men served with Lord Roberts in the march to Pretoria, whilst some others were on the Natal side. After coming out of church, the battalion was formed up on parade, the men to receive the decoration facing it. Capt. and Acting Adjt. Armstrong read out the Admiralty letter authorising and forwarding the decorations. The weather was piercingly cold, and consequently Colonel-Commandant A. D. Corbett, C.B., the new commauding officer of the division, who made the presentations, did not detain the men very long. He eulogised their services in South Africa, and warmly congratulated them on their decorations. The Colonel then personally proceeded to pin on the medal to the breast of each man. The following were the recipients:—

Col.-Sergt. H. Andrews; Sergt. W. Pullham; Lance-Sergts. J. Peach, J. Coldrick, H. Baker, A. Woollacott; Corpls. W. Virgo, E. Dear, T. Basting, ; Lce.-Corpl. W. Pope, C. Harris, A. Davis; Ptes. C. Ellis, T. Holt, W. Gray, T. Tozer, W. Webster, F. Hamlyn, J. Gray, F. Sussex, J. Simpson, F. Brown, W. Chaddock, W. Pocock, J. Webber, O. Greensmith, G. Porter, H. Wright, C. Margetson, F. Hurst, W. O'Brien.

DEPOT.

Major S. P. Peile, C.B.; Capt. and Adjt. J. A. Tupman; Sergt. G. Norman (Ply.); Bugler A. E. Castellano (Po.); Ptes. A. W. Cooper (Po.), J. J. Seymour (Ch.), D. Adams (Po.), A. H. Ellis (Po.), V. J. Cooper (Po.).

Home News

PORTSMOUTH.

The principal item this month has been the bitter cold weather, the energies of every one having been devoted to trying to keep warm. The social side has been well developed this month.

The Sergeants' Ball was held on February 14th and was pronounced by all to be a great success. Drum-Major Keen and an energetic Games Committee, had been hard at work decorating the theatre, and the result of their labours was very gratifying to the eye. Some 500 guests had accepted the invitations and dancing was in full swing till four a.m. Many officers were present, among whom was Major F. White, D.S.O., just returned from the front and looking exceedingly hale and bronzed. The M.C.'s were Drum-Major Keen, Color-Sergts. Harrison and Noakes, Sergt. Sanders, and Lance-Sergts. Reynolds and Lee.

On the following Friday (the 21st) the Corporals had their innings, and another most enjoyable night was spent. Some 350 guests, among whom many officers were again noticeable, were present, and with Corpls. Stockwell, Green, Page, and Lance-Corpl. Carter as M.C's., dancing was indulged in till 4.30 a.m.

Two billiard matches have been played in the Recreation Room which aroused a considerable amount of interest. Accounts of them will be found in another column.

The football team have been most successful, and have been giving a great exhibition of their powers, notably (and much to their delight), at Eastney.

On the 27th, the officers gave a matinee in the mess, which was well attended.

The officers, assisted by some ladies, gave a performance of "Ici on parle Français" and the "Area Belle," which was most successful, and produced a balance of £12 for the Benevolent Fund. An account will be found in another column.

PLYMOUTH.

The coming visit of Royalty to the three towns is the principal topic of the day. H.M. the Queen has graciously promised to christen a new battleship, which will be called the *Queen*. H.M. the King and H.R.H. Princess Victoria accompany Her Majesty. The Royal train will arrive at North Road about 5.30 p.m., and their majesties will then proceed through Plymouth, Stonehouse, and Devonport, to the Dockyard, where the Royal yacht on which they purpose to live during their visit, will be berthed. From the local papers, the Royal Marines are to line Edgcumbe Street, Stonehouse, and furnish a guard of honour in Manor Street. At night there are to be fireworks on the Brickfield and general illuminations ashore and afloat.

We are to have another Western District Naval and Military Rifle Meeting this year. The dates, probably the last week in May. The new features of the meeting will be that Naval officers are to share the responsibilities of range and butt duties, and additional competitions are introduced for Volunteer Officers (independent), for field guns, and one for vanishing targets.

Last month I stated Colour-Sergt. Hopkins was about to go to pension, but I am glad to add now that he has had his time extended to April. Colour-Sergt. Skellern has gone to pension, and Col.-Sergt. McCleod has taken over the duties of Company Sergeant of G Co. from Colour-Sergt. Alsop.

Foreign News.

ASCENSION.

WE have had the flagship (H M.S. *Gibraltar*), the *Pearl*, *Philomel*, and *Wye* all in together, with the result that the harbour has looked quite gay: and we have been inundated with inspections of various sorts. It came as quite a novelty to see so many fresh faces.

We have played two cricket matches. The first against the *Pearl*; we won easily by an innings and ninety-six runs. Mr. Ford, R.M.A., whose cricket has improved out of all recognition since he has been here, contributed a dashing not out innings of forty-four, and Pte. Costello's bowling and batting were both most effective Our second match was against the combined ships, and was to have been a two days' affair, but owing to inspection, court martial, and other vexatious proceedings was turned into one rather short day's play, with the natural result a "drawn match," very much in favour of the Island. For us the biggest scorers were Mr. Dixon and Mr. Gardner of the E.T.C., with fifty-six and thirty-five respectively, and Capt. Thoroton with forty-one not out; the last named also took two wickets for twelve. The scores of both games are attached.

ASCENSION ISLAND *v.* H.M.S. "PEARL."

Played at Ascension 25th January, 1902.

ASCENSION.

S. B. S. Hubbucks, b Luckham	4
Pte. J. Weldon, c Driver, b Hallowes	20
Pte. M. Costello, c Luckham, b Anthony	41
Capt. Thoroton, b Hallowes	9
Mr. Gardner, c Driver, b Anthony	27
Mr. Dixon, b Anthony	0
Lieut. Ford, not out	44
Gunner Edwards, R.M.A., not out	28
Lce.-Sergt. Hankin, did not bat, innings declared closed	
Pte. Mace " " "	
Sergt. Carter " " "	
Byes, &c.	9
Total for six wickets	182

H.M.S. "PEARL."

1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*	
Johnson, run out ..	3	c Carter, b Weldon ..	0
Driver, b Dixon ..	1	not out	6
Lieut. Gush, b Costello ..	7	b Thoroton	3
Staff-Surg. Chambers, b Costello	2	c Costello, b Gardner ..	9
Pte. Anthony, b Costello	10	c Hubbucks, b Weldon ..	0
Sub-Lt. Hallowes, b Costello	9	c Carter, b Thoroton ..	0
Mr. Luckman, not out ..	7	b Weldon	9
Foster, run out ..	0	c Edwards, b Weldon ..	0
Fisk, run out ..	0	st Hubbocks, b Thoroton	0
Clayton, c Thoroton, b Dixon	1	c Hubbocks, b Weldon ..	20
Puckley, b Dixon ..	3	c Ford, b Gardner ..	0
Byes, &c. ..	2	Byes, &c. ..	2
Total	45	Total	49

ASCENSION *v.* H.M.S. "GIBRALTAR" AND "PEARL."

Played at Ascension 29th January, 1902.—Match drawn.

ASCENSION.		"GIBRALTAR" AND "PEARL."	
S. B. S. Hubbucks, b Field	3	Lieut. Lewin, c Hubbucks, b Dixon ..	10
Pte. Weldon, c Lewin, b Field	16	Lieut. Walters, b Costello	18
Mr. Dixon, b Luckham ..	56	Sub.-Lt. Field, st Hubbocks b Thoroton ..	24
Mr. Gardner, c Walters, b Harrison ..	35	Lieut. Allison, c Ashby, b Gardner ..	23
Pte. Costello, c Timmins, b Luckham ..	5	Mr. Luckham, st Hubbucks, b Thoroton ..	17
Capt. Thoroton, not out	41	Lieut. Gush, run out ..	15
Lieut. Ford, R.M A., b Field	8	Comdr. Baker, b Costello	5
Gnr. Edwards, R.M.A., c Lewin, b Field ..	7	Mr. Garwood, not out ..	0
Lce.-Sergt. Hawkin, c Field, b Gush	6	Clayton did not bat	
Pte. Mace, not out ..	7	Timmins "	
Pte. Ashby did not bat, innings declared closed ..	—	Fraser "	
Byes, &c. ..	11	Byes, &c. ..	8
Total for eight wickets	205	Total for seven wickets	120

By the *Wye* we are losing our oldest inhabitant, Colr.-Sergt. Lee, of the Portsmouth Division, who has been nine years on and off in the Island. We do not expect to see him here again though.

We have reason to believe that a turtle is trying to find its way home to the Forton Mess by the *Wye*. [It has arrived all well.—ED. *G. & L.*].

H.M.S. *Blanche*, Lamberts Bay,
Cape Colony,
7th February, 1902.

Sir—I see in January number of *G. & L.* that the Royal Marines of H.M.S. *Terpsichore* were landed at Lamberts Bay.

I cannot recall ever having seen anything concerning the Royal Marines of the ill-fated ship *Sybille*, under Sgt. Batchelor (augmented by myself, one lance-corporal, one bugler and nine privates of this ship who were landed from the 27th February until the 15th March, 1901, at this place), commanded by Captain Williams of H.M.S. *Sybille*, relieved by Captain M. T. Parks of this ship. In fact I think we have been very fortunate since we commissioned fifteen months ago.

We were a little too late for the Gambia expedition, but less than four months from date of commission we had been landed on service, for which we received war grant and medal ribbon with medal to follow in due course.

We then went to the East Coast, and arrived at Kismayu the 14th August, 1901, having been at the two extremes in less than nine months I think being a record.

On the 20th August we came across the s.s. *Winnie* of Middlesboro, on a reef outside Malindi. We at once went to her assistance, working hard for ten days; she was eventually brought off by our captain, and we took her in tow for Mombasa.

On the 20th September, 1901, we took his Highness the Sultan of Zanzibar on board, including the renowned Tippoo-Tib (the well-known slave trader of the past), for passage to Lamu, arriving on the 21st. On the 12th October all the seamen and marines landed as funeral guard for the late General Matthews, the Sultan's Minister of State, and in addition to the usual three rounds blank, each rifle was supplied with forty rounds ball, as on such occasions the natives are given to revolt, but it passed off very quietly.

We returned to Lamu on the 8th November, and the Sultan and staff came on board for the return passage, arriving at Zanzibar on the 10th, the place in a high state of festivity.

The Sultan very much appreciated his passage by making a present to the ship's company in the shape of poultry and fruit both in abundance. We left for south on the 25th November, arriving at Simons Town 2nd January, 1902, and left again on the 7th for our old spot, Lamberts Bay, where we are in anticipation of another landing party, Boers being in the vicinity.

I think readers will agree that we have had a good share of noteworthy events in the short space of fourteen months.

Yours obediently,
A. H. BLAKE, Sergt.

Unmasking a Traitor.

By C. W. G. HILL.

AT the garden gate of a pretty little cottage, n Wessex, two men are standing this cool summer's evening, on which our story opens in conversation with a beautiful young girl, the acknowledged belle of the village. Both have known her for years, in fact attended the same school as boys together, and now that they have reached manhood each believes himself to be in love with her. The maid, uncertain of her own heart, cannot bring herself to decide the question they are asking and bids them wait until she can choose, without a doubt, her future partner, as she likes them both at present equally well and wishes them to remain her friends as of old. Shortly afterwards one of them, a sergeant in the Wessex Light Infantry, is

ordered abroad with his regiment, as trouble is anticipated in South Africa with the Boers. The other, finding work in his native place hard to obtain, decides to go to the front, and consequently joins Rimmington's Corps of Guides. A few days before leaving England each visits the maiden's cottage and asks her for an answer, but she tells them both to wait and promises to decide when they return on the conclusion of the war. Neither is quite satisfied with this arrangement, and the Guide's mind is filled with malicious thoughts against his rival, who he feels certain is the greater favourite with the girl. So it happens that the transport carrying the sergeant with his regiment to the Cape also had on board a number of men going out to join the guides, among whom he one day recognises his rival, and is surprised to find on endeavouring to speak to him that his friendly advances are repelled and that the guide turns from him with looks of hatred. On arriving at Cape Town the Wessex Regiment is quartered at Green Point and the sergeant finds himself engaged in ordinary camp duties. The Guide is supplied with his uniform, etc. and instructed in his duties and as he has a splendid knowledge of map reading is soon passed as a fully qualified guide. At last the order is received for Wessex men to be sent up country to support the forces already operating against the Boers. After several days hard marching, the column halts for the night and the camp is pitched on a kopje and picquets and sentries posted. Soon silence reigns, as the weary soldiers sink to sleep, and scarcely a sound is to be heard. At dead of night the Guide rises and steals softly from the sleeping camp. He carefully avoids the picquets and passes the sentries unchallenged, and once clear of the lines strikes out across the country. In half-an-hour he comes across a sentry, who is evidently watching for him, and on his arrival immediately leads him to the Boer general A whispered consultation and then the force of 1,200 men silently move out and are led by the guide to within sight of the British camp. He then explains to the general the positions of the picquets and sentries and the easiest way to climb the kopje. The Boers advance noiselessly and coming upon the sentries stab them at their posts and prevent them raising an alarm. Then, rushing on, they attack and surprise the sleeping soldiers, who in their alarm cannot distinguish friend from foe, but British pluck and grit soon begin to tell and, after recovering from the first shock at the suddenness of the unexpected attack, our soldiers succeeded in stemming the rush and driving back the Boers. The sergeant in charge of the picquet is wounded and unconscious, but not dead, and at the first attack had recognised the traitorous Guide leading on his country's enemies. On recovering consciousness in Pretoria, he seeks an interview with his colonel and tells him of his suspicions. The traitor enters the tent as he is speaking with news of a Boer commando in the neighhourhood and suggests that a small force only is necessary to capture it. "Traitor!" cries the sergeant, "That is the man, sir, that guided the enemy in their attack on our camp." The Guide starts back in surprise, turns pale, and trembles visibly. "You must endeavour to prove your accusation, sergeant" says the Colonel. Then turning to the Guide he orders him to find the intelligence officer and give him information. As soon as the Guide has left the tent, the colonel tells one of his aides-de-camp to have him kept under observation and every precaution taken that he does not leave the camp. The traitor endeavours to do so and is at once arrested. Meanwhile information reaches the colonel that a large force of the enemy are in close proximity to the camp, and that the Guide was lying, in hopes that if only a small force of British were sent against the commando they would fall an easy prey to the Boers. In the fighting which followed the sergeant is again wounded but ignoring his own pain succeeds in carrying a dangerously injured comrade out of harm in face of a heavy fire. Enough correspondence falls into the colonel's hands to prove the traitorous conduct of the Guide. He is therefore tried, condemned and shot. The young soldier is invalided home and as he lays in hospital is surprised indeed to receive a visit from the maiden who then gives him the answer he has so long deeired, waited and hoped for; and the pretty little country town never looked so bright and gay as it did on a certain afternoon, during his furlough, when he wedded the girl of his heart, and who could say, as he led his blushing bride to the altar, that he had not fairly won her, when by his gallant actions he so bravely gained the Victoria Cross and succeeded so well in "Unmasking a Traitor."

Correspondence.

We are indebted to Col,-Sergt. G. Stevens, R.M.L.I., for permission to publish the following very interesting letter, received from Lance-Corpl. A. H. Blissett, R.M.L.I., serving on board the "Discovery."—Editor, G. & L.

S.S. *Discovery*, Lyttelton, New Zealand,
16th December, 1901.

Dear Stevens,

Just a line or two, as I promised I would write to you. No doubt you have given up all hope of hearing from me since I've not written before now. But about the ship. We had a very good passage, although slow, all the way out to New Zealand, The only thing wrong was a bit of a leak in the ship before the Cape was reached, but it is nothing worth mention, although I believe the papers made it appear quite serious. It is true that we had a small quantity of provisions spoiled from the leak, but any ordinary ship would spoil almost the same amount, that is if she had it stowed right down on the keel, instead of, as they do, on a platform or floor, with a space below for bilge water to roll about in. We want absolutely no spare space in this ship, if anything can possibly be stowed into it. And I feel certain that the ship is as good and strong as ship need be, and I think every man in her will say exactly the same from the captain down. There has been some talk about the relationship between Captain Scott, the officers, and crew of the ship. In my opinion Captain Scott treats everybody as he should be treated, and no reasonable man can honestly say otherwise. And as for gold lace men, as some of the papers call the officers, there has been a good deal too much work for the officers to think much about gold lace. In fact they are rather the opposite to gold lace men, in my opinion. I myself have seen them at work all day long amongst the stores that were in the bilges, examining them, oiling and restoring them, and in fact they did that job with but very little assistance from the men.

We have been in dock at Lyttelton, and no doubt when we leave here, probably on the 21st, we shall put for sea in as good condition as ever ship sailed yet, and get amongst the ice, finish our work, and come back safe and sound, and then we shall see who has anything to say against the ship and her seaworthiness. No doubt we shall be some time away, but what of that. We are, I think, all able to put up with no small amount of hardship, and are almost all naval men, so we must keep up the reputation of the Navy and Marines, whatever we do. I am certain Scotty and I will do our best for the expedition, and look after ourselves too, and come back safe and sound. The people here in New Zealand, are giving us fine times since we arrived here, They are all determined to beat the people at home in entertaining us, and I must say they have already done so. Nothing is too much here, it seems, so long as you have on the *Discovery's* uniform. You may be sure we are making the very best of our time that remains, and shall look for a splendid reception on our return, if we do anything worth mentioning. We are all determined to beat the other two ships, the German and the Swede, or not to return until we have beaten them. We shall hope to see our relief ship in about fifteen months. I must conclude now with my sincerest regards.

I am, yours, etc.,
A. H. BLISSITT, R.M.

P.S.—We have had one sad event just as we were leaving Lyttelton Harbour. A young seamen, named Bonner, who was up on the mast-head, cheering the Mayor of Lyttelton, who was in a steamboat seeing us off, suddenly fell down, having trusted too much weight to the weather vane at the masthead. His head struck the stern winch house, and was split in two, his brains scattering the deck for yards around. We are to hold an inquest this afternoon, and bury him with full naval honours to-morrow, so I expect it will be a big turn-out. But what it must be for his parents and friends, who will get the telegram before they get his letters. It will be a most heart-rending thing for them. Every man here feels it very much, as you may imagine, and not a word has been spoken hardly above a whisper since it happened. It is the only sad event that has happened since I joined the ship, and I sincerely hope it will be the last, as all on board have quite a lot of friends. and have made a lot coming out this trip. I must conclude.—A. H. BLISSITT.

The Record Clerk.

IF you've had enough of life,
And you feel you want a change;
If your weary soul no longer yearns for work;
Just renounce this world of strife
And no longer tax your brains;
In other words become a "Record Clerk."

If drilling proves a bore,
And you feel you want no more,
If barrack guards you think you'd rather shirk;
Then without the least disgrace,
If you've only got the face,
You can readily become a "Record Clerk."

Should you wake up with a head
Like a half a ton of lead,
And you feel you want to lay in rather late:
Believe me when I say
You can sleep the blooming day,
And your records even still be up to date.

When for years you've had the "rats,"
And you've constantly "tin hats,"
When the devils blue around you seem to lurk;
When your muddled head awakes,
And you find you have the snakes,
Just chuck it and become a "Record Clerk."

In conclusion let me say,
When July has passed away,
The Records over, you had best desert;
For I solemnly insist
That you never will be missed,
Having once assumed the role of "Record Clerk."

Royal Marines Rifle Association.

THE "PRINCE OF WALES" CUP.

THE following are the conditions governing the above competition for the above Challenge Cup, which have been submitted to and approved by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

"The 'Prince of Wales' Cup—A challenge cup presented by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, for individual competition. Open to all ranks of the Royal Marines serving ashore or afloat. To be shot for at the annual meeting of the Royal Marines Rifle Association at ranges of 600 and 800 yards*; ten shots at each range. Bisley conditions.

The cup to have the winner's name and the date of the competition engraved on it, and to be kept for the ensuing year in the officers' mess of the R.M. Division or Depot to which the winner belongs."

With reference to the above the following rules were passed at the last committee meeting of the Association.

"That in addition to The Royal Marines XX., five competitors per Division or Depot, serving afloat or ashore, be selected by the commanding officers to compete for the cup, but that no expense in connection with these competitors be charged to the funds of The Association. Entrance Fee—Nil. Prizes—1st, The Challenge Cup, Silver Badge and £3†; 2nd, £2†; 3rd, £1.† Targets and scoring, 600 and 800 yards, N.R.A. Regulations. Number of shots, ten at each range, aggregate. Uniform, obligatory. Place and time, during annual meeting of R.M.R.A.

By order of the Committee,
(Signed) W. J. LANGFORD, Major (*r*),
Hon. Sec. R.M.R.A.

EAST INDIA STATION.

Result of Competition. 1901. Fired at Trincomale, Aden, and Bombay Ranges. One half of the entrance fees was given as money prizes among the competitors in each ship.

1.	Pte. G. P. Bunting, *Highflyer* ..	70	Silver Badge & 10/-
2.	Pte. Genge, *Highflyer* ..	66	5/-
3.	Corpl. R. A. Rowe, *Pomone* ..	66	6/-
4.	Pte. W. Hines, *Lapwing* ..	66	
5.	Pte. L. Bevis, *Highflyer* ..	65	
6.	Sergt. A. Cornish, *Highflyer* ..	64	
7.	Pte. J. Brown, *Sphinx* ..	64	
8.	Bugler F. Witts, *Highflyer* ..	64	
9.	Pte. C. C. Arnos' *Lapwing* ..	64	
10.	Lce.-Sergt. A. Walters. *Lapwing*	64	
11.	Pte. E. Gray, *Lapwing* ..	64	
12.	Sergt. H Clarke, *Highflyer* ..	63	
13.	Pte. G. Roff, *Sphinx* ..	61	
14	Pte. S. Sidebottom, *Magdala* ..	61	
15.	Pte. A. Willcocks, *Highflyer* ..	61	

*To be changed to 800 and 1000 yards when there are ranges of 1000 yards available for practice at each Division.

†From the Funds of The Association.

Shooting.

RESULT OF MUSKETRY TRAINING AND SHOOTING MATCHES AT THE DEPOT, ROYAL MARINES, 1901.

Trained Soldiers, Old Course, 144 exercised, F. of M. 89/48.

Best shot of colour-sergeants and sergeants—H Co., Po., Sgt. F. J. Wingfield, 141 points.

Best shot of corporals—A Co., Ch., Corpl. W. Belsom, 115 points.

Best shot of privates—H Co, Ch, Pte. Leonard White, 130 points.

Best shot of all rank, H Co., Po., Sergt. F. J. Wingfield, 141 points.

Trained Soldiers, New Course, 61 exercised, F. of M. 124/36.

Best shot of colour-sergeants and sergeants—H Co., Ch., Sergt. C. Littleworth, 189 points.

Best shot of corporals, C Go., Ch, Corpl. A. W. A. Chase, 147 points.

Best shot of privates, A Co., Ch., Pte. G. A. Balls, 186 points.

Best shot of all ranks, H Co., Ch., Sergt. C. Littleworth, 189 points.

Recruits, Old Course, 1244 exercised, F. of M. 369/47.

Best shot in the Old Course, A Co., Ch., Pte. F. A. Davis, 498 points.

Recruits, New Course, 926, exercised F. of M. 371/36.

Best shot in the New Course—A Co., Pte. John Fitzroy, 185 points.
B Co., Pte. W. W. Potter, ditto.

Best shots of Annual Revolver Course.

Officers—Capt. F. J. Saunders, D.S.O., 76 points.
Capt. J. Grover ditto.

Warrant and non-commissioned officers—Q.M.S.I. of M. H. J. Pearson, 81 points.

The following N.C.O.'s were awarded prizes for judging distance:—E Co., Ply., Sergt. T. Sillitoe. 50 points. F Co., Ch., Sergt. J. S. White, 40 points. H Co., Po., Sergt. A. J. Standing, 39 points.

Team Matches, 1901, Individual Averages.

Names	*No. of shoots*	*Av.*	*Names*	*No. of shoots*	*Av.*
Sergt. Colwell ..	1	95·00	Pte. Salt ..	2	88·00
Q.M.S.-Instr. Pearson	6	92·50	Capt. Tupman ..	1	88·00
Drum-Maj. Elliott	6	90·16	W.O. Bailey ..	3	87·66
Sergt. Fallace ..	2	90·00	Capt. Colquhoun ..	2	83.00
,, Littleworth ..	4	89·50	Sergt. Wharton ..	1	81·00
Q.M.S. Hill ..	6	89·16	,, Humphries	2	81·00
Cr.-Sergt. Sugden	4	89·00	,, Churchard	3	80·00

The Depot won the following:—The Revolver Cup—Team. The Collard Cup, The Gold Jewel, The Silver Medal, N.R.A., The Hythe Staff Challenge Cup won by Q.M.S.-Instr. Pearson.

In sending the following results I also send photograph of Q.M.S.-Instr- Pearson, taken in the Morris Tube Gallery, if you think it worth inserting; it shows the following all won during the year 1901.

The Gold Jewel, R.M.R.A., won at Aldershot; The Silver Medal, N.R.A., won at Aldershot; The Collard Cup, R.M.R.A., won at Aldershot; The B.S.A. Rifle, N.R.A., won at Bisley; The Hythe Staff Challenge Cup, won at Lydd, S.E.D., Rifle Meeting.

[We regret we are unable to publish this photograph.—Ed. *G & L.*]

Obituary.

GENERAL SIR PENROSE PENROSE.

General Sir Penrose Charles Penrose, late Royal Marines, died 24th February, aged 80, at his residence at Plymouth. Sir Penrose, who was the son of the late Mr. Thomas Penrose, R.N., of Plymouth, was born in 1822, and was educated at Plymouth. He joined the Royal Marines in 1837, and served in 1838 with the Royal Marine battalion on the north coast of Spain, and in 1841-42 in China during the operations in the Yang-tsze region. On October 24th 1856, Sir Penrose, then a captain, landed with the force for the protection of the British factory at Canton, and commanded the Royal Marines at the storming of the breach in the wall of Canton on October 29th, and throughout the subsequent operations. For these services he was mentioned in despatches, and received the brevet of major, 15th September, 1858. He next saw active service in 1864,-66 in Japan, where, as a lieutenant-colonel, he was present at the bombardment of the batteries at the Straits of Shimonoseki, and commanded a Royal Marine battalion at the assault, capture, and destruction of the five batteries, stockade, magazines, and barracks, and during the shore operations from September 5th to 8th, 1864, and was again mentioned in despatches. He was promoted to the rank of colonel in 1867, major-general in 1868, lieutenant-general in 1878, and general in 1879, and retired in 1887, after 50 years' service. On June 21st, 1887, on the occasion of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, he received the G.C.B., and in 1892 he was awarded the Good Service Pension for general officers.

COLONEL JOHN CHRISTOPHER HORE

Colonel John Christopher Hore, on retired full pay, R.M.L.I., died 3rd February, at Kingstown, Dublin. He entered the service as 2nd Lieut. 8th May, 1835, became 1st Lieut. 2nd November, 1858, Captain, 3rd August, 1867; Major, 26th May, 1879; Lieut.-Colonel, 8th May, 1883; and retired on full pay with the Honorary rank of Colonel, 19th July, 1884. He served with the R.M. Battalion sent out for service in Japan in 1864-66, and was present at the bombardment of the batteries at the Straits of Shimonoseki. the entrance of the inland sea of Japan, and as orderly officer to the Brigadier Commanding at the assault, capture, and destruction of the five batteries, stockade, magazines, and barracks, and during the shore operations from the 5th to the 8th September, 1864. (mentioned in despatches). Was a Justice of the Peace for the County of Wexford. His wife, Harriett, died 2nd June, 1900, at Oakley House, Shrewsbury.

THE LATE MR. A. T. LIDIARD.

The funeral of the late Mr A. T. Lidiard, a former band-sergeant of the Stonehouse Division R.M.L.I., who died during the past week at the Royal Albert Hospital, Devonport, after an amputation, took place on February 17th, at Plymouth Cemetery in the presence of many relatives and a wide circle of musical and other friends. Deceased, who was an accomplished instrumentalist, after retiring from the R.M.L.I., held the post of bandmaster of ihe Plymouth Rifle Volunteers. The cortege left the house at 9 a.m., and was a long one. Mr. C. Mutton, formerly band-sergeant of the R.M.L.I., and of the Theatre Royal orchestra, wrote regretting that a broken wrist prevented his attending. Several other friends also sent expressing regret at inability to be present. The bearers were the following members of the Royal Marine Band, at present serving: Messrs. Greenfield, Ward, Weeks, Clark, Willis, and Drew.

PRESENTATION TO SERGEANT-MAJOR F. MEDLON.—The Gymnastic Instructors of the Corps, past and present, had a very pleasant surprise in store for Sergt.-Major Medlon when on a visit to the R.M. Depot. To show in what esteem he was held by them, they had subscribed and purchased a present for him, on his leaving the gymnasium. It took the form of a mahogany inlaid corner cabinet, with presentation plate suitably inscrlbed. Their idea was to give him some receptacle in which to keep the many prizes he has won during his gymnastic career, and the above answered the purpose admirably. Q.-M.-S.-Instr. J. Young made the presentation on behalf of the Instructors. Sergt.-Major Medlon responded and thanked all the Instructors for their very pretty and useful present.

Presentation to Col.-Sgt.-Instr. R. W. Hazell,

1ST VOL. BATT. PRINCE ALBERT'S SOMERSET LIGHT INFANTRY
(LATE COLR.-SERGT. R.M.L.I.).

AN interesting presentation was made at the Drill Hall, Keynsham, on Tuesday, February 11th, when Colr.-Sergt.-Instr. R. W. Hazell received a purse of gold, an illuminated address, and an album containing the names of the subscribers from some of the friends he has made during the nine years he has been instructor to the above Battalion. The presentation was made by Dr. Willett, and the address was as follows:—

"To Colour-Sergeant-Instructor Hazell, 1st Volunteer Battalion, Prince Albert's Somerset Light Infantry.

"Dear Sir—We, your friends, fellow-townsmen, and Volunteers ask your acceptance of this address, accompanied with a purse of gold, as a small token of our esteem and respect for you as a citizen and a soldier. After thirty-four years service, home and foreign, we think your retirement has been well earned, and we wish to express to you our appreciation of your long service with the Royal Marines, when you helped to uphold the honour of the British Flag in Egypt, China, and other parts of the world. We also wish to show our appreciation of your last nine years' service with the Somerset Light Infantry Volunteers, where, personally, we know your sense of duty has always been predominant.

"We also present you with the list of subscribers, who all wish you every prosperity in your civil life, and trust that mutual memories of friendship will ever remain.

Signed on behalf of the subscribers,

J. NEWPORT, C. WILLOUGHBY,
SERGEANT J. WILCOX, CORPORAL ANSTEY.

Billiards.

PORTSMOUTH.

Considerable interest was aroused in the Recreation Room, during the past month, by the following matches arranged by Barrack Sergeant Cole and the Library committee:—

R.M.A. v. R.M.L.I.

R.M A.			R.M L.I.		
Gnr. Hewlett	..	150	Mus. Ramsey	..	108
Corpl. Flaye	..	104	Corpl. Chinn	..	150
Bombr. Lewis	..	150	Mus. Tierney	..	139
Gnr. Nurse	..	142	Mus. Williams	..	150
,, Martin	..	122	Pte. Mould	..	150
,, Reid	..	144	,, Jones	..	150
,, Deacon	..	135	Corpl. Crawley	..	121
,, Nain	..	150	Pte. Tribe	..	150
	Total	1097		Total	1118

R.M.L.I. won by 21 points, or 5 games to 3.

The best breaks were;—Pte. Mould, 39; Gnr. Hewlett, 38; Gnr. Nurse, 34; Mus. Williams, 22.

CORPORALS v. PRIVATES.

Corporals.			Privates.		
Corpl. Taylor	..	150	Pte. Clegg	..	138
,, Chinn	..	78	Mus. Williams	..	150
,, Julin	..	100	Pte. Still	..	150
,, Johnson	..	150	,, Poole	..	70
,, Crawley	..	115	,, Mould	..	150
,, Cole	..	126	,, Bomford	..	150
,, Sellex	..	90	Mus. Crossley	..	150
,, Mann	..	62	Pte. Tribe	..	150
		871			1108

The Privates won by 237 points, or 6 games to 2.

Anecdotes.

THE following is said to have occurred on the range on a very misty morning last month, but we are inclined to receive it with a very large grain of salt.

On arrival at the 500 yards range it was found impossible to see the butts, so orders were given for the squad to be marched to the 200 yards range. Here, however, it was still found impossible to distinguish the targets, so another adjournment was made to 100 yards. Once again it was found too misty and it is reported (we say "it is reported" advisedly) that orders were then given for the squad to go "judging distance."

"The horse is the noblest of all animals," wrote Little Johnny, after his visit to the Zoo, "but the rhynosterous is the feller for me, cos when he has thrusted his sticker thru a natif nigger he winx his ey, like he sed, Now Ile lugg this sportzman home to be an xample to my little boy which wil say, You got som black on yure nose,"

PAT'S PARCEL.—Scene: Post Office. Irish soldier sending home a parcel to his mother. Post Office Attendant; "This parcel is too heavy. You will require another stamp on it." Irish Soldier: "Och, shure, who are yez tryin' to make a fool of? If I put another stamp on it, won't it be all the heavier?"

WHY HE WASN'T SHAVED. In a barrack-room which boasted only one looking-glass, three soldiers were using it at the same time for shaving. One of them made a bad job of his shaving, and was found fault with on parade by his company officer for not shaving, to whom he made the following excuse: "I beg your pardon, sir. As there was only one looking-glass in my room, three of us had to use it at the same time, I must have shaved another fellow's face instead of my own, sir." "Don't let it occur again," said the officer, trying to suppress a smile.

A young fellow, having been asked by a recruiting sergeant whether he wished to enlist in a Scottish regiment, replied:—"Not likely. I'd rather go to a lunatic asylum than enlist in a Highland regiment." "Aweel," said the sergeant, "I've nac doot that ye'd feel mair at hame there."

A recruit of a Highland regiment which was stationed at Malta went out to see the town, and remained absent. He was brought before the commanding officer, a Highland gentleman of the old school, the next morning. "This is a verra fine thing, Sim, to be absent ta verra first nicht you join ta corps," said the officer. "Beg pardon," said Sim, "but I lost myself in the streets of the capital, and could not get back in time." "I'll tak' yer excuse" said the officer, "but ye maun mind that ye'll hae to bide in barracks till ye ken the toon."

A DISTANT BROTHER.—Sergeant-Major: Is Corporal Sullivan a relation of yours? Irish Recruit: Yes, a distant relation of mine. Sergeant-Major: I thought he was your brother? Irish Recruit: So he is, but there is ten sisters between me and him.

SCENE:—Field Training Room. Officer instructing recruits in reconnoitring duties. "Now, Private Smith, what must a reconnoitring patrol always bear in mind." Private Smith. "To see without being seen, and—and—and to listen without being heard,"

GUARD TURN OUT! When the Royal Marines were stationed at Woolwich some years ago, a field officer of that corps had to take turns with others in the duty of officer of the day. The duty of this officer, among others, is to visit the different guards in the garrison. He is always mounted, and followed by an orderly on horseback, usually provided by the Royal Horse Artillery. A raw recruit of the Royal Marines was on duty at the guard-room of their barracks for the first time, and seeing the field officer approaching at the trot, followed closely by the orderly, yelled out in a most excited manner.; "Guard, turn out! Here's a Horse Artilleryman chasin' a Marine!"

Football.

PORTSMOUTH.

SINCE our last issue the Divisional team has been steadily improving and have met with a fair amount of success in their League matches. The draw with the R.M.A., at Eastney, being exceptionally creditable. Matches played during the month are as under:

R.M.L.I. *v.* R.M.A. (Ports. League).

Played at Eastney, on 10th February, and, after a most exciting contest, resulted in a draw, 2—2. Lieut. Barnby played a great game at full back; Pte. White (centre forward) was also conspicuous, and can congratulate himself on having scored more goals against the R.M.A. in this match than had previously been scored against them in this League.

R.M.L.I. *v.* RIFLE DEPOT. (Ports. League).

Played at Forton, on 12th February, and, after a most stubbornly contested game, resulted in a win for the R.M.L.I. by 1 goal to nil, White doing the necessary in the last minute of the match from a free kick; Lt. Barnby and Pte. Robson proving a sterling defence, Mus. Dykes was also noticable for his good centres.

R.M.L.I. *v.* PORTS. HORNETS. (Ports. League).

Played at Forton, on 15th February, and, after a pleasant match, resulted in a win for the R.M.L.I. by 3 goals to 2.

R.M.L.I. *v.* NAVAL DEPOT. (Ports. League).

This match was played on the Men's Ground, and, after a close game, resulted in a win for the Naval Depot by 1 goal to nil. White netted the ball from a free kick iu the first half, but from some unexplicable reason the goal was dis-allowed and the Depot won as above stated.

R.M.L.I. *v.* STUBBINGTON HOUSE.

Played at Stubbington, on 26th February, and after a most pleasantly contested game, resulted in a win for the Marines by 5 goals to 4.

The team at present obtains rather more snpport than hitherto, hence the above results which must be more gratifying to its supporters.

PLYMOUTH.

Our first football match, after the Christmas leave was up, was on 22nd January, when we beat Edgecumbe A.F.C. by 4—0. The only other one we have played between that date and now was *v.* H.M.S. *Nile*, on 6th February, when we were again victorious by 5 - 0. Our return fixture with Plymouth was unfortunately scratched. During the coming month we have only two matches arranged, *v.* 57th Field Co. R.E., and the A.O. Department.

RUGBY.

On Wednesday, 29th January, we went down to Dartmoor for a Rugby match against the Britannia. It was professedly a Marine officers' team, but in reality there were one or two strangers to say nothing of substitutes lent by them to make up for deficiencies. We had quite an enjoyable game and won by 3 goals and 3 tries to 1 goal and 3 tries.

ASSAULT-AT-ARMS AT PORTSMOUTH.—At the Assault-at-Arms held by the 3rd (D.C.O.) Volunteer Battalion Hants Regt., in Connaught Drill Hall, Portsmouth, on Thursday, February 27th, Sergt. J. Cole, annexed the 1st prize in the Bayonet *v.* Bayonet competition open to all branches of the service after a very spirited contest with Corpl. McFadden, R.M.A. The nature of the fight may be gathered from the fact that Corpl. McFadden led at one time by 4 points to 2, when Sergt. Cole came in with a rush and got in 3 points in rapid succession, thus winning the prize of £5.

Boer Account of the Battle of Driefontein.

The following account of the Battle of Driefontein is from "The Friend," a Boer paper published in Bloemfontein. It has been kindly sent to us by Major A. E. Marchant, C.B., and will, we are sure, interest our readers. Ed.—G. & L.

THE BATTLE OF ABRAHAMSKRAAL (DRIEFONTEIN).
GLORIOUS STAND OF THE BURGHERS.
THE ENEMY REPULSED TIME AFTER TIME.
ONLY FORCED BY NUMBERS TO RETREAT.
(*Official Sources*).

ABRAHAMSKRAAL, 11th March—Chief-Commandant de Wet reports to-day:

At about 8.30 of the 10th inst., fighting commenced with cannon. The enemy attacked three positions at the same time, viz., the position in command of Comdt. Vilonel of Vinburgh, another of the Comdts. Crowther of Ladybrand and Villiers of Ficksburg, and the third along the Modder River where the men of General Cilliers were located.

The brunt of the attack was directed on the positions of Vilonel's and Kolbe's burghers, later on reinforced by a body of Johannesburg police commanded by Gen. de la Rey.

The enemy advanced within 15 yards and was killed in great numbers. 60 of them found their grave in one kraal. The British took up positions straight opposite the Winburghers, with 8 cannon, but all the men serving the guns, were shot, with exception of one. Then those batteries got reinforcement of eight other cannon, but those too lost all their men and only three escaped. The remaining four were taken prisoners by the Johannesburg police. We could have taken the 16 pieces if we only had had the required horses.

The enemy trying to recapture their ordnance, stormed but were repulsed four times over. After the fourth attack the soldiers raised the white flag, but then they were bombarded with their own guns and thus compelled to storm again. At the end our men compelled by the overwhelming forces, had to leave the guns behind them.

As our positions were very bad and the enemy advanced in always greater numbers, we decided to take better positions.

Officers and men deserve the greatest praise for their unbounded courage. The artillery, both of the O.F. State and of S.A. Repubic, did excellent work.

The second point of attack was also rigidly bombarded. Here the burghers of Ladybrand and Ficksburg stood, who were to take positions on a bare hill. They never got nervous or wavered. Two of them were slightly wounded. The Pretoria Police, in command of General Cilliers, were also severely bombarded. They were fighting with rifles, with unbounded courage and deserve all praise.

I feel obliged to record specially the gallant behaviour of Gen. Cilliers, who was encouraging his men, while constantly surrounded with increasing danger. A bullet tore his clothes and his rifle was shot to pieces. The loss of the enemy must be terrible. Our casualties are comparatively small.

Further I must mention the burghers of Comdt. Wellbach who constantly repulsed the British forces on a barren plain.

After our positions were given up, 10 burgers of Senekal put a great part of the British cavalry to flight. At dusk, when the others had joined the retreating commandoes, viz. C. v. d. Merwe and a son of J. B. Wessels, continued chasing the cavalry.

I have an agreeable task in recording that the courage of our burghers is still growing and that they are fighting with great confidence.

SOME MORE PARTICULARS.

Special.

11th March.—The Burghers made a gallant stand in yesterday's encounter and inflicted terrible loss upon the enemy. Where the British charged the Johannesburg police time after time, the English soldiers are lying upon the ground in heaps.

Their casulties are estimated at not less than fifteen hundred and our loss is, so far as reported, thirty five.

Later.

Heavy fighting took place yesterday in the vicinity of Abrahamskraal. Early in the morning the enemy opened a heavy bombardment on our positions and at ten o'clock cavalry and infantry moved forward.

A Brigade was sent round to engage our left wing, which position was held by General De la Rey with about 500 of the Johannesburg police. The heaviest fighting took place in that quarter. The Federals held their fire until the enemy was within 60 yards of our positions. Here they were mowed down and the fire became so terrible that they broke and fell back.

They were soon reorganised, however, and advanced again only to meet with the same stern resistance. Five more times before night they unsuccesfully attempted to drive the Federals from their positions but they never wavered.

As soon as it became dark, General De la Rey ordered all the stores and wagons removed to Bloemfontein, but remained behind himself to protect their retreat.

Early this morning the British reopened the attack and our men began to slowly to retreat and up to this hour (about noon) have succeeded in withdrawing all the stores and cannon. At this hour the enemy is reported to be within 12 miles of the city.

The federals are taking up positions at the Spitskop about five miles west of Bloemfontein and will meet a final stand there.

Hockey.

PLYMOUTH.

At Hockey we have not had many matches since the New Year began. On Thursday, 13th February, we went up to Tavistock, and after a really prime mud lark, we managed to score 8 goals to Kelly College's nil. The following Saturday we played Plymouth on the Brickfields, and after a close and, to say the least of it, fierce game, we were prevented from winning the victory by their scoring a second goal on the stroke of time. Saturday last (22nd Feb.), we went to play the R.N.E. College, but after getting wet through toiling up to their ground, it was decided not to try and play. Before the end of February, we hope to play H.M.S. *Cambridge* and *Defiance*. On Saturday, Plympton; and early in March, the Royal Artillery.

PORTSMOUTH.

The Hockey matches for the month have been fairly successful, having won three and lost two.

Of the United Service League matches, the Lancashire Fusiliers were beaten six goals to two, and the Royal Marine Artillery won by two goals to nil after a hard game on the Eastney ground.

RECORD OF MATCHES.

Royal Marine Artillery ..	lost	0—2
Lancashire Fusiliers	won	6—2
Alverstoke	won	8—1
Rifle Depot	won	5—1
Fareham	lost	0—4

Royal Marines Memorial.

22, Spring Gardens, S.W.

The following sums have been received during the month ending 28th February, 1902:—

	£	s.	d.
Mr. and Mrs. Spurway	1	0	0
Commissioner's House, Bermuda (2nd subscription)	1	13	0
H.M.S. *Redbreast*	0	13	6
Mr. H. Turner, late Sergt. R.M.L.I. ..	0	2	6
Mr. T. Jones, Staff R.M.L.I.	0	2	0
Total ..	£3	11	0

ERRATA.—The subscription announced in last month's "G. and L." as having been received from Mrs. Spurway, should have been shown as from Mrs. Humphrey Spurway.

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

New (?) Army Regulations.

1—When dressing for marching order parade, always put your helmet on first, and leave your boots and leggings until the last. There is no advantage in doing so, but it tries a man's temper.

2.—If you ever have the misfortune to be told off as orderly man, and you have to carry your dirty water away, always stumble over a tent peg when you get to the bottom of the lines. It saves you a lot of bother and unnecessary trouble.

3 If you are on a physical drill at early morning parade, and the two back buttons of your trousers come off, report it at once to your colour-sergeant, and he will perhaps sew them on for you.

4—Always take two tins of Pickering's blanco to camp, one full and the other empty. You can lend the empty one and use the full one yourself.

5—If you are suddenly called for duty, and you cannot find your waist belt, take the first you happen to lay your hands on. It saves you any amount of trouble and blanco and such like.—From *The Tiger and the Rose.*

A Good Example.

Now and then up-to-date methods in matters military manifest themselves in different parts of slow-moving England. At Droitwich, for instance, a volunteer "non-com.," having had some experience of Boer methods in South Africa, is improving the occasion for the benefit of his comrades. With a small party of nine followers he undertook to make his way from a point outside the town to the headquarters in the face of the opposition of the whole detachment. As might be expected the affair created great interest. The defenders organised a line of no fewer than 36 outposts, which to the minds of their commanders made the task impossible. The enterprising sergeant managed in less than an hour to turn up at the place appointed, being found actually in possession of the Armoury, whilst its gallant defenders were congratulating themselves on keeping him outside their line of defence

An Up-a-Tree Crime.—A soldier who had been told whilst on sentry, in India, to keep a sharp look out on the horse lines, mounted a tree that was in front of the guardroom so as to obtain a better view of the horses, &c. On the arrival of the orderly officer to take the guard, of course the sentry was missing. As soon as they discovered his whereabouts he was ordered down by the officer and put in the prisoners' room. When taken before the commanding officer the following morning he was crimed with "Being absent off the face of the earth."

Snow and Rifle Bullets.—Snow is a substance which offers a most surprising resistance to penetration by a rifle bullet, far more, indeed, than wood. Experiments made in Norway have shown that a snow wall 4 ft. thick is absolutely proof against the Norwegian Army rifle charge, which, by the way, is of quite exceptional piercing power, and that at all ranges from fifty yards up to half a mile.

Preferred the Old Way.—The village hero had returned from the war, and was "down" to play in a football match at Huddersfield. He was surrounded by a crowd of yokels, listening to his account of the battles he had taken part in. "Yes," said the warrior, "I've had enough of warfare. It's awful." Then he took his position in the field. Ten minutes later he retired from the field limping badly. His left eye was closed, three front teeth and a thumb-nail were missing, and a black and blue bruise adorned his right cheek. "Where's ta goin', Bill?" inquired a friend, as the wounded one approached. "Back to the front," replied William, "as soon as I can get."

Answers to Correspondents.

Q.M.S. Pearson—Many thanks for photo, but we fear we shall not be able to re-produce it, but will give it further consideration.

Corpl. Hill—Many thanks.

Pte. Mills—Thanks for yarn; it is under consideration.

Mr. T. H. Lockyer—Thanks for anecdote, which we use.

Births.

McCarthy—At Eastney Barracks, on 17th Feb., 1902, the wife of Capt. and Adjutant E. McCarthy, R.M.A., of a daughter.

Pugh—On the 14th February, at Gravesend, Torpoint, Devonport, the wife of Capt. E. H. Bockett-Pugh, Royal Marines, of a son.

Sampson-Way—On the 15th February, at 2, Russell Street, Bath, the wife of Capt. Fitz Sampson-Way, R.M.L.I., of a daughter.

Edwards—On the 17th February, at Freestone Lodge, Lennox Road North, Southsea, the wife of Capt. F. Charles Edwards, R.M.L.I., of a son.

Smith—On 21st February, at Holyhead, the wife of Capt. W. Noel Smith, R.M.L.I., of a daughter (still-born).

Marriages.

Clark—Brown—At St. James' Church, Portsea, 15th Feb., 1902, Gnr. S. Clark, R.MA., to Miss A. Brown.

Clark—Rayner—At the Parish Church, Rochester, on the 18th Jan., 1902, Corpl. A. H. Clark to Miss A. Rayner.

Laming—Fisher—At the Parish Church, Walmer, on the 10th Feb., 1902, Pte. A. Laming to Miss B. M. Fisher.

Porteous—Morris—At St. John's Church, Forton, on 4th Feb., 1902, Corpl. J. Porteous to Mary Amelia Morris.

Deaths.

Gamble—On the 12th Eebruary, at her residence, 1, Norfolk Square, Brighton, Emmeline, widow of Inspector-General Gamble, and daughter of the late General H. J. Delacombe, C B., R.M.L.I.

Jefferies—On board H.M.S. *Monarch*, on 5th Jan., 1902, Gnr. P. G. Jefferies, A Coy., aged 28 years,

Lacey—At R.M.A. Infirmary, on 26th Jan., 1902, Gnr. W. H. Lacey, aged 19 years.

Stevens—At his residence, Eastney, suddenly, on 4th Feb., 1902, Gnr. A. H. S. Stevens, M Coy., aged 35 years.

Anderson—On board H.M.S. *Camperdown*, on 6th Feb., 1902, Gnr. R. Anderson, aged 39 years.

Smith—At Haslar, 14th Feb., 1902, Gnr. M. Smith, N Coy., aged 27 years.

Boutell—At the Depot Infirmary, on the 18th February, 1902, Pte. A. Boutell.

Kerrigan—At the Depot Infirmary, on the 22nd Feb., 1902, Pte. J. D. Kerrigan.

Goodman—At the Depot Infirmary, on the 26th Feb., 1902, Pte. J. Goodman.

Earl—Whilst serving in *Wildfire*, 4th Feb., 1902, Pte. S. R. Earl.

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Editorial.

HIS Majesty the King held a Levee at noon on 6th March, at St. James' Palace. Colonel T. Dunscomb Bridge, R.M.L.I., was on duty as an Aide-de-Camp to the King in Waiting. Among the presentations were Colonel W. Campbell, R.M.A., on appointment as A.D.C. to the King; Lieut.-Colonel A. F. Gatliff, R.M.L.I., on promotion and return from active service; Majors F. G. R. Kappey, R.M.A., and A. E. Marchant, C.B., R.M.L.I., on promotion and return from active service; Majors Herbert Slessor, R.M.A., and H. W. L. Holman, R.M.L.I., on promotion; Lieutenants Harold Blount, R.M.A., A. W. Delves Broughton, George Duberly, E. L. Gerrard, F. L. Haslewood, G. M. I. Herford, H. L. Jones, P. W. Malcolm, J. A. F. Ozanne, H. F. H. Strugnell, G. J. Tredennick, and F. S. Wilson, R.M.L.I., all on appointment. The presentations under the new rule were made by the First Lord of the Admiralty. Colonel C. V. F. Townshend also attended the Levee.

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The Band of the Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., played a selection of music, under the direction of Lieut. Miller, M.V.O., at the Countess of Selborne's second reception, at the First Lord's official residence at the Admiralty, on March 5th.

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His Majesty the King was graciously pleased to present Mr. F. Winterbottom, Bandmaster of the Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I., with the medal of the Royal Victorian Order, on board H.M. Yacht *Victoria and Albert*, on the 9th March.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of the appointment of Captain H. C. Evans, R.M.L.I., as Adjutant of the 4th V.B. Manchester Regiment being extended until Nov. 1st, 1902.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of Lieut. E. Wright, R.M.A., being appointed Assistant-Adjutant, Royal Marine Artillery, *vice* Lieut. C. T. Fisher promoted Captain.

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During the past month the new pattern Mess Tin Covers have been issued. These, although not so "showy," seem to us infinitely more serviceable than the old ones.

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The German Emperor has conferred upon the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Battalions of Marines, the privilege of carrying on their colours the ribbon of the China medal as a permanent memorial of the East Asiatic expedition. In the Imperial order which confers this privilege, the Emperor expresses his confident assurance that this special mark of his favour will prove an incentive to the battalions to continue to deserve that favour in the future.

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Major-General W. P. Wright, R.M.L.I., was present at the meeting of the Committee of the Royal Naval Fund, on 12th March.

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Captain George Bradley Roberts, R.E., has been awarded the Medjidie of the 4th class for service in Egypt. His father, the late Colonel H. Bradley Roberts, R.M.A., received the 5th class of that order for service in the Crimea.

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Captain Sir John C. R. Colomb, K.C.M.G., M.P., R.M.A., was included in the Entertainment given at the House of Commons, on 20th March, to members of Parliament, and others interested in naval affairs, to meet the new Director of Naval Construction, Mr. Philip Watts.

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MEMORIAL BRASSES IN EASTNEY CHURCH—It has been decided to erect Memorial Brasses in the Church at Eastney (1) to the officers and men who were killed in action or died of wounds or disease in South Africa and China, 1899-1902; (2) to Captain Spurway, killed by a gun accident in H.M.S. *Royal Sovereign;* (3) to Captain Whiffin, who died on board H.M.S. *Goliath;* (4) To Lieut. Rombulow-Pearse, who died when serving in H.M.S. *Ramillies*. Subscriptions for this object should be sent to Qr.-Mr. W. G. Sparrow, R.M.A., the Hon. Treasurer to the Fund.

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Captain G. E. Barnes, R.M.A., is on passage from South Africa, having left Cape Town on 17th March, on the steam ship *Wakool*, due at Southampton on 10th April.

Captain Picton Phillipps, R.M.A., second son of the late Major Phillipps, of Barham Hall, Suffolk, will be united early in June to Miss Monica G. Founereau, fourth daughter of the late Mr. T. S. Founereau, of Christ Church Park, Ipswich.

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The lecture at the Royal United Service Institution, by Sir John Colomb, K.C.M.G., M.P., on "The Garrisoning of our Coaling Stations," is postponed until Thursday, April 10th.

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The funeral of General Sir Penrose Charles Penrose, K.C.B., formerly Commandant of the Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I., took place on Saturday, 1st March, at Plymouth. Lord Charles Scott, Naval Commander-in-Chief at Plymouth, was represented by Flag-Lieutenant the Hon. L. J. O. Lambart. Others present included Colonel-Commandant A. D. Corbet, C.B., R.M.L.I., General Fowler Burton, C.B., Sir James Jenkins, and Colonel Elliott, C.B.

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The undermentioned Officers have been permitted to resign their commissions in His Majesty's service—Lieuts. E. O. H. Orpen-Palmer and F. J. Vaughan Arbuckle, R.M.L.I.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of the Meritorious Service Medal, together with an annuity of £10 per annum, being awarded to J. Vincent, late Color-Sergeant, Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., commencing January 18th, 1902.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of Captain M. P. A. Hankey, R.M.A., being appointed to the Royal Marine Staff of the Naval Intelligence Department, Admiralty, *vice* Major Holman, R.M.A., to take effect from the date on which that officer vacates his appointment.

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Lieuts. E. F. Sketchley, E. P. H. Pardoe, and R. Gordon, R.M.L.I. passed a satisfactory examination in subjects (*a*) and (*b*) for promotion, at Devonport, on 24th February, 1902.

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Captain F. M. B. Hobbs, R.M.L.I., is absorbed in the Establishment of Captains, R.M.L.I., and appointed to the Chatham Division, on completion of service with the Egyptian Army. He is detailed for duty at the Depot, R.M.

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RETIREMENT AND PROMOTION—The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of the following retirement and promotion in the R.M.L.I.—Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lieut. B. Tucker to be placed on the Retired List from the 13th inst. inclusive, on attaining the age of 55 years, with retired pay at the rate of £200 per annum, and to be granted a step in honorary rank under Orders in Council of 29th Nov. 1881, and 7th July, 1897, respectively.

Superintending Clerk J. Simpson to be Qr.-Mr. with the honorary rank of Lieuteuant, *vice* Tucker.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have awarded to General Frederick G. Le Grand, R.M.L.I., the Good Service Pension of £200 per annum, rendered vacant by the death of General Sir Penrose C. Penrose, on the 24th February. General Le Grand is in his sixty-sixth year, and took part in the siege of Sebastopol and the Egyptian war of 1882. He was placed on the retired list last year.

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At the annual meeting of the Royal Naval Fund, at the United Service Institution, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales presided and moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Lieut.-General J. I. Morris, D.A.G., Royal Marines. Major-General W. P. Wright, R.M.L.I., was also present.

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DINNER TO H.R.H. THE COLONEL-IN-CHIEF.—His Royal Highness has requested that the dinner may be fixed for 7.30 p.m., on May 16th, instead of 8.15 p.m. as previously arranged. Officers serving away from Headquarters, and retired officers wishing to be present, are requested to communicate direct to the Hon. Secretary, Lieut.-Colonel G. T. Onslow, R.M.L.I., 22, Spring Gardens, S.W., enclosing remittance (30/-) on or before Thursday, April 24th next. Tickets for the dinner will be forwarded after that date.

Colonel-Commandant A. D. Corbet, C.B., and Lieut.-Col. Urmston, R.M.L.I., were included in the dinner party given by his Majesty, on the *Victoria and Albert*, on March 7th.

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At the monthly sale of medals, by Messrs. Debenham, on 27th March, a group consisting of the Crimean medal with clasp for Sebastopol, the Turkish medal for the Crimea and the Indian Mutiny medal (Pearl Brigade), awarded to Corporal Henry Compton, R.M.A., sold for £5 15s.

Presentation of China Medals by His Majesty the King.

ON Saturday, March 8th, the Royal Naval Barracks, Plymouth, was the scene of a brilliant function, the occasion being the presentation of medals to officers and men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines who were engaged in the Defence of the Legation and Relief of Peking, by His Majesty the King, who was accompanied by Her Majesty the Queen and Princess Victoria. Our readers have doubtless seen full accounts of the function elsewhere, so we will content ourselves with giving the following list of officers and men of the Royal Marines who were among the recipients—

OFFICERS.

Lieut.-Colonel J. R. Johnstone, C.B., R.M.L.I.; Major F. G. Kappey, R.M.A.; Major and Brevet Lt.-Col. E. V. Luke, R.M.L.I.; Captain H. G. B. Armstong, R.M.L.I.; Major L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., R.M.L.I.: Maj. E. Wray and Lieut. C. D'O. Harmar, R.M.L.I.

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Barfleur. R.M.A.—Col.-Sergt. W. E. King; Sergt. G. H. Mesenbird; Gnrs. G. W. Bailey, E. W. Cobb. R.M.L.I.—Pte. H. J. Tristram.

Undaunted. R.M.L.I.—Ptes. F. Berry, T. Beard, J. Bradford, J. Scripps, T. W. Williams.

Terrible. R.M.L.I.—Sergt. E. Roper.

Aurora. R.M.L.I.—Ptes. Wm. Arnold, A. W. Staughton, J. Shepherd.

Orlando. R.M.L.I.—Bugler O. R. B. Ettie.

Endymion. R.M.L.I.—Corpl. T. T. Galliford.

Algerine. R.M.L.I.—Pte. J. Clarke.

Phœnix. R.M.A.—Sergt. W. Rogerson; Gnrs. G. Blair, J. W. Taylor

Peacock. R.M.L.I.—Pte. J. R. Ladlow.

Legation Guard. R.M.L.I.—Sergt. A. E. Saunders; Corpl. D. J. Gowney; Ptes. G. Davis, J. Greenfield, J. G. Howard, R. Hendicott, S. W. Haden, G. T. Jones, W. J. Masters, H. Sands, A. J. Tickner, H. A. Webster, W. T. Woodward.

Wei-Hai-Wei. R.M.L.I.—Pte. A. H. Gray.

Shooting.

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION SHOOTING CLUB.

A general meeting was held in the Shooting Gallery on March 18th, when the following were elected to serve on the committee:—Captain and Adjutant Blumberg, Capts. A. de W. Kitcat and H. N. H. Houghton, Lieut. J. A. F. Cuffe, Sergt.-Maj. W. Mearles, Sergt.-Inst. Dorey, Sergt. F. J. Cooper, Lce.-Corpls. T. Lea and W. Blackmore, Ptes. Clegg and Bruce; Sergt.-Maj. Hill, R.N. Depot Representative; Q.-M.-S.-I. R. J. Wigginton, Secretary; Capt. A. de W. Kitcat, Captain of the Team. Rule VIII was amended as follows:—A team of sixteen (to be called first and second eights) to be registered according to merit of three best scores made at Wednesday practises in each month. Six representatives of the club to be taken from the first eight, and two to be selected by the Captain of Team. The case of members absent on duty or through illness to be considered by the Committee. Acceptance or refusal of any challenges by any particular club to be decided by general meeting.

The Mysterious Lieutenant.

By C. W. G. Hill.

THE De Cresbys, of Bampton, were celebrated far and wide for the lavish hospitality with which they kept open house to all their friends and acquaintances; and this night they were giving a ball to all the social notables of North Devon. The ball room was a perfect picture with its splendid decorations; and the numerous small rooms opening out of it, for the accommodation of those tired of dancing, had been voted delightful flirtation corners; and really any casual observer of the numerous couples slyly hidden in out-of-the-way places, might have been pardoned for thinking that on this night at least, Cupid had had his work made easy for him. For the little god, who is always supposed to have an arrow fitted ready to his bow, had already made havoc with two hearts this evening, early as it was; but then the Hon. Sydney Fane had come purposely to learn his fate from the sweet lips of Gladys De Cresby, and one could see by his handsome smiling face that it was not an unpleasant decision the young lady had arrived at for him.

"But you know," Gladys was saying, "knights of old always used to win their lady loves by some gallant action in battle, or by carrying them off in safety from the wicked old uncle who would not allow them to marry."

"But that only happened years and years ago before such things as steamers and Dum Dum bullets were thought of; and in our prosaic times a fellow has no such chance of proving his devotion, when promotion is only gained by seniority. True, some of our chaps have gained distinction in China, but it is just a fellow's luck not to be on the spot when anything like that occurs. Of course you know, Gladys, I did over three years out there as a middy, and nothing more exciting occurred than our ship running on a rock which had been there for years without anyone discovering it, until it came poking through our bottom. Now I have not been home twelve months, and a chap who was in the *Brit.* with me has gained the V.C. out there, and a lot more fellows got promotion over the Pekin affair. But I leave for South America in a short time, and perhaps fortune will be a little kinder to me. Will you give me just one more dance after supper, you know you will not see me after to-night for years, and I shall not be over here again as I have to prepare for sailing in a week."

We will drop the curtain on this engaged couple now, as everyone knows what takes place at such a time, and leave them in peace to enjoy each others company for the short time left to them. But there was one person present that we have not yet taken notice of, and who had been an unseen listener and witness of the scene just described; and by the look on his face he did not appear to be overjoyed at what he had seen and heard. He was Jack Meadows, the Squire's eldest and scapegrace son, and he had hoped to gain Gladys de Cresby for himself, but the words he had just heard had sounded the death knell of his wishes. He had an unenviable reputation, and several stories of his doings in London had not reflected much credit on him. Now he promised himself to do all in his power to prevent the marriage of Gladys to his rival, cost him what it may. If she would not marry him, at least he would have the satisfaction of preventing her from marrying Sydney. Soon after the party broke up, and Sydney was surrounded by a host of friends anxious to bid him good-bye and good luck.

Nine o'clock is always a busy time on the morning of a ship commissioning, and when Lieutenant Fane commissioned the gunboat *Seahorse* for service on the South American Station, it proved no exception to the rule. But the crew soon settled down, and a few days after took their last look at the white cliffs of old England. After an uneventful voyage out they arrived at Rio, and received orders to cruise down the coast to Porto Alegre. Here Lieutenant Fane received dispatches from home which informed him that diplomatic relations had been broken off between Brazil and Uruguay, that a state of war existed, and that he was to remain there to watch British interests. During the night the signalman reported to him that a steamer had just come in, but he could not distinguish what she was. Scarcely had he given his information and left the cabin, when a violent shock shook the ship from stem to stern. On going to investigate, it was found that a torpedo had lodged in the ship's stern, but had not done much damage, and an examination proved it to have been a defective one. The captain immediately got up anchor and gave chase to the stranger, from which the torpedo had undoubtedly been fired. Rapidly overhauling her, the *Seahorse* fired her 4·7in. bow gun, and after a few more rounds the stranger eased down and then stopped. Taking all necessary precautions, Lieutenant Fane ordered a boat to be lowered and pulled over to the ship they had pursued. He was met at the gangway by an officer who informed him that the ship was the Uruguayan corvette *Picha*, and that they had been told the ship they fired at was a Brazilian man-of-war. He also said his captain was dead and many more. Taking Fane into the after cabin he pointed out his captain lying dead on his bunk. To his intense snrprise Fane recognised in the dead officer his countryman and rival, Jack Meadows. Ordering the officer to accompany him to Monte Video, he returned to his own ship. As soon as he arrived in harbour he cabled home an account of the affair to his Government, who at once demanded an explanation from Uruguay. The president cabled back his Government's great regrets at the occurrence, and said that the captain of the *Picha* must have been under the impression that the *Seahorse* was the Brazilian ship he had been chasing, and fired on her accordingly. This version of the affair was accepted by our Government and the incident terminated diplomatically. But Lieutenant Fane had his own private views of the attack, and when on completion of his foreign service he returned home, he found that Gladys not only agreed with him in this, but in such a lot of other things, that a marriage was the outcome. The old Squire wondered why his son never returned home, and although Gladys and Sydney knew the reason, they never expressed regret at the death of "The Mysterious Lieutenant."

Hockey.

PORTSMOUTH.

The Hockey Season has now come to an end here, concluding with an exciting game against H.M.S. *Excellent*. During the early part of the season the team was very strong. The officers attending the *Excellent* course, being a strong addition to the team otherwise available at the Division. For the first round of the U.S. League the team was the only one with an unbeaten record, winning every match except one against H.M.S. *Excellent*, which was drawn. In return matches the record was not upheld, The first match in this round, against the R.N. College, was lost after one of the best games of the season. On this occasion we were unfortunately deprived of the services of Lieut. Montgomery, who was unable to play through illness.

After 'Xmas, most of the original team left Headquarters to take up appointments at other Headquarters or to embark, and since then constant changes have been a bar to the attainment of a very good combination in the game, and the places of those who left were very hard to fill. In spite of the disadvantages the team has had many excellent games, and at the close of the season is third in the league. This is an improvement on last year and one we hope, which will be still further improved on next season, when we hope the cup may be won. This season it has been won by the R.N. College,

PLYMOUTH.

On Tuesday, 25th February, we played and defeated a team got up by the *Cambridge* and *Defiance* by two goals to one. The following Saturday we played our return match with Plympton, and again won easily by 9-1. The return match with Kelly College, which should have been on the 8th inst., had to be postponed owing to the King's visit. On Wednesday, the 12th March, the gunners put off our proposed return match, but we managed to arrange a meeting the following Wednesday, when we beat them 5-2.

As in the football, we have several postponed matches that we ought to play, but, owing to the lateness in the season, there seems to be some doubt of our being able to do so. However, all being well we hope to go to Newton Abbot on 9th April, and play our return match with Keyberry Park.

Life in a Blockhouse.

We have culled the following account of "Life in a Blockhouse" from the "Queen's Own Gazette," and are sure that our readers will find it interesting [Ed. G. & L.]

SIR,—G Company now hold the eastern line of the blockade line from Frankfort en route to Taffel Kop, commencing at No. 1 across the Wilge River to No. 10, and each is garrisoned by one N.C.O. and ten men. Perhaps a few words regarding the daily routine would be acceptable. An excellent scheme of sentry-go is in vogue, viz., each of the ten men doing two hours sentry in rotation, thus obtaining a clear 18 hours immunity from duty, The walls of the blockhouses are three feet thick from interior to exterior, the space being filled up with earth and stones, and a wire fence running from blockhouse to blockhouse. A cat could scarcely cross without alarming a sentry. A small water cistern, three boxes ammunition, a 40lb. tin of Spratt's dog biscuits, a 30lb. box preserved meat; an ugly blot on the veldt. Picture this to yourself, gentle reader, and you have at once the 2nd Queen's Own to a nicety now doing duty on the long and monotonous lines of communications. At half an hour before daybreak the sentry calls the garrison to arms, and all anxiously scan the surrounding skylines, for any Boers on the prowl, until the sun appears red in the eastern sky. Then all, with a growl of dissatisfaction at no one to say good morning to with the ding-flop of the Mauser, creep back into their tenement, putting their rifles and equipment under each man's individual loophole. And then the interior morning greetings commence, generally as follows:—"Boers be 'd——d,' this is the 150th morning and no Boers. What are we, pies, eh?" Then the Corporal chimes in just to pour oil on troubled waters, "Well, they'll come one of these fine mornings." "Yes," reiterates the old "swat," "so will the end of the war when we are all grey-headed, etc." Then the routine of the long and blistering day commences. Perhaps No. 5 may be lucky enough to secure a sniping shot at something black moving about on No. 2 skyline about three miles away. Maybe Bro. Boer, but more likely an old trek oxen who has seen better days. But still, what don't kill may frighten. The silent hours of night are, of course, trying to the nerves, especially when there is no moon. These are the nights Bro. Boer often tries to force the blockade by cutting the wires between blockhouses. But he has to be as lively as the proverbial flea, because the blockaders have a nasty knack of aiming low, and a concentrated fire from the house right and left is apt to disconcert anyone being in a great hurry to catch up a stray commando. Three times per week each tenement receives their rations from headquarters, and the numbers of Boer ponies captured. and which are not included in the ration indent of each, I am afraid does not figure in the General Commanding in Chief's weekly report on captured cattle. Some readers may say, "What good are ponies to a blockhouse?" "Thereby hangs a tale." Mails and canteen stores arrive periodically from Heilbron, so occasionally also a barrel of beer, then ponies are urgently required to fetch perhaps a letter from a loved one, but some come in with a gallon jar slung each side of the saddle with a coat strap to fetch the cheering pint, like the Gilpin of old, a pint of beer being allowed per man to all who care to fetch it on payment. There is as yet not a telephone on our line, but if the barrel arrives here at 10 a.m., by 11 a.m. the ponies and jars arrive at the scratch, sweating, steaming at every pore. Talk of Marconi, he ain't in it with G Co.'s wireless telegraphy. And so, dear readers, the weary days pass in their regularity, till at last the order comes again, "trekk."

In addition to finding a sentry day and night, the garrisons of blockhouses have plenty of work to do. A trench, as an obstacle to waggons, is being dug between blockhouses, and every man does three hours work at this daily; then the wire entanglements have frequently to be repaired and strengthened, especially after rain and heavy storms which are prevalent at this time of the year. The trench which runs round every blockhouse, and in which the sentry patrols by night, often has inches, I may say feet, of water in it, and requires several hours work bailing out. All round and about the blockhouse must be kept scrupulously clean, or the health of the garrison would soon suffer, and, finally, carcasses of animals, horses and oxen, which fall out daily from passing convoys and columns, and invariably select some spot close to a blockhouse on which to expire, have to be dragged away and burnt or buried.

F. G.

Home Notes

PORTSMOUTH.

On March 17th, an "At Home" was held by the Sergeants in their Mess Room and some 150 guests were present. Some excellent songs, rendered by Miss Hooper, Mr. Gale, Sergts. Leonard, Colverson, Stonhold, Santry, Williams, etc., were much appreciated, and dancing was kept up till 1 30 a.m.

The return billiard match with the R.M.A. took place at Eastney on Februrary 27th and resulted in another win for our Corporals and Privates by 47 points, though this time the games were evenly divided. The full scores will be found in another column.

On March 20th, the Junior Non-Coms. of the R.M.A. paid a visit to our Juniors, and played a whist match which resulted in a win for us by 5 points, after which an impromtu smoking concert was arranged.

On the 23rd another smoking concert was arranged for the double purpose of passing a vote of thanks to Drum-Major Keen, for his assistance at the Ball and presenting Lce.-Corpl. G. Holder (better known to some of our readers perhaps as George Coles) with a silver mounted walking stick, suitably engraved, 3 pipes, and a tobacco pouch, as tokens of esteem on his taking his discharge to pension. Songs were given by, among others, Cpls. Crawley, Noble, Tildesley, Davis and G. Holder, and a very pleasant and convivial evening was spent.

A notable character has left the Division this month in the person of No. 26, Pte. J. Chadburn who was discharged to pension on March 26th after having served, according to the records, for a period of 41 years 172 days. At some future time we hope to give a full record of his services, but at present we must be satisfied with a bare out-line. He joined the Woolwich Division on July 25th, 1860 and re-engaged on August 1st, 1868, being, we believe, the last man in receipt of the re-engaging penny. He first saw active service in Japan from July, 1862, to November, 1866, when he was in the *Barrosa*, and landed on several occasions. His next experience was in Ashanti from 1872 to 1874, and following that New Zealand in 1875. He landed during the Egyptian War and was with the party that got as far as Kassassin. He left with four G. C. badges at the age of 59 years and 8 months, and we are sure that he carries the good wishes of all his old comrades with him on his return to civil life after such a lengthy service.

A new regulation with reference to men joining Headquarters from hospital or on disembarkation, has come into force at the Portsmouth Division this month. Instead of, as heretofore, an extra messing being allowed to the room to which the man is allotted, and the messing allowance being stopped out of his pay, the whole of the allowance (viz. 7d. per day) is paid to the man, and recoverable, for the benefit of the room, by the superintendent of the room.

PLYMOUTH.

All the ordinary excitements down this way during the past month have been quite dwarfed by the all important one of the Royal visit. Their Majesties arrived down here late in the afternoon of Friday, 8th March. Without going into all details, which every one will have read, we will try and enumerate those only which will interest readers of the "Globe & Laurel," namely those in which the Royal Marines took a part. A battalion, some 600 strong, paraded at 2.45 that Friday afternoon and marched down Edgcumbe Street, which we lined. We were in position about 3.30, and we stretched from the Palace Theatre to the Half-penny Bridge. At the Palace Theatre was stationed a guard of honour consisting of a 100 rank and file, under the command of Captain Bridges, and the colour party with Lieut. Young carrying the King's colour. This was where the Stonehouse address of welcome was presented. The Royal procession did not come past till just on 6 p.m., and up to that time the band (for those who were fortunate enough to be sufficiently near to hear) discoursed sweet music. We were not long in getting back to barracks after the procession had gone by. That night, the Officers, N.C.O.'s and men selected to receive the China medal were entertained in the barracks. The presentation itself took place at 12 noon on Saturday, at the Royal Naval Barracks, the Marines there furnishing the guard of honour. The launch of H.M.S. *Queen* in the afternoon, too, was largely attended. In the evening the band had the honour of playing on board the Royal Yacht which resulted

in their being ordered to play again the following evening, when Lce.-Sergt. Pike played one of his excellent 'cello solos, and Mr. Winterbottom was presented with the medal of the Royal Victorian Order by His Majesty. On Monday morning the guard of honour went down to the G.W.R. docks for the Royal departure, which was also witnessed with some success by everyone whose duty brought them to the gun battery, or the long room during that forenoon.

We all regret the loss of Capt. Tucker, whose days in the service have come to an end, and who is now leaving, but, at the same time, we welcome his successor, Mr. Marriott, who joins from Forton. Capt. Tucker, we are glad to notice, is going to live close by in Plymouth.

There was a slight fire in the docks the night of the Monday on which the King and Queen went away, and just close to where the Royal platform was erected, but there was not much damage done. The engine and fire picquet did go down to the docks, and that's practically all, the remainder only having the satisfaction of waiting on the parade for about an hour and a quarter.

This week the Theatrical company give their last entertainment for the season and we regret to see that this is to be the last appearance of Color-Sergts. Alsop, Hopkins and Parsons.

CHATHAM.

Chatham was *en fete* on the 25th March, on the occasion of the visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to launch the new battleship *Prince of Wales*.

Hitherto, it has been customary for the special to run straight into the Dockyard, but on this occasion the Prince and Princess of Wales alighted at Chatham station and drove to the Dockyard, through decorated streets, escorted by the West Kent Yeomanry, and accompanied by the General Officer Commanding the Thames District (Major-General Sir. T. Fraser, K.C.B., C.M.G.), and his staff. Major A. M. Connolly, R.M.L.I , Garrison Adjutant, headed the procession and amongst the General's staff were Col.-Commandant R. P. Coffin, R.M.L.I., and Major and Staff Officer H. S. Neville White, R.M.L.I.

The road from the station was portioned out for decoration between the Corporation of Chatham, the Royal Engineers, and the Royal Marines. The latter decorated the roadway from the main barrack gate to the Dockyard, and a decoration committee under the presidency of Major Byne, and on which Captain Barber, Captain Strong, Sergt-Major Medlon and others were serving, were engaged for many days in making the necessary preparation.

Their chief efforts were concentrated on the erection of a large arch spanning the road close to the main barrack gate. This was some thirty feet high. The uprights were made of trestles, and the cross-piece was horizontal with a gable in the centre to break the line. On the cross-piece was an inscription, "Welcome from the Royal Marines," with a large shield above it bearing the Prince of Wales's feathers, modelled in metal by Armour Sergeant Babington, who also modelled two sprays of white rose, which decorated the inner sides of the arch. The whole erection was draped in red and blue with an occasional touch of yellow, the stiffness being constantly broken by trophies of bayonets and other shields and flags, and there were maxims on travelling carriages at the foot of the uprights. Altogether, the arch presented a most striking and artistic appearance.

The committee deserve the greatest credit for their efforts, for the elements were all against them, and the gales of wind and storms of rain which buffeted the arch for days before were enough to break the heart of any military bridge-builder.

The remainder of the route was decorated with flags suspended across from the electric tramway poles to green and red venetian poles on the opposite side of the road.

The Engineers, on their portion of the route, had an arch erected close to the Gunwharf gate. On the top was a blockhouse surrounded by wire entanglements, and at the bases of the uprights were large mines and Jones' iron band gabions.

About 3,500 troops were employed to line the route, the Royal Marines lining from St. Mary's Church to the Dockyard gate. A guard of honour of Royal Marines was posted by the bow of the "Prince of Wales," under the command of Captain Frankis. Lieutenants Montgomery and Duberly were the other officers with the guard.

After the launch the Prince and Princess of Wales held a reception at Admiralty House, and some twenty officers of the corps had the honour of being presented to their Royal Highnesses.

DEPOT.

We have had a very quiet winter at the Depot. The football and hockey teams have done fairly well, but, owing to the frequent changes in the teams, have not been quite up to the average of former years. The final tie for the Company Football Challenge Shield was played this month and was won by F company (Capt. Mayhew), after a good game with C company. The shield was presented to the winning team by Mrs. Dowding, each member of the team being also given a case containing two pipes, as a small momento.

Most of the officers who have been here through last summer, have now rejoined their Head Quarters. Lt.-Col. Wylde has relieved Col. Gordon; Major Roe has relieved Major Peile, who has embarked, whilst other officers either joined or expected here are Captains Hobbs, Harris, Robinson, Wray, Gratham, Clarke, and Mayhew. So far as one can see at present, we shall not have a very strong cricket team this year, most of our best bats and bowlers having left the Depot.

The Barracks are not quite so crowded as they were a few months ago, recruiting having considerably slackened at all the stations since Christmas. The health of the men has been very good, although there are a few cases of scarlet fever still under treatment.

The theatre is now in full working order, and has been recently fitted up with all the most modern appliances, and comfortable seats have been provided in the auditorium. There have been several very good companies down during the winter, and the entertainments have been very much appreciated by the men.

The new bath rooms and band practice room, in the north drill shed, are well under way, and the conclusion of the old hospital barracks is now nearly completed. I don't suppose very many new buildings will be taken in hand next year, after those now nearing completion are finished.

The West Street Harriers have had a very successful season. Their last meet took place on the 19th March, rather late, but the season has been very backward. The Earl of Guildford, who has been master for the past 4 years, has resigned and is to be succeeeded by Mr. Blake, who will keep on the present pack, which is one of the finest in the country. There have generally been two or three officers out with the pack. The country changes for the worse every year, there being so much wire and the building operations are spoiling all the country near Deal.

CHATHAM.

The following arrived too late for insertion last month.—Ed. G. & L.

Several hockey matches have been played this year, and the Divisional team is a fairly strong one. With more practice games, which are difficult to get up, it would be a formidable combination.

Two matches have been played against the R.E. The first one was lost, the second won. The team on the latter occasion was as follows:—*Goal*, Lieut. Strugnell; *Backs*, Lieuts. Montgomery and Herford; *Half-backs*, Lieut. Syson, Capt. Strong, and Capt. Pryce-Browne; *Forwards*, Lieuts. Hazel and Waller, Capt. Mayhew, Lieut. Wainwright and Dr. Woodyatt, R.N. A third match with the R.E. is to be played shortly.

The division have also beaten Rochester and Higham, but a very weak team suffered defeat from the "Pembroke" and "Repulse" combined.

The new Theatre at Chatham proves a great attraction and a large number of officers go there every week. There is a weekly, and sometimes more frequent, change of programme, and, if the companies are not absolutely first-class, there is plenty of amusement to be got out of the performances, and the Theatre is clean and comfortable.

Chatham has been seen at its best—or rather worst—this last month. A heavy downfall of snow a fortnight ago laid the foundation of a perfect sea of mud in the streets which, apparently no one thinks it necessary to remove. In addition, most of the main roads are up for laying down the electric trams and in some parts wooden pavement. The parade had a deep covering of snow one day, a rare sight of late years.

Correspondence.

We have received the following most interesting letter from Captain H. M. Howard at present on special service in South Africa.

Heilbron, 10th February, 1902.

To the Editor, *Globe & Laurel.*

Dear Sir—The British Public must by now be quite incredulous about any reports to the effect that Mr. De Wet is surrounded and about to be captured, and I should think nobody is more tired of hearing that he is cornered than the columns engaged out here in hunting him, at the same time I am bound to confess that a very considerable amount of enthusiasm was raised all through the troops concerned in this last drive we have had ending February 8th. Never before has a drive been run so methodically and with such exactitude, we had the strengthened blockhouse line on the north, west and south, and on the evening of the 5th February a cloud of columns. sprung from the Lord knows where, was on a line from Frankfort to Lindley, no hitch had taken place, no column was out of place and the line was complete, De Wet, Steyn and about a thousand Burghers were inside the 'bag' with the blockhouses round all other sides. At night, the only time at which the Boers could reasonably be expected to slip through our line, a thing which had never been done in drives before was to be done this time, that is to say the various columns were to extend at night and hold a continuous line, with no gaps between as had previously been the case. The front, on the evening of the 5th February, was 75 miles in length and narrowed on the 6th to 50 miles and on the night of the 7th, which was the critical evening, it was narrowed to 25 miles, and therefore very strongly held. Imagine, therefore, the excitement of all ranks on this evening, if we could stop any determined charge of the, desperate Boers during this night, the following day we would advance to the western boundary and pick up the Boers like so many fish in the bag of a net. This feeling was strengthened by a wire from the Chief to this effect to all column commanders, and at 9 p.m. a burst of musketry rose on our left, and rolled and crackled all up and down the line of 25 miles all through the night, the darkness was inky, but when at any point the musketry was particularly heavy the field guns ease off with care, the pom-poms joining now and again, and the armoured train on the railway firing like blazes and using their search-lights just to show that there was no ill-feeling. I tremble to think how much ammunition was used, but although, as must always be the case on these occasions, the men often fired at nothing, still it had the effect of choking off many Boers who might otherwise have attempted to crawl through on their stomachs. Some Boers and many horses were found dead in front of the trenches in the morning, but a few had forced their way through. In our locality I only know of a party of thirty who lying flat on their horses galloped straight through a picquet, leaving some of their number behind. Well, next morning we advanced with great hopes of a good bag. By the time we got to the western boundary, and many Boers were picked up like frightened partridges in the long grass, and out of dongas and ant bear holes, a few surrendered; but alas, we were not destined to have made a good haul, for next day, to our chagrin, we heard that the 'Boss Fish' had again bitten a hole in the net and escaped in the Lindley-Kroonstad blockhouse line with the greater part of his burghers. How he got through I have not yet heard, the blockhouse line, I believe, was greatly strengthened for the occasion and has a barbed wire fencing of seven strands. Our total bag, which might have been 1,000, was only 284 killed and captured, which was annoying. But still it was a pretty sight, especially on the final day, when the columns had closed a bit, to watch, with a glass, the swarm of scouts dotted like insects along the front, their main bodies following like little black smudges on the landscape, as far as the eye, assisted by a telescope, could reach. Some day, no doubt, the redoubtable leader will be taken, but the echo only answers 'When?' However Byng took all his guns and killed his right hand man, Wessels, the other day, and Bruce-Hamilton has taken exactly 1,000 burghers from Louis Botha during December and January. So on the whole, the look out is not so bad.

I am, yours etc.,

H. M. HOWARD.

Model Market at Eastney.

THE theatre at the Royal Marine Artillery barracks, Eastney, on Saturday, March 22nd, was converted into a "model market," this being a novel form of bazaar to raise funds for R.M.A. and other charities. It was held by permission and under the patronage of Colonel Guise Tucker, C.B., and officers, and proved very successful, a pleasant afternoon being spent by all concerned and about £150 cleared as the result of the marketing. The theatre was turned into a busy market place, and throughout the afternoon and evening it presented a scene of much animation. The stage was roofed in with flags, and with a display of choice flowering plants in front, a drop scene, representing a wood. forming the background, the intervening space was occupied with cosy afternoon tea tables, charmingly decorated with flowers, at which refreshing beverages and dainties of all kinds were dispensed. The flower stall was in the centre of the theatre, and some choice bouquets, button holes, foliage, and flowering plants were on sale, and met with a ready demand. At the stage end of the theatre was a large stall well stocked with dairy produce, including Devonshire cream, butter, eggs, etc. Adjoining this was a fruit and vegetable stall, at which a roaring trade was done. Erected at the sides and end of the building were grocery, sweet, and cake stalls, as well as stalls loaded with fancy and useful articles. There was also an electric battery, a weighing machine, and a magnificent gallery of choice works of art, for which a special admission fee was charged, including explanatory catalogues, under the management of Major Kappey. A ping-pong tournament took place in the gymnasium, the arrangments being in the hands of Captain Fisher, and as many as 150 players competed from 2-30 till nearly eight o'clock for four prizes, the first prize being presented by Lieut.-Colonel Aston, R.M.A. Amongst those assisting at the various elaborately decorated stalls were:—The Officers R.M.A., Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Burrowes, Mrs. Calloway, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Eastman, Mrs. Foley, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Hire, Mrs. Homer, Mrs. Jones, Mrs Leefe, Mrs. Lumsden, Mrs. Mackay, Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. Oldfield, Mrs. Parish, Mrs. Rodway, Mrs. Robilliard, Mrs. Sparrow, Mrs. Squires, Mrs. Guise Tucker, and the R.M.A. schools staff. In the theatre gallery the string band, under the direction of Mr. B. S. Green, bandmaster, played choice music at intervals. The market was opened at three o'clock by Colonel Guise Tucker, who mentioned that the laudable object was to assist the R.M.A. Benevolent and Provident Funds, the District Nurses of Sick Poor Association, the Southsea Convalescent Homes for Children, and other charities. He was pleased to find the bazaar so well supported, and hoped before the close the well filled stalls would be depleted of their contents. The attendance was very numerous, and included many of the elite of the borough and neighbourhood.

Foreign News.

AUSTRALIA.

The Highland Gathering Sports, held at the Sydney Cricket Ground on New Year's Day, were very successful for the Royal Marines belonging to the "Katoomba" and Garden Island. The Island team, under Sergt. N. King, R. M. L. I., taking 3, and the team under Col. Sergt. Hone, R. M. L. I., 2 out of the 6 prizes offered to them. The events and results are as follows:—

BAYONET EXERCISE.—Possible points 158, Australian Artillery, 151, 1; Royal Marines, Garden Island, 150, 2.

PHYSICAL DRILL.—Royal Marines ("Katoomba"), 95, 1; Royal Marines (Garden Island), 89, 2.

MANUAL AND FIRING EXERCISE.—Possible points 100. Five rounds of blank was used in the exercise, and the two Marine teams tied for first place in the first contest with 96 points, and had to contest again, the result being: Royal Marines (Garden Island) 96, 1; Royal Marines ("Katoomba") 96, 2.

The chief feature of the Exercise was the splendid volleys and the different changes of range and object of the Marine teams. The other teams contesting were the Royal Australian Artillery, 5th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Regiment, and Scottish Rifles.

The Reverse to Lord Methuen's Column.

WE print the following extracts from the *Times*, as they are of special interest to the Corps from the fact that the mounted portion of the force was under the command of Major A. Paris, R.M.A. who, we are proud to see, upheld the honour of the Corps by making a gallant but useless stand with some 40 men after the remainder of his force had stampeded. Perhaps at some future time Major Paris may give us further futher particulars of the incident.

The following telegrams from Lord Kitchener have been received at the War Office :—

Pretoria, March 8, 10.30 a.m.

I greatly regret to have to send you bad news about Methuen. He was moving with *900 mounted troops under Major Paris* and 300 infantry, four guns, and one pom-pom from Wynburg [Vryburg] to Lichtenburg, and was to meet Grenfell with 1,300 mounted troops at Rovirainesfontein [?Rooirantjestein] on the 8th.

Yesterday morning early he was attacked by Delarey's force between Tweebosch and Palmietkuill. The Boers charged on three sides.

Five hundred and fifty mounted troops have come in to line at Maribogo and Kraaipan. They were pursued by Boers for four miles from scene of action.

They report Lord Methuen, Major Paris, guns, baggage, &c., were captured by Boers. Lord Methuen when last seen was a prisoner.

I have no details of casualties or any further information at present. Will keep you informed, and would suggest your delaying publication till I can send you definite news.

I had already arranged to send troops to this district.

I think this sudden revival of activity on the part of Delarey is in order to draw off troops pressing De Wet.

March 9.

Major Paris has come in with remainder of men to Kraaipan. His report is that the column was moving in two parties, some with ox waggons left Tweeboseh at 3 a.m. ; mule waggons an hour later.

Just after dawn Boers attacked. Before reinforcements could reach them the rear screen broke ; meantime a large number of Boers galloping up on both flanks. These were at first checked by flank parties, but a panic and stampede of mules had begun and all the mule wagons with a terrible mixture of mounted men rushed past the ox waggons. All efforts to check them were unavailing.

Major Paris collected some 40 men and occupied position a mile in front of ox waggons, which were then halted. After gallant but useless defence the enemy rushed into ox wagons, and Lord Methuen was wounded in thigh.

Major Paris, being surrounded, surrendered at 10 a.m.

Lord Methuen is still in Boer camp.

The Mishap in South Africa.

To the Editor of the "Times."

Sir,—The unfortunate mishap in South Africa, for it is no more, obtains exaggerated importance by reason of its dramatic result. A British general, second in command of a great army in the field, is a wounded captive in the Boer camp. Everywhere throughout our Empire except on the Irish benches in this House, there is to-day a feeling of intense sympathy for Lord Methuen, deepened by the remembrance of his having been the object of reckless and wicked attacks in the early stage of the war. To-morrow and for many days to come we shall probably hear the outburst of joy of Nationalist members of Parliament echoed and re-echoed in the Continental Press. The capture of a general will, of course, convey the idea to military nations that at least a division of our Army has suffered defeat and rout ; facts and details to disillusion are not likely to be prominent in the foreign versions of the story. That a British general is a prisoner will feed foreign imaginations ; the fact that his force was but a junior field officer's command will not be noticed. It is to this fact I desire to draw attention, and the time is opportune to do so.

This modern multiplication of generals and general staff in our Army is, I fear, leading us to evils which in effect may be far-reaching. Apart from the question of cost—which is of secondary importance after all—there is the consequent tendency to misconception as to the real functions of general officers.

In Egypt we had an instance of a Brigadier earning the plaudits of the Press and becoming for the moment a popular military idol, because with his own hands he tore down the breast-work of a zariba to make a passage for his brigade to enter. A proper act for a subaltern or sergeant—a gallant but most improper proceeding on the part of a general officer.

The other day the Secretary for War told us the general officers and general staff of the First Army Corps at home were complete, but there was no army corps nearer than South Africa. The army corps there, of course, have their own staff complete. He further solemnly informed us that this First Army Corps staff at Aldershot was "busy" training drafts to fill up gaps in South Africa! This is the very proper business of drill sergeants and adjutants, but an extraordinary and evtravagant waste of administrative power concentrated in, and embraced by, the whole paraphernalia of a complete staff of an army corps.

Presumably Lord Methuen was responsible for a great area and a great portion of the British Army in the field in South Africa operating over that area ; while in command of a detachment—engaged in a subordinant movement intended to accomplish a fragmentary part of a whole series of minor operations—a mischance occurs and he is captured.

Thus a vast area and a great portion of our Army in South Africa operating in that particular area are suddenly deprived of their chief.

While we sympathize with Lord Methuen, and proud as we are of him as a general, we ought not to lose sight of the above aspect of the situation—as the last illustration of the tendency of the time to think of persons too much and principles too little in our policy and methods of preparing for, and prosecuting, the terrible business of war.

Your obedient servant,

JOHN C. R. COLOMB.

House of Commons, March 11.

Royal Marines Rifle Association.

CHINA STATION.

THE results of the Competition for the Silver Badges in 1901 were as follows, when the conditions were 200, 500, and 600 yards, Bisley targets and scoring .—

1900.

1.	Sergt. E. E. J. Carter	R.M.L.I.	H.M.S. *Argonaut*	88
	Winner of Badge.			
2.	Sergt. S. W. Cooper	R.M.L.I.	H.M.S. *Bonaventure*	80
3.	Pte. J. Ward	,,	,,	80
4.	Pte. C. Lomas	,,	H.M.S. *Argonaut*	78
5.	Pte. R. Brooking	,,	H.M.S. *Bonaventure*	77
6.	Pte. M. Thomas	,,	,,	76
7.	Sergt. Griffis	,,	H.M.S. *Tamar*	75
8.	Pte. Pope	,,	,,	75
9.	Pte. J. Pollicutt	,,	,,	73
10.	Pte. W. J. Jackson,	,,	H.M.S. *Bonaventure*	71

Note.—In consequence of the War, returns were only received from H.M.S. *Argonaut*, *Bonaventure*, and *Tamar*.

1901.

1.	Sergt. W. V. Kent,	R.M.L.I.	H.M.S. *Arethusa*	91
	Winner of Badge.			
2.	Gunner J. Rider	R.M.A.	H.M.S. *Glory*	88
3.	Bombdr. A. J. MacDonald	,,	,,	88
4.	Pte. C. Owen	R.M.L.I.	H.M.S. *Arethusa*	88
5.	Lce.-Corpl. W. Whitter	,,	H.M.S. *Terrible*	87
6.	Pte. Pollicutt	,,	H.M.S. *Tamar*	82
7.	Sergt. G. W. Ash	,,	H.M.S. *Waterwitch*	82
8.	Pte. A. Southard	,,	H.M.S. *Terrible*	81
9.	Pte. S. H. Dunne	,,	H.M.S. *Glory*	80
10.	Pte. E. Evans	,,	H.M.S. *Tamar*	79

Returns were tendered from H.M.S. *Glory, Terrible, Arethusa, Tamar, Endymion, Waterwitch, Bramble, Daphne, Orlando.*

Our Ghost.

A Tale of Fort Furmantle.

It was night. The various detachments of troops had arrived that afternoon to begin their several courses of musketry and field training. The officers of these different detachments, themselves various perhaps in other matters, but alike in their disgust for things of the lighter air, had assembled in the casemate that for the nonce did duty as, and was glorified by the name of, messroom, and had since dinner been discussing many matters, both liquid and material.

"Well, you fellows, I am delighted to see you all up here," said Blox, the Fort Adjutant, "it is a bit lonely up here by oneself, especially on a stormy night like this. Just listen to that window the way it rattles. Have another drink, will you? before we turn in."

A round chorus of "Thanks, I will," and a combined move for the whisky bottle made conversation general, when Brown, the junior lieutenant, pauses just as he is filling his glass. What, at a moment like this, can be the cause.

"Great heavens, what's that!" as a hollow reverberating sound dies away in the distance, apparently having proceeded from almost beneath his very feet.

"What is it? What is that noise?" each asks himself, and glances are turned to Blox, the only undisturbed one of the company.

"That? Oh that," says he "is probably the ghost, or more probably still, that loose boarding in the casemate below. It is always like that on windy nights."

"Why," remarks Captain Dugant, of the Onety-oneth, "is there a ghost here then? I don't want to have any truck with ghosts."

"Well," replies Blox, "if there is one you needn't worry about it, as I have been up here for a long time and have never seen it yet."

A general desire is expressed that Blox should tell the company all about it, and what sort of a thing it is. So yielding to the prevading desire, he says, "The story is that a fellow who was stationed up here alone, hung himself up by his bootlace to that ringbolt overhead, you can see where it has been removed, to prevent anyone else following his example. When they cut him down they found pinned on to his shirt front an envelope on which was written, 'I've seen IT, it jumped on me here and held my arms.' That is all that is really known about the incident, except that a fellow who knew him told me that he was rather a peculiar person, and one of his habits was always to wear wire bootlaces, which would of course account for them bearing his weight. But how he reached the ringbolt which, as you see, is about twelve feet from the floor, I cannot conjecture."

A distinct pause during which each officer looks questioningly at the rest, to say nothing of Blox who, finishing his drink, says, "Good night. Mind you put the light out before you leave," and departs. A long discussion then takes place as to how the unfortunate officer managed the feat, or whether it mightn't have been done for him. The youthful Brown, being of a sanguine disposition, with a theory for everything, suggests that perhaps he wore wire socks also, which being unravelled, and the end passed through the bolt, why nothing would be easier than for him to "parlinakle" himself up to the ceiling. He doesn't quite understand the exact meaning of "parlinakle" on being questioned by Captain Dugant; but knows that it is quite easy with ropes, and therefore easier with wire. Nothing definite being arrived at, and the Fort Adjutant's whisky, which he had carelessly forgotten on leaving the room, being finished, the company wend their way down the long passages to their several quarters. The Mud-Major Walrus enquiring from Brown if "My young subaltern, Ladiman, has yet returned." Receiving the reply, "Yes, sir, I heard him come in myself a short time ago."

At breakfast next morning Major Walrus remarks, "By George, you fellows, I am sure I heard that ghost last night. I had just got to sleep when I was awakened by hearing something moving slowly along the passage. It seemed to pause now and then; and then I heard a noise as of a dull thud, followed by a sound as if something was being dragged along the floor like a full sack."

"Indeed," said Captain Althair, "I wonder what it could have been. Why didn't you get up and look?"

"Well, you see-er-I-er was only half awake, and I don't believe in ghosts. Besides it seemed to come from your end of the passage, and I thought you must have heard it."

"What time did this occur?"

"About three, or I should say I fancy it was about that time, as of course I never looked at my watch."

Young Brown is noticed to glance across at Ladiman, who pretends not to notice him.

"I'll tell you what it is," says Captain Dugant," visibly agitated. "Let us have a bet on it, who catches the ghost first. Say a bottle of brandy each."

A chorus of "Here! Here!" from everybody.

"Then we may call it agreed, gentlemen. Will you hold the stakes, Major?"

"Very good, Dugant. Send them round to my room; and now I will cut you who has this last kipper, as of course the youngsters don't require the same amount of sustenance as we do. Heads I win, tails you lose. You've lost. There goes the bugle."

A general departure. That evening after dinner the matter is again discussed freely. Ladiman and Brown giving vent to the wildest theories and possibilities as to what ghosts do, or do not do. They retire to bed, after a mutual defence league has been formed, each with his own pet idea for laying the spirit. But a casual observer might notice that after each door, save one, is closed, there is a second click suggestive of a lock. In the unlocked room a figure lies awake for some time, making mental calculations as to how long six bottles of brandy will last, if he wins them, among so many. The result is evidently satisfactory, as he sleeps peacefully till a wild and unearthly sound makes him leap from his bed; an easier matter than one would think, when we consider that it is fitted with such powerful springs as those made of sheets of soft iron, so kindly provided in the "sealed pattern;" and rapidly snatching up two handfuls of soda water bottles, the nearest and deadliest weapons to hand, he softly turns the door-handle and emerges into the silent passage. All is still. Not a sound breaks the perfect quietness of the night. A ray of starlight peering through one of the many apertures, left by the builder to give everything a chance, including even the wind, breaks dimly across the end near the archway of the keep.

Again that heart-quailing shriek, unlike anything in the wide world but one, breaks upon the night. But that resemblance is enough, accompanied as it is by the flitting of two of those beings who alone possess such a note, across that ray of starlight. Bang! Splash! Crash! as rapidly as he can throw them, go the bottles after the departing syrens. The last, a large one, badly aimed, ricochets off the top of the arch and besprinkles with fragments the flying figures of two cats, as they disappear over the drawbridge, gentleman leading, as was to be expected from such ill-mannered felines, and so to bed.

"Breakfast again," Brown, rather nervous, exclaims. "I nearly caught that ghost last night, only I couldn't see it. I went after it for some time, as I heard it throwing stones, or making a noise like it, anyway."

"Oh, indeed," said the Major, "I heard a noise more like a swan dying. But I have never seen a swan die, and for the life of me I can't describe the noise the ghost made, when I also went after him about 1.30 a.m."

"How extraordinary, sir; why I went after him about 2 a.m. I think it was when my watch had stopped." Here Blox's smile almost amounted to a grin.

"By the bye, who is dining in to-night?"

"I'm not," says the Major, "I am dining with a friend and he will probably put me up for the night."

That evening the dinner party was smaller by two; but the appearance of Brown shortly afterwards, accompanied by a bulldog of the most virulent aspect, afforded food for comment.

"Hullo, Brown; where on earth did you get the dog?"

"Oh, it followed me up."

"Followed you up here, did it? How curious. I didn't think bull-dags cared for such long journeys. You must be very attractive, as I perceive that he has his leading chain on; but I suppese he must have broken away from his master."

Here the Adjutant enters and remarks, "I say, you fellows. One of the servants who sleeps at the end of the officer's passage, has abso-

lutely refused to sleep there to-night. He says the ghost sat on his chest last night, but that he couldn't grapple with him as his arms were held tightly to his sides. He has gone back to his barrack-room, but what do you think of it?"

"Oh, rot. I expect St. David's day, being yesterday, had somethiug to do with it."

"No," said Blox, "of that I am certain. I wonder what could be the cause."

General consternation is expressed. Brown is anxious to depart to bed, and as he leads away the dog, Capt. Dugant calls after him.

"I say, Brown, old chap. I don't mind looking after the dog for to-night. I like dogs immensely, and I will give him a shake down in my room."

"No thanks; it was my fault to let him follow me, so I must put up with his company myself for to-night, and have him sent back first thing in the morning."

The remaining officers glance one at the other, and a sort of smile full of meaning is exchanged.

Once more midnight is past and gone, when lo! the door of the spring-bedded room opens and a figure appears carrying something that shines like a glow-worm at its best, and glides down the passage to reconnoitre for "the Supernatural," and, like a will-o'-the-wisp, flies along till a low growl brings him to a standstill. But what is that sound from under the arch? It must be, it is, footsteps, wavering at first, but now more boldly advancing.

"Ha, I've got him this time," mutters the pyjama-clad patrol. But wait; yes, it is the Major, and with lightning rapidity he hurries to his room, dropping the glow-worm with a clatter, just as the low growl has increased to a veritable lion's roar, as it wakes the echoes of the vaulted passage. But now, as his door closes, another opens, a rapid bounding along the dark corridor, and next instant the returning Major Walrus is on the flat of his back, fairly waking the hollow arches with sulphurous Billingsgate, while the bulldog is making the first meal he has had that day out of the calf of his leg.

All doors open and heads protrude, and in brave language inquire, "Who the— What the— Why the—, &c. Bring a light. Call off the dog. Lift up the Major. I hope you are not hurt, sir. Gentlemen! what is the meaning of this, and of that red poker I see burning the floor by that door there. Consider yourselves all under arrest. I shall see you all in the Orderly Room in the morning."

Next morning the delinquents are fallen in front of the now comparatively calmer O.C., who enquires, "Capt. Dugant, as senior, I ask you for an explanation of the incident of last night."

"Well, sir, I think it was due to an unfortunate combination of circumstances. After our compact about laying the ghost I fancy each officer was making his own arrangements, which seem to have clashed a bit."

"Ghosts! Great Scott, sir, don't let me hear that word again. Understand, gentlemen, that so long as I command here, there are no ghosts. Don't let it occur again. (For smiling at my last remark, Mr. Ladiman, you will do permanent orderly officer during your time at this fort.) As regards the stakes which I hold, Capt. Dugant, I shall be pleased if you or any other of the officers will help me to discuss this matter this evening. You may go, gentlemen, and thank heaven I had on my dress Wellington's last night."

Next day, Lieut. Brown, nursing his head, is heard to remark to Orderly Officer Lieut. Ladiman, "Next time that blithering ghost wants to go on a beano, I hope there won't be so much B. and S. as this time."

"Yes," replies Ladiman, "I have done with trying to pry into the unknown. I will leave it to the next detachment that is up here."

S.F.M.

There was only one billiard-table, and several were waiting to play. Meanwhile the "nuisance" was plodding his weary way through his usual "hundred in sixty minutes," studying each shot carefully before striking, and after each lame attempt explaining to the suffering onlookers how he had meant to bring the white down for the in-off, or the red up for that middle pocket, &c. &c., when out it came from one of the impatient ones: "I'm ——— if he don't hold an inquest on every shot he makes."—*Sporting Times.*

Laying the Foundation Stone of the new Naval College at Dartmouth.

IN order to line the streets and add to the festive appearance of Dartmouth on this historic occasion, the Portsmouth division were called upon to furnish one company, under Major Eady. The men embarked on H.M.S. *Australia*, at 5 p.m., on the evening of the 6th March, and arrived at Dartmouth on the morning of the 7th, at 9 a.m. By 10 o'clock, on the morning of the 7th, the whole town, which had been busy decorating for the Royal Party, was full to overflowing, as people have been flocking in since daybreak; a constant stream of all sorts of vehicles flowing steadily in from all parts of the country round. The decorations were profuse and artistic, the Corporation Stand, opposite the Castle Hotel, being specially noticable. Before mid-day the town was full of soldiers, including the Devons, and a strong contingent of local Volunteers and Yeomanry, and some four hundred troops from the Portsmouth garrison. The river itself was not wanting in decoration, as the Sloop *Racer*, the *Australia*, and the German training ship *Moltke*, were all gaily decorated. By 10 o'clock the Marines and Bluejackets, both of whom met with a very warm reception, were landed and were soon marching up to their appointed place in the College grounds. The *Australia's* bluejackets lined the road just outside the pavilion in which the ceremony took place. Next to them were the Portsmouth Marines, and further down the hill came the *Australia's* detachment under Captain Robinson, R.M.L.I. On a bank, just above the port's mouth, the Cadets of the *Moltke*, with their Band, was drawn up in line and in front of them the Marines of the *Britannia*. All the troops were in position by 2 o'clock except the guard of honour in the pavilion, which was furnished by the *Britannia* Cadets, who arrived about half-an-hour later. Punctually at 3.15 the Royal train arrived, and a few minutes later the King and the Royal party embarked in a gaily decorated but somewhat ancient ferry boat, which steamed slowly across the Dart, all the ships saluting with twenty-one guns. The approach of the procession was everywhere announced by enthusiastic cheers, which grew more and more distinct as the carriages made their way slowly up the hill. There were in all about 8 carriages, the first containing the Royal Party, the next the Suite, and the remainder the Lords of the Admiralty, who had arrived the night before; the Municipal Council bringing up the rear. In half-an-hour the whole ceremony was over, and the Royal Party on its way back to station, whence they departed at 4 o'clock. A pleasing incident on the way down to the landing stage was the reception of the Bluejackets and Marines by the local school children, who were drawn up in great force on the hill side, "A life on the Ocean Wave" being sung by them with great enthusiasm, and a certain amount of success. By 5 o'clock the Marines had embarked once more on the *Australia*, which immediately got under way, arriving in Portsmouth early on the following morning. The weather throughout was superb and showed to full advantage the glorious scenery about Dartmouth.

Royal Marines Memorial.

22, Spring Gardens, S.W.,
1st April, 1902.

Subscriptions received during the month of March, 1902:—

	£	s.	d.
Colonel Delscombe	2	2	0
Deputy Inspector General James Porter	1	1	0
Mr. Harry Muller	1	1	0
Sergt. Hale, Royal Fleet Reserve ..	0	2	6
R.N. College, Greenwich (3rd subscription)	9	10	0
	13	16	6

The total sum received to 31st March, 1902, is:—£1,274 1s. 9d.; promised, £16 7s.; total, £1,290 8s. 9d.

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

Anecdotes.

THERE is no need to say whether it was at either of our Headquarters, or at the Depot that the following occurred, but it is sufficient to say that the Theatre had just been scrubbed out, and that in order to prevent any mud (it was a very wet and dirty day) being brought in, mats had been placed just inside the door and a notice "wipe your boots," hung up facing them. Just as the scrubbing-out was finished, the Sergeant in charge had sent a recruit (of course, it's always a recruit) to empty two buckets of water, and on his return, he apparently forgot the existence of the mats, and walked straight in, leaving beautiful mud-stains wherever his "Trilbys" touched the floor. On seeing this, the Sergeant was naturally somewhat wild, and calling him back said :—

"Hi, you, do you see that notice?"
"Yes, Sergeant,"
"Well, what does it say?"
"Wipe your boots, Sergeant,"
"That's allright; Do you see those mats?"
"Yes, Sergeant,"
"Well, what are they for?"
"To wipe your boots on,"
"Then why the blazes didn't you do it?"
"Please Sergeant, how could I, when I had both my *hands* full?

A squad of recruits was being instructed in the art of making signals and combining two or more of them to signify particular movements but we think No 13 rear rank might well be excused for not being able to make the necessary combination for "Enemy advancing in force *in small numbers*" although he was ordered to do so.

A lady living at a farm near Dover, lost a beautiful blue Persian Cat, and on making enquiries, was informed by one of the farm labourers that some marines had been seen with it in a public house. The Lady went to the Depot at Walmer, and told her story to the Sergeant-Major. Drawing himself up, somewhat indignantly, he replied, "The Royal Marines don't steal cats, Mum, it must have been some of the Military."

One often overhears curious remarks in school, and when they are interjected in an arithmetic examination some curious problems might be evolved. For instance, by what possible rule could the following be worked :—If telegraph poles are sixty-six yards apart, and a train passes one in every three seconds, what time do we fall in for drill to-morrow?

TOLD OF THE WAR OFFICE.—A certain officer of the Royal Horse Artillery, having his battery divided into half-batteries, which were garrisoned over forty miles apart, by road, applied that he might have an allowance granted him for an extra charger, it being his duty to frequently visit both portions. The War Office ruled that this allowance was inadmissable, saying :—"Measured by the Ordnance map, as the crow flies, the distance is found to be only thirty-three miles and a half." For a time the officer was nonplussed, but an idea struck him, and he seized his pen and wrote :—"There would appear to be some misunderstanding regarding my application. I am asking for allowance for an additional charger, not an additional crow. I do not ride a crow; I ride a horse!" He got it.

MR. DOOLEY ON THE WAR.—Mr. Dooley has published more opinions. Here is his treatment of ourselves and the South African War :—"Well, sir," said Mr. Dooly, "th' English ar-re goin' to end th' Boer war. They've taken th' final steps. It's as good as finished." "What ar-re they doin'?" asked Mr. Hennessy. "Ye see," said Mr. Dooly, "th' Gover'mint is tired iv th' way th' war's been goin'. It's becomin' a nuisance. Whin rayspictable English people go to war, they don't ixpict to have to keep it up foriver. But th' Boers wudden't stop. . . So th' Cabinet held a meetin'. ''Tis manifest,' says Lord Sal'sbr'y, 'that this thing has gone as far as it can go in dacency,' he says, 'We can't keep three hundred thousan' sojers an' th' rapid fire pote Roodyard Kipling down there f'r iver.' 'An't was fin'lly decided afther a long an' arjoos debate, that th' war must be declared irrigular. Yes, sir, fr'm now on 't is a non-union war. 'T is again th' rules. Annywan engaged in it will be set back be th' stewards iv Henley. Lord Kitchener wrote th' notice. He's a good writer. 'Ladies an' gintlemen,' he says, 'this war as a war is now over. Ye may not know it, but it's so. Ye've broke th' rules an' we give th' fight to oursilves on a foul. Th' first principle iv a war again England is that th' inimy shall wear r-red or purple coats with black marks f'r to indicate th' location iv vital organs be day an' a locomotive headlight be night. They shall thin gather within aisy range an' at th' wurrud 'Fire' shall fall down dead. Any remanin' standin' aftherward will be considered as spies. Shootin' back is not allowed be th' rules and is severely discountenanced be our ladin' military authorities. Any attimpt at concealmint is threachery. Th' scand'lous habit iv pluggin' our gallant sojers fr'm behind rocks an' trees is a breach of internaytional law. Rethreatin' whin pursooed is wan iv our copyrighted manoovers an' all infringements will be prosecuted. At a wurrud fr'm us, the war is over an' we own ye'er country.' So's there's th' finish iv the Boers. They're out iv it now. They've been set back f'r conduck onbecomin' an English officer an a gintleman. Our Anglo-Saxon cousins acrost th' sea ar-re gr-reat people. They know how to win. We have to lick our inimy. They disqualify him."

Entertainments.

Plymouth.

During the past month crowded houses at the Royal Marine Theatre have again shewn their appreciation of the efforts of the Divisional Theatrical Company on each occasion on which they have occupied the boards. Among the items that have been produced we notice "Hunting a Turtle," "A Rough Diamond," "A Bird in the Hand," "The Charcoal Burner," "Room No. 13," and "Queenie." The two last are from the pen of Clr.-Sergt. F. W. Hopkins, and from the manner in which "Queenie" was received we judge that it must be of more than ordinary merit. The principal parts were allotted to Sergt. H. Martin, Q.-M.-S. F. H. Chapman, and Clr.-Sergt. F. W. Hopkins; Misses Phyllis Gordon, Catherine May, and Muriel St. George sustaining the feminine characters. The play, which is a romance of treachery and devotion, abounds in thrilling incidents and sparkling dialogue, and went with a verve seldom witnessed in amateur performances. In the other productions Segts. H. C. Piper and S. W. Digby, Corpls. A. Davis and F. L. Cooke and Ptes. W. Daley, A. J. Stoyn and C. A. O'Leary as well as those mentioned above, have appeared with equal credit to themselves and pleasure to the audience.

A smoking concert was held on March 7th at the Sergeants' Mess, Plymouth, under the chairmanship of Sergt.-Major Perry, to welcome home those sergeants who have recently returned from China, and who were presented with medals by his Majesty the King at the Naval Barracks that morning. The guests included Clr.-Sergt. Saunders, Sergts. Gowney, Cooper, Roper, and Mitcham, R.M.L.I.; Clr.-Sergts. King and Massenbird, Sergts. Davis, Millar, and Rodgerson, R.M.A. The Chairman eulogised the services of their guests, specially mentioning Sergt. Millar, R.M.A., who, under heavy fire, carried Clr.-Sergt. Gunn to the rear and saved his life. He also referred to the services of Sergt. Gregory, R.M.L.I., who was present, who served with the Legation Guard at Pekin. Clr.-Sergt. Massenbird, R.M.A., returned thanks on behalf of the guests, and mentioned the esprit-de-corps of the late Lce.-Sergt. Dodd, of the Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I., who, though indisposed, marched to Pekin, which indirectly caused his death. Those who took part in the proceedings were Clr.-Sergt. King, R.M.A., Sergts. Rodman, Lilly, Parsons, Moore, Strickland, Burton, Paine, Paynter, Reed, R.M.L.I., Sergt. Davis, R.M.A., Messrs. McDonald, Davidson and Jacobs. Sergt. C. G. Pike played "The Broken Melody" in admirable style. The concert was successfully arranged by Clr.-Sergt. Everest and Sergt. Farrell.

WHAT STRUCK HIM MOST.—On the morning after the battle of Colenso, the colonel of the Connaught Rangers found that the bed next his own was occupied by a sergeant of the regiment, whom he addressed in his cheery way as follows—"Well, sergeant, what did you think of that piece of work?" "Bedad, colonel," he replied, "What struck me most was the number of bullets that missed me."

General De la Rey.

De la Rey, who captured Lord Methuen, has perhaps inflicted more defeats on our troops than any other Boer General. He is responsible for our defeats at Uitvals Nek, Nooitgedacht, Vlakfontein, and the recent convoy catastrophe, while his troops at Moedwill, and in the fight with Von Donop's convoy came very near to annihilating considerable British forces, and were only repelled by the great gallantry and dash of the British troops.

At Magersfontein General De la Rey occupied the extreme left of the Boer position. The choice of the Magersfontein position was his, in opposition to General Cronje's suggestion of a stand at Scholtz Nek. Throughout the war he has been continuously at the front. He lay very ill for a time at Kroonstad, but rose from his bed to take command of the scattered commandoes opposing Lord Robert's advance from Bloemfontein.

No man has ever accused De la Rey of anything approaching dishonesty. In him is grand material for a loyal British subject. He voted against the despatch of the ultimatum in the last secret session of the Volksraad before the war, and he has fought throughout as a patriot, not as a political agitator.

General De la Rey is too good a soldier, and has too high a respect for his opponents, to stoop to petty annoyances against the men who fall into his hands. He is in every sense of the term one of Nature's gentlemen—brave, courteous, and chivalrous.

He is known as a silent man, and has the thoughtful man's habit of slowly passing his hand over his forehead and over his head. Even in the Volksraad, where he sat for eleven, years, he was known as the silent man.

He is said to be a true patriot, and fought for his country rather than for his President. "No good can possibly come to the State until the old man is out of the way," he once exclaimed. Indeed, it was his known opposition to President Kruger that cost him the position of Commandant-General when Piet Joubert died.

Billiards.

The return Billiard Match between the R. M. L. I. and R. M. A. which took place at Eastney, on February 27th, resulted in a win for R. M. L. I. by 47 points. The following are the scores:—

R. M. L. I.	Pts	R. M. A.	Pts
Cpl. E. Chinn (captain)	150	Gnrs Hewlett (captain)	78
.. D. Crawley	150	.. Carter	128
Mus. S. Tierney	150	.. Nain	135
.. D. Miller	150	Br Lewes	109
.. R. Ramsay	139	Gnrs Nurse	150
Pte. A. Leslie	149	.. McEwen	150
.. S. Mold	117	.. Martin	150
Lance Corpl R. Bomford	92	Corpl Atkin	150
Total	1097	Total	1050

Football.

PLYMOUTH,

Our return match v. the 57th Co. R.E., which was fixed for 26th February, had to be postponed owing to the rain, which had made the ground a regular swamp, but we played all right the next week, and, after quite a good game. drew with them for the second time, the score being 3 all. We hope to be able to arrange a 'conqueror' directly after the Easter leave. The only other match, which should have taken place on 15th March, v. the A.O.D., was put off by them at the very last moment.

Answers to Correspondents.

ANONYMOUS.—The address of the Secretary of the R.M.R.A., is—Major W. J. Langford, The Lambdens, Theale, Berks.

CORPL. C. W. G. HILL.—Many thanks.

J. JINKS.—The subscription to the "Men of Harlech" is 3/9 per annum for N.C.O.'s, men and their friends, payable to the Editor, "Men of Harlech," 2nd Batt., The Welsh Regiment, Ahmednagar, India.

SERGT. R. RADFORD—Overcharge of postage 1/3 has been credited to your account.

GUNNERS W. BURELL AND W. C. BOLTON.—Many thanks for your contributions which are under consideration.

SERGT. BILNEY.—Thanks for letter.

Births.

CARTWRIGHT—On the 23rd March, at 16, Tamar Terrace, Stoke, Devonport, the wife of Capt. Frank Cartwright, R.M.L.I., of a son (stillborn).

LYWOOD—On the 27th February, at Longueville, Needham Market (the residence of her father), the wife of Capt. Edwin Gifford Lywood, R.M.L.I., Adjutant 2nd V.B. Highland L.I., of a son.

HORNIBLOW—On the 14th March, at Stonehouse Barracks, Plymouth, the wife of Lieut.-Col. Horniblow, R.M.L.I., of a daughter.

CURTIS—On March 8th, at Mill Lane, Forton, the wife of Pte. Curtis, of a son.

KNIGHT—On March 13th, at Whitworth Road, Forton, the wife of Sergt. W. Knight, of a son.

Marriages.

HEWITT—GOODALL—At the Parish Church, Portsea, Hants on the 12th March, 1902, Corpl. A. Hewitt to Alice Annie Goodall.

HINE—BLAKE—At the Register Office, Nottingham, on the 15th March, 1902, Sergt. J. Hine to Isabella Jessie Blake.

HARDIE—SUTTON—At the Parish Church, Sandwich, Kent, on the 19th March, 1902, Pte. W. F. Hardie to Selina Sutton.

FOSTER—BURTON—At the Parish Church, Battersea, on the 8th March, 1902, Gnr. F. Foster, R.M.A. to Miss A Burton.

BLAKE—MCKELLAR—On the 22nd March, at St. James's Church, Piccadilly, by the Rev. Canon McCormick, D.D. (Rector), Major-General G. F. Blake, late the Royal Marines, to Lilian Mary, daughter of M. W. McKellar, of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-law.

Deaths.

GOODMAN—On the 26th February, 1902, at the Depot Infirmary, Pte. J. Goodman.

HOBBS—On the 7th March, 1902, at the Depot Infirmary, Pte. W. C. Hobbs.

WILLIAMS—On the 27th February, at Blackheath, Edwina Anna, widow of John Hill Williams, and daughter of the late General Sir Edward Nicolls, K.C.B., late R.M.L.I.

BOCKETT-PUGH—On the 9th March, at Gravesend, Torpoint, Devonport, the beloved son of Captain and Mrs. Bockett-Pugh, aged three weeks.

SAMPSON-WAY—On the 16th March, Mary Anne Louisa, the dearly beloved wife of Major-General Sampson-Way, C.B., of Henbury, Gloucestershire, in her 63rd.

In Memoriam.

HADDLETON—In loving memory of Walter Henry Haddleton, W.O., Royal Marines, who departed this life, March 20th, 1900.

Obituary.

The death occurred on March 18th of Mr Joseph Davis, of West street, Southmolton. Deceased was 61 years of age and a retired quartermaster-sergeant in the Marine Artillery. He was for many years Captain of the Southmolton Fire Brigade, in which capacity he rendered good service to the town. He was also until recently a member of the Burial Board and an Alderman of the borough, having resigned both offices on account of failing health,—Devon & Exeter Gazette, 25-3-02.

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Editorial.

THE Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of the following retirement, promotions, and appointment in the R.M.L.I. :—

General A. H. F. Barnes to be placed on the Retired List on attaining the age of 65 years.

Lieut.-General E. L. Rose to be General *vice* Barnes.

Major-General C. S. F. Fagan to be Lieut.-General *vice* Rose.

Col.-Commandant R. B. Kirchhoffer to be Maj.-General *vice* Fagan.

Col. 2nd Commandant A. E. Chapman to be Col.-Commandant *vice* Kirchhoffer, and appointed to the Portsmouth Division.

Lieut.-Colonel T. H. de M. Roche, D.S.O., to be Col. 2nd Commandant, and appointed to the Portsmouth Division.

Major J. R. H. Oldfield to be Lieut.-Col., and appointed to Portsmouth Division.

Captain F. W. Luard to be Major, and appointed to the Chatham Division. All dated 28th April, 1902.

Captain R. W. Bendyshe is appointed Staff Officer at the Chatham Division *vice* White, dated 28th April, 1902.

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Captain F. H. N. Pym, R.M.A., has been appointed as Assistant Inspector in the A.O. Department, and Capt. and Brevet-Major A. Y. Barton, R.M.A., Ordnance Officer 4th Class, has been promoted to Ordnance Officer, 3rd Class, on augmentation.

Major J. H. C. Gibsone, Royal Garrison Regt., formerly Captain Royal Marines, has been promoted to Major in the Reserve of Officers.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have awarded General F. G. Le Grand, Retired List, R.M.L.I., the good service pension of £200 per annum, rendered vacant by the death of General Sir P. C. Penrose, K.C.B., retired list, R.M.L.I.

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Lieut. G. L. Raikes, R.M.A., has been appointed Asst.-Instr. of Musketry at Eastney, dated 28th March, 1902.

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Capt. W. G. Simpson, R.M.L.I., has been appointed Musketry Instructor at Hong Kong.

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Barrackmaster and Brevet Lieut.-Colonel E. E. Pyne, R.M.L.I., has been granted the Honorary rank of Lieut.-Colonel, dated 17th March, 1902.

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E. Tucker, late Colour-Sergt. (Plymouth), has been appointed Pensioner Recruiter for Exeter District, and D. Finlayson, late Q.M.S.I. of Musketry (Ports.) for Glasgow District.

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Lieut. J. D. H. Shaw, R.M.A., has been appointed Captain *vice* Hankey appointed to N.I. Department.

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Lieut. B. J. D. Walthall has been promoted to Captain, dated 1st December, 1901, and Lieut. A. G. C. Milner to Captain, dated 1st February, 1902. Both these officers are appointed to the Plymouth Division.

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Captain P. Phillips, R.M.A., has been appointed Adjutant of the 1st Suffolk and Harwich Artillery Volunteers.

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Major H. D. Drake, R.M.A., is to retain his appointment of Professor of Fortifications at R.N. College, Greenwich, for two years from 1st October, 1902.

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Lieut. W. H. P. Richards, R.M.L.I., has been transferred to H.M.S. *Goliath*, *vice* Lieut. F. H. Cox, to H.M.S. *Amphitrite*.

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An exchange of ships and sea time has been approved between Lieut. C. Shelton, H.M.S. *Diana* and Lieut. C. H. Regnart, H.M.S. *Andromeda*.

The D.A.G., R.M., has expressed his appreciation of the positions taken by the officers and N.C.O., R.M., who qualified at the S. of M. Hythe, with the 202nd party, on 27th March.

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An exchange of ships and sea time has been sanctioned between Lieut. B. N. Elliot, H.M.S. *Pembroke*, and Lieut. F. H. Cox, H.M.S. *Amphitrite*.

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An exchange on the General Foreign Service roster has been sanctioned between Captain J. W. Dustan and Captain F. J. Saunders, D.S.O. Captain Dustan has embarked in H.M.S. *Empress of India* to relieve Captain R. N. Bendyshe.

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Staff-Clerk W. E. Downer, R.M.A., has been appointed Superintending Clerk and promoted to Warrant Rank, 13th March, 1902, *vice* Superintending Clerk J. Simpson, R.M.L.I., promoted Quartermaster.

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Capt. W. E. Binney, R.M.L.I., was surveyed and found physically unfit for further service on the 14th March, and has been placed on the Retired List.

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Colour-Sergt. J. Cheetham, R.M.L.I., has been allowed to extend his services with the Forces of Western Australia until 2nd March, 1904, provided that the Secretary for the Colonies concurs.

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The King has presented a gold pin to Mr. Green, bandmaster of the R.M. Artillery, who accompanied His Majesty on his late cruise to the West of England.

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We hear that at a tennis tournament in Corfu the first prize was won by Lieutenant W. W. Godfrey, R.M.L.I., serving in H.M.S. *Juno*.

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We are asked to state that the letter from the late Captain Doig, R.M.L.I., published in November, 1900, was sent to a relation and therefore private; and it was a mistake that it was sent for publication in our columns.

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In the "London Gazette" of the 18th ult., Lieut. C. F. O. Graham, Royal Marines (West African Frontier Force) is specially mentioned for good service in the expedition to Kontagora and Bida. In the same Gazette the late Captain J. C. H. Rigby is also mentioned.

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At the Levée held by His Majesty the King at St. James' Palace, on 21st April, Colonel W. Campbell, was on duty as Aide-de-Camp in waiting. The presentations included Col.-Commandant R. P. Coffin, on promotion; Colonel T. F. Dunscunbe Bridge, R.M.L.I., on appointment as Aide-de-Camp; Lieut.-Cols. H. C. Money, R.M.L.I., and J. R. Johnstone, C.B., R.M.L.I., on promotion and return from active service, and W. C. Nicholls, R.M.A., on promotion; Majors Roland M. Byne, R.M.L.I., and Herbert S. N. White, R.M.L.I., on promotion; Brevet-Major L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., R.M.L.I., on promotion and return from active service; and Lieut. Ernest F. P. Sketchley, R.M.L.I., all by the First Lord of the Admiralty. Colonel F. H. Mountsteven, 3rd Devon Regiment, and Captain R. Ford, D.S.O., Army Service Corps, were presented by the D.A.G., on return from active service.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of the retirement of Quartermaster & Honorary Major T. W. Davies, General Staff, R.M., on the 7th inst., under the provisions of the Order-in-Council dated 29th November, 1881. In the special circumstances of this case their Lordships, in the exercise of their discretion, are pleased to approve of the grant of a step of Honorary rank to Major Davies on his retirement, in recognition of the zeal and efficiency displayed by this Officer throughout his service.

Their Lordships further approve of the promotion to Quartermaster and appointment to the Royal Marine Office, of Superintending Clerk J. F. Dimmer, R.M.L.I.

Assaults at Arms.

EASTNEY.

An Assault-at-Arms was held in the Gymnasium, at Eastney Barracks, on the 29th April. In addition to displays, given by Instructors, there were Boxing, Gymnastic and Bayonet fighting competitions. The preliminaries were gone through on the previous Thursday, which left the finalists to display their skill before a crowded house, there being considerably over eight hundred present to witness the various items on the lengthy programme. The officials for the competitions were, Major Cox, R.M.A., Capt. Brown, R.M.A., Capt. and Adjt. McCarthy and Capt. Shine, R.M.L.I. (Superintendent of Portsmouth Gymnasium). Prize winners were as under:—

Boxing (heavyweights)—1, F Co., Gnr. D. Campbell; 2, —Co., Gnr. J. Forder

Boxing (middleweights)—1, C Co., Gnr. W. Skates; 2, M Co., Gnr. J. Shaw.

Parallel Bars—1, F Co., Gnr. Hutchinson; 2, Bugler Whitwell; 3, L Co., Gnr. M. Lally.

Horizontal Bar—1, Bugler Whitwell; 2, Q Co., Pte. H. Rosenthal; 3, Gnr. Prince.

Vaulting Horse (open to Depot Recruits only)—1, Pte. H. Rosenthal; 2, Pte. J. Carter; 3, Pte. A. E. Hollis.

Bayonet v. Bayonet—1, B Co., Gnr. T. Smith; 2, L Co., Gnr. M. Lally; 3, F Co., Gnr. D. Campbell; 4, L Co., Gnr. H. Worsfold.

Bayonet Combat—1, N Co.; 2, B Co.

Boxing by Cadets of R.M.A. Cadets Corps—1, Cadet Marsh; 2, Cadet Ford.

Many of the prize winners in the Bayonet competitions will take part in the coming Military Tournament in London.

Sergt. Manly and Gnr. Hewitt (as clowns) kept the spectators amused, when the more serious items were not taking place.

PORTSMOUTH.

In the Individual Bayonet Fight Competition held at Forton Barracks, on March 27th. The following were the winners:—

Sergt. F. J. Cooper; Pte. Lader; Lc.-Corpl. C. H. Jacobs; Sergt. Buckland; Lc.-Corpl. Ranner; Pte. W. Hooper; B Co., Pte. Reynolds.

Clr.-Sergt. J. Child again carried off the Instructor's prize, his tremendous reach giving his opponents no earthly chance, while in the Company Team Competition, B Co. easily defeated F Co.

DEPOT.

The following Regimental Competitions for prizes presented by the Royal Military Tournament Committee, were held in the Depot Gymnasium on Monday, 7th April, at 2 p.m.:—

Sabre v. Sabre—1, Sergt. M. H. Trott; 2, Clr-Sergt. H. J. A. Hickman.

Bayonet v. Bayonet (Gymnastic Certificates only)—1, Sergt. M. H. Trott; 2, Sergt. J. E. Packer; 3, Clr.-Sergt. H. J. A. Hickman.

Bayonet v. Bayonet (Uncertificated)—1, Pte. A. Bland; 2, Pte. H. Huxtable; 3, Pte. M. Cochran; 4, Pte. Corcoran; 5, Pte. A. Rose.

At the South Eastern District Tournament on 16th April, the following events were won by the Depot R.M.:—

Sabre v. Sabre—1, Sergt. Trott; 2, Clr.-Sergt. Hickman.

Foil v. Foil—1, Corpl. Watts; 2, Sergt. Trott.

Bayonet v. Bayonet—1, Pte. Bland; 2, Q.M.S.I. of Gym. Young.

Bayonet Combat (Battalion Team)—1, Depot R.M.

CHATHAM.

Bayonet Fighting—1, Pte. T. D. Rumsey, £1 5 3; 2, Pte. G. S. Tucker, 17/6; 3, Pte. J. Williamson, 15/-; 4, Pte. J. Hammant, 12/6; 5, Pte. C. B. Morgan, 10/-; 6, Corpl. G. A. Balls, 5/-; 7, Pte. J. Dooley, 5/-; 8, Pte. A. J. Curtis, 5/-; 9, Sergt. R. W. Marshall, 2/6; Pte. H. Manley, 2/6.



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Rifle Challenge Cup, 1902.

FINAL COMPETITION AT WARWICK CAMP, BERMUDA, MARCH 14TH.

Commissioner's House ..	81·25	H.M.S. "Hotspur" ..	72·12
H.M.S. "Crescent" ..	78·33		

COMMISSIONER'S HOUSE TEAM (WINNERS).

Private A. J. Reed, R.M.L.I.	92	Lieut. E. F. Trew, R.M.L.I.		79
Private A. Shadbolt, ,,	87	Sergt. H. Bussey, ,,		71
Cr.-Sergt. Merrison, ,,	86	Private Prictor, ,,		69
Lce.-Sergt. J. Cotter, ,,	86			
Private C. E. Howes, ,,	80	Total		650
Average	81·25.			

MALTA.

The Naval and Military Rifle Meeting at Pembroke is once more over, and none of us much richer in consequence, the weather being anything but favourable for shooting. The "Hibernia" having held the Pembroke Camp Challenge Cup for four years, and finding this rather monotonous, have relinquished it for twelve months in favour of the 1st K.O. Royal Lancaster Regiment.

The United Service Trophy was again won by the Navy, the Army, a bad second, beating our representatives by one point. A Team entered from the Sergeants' Mess for Simonds' Cup were unlucky to be defeated by the Royal Engineers by three points only. Captain Parker, R.M.L.I., and Lieutenant Darwell, R.M.L.I., were on the Committee. The following are some of the prize-winners with their scores:—

All Comers.	*200*
Sergt. Symonds	34
Capt. Garrett ..	33
Gnr. Palmer ..	33
Sergt. Lock ..	32
Sgt.-Major Luff	32
Capt. Parker ..	32
Cr.-Sgt. Burgis	31
Sergt. Tyrell ..	31
Pte. Ballard ..	31

Sergeants and Petty Officers.	*200*
Sgt.-Major Luff	31
Sergt. Symons	31
,, Couzens	31
,, Bayman	31

Soldiers and Seamen.	*200*
Pte. Lewis ..	34
,, Ladd ..	31
Gnr. Hayman ..	31
Pte. Penny ..	31
Cpl. Henley ..	30
Pte. Gouldstone	30
,, Hills ..	30
,, Ballard ..	30
,, Wade ..	30
Lce.-Cpl. Hoare	30
Pte. Stacy ..	29
,, Day ..	29
,, Baker ..	29
,, Henry ..	29

All Comers.	*500*
Capt. Garrett ..	34
Sergt. Symons	33
Cr.-Sgt. Burgis	33
Sgt.-Major Luff	32

Sergeants and Petty Officers.	*500*
Cr.-Sgt. Burgis	31
,, Welch	31
Sergt. Salmon	30
,, Bayman	29

Soldiers and Seamen.	*500*
Pte. Bethell ..	32
,, Lewis ..	31
,, Ballard ..	30
Gnr. Gibbs ..	28
Pte. Todd ..	27
,, Isaacs ..	27
,, Butts ..	27
,, Cox ..	26
,, Penny ..	25
,, White ..	25
,, Budgely ..	25

All Comers.	*600*
Gnr. Palmer ..	33
Sergt. Lock ..	32
Capt. Garrett ..	32
Sgt. Symons ..	31
Capt. Parker ..	30

Sergeants and Petty Officers.	*600*
Sergt. Samson	33
,, Mansbridge	29
,, Viney ..	28

Soldiers and Seamen.	*600*
Bdr. Thornton	32
Gnr. Palmer ..	29
Pte. Collins ..	28
,, Arnold ..	27
,, Lewis ..	27
Cpl. Henley ..	25
Pte. Kerry ..	25
Bdr. Parrott ..	25
Pte. Young ..	24
Gnr. Young ..	24
Pte. Oliver ..	24
Lce.-Cpl. Epps	23
Pte. Ballard ..	23
Gnr. Allen ..	23
Pte. Hale ..	23
,, Gouldstone	23

THE UNITED SERVICE CHALLENGE TROPHY.

Royal Navy	704	Royal Marines ..	673
Army	674	Militia	601

Names.	*200*	*500*	*900*	*Total.*
Captain Garrett ..	28	32	29	89
Colour-Sergeant Burgis..	31	29	28	88
Sergeant Symons ..	32	31	25	88
Private Bullard ..	26	28	33	87
Sergeant Lock.. ..	29	29	26	84
Sergeant-Major Luff ..	30	26	26	82
Captain Parker ..	26	28	25	79
Captain Grover ..	28	25	23	76
Totals ..	230	228	215	673

THE SIMOND'S CUP (Sixteen Teams Entered).

Royal Engineers ..	469	Royal Marines ..	466

Names.	*200*	*300*	*Total.*
Sergeant Lock.. ..	31	35	66
,, Symons ..	33	31	64
Colour-Sergeant Burgis..	30	31	61
Sergeant-Major Luff ..	33	27	60
Sergeant Foley ..	30	28	58
,, Viney ..	27	29	56
Colour-Sergeant Welch..	32	21	53
Sergeant Bayman ..	29	19	48
Totals ..	245	221	466

Shooting.

Result of Match fired between Teams of the R.M.L.I. and 2nd V.B. Hants Regiment, at Romsey, 28th April, 1902 :—

R.M.L.I.	*Aggregate Totals.*	2ND V.B. HANTS REGIMENT.	*Aggregate Totals.*
Sergt.-Major Hill ..	84	Corpl. Rogers	86
Sergt. Dorey ..	82	Pte. Mourant	81
,, Sanders ..	81	Lce.-Sergt. Dawes ..	80
Lce.-Corpl. Lea ..	80	Pte. Roberts	79
Pte. Goodey	79	,, Davis	78
Q.M.S. Wiggington ..	79	Clr.-Sergt. Moger ..	77
Sergt. Wingfield ..	71	Sergt. Harvey.. ..	71
,, Goodall ..	70	Major Abraham ..	68
Grand Total ..	626	Grand Total ..	620
Average	78·25	Average	77·50

The Match was won by the R.M.L.I. by six points.
Fired in a very strong and changeable wind.

Result of Match fired between Teams of the R.M.A. and 1st V.B. Berks, at Reading, 12th April, 1902 :—

R.M.A.	*Total.*	1ST V.B. BERKS.	*Total.*
Capt. Homer.. ..	100	Sergt. Bartholomew ..	88
Sergt.-Major Foley ..	95	,, Green	83
Sergt. Chell ..	94	Arm.-Sgt. Cross ..	83
Clr.-Sgt. Beddow ..	92	Q.M.S. Moore.. ..	83
Sergt. Height	87	Pte. Stubbington ..	81
Lce.-Sgt. Hutchings ..	87	Clr.-Sgt.-Inst. Goddard..	79
,, Pottinger ..	86	Sergt. Smith	79
Q.M.S.-Inst. Ede ..	85	Clr.-Sgt.-Inst. Ryan ..	78
Clr.-Sgt. Simpson ..	81	Pte. Marston	77
Gnr. Bridgwater ..	79	Q.M.S. McDonald ..	75
Q.M.S. Prior	78	Pte. Moore	75
Sergt. Gasson	78	,, White	75
Bdr. Fee	78	Sergt. Spencer ..	73
Corpl. Flynn	76	,, Jones	71
Counted out—		Counted out—	
Sergt. Mathieson ..	71	Sergt. Talbot ..	62
Total ..	1196	Total ..	1100
Average	85·42	Average	78·57

The R.M.A. won by 96 points.

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION SHOOTING CLUB.

1ST XVI.

	T. Points.	*Average.*	*Order of Merit.*
Lce.-Corpl. Thos. Lea	270	90·00	1
Q.M.S. R. J. Wiggington.. ..	267	89·00	2
Corpl. W. R. Willcock	263	87·66	3
Sergt. W. H. Sanders	263	87·66	4
,, F. J. Wingfield	261	87·00	5
Capt. A. de W. Kitcat	258	86 00	6
Sergt. A. G. Goodall	256	85·33	7
,, W. Dorey	253	84·33	8
Pte. T. B. Goodey	253	84 33	9
Sergt. F. J. Cooper	246	82 00	10
Pte. F. Weeks	243	81·00	11
Q.M.S. J. Clift	240	80 00	12
Sergt. H. T. Marks	223	74·33	13
Lieut. J. A. F. Cuffe	218	72·66	14
Pte. Leddlie	216	72 00	15
,, Hudson	210	70·00	16

Changes in Uniform.

THE following R.M.O. Circular, No 2253/02, dated 17th April 1902, is published for information and guidance. The following changes in the Dress Regulations for Officers of the Royal Marines have been approved and the revised Regulation in their entirety will shortly be issued —

1.—The buff pouch belt for R.M. Artillery, the full dress sash and belt for R.M.L.I., and buff sword knot, brass spurs, and sabratache are abolished, as also buff sword belts except as provided in para. 10. Gold laced trowsers are not to be worn, pending further orders, except by Officers, R.M. Artillery, in Mess Dress.

2.—Colonels Commandant and Second Commandant will wear their regimental mess dress, tunic, frock coat, great coat, sword belt, pouch belt, pouch and sword, and will use their regimental horse furniture—otherwise as at present.

3.—The present patrol jacket for R.M.A. and red serge frock for R.M.L.I., is abolished and replaced by a frock coat.

4.—The present forage and field service caps are abolished and replaced by a new pattern cap.

5.—With the frock coat the R.M. Artillery will wear the full dress sword belt and sword knot, but no pouch or cross belt.

6.—The R.M.L I. will in future wear a silk net sash round the waist of the tunic or frock coat. A web sword belt, with present full dress slings, will be worn under the sash outside the tunic or frock coat. The gold sword knot will be worn in this dress.

7.—The present pattern of tunic cuff for the R.M.L.I is altered to the old pattern slash cuff for all ranks, and the collar is altered for Colonels Commandant and Second Commandant.

8.—The Sam Browne belts are in future to be worn with the blue serge frock on occasions on which the sword and buff belts have hitherto been worn, except as provided in para. 9.

9.—On board ship, for boat work, and on such other occasions as ordered, a plain web sword belt with two plain brown leather sword slings, with a plain square brass buckle on each may be worn with the blue serge frock.

10.—Paras. 1, 4, 6, 8 and 9 will take effect forthwith. Paras. 2, 3, 5 and 7 will take effect from 1st January, 1906, or sooner if new articles are required. Officers, R.M.L.I., in possession of serviceable tunics should have their cuffs altered as soon as possible, the expense being slight. The buff sword belt will continue to be worn with the R.M. Artillery patrol jacket and the R.M.L.I. red serge frock while those garments are worn in lieu of the new frock coat.

11—Any Officer appearing at Court after the 21st inst. should appear in the revised uniform.

12.—New patterns can be seen or described on application at the R.M. Office.

A Disappointed Schemer.

By C. W. G. Hill.

At last, after years of patient study, and the expenditure of large sums of money in experiments, Gunner Henry Faulkes, R.N., had reached within measurable distance of the goal of his ambition, by successfully applying the principle of the Maxim and pom-pom to all classes of heavier ordnance. But he regretfully saw that almost as difficult a task lay before him if he was to induce the British Admiralty to give his invention a fair trial. Preliminary tests at Whale Island had been so far successful as to enlist the sympathies of the Captain of the Gunnery School, and he had promised Faulkes to bring the matter before "My Lords" at their next inspection, in as favourable a light as possible. They were due to visit H.M.S. *Excellent* in a month, and in the meantime the Captain had a 4-7 quick-firing gun fitted with the new mechanism, and all preparations made for an official trial of the latest improvement in quick-firing guns. Now Gunner Faulkes owned to having committed several mistakes in his life, but the greatest mistake he had apparently made, and one he would not own to, was, in Gunnery Lieutenant James' eyes, when he had dared to pay his addresses to Lily Harman, the daughter of the Mayor of Portsmouth. Mr. Harman had made his money in trade, and Lieutenant James considered that his own marriage with Miss Lily would, with the help of her father's gold, place his social position on a firm financial basis, which, owing to the pressure of his numerous and increasing creditors, it sadly lacked at present. All three had met six months previously at a dance given in the Town Hall, and the lieutenant had by his superior position obtained the father's consent to court his daughter. But as she had refused him several dances on this occasion, and never seemed at all anxious for his company, he feared that some one was taking the wind out of his sails.

This suspicion of his was verified in a most unpleasant manner for him one day, for the Mayor and his family having paid a visit to the gun battery, Miss Lily ignored his offer of pilotage, and inspected the battery under the guidance of Mr. Faulkes, and his temper afterwards was not improved when he saw how eagerly she listened to all particulars of the new gun Faulkes was explaining to her. Both were surprised, a few minutes later, to find that the rest of the party had returned to the officers' quarters, leaving them alone still examining the gun. Faulkes decided it was too good an opportunity to be lost, and there and then declared his love for her, and was delighted beyond measure to find that she not only returned it, but also gave him permission to speak to her father; and this he promised to do when the success of his gun was assured. When therefore James found he was so far out of the running, he determined to do all in his power to ruin his rival's service reputation. The two lovers, ignorant of the jealousy rankling in his breast, continued to enjoy each other's company on every conceivable and inconceivable occasion, all unconscious of the evil being plotted to separate them, and wreck their happiness. For James rightly guessed that should the invention prove a failure, the Mayor would not listen to Faulkes' overtures for his daughter's hand, and so had decided to strike him through his invention.

The eve of the visit of the Lords of the Admiralty—everything spick and span, within and without, ready for the inspection, and covered up in a corner of the parade, the new gun waiting to undergo its trials before the greatest experts of the land on the morrow. The gate sentry had confidential orders to keep his eye on it, and he intended doing his duty. A clock had just struck eleven, as, cigar in hand, James strolled out of the officers' mess and across the parade. Rapidly approaching the gun, he quickly removed the cover and deftly took off a most important but small component part of the mechanism. Replacing the cover he retraced his steps and entered his quarters, with a satanic smile on his by no means handsome face.

A beautiful summer afternoon. The inspection had passed off most satisfactorily for all concerned, and now an "At Home," given by the officers, was in full swing. The sun shone on the resplendent uniforms of officers, and the lovely toilets of the ladies. After tea a movement was made towards the corner of the parade where the new gun was, and Faulkes stepped forward to explain and demonstrate his invention to the experts. He loaded the gun with his own hands, seized the lanyard, stepped back and pulled it. The gun fired once, and only once—the recoil loading mechanism had failed to act. An examination soon revealed the fact that a portion of the mechanism had been removed, but by whom? Faulkes saw in that one minute all his years of study wasted, and his bright hopes dashed to pieces. The news spread like wildfire, and soon reached the ears of the sentry who had had the first watch on the gate the previous night. He had seen James visit the gun, and now, going straight to the sergeant-major, requested to see the officer of the day. To him he related what he had seen, and the officer immediately reported the facts to the Captain. Lieutenant James was asked to explain the object of his visit to the gun, but refused to do so. The Captain then ordered his quarters to be searched, and in less than ten minutes the search party returned with the missing portion of the gun. James was ordered to his quarters under arrest. Faulkes fitted the recovered piece in its place, and successfully fired twenty rounds continuously, thus demonstrating the perfection of his system of automatic loading. Terms were soon arranged, by which the Admiralty became the sole owners of the rights of his invention, and Faulkes received a substantial cheque in settlement. With this in his pocket, and a splendid prospect opened up for him, he called on the Mayor, and asked for and received the parental sanction to his engagement with his daughter. In his happiness he tried hard to hush up the case against James, but his act had been witnessed by too many, and knowledge of it had become public property, and he was eventually tried by court-martial and dismissed the service. Faulkes retired from the active list of the Navy, and accepted a splendid position at the Admiralty as Advising Gunnery Expert, and his marriage was a social function not yet forgotten, owing to the romantic events connected with it. But Mr. and Mrs. Faulkes have both long ago forgiven and forgotten A Disappointed Schemer.

Home Notes

EASTNEY.

The Band, under Mr. B. S. Green, were commanded by H.M. The King to embark in the Royal Yacht for the recent cruise in the Channel and to the Scilly Islands. They were away from Head-Quarters just a fortnight, and appear to have thoroughly appreciated a "life on the ocean wave."

At last there is a real prospect of a new Church being built, to take the place of the present wooden structure which has done duty for nearly fifty years in the Crimea, at Southsea, and at Eastney. £10,000 is allotted in this year's Naval Estimates for the work, of which one-tenth is to be expended before the 1st April, 1903.

The Sergeants gave their Annual Ball in the Recreation Building on Friday, 4th April. Sergeant-Major Squires presided over an unusually enjoyable entertainment, and Sergeant Weatherly assisted by other Sergeants, carried out with much energy the onerous duties of M.C.s.

The season closed at the Theatre with the production of a new Burlesque Extravaganza, by H. J. Byron, "The Lady of Lyons," which was creditably performed by the company. In Private Hewitt, who acted the part of "Beauseant," the Stage Manager has discovered a really funny man, but he would show to much greater advantage if his drolleries were a little more refined.

The Football Team have been decidedly successful in their various League competitions this season, and in our next we shall give a summary of their doings. Cricket has, of course, commenced, and Sergeant Gaubert has once more found time to be the practice bowler at the nets every afternoon.

CHATHAM.

Officers belonging to the Division will be glad to know that the library in the officers' mess has been recently done up. With a dark red paper, cream-coloured paintwork, and dark green curtains, the room is now both handsome and comfortable. All the light oak

furniture and bookcases have also been stained dark. For some reason unknown there have been no curtains in the room for many years, and their presence adds greatly to its appearance and comfort.

The hall, too, has been improved of late by the addition of some 20 pairs of horns from South Africa, which Lieut.-Colonel Money has kindly presented, and which now adorn the walls.

On the 14th April a most successful concert was held in the R.M. Theatre on behalf of the widow of the late Sergeant Edgson, R.M.L.I., who was lost in H.M.S. "Condor." Many civilians kindly offered their services, and the programme was as excellent as it was lengthy. It is hoped that a considerable sum may be available from the proceeds for the benefit of Mrs. Edgson.

The new Naval Recreation Ground on the Lines has been laid out, but it is understood that it will not be available for cricket during the present season. It occupies the corner of the Lines close to Fort Amhurst, and extends from the steep edge overlooking Luton to the Garrison Gardens. The ground, which has required a good deal of levelling, and complete re-turfing, has been railed in, and a belt of shrubs and trees has been planted all round, which will be pleasant in a few years' time. There are two pavilions on opposite sides of the ground, one for the officers and one for the men.

The ground is not over large, and it seems quite within the bounds of possibility that some Jessop may lift the ball over the boundary and well down into the Brook.

GOSPORT.

The chief event of the month has been the change of Commanding Officers, Colonel-Commandant R. B. Kirchhoffer having been promoted to Major-General on the 23rd April, and we are sure he carries away the best wishes of all ranks on his well-earned promotion. There has been very little doing this month, as football has practically ceased, and cricket has hardly begun, though the pitch looks in good condition, and practice takes place nightly at the nets. Our goalkeeper, G. Archer, has unfortunately been invalided out of the service, owing to an accident whilst playing in a Divisional Match, so a collection was made for him at pay parade, and £5 4s. 7d was forwarded to him. A match was also played v. Naval Depot, at which a collection was made, which realised £1 14s.

Shooting practice has begun, but we have heard of no phenomenal scores yet.

The Sergeants gave an "At Home" on April 23rd, which was well attended.

We hear rumours of the "Laurel" being put into commission, but no brave spirits have been found yet to face the bitter east winds.

PLYMOUTH.

The festivities in connection with the Royal visit, on the occasion of the launch of H.M.S. "Queen" were duly noted in last month's "Globe and Laurel." That visit was official, and the doings were chronicled at length in all papers. During the past month, the Western Port has again been honoured, this time unofficially, by His Majesty, who stopped here from Saturday afternoon to Monday morning, during his recent cruise in H.M Yacht "Victoria and Albert," to the Southern Ports of England.

The Officers of the Division dined Captain Tucker on the occasion of his leaving the Corps in their mess on the 10th.

The posters for the forthcoming Western District Rifle Meeting are now out, and a great many innovations are advertised. Eighty per cent. of the takings of each event are to be paid away in prizes, the remaining 20 per cent. to be retained for working expenses. Several new competitions are advertised. The abolition of verniers, &c., is to be tried, but this decision has proved most unpopular. Captain Arbuthnot, of the "Cambridge," is Chairman of the Committee this year.

The Sergeants of the Division having succeeded in obtaining the use of the new Rifle Range at Batten on Thursdays, have re-formed their Rifle Club, and it is to be hoped that these increased facilities will give the Division a more prominent position in the Inter-Divisional contests this year

The last matinée in the Officers' Mess will take place on the 29th instant,

Entertainments.

PLYMOUTH.

The warrant officers, staff-sergeants, and sergeants of the Plymouth Division held their annual ball at the Town Hall, Stonehouse, on April 11th. There was an attendance of at least six or seven hundred, and the scene presented in the large, well-lit hall was a very animated one. The beauty of the hall renders a great amount of decoration unnecessary, but an appropriate effect was given by the erection of two military trophies, made for the purpose by Armourer-Sergeant Hermon, on the railings of the orchestral platform, which was suitably draped and decorated with plants. Beneath the balcony were fixed two large draped mirrors, whilst the entrance to the ball-room was made imposing by charmingly arranged drapery. Plants were also placed in the window recesses. Dancing was commenced at half-past eight, and continued until two o'clock next morning, the regimental band, under Corporal Greenfield, being in attendance. Refreshments were supplied in the small hall. The following officers and ladies were either present or accepted invitations:—Colonel-Commandant and Mrs. A. D. Corbet, C.B., Colonel-Second-Commandant C. G. Gordon, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Eagles, Capt. and Mrs. Brabazon, Capt. Mears (5th Prov. Batt.), Capt. Ommanney, Lieut. and Qr.-Mr. and Mrs. Marriott, Lieuts. Teague and Smith, Surgeon Tomlinson, R.N., and Lieuts. G. Smith and Wakeley (5th Prov. Batt.).

The arrangements were very successfully carried out by Col.-Sergt. J. H. Greenfield, assisted by the following committee:—Sergt. Acock (secretary), Col.-Sergts. McCloud and Shapland, Sergts. G. Parsons, Farrell, Woodings, and Lilley, Drum-Major Cochrane, Bugle-Major Taylor, and Cook-Sergt. Wood.

The members of the Royal Marine Dramatic Company, Plymouth, took the opportunity, at their final performance for the season on Thursday, April 3rd, of acknowledging in a tangible form the services rendered by three of their number, who are retiring from the service. There was a large number present to witness the performance, including Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Robyns, Capt. Ommanney, and Lieuts. Lloyd, Mullins, Walthall, and Teague. At the conclusion of the piece, 'Black Eye'd Susan,' the members of the company assembled on the stage, and Col.-Sergt. Smith thanked them for the very efficient manner in which they had carried out their duties during the season. As they knew, three of their number were retiring, and he asked Major R. K. W. Clavell (paymaster) to present Col.-Sergts F. W. Hopkins, J. H. Parsons, and Alsop with small tokens of the esteem and regard in which they were held by the company. Major Clavell made the presentations, regretting their retirement, and wishing them all success. Col.-Sergt. Hopkins had been associated with them on that stage for about twenty years, and the gap he would create in the service by his retirement would be hard to fill. To Col.-Sergt. Hopkins was given a writing-table outfit, the silver inkstand being inscribed: "Col.-Sergt. F. W. Hopkins, R.M.L.I., upon his retirement and in appreciation of his valuable services as actor, author, and stage manager, from the Royal Marine Dramatic Company, 27th March, 1902." The gift to Col.-Sergt. Parsons was a silver cigarette case, and that to Col.-Sergt. Alsop a silver match box, both being suitably inscribed. The recipients returned thanks, and were received with cheers and the singing "For they are jolly good fellows." Col.-Sergt. Smith said the season had been the most successful they had ever had, and he thanked those present for the manner in which they had supported the performers. A happy gathering was brought to a conclusion by the singing of "Auld lang syne" and "God save the King."

PORTSMOUTH.

A very successful entertainment was held at the Royal Marine Theatre, Forton, on Wednesday, April 30th, by permission of Colonel Commandant A. E Chapman, R.M.L.I. The first part of the programme consisted of songs, comic and otherwise, rendered by Miss Smith, Sergts. Colverson, Underhay, Stonhold and Cpl. Mann, and selections on the Bagpipes by Piper Laurie, Gordon Highlanders, interspersed with which, were excellently rendered pieces by the Band. The programne concluded with a farce entitled—"An Ugly Customer," in which Miss E. Rimes, Miss L. Mould, Sergts. Underhay, Stonhold, and Corpl. Crawley ably sustained their parts.

PLYMOUTH—
Passed for Corporal—Lce.-Corpls. Wells, Stanford, Peters, and Harries; Ptes. Dobson, Bright, Sussex, Dixon, and Child.
DEPOT—
1st Class Certificates of Education—Cr.-Sergt. T. Driver (Po.); Sergt. S. Wyatt (Ply.); Corpl. F. A. Newham (Ch.); Bugler W. J. Prosser.

Medals.

EASTNEY—
L.S. & G.C.—Clr.-Sergt. R. Butfield; Sergts. W. Bartaby, T. E. Stevens, C. J. Miller, W. Howell; Corpls. H. W. Lodder, H. Robinson; Gnrs. J. Baits, C. Bent, H. J. Every.
PLYMOUTH—
L.S. & G.C.—Sergt. Collins and Pte. Bolt.
South African—Pte. Francis.
DEPOT—
South Africa—Lce.-Sergt. W. Brother (Ch.); Corpl. A. J. Erridge (Ch.).
L.S. & G.C.—Pte. J. E. Evans (Po.).

Good Conduct Badges.

EASTNEY—
Gnrs. R. Cross, 4th; H. Day, 3rd; Sergt. H. Stevens, 3rd; Gnrs H. Warrington, 1st; T. Kelly, 2nd; Corpl. W. H. Feltham, 3rd; Sergt. J. Garthwaite, 4th; Gnr. W. Bruce, 2nd; Lce.-Sergt. S. Stephens, 4th; Gnrs F. E. Acton, 3rd; L. W. Agnew, 3rd; Cpl. T. Cronchie, 2nd; Corpl. C. Bradley, 2nd; Gnrs. M. O'Leary, 4th; H. R. Johnson, 1st; W. Smith, 2nd; Sergt. C. Warham, 4th; Gnrs. R. J. Wright, 4d; J. Fitzgerald, 1st; Bombr. R. W. Acheson, 2nd; Bugler F. Usmar, 2nd; Gnr. W. B. Blowes, 1st; Bugler F. J. W. C. Roper, 2nd; Gnrs. J. Brandish, 4th, F. Garrod, 1st; J. J. David, 1st; W. A. Gurney, 1st; H. E. Roberts, 1st; W. H. Martin, 1st.
CHATHAM—
1st—Ptes. A. Tuck, A. G. Smith, C. Edwards, F. J. Holland, F. Forrest, J. C. Dingle, J. F. Fryer, C. Suffolk, H. Fordham, W. H. Williams. 2nd—Pte. E. Blaise; Bugler W. Spendletow; Ptes. E. Bassett, J. Gynne; Sergt. L. A. Reynolds (restored); Lce.-Sergt. F. J. Johnston (restored). 3rd—Ptes. E. C. Cook, P. Owen; Sergt. W. Shoesmith; Pte. F. W. Barltrop. 4th—Sergt. J. Rudd. 5th—Bugle-Major W. Fuller.
PORTSMOUTH—
Sergts. W. Santry, 4th; S. Langdon, 3rd; Ptes. A. G. Jones, 2nd (restored); G. Thompson, 3rd; J. Cooper, 5th; H. Bell, 1st (restored); W. Gage, 1st (restored); R. J. West, 1st; H. Ellis, 1st; E. W. Player, 2nd (restored); G. E. Jones, 3rd; A. E. J. Kouter, 2nd; W. H. Backhouse, 3rd; H. Hare, 1st (restored); J. Griffin, 1st (restored); F. Dean, 1st (restored); C. White, 3rd; H. Hill, 2nd; J. Bennett, 2nd; Mus. J. Elkins, 3rd; Ptes. A. Mead, 1st; W. Smith, 1st (restored)
PLYMOUTH—
5th—Clr.-Sergt. Pollard and Pte. Ottery. 4th—Pte. Brooks. 3rd—Ptes. Burden and Cann. 2nd—Ptes. Smith and Braddick. 1st—Corpls. Hall and Smith; Ptes. Ball, Power, Lovell, Small, Folland, Howe, Morris, Slocombe, Simpson, Chaney, and Taylor.
DEPOT—
Sergts. G. Robinson, 4th; A. J. Thompson (Ch.), 4th; Ptes. H. W. Scott, (Po.), 2nd; P. Small (Ply.), 2nd; C. H. Tassel (Ch.), 3rd; C. W. Ryman (Po.), 1st; S. R. Wilson (Ply.), 3rd.
H.M.S. *Pembroke*—Ptes. R. Smith, 1st; J. A. Croxford, 1st; W. G. Bernard, 1st; W. H. Brakes, 2nd; J. Jones, 2nd; Lce.-Corpl. J. Simmonds, 2nd; Pte. G. T. Chapple, 1st; Lce.-Sergt. H. See, 2nd.

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Football.

PORTSMOUTH.

With the Match at Ryde, the football season at this Division closed for another year.

The season can hardly be called a successful one, although since Christmas the Team has more than held its own, beating such teams as Gosport Athletic, Gosport Town, Rifle Depot (twice), and Hornets, and drawing with Ryde, and the champions of the League, the Marine Artillery.

We heartily congratulate the R.M.A. on winning the "double event," and had hoped to see them win the Portsmouth Cup; but the Portsmouth Reserves (?) proved a little too strong, though only beating them by the odd goal. They seem to have had plenty of support from ALL RANKS in Barracks, and have shown what a well supported team can do.

We have the nucleus of a good team in barracks for next year, and hope to do a good deal better in the Leagues.

White, our centre forward, has proved a tower of strength to the team, and we hope to have him for another season.

Robson has returned to his old form during the last few months, and has played up to expectations.

We hear that Rennie, his partner at full back, is about to return to barracks early. We have heard this so often that we have our doubts about the matter, but hope it is true, also that he will get out at least one anchor.

The Company League has hardly proved as successful as was anticipated, though it has been the means of bringing several good players to the front, and has thus performed one object for which it was intended. The cup has, by decision of the Committee, been awarded to "E" Company, that Company having won most of their matches and having the greatest number of points, "G" Company being a good second.

We hope to get all Company League matches played next season, and thus save the Committee awarding of the Cup.

Below are the results of the recent matches:—

R.M.L.I. *v.* GOSPORT.

This League Match, played at Gosport Park, ended in a win for the R.M.L.I. by three goals to two. We had hardly hoped to win this match, as our opponents were undoubtedly one of the strongest teams in the League, but the unexpected happened, and we annexed a brace of points, for which we were "truly thankful."

R.M.L.I. *v.* RYDE.

This postponed League Match was played at Ryde in ideal weather, and ended in a defeat for us, in our last League Match, by four goals to two, though it must be admitted we were unfortunate in having to play ten men, through one of the team missing the boat. We had hoped to have won this match, but "happy is he that expects nothing and—gets it!"

R.M.L.I. *v.* NAVAL DEPOT.

This match, for the benefit of Archer (our late goal-keeper, who is invalided from the service through injuries received whilst playing in a Portsmouth League Match, after having done yeoman service for us in the early part of the season) was played at Forton on Saturday, 26th April, and, after a pleasant game, resulted in a win for the R.M.L.I. by five goals to two (Lieut. Barnby, two; White, two; and Drury, one) scored for us.

The Naval Depot, being the team that we were playing when Archer was injured, very kindly arranged to play the above match for Archer's benefit. The amount collected realised £1 13s. 4½d., which sum would perhaps have been much larger but for the fact that the Gosport Athletic were playing a League match a few yards away, and this counter-attraction proved too strong for the civilian element to resist.

Hoping for stronger support next season, till 1st September,

G.B.N.

R.M.A. FOOTBALL, 1901–1902.

The Royal Marine Artillery have practically brought their list of fixtures to a close, after one of the most successful seasons on record.

Teams have been engaged in the following competitions: Portsmouth League, Division I.; United Service Leagues, Division I and II; and the Portsmouth Senior and Hants Junior Cups.

The first team have placed both the Senior League Competitions to their credit, the first with 31 out of 36, and the second with 22 out of 24 points, One match (Gosport Athletic, played away) was lost, and five matches, H.M.S. *Excellent* (3), Ryde (1), and R.M.L.I. (1), have been drawn.

Successes have to be recorded against Lancs. Fusiliers (4), Rifle Depot (4), Naval Depot (4), Gosport (2), H.M.S. *Vernon* (2), R.A., Hilsea (2), Portsmouth Hornets (2), H.M.S. *Excellent* (1), R.M.L.I. (1), Ryde (1), and Gosport Athletic (1).

In the Hants Junior Cup, after beating Portsmouth Beagles (7-0), Southampton Oxford (4-0), the team succumbed to the Gosport Athletic in semi-final by 1.0.

In the Portsmouth Senior Cup, Newport (4-0), Lancs. Fusiliers (4-1), and H.M.S. *Excellent* (2-1), have been beaten in succession and the final tie against the Portsmouth Reserves has yet to be played.

In the United Service League, Division II., the R.M.A. Reserves have been successful for the second year in succession.

The following is a summary of the season's work:—

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals. For.	Against.
Friendly Matches ..	5	2	0	3	7	1
Portsmouth League I...	18	14	1	3	49	7
U.S. League I. ..	12	10	0	2	38	4
Hants Junior Cup ..	3	2	1	0	11	1
Portsmouth Senior Cup	3	3	0	0	10	2
	41	31	2	8	115	15
U.S. League II. ..	12	6	3	4	19	11

NOTES ON THE TEAM!—The chief credit of this successful season must undoubtedly be given to the back division, who have played splendidly both in attack and defence; the forwards have at times shown brilliant combination, especially when the game has been against them, but when victory was assured the temptation to indulge in gallery play and individual effort was very marked. The goal shooting was poor or the goal average would have been higher.

1st Team:—Bruce (goal), McDonald and Spooner (backs), Downie, Collier, and McCracken (halves), Berry, Reed, Hall, Munro, and Spinner (forwards).

The Club has a most capable secretary in Sergeant Fraser.

CHATHAM.

COMPANY FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

	"F" Company	beat	Band and Drums		6–1.
	"E" ,,	,,	"B" Company		4–0.
	"A" ,,	,,	"F" ,,		1–0.
	"E" ,,	,,	"H" ,,		3–2.
Final.	"C" ,,	,,	"E" ,,		3–0.

The Wiles of the Badge Hunter:

THE EXPERIENCE OF A VICTIM.

BY A.N.M.

I WAS sitting in a restaurant in B——making a determined assault upon a strip of leathery substance that (according to the menu) was "roast beef." It was a malignant insult at John Bull's favourite dish that was extremely hard to swallow. Swallow has a double meaning to it in this case.

By constant and persistant hacking I had managed to clip a bit around the sides, and was resting after my exertions, when a lady entered the shop and took a seat opposite me. I handed her the menu-card, and after a moment's scrutiny, decided she was English.

She gave her order to the waitress in a voice that caused all lingering doubts as to her nationalty to vanish. She sat silent for a little, playing with her knife and fork, and then, with a preliminary cough, said, enquiringly, "Excuse me; do you belong to the South African Constabulary?"

As a rule, the ladies here are rather standoffish, and I was unprepared for this, and had returned to the attack on the roast beef. Hurriedly swallowing the unyielding mass, I answered, "No, might I ask what made you think so?"

"Well, to tell you the truth I did not think so, but I thought I would make sure."

"Indeed, why didn't you think so?" I persisted.

"Oh, you see, you do not wear so many pockets in your jacket, and you do not wear brown boots."

I hastily drew my number nine's underneath the chair. She noticed my confusion and cried, "I don't mean to say that they are not every bit as nice!"

I thrust one boot out and regarded it sadly.

"You surely do not think that there is anything symmetrical or artistic in this?"

She hesitated.

"Don't be afraid to give your candid opinion," I urged.

"Well," she replied bravely, "it is quite in accordance with the rest of the uniform—solid and durable."

"That sounds like an advertisement for furniture. Still, you are quite correct. The uniform combined makes one harmonious whole."

At this juncture her dinner arrived, and the conversation was carried on with intervals.

"Do you like South Africa?" she queried.

My heartfelt "No!" surprised her in its intensity.

"But you have not had the opportunity of judging correctly. It is not all veldt," she added.

"Isn't it?" I asked, with a queer note of unbelief in my voice.

"Ah, well," she laughed, "there is too much of it for you, I can see."

Just then she caught sight of my hat.

"You belong to the —— ?"

I answered her in the affirmative.

"That's a dear little badge you wear in your hat. Do you know [impressively] I have just longed for one of them for ages. I collect badges."

I squirmed uneasily in my chair and waited for her next words. I felt the doom that was drawing ever near with absolutely no hope of escape, It came.

"I do wish you would give me yours, just to remember you by. Do PLEASE."

Oh, the accent of entreaty on that "please."

I felt myself yielding and battled against it. I knew the consequences. The order had been read out that any man who lost, destroyed, or gave away his badge would be punished, and was I going to lay myself open to punishment by an act of my own? Never!

She saw the refusal forming on my lips and cooed beseechingly, "Now, don't be mean. A soldier is never mean, you know, and besides, I do so want it."

I gave it her. Yes, I deliberately unfastened the little piece of brass, that meant so much to me, from my hat and handed it to her, and like the successful stormer of a fortress whose flag has been handed to him, she received it with a word of commiseration to her victim. The victorious attacker would have said, "You have fought well." She said, "You are kind."

A minute later I was wending my way campwards with a grim foreboding of coming C.O.'s orders in my heart, where I would have to explain to the best of my ability how I lost my badge. Poor Adam's plea, "The woman tempted me and I fell," would scarcely do in my case.—*Household Brigade Magazine.*

Anecdotes.

Two recruits passing down High St. the other day, dropped across a "red-cap," with the badge M.F.P. on his arm. Now they knew that D.M.P. stood for Divisional Military Police, and G.M.P. for Garrison Military Police, but M.F.P. they could not understand. At last a brilliant idea struck one of them, "Why, of course, I know what it is," he said "he's one of the Mounted Foot Police."

If the copy of an official document which has come before us is genuine, says the *Outlook*, the War Office was at least guided by good intentions in the matter of the remounts contracts. The paper runs as follows:—

HINTS FOR THE GUIDANCE OF PERSONS PURCHASING HORSES UNDER CONTRACT FORM W.O.

F.U.L.—1900-01.

1. A horse is a four-legged animal without horns. Compare fig. 1 (horse) with fig. 2 (ox). Also with fig. 3 (ass) and fig. 4. (mule).

2. Horse-dealing is a very crafty profession, much followed by gypsies, Jews, cashiered cavalry officers, and stablemen. Caution is recommended in accepting the statements of vendors as to (*a*) age (*b*) wind, (*c*) temper, (*d*) value, and even (*e*) colour.

(*a*) Age. Diagrams of teeth for age are appended, and directions for opening mouths with safety, but the only assurance is to find a person who was present at the birth.

(*b*) Wind. See 5.

(*c*) Temper. Bold, warlike; even bad acceptable, remembering, however, that temperamental defects are likely to become intensified when the animals reach Africa.

(*d*) Value. Caution is here especially necessary. Never give what is demanded. Try the half, or, if you have reason to think the vendor knows you are buying for the British Government, offer one quarter. On no account mention the War Office, or the first demand will have to be conceded.

(*e*) Khaki preferred. Skewbalds and patchy circus horses admissible.

3. No animal is to be passed which suffers from defective vision in more than one eye.

4. The minimum of sound legs is two, one fore and one hind, but they must be on opposite sides.

5. Every animal must be tested for speed up to one mile per hour, carrying a bag of bran weighing 11st. representing a Yeoman; or, optionally, laden with a campaign-harmonium on one side, and a cooking-range on the other.

6. Any horses possessing special speed and stamina should be branded "Headquarters: Pretoria."

7. As the War Office will exercise no supervision over the fulfilment of this contract, it places implicit confidence in all persons concerned.

It is an old yarn but perhaps some of our readers may not have heard about the A.B. who was up before the Commander for spitting on the deck and on being asked the question "Did you expectorate?" said, "Yes, sir, I've passed for leading seaman over 3 years now and thought it was nearly time to expect-a-rate." On the Commander saying "Captain" the A.B. thought he was going to be recommended, and walked off highly pleased, with a "Thank you, Sir."

The *Week End* says that a small boy was seen by his father to go one evening mysteriously into the garden and bury a piece of paper as deeply as he could. When he had gone to bed the father dug the paper up and read the following:—"Dear Divil"—pleas come and take away Nurse Jane.—Your loving Tommy."

"What the temperance movement wants most of all is recruiting sergeants," said the Archbishop of Canterbury the other night at Queen's Hall. We know they are a bad lot, and usually stand out longest against signing the pledge, but Dr. Temple need not have put it quite so bluntly.

AT THE HORSE GUARDS.—Two loafers gazing at Guardsmen on duty.

"Look 'ere, Bill. Yer sees that there chap with the musket?"

Skeleton-key Bill—What 'im with the brass 'at?

Unshaven Sikes—That's 'im! Well, when he gets up of a mornin' he has to button his weskit with a spanner.

Scene—A country inn. Enter four civilians and a soldier. First Civilian—Landlord, a glass of whisky; I'm rather dry. Second Civilian—Landlord, a glass of whisky; I'm rather wet. Third Civilian—Landlord, a glass of whisky; I'm rather cold. Fourth Civilian—Landlord, a glass of whisky; I'm rather hot. Atkins—Landlord, a glass of whisky; I'm rather *fond of it.*

Marriage of Lieut. Harmar.

The marriage of Lieut. C. D'Oyly Harmar, R.M.L.I., only son of Colonel and Mrs. D'Oyly Harmar, of Ramridge, Andover, and Miss Amabel Earle, second daughter of the late Mr. T. Hughes Earle and Mrs. Earle, of Enham, took place at St. Mary's Parish Church, Andover, on April 10th. The officiating clergy were the Rev. F. Joy, D.D., Vicar of Andover, the Rev. Canon Braithwaite, the Rev. R. M. Heanley, Rector of Weyhill, and the Rev. J. C. Hose. As the bride entered the church, accompanied by Mr. G. Hughes Earle, of the 6th (Inniskilling) Dragoons, the hymn, "Lead us, Heavenly Father," was sung. Her train was borne by two little pages, Master D. Fowler and Master Dick Sheppard, attired in white man-of-war suits, and wearing on the lanyards little gold compasses, the gift of the bride. The bridesmaids were the Misses L. G. and D. Earle (sisters of the bride), Fairlie and Phyllis Harmar (sisters of the bridegroom), Vera Brett, Poore, and Marie Lyal Stivens. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. H. R. M. D'Oyley, R.M.L.I., as best man. After the ceremony, the wedding party assembled at Enham Place, where a large reception was held by Mrs. Earle. Later in the afternoon, Lieut. and Mrs. D'Oyly Harmar left for Paris.

Obituary.

The death is announced of Major G. White, Retired List, R.M.L.I., which occurred at Blackheath, on 5th April. Major White was promoted Quartermaster 7th September, 1863, and became Hon. Captain, on 1st July, 1881. He was promoted Hon. Major on 27th April, 1882, and retired 3rd May, 1882. He served in the Eastern Campaign of 1854-55, including the Battle of Balaclava and siege of Sebastopol (medal with two clasps, Sardinian and Turkish medal and medal for meritorious conduct). He also served on the committee for preparing and revising instruction in regard to accounts for Royal Marine Divisions, and received the "appreciation" of the Admiralty. The funeral took place on 18th April.

Lord Methuen's Engagement at Tweebosch.

(From the *London Gazette*).

From Lieut.-General Lord Methuen to the Chief of Staff.

Klerksdorp, 13th March, 1902.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that, with the object of preventing the force under General Delarey from moving northwards to the Marico District through the gap between Lichtenberg and Mafeking, I sent orders to Colonel Kekewich, C.B., at Wolmaranstad, to send a column towards Rooirantjesfontein, where he would meet a column under Major Paris, Royal Marine Artillery, from Vryburg.

I, at the same time, directed Colonel Rochfort to cross the Vaal from Orange River Colony, and to move northwards by the Bamboo Spruit, on the Harte River, and thus drive General Delarey towards the columns which were heading for Rooirantjesfontein.

2. Colonel Kekewich informed me, on 2nd March, that he was sending a column, consisting of 1,600 mounted men, lightly equipped; while Colonel Kekewich wired that the command would contain about 1,000 mounted men.

3. The column under Major Paris, which I accompanied, consisted of the following units:—

5th Battalion Imperial Yeomanry, 184 men under Captain Jennings.

Cape Police (including Special Police), 233 men under Maj. Berangé.

Cullinan's Horse, 64 men under Captain Cullinan.

British South African Police, 24 men attached to Cullinan's Horse.

4th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, 1 section under Lieut. Venning, D.S.O.

1 pompom, "GG" Section, under Captain Geoghegan, Royal Field Artillery.

These units did not belong to Major Paris's column, but were an addition, placed under his command.

Major Paris' column before the fresh units were placed under his command at Vryburg:—

86th Company Imperial Yeomanry, 110 men.

Diamond Fields Horse, 92 men.

Dennison's Scouts, 58 men under Captain Browne.

Ashburner's Light Horse, 126 men under Captain Ashburner.

38th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, 1 section under Lieut. Nesham.

1 pompom, "D" Field Artillery.

1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, 200 men under Captain Montagu.

1st Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, 100 men under Lieutenant Paul

The Infantry were attached to the columns at Vryberg,

4. My written instructions to Major Paris were that I should give him daily the direction of the march, and the time of starting for the following day; in case of any fighting, that he should look after the Mounted Brigade, and that I would stand by the guns and Infantry, and give him general instructions.

The mounted troops were the best horsed force that I have yet had under me, added to which the Cape Police, under Major Berangé, held an exceptionally high reputation, as did also the local corps. I remarked to Major Paris, on leaving Vryburg, that I could not believe in the numbers given to me. He again made enquiries, and satisfied himself that the numbers were correct.

5. I informed Colonel Kekewich, by wire, that I should reach Rooirantjesfontein on 7th March.

6. 2nd March—The column under Major Paris left Vryburg at 5 a.m.; the Supply Column, consisting of thirty-nine ox wagons, and the baggage of forty-six mule wagons; owing to heavy rains which had fallen during the night the last wagon did not reach O'Reiley's Pan, a distance of thirteen miles, till 5 p.m. I therefore at once sent a message to Colonel Kekewich to inform him that I should be one or perhaps two days late at Rooirantjesfontein, I had previously informed him that the position of the enemy had rendered it necessary for Major Paris' column to bear more to the north-west towards Polfontein (254).

7. 3rd March—Owing to the animals being exhausted by the previous day's trek, the column was only able to reach Grootpan (Bestersfarm), a distance of six miles. During the march the Police forming the advance guard under Major Berangé, killed three local rebel Boers, by name Steyn, Bester and "Janson."

8. 4th March—At Grootpan I heard that large droves of cattle and Van Zyl's (rebel) commando had moved eastwards towards Doornbult (197). That morning Major Paris' column marched to Graspan, two miles beyond Mooiplatz (244 B), a distance of thirteen miles, where there was plenty of water. As there had been no rain in these parts, it was very doubtful whether, if I trekked by Klipdrift (188), as I had told Colonel Kekewich I intended to do, I should find water at Vaalkop (183), or Rietvlei (279).

9. 5th March—I therefore moved to Boschpan (68) in the morning, which I found all but dry, and in the afternoon to Barberspan, a distance of twenty-one miles, where there was plenty of water. Here I was informed that there had been rain at Leeuwkuil (95), and that there certainly was water at Leeuwkuil (23).

10. 6th March—The column moved off at 5-0 a.m., the ox convoy having moved at 4 a.m. The whole force reached Leeuwpruit (232) about 7-30 a.m. Here I sent on a detachment of Cape Police to Leeuwkuil (95) to make certain of the existence of water.

There had been some sniping at the rearguard by about 100 of Van Zyl's commando, and, seeing some confusion, I went back myself, sending at the same time for the section of the 38th Battery.

I found the men forming the rear screen, which consisted of the 86th Company Imperial Yeomanry, very much out of hand, and lacking both fire discipline and knowledge of how to act. There seemed to be a want of instructed officers and non-commissioned officers. Van Zyl's commando being accurately shelled by the section Royal Artillery, eventually retired and moved round our right flank to Tweebosch (247), while the column halted at Leeuwspruit (232).

On receiving information that there was no water at Leeuwkuil (95), I decided to move to Tweebosch (247), where Van Zyl's commando had taken up a good position in the bed of the Klein Hart's River.

Major Berangé, with the Police, the section 4th Battery, and the pompom "GG" Section, were ordered to move straight on Tweebosch (247), while Dennison's Scouts, supported by Cullinan's Horse, were to move round the enemy's left flank.

The commando retired rapidly, the Police under Major Berangé working with the greatest quickness.

Much praise is due to Major Berangé for the way in which he handled his men.

Our casualties were one killed and two wounded.

As the day was hot, and it was then 11-30 a.m., I decided to remain at Tweebosch (247).

11. 7th March—At 3 a.m. the ox convoy moved off towards Leeuwkuil (23).

Thinking there was a likelihood of an attack in the rear, I had called Major Paris' attention to the necessity of putting thoroughly reliable troops in the rearguard.

The country through which we passed was flat and without brush.

At daybreak (about 5 a.m.) a heavy fire was opened on the rearguard. The fire was so intense that the rear screen was at once reinforced by the section of the 38th Battery, and one pompom, Diamond Fields Artillery. A portion of Ashburner's Light Horse and the detachment of the 5th Imperial Yeomanry were extended on either flank, round which the enemy seemed intent on galloping.

At this time (5.30 a.m.) the ox convoy was about a mile in front of the baggage, which was moving in four lines well closed up. I therefore ordered the ox convoy to halt, and the baggage to join it. Major Berangé was directed to move, with the police that were with him, towards a fresh body of the enemy, who now appeared on our right rear. The time was about 6 a.m.

I joined the ox convoy about this time, and found Captain Tilney, D.A.A.G., assisting Captain Montague, 1st Northumberland Fusiliers, Commanding the Infantry, to extend the men to meet the attack on our right flank.

The section 4th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, and the pompom 'GG' Section, had already taken up a position to meet this attack.

I could see no mounted men available, and could only assume that they had all gone to reinforce the rear screen, so I ordered the baggage to continue to advance, it being impossible to move the ox convoy, as

the native drivers were lying under the wagons and refused to move.

I would here like to draw attention to the orderly manner and complete control exercised by Lieut. Hartley, Transport Officer to Major Paris's column, over the mule wagons during the fight.

The Boers, attacking the rearguard, had come on with great determination right amongst the rear screen, but the support to the screen having been reinforced by Ashburner's Light Horse, Cullinan's Horse, and some of the 5th Imperial Yeomanry, held them in check till about 6.30 a.m. A heavy attack then developed on our rear and right flank, which caused, as far as I could see, all mounted troops then in rear (some of them which had originally been there had moved off towards the flanks to meet threatened attacks) to break, and they galloped in complete confusion past our left flank. The section 38th Battery was then left unprotected, but continued in action until every man, with the exception of Lieut. Nesham, was hit. I am informed that this officer was called upon to surrender, and on refusing to do so was killed.

The attack on our right flank was pressed home to within 600 yards of the gun of the 4th Battery.

I then gave orders for a kraal about one mile along the road to Leeuwkuil to be occupied, and sent orders to rally the mounted men on the rising ground beyond the kraal. The kraal was occupied by Major Paris and Major Berangé with some 40 men The mounted troops in the meantime continued their retirement. I remained with the guns, 4th Battery, and Infantry until my horse was killed, and my thigh fractured by a bullet.

They held out in a most splendid manner until about 9.30 a.m., when all the men round the guns had been shot down, and Lieutenant Venning, commanding the section, had been killed. In the meantime, the two guns and a pompom with Commandant Cellier's commando had rendered the kraal untenable, when the men at the kraal and those remaining with the baggage surrendered.

The Boer Commandants present were—Delarey, Vermass, Cellier, Kemp, Van Zyl, D. Botha, and Lemmer. It is difficult to estimate the number of Boers on the field, but I should say about 1500. General Delarey treated myself and the prisoners with the greatest kindness, and left General Cellier to look after our wounded on the ground ; they buried 11 of their own men at Kareelaagte, and, from what I can learn, their losses were heavy.

12. I beg to draw attention to the good work done by Major Paris in endeavouring to keep the mounted troops in hand, and to the promptitude with which Captain Tilney, 17th Lancers, D.A.A.G., assisted in placing the Infantry round the convoy.

I would also call attention to the gallant manner in which Lieutenants Nesham and Venning, Royal Field Artillery, stuck to their guns.

Captain Montagu, commanding detachment 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, and Lieutenant Paul, commanding detachment 1st Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, held on until further resistance was impossible. Civil Surgeon Prentice with the rearguard, and Captain Thurston, Royal Army Medical Corps, with the guns, continued bandaging the wounded throughout the engagement.

Colonel Townsend, C.B., my Principal Medical Officer, remained in the fighting line until he had received three wounds ; he has from the commencement of the campaign always acted most gallantly.

Captain Fernyhough did good work with the rearguard during the action. He has been of very great value to me ever since he has served under me.

A large number of the Boers were dressed in khaki, many of them wearing the chevrons of non-commissioned officers. This, in several instances, led to misapprehension by our troops, and to losses by death, wounds, and capture among us. Owing to having been wounded and taken prisoner, I am unable to give any list of casualties. This report is, for the same reason, based solely on what came under my own observation, and what I have been able to gather from the few officers with whom I have had the opportunity of speaking on the subject.

It may be that I have omitted to bring to notice some who distinguished themselves during the action, and that Major Paris can supply this deficiency.

I have the honour, &c.,

METHUEN, Lieut.-General.

Royal Marines Memorial.

22, Spring Gardens, S.W.,
29th April, 1902.

Subscriptions received during the month of April :—

	£	s.	d.
Lieut.-General A. French, C.B. ..	5	5	0
Captain A. H. French, R.M.L.I. ..	1	0	0
Major A. E Syms	0	10	6
Mr. Uriah Pike	0	1	6
	£6	17	0

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

Answers to Correspondents.

SERGT. B. KING (*Ocean*)—Your subscription expires with the Feb., 1903, number.

ASTRŒA—No.

V.E.B —According to Article 1015, King's Regulations and Orders for the Army, "No civilians are to be allowed to purchase articles in any of the establishments (*i e* , canteen, grocery shop, and coffee room), at any time, or during the hours prohibited by the existing Licensing Acts to enter the canteen."

Births.

STEVENS—On the 1st inst., at Longueville Manor, Jersey, the wife of Lieut.-Colonel George Borlase Stevens, 4th Madras Pioneers (late Royal Marines), of a daughter. (Indian papers, please copy).

NURSE—At Gosport, on April 28th, the wife of Colour-Sergt. G. A. Nurse, of a daughter.

THOMPSON—On the 6th April, at Belney Farm, Southwick, Hants, the wife of Lance-Sergt. W. Thompson of a daughter.

BOULTON—At "The Square," Bishops Castle, Salop, on 4th April, 1902, the wife of Sergt. G. Boulton, R.M.A., of a daughter.

Marriages.

KEYES—WEYMOUTH—On the 3rd April, at St. Lucia, West Indies, by the Rev. Canon Branch, Captain Charles William Patton Keyes, A.S.C. (late R.M.L.I.), eldest son of the late Colonel Thomas J. H. Keyes, Madras Army, to Mabel Louise, only daughter of the late Captain W. Meikle Weymouth, Royal Navy, and Mrs. Weymouth, 7, Oxford Parade, Cheltenham.

PROTHERO—HAMLEY—On the 9th April, at Holy Trinity, Chelsea, by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Ripon, assisted by the Rev. Cecil Money-Kyrle, Vicar of Much Marcle, Rowland Edmund, third son of the late Rev. Canon Prothero, to Barbara, daughter of the late Lieut.-Colonel Hamley, R.M.L.I., and of Mrs. Hamley, of 17, Chester Terrace, S.W.

RAITT—TOYNBEE—On the 16th April, at Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, by the Rev. Canon W. Page Roberts, assisted by the Vicar, the Rev. Prebendary Ridgway, Francis Jolliffe Raitt, Major, late Royal Marine Light Infantry, to Alice, widow of the late Percy H. T. Toynbee, Esq.

HARDING—RYVES—On the 16th April, at St. Jude's Church, Southsea, by the Rev. C. D. Hill, R.N., assisted by the Rev. Canon Blake, Vicar of the Parish, Nina Maud, younger daughter of the late Major Charles Maxwell Ryves, 2nd Bombay Grenadiers, and of Mrs. Ryves, of Palmyra, Southsea, to Captain Edward West Harding, of the Royal Marine Artillery.

BULBECK—NORTHEAST—At St. Phillips, Arundel, 31st March, 1902, Gunner A. Bulbeck, R.M.A., to Miss M. J. Northeast.

PRAGNELL—WAYMAN—At Parish Church, Hedge End, Southampton, on 21st March, 1902, Gunner C. Pragnell, R.M.A., to Miss E. Wayman.

CLARKE—WEBB—At St. Jude's, Portsea, 26th March, Corpl. W. T. Clarke, R.M.A., to Miss B. R. Webb.

UNDERHAY—BOWLES—At James', Portsea, 21st April, 1902, Gunner A. Underhay, R.M.A., to Miss E. J. Bowles.

EDWARDS—TRIGGS—At St. Jude's Southampton, 9th April, 1902, Gunner H. H. Edwards, R.M.A., to Miss E. M. Triggs.

O'LEARY—MCCALLEN—At Our Lady and St. Swithin, Portsea, 21st April, 1902, Gunner P. O'Leary, R.M.A., to Miss M. McCallen.

BROOKS—NORRIS—At the Registry Office, Eastney, on the 17th April, 1902, Private R. T. Brooks, to Miss N. E. Norris.

STEVENS—SMITH—At the Parish Church, Alverstoke, on 29th March, 1902, Pte. F. W. H. Stevens, to Miss Clara Jane Smith.

STREET—PENTON—At Parish Church, St. Maurice, Winchester, on 29th March, 1902, Private L. Street to Miss Ethel Louise Penton.

WILLY—DEWDNEY—At Parish Church, Portsea, on 31st March, 1902, Corpl. W. H. Willy to Miss Jessie Emmeline Dewdney.

DEAN—STEVENS—At Registry Office, Portsmouth, on 10th April, 1902, Private F. Dean to Miss Rosina Eliza Stevens.

MAIDMENT—ANTILL—At Parish Church, Christchurch, on 25th March, 1902, Col.-Sergt. C. Maidment to Miss Maud Sophia Grace Antill.

LLOYD—FRANCIS—At Parish Church, Alverstoke, on 14th April, 1902, Lce.-Sergt. G. Lloyd to Miss Ellen Kate Francis.

BURT—TILLER—At Parish Church, Parbfield, Sussex, on 31st March, 1902, Corpl. E. Burt to Miss Alice Sarah Tiller.

HEARD—UNIACKE—At Holy Trinity Church, Gosport, on 14th April, 1902, Musician J. L. Heard to Miss Eva Uniacke.

BROOKS—NORRIS—Pte. E. Brooks to Miss E. Norris.

BUNTING—CARR—Corpl. W. Bunting to Miss E. Carr.

Deaths.

GASCOIGNE—On the 13th April, at 26, Sussex Square, Brighton, Ann, widow of General John Hawkins Gascoigne, C.B., R.M.L.I., and daughter of the late Thomas Dobson, of Upper Clapton, aged 85 years.

HAMLEY—On the 15th April, suddenly, at 17, Chester Terrace, S.W., Georgina Charlotte, widow of the late Lieut.-Colonel Charles Ogilvy Hamley, late R.M.L.I., and beloved mother of Mrs. Roland Prothero, in her 86th year.

MASTIN—On the 25th March, 1902, in London, Col.-Sergt. A. A. Mastin, R.M.A., aged 36 years.

HART—On the 12th April, at the Depot Infirmary, Private H. Hart.

In Memoriam.

BUXTON—In Loving Memory of my Husband, William Buxton, late Sergeant, R.M.A., who died 9th April, 1899. Never forgotten.

The Editor begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions, etc., with many thanks:—

	£	s.	d.
Rinaldo ..	0	10	6
Galatea ..	0	8	6
Officers' Mess, Forton	1	4	6
Severn ..	0	7	3
Pioneer ..	0	4	0
Fox ..	0	6	0
Col. Triscott ..	0	1	6
Cæsar ..	0	5	9
Gibraltar ..	0	9	0
Caledonia ..	0	8	3
Forton Barracks ..	1	0	11
Miss Penfold ..	0	1	6
Mr. T. Logan ..	0	1	6
Miss Chaff ..	0	1	6
Minotaur ..	0	6	10
Mars ..	0	15	0
Trafalgar ..	0	6	0
Magnificent ..	0	7	0
Officers' Mess, Chatham	2	14	0
Bellona ..	0	1	9
Sergt. T. Yorke ..	0	1	6
Eastney Barracks	2	14	0
Royal Oak ..	1	7	0
R.M. Depôt ..	2	17	7
Andromeda ..	0	6	10½
Sergt. Chasney ..	0	1	6
Juno ..	0	7	11
Furious ..	0	4	1
Mr. Clements ..	0	1	6
Mr. H. P. Williams	0	1	6
Mrs. Alleyne ..	0	1	6
Naiad ..	0	10	0
Cossack ..	0	13	9
Sergt. G. Peacock	0	1	6
Mrs. L. Scanes ..	0	1	6
Mr. R. Parkman ..	0	0	9
Sergt.-Maj. Mearles	0	16	4
Hibernia ..	1	0	9
Pte. J. B. Bloom ..	0	1	6
Sergt. W. Bridgeman	0	1	6
Charybdis ..	0	6	7
Pte. C. Atkinson ..	0	1	6
Mrs. Buxton ..	0	1	0
Drum-Major Keen	0	3	4
Recreation Room, Forton ..	0	2	6
Wei-Hai-Wei ..	1	6	0
Pembroke ..	1	5	0
Cr.-Sergt. J. Hardy	0	1	6
Sergt. B. King ..	0	1	6
Hood ..	0	12	3
Resolution ..	0	9	0
Mr. E. Kelly ..	0	2	4
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Editorial.

DURING the past month a great event has taken place which is worthy of being handed down to posterity in the annals of the Corps. As we all know, one of the last acts of our dearly beloved and Most Gracious Majesty the late Queen Victoria, marked her appreciation of the services of the Corps by appointing H.R.H. the Duke of York, as he then was, Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Marines.

On May 16th last H.R.H., now "The Prince of Wales," honored the Officers of the Corps, Past and Present, by dining with them to commemorate his appointment. A full account of the dinner is given on page 63 of this number of our journal, it only remains for us to remark here that truly this is an event to be recorded and remembered; for amongst all the honors given, and appreciation of the Royal Marines shown by former Monarchs of the Realm, not only never before have we had a Colonel-in-Chief, but never has the Corps been so intimately connected with the Throne.

There never has been occasion, even to doubt the Loyalty of the Corps to the Throne or to its duty to the Country. May this fact, that we now have the Heir to the Throne as our Colonel-in-Chief at the beginning of the Twentieth Century, be an omen that the dawn of the next Century may find "The Corps" still flourishing, keeping up its old traditions, and if possible, still more useful to Monarch and Empire.

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Colonel W. Campbell, R.M.A., was on duty as Aide-de-Camp to the King, at the Court held by their Majesties at Buckingham Palace on the 2nd of May.

Permission has been granted to Lieut.-Colonel J. R. Johnstone, C.B., R.M.L.I., to accept and wear the decoration of the Royal Crown Order, 2nd Class, with Swords, which H.I.M. the German Emperor has been pleased to confer on him in recognition of his services in connection with the recent operations in China. We congratulate Colonel Johnstone on receiving this well-earned decoration, which we are given to understand is of the same rank as K.C.B. in England. The decoration itself is a very handsome enamelled cross, with crossed gold swords between the arms of the cross, suspended by a light blue watered silk ribbon, which is hung round the neck in levée dress.

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Quartermaster and Hon. Major G. W. Davies, General Staff R.M., retired on the 7th May under the provisions of the Order in Council, dated 29th November, 1881. In the special circumstances of this case their Lordships, in the exercise of their discretion, are pleased to approve of the grant of a step of Honorary rank to Major Davies on his retirement in recognition of the zeal and efficiency displayed by this officer throughout his service.

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Superintending Clerk J. F. Dimmer, R.M.L.I. (serving at the Depot, Deal), has been promoted to Quartermaster and appointed to the Royal Marine Office.

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The Greenwich Hospital Pension of £50 a year for Quartermasters R.M., vacant by the death of Quartermaster and Hon. Major G. White, Retired List, R.M.L.I., on the 5th April, 1902, has been awarded to Quartermaster and Hon. Major R. Halling, Retired List, R.M.L.I.

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Major E. S. D. Crowther, R.M.L.I., has been placed on half-pay for 12 months, from 13th March, 1902, at the expiration of which period he is to be resurveyed on board the flag ship on the Australian station.

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As only one Officer R.M. (Artillery or L.I.), can be spared for the course of instruction commencing at the Ordnance College in January next, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of all officers, who are candidates, competing for this vacancy at the examination which takes place in August next.

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The following extract from an Order in Council, dated 24th March, 1902, has been published for information, to come into force from 1st April, 1902:—"The appointment of a Commander R.N. as Superintendent of Gymnasia, and of one Lieutenant of the Royal Navy and two Lieutenants of Royal Marines as Inspectors of Gymnasia, with two shillings and sixpence a day each as a special allowance in addition to the pay of their rank." The Lieutenants R.M. will be employed in the Channel and Mediterranean Squadrons and form complement of one of the ships, the gymnastic duties not occupying their whole time.

Captain J. H. D. Shaw, R.M.A., has exchanged from H.M.S. *Goliath* to H.M.S. *Tamar*, and Lieut. A. C. Butt, R.M.L.I., from *Tamar* to *Goliath*.

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Lieut. P. W. von B. Malcolm, R.M.L.I., qualified as an interpreter in the German language at the recent examination in foreign languages.

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The advancement of Major H. S. N. White to the list of Senior Majors is ante-dated to 17th March 1902, *vice* Crowther.

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Major A. E. Marchant, C.B., is advanced to Senior Major's list and appointed to the Plymouth Division, *vice* Oldfield, dated 23rd April, 1902.

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Staff Clerk C. W. Braybrooke, R.M.L.I., has been promoted to Warrant Officer on appointment as Superintending Clerk at the Depot R.M., *vice* Dimmer. Sergt. F. E. Benham, R.M.L.I. (Po.), has been promoted to Staff Clerk at the R.A.O., *vice* Braybrooke, dated 17th May.

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Major F. G. Kappey, R.M.A., and Majors H. G. Cotterill, Byne and Mercer have passed the tactical test required for promotion to the rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

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Captain R. H. J. Meister, R.M.L.I., has been nominated for temporary employment in the Naval Intelligence Department. He will be relieved in H.M.S. *Victorious* by Capt. N. O. Burge, R.M.L.I.

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Sergt. G. H. Littleton, R.M.A., has been promoted to the rank of Staff Clerk at the R.M.O., *vice* Ingham, dated 16th May.

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A party of two N.C.O.'s and forty-three men from the R.M.A. and each division of the R.M.L.I. (180 men all told) has been detailed for duty at the Alexandra Palace to act as waiters and keep the dining rooms clean during the stay of the Colonial Troops coming for His Majesty's Coronation. The officers for duty with this party are Captains F. M. B. Hobbs and E. H. Bockett-Pugh, R.M.L.I., and Captain C. T. Fisher, R.M.A.

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The New Infantry Drill Book, called Infantry Training, has been published and promulgated by Army Orders for May.

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Captain A. G. S. Heycock, R.M.L.I., has been selected for duty at Bisley during the forthcoming Meeting of the National Rifle Association.

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It has been notified that the Medal for operations in China from 18th June to 31st December, 1900, will shortly be ready for issue.

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The R.M.A. are repeating their wonderful performance with the 5-in. B.L. gun at the Royal Military Tournament. We hope to be able to publish full details next month, and also to congratulate the Corps on winning many of the competitions, and also on retaining the challenge cups now in our possession.

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Major H. J. C. Gibsone (late R.M.L.I.), Reserve of Officers, has relinquished his appointment in the Royal Garrison Regiment.

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Captain J. B. Finlaison, R.M.L.I., has been selected for appointment as an officer in charge of danger buildings at Waltham Abbey, having passed the advanced class at the Ordnance College.

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The Lord Mayor acknowledges the receipt of £50, contributed by Officers, past and present, of the R.M. Artillery, to the Queen Victoria Memorial Fund.

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Casualty Report, 4th May:—Officer Commanding Squadron reports that John Robinson, Cape Colonial Force (died, Molteno, April 23), deserted from Royal Marine Light Infantry, H.M.S. Barracouta, on or about February 4th, 1901.

At the Levée held by His Majesty the King, at St. James's Palace, on the 12th of May, Colonel T. Dunscomb Bridge, R.M.L.I., was on duty as an Aide-de-Camp in waiting. The presentations by the First Lord included Lieut.-General C. S. F. Fagan; Major-Generals A. B. Crosbie and H. St. George Schomberg, C.B., on promotion; Colonel 2nd Commandant T. J. P. Evans, R.M.L.I., and Brevet-Colonel John B. Leefe, R.M.A., on promotion and return from active service; Majors C. E. Curtoys, H. G. Cotterill and C. N. Trotman, R.M.L.I., on attaining Field rank; and Captains F. M. B. Hobbs, J. A. Tupman and A. W. Wylde, R.M.L.I., on return from active service. Major P. E. F. Hobbs, C.M.G., Army Service Corps, was presented on return from active service by the Adjutant-General.

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Royal Naval School, Eltham.—The following notification was issued yesterday at the Admiralty: Under a bequest contained in the will of Miss Jane Rotely, of Swansea, six scholarships of the value of £20 a year each have been established at the Royal Naval School, Eltham. The sons of officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines not below ward room rank are elegible for these scholarships on the nomination of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. Full particulars can be obtained on application to the Secretary of the Admiralty. Miss Rotely was a daughter of the late Lieut. Lewis Rotely, R.M., who received a severe contusion at the battle of Trafalgar, when serving on board H.M.S. "Victory."

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On the occasion of his leaving H.M.S. Collingwood at Devonport, Sergeant G. Beagley, R.M.A., was the recipient of a case of pipes and a silver match box engraved with his initials, which were presented to him by the detachment Royal Marines of that ship.

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R.M.A. Cadet Corps.

On Tuesday, the 20th May, an interesting spectacle was witnessed on the parade of the Portsmouth Division, when the Cadet Corps, R.M.A., marched in from Eastney, headed by their fife and drum band. They were all dressed in khaki, and very smart they looked. The Corps consists of a battery of two 7-pounders, which the juvenile gun's crew had dragged in from Eastney without turning a hair. Then there was a Company of trained soldiers, armed with miniature rifles, and lastly a squad of recruits. These latter were very small boys, but small though they were, they apparently made very light work of marching all the way from Eastney. Only one youngster, I was told, found it difficult to keep up, and he was promptly given a seat on one of the limbers, and thus helped on his way. After forming up on parade and being inspected by the Acting-Adjutant, the young soldiers were put through their drills, which they performed in a most creditable manner. Then came the turn for the seven-pounder crews. It was quite wonderful how rapidly the youthful crews brought their guns into action, fired, shifted wheel, etc., and the applause which they gained from the men lining the barrack-square was thoroughly well deserved. Having finished the drills, they marched off to tea in the theatre, for which they must have been quite ready. After tea the youngers strolled about the barracks, and it was amusing to see the friendly way in which they hobnobbed with their bigger brethren in arms. Before marching back to Eastney the boys, by special request went through their drills once more for the benefit of some of our officers, who had not been there when they first arrived. Every one was again immensely pleased with what they did. Then they formed up and marched off in column of route, and we hope when they arrived at Eastney they were none the worse for their outing. The way in which the Cadet Corps was turned out reflected the greatest credit on those who are responsible for the formation and drilling, and I should be very glad to see an effort made to start a similar corps from the Light Infantry branch of the Royal Marines. In conclusion, I should like to say that I hope we may see this smart Cadet Corps at the Forton Barracks again before the summer leaves us.

Dinner to H.R.H. The Prince of Wales,

COLONEL-IN-CHIEF, THE ROYAL MARINES.

THE dinner given by the Officers of the Corps, past and present, to our Colonel-in-Chief, to commemorate his appointment, took place on May 16th, at the Whitehall Rooms, Hotel Métropole, London. A large muster of Officers were present to do honor to so memorable occasion, as many almost as the room would conveniently hold, viz., 47 retired Officers and 110 of those still serving. It was hoped up to the last that General Sir George Schomberg, K.C.B., late R.M.A., the senior General on the retired list of the Corps, and one of the senior Officers now living who held a commission from Her Most Gracious Majesty, our late beloved Queen, would have taken the chair, but the inclement weather with which we have been afflicted this spring prevented him from udertaking the long journey from Devonshire. The weather was answerable also for the non-attendance of several other Officers who had intended to be present, notably General Sir J. W. C. Williams, K.C.B., and Lieut.-General G. W. Forbes, while the Deputy Adjutant General, Lieut.-General J. I. Morris, was also prevented from dining by illness. Many other old Officers of the Corps wrote before-hand regretting that they were prevented, from various causes, from personally joining in showing their loyalty to the first Colonel-in-Chief of the Corps.

The chair was taken by General Geoffrey Mairis, R.M.L.I., who had His Royal Highness on his right hand and Lord Selborne, First Lord of the Admiralty, on his left. The senior General Officers of the Corps present, General G. H. T. Colwell, C.B., R.M.L.I, and Lieut.-General A. French, C.B., R.M.A., were on the right of His Royal Highness and the left of the First Lord, respectively.

Departing from the custom which obtains at the annual Corps dinner, the following guests, who had been invited to have the honor of meeting His Royal Highness, were present:—The First Lord of the Admiralty, Admiral Lord Walter T. Kerr, K.C.B., and Vice-Admiral A. L. Douglas, First and Second Naval Lords, and Commander Sir Charles Cust, K.C.M.G., C.V.O., Equerry to His Royal Highness. H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and the Commander-in-Chief, Earl Roberts, V.C., were unfortunately unable to accept invitations.

His Royal Highness arrived at 7.25 p.m., attended by Major J. H. Bor, C.M.G., R.M.A., Extra Equerry, being received in the entrance hall by a reception committee, consisting of:—Generals Mairis, Sir H. B. Tuson, K.C.B., F. G. Le Grand, G. H. T. Colwell, C.B., Lieut.-General A. French, C.B., and Major-General W. P. Wright, and conducted to an ante-room where the Officers were assembled. His Royal Highness conversed with several of those present, and after a short pause an adjournment was made to the dining room.

On the completion of the dinner, the first toast, that of "The King," was proposed by General Mairis, who said:—

"Your Royal Highness, My Lords and Gentlemen—In proposing the health of His Majesty the King, a toast that is ever responded to with love and affection throughout his vast dominions, I am sure I am expressing the feelings of every one at this table when I say how devoutly we hope that the Coronation festivities of next month may be a complete success, in fact, a true national rejoicing throughout the length and breadth of the British Empire. Shakespeare said, *'Not all the waters of the rough, rude sea can wash the balm from an anointed King'*; may it ever be so, and may His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward the Seventh long, long be spared to rule over a happy, contented, and loyal people."

The toast having been duly honored, the chairman again rose, being greeted with loud applause, to propose the toast of the evening, which he did in the following terms:—

"Your Royal Highness, My Lords and Gentlemen—In rising to propose the toast of the evening, that of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, our honored Colonel-in-Chief, I should wish to remark that I am sorry I am not clothed with the mantle of oratory, few soldiers I believe are, but I feel your Royal Highness will extend to me that sympathy and kindness of heart, special characteristics of your Royal House, and accept a few words I try to say, as kindly and loyally as they are meant. Your Royal Highness, when you were appointed 'Colonel-in-Chief' of the Royal Marines last January twelve-month, we were highly elated and deeply grateful for the very distinguished honor conferred upon us, not only at having the 'Heir Apparent of the Throne of England' our Chief, but I may say further, feeling in this most gracious and almost last act of Her late, dearly loved, deeply mourned, Most Gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria of blessed memory, feeling, I say, that she had appreciated and esteemed the past as well as present unwavering loyalty and devotion of this brave, old English Corps to her person, her throne, and her country.

They say history repeats itself, and certainly it is a coincidence that in 1664 the Corps was known and titled 'The Duke of York and Albany's Maritime Regiment of Foot,' from 1687 to 1700 it was designated 'Prince George of Denmark's Maritime Regiment of Foot,' later, in 1802, it was made a 'Royal' Corps by King George the Third, and after more recent Royal favours, His late much lamented Royal Highness the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha was appointed Honorary Colonel in 1882, whose ever genial kindness we shall never forget, and now, in the 20th century, the welcome appointment of your Royal Highness restores some of these ancient titles and associations to the Corps, over whose destinies we sincerely trust you may preside for many years to come.

Sir, I should wish to be allowed to take this opportunity of humbly offering you on behalf of the Corps our hearty and loyal congratulations on the honor His Most Gracious Majesty the King has recently conferred upon you, in creating you 'Prince of Wales,' and before proposing your health would wish to ask you to allow me to couple with it that of your most exalted and amiable consort, the Princess of Wales, who shared your joys and your troubles (not the least trouble, that of parting from your family and children) and supported you so bravely and devotedly through that historic and world-wide tour you have so recently completed, and we sincerely trust that tour will tend to consolidate our Empire, cementing the Union of the Commonwealth and colonies to the mother country, thereby conducing to the mutual advancement, happiness, and prosperity of all.

I wish further to thank your Royal Highness on behalf of my brother Officers for so graciously meeting us this evening, and to express the hope that you may find it convenient to honor us by presiding at some of our annual gatherings in the near future."

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, all standing, the band playing "God bless the Prince of Wales." Three cheers were given for His Royal Highness, three for the Princess, and one for Prince Edward, at which His Royal Highness looked especially pleased.

The Prince promptly rose to respond, after a few words in acknowledgment of the toast, beginning with the hope that now he might be allowed to address the company as Brother Officers of the Royal Marines. He alluded to the attachment and solicitude for the well-being of the Corps that Her Majesty the late Queen Victoria had always expressed, sentiments which he himself felt, and would always endeavour to give practical effect to, by watching over the interest of the Corps in the future. He felt the great honor that had fallen to him in being the first Colonel-in-Chief of the Corps and the first Prince of Wales to be a Colonel of Royal Marines. During his 25 years' service he had learnt by personal experience over and over again the great value of the Corps to the Royal Navy. "Whenever hard work was to be done Marines were found doing it, and doing it well." As an example, he alluded to the recent services of the Corps in South Africa, mentioning particularly the heavy losses at Graspan,

and in referring to China, after mentioning the good work done there, he said, "No one throughout the Empire will forget how the old flag was kept flying by that gallant little band of Marines at Pekin during the anxious and weary weeks of the siege of the Legations. Every honor is due to those brave men, and I am glad to know that Major Halliday, who gained the Victoria Cross on that occasion, is present with us this evening." With reference to his recent colonial tour to which General Mairis had alluded, he remarked how smartly, and in what 'good form,' the Corps had always turned out at all the public functions in the colonies, and he took that occasion of expressing his thanks to the Officers of the Chatham Division for the services of their Band, "who under Lieut. J. Wright, in spite of possibly not possessing the sea-legs of their comrades, always did their duty in rough weather or tropical heat, and even in the bath of Neptune when crossing the Line." General Mairis had kindly expressed a hope that in the future he would preside at the annual dinner when past and present Officers of our Corps met to renew old comradeship, and he could only say that he looked forward with very great pleasure to being able to do so. In conclusion he said that throughout his service he had been so intimately associated with the Corps, and had conceived such an admiration for, and taken such a deep interest in, both branches, that he was, as yet, unable to decide whether his uniform should be "blue" or "red."

A Court having been fixed for that evening His Royal Highness was unfortunately compelled to leave early, but nevertheless asked that Major Halliday might be introduced to him, and before leaving the hotel requested General Mairis to convey his hearty thanks to the Officers for his reception, saying he had enjoyed himself very much.

The Band of the Chatham Division, under 2nd Lieut. J. Wright, by kind permission of Col.-Commandant R. P. Coffin and the Officers of the Chatham Division, played during the evening.

The following Officers were present at the dinner :—

General G. H. T. Colwell, C.B.
General S. J. Graham, C.B.
General F. G. Le Grand
General G. Mairis
Gen. Sir H. B. Tuson, K.C.B.

Lieut.-Genl. A. French, C.B.
Lieut.-Genl. C. S. F. Fagan
Lieut.-Gen. C. H. Scafe

Maj.-Genl. G. F. Blake
Maj.-Genl. E. W. G. Byam
Major-General A. B. Crosbie
Major-Genl. R. B. Kirchhoffer
Maj.-General J. M. Moody
Maj.-General H. W. Mawbey
Major-Gen. G. H. Pengelley
Maj.-Gen. Sir J. Philips, K.C.B.
Major-Gen. F. H. Poore
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Lieut.-Col. E. H. B. Lysons
Lieut.-Col. A. S. Le Quesne
Lieut.-Col. H. C. Money
Lieut.-Col. W. T. Miller
Lieut.-Col. W. E. Nicholls
Lieut.-Col. J. L. Needham
Lieut.-Col. G. T. Onslow
Lieut.-Col. J. R. H. Oldfield
Lieut.-Col. E. E. Pyne
Lieut.-Col. G. B. Stevens, Indian Staff Corps
Lieut.-Col. E. A. Wylde
Major & Bt.-Lieut.-Col. C. V. F. Townshend, C.B., D.S.O., The Royal Fusiliers

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Major D. L. Barrett
Major V. Brown
Major J. Bernard

Major R. M. Byne
Major E. P. Brittan
Major H. G. Cotterill
Major E. E. Chown
Major L. Connolly
Major A. M. Connolly
Major G. A. Cox
Major C. E. E. Curtoys
Major A. H. Cox
Major E. Y. Daniel
Major H. D. Drake
Major R. W. Heathcote
Major H. Y. Hext
Major A. Hayes
Major F. G. Kappey
Major W. J. Langford
Major F. W. Luard
Major C. G. Matson
Major A. E. Marchant, C.B.
Major J. Murphy
Major D. Mercer
Major R. A. Marriott, D.S.O.
Major L. T. Pease
Major W. M. Prichett
Major N. Page
Major E. C. B. Roe
Major F. Raitt
Major T. R. Swinburne
Major H. Slessor
Major C. N. Trotman
Major W. F. Trotter
Major H. G, Vincent
Major F. White, D.S O.
Major F. G. Wilkinson
Capt. & Brevet-Major L. S. T. Halliday, V.C.

Captain St. G. B. Armstrong
Captain H. G. B. Armstrong
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Captain W. Dixon
Captain E. G. Evelegh
Captain J. B. Finlaison
Captain C. A. W. Francis
Captain A. P. Grattan
Captain T. H. Griffiths
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Captain J. Nicolls-Harrison
Captain F. J. W. Harvey
Captain M. P. A. Hankey
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Captain J. L. Homer
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Captain J. H. Lambert
Captain C. L. Mayhew
Captain W. F. McIlwaine
Captain E. S. Mairis
Captain H. E. Morres
Captain H. F. MacKay
Captain S. R. McCarthy
Captain J. B. Pym
Captain W. Powell
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Captain F. H. V. Pym
Captain G. V. Robinson
Captain J. M. Rose
Captain E. J. Stroud
Captain F. J. Saunders, D.S.O.
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Lieut. H. R. N. D'Oyly
Lieut. H. A. H. Jones
Lieut. H. G. Montgomery
Lieut. G. L. Raikes
Lieut. S. G. Rodway
Lieut. H. H. F. Stockley
Lieut. C. W. Slaney
Lieut. R. J. Waldron
Lieut. E. Wright

2nd Lieut. J. B. Chancellor
2nd-Lieut. G. T. Miller, M.V.O.

Sir John Colomb, K.C.M.G., M.P.
Mr. W. Greet
Mr. J. C. Adams

Royal Marines Rifle Association.

The Annual Meeting will take place at Ash Ranges, Aldershot, on Monday, 30th June, and three following days. The six shoots in the XX. Competition for the selection of the VIII. will be fired on the first two days of the meeting - three on each day. The "Revolver Cup," "Officers' Cup," and "Collard Cup," will be competed for on the 2nd July, and the first competition for "The Prince of Wales' Cup" will take place in the forenoon of the 3rd July.

The Committee note with pleasure that in several instances a gratifying response has been made to their appeal for financial support from the Detachments serving afloat, and trust that this may be the beginning of an increased contribution to the funds of the Association, thus enabling them to institute additional prizes for competition. The Honorary Secretary is sending a programme for the current year to all subscribers of 1/- and upwards, and will feel obliged if those who do not receive a copy will communicate with him, when he will endeavour to rectify the omission.

By Order of the Committee,
W. J. Langford, Major (r).
Hon. Secretary.

Mr. Isaac Peppin,

LATE COL.-SERGEANT,

R.M.L.I.

THE accompanying photograph of himself in marching order, is sent by Mr. Isaac Peppin, formerly Colour-Sergeant, R.M.L.I., a very familiar figure in the West country garrison, and known to the readers of the *Globe & Laurel* on account of two pedestrian feats performed by him and fully described in the July, 1897, and May, 1898, numbers of the paper. Once again Mr. Peppin endeavours to test his powers of endurance by a long walk, and on this occasion he hopes to combine in one walk what he did on the two former occasions. The main object is to be in London on the occasion of the Coronation. He leaves Plymouth on June 2nd and proceeds to the headquarters of the 2nd Army Corps, thence to Gosport and Eastney, after which he will go to London. When the Coronation fetes are over, he will visit Chatham and Walmer. Whether or not he will return to Plymouth on foot he has not decided. We are sure that this old soldier, who has reached the years allotted to man, will receive a hearty welcome from all members of his old corps, from which he was discharged nearly 27 years ago, and it is to be hoped an account of his journey will be supplied by him for a future number of our paper.



Notes.

We have received from Mr. A. H. Bullen a copy of Major W. P. Drury's last book "The Passing of the Flagship." It consists of a collection of stories in Major Drury's best style, which is so well known to our readers. The evergreen Pagett, late Private of the Royal Marines, is in his best vein of yarn spinning, and we always live in hopes of visiting that hostelry on Dartmoor. To our mind, the pick of the stories is the "Treaty with France," and that, together with the "Passing of the Flagship," stands with the very highest work that Major Drury has ever done. It is a volume we can confidently recommend to all our libraries and recreation rooms as we are sure it will give pleasure to every one.

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In his book, "Savage Island," Mr. Basil Thomson, the Governor of Dartmoor prison, relates a story of a Marine postman that will interest many of our readers. Thanks are due to the "Daily Mail" for calling our attention to this yarn.

"The King of the Tongans once told Mr. Thompson that it was because the English joke with the Tongans that they were such good friends, and he told him this lovely story in illustration. A French flagship arrived in one of the island's ports at the moment when H.M.S. *Curaçoa* was there, and the natives wondered which of the two ships would be the first to acknowledge itself to be the inferior of the other. The English captain went first to the French ship, and so the natives said, "See, the Englishman admits his inferiority." But they did not speak thus on the next day. Eighty French soldiers landed and also one English marine, who used to carry the letters to the post office. The French soldiers marched proudly in lines of four, and the natives thought the English marine would be abashed when he met them. What was their surprise to see the marine actually waiting for the French soldiers, and when they came up to him "he put himself at their head and marched so bravely in his red coat that the Tongans cried out, 'Lo, a king is approaching us with his bodyguard!'

The face of the French officer was not good to look upon, for when he called upon his men to stamp the ground and let the marine go on, he also stamped the ground, and when they pressed forward to pass him, he quickened his steps and kept with them as if he was indeed their leader. Nor was it better when they passed the guard-room and saw even the Tongan sentry dissolved in laughter, for the marine behaved as if he was too exalted to know his friends, save for a secret sign he made to them with one eyelid So they went on together to the boat. The rumour of this thing was carried throughout Tonga, and the people thought more of this marine than of the French admiral and all his men."

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A South African correspondent has sent us the subjoined recruiting placard which evidently shows that Major Paris, R.M.A., is all well and busily engaged in raising a new force:—

"Western Light Horse. To be raised under the command of Major A. Paris, R.M.A., with headquarters at Vryburg. Establishment, 1,000 all ranks. Recruits wanted for the above at once. Engagement, six months. Pay, Troopers 5s. per diem; other ranks as usual. Rations, clothing, etc., free. Men offering for enlistment must be of good character and able to ride and shoot well. Recruits may be enrolled in any part of Cape Colony or Rhodesia. Desirable applicants producing a medical certificate of fitness will be given a free railway pass to Vryburg on application to nearest recruiting officer or commandant."

Home Notes

EASTNEY.

TWO performances of "Our Fleet," by a talented amateur company, were given in the Eastney Theatre, early last month on behalf of R.M.A. and Portsmouth Charities. The caste included Captain C. T. Fisher aud Lieuts. Hungerford and Prynne.

The Annual R.M.A. Officers' Dinner will probably take place this year at Eastney on the Wednesday following Coronation week as there are likely to be more "old boys" in the neighbourhood of their former home at that time than in Goodwood week, when the dinner generally takes place.

A squad of 50 men, under Captain de S. Dobrée and Q.M.S. Burrage is again giving a Repository Display with a 5-inch gun at the Military Tournament at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, which is much appreciated and of great interest to the large daily audiences. The display is in many respects similar to that given last year, but on this occasion it has been found possible to rig a pair of ordinary 30-ft. sheers instead of using two pairs of sheers interlocking and supporting each other as was necessary last year, when no holdfasts were permitted in the hall.

Captain C. T. Fisher and 45 N.C.O.'s and men proceeded to the Alexandra Palace on May 26th for fatigue duties in connection with the Colonial troops coming there for H.M.'s Coronation.

The competition for the Company Cricket Challenge Shield has commenced, and last year's winners (D Co.) are considered warm favourites this year, though K Co. will probably make the running very hot.

PORTSMOUTH.

There has been nothing very exciting going on during the month—it has been too cold and wet for much; but cricket has been started and, as will be seen from our cricket columns, several matches have been played.

The Rifle and Revolver Clubs have started monthly Spoon Competitions, which have produced some good scores, and our team for the "Portsmouth Times Cup," is hard at work practising.

Major G. D'A. Anderson, who belonged to this Division when he retired, has presented a most handsome leopard skin to the Division, which is to be converted for the big drummer of the band.

Competitors are beginning to practise for the Garrison Sports, which take place early next month, and we hope to render a good account of ourselves.

The annual outing of the members of the the Sergeants' Mess took place on Thursday, May 22nd, when some 150 members and friends paid another visit to the Crystal Palace and the various entertainments and places of interest in London. Leaving Portsmouth at 7-45 a.m., the Palace was reached just after 10.30, where the majority detrained, and despite the inclement weather, spent a very pleasant day. Owing to its being so early in the season there were not so many attractions at the Palace as usual, but considerable amusement was extracted from the various side shows, the most popular, perhaps, being the distorting mirrors. The arrangements for the outing were made by Colour-Sergt. Harrison, and everything went off without a hitch, the party arriving back in Portsmouth at 1 a.m.

We are pleased to announce that Miss Maud Cole, daughter of Barrack-Sergt. Cole, has passed preparatory grade of pianoforte, Trinity College (local), held at the Albert Hall, Southsea, May 9th, 1902.

DEPOT.

In common with other parts of the country, the weather in Deal has been so bad that little or no progress has been made with any outdoor sports. The cricket season was started on the 9th May by a match—Officers *v.* Recruits—but I am afraid that neither in this or subsequent trial games have we unearthed any special talent either in batting or bowling, and our team will be rather under than over the average. The pitch is as good as ever, and is this year in first class order.

We have several of our men representing the District at this year's Military Tournament, Sergt. Trott, Corpl. Watts, and Private Beard being in for the sabre, foils, and bayonet competitions. Of these we hear that Corporal Watts has so far gained fourth prize for sabre *v.* sabre. Our bayonet fighting team is still in, but the competition is not yet finished.

The annual sports take place on the 15th July, and the officers are giving a dance to celebrate the Coronation on the 11th July. The band is now up to its full strength and have several good engagements this summer, and have made great strides during the past two years.

Captains Hobbs and Clark have joined for duty and we have now almost our full complement of captains. The former is detailed to go to the Alexandra Palace for duty during the Coronation ceremonies.

Leave this year was given to recruits at Whitsuntide instead of Easter, about 900 men going away.

Obituary.

GENERAL SIR CHARLES LOUDON BARNARD, K.C.B., R.M.A., the last surviving son of the late Admiral E. Barnard, of Stonehouse, Plymouth, died on 13th May, after a long illness, at Castle House, Usk, just short of his 79th year. Born 21st May, 1823, he first entered the Royal Navy and served in the Syrian Campaign of 1840-41, including the Blockade of Alexandria, receiving for his services the Turkish Medal and the Naval War Medal with one clasp. On the 17th August in the latter year, he entered the Royal Marine Artillery as 2nd lieutenant, and a picture painted by a Portsmouth artist, Daniel Cunliffe, shortly after this time, and at present hanging in the ante-room of the officers' mess at Eastney, shows him practising with an R.M.A. Field Battery on Southsea Common, in front of the old windmill that stood at the east end of Granada Road. He served in H.M.S. *Firebrand* on the S.E. coast of America from 1844 to 1848; being promoted to 1st lieutenant in August, 1845, and taking part in the operations of the combined English and French Squadrons in the River Parana in 1846, including the action of Obligado, the landing, storming and capture of batteries; subsequent operations on the Parana, concluding with the action at San Lorenzo, when he constructed a masked rocket battery on an island 800 yards from the enemy's guns, remaining concealed for two days and nights, and materially aiding the passing of batteries at San Lorenzo by the men-of-war with a large convoy of 120 merchant vessels on the 25th May, 1846 (mentioned in despatches); served on shore with Marine Battalion at Montevideo when besieged by General Oreb, performing the duty of adjutant for thirteen months; promoted captain, February, 1854.

In 1859 he proceeded to China to take charge of R.M.A. serving on shore, and was senior officer of the Corps in the rocket-boats at the bombardment and capture of the Taku Forts, 21st August, 1860, and commanded the force of Royal Marines which proceeded up the River Peiho two days after in the gunboat flotilla, in advance of the Allied Army; took possession of the Tientsin Forts, and afterwards of the principal gate of that city, being placed in command of the same till relieved by a force sent forward with the army; appointed 10th September, 1860, to the command and charge of the siege train flotilla; employed in transporting the siege train from the Taku Forts to Tungchow, 16 miles from Pekin (services officially ackowledged); appointed to the staff of the 2nd Division, Royal Artillery, 4th October, 1860, and served during the advance on Pekin, being senior officer of Royal Marines at its surrender. For these services he received the China Medal with two clasps, brevet of major, 16th February, 1861, and the C.B.

He was promoted to lieutenant-colonel 27th March, 1862, when only thirty-eight years of age, and to 2nd commandant in November of the same year; colonel in March, 1867; commandant, April, 1870; major-general, July, 1872; lieutenant-general, October, 1877; and general, October, 1886; retiring on full pay in May, 1888. On the occasion of the late Queen's Jubilee in 1887, he was honoured with the K.C.B. In 1858 he married Julia, daughter of Captain Edwards, R.N. He was awarded a good service pension in 1899.

The Field of 17th May, in a short notice of his death, states that "Sir Charles Barnard was a good sportsman and a noted salmon fisherman; he now lies buried at Llanbadoc Church, on the banks of the river he loved so well. A man true to nature, of simple habits, and a good friend. His memory will live with those who valued his friendship and could best appreciate his many sterling qualities."

OBITUARY—*Continued.*

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL FRANCIS LEAN, on retired full pay, Royal Marine Light Infantry, died 10th May, after a long illness, at Craighton House, Kensington Park, W., aged seventy.

Born 8th October, 1831; he entered the service as a gentleman cadet, 6th August, 1849; became 2nd lieutenant 30th December, 1850; 1st lieutenant, 24th February, 1854; adjutant, 3rd division, 22nd November, 1859; captain, 27th March, 1862; brevet-major, 2nd August, 1875; and retired on full pay with the honorary rank of lieutenant-colonel, 1st October, 1879.

He served with the Baltic Expeditions in 1854-55; and as a volunteer with the R.M. Battalion, in co-operation with the French Army, at the bombardment and capture of the forts of Bomarsund, Aland Islands, in August, 1854, and was with the company that took possession of Fort Nottick, and brought away the Russian garrison; commanded a detachment of Royal Marines on a gunboat of the flotilla, and was actively engaged with the enemy during the bombardment of Sveaborg in August, 1855; with the battalion sent out for service in Japan, in 1864-1866, and was present at the bombardment of the batteries at the Straits of Simona-seki, the entrance of the inland sea of Japan; the assault, capture and destruction of the five batteries, stockade, magazines and barracks, and during the shore operations, from the 5th to the 8th September, 1864. He founded and edited for twenty-two years the Royal Navy List, a standard work of reference, and published "Addenda to the Field Exercise of 1862," and other service handbooks.

He was a son of the late Francis Lean, Esq., R.N., and nephew of the late Commander James Sedgwick Lean, R.N.

He married 21st February, 1860, Lettice Anne, elder daughter of the late Rev. John Cumming, D.D., and secondly, 6th June, 1879, Florence Marryat, the authoress, fifth daughter of the late Captain Frederick Marryat, R.N., C.B., F.R.S., the well-known author, of Laugham, in the county of Norfolk. He was buried at Kensal Green, on 15th of May. R I P.

The death is announced at Yarmouth, of CAPT. AND BREVET-MAJOR R. J. PASCOE, retired list, R.M.L.I. He entered the service as 2nd lieutenant 13th Nov. 1855; became lieutenant 7th May, 1859; captain, 10th October, 1867; and retired as a brevet-major 6th January, 1879.

CAPTAIN FREDERICK BURTON DRURY, on half pay, R.M.L.I., died 18th May, at Ballinstona, Parkwood Road, Boscombe, Hants, aged fifty-five. Hs was the youngest son of the late G. D. Drury, of the Hon. E.I. Co. service, Madras, and entered the service as 2nd lieutenant 27th June, 1864; became lieutenant 3rd August, 1867; captain, 7th July, 1879; and retired on half pay 20th October, 1879.

A notable, and for thirty years a prominent figure in Chirnside, has been removed by death in the person of SERGT.-INSTR. GEORGE PARKER, who died at Acomb, York, on January 20th, and whose remarkable career deserves more than a passing notice. He was born in Devizes, County Wilts, and early joined the Royal Marines on 31st August, 1847, and served on board H.M.S. *Prince Regent* and *Neptune* in the Baltic under Admiral Charles Napier from 1854 till 1855, for which he was awarded the Baltic medal; also under Admiral Seymour on board H.M.S. *Janus*, at the capture of Canton and the bombardment of Taku Forts, from 1857 till 1860. He was also awarded the China medal with bars for Canton and Taku. He also served on board H.M.S. *Hibernia*, *Terrible*, *Prince Consort*, *Serapis*, and others. He was also musketry instructor to the Royal Marines at Malta for a number of years, and performed his duties there to the utmost satisfaction of his officers. He retired from the Royal Navy in 1869, and afterwards took up duties as Sergt.-Instr. to the Chirnside Company, then 1st Berwick R.V.C., and retired after fifteen years' service, to the great regret of both officers and men. He was a keen and proficient shot, and the winner of numerous cups and medals. He also took a great interest in and exerted himself much in the formation of the rifle range on Blanerne Haugh. After retiring from the volunteers, he was appoinetd store-keeper to Messrs. Y. Trotter & Sons, Ltd., paper makers, Chirnside Bridge, which occupation he fulfilled with great acceptance until compelled by failing health to resign his duties.

The Corps has lost one of its oldest veterans by the sudden death of Mr. Thomas Brett, late Colour-Sergeant of the Chatham Division, which occurred at New Brompton, Chatham, on 15th May, at the age of eighty.

Mr. Brett served as company sergeant in the 2nd Battalion of Royal Marines in the Crimea, under Colonel Holloway, R.M.A., for which he received the Crimean Medal with clasps for Balaklava and Sebastopol, also "La Crimea," 1855. He was discharged from the Royal Marines on 3rd November, 1857, and thus enjoyed a well-earned pension for nearly forty-five years.

We attach a copy of the certificate that was given to him by the late General Sir T. Holloway, R.M.A., at the completion of his service in the Crimea.

This is to certify that Colour.Sergeant Thomas Brett of the Chatham Division of Royal Marines, served under my command as a company sergeant in the 2nd Battalion in the Crimea, that he was a most exemplary and valuable non-commissioned officer, and enjoyed my highest opinion.

Signed T. HOLLOWAY, Colonel,
Royal Marine Artillery,
late commanding 2nd Battalion
Royal Marines in the Crimea.

Portsmouth,
July 22nd, 1857.

Cricket.

OFFICERS *v.* N.C.O.'S AND MEN.

Played at Mount Wise, 5th May, 1902.

OFFICERS.		N.C.O.'s & MEN.	
Capt. Coles, c Mortimer, b Smith ..	7	Sergt. Bentley, b Coles	29
Lieut. Higgs, b Bentley ..	24	Lce.-Cpl. Mortimer, b Coles	17
Lieut. Maxwell, b Willis ..	41	Pte. Fervus, c Maxwell, b Higgs ..	7
Capt. Ommanney, b Smith	14	Pte. Willis, b Maxwell ..	13
Lieut. Weller, c Ferris, b Smith	12	Pte. Hustler, run out ..	8
Surg. Tomlinson, c Higgs, b Smith ..	18	Pte. Smith, b Maxwell ..	1
Col. Robyns, lbw, b Willis ..	15	Musn. Higgs, b Maxwell ..	0
Lieut. Christie, c Mortimer, b Hustler ..	4	Pte. Kose, b Coles ..	3
Lieut. Smith, b Willis ..	4	Corpl. Mallard, b Coles ..	0
Lieut. Hare, b Willis ..	6	Lce.-Corpl. Dalling, not out	1
Lieut. Young, not out ..	12	Pte. Hayes, c and b Coles	0
Extras ..	9	Extras ..	3
Total	166	Total	98

R.M.L.I. *v.* FLANNELLED FOOLS.—Played at Mount Wise, 12th May, 1902. R.M.L.I., 159 for 9 wickets, innings declared closed. (Surgeon Munday 36, Lieut. Maxwell 29, Capt. Ommanney not out 20.) Flannelled Fools, 70 for 5 wickets.

DEPOT R.M. OFFICERS *v.* RECRUITS.

Played at the Depot on the 9th May, the Officers winning easily by 101 runs.

RECRUITS.		OFFICERS.	
Pte. Gwynn, b Capt. Hobbs	30	Major Mercer, c Farrell, b Coborn	13
,, Hurst, run out	4	Capt. Hobbs, c Gwynn, b Bayliss	30
,, Taylor, c Capt. Hobbs, b Major Percer	17	,, Mayhew, retired	69
,, Disturnal, b Capt. Hobbs	7	,, Harris, b Coborn	0
,, Cam, b Capt. Hobbs	1	Major Wray, retired	29
Capt. Tupman, b Capt. Hobbs	17	Capt. Clark, not out	10
Pte. Coborn, lbw, b Capt. Hobbs	2	Col. Quill, retired	7
,, Ford, b Capt. Hobbs	0	Pte. Barnes, b Bayliss	4
,, Farrell, b Col. Quill	3	,, Allen, run out	6
,, Tunnicliffe, b Capt. Hobbs	0	,, Hutchings, b Gwynn	13
,, McGregor, c Capt. Hobbs, b Col. Quill	0	Extras	15
,, Bayliss, b Col. Quill	13		
,, Yates, b Col. Quill	3		
,, Masters, c Major Mercer, b Col. Quill	11		
,, White, not out	1		
,, Mills, b Capt. Hobbs	4		
Extras	7		
Total	124	Total	225

DEPOT R.M.—MARRIED *v.* SINGLE.

Played at the Depot on the 28th May, and ended in a win for the married by 120 runs.

MARRIED.		SINGLE.	
Major Mercer, c Collins, b Gwynn	53	Capt. Clark, c Capt. Tupman, b Murphy	53
,, Wray, b Page	22	Pte. Bayliss, lbw, b McGinley	4
Sergt. Murphy, c Capt. Clark, b Gwynn	44	Sergt. Challes, run out	3
,, Hughes, b Hobbs	14	,, Page, c Capt. Tupman, b Murphy	1
,, McGinley, c Coventry, b Capt. Hobbs	7	Pte. Gwynn, b Murphy	21
Capt. Tupman, c & b Capt. Hobbs	2	,, Collins, st Capt. Tupman, b McGinley	5
Musn. Langford, b Bayliss	31	,, Coventry, c Hughes, b McGinley	0
Q.M.S. King, c Eastine, b Capt. Hobbs	3	Capt. Jones, b Murphy	11
Capt. Robinson, b Capt. Hobb	18	Pte. Hollis, b Murphy	0
Q.M.S. Sherod, not out	12	,, Tunnicliffe, c & b Murphy	2
Sergt. Chaplin, b Capt. Hobbs	0	,, Eastin, b Murphy	2
,, Farrell, b Capt. Hobbs	0	Capt. Hobbs, not out	16
Extras	32		
Total	238	Total	118

Shooting.

R.M.A. *v.* 1ST HANTS R.E. VOLUNTEERS.

Fired at Fort Cumberland, 7th May, 1902.

1ST HANTS R.E. VOLUNTEERS.	*200*	*500*	*600*	*Total*
Coy. Sergt.-Maj. Burr	32	34	28	94
Coy. Sergt.-Maj. Mills	28	26	26	80
Corpl. Dimond	28	20	25	73
Sergt. Butchers	23	27	22	72
Lieut. Tucker	26	23	21	70
Sapper Bowler	23	25	21	69
Q.M.S. Knight	26	22	21	69
Coy. Sergt.-Maj. Nawton	28	21	18	67
Sergt. Pryer	28	20	18	66
Sergt.-Major Pearce	26	12	17	55
Average—71·5	268	230	217	715
R.M.A.				
Lce.-Sergt. Hutchings	31	27	22	80
Lieut. Huntingford	32	24	20	76
Lieut. Bourne	31	27	18	76
Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger	29	18	25	72
Corpl. Flynn	30	19	20	69
Gunner Bridgwater	28	19	18	65
Gunner Blow	31	13	20	64
Bombr. Fee	25	27	12	64
Gunner Brown	25	23	15	63
Gunner Targett	29	15	14	58
Average—68·7	291	212	184	687

The R.M.A. team consisted chiefly of young soldiers, and fired in very rough weather. 1st Hants R.E. Volunteers won by 28 points.

R.M.A. *v.* R.M.L.I.

Fired at Fort Cumberland, May 14th, 1902

R.M.A.	*200*	*500*	*600*	*Total*
Lieut. Baker	34	33	28	95
Sergt.-Major Foley	32	33	29	94
Captain Homer	33	30	29	92
Sergt.-Instr. Beddow	32	31	28	91
Lce.-Sergt. Hutchings	34	30	27	91
Sergt. Height	32	30	26	88
Sergt. Chell	31	28	24	83
Q.M.S.I. Ede	32	26	23	81
Average—89·37	260	241	214	715
R.M.L.I.				
Corpl. Willcock	34	30	31	95
Lce.-Corpl. Lea	30	33	30	93
Sergt.-Instr. Dorey	32	27	31	90
Pte. Weeks	32	29	28	89
Q.M.S.I. Wigginton	31	24	31	86
Sergt. Sanders	29	31	24	84
Sergt. Wingfield	28	27	27	82
Sergt.-Major Hill	27	29	26	82
Average—87·62				
R.M.A. won by 14 points.	243	230	228	701

R.M.A. *v.* CAMBRIDGE U.R. VOLUNTEERS.

Simultaneous Match fired at Fort Cumberland and Cambridge, 14th May, 1902.

R.M.A.	*200*	*500*	*600*	*Total*
Lieut. Baker	34	33	28	95
Sergt.-Major Foley	32	33	29	94
Capt. Homer	33	30	29	92
Sergt.-Instr. Beddow	32	31	28	91
Lce.-Sergt. Hutchings	34	30	27	91
Sergt. Height	32	30	26	88
Lieut. Rodway	31	33	23	87
Sergt. Chell	31	28	24	83
Counted out—				
Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger	28	28	25	81
Q.M.S I. Ede	32	26	23	81
Average—90·12	259	248	214	721
CAMBRIDGE U.R. VOLUNTEERS.				
Sergt. Hubbard	31	33	31	95
2nd Lieut. Nairn	32	31	30	93
Lce.-Corpl. French	30	32	29	91
2nd Lieut. Bray	31	31	29	91
Corpl. Radice	30	33	27	90
Clr.-Sergt. Kidner	31	32	25	88
Lce.-Corpl. Drayton	27	28	32	87
Pte. Nashwortham	32	27	24	83
Counted out—				
Sergt. Clegg	29	27	35	81
Sergt. Ticehurst	28	21	21	70
Average—89·75	244	247	227	718

R.M.A. won by 3 points.

R.M.A. *v.* CONNAUGHT SIXTY.

Result of Match fired at Fort Cumberland, 28th May, 1902.

R.M.A.	*Aggte.*	*Tls.*	CONNAUGHT SIXTY.	*Aggte.*	*Tls.*
Sergt. Chell	99	95	Capt. Wyatt	91	91
Lieut. Rodway	99	91	Sergt. Hellyer	91	91
Lieut. Baker	98	91	Sergt. Lunt	91	90
Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger	97	90	Sergt. Mervin	89	88
Clr.-Sergt. Deacon	95	89	Sergt. Fletcher	88	87
Sergt.-Major Foley	94	88	Major Stubbington	87	86
Lce.-Sergt. Hutchings	94	87	Q.M.S. Kent	86	86
Sergt.-Instr. Beddow	93	86	Clr.-Sergt. Coltherup	86	85
Gnr. Bridgwater	91	86	Lce.-Corpl. Eaton	85	84
Sergt.-Instr. Height	91	85	Corpl. Kinsman	84	83
Captain Homer	90	84	Sergt. Sutton	83	83
Q.M.S.I. Ede	89	83	Cyclist Morey	83	81
Bombr. Fee	86	83	Sergt. Forse	81	79
Lieut. Huntingford	86	81	Sergt. Ratcliff	79	
Lieut.-Col. Eastman	84	79	Clr.-Sergt. Pearman		
Sergt. Mathieson	83		Sergt. Fuller		
Average—91·81	Total	1469	Average—86·81	Total	1389

R.M.A. won by 80 points.

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

The Monthly Prize Shoot took place on Wednesday, the 21st May. Owing to a rather strong and changeable wind the scores were below the average.

	Total
Class I.—Lce. Corpl Lea	85
,, II.—Pte. W. J. Leddlie	89
,, III.—Pte. J. G. Ball	80

The "Humphrey" Cup Competition was fired on Whit Monday, during the Hants County Meeting.

	Total
1st. 4th V.B. Hants Regiment	224
2nd. Rifle Depot	215
3rd. 3rd V.B. Hants Regiment	204
4th. R.M.L.I.	203

R.M.L.I. TEAM.	*Total*		*Total*
Sergt. Dorey	27	Q.M.S. Wigginton	24
Corpl. Willcock	27	Sergt. Sanders	23
Capt. Kitcat	26	Pte. Weeks	
Lce.-Corpl. Lea	26		
Pte. Caldwell	26	Total	203

Men who Made Australia.

By Alexander Sutherland.

We reprint the following from an Australian Paper, and as it deals with the career of a Marine Officer we hope it will be of interest to our readers.

David Collins.

THE first Governor of Tasmania, and the first who exercised any command in Victoria, was Collins, after whom our principal street is named. He was a Devonshire lad, son of a General in the British Army. There must have been strong traditions in the family of the glory to be found in serving the King, for he was barely turned twelve when he entered the marines, and he was only sixteen when he was promoted to be lieutenant. Thus, before he had attained his eighteenth year, he had visited many lands on board various ships of war. It was not till 1772 that he saw a chance of smelling gunpowder. The unfortunate Matilda, sister of our own King George III., had been sent as a girl of sixteen to wed the weak, worn out voluptuary, King Christian of Denmark. Poor girl, when Reynolds was commissioned to paint her portrait, ere she left her home at Windsor, she spent her time so much in weeping that he declared that he could make nothing of her. But off she was packed to the embraces of a bad old king. She had a son, then a daughter, and the latter was still only a child at the breast when her husband, who had gone crazy with his immoral excesses, trumped up a charge of adultery against her, executed two minions of his own, whom he accused of being her paramours, and shut her up in a strong castle, while he started an insane action of divorce. The British people refused to tolerate this cruelty to their young, gentle and beautiful princess. We can fancy how the heart of the youthful Collins, then only 18, and always a devout admirer of the fair sex, swelled within him as he took his place in the Admiral's ship to go and use his new sword for the liberation of the wronged and calumniated young wife. The Danes refused to fight, and gave up the lady, who was carried off and handsomely provided for in Hanover. But she had been forced to leave her babies, and died three years later of a broken heart, the sweetest and most interesting of the Royal Family in all the Eighteenth Century.

But if he had no fighting then to do, he had plenty a little later on, for just when Matilda was dying at Hanover, Collins' ship was lying in Boston Harbour, defending a rebel city against that insurgent force of whose rudely-built earthworks Washington was shortly to take command. The youth, then one and twenty, was landed, and joined a battalion under his father. Three times did they charge up the hot slopes of Bunker's Hill, twice to be driven back to the water's edge by the musketry fire and the six cannons of the Americans concealed among the boulders at the top; while the British ships, over the heads of the red coats, thundered their broadsides, and the suburbs of Boston were blazing wretchedly. But on the third charge, beneath their heavy haversacks up that June-scorched steep, the British troops made good their ground and stood possessors of the summit, but at the terrible loss of two-fifths of their army, either dead or wounded.

Young Collins for some years sailed the Atlantic while the war with French and Spaniards and Americans proceeded. He was eight and twenty when he received the rank of captain, and took command of the marines on a ship of the line, which, under Lord Howe, sailed to relieve Gibraltar at the close of its memorable three years' siege. There was little to do. Elliott's red-hot cannon balls had burnt up the last of the huge floating batteries, which the French had spent months in preparing. The siege was over to all practical intents when Howe appeared and offered battle, which Spaniards and French, like wise men, declined.

Then came peace, and an idle time for a youthful captain of marines, who was glad of a chance in 1786 to see some active service by joining that queer new expedition of convicts that was going out to found the empire of Botany Bay. He received the appointment of Judge-Advocate, he having apparently made a speciality of the study of martial law, under a certain modification of which it seemed wise at first to administer justice in the colony.

And thus it happened that David Collins sailed with the first fleet in 1787, and was one of those who, in the early part of 1788, sailed with Governor Phillip into the new discovery of the romantic Sydney Harbour.

For ten years Collins prosecuted his labors well and faithfully at Sydney, holding his courts, and sentencing offenders as the Chief Justice of the small community. But in 1797 he grew dissatisfied with his prospects of promotion, and returned to England. He received a step, being made Lieut.-Colonel, but whilst he lived in retirement he had only half-pay as a captain on which to subsist. He was unmarried, but a connoisseur in liquors, and ardently devoted, while the fit lasted, to such ladies as became his partners for limited periods. So the half-pay system suited him badly, and he had the deep grievance that his ten years of law administering in Sydney were not allowed to count as service in the marines. Thus he saw many of his juniors ahead of him in rank and pay. He let the people at the Admiralty know about it, and it was whilst he was agitating for a redress of wrongs that the British Government resolved to send an expedition to colonise the shores of Port Phillip. It was prepared to give £480 a year to the commandant, who should also have handsome allowances, and so it came that Collins was appointed.

(To be continued.)

Ceuta and Gibraltar.

A LECTURE was delivered 9th April at the Society of Arts by Major-General J. F. Crease, C.B., on "Ceuta and Gibraltar," Sir Frederick Bramwell presiding. Major-General Crease, after referring to the history of Gibraltar, said that it was of no value unless our vessels could be refitted there. The report made by the lecturer in 1884 showed that a protected harbour was absolutely necessary, and could only be constructed on the eastern side, and if this had been done a great deal of money would have been saved. It would, however, be still better to effect an exchange between Gibraltar and Ceuta. In regard to the advantages of the two ports, Major-General Crease stated that Gibraltar would only be of use in war if Spain remained neutral, and in present circumstances it was almost inevitable that Spain would be hostile to us. The food and water supply was one of enormous difficulty, and could hardly be maintained in the face of a blockade. Ceuta, on the other hand, was well watered and would be almost self-supporting. In times of peace Gibraltar was useless as a port, while Ceuta would become a mercantile port of great utility and a useful centre of British trade in Morocco and North-west Africa. The safety of Ceuta would be quite unaffected by any war with a European Power, while, owing to the increased range of modern artillery, the harbour of Gibraltar was wholly exposed to the enemy's fire. On the other hand, the construction of effective batteries on the Rock for the purpose of defence would be a difficult matter, and even if constructed their position would be exposed. The construction of an eastern harbour would only be a partial solution of the difficulties involved in the retention of Gibraltar. From the political point of view, the friendly exchange of Gibraltar for Ceuta would produce more cordial relations between England and Spain. The port of Ceuta would give England a firmer hand in dealings with Continental Powers. It was a matter of great importance to us that the shores of North Morocco should not fall into the hands of a hostile country, and, strategically, Morocco was absolutely at the mercy of France. It was only by the possession of Ceuta that we could secure a prosperous future for the Moorish empire, and, with it, our trade in the Mediterranean and the safety of our Eastern possessions. The natural resources of Morocco were enormous, and it would be quite possible to prevent its dissolution and throw it open to the trade of Europe.—*The Times.*

Return of Troops Marching into Bloemfontein

ON ITS SURRENDER, 13TH MARCH, 1900.

By the kindness of Major Marchant, C.B., we are enabled to publish this interesting Field State of the Army that marched into Bloemfontein on its surrender, 13th March, 1900:—

Unit	Officers	W. & N.C.O. and Men	Horses	Guns
Army Hd.-Qr. Staff	50	65	73	–
Cavalry Div.—				
Divisional Staff ..	13	40	66	–
1st Cav. Bde. Staff	6	14	22	–
6th Dragoon Gds...	20	333	300	1*
2nd Dragoons ..	19	311	321	1*
6th Dragoons (Det.)	4	46	49	–
14th Hussars (Det.)	7	108	74	–
N.S. Wales Lancers	6	89	93	–
Q Batt., R.H.A. ..	5	147	154	6
T Batt., R.H.A. ..	4	148	139	6
U Batt., R.H.A. ..	5	142	154	6
Ammunition Coln.	4	72	32	–
Field Hospital ..	2	20	30	–
Bearer Company ..	2	15	23	–
Bd. Dn. Staff, R.H.A.	4	16	18	–
1st Australian H...	5	112	101	–
2nd Cav. Bde. Staff	4	13	20	–
Household Cavalry	22	291	292	–
10th Hussars ..	26	386	414	1*
12th Lancers ..	20	288	265	–
Staff Bd. Dn. R.H.A.	4	15	21	–
G Battery, R.H.A.	5	147	139	6
P Battery, R.H.A.	5	145	130	6
Ammunition Coln.	2	43	36	–
Field Hospital ..	3	16	25	–
Bearer Company ..	3	46	–	–
Field Hospl. (Altd.)	2	15	19	–
3rd Cav. Bde. Staff	4	10	15	–
9th Lancers ..	21	397	316	1*
16th Lancers ..	24	373	368	2*
Staff Bd. Dn. R.H.A.	4	10	15	–
O Battery, R.H.A.	5	154	142	6
R Battery, R.H.A.	7	163	153	6
Ammunition Coln.	2	94	40	–
Left ½ No. 11 Fd. Ho.	2	16	2	–
No. 9 Bearer Coy.	3	42	6	–
C Co. A.S. Corps..	2	28	13	–
Field Troop, R.E. ..	7	117	104	–
B Co., Transport ..	3	21	12	–
C Co. ,, ..	2	11	13	–
D Co. ,, ..	1	12	8	–
L Co. ,, ..	3	9	6	–
S Co. ,, ..	2	33	20	–
Alderson's M.I.—				
1st M.I. Regiment	21	404	423	3*
3rd M.I. ,,	12	195	226	–
Roberts' Horse	35	353	387	–
N. Zealand M.R. ..	5	60	72	–
Rimington's Guides	7	102	110	–
le Gallais' M.I.—				
Staff	3	10	13	–
6th M.I. Regiment	13	391	330	–
8th M.I. ,,	15	311	254	–
City Imp. Vol.	11	185	145	–
Kitchener's Horse	26	402	270	2*
Nesbitt's Horse ..	8	119	136	–
N.S. Wales M.I.	22	408	345	–
H. Co. Trns. A.S.C.	2	23	317	–
Supply Det. A.S.C.	1	2	1	–
Martyr's M.I.—				
Staff	3	–	6	–
2nd M.I. Regt.	18	483	489	–
4th M.I. Regt.	15	327	251	–
Burmah Cos. M.I.	17	292	332	–
1st Queensland M.I.	8	184	211	–
2nd Queensland M.I.	8	128	158	–
Ridley's M.I.—				
Staff	3	1	9	–
5th M. I. Regt. ..	12	287	276	–
7th M. I. Regt.	17	337	262	–
1st C Grahmst. Vol.	12	245	231	–
Ceylon M.I. ..	6	86	109	–
F Co. Trns. A.S.C.	2	31	20	–
Supply Det. A.S.C.	1	8	–	–
Royal Naval Bde.	33	393	10	7†
C.-in-C. Body Guard	1	43	53	–
Staff Howitzers ..	6	15	14	–
15 (S.T.) Co. SD.RGA.	5	138	7	4‡
Ox Ammn. Reserve ..	1	2	2	–
9th Field Co., R.E.	7	161	14	–
1st Tel. Dn., R.E. ..	4	112	34	–
Guards Brigade—				
Brigade Staff ..	4	26	11	–
3rd Bn. Gren. Gds.	26	899	8	1*
1st Bn. Colds. Gds.	25	927	8	1*
2nd Bn. Colds. Gds.	20	858	8	1*
1st Bn. Scots Gds.	15	516	6	1*
Gds. Bde. F. Hospl	4	33	7	–
,, Bearer Co.	2	52	4	–
,, Supply Det.	1	16	2	–
11th Co., A.S.C. ..	2	19	19	–
VIth Division—				
Div. Staff	15	53	54	–
Bd. Dn. Staff R.F.A.	3	2	5	–
76 Batt. R.F.A. ..	5	46	88	6§
81st Batt. R F.A. ..	4	79	73	6§
82nd do. do. ..	5	99	94	6§
65th How. Batt. ..	5	169	162	6
R.E. Staff ..	2	5	4	–
38th Co. R.E. ..	6	131	19	–
13th Bde. Staff ..	3	19	7	–
2nd Bn. E. Kent Rt.	10	560	8	1*
2nd Bn. Glocr. Rt.	22	563	8	–
1st W. Riding Rt..	18	593	5	–
1st Oxford L.I. ..	15	424	7	–
13th Bearer Co. ..	2	39	4	–
Supply Det. A.S.C.	1	15	2	–
18th Brigade Staff	4	37	7	–
2nd R.Warwick Rt.	20	834	7	1*
1st Yorks Rt. ..	12	705	4	1*
1st Welsh Rt. ..	11	654	7	1*
1st Essex Rt. ..	12	738	4	1*
18th Field Hosptl.	4	32	1	–
18th Bearer Co. ..	2	24	–	–
VIIth Division—				
Divisional Staff ..	11	77	43	–
Bd. Dn. Staff R.F.A.	4	8	18	–
18th Batt., R.F.A.	5	134	113	6§
62nd ,, ,,	5	128	113	6§
75th ,, ,,	5	141	122	6§
No. 1 Ammtn. Col.	3	102	78	–
A Sec. 1-pr. Maxims	2	27	29	3*
26th Co Fd. R.E.	7	126	18	–
Dn. Supply Det. ..	1	30	21	–
14th Brigade Staff	3	15	7	–
2nd Norfolk Rt. ..	16	763	5	1*
2nd Lincoln Rt. ..	19	752	6	1*
1st K.O.S. Bdrs. ..	22	803	5	1*
2nd Hants Rt. ..	18	578	5	1*
14th Bd. Fd. Hospl.	5	31	33	–
14th Bd. Bearer Co.	3	54	4	–
Supply Det. A.S.C.	1	7	1	–
14th Tspt. Co. do.	2	25	14	–
15th Brigade Staff	4	19	8	–
2nd Cheshire Rt.	22	688	6	1*
2nd S. Wales Bdrs.	22	795	5	1*
1st E. Lanc. Rt.	19	695	6	1*
2nd N. Staffd. Rt.	19	737	8	1*
15th Bd. Bearer Co.	3	48	4	–
15th Field Hospl.	4	31	5	–
Supply Det. A.S.C.	1	9	11	–
15th Transpt. Co.	2	9	8	–
IXth Division—				
Divisional Staff ..	10	50	32	–
Staff B. Dn. R.F.A.	3	15	13	–
83rd Batt., R.F.A.	5	156	127	6§
84th ,, ,,	5	158	131	6§
85th ,, ,,	5	167	131	6§
Ammunition Coln.	6	120	88	–
7th Field Co. R.E	6	163	35	–
Highland Bd. Staff	4	43	10	–
1st A. & S. Hlndrs.	14	637	7	1*
2nd R. Highlanders	13	513	7	1*
2nd Seaforth Hldrs.	12	538	7	1*
Field Hospital ..	4	27	5	–
Bearer Company ..	2	45	3	–
19th Brigade Staff	3	26	8	–
2nd D. of Corn. L.I.	15	654	5	1*
2nd Shrops. L.I. ..	19	739	5	1*
1st Gordon Highlrs.	19	738	7	1*
Rl. Canadian Rt..	30	745	9	2*
Y Trspt. Co. A.S.C.	1	33	18	–
Supply Det. A.S.C.	1	16	1	–
Bearer Company ..	4	65	6	–
Field Hospital ..	4	33	5	–
Supply Park A.S.C.—				
No. 1 Section ..	–	5	1	–
,, 22 Unit ..	1	5	1	–
,, 25 ,, ..	2	6	2	–
,, 29 ,, ..	2	8	2	–
,, 5 Company ..	–	5	–	–
,, 21 ,, ..	–	3	–	–
,, 29 ,, ..	–	3	–	–
,, 34 ,, ..	–	1	–	–
1st Balloon Sec. R.E.	2	27	10	–
Grand Total	1405	32549	11540	152

39 machine guns; 42 12-prs.; 3 Naval 12-prs.; 54 15-prs.; 4 4·7 Naval guns; 6 5-in. howitzers; 4 6-in. howitzers.

† 4 4·7, 3 12-pr. guns; ‡ 6-in. howitzers; § 15-prs.; * machine guns.

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Anecdotes.

A CERTAIN captain included among his cargo a couple of gallon jars of fine brandy. Incidentally he also included a remarkably smart and intelligent cabin boy. The worthy skipper had a deep-rooted aversion to the inconvenient curiosity of the Revenue officers—in short, he desired to land his brandy without their aid. Upon berthing his vessel alongside the quay, a plank was pushed on to the jetty, and as soon as the patrol came within a few yards, the cabin-boy, carrying the jars, stepped ashore and was immediately accosted by the Customs officer. The following dialogue ensued:—

"Well, my lad, what have you got there?"

"Can't tell you, sir."

"But you must."

"Captain said I wasn't to, sir."

"Oh, but I am a Custom House Officer, my boy, and if you don't tell me what you have there, I shall call that constable over yonder and have you arrested."

"Well, sir, the captain'll just kill me if he knows. He said I was to take the jars to Mr. ——" (mentioning the officer's name), "No. 12, B—— Street, with his compliments."

"Oh, yes; I see. It's all right; I'm Mr. ——. Here's a shilling for your honesty; and, see, go out this way."

The officer is still waiting for the arrival of the boy and brandy; and will have to wait.

AN ECLIPSE BY ORDER.—C.O. (crossing parade): "Sergeant-Major, to-morrow there will be an eclipse of the sun. Parade will be as usual, in drill order. I shall be there to explain to the men; but if wet or showery the parade will take place in the drill-shed."

Sergeant-Major: "Very good, sir."

Sergeant-Major (to Orderly Sergeants): "By order of the C.O., to-morrow there will be an eclipse of the sun; parade will be as usual in drill order. The C.O. will superintend the eclipse; but if wet or showery, the eclipse will take place in the drill-shed."

Sergeant: "Look here, Morris, I can understand you missing the target with your first shot, but how about your second." Raw Recruit: "It must be one of them repeating rifles, sir."

An amusing incident occurred in connection with the peace movement in South Africa which caused some amusement among the Boer Delegates. The train conveying General Botha to Klerksdorp was standing at a small station to take in water, when a Tommy, impelled by curiosity, drew near to the special saloon, on the bridge of which Louis Botha was standing, and respectfully saluting the Boer leader, asked, "when are you going to let us go home, sir." Botha smiled and replied, "very soon he hoped." "The sooner the quicker," quoted Atkins. This old tag was evidently unknown to Botha, who laughed heartily.—*Daily Mail.*

Sports.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE.

Sports took place in Vanbrugh Field, on 7th May, 1902, in extremely bad weather. Appended are the results as far as the 2nd Lieuts, R.M., are concerned.

Half Mile—1st, J. B. Chancellor, R.M.A.; 2nd, S. C. Wace, R.M.A.
Mile—2nd, S. C. Wace, R.M.A.; 3rd, C. M. Durrant, R.M.A.
Sack Race—1st, F. C. N. Bishop, R.M.A.; 2nd, C. E. Risk, R M.L.I.
Hundred Yards—2nd (dead heat), G. H. Jollye, R.M.A.
Consolation Race—1st, G. P. Oppenheim, R.M.L.I
Quarter Mile—2nd, J. B. Chancellor, R.M.A.
Slow Bicycle Race—Winner, S. C. Wace, R.M.A.
Obstacle Race—2nd, F. C. N. Bishop, R.M.A.
Putting the Shot—2nd, G. Ilbert, R.M.L.I.
Throwing the Cricket Ball—3rd, N. S. Cautrell, R.M.A.

In the tug-of-war, the team of 2nd Lieuts., R.M., were defeated by the Gunnery and Torpedo Lieuts. by two pulls to nil in the second round. In the first round the 2nd Lieuts. defeated the senior officers, R.N., by two pulls to nil.

Shooting.

SERGEANTS R.M.L.I. *v.* SERGEANTS R.E.

R.M.L.I., CHATHAM	*Aggte.*	*Tls.*	R.E.	*Aggte.*	*Tls.*
Clr.-Sergt. Webb ..	89		Q.M.S. Taylor ..	96	
Q.M.S. Andrews ..	87		Q.M.S. Alexander ..	94	
Sergt. Willing ..	85		Clr.-Sergt. Ascott ..	92	
Clr-Sergt. Bullen ..	85		Sergt. Baker ..	91	
Q.M.S. Kay ..	85		Q.M.S. Butcher ..	90	
Clr.-Sergt. Leach ..	83		Q.M.S. Kearney ..	86	
Sergt. Catlin ..	81		Sergt. Baker ..	86	
Sergt. Allen ..	81		S.M. Bullock ..	85	
Sergt. Mugridge ..	79		C.S.M. Bignell ..	82	
Clr.-Sergt. Braybrooke ..	77		Sergt. Powell ..	77	
Clr.-Sergt. Fountain ..	76		Sergt. Jones ..	76	
Clr.-Sergt. Watkins ..	76		Q.M.S. Wood ..	74	
Average—82	Grand Total	984	Average—85·75	Grand Total	1029

R.E. won by 45 points.

SERGEANTS R.M.L.I. *v.* GUNNERY SCHOOL, SHEERNESS.

Result of Match fired at Milton Ranges.

R.M.L.I.	*Aggte*	*Tls.*	GUNNERY SCHOOL.	*Aggte.*	*Tls.*
Clr.-Sergt. Mohr ..	99		1st P.O. Waters ..	94	
Q.M.S. Kay ..	91		1st P.O. Hart ..	90	
Sergt. Catlin ..	90		2nd P.O. Stewart ..	90	
Clr.-Sergt. Bullen ..	86		1st P.O. Dinwoody ..	89	
Clr.-Sergt. Webb ..	86		C.P.O. Taylor ..	89	
Clr.-Sergt. Allen ..	85		C.P.O. Underdown ..	83	
Q.M.S. Hammond ..	84		P.O. Lord ..	83	
Clr.-Sergt. Braybrooke ..	85		Lieut. Chatfield, R N. ..	82	
Q.M.S. Batten ..	79		Mr. Coles, R.N. ..	78	
Clr.-Sergt. Leach ..	79		Mr. Rose, R.N. ..	78	
Average—86·4	Total	864	Average—85·6	Total	856

R.M.L.I. won by 8 points.

Answers to Correspondents.

CAPT. MASCALL.—Thanks for contribution.

PTE. SATCHWELL.—Thanks for contribution, we are considering it.

Births.

DOCKERY.—On the 1st April, the wife of Lce.-Sergt. Dockery of a daughter.

BROWN.—On May the 8th, at Forton, the wife of Sergt. W. A. E. Brown of a son.

Marriages.

KENYON—WRIGHT.—On the 19th May, 1902, at the Baptist Church, Deal, Pte. J. Kenyon to Miss E. Wright.

BATCHELOR—KIRWELL.—At the Parish Church, Gosport, 21st April, 1902, Corpl. S. H. Batchelor to Julia Mary Kirwell.

SHEPPARD—BANCROFT.—At Holy Trinity Church, Cowes, 30th April, 1902, Sergt. G. J. Sheppard to Eliza Bancroft.

CARTER—RADFORD—At Parish Church, Walmer, 29th April, 1902, Sergt. A. C. Carter to Mary Radford.

RAKER—MAHONEY—At Parish Church, Colchester, 6th June, 1901, Sergt. A. J. Raker to Ellen Francis Mahoney.

LINIHAN—SMITH—At Methodist Chapel, Droxford, 19th May, 1902, Pte. T. S. Linihan to Jane Smith.

O'LEARY—MCCALLEN—At St. Swithin's, Southsea, 21st April, Gnr. P. O'Leary, R.M.A., to Miss M. McCallen.

SHERIFF—STREET—At Registry Office, Portsea, 20th May, Gnr. W. Sheriff, R.M.A., to Miss L. Street.

CHAPLIN—STREETER—At St. James', Portsea, 17th May, Gnr. C. Chaplin, R.M.A., to Miss E. Streeter.

BLOFIELD—MCGORRERY—At St. James', Portsea, 18th May, Corpl. M. H. Blofield, R.M.A., to Miss H. McGorrery.

Deaths.

BARTLETT—Pte. W. G. Bartlett, on the 24th April, serving in *Warspite*.

HOPKINS—On the 20th May, at Tanjong, Malino, Fd. Malay States, of malarial fever, Douglas Percy Hopkins, Assistant District Magistrate, H.M. Colonial Civil Service, eldest son of the late Harry Percy Hopkins, of the War Office, and of Mrs. Hopkins, of Glenmayne, Corkran Road, Surbiton, and grandson of the late Major-General Hopkins, C.B., late R.M.L.I., in his 26th year.

BRADSHAW—On the 30th April, at 21, Jackson Street, Middlesboro, Thomas Bradshaw, late R.M.L.I., aged 41 years.

SINCLAIR—At R.N. Barracks, Devonport, on 24th April, Pte. Sinclair, suddenly, from heart failure.

THOMPSON—At Deal, on the 10th April, Harold Edward, the infant son of Sergt. A. J. Thompson.

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Editorial.

IT is with the deepest regret that we announce the postponement of the Coronation of their Majesties King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra, and in common with the whole British Empire our Corps feels the deepest sorrow for its unfortunate cause, and joins in the heartfelt prayers for the speedy recovery of our beloved Sovereign. In the name of the Corps we would offer our deepest sympathy to our Colonel-in-Chief.

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In consequence of the lamented illness of His Majesty the King, all arrangements for the Brigade of Royal Marines to proceed to London were cancelled. For the information of those who are serving abroad we may say that the Brigade was to have been commanded by Colonel-Commandant W. Guise Tucker, C.B., with Major H. S. N. White, R.M.L.I., as Brigade Major, and Lieut. E. Wright, R.M.A., as Galloper. The Brigade was to have consisted of four Battalions, as follows:—R.M.A. (1,041 of all ranks), under Lieut.-Col. J. B. Leefe; Chatham Division (761 of all ranks), under Lieut.-Col. H. C. Money; Portsmouth Division (545 of all ranks), under Lieut.-Col. E. L. McCausland; Plymouth Division (714 of all ranks), under Lieut.-Col. A. E. Horniblow; and 3 officers and 106 men from Depot, R.M., under Capt. Harris.

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The Brigade was to have been quartered in various Board Schools in Clerkenwell, and on Thursday, 26th, was detailed to line Pall Mall, and on Friday the Strand from Burleigh Street to Whitefriars Street.

appoint Major-General W. P. Wright, R.M.L.I., to be Deputy Adjutant-General of the Royal Marine Forces, from 19th June, 1902.

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By special command of the King the following appointments, which had already received His Majesty's approval, are to be made to-day, being the day originally fixed for the Coronation:—

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., etc., etc., Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Marine Forces, to be General in the Army, Supernumerary to Establishment, (dated) 26th June, 1902.

ORDER OF THE BATH.

June 26th 1902.

To be additional members of the Military Division of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders:—

General Samuel J. Graham, C.B. (retired), R.M.L.I.; Major-Genl. J. F. Crease, C.B., (retired), R.M.A.

To be ordinary members of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions:—

Lieut.-Cols. G. T. Onslow, R.M.L.I., H. C. Money, R.M.L.I., E. V. Luke, R.M.L.I., G. G. Aston, R.M.A.

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War Office, 26th June, 1902.

Brevet—To be Lieut.-Colonel:—Major Archibald Paris, R.M.A.

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CHANCERY OF THE ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE.

Downing Street, June 26th, 1902.

The King has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following appointment to the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, in recognition of services in this country, the Mediterranean, and the Channel Islands, and during the operations in South Africa:—

Lieut.-Col. and Hon. Col. F. H. Mountsteven, 3rd Battalion the Devonshire Regiment, to be an ordinary member of the Third Class, or Companion of the said Most Distinguished Order.

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SOUTH AFRICA.

In the despatch addressed to the Secretary of State for War by Earl Roberts, under date of 1st March, among the officers recommended is Lieut. C. H. Hood, R.M.L.I., now Captain, the Buffs, East Kent Regiment.

In Lord Kitchener's despatch of 8th April, 1902, from Pretoria, Major A. Paris, R.M.A., is included in the list of officers brought to favourable notice for good service.

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The following officers have been selected for the Gymnastic course at Aldershot, commencing on 1st July:—

Lieuts. G. Mathew and E. Barr, R.M.A.; Lieuts. A. E. Syson and P. H. Colley, R.M.L.I. The first two officers are to be marked as not available for embarkation, and directions have been given to the Ports for Lieuts. Syson and Colley to be lent from their respective ships during the course without being relieved.

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Capt. W. E. Binney, R.M.L.I. (retired), has been appointed Recruiting Staff Officer, 2nd Class, at Glasgow, *vice* Major J. Burtenshaw, who completes his period of service on 13th inst.

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The following officers have been exempted from any deductions from their retired pay in respect of the services noted, viz:—Capt. H. D. E. O'Sullivan, Capts. C. E. Collard and F. A. Nelson, Rand Rifles. If, however, Capts. Collard and Nelson continue to serve in the Rand Rifles after the termination of the South African War, their case will be considered.

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The following officers have been granted the honorary rank of Major, dated 27th May, 1902:—

Qr.-Mrs. and Hon. Lieuts. G. White, R.M.L.I. (Chatham); S. G. Rodway, R.M.A., and R. J. Waldron, R.M.A., General Staff, R.M.

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Capt. J. E. Crowther, R.M.L.I., was appointed Russian Interpreter to the Fleet at Spithead for the Royal Naval Review, and was appointed to H.M.S. *Prince George* temporarily for this purpose.

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The undermentioned officer qualified at the examination held on the 9th June:—Lieut. G. Mathew, R.M.A., S. of M. 1 (Distinguished). It is notified that this officer attained a high standard of excellence in the written examination.

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The Honorary Secretary, R.M.R.A., informs us that he has received the programme for 1902 of "The Central Mines Rifle Association," which was founded last year, and seems to have made remarkable progress during its brief life. Our well-known rifle shot—Capt. C. E. Collard, R.M.L.I.—is apparently one of the leading spirits in the Association, and his name figures very frequently in the programme. He won the gold medal (rifle) with an average of 92·50 for eight shoots, and the silver medal (revolver) with an average of 74·83 for six shoots. The C.M.R.A. also possess a "Collard Cup" for a Rapid Firing Competition, and we congratulate the donor on his success, and the Association in numbering such a keen shot among its members.

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We understand that a new edition (the third) of the "Watch Bill for Royal Marines," by Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lieut. A. Hill, R.M.A., is in the printer's hands and will be ready for issue shortly. The new edition contains the Articles of the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions (corrected up to date) likely to be required by N.C.O.'s in charge and senior N.C.O.'s of detachments serving afloat.

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At the levee held by His Majesty the King at St. James's Palace, on 2nd June, Colonel W. Campbell, R.M.A., was on duty as aide-de-camp in waiting.

The following officers were presented by the Secretary of State:—Captains Leslie O. Wilson, D.S.O., and Frederick J. Saunders, R.M.L.I., on return from active service; Lieutenants Alan Bourne, Walter L. Huntingford, Alan H. W. Prynne, Henry K. Stephens, and William N. Stokes, R.M.A., on appointment; and Lieutenants Guy Harrison, Noel S. Clutterbuck, and Henry Willis, R.M.L.I., on appointment.

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Colonel Commandant R. Pine Coffin, commanding the Brigade of Royal Marines at Aldershot, had the honour of being included in His Majesty's dinner party on the 14th June.

Royal Marines Rifle Association.

THE Fourteenth Committee of the above assembled at Forton Barracks, Gosport, on the 20th June, when the following Members were present, viz.:—Major R. W. Heathcote (*r*), R.M.L.I. (presiding), Lieut.-Col. C. G. Brittan, R.M.L.I., Major G. A. Cox, R.M.L.I., Capt. H. Oldfield, R.M.A., Capt. A. de W. Kitcat, R.M.L.I., Major R. Saumarez, R.M.L.I., Lieut. H. W. Channer, R.M.L.I., and Major W. J. Langford (*r*), R.M.L.I., Hon. Secretary.

SELECTION OF THE XX.—Twenty-nine completed series of five cards were handed in, and the undermentioned were accordingly selected, the names of Dr.-Major G. Elliott, R.M.L.I. (21st on the list), and Q.M.S. F. G. Deacon, R.M.A., being added to the list.

Hon. Major S. G. Rodway, R.M.A.
Sergt.-Major Chas. Hill, R.M.L.I.
Captain J. L. Homer, R.M.A.
Q.M.S.I. H. J. Pearson, R.M.L.I.
Hon. Lieut A. Baker, R.M.A.
Sergt.-Major E. J. Sullivan, R.M.L.I.
Sergt. S. W. Hayes, R.M.L.I.
Lce.-Sergt. W. Hutchings, R.M.A.
Sergt. W. Colwell, R.M.L.I.
Sergt. S. Hellier, R.M.L.I.
Lce.-Sergt. R. S. Pottinger, R.M.A.
Sergt. C. Littleworth, R.M.L.I.
Gunner B. Bridgwater, R.M.A.
Sergt.-Instr. D. Beddow, R.M.L.I.
Sergt.-Major D. J. Foley, R.M.A.
Sergt. W. Dorey, R.M.L.I.
Lce.-Corpl. T. Lea, R.M.L.I.
Sergt. A. Height, R.M.A.
Q.M.S.I. F. Ede, R.M.A.
Lieut.-Col. W. I. Eastman, R.M.A.
*Dr.-Major G. Elliott, R.M.L.I.
*Q.M.S. F. G. Deacon, R.M.A.

* *Added to list of the XX.*

"COLLARD CUP" COMPETITION.

Fourteen Competitors in the preliminary for the above completed their six practices, and the following first ten were selected for the final competition at Ash.

Clr.-Sergt. W. H. D. Phillips, R.M.L.I.
Q.M.S.I. H. J. Pearson, R.M.L.I.
Sergt.-Major Chas. Hill, R.M.L.I.
Captain J. L. Homer, R.M.A.
Sergt. W. H. Sanders, R.M.L.I.
Captain A. de W. Kitcat, R.M.L.I.
Sergt. S. W. Hayes, R.M.L.I.
Pte. F. B. Goodey, R.M.L.I.
Sergt.-Major E. J. Sullivan, R.M.L.I.
Major E. E. Chown, R.M.L.I.

A letter was submitted from the Instructor of Musketry, Plymouth, with reference to the 5th cards of Q.M.S.I. J. F. Richards, R.M.L.I., and Sergt. S. Hellier, R.M.L.I., which could not be completed at 600 yards on the 14th June owing to the weather, and fresh cards, completed on the 16th, were forwarded. The Committee allowed these latter to count, and in consequence Sergt. Hellier obtained 10th place in the XX.

"PRINCE OF WALES CUP."

Proposed by Lieut.-Col. Brittan and seconded by Major Saumarez, "That the Royal Marines XX., on page 13 of the programme, be the first twenty in order of merit who have completed five cards."—Carried.

REGISTER KEEPERS AND MARKERS.—It was resolved to take the above from the Corps for the Meeting at Ash this year, and the following rates of extra pay were approved, viz.: Sergeants and Corporals, 3/-; Privates, 2/- per diem; 2/- per diem, in lieu of rations, extra for all ranks. The men to be supplied in equal proportions from Eastney and Forton, and to be placed in charge of the Captain of the Team, who was to make the necessary arrangements.

OFFICERS FOR DUTY.—It was decided to obtain the services of two officers for duty at the Firing Points and in the Butts during the Ash Meeting.

By Order.

W. J. LANGFORD, MAJOR (*r*),
Hon. Sec., R.M.R.A.

The Association carried out the annual rifle meeting on Ash Ranges, Aldershot, on June 30th, and July 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The first two days were occupied in competing for the R.M.R.A. jewels and for places in U.S. Cup Team. Three shoots a day at 200, 500 and 600 yards.

RESULT OF XX. COMPETITION.

1.	Q.M.S.I. H. J. Pearson,	R.M.L.I. ..	571	*gold jewel.*
2.	Capt. J. L. Homer,	R.M.A. ..	565	*silver* ,,
3.	Sergt. D. Beddow,*	,, ..	556	*bronze* ,,
4.	Lieut. and Qr.-Mr. A. Baker,	,, ..	555	
5.	Sergt.-Major D. J. Foley,	,, ..	551	
6.	Lce.-Sergt. W. Hutchings,	,, ..	546	
7.	,, R S. Pottinger,	,, ..	537	
8.	Sergt.-Major C. Hill,	R.M.L.I. ..	532	
9.	Drum-Major H. Elliott,	,, ..	531	
	Sergt. W. Hayes	,, ..	531	
	,, C. Littleworth	,, ..	531	
12.	Gnr. B. Bridgwater,	R.M.A. ..	529	
13.	Sergt.-Major E. J. Sullivan,	R.M.L.I. ..	526	
15.	Sergt. Colwell,	,, ..	526	
16.	,, F. Chell,	R.M.A. ..	521	
17.	Q.M.S. F. Ede	,, ..	513	
19.	Maj. & Bt. Lt.-Col. W. T. Eastman,	R.M.A. ..	512	
	Sergt. A. Height,	R.M.A. ..	512	
20.	,, W. Dorey,	R.M.L.I. ..	511	
21.	Lce.-Corpl. T. Lea,	,, ..	508	
	Sergt. W. Hellier,	,, ..	503	

**Winner of N.R.A. Silver Medal.*

MEETING AT ASH.

This Meeting took place on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd July, 1902.

Collard Cup.—Winner, Q.M.S.I. J. Pearson, Depot.

Revolver Match.—1st Depot R.M., 2nd Portsmouth R.M.L.I.

Officers' Cup.—R.M.A. 1st.

N.R.A. Medal.—Sergt.-Major C. Hill, R.M.L.I.

Prince of Wales' Cup.—Winner, Lieut. H. S. Lloyd, R.M.L.I., 85; 2nd, Sergt. W. Dorey, R.M.L.I. (Portsmouth), 83; 3rd, Sergt. Hayes (Depot), 80.

FOREIGN STATIONS COMPETITIONS.

MEDITERRANEAN SQUADRON. 1901.

Pte. W. Lewis, R.M.L.I., winner of the Badge and £1, H.M.S. *Theseus*; points 92.

Sergt. S. Hayes, R.M.L.I., winner of £1, H.M.S. *Hibernia*; pts. 91.

Clr.-Sergt. Norton, R.M.L.I., 15s., H.M.S. *Vulcan*; points 90.

Sergt. Lock, R.M.L.I., 9s., H.M.S. *Hibernia*; points 89.

Sergt. Symons, H.M.S. *Hibernia*; points 88.

MEDITERRANEAN SQUADRON, 1902.

The competition for the Silver Badge took place last month at Malta with the following results :—

Winner of the Badge—Captain G. F. Muller, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Repulse*, score 91 points.

Next in order of merit :—

* Sergt.-Instr. of Musketry Symons, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Hibernia*, 89 points, 20s.

Sergt. Morton, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Aboukir*, 87 points, 20s.

Sergt.-Instr. of Musketry Lock, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Hibernia*, 84 points, 10s.

Gnr. Pope, R.M.A., H.M.S. *Renown*, 81 points, 6s.

Clr.-Sergt. Burgis, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Hibernia*, 81 points, 6s.

* The Badge having been won by an officer, the sum of one guinea has been forwarded to this N.C.O. in accordance with the rules of the Association.

Royal Marine Brigade at Aldershot.

FOR the first time for 30 years a Brigade of Royal Marines has been encamped together, and acted as such. The Brigade was formed at Aldershot on 13th June, under the command of Colonel Commandant R. P. Coffin, R.M.L.I., who had for his Brigade-Major, Major H. S. Neville White, R.M.L.I.; and Lieut. E. Wright, R.M.A., as galloper. The Brigade consisted of 4 Battalions, R.M.A., Chatham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth R.M.L.I., each of 6 companies of 32 files. A list of the officers will be found below. We were most unfortunate in having most fearful weather, and few of us are likely to forget the first day and night. It was pouring hard with rain, and the roads heavy with mud, as we found our way to Jubilee Hill, on either side of which our camps were pitched; the R.M.A. and Portsmouth Battalion de-trained at Aldershot Town Station and marched up via Wellington Avenue; Chatham Battalion de-trained at S.E.R. North Camp; and Plymouth Battalion at Farnborough. Fortunately advanced parties had been sent on, and when we arrived we found the tents all pitched, and tea was soon ready for issue; but rain had converted the ground into a quagmire, the Chatham and Plymouth Battalions being specially unlucky, and as we were not allowed to dig trenches the first night inside of the tents were pools of water, and I fear that the majority did not get much sleep that night. It was too wet to do anything the next morning (Saturday), but it cleared up in the afternoon, and all hands were soon busily engaged in getting everything dry in the wind and the little sun that struggled through. The Bands of the Brigade had massed band practice close to the Brigade camp, which was just under the S.E. side of the hill close to the Chatham Battalion, and we were able to get round and renew our acquaintance with many old friends. In the evening there was a torchlight tattoo on 3rd Brigade Recreation Ground, and many members of the Brigade were present. On Sunday there was open-air service on the top of Jubilee Hill, the music being supplied by the Portsmouth Band, the battalions being formed in quarter column, R.M.A. and Portsmouth on one side, Chatham and Plymouth on the other. I should have mentioned that the R.M.A. and Portsmouth were quartered on W. side of Hill, and Chatham and Plymouth on the E. side of Hill. The afternoon was given up to sleep or wandering round the various camps; the majority of the officers going to write their names in their Majesties' book at the Royal Pavilion. In the evening the Brigadier dined with their Majesties. We all hoped that Monday would be fine, but in vain; a fine drizzling rain was falling, and continued steadily up to the time of the march past, when it cleared up, and we were able to put our best foot foremost. The Brigade assembled in the Long Valley on the right of the 1st division, and followed them across the canal by six pontoon bridges to Laffan's Plain, where it formed up on the right of all the Infantry. Immediately on our right were the Cavalry and Imperial Yeomanry. (To those who know Aldershot we were quite close to Pyestock Wood). After a long wait of an hour the Royal Carriages arrived, and were received with a Royal salute. Owing to the weather, and, as we afterwards learnt, the illness of His Majesty, who was unable to be present, the inspection was dispensed with, and orders were given for the March Past to take place at once. Whilst the troops were moving into position, the H.L.I. trooped the colours and were presented with new ones by H.M. Queen Alexandra, and those who were able to see the ceremony were treated to a spectacle which showed to what perfection drill can be brought. As we moved into position we were able to see the other divisions, and certainly they presented a magnificent sight, all the more wonderful when one remembered that besides ourselves there were only three or four Regular Battalions present. Owing to the state of the ground, which was terrible, being nothing but slush and water, it was decided that the Infantry should march past first, so that the Royal Marines had the honour of passing Her Majesty the first of all. We marched past in columns of double companies, with 30 paces between the companies. As the Brigade reached the saluting base, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who was dressed in the uniform of the Royal Fusiliers, moved down and placed himself at our heads, and lead the Brigade past Her Majesty the Queen, falling out and placing himself at the side of the carriage after saluting. The Battalions appeared to go past very well, and according to the

" Times " correspondent, " the appearance of these Battalions was all that could be desired, and gave evident satisfaction to Her Majesty when they passed before her." We moved on and wheeled to the left off the saluting base, and will all retain a vivid recollection of the state of the ground just at that point. Owing to the weather the advance in review order was dispensed with, so that we passed straight on over our old ground. There were still Infantry Brigades waiting to go past, and the Cavalry and Artillery were waiting patiently. We returned to Jubilee Hill, and then the four Battalions were photographed in line of quarter columns, and a group of all the officers was taken subsequently at the Brigade Camp. The rest of the day was spent in getting ready for our departure on the morrow. On Tuesday morning the Plymouth Battalion was first away, going from Farnborough Station; Portsmouth were next, and as they passed the R.M.A. Camp, and afterwards the Chatham, the bands turned out, and after playing the regimental march, they played " Auld Lang Syne " amidst much cheering. The R.M.A. soon followed; these two Battalions leaving from the Town Station. Chatham did not leave till the afternoon. I should have mentioned that our bands were taken away from the Review on Monday in waggons, in order to play at the Royal luncheon, but after one or two pieces massed outside, the rain came down, and the bands played singly in succession in one of the rooms. The Brigadier published the following order :—" The Brigadier wishes to thank the N.C.O.'s and men of the Brigade for their good conduct and cheerful behaviour whilst in camp at Aldershot during a period of almost continuous bad weather, which must have been trying to everybody. He also desires to congratulate all ranks on the way they marched past to-day."

The following letter has also been published in orders :—" The Lord's Commissioners of the Admiralty have expressed their satisfaction at the receipt of a letter from Lieutenant-General Commanding 1st Army Corps with reference to the Royal Marine Brigade which attended the Royal Review at Aldershot on 16th June, from which the following is an extract : ' Will you please express to the Brigadier my appreciation of the bearing and behaviour, under much discomfort, of the troops under his command during their stay at Aldershot.' "

LIST OF OFFICERS.

R.M.A.—Lieut.-Col. Burrowes; Majors Gatham and Brittan; Captains Oldfield, Mackay, Harkness, Homfray, Geddes; Capt. and Adjutant McCarthy; Lieuts. Raikes, Bishop, Mathew, Barr, Prynne, Stephens, Stokes, Huntingford; Q.M. and Hon. Lieut. Sparrow.

R.M.L.I. Chatham.—Lieut.-Col. A. F. Gatliff; Majors C. E. Curtoys and A. M. Connolly; Captains Wylde, Frankis, Hoskyns-Abrahall, Deed, Hall, Capt. and Adjutant Bewes; Lieuts. Channer, Loche, Montgomery, Morgan, Jones, Gerrard, Strugnell, Tredennich, Harford, Malcolm, Wilson, Billing, Willis; Second Lieut. J. Wright; Q.M. and Hon. Lieut. Simpson.

R.M.L.I. Portsmouth.—Lieut.-Col. C. G. Brittan; Majors A. G. Vincent and Eady; Captains Evelegh, Gardner, Kitcat, Heriot, Griffiths; Capt. and Adjutant Blumberg; Lieuts. D'Oyly, Clutterbuck, Barnby, Deakin, Loxley, Huskisson, Jones, Hill, Prynne, Trench, Peel, Horne, Field, Goldsmith; Second Lieut. Miller, M.V.O.; Q.M. and Hon. Lieut. Blacker.

R.M.L.I. Plymouth. — Lieut.-Col. A. E. Horniblow; Captains Stroud, Ommaney, Armstrong, Bridges, Baker, Marshman, Mairis; Lieuts. Christie, Harman, Lloyd, Smith, Higgs, A. Smith, Weller, Teague, Gibson, Martin, Nutt, Greenhow, Young, Owen; Q.M. and Hon. Lieut. F. Duffin.

The scene is the magazine guard on the Corradino side of Malta Grand Harbour. The time, 9 a.m. The morning of the arrival of the Mediterranean Squadron. The sergeant being new to Malta, and thinking it is the correct thing to do, has turned the guard out. Now, as every one knows, each ship has to take up her moorings, an evolution which takes some considerable time, consequently the guard began to get somewhat tired of the long weary wait. The monotony was at last relieved by a grousing old soldier enquiring of his near neighbour as to how much longer they were going to wait. The reply came quickly and loud enough for all the guard to hear—" D——d if I know, Bill; but if we're waiting for Jacky Fisher to give the order, ' Fleet, eyes left,' we'll wait a perishing long time." Sergeant takes the hint and the guard is dismissed.

Royal Military Tournament, London.

Teams from the R.M. Artillery competed in the following, and took first prize in each event :—

TUG-OF-WAR (CATCHWEIGHTS).

First round :—R.M.A. beat Irish Guards (two pulls to nil).

Final :—R.M.A. beat 26th Battery R.F.A. (two pulls to nil).

Team :—Sergt.-Major W. H. Jones (coach); E Company, Gunner F. W. Richards; C Company, Corpl. T. England, K Company, Br. H. J. Wheeler; B Company, Gunner F. E. Acton; B Company, Gunner J. T. Tavener; K Company, J. Garnett; F Company, H. Fisher; L Company, A. Morgan; N Company, Gunner W. Lilywhite; J Company, J. Notley.

TUG-OF-WAR (110 STONE).

First round :—R.M.A. beat Training Battalion R.E. (two pulls to nil).

Final :—R.M.A. beat 10th Provisional Battalion (two pulls to nil).

Team :—Sergt. Archer (coach); F Company, Gunner J. H. Davis; N Company, Gunner W. J. Munro; J Company, Gunner H. A. Prince; P Company, Gunner P. H. Bowden; E Company, Gunner J. Keegan; K Company, B. W. Brent; E Company, W. E. Driscoll; F Company, Gunner E. Berry; O Company, Bugler G. E. Whitwell; P Company, Gunner F. Roy.

BAYONET COMBATS.

First round :—R.M.A. beat 9th Provisional Battalion (eight fights to nil).

Second round :—R.M.A. beat R.M. Depot (eight fights to nil).

Final :—R.M.A. beat R.M.L.I., Chatham (seven fights to one).

Team :—Corpl. McFadden (leader); L Company, Gunner M. Lalby; B Company, Gunner J. Smith; E Company, Gunner H. C. Randall; F Company, Gunner D. Campbell; N Company, Gunner H. J. Ashford; N Company, Gunner S. Hall; C Company, Gunner P. Pomfret; F Company, Gunner J. E. Nichol.

The R.M.A. 110 stone Tug-of-War Team won special prize, Army *v.* Auxiliary. In this competition they met and defeated the Civil Service Volunteers (London) by two pulls to nil.

On Saturday morning, 31st May, a Boxing Tournament was carried out by the tournament officials.

Corpl. McFadden took first prize in the catch weights :—

First bout :—Defeated Bombdr. Edwards, of the Royal Artillery, in one round.

Second bout :—He met Gunner Campbell, R.M.A., the latter having to retire after the first round owing to a sprained wrist.

Final bout produced a very hard fight. Trooper Cooke, R.H. Guards, fought very gamely, but McFadden eventually won on points.

Note.—The judges awarded a special prize of a guinea each to the above competitors for the best fight of the day.

Middle weight competition was won by Gunner M. Lalby, R.M.A., his opponent in the first bout scratched; in the final he met and defeated Corpl. Watts, R.M. Depot. This event produced a good fight, the judges ordering an extra round to decide.

Sergt. W. Riddell won second prize bayonet *v.* bayonet, being defeated in the final by Fencing-Instructor Elliott, of the 2nd Life Guards.

Obituary.

JOHN OAKLEY MAUND, Esq., formerly of the R.M. Artillery, died 10th June, at Pisa, aged 56.

He entered the service as 2nd lieutenant 1st January, 1864, and resigned his commission 30th July, 1867, on appointment as junior examiner, Exchequer and Audit Department.

He was the son of the late W. Herbert Maund, Esq., of Eastwood, Hants, and Ludgershall, Wilts, formerly of Laverstock, Salisbury, and nephew of the Rev. E. A. Illingworth, M.A. He married, 27th July, 1867, Mary Emily, daughter of H. B. Baring, Esq., M.P., and of the late Lady Augusta Baring.

He was largely interested in financial matters, being a director of the African and General Exploring Company, and several others.—*Times.*

Diary of Ex-Col.-Sergt. Peppin's Walk from Plymouth to Deal.

Date, 1902.		Distance Miles
June 2nd.	Left Plymouth at 4.30 a.m.; arrived at Puddivand Totnes at 3.30 p.m.	24
" 3rd.	Left Puddivand, Totnes, at 7.20 a.m.; arrived at Exeter at 9.50 p.m.	31
" 4th.	Left Exeter at 9.45 a.m.; arrived at Honiton at 6.0 p.m.	16
" 5th.	Left Honiton at 5.15 a.m.; arrived at Crewkerne at at 6 0 p.m.	21
" 6th.	Left Crewkerne at 6.15 a.m.; arrived at Shaftsbury at 8.0 p.m. Rained more or less all the way. ..	31
" 7th.	Left Shaftsbury at 5.30 a.m.; arrived at Salisbury at at 2.45 p.m. Rained more or less all the way. ..	20
" 9th.	Left Salisbury at 11.55 a.m.; arrived at Southampton at 8.30 p.m.	22
" 10th.	Left Southampton at 6.0 a.m.; arrived at Forton Barracks, R.M.L.I., at 12.30 p.m.	18
" 11th.	Left Forton R.M. Barracks at 2.30 p.m.; arrived at Petersfield, viâ Eastney, at 10.0 p.m.	22
" 12th.	Left Petersfield at 6.15 a.m.; arrived at Aldershot at 2.30 p m. Rained all the way.	22
" 16th.	Witness the Royal Review of Troops on Laffans Plain, which was a splendid sight.	
" 17th.	Left Aldershot at 5.30 a.m.; arrived at Spring Gardens, London, at 9.0 p.m.	38
" 19th.	Left Spring Gardens, London, at 5.50 a.m.; arrived at R.M. Barracks, Chatham, at 10.30 p.m. ..	32
" 21st.	Left Chatham at 5.45 a.m.; arrived at Canterbury at 7.45 p.m..	24
" 22nd.	Left Canterbury at 5.45 a.m.; arrived at Deal R.M. Depôt at 12.45 p.m.	18
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EASTNEY.

An account of our successes at the Military Tournament is narrated elsewhere. Other regiments and corps generally believe that, like themselves, we are able to place much the same team year after year into these competitions, and that through being a long service corps, we have an advantage over them in this respect. This is far from being the case, owing to the constant flow of embarkations and disembarkations at headquarters. As a matter of fact, the Bayonet Fighting Team was entirely different from last year, and the Tug-of-War Teams only contained one man who was in last year's teams.

Members of the Corps interested in the Gosport and Fareham Beagles will be glad to hear that, on the unanimous recommendation of the committee, at a fully representative meeting on 16th June of the members, owners, and occupiers over whose ground the pack hunts, Mr. Fred Blake, of Bury Place, Alverstoke, and eldest son of the late Mr. S. T. Blake, formerly for about twelve years Master, was without a dissentient voice, elected Master, vice Mr. J. Nugent, of Wallington House, Fareham, whom all will regret to hear was obliged to resign owing to ill-health.

PORTSMOUTH.

ENTERTAINMENT.—A very successful entertainment was held at the Royal Marine Theatre, Forton, on Wednesday, 4th June, by permission of Colonel Commandant A. E. Chapman, R.M.L.I., in aid of the widow and children of the late Sergt. Press, R.M.L.I. The first part of the programme consisted of comic songs, etc., rendered by Sergts. Underhay, Stonhold, and Colverson, Musn. F. Crossley, and Mr. Hammond, and an overture by the band. In the second part Mr. Sidney Fielder performed feats of mystery and magic ; songs by Mr. Lyne, Miss A. Smith, Mr. E. H. Buck, Sergt. W. Maitland, R.A.M.C., Corpl. Presland, Lance-Corpl. Miller ; and selections by the band. The programme concluded with a farce entitled "Chiselling," in which Miss E. Rhimes, Miss L. Mould, Sergts. Underhay and Stonhold, and Corpl. Crawley ably sustained their parts. The proceeds realised £13 3s. 4d.

Medals.

ON King's Birthday Parade on Southsea Common, 30th May, 1902, Medals for the operations in China were presented to the following by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Baker Russell, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., Commanding Southern District.

R.M.L.I. (Portsmouth).—Sergts. H. Maxwell and G. J. Sheppard ; Lce.-Sergts. W. J. Walley and W. H. Freeman ; Corpls. A. M. Presland, H. M. Trodd ("Nelson") and W. R. Willcock ; Lce.-Corpl. J. Gordon ; Ptes. F. Ford, E. O'Neale, F. N. White and A. Mead. At the same time Medals for S. Africa were presented to the following : Corp. W. Perkins ; Bombr. A. Jackson, W. E. Petley, W. H. C. Rogers and C. C. Sedgwick ; Gunr. J. Johnson.

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After Church Parade, at Eastney, on 1st June, Colonel Commandant Guise Tucker, C B., presented Medals for the Chinese campaign to the following non-coms. and men of the Royal Marine Artillery : Sergt. A. Keith ; Corpls. F. Russell and A. W. Baysting ; Gunrs. T. C. Beck, John Bell, Alfred Blackman, H. L. Bowerkank, F. W. Bowern, Henry Brooks, G. J. Broomfield, Thomas Bull, P. C. Butt, G. H Clapson, James Crapnell, W. H. Danby, E. R Dilworth, J. H. Gainsley, Joseph Garnett, Frederick Garrod, Peter Gorman, G. E. Hewitt, J. J. Hickling, Frederick Hughes, Alex. King, Chas. Korriene, T. J. Lee, A. E. Long, Herbert Martin, W. J. Martin, Stephen McGuinnity, H. J. Mustoe, James Neilson, John Pendreich, E. R. Pook, A. J. Ridd, Robert Stevens, H. B. Thorpe, Percy Williams ; Bombr. W. H. Rann ; and Bugler R. J. Glass. Also Gunrs. J. Carter, F. C. Meredith, W. Marden and G. H. Clapson ; and for S. Africa to Gunr. H. Cushion.

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After Church Parade at Chatham : Capt. A. W. Wylde ; Crl.-Sergts. H. Elliott, M. P. Hart ; Sergts. T. Fountain, W. G. Leeson, F. W. Moss ; Lce.-Sergt. A. W. Ripley ; Corpl. C. T. Savill ; Bugler A. Donkin ; Ptes. H. Bate, L. Jeffreys, W. F. Wild, W. J. Potter, W. G. Pleace, J. W. J. Rogers, A. Philbrick, W. L. Ireland, H. T. Lewis, C. J. Suffolk, W. Brown, H. J. Boyce, T. J. Pickett, W. J. Howland, A. Maslin, F. James, C. F. Bell, F. Drury, W. J. Dunn, H. Anderson, G. H. Rudkin, W. H. Clarke, E. F. Polkinhorne, W. H. Scott, J. Muirhead, W. Gorrie, E. F. Coley, T. G. Chick, A. J. Lowe, W. H. Palmer, T. Stapleton, W. H. Parsons, C. Watt, R. Brown, E. Baggott, H. J. Martin, T. Merriett, D. A. Kennard, E. C. Crook, J. Bristow and A. Saunders. Long Service and Good Conduct : Q.M.S. A. G. Kay.

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At Portsmouth, for China : Sergt. Lawrence ; Corpls. Greening and Windebank ; Ptes. Hardinan, Clarke and Ryman.

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At Plymouth, for China operations : Sergts. Vincent, Dodge and Gregory ; Lce.-Sergt. Roberts ; Bugler Kimmings ; Ptes. Frary, Schofield, Packwood, Rafferty, Hamilton, Brown, Coles, Francis, Wills, Locock, Mace, Lades, Kersey, McDermitt, Gillard, Young, Brewster, Viney, Bull, Terry, Moores, Keetch, Sweeney, Homan, McKay, Wood and Gibson.

GRAND DUKE MICHAEL AT GRAVESEND.

The Russian Imperial yacht *Sarinza*, with the Hereditary Grand Duke Michael, the Czar's representative, on board, proceeded to Gravesend, where the Czarevitch disembarked at three o'clock at the Chatham and Dover Pier. A Royal salute was fired from Tilbury Fort. His Imperial Highness was met on landing by Colonel Knight (commanding the troops at Gravesend), Captain Mulchinock (Garrison Adjutant), and a guard of honour under Lieut. Channer, R.M.L.I., also by the Mayor of Gravesend and Town Clerk. Before entering the train the Grand Duke, a very tall, handsome young man, who freely chatted with the Mayor as they ascended the pier steps, inspected the guard of honour. He was evidently pleased, judging by his smiles and gesture as he was speaking to the lieutenant, to whom, it was readily understood by the onlookers he was giving compliments. Again the Grand Duke spoke to the lieutenant, who happened to be standing near him as he entered his saloon, and called him inside. The onlookers raised cheers, as did groups of people occupying adjacent buildings, and the Grand Duke bowed acknowledgments.—*Gravesend Times.*

Western District Rifle Meeting.

THE annual meeting, which is held on the ranges at Tregantle, was earlier than usual by a fortnight this year, as the troops and sailors had to prepare for the Coronation festivities in London. The decision of the Committee to allow no verniers, ventometers, or any artificial aids for sighting, and at the same time not enforcing the use of the rifle as issued, but allowing freehand drawing of wind lines on the range, thus making it neither one thing nor the other, is the main reason of the great falling off in entries this year, there being between 600 and 700 less than last year. It has been urged that this is due to the strength of the garrison being two battalions less, but this is not so, for the Provisional Battalion has had the details of the two battalions added to it, and they more than compensate for the loss of numbers. No detailed sum of prize money was advertised, but each competition made to pay for itself, 20 per cent. being deducted for the meeting expenses.

In spite of these drawbacks the meeting may be, on the whole, considered successful. Even the weather, of which we had samples of all kinds, including heat and sunshine, rain, cold, and fog, the latter of course greatly hampering firing, did not prevent the whole programme being finished, though of course overtime had to be worked at the end of the day.

The Division has had more than its share of success. The Admiral's Cup has been won for the second year in succession. The General's Prize and Maxim Gun Competition come to us, as also does the Western District Championship, which was won by Sergt. Hellier, of the Musketry Staff, who in 1900 carried off the R.M.R.A. Badge for the North American Station. Major Parsons won the Officers' Challenge Cup, for an aggregate of two shoots each at 200, 500, and 600 yards. Several other well-known shots won prizes.

The following are the results as far as the Corps are concerned:—

Inter-Company Team Match.

Won by A Co. Devon details (5th P.B.). The match was preceded by a march from Torpoint *via* Merrifield and Antony to Tregantle, a distance of four and a half miles. The time of the quickest team was taken, and one point deducted for every minute in excess of this from the remaining teams. E Co. (Sergt. Collins), R.M.L.I., was the quickest team, doing the distance in 54 minutes, but unfortunately they failed to hit the target after their rapid macch.

All Ranks (Commissioned Excepted) Army and Reserve.

Marksmen.—200 yards: 1, Sergt. J. Lloyde, 33; 2, Sergt. F. Collins, 31. Also won prizes, Amr.-Sergt. A. E. Hermon, 28; Q.M.S. J. F. Richards, 28. 500 yards: 1, Sergt. Lloyde, 32. Also won prizes, Sergt. T. Mee, 30; Amr.-Sergt. A. E. Hermon, 29; Q.M.S. J. F. Richards, 28; Sergt. F. Collins, 26. 600 yards: Prizes were won by Sergt. Lloyde, Q.M.S. Richards, Sergt. Hellier, and Amr.-Sergt. Hermon, 28 each; Pte. Partridge, 26; Pte. Hodge, R.F.R., 26.

2nd Class Shots.—200 yards: 1, Lce.-Corpl. J. Johnson, 32. Also won prizes, Corpl. E. Setherton, 28; Pte. G. W. Runnacles, 26; Pte. W. Douglas, 24; Pte. J. H. Hooper, 22. 500 yards: Prizes were won by Pte. H. Doidge, 26; Corpl. E. Setherton, 25; Pte. G. W. Runnacles, 22; Pte. J. H. Hooper, 22; Corpl. S. Vickery, 21; Lce.-Corpl. Johnson, 20. 600 yards: Prizes were won by Pte. Runnacles, 24; Corpl. Setherton, 24; Lce.-Corpl. Johnson, 23; Pte. Douglas, 21.

3rd Class.—200 yards: No entries. 500 yards: 1, Pte. J. S. Davies, 22. 600 yards: Nil.

Recruits.—200 yards: 1, Pte. F. H. Gilpin, 29. Also won prizes, Pte. A. Whiteford, 27; Pte. D. McNaught, 26; Pte. B. S. Pickford, 23. 500 yards: Prizes were won by Pte. B. S. Pickford, 24; Pte. W. Bradley, 20; Pte. A. Whiteford, 18; Pte. F. H. Gilpin, 18. 600 yards: Prizes were won by Ptes. Pickford and McNaught.

Warrant Officers, &c., of the Navy and Royal Marines Afloat.

Class 1, including Colr.-Sergts. (nil), Petty Officers, and Leading Seamen, R.N., Sergeants and Corporals, R.M.—200 yards: Prizes were won by Sergt. J. Paddison, R.M.A. (Nile), 32, and Corpl. A. W. Staughton, R.M.L.I. (Vivid), 29. 500 yards: 1, Sergt. J. Paddison, R.M.A. (Nile), 30. Also won a prize, Corpl. A. W. Staughton, R.M.L.I. (Vivid), 26. 600 yards: 1, Corpl. A. W. Staughton, R.M.L.I. (Vivid), 30. Also won a prize, Sergt. Paddison, R.M.A. (Nile), 26.

Class 3, including Gunners R.M.A. and Privates R.M.L.I.—200 yards: 1, Pte. Rolfe (Vivid), 33. Also won prizes, Pte. Hartland, 30, Private Godfrey, 29, Lce.-Corpl. Hall, 29, Gnr. Cattle, 29, Lce.-Corpl. Edginton, 25, Pte. Harvey, Lce.-Corpl. St. Ledger, 23, of the Vivid; Ptes. Barker, 26, E. J. Collins, 25, and Pike, 24, of the Lion; Gnrs. Seagbeer, 25, and H. Kitchen, 24, of the Nile. 500 yards: Prizes were won by Gnr. Cattle, 29, Pte. F. Godfrey, 28, and Lce.-Corpl. Edginton and H. W. Hall, 26, of the Vivid; Lce.-Corpl. T. Knott, 29, Lce.-Corpl. C. Bartlett, 28, and Pte M. Thomas, 23, of the Lion; Pte. E. Braunton, 24, of the Impregnable; and Gnr. H. Seagbeer, 22, of the Nile. 600 yards: 1, Lce.-Corpl. G. W. Hall, 28, of the Vivid. Also won prizes, Lce.-Corpl. Edginton and Pte. Harvey, 25, of the Vivid; Lce.-Corpl C. R. Bartlett, 24, Pte. G. Pike, 22, and Pte. W. Hill, 22, of the Lion; Gunner H. Seagbeer, 24, of the Nile; and Pte. E. Braunton, 22, of the Impregnable.

Commissioned Officers of Army and Navy, &c.

A miniature Cup presented to the highest scorer at each range.

500 yards: Lieut. H. S. Lloyd, R.M.L.I. 600 yards: Lieut. H. S. Lloyd, R.M.L.I.

Combined Match Open to All Ranks of Army and Navy, &c.

A miniature Cup for the officer making the highest score at each range, and 20 prizes for W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and men.

200 yards: 2, Lce.-Corpl. Johnson, 33. Also won prizes, Q.M.S. (I. of M.) J. F. Richards, Sergt. S. Hellier, Sergt. J. Paddison, R.M.A., Corpl. E. Setherton, and Amr.-Sergt. A. E. Hermon, 33 each; Pte. P. Sweeney, 31; Sergt. Lloyde and Corpl. A. W. Staughton, 30 each. 500 yards: Prizes were won by Sergt. S. Hellier, 32; Sergt. Lloyde, 31; Sergt. T. Mee, Q.M.S. Richards, and Amr.-Sergt. Hermon, 30 each; Sergt. F. Collins, 30; and Lce.-Corpl. Edginton, 29. 600 yards: Major Parsons, 30, won the officers' mlniature Cup; 1, Sergt. Hellier, 33. Also won prizes, Amr.-Sergt. Hermon, 28; Q.M.S. Richards and Sergt. Collins, 27 each.

All Comers' Match.

500 yards: 1, Sergt. Lloyde, 32; 2, Lieut. H. S. Lloyd, 32; 5, Major C. McN. Parsons, 31; 8, Gnr. Cottle, R.M.A., 30. 600 yards: 7, Q.M.S. Richards, 29. 800 yards: 3, Sergt. F. Collins, 31; 4, Amr.-Sergt. Hermon, 31; 9, Major Parsons, 29; 11, Lieut. Lloyde, 29.

The Western District Championship.

Competed for by the forty best aggregates in five matches during the meeting. Only one score at any range to count; concluding with 10 shots at 800 yards.

1, Sergt. S. Hillier, R.M.L.I. (previous scores 98, at 800 yards 44—total, 142), who carried off the Challenge Cup, Gold Jewel, and £5.

The Commissioned Officers' Challenge Cup.

For the highest aggregates in the Commissioned Officers' Cup and combined matches.

1, Major C. McN. Parsons, R.M.L.I., 162.

Team Matches.

Revolver Cup.—1, H.M.S. Cambridge, 679; 2, R.M.L.I. (Sergt.-Major Jolley, Lieut. Lloyd, Q.M.S. Richards, Amr.-Sergt. Hermon, Sergt. Lloyde, and Sergt. Collins), 622.

Revolver Team Match (Officers, Commissioned and Warrant).—1, H.M.S. Cambridge, 473; 2, R.M.L.I. (Majors Swanton and Parsons, Lieut. Lloyd and Sergt.-Major Jolley), 314. Also competed All Comers, H.M.S. Cambridge 2nd Team, and Staff Fort Tregantle.

H.M.S. "Cambridge" Challenge Cup.—Won by H.M.S. Vivid. R.M.L.I. tied with H.M.S. Cambridge for 3rd. This is the third year in succession we have tied.

Team Snap Shootings (heads and shoulders at about 150 yards from behind cover).—1, H.M.S. Cambridge.

Naval and Military Record Cup.—1, Depôt Devonshire Regiment.

General's Prize.—1, R.M.L.I., after a tie with Details Devonshire Regiment (5th P.B.) and H.M.S. Vivid.

Admiral's Cup.

1, R.M.L.I.	*200*	*500*	*600*	*Total*
Sergt.-Major T. Jolley	29	25	25	79
Q.M.S. (I. of M.) J. F. Richards ..	30	22	22	74
Sergt. S. Hellier	26	31	24	81
Amr.-Sergt. A. E. Hermon ..	29	27	25	81
Sergt. W. Potter	29	27	29	85
Sergt. E. Channon	28	28	26	82
Sergt. T. Mee	28	28	28	84
Sergt. J. Lloyde	27	24	26	77
	226	212	205	643
2, H.M.S. Cambridge	221	216	201	636
3, H.M.S. Vivid	230	209	189	628

The Fairfax Challenge Cup.—Won by Details Devonshire Regiment (5th P.B.). The R.M.L.I., Tregantle, in the first round beat the Gunnery Instructors of the Cambridge, but in the second round were beaten by the ultimate winners. The R.M.L.I., Headquarters, failed to get through the first round, being defeated by the Vivid, who were the runners-up.

The Maxim Gun Competition.—1, R.M.L.I., Gunnery. A protest was lodged against them, and the Committee decided to fire the match again, when they tied with the Cambridge. On the third time of asking the R.M.L.I. decisively beat their opponent.

Judging Distance Competition.—Insufficient entries.

Portsmouth Garrison Sports.

HELD at the Men's Recreation Ground on June 13th and 14th. Though both the R.M.A. and R.M.L.I. had the majority of their men at Aldershot, they, as usual, more than held their own in the various events. One of the chief features of both days was the splendid riding of Sergt. Waterman, R.M.A., who won the one, two, and five mile bicycle events. In the five mile race he was brought down by another rider in the second lap, and shortly afterwards collided with another rider, but he remounted a spare machine and won a popular victory, after a tremendous spurt, by two lengths in 15 mins., 37⅕ secs.

Appended are the results of events in which the Marines were successful:—

FIRST DAY.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—Gnr. Bendall, R.M.A., 1.

Quarter-mile Flat Race, N.C.O.'s. (Army).—Lance-Sergt. Reynolds, R.M.L.I., 1; Sergt. Newman, R.M.L.I., 2; Bombdr. Millies, R.M.A., 3.

160 yards Flat Race, Veterans (Navy).—Gnr. Bendall, R.M.A., 2; Pte. Stevens, R.M.L.I., 3.

Sack Race (70 yards).—Corpl. Jones, R.M.L.I., 1.

Half-mile Flat Race (Navy).—Pte. Stevens, R.M.L.I., 2.

Half-mile Flat (Army).—Lance-Sergt. Reynolds, R.M.L.I., 2; Sergt. Barnes, R.M.A., 3.

Two Miles Bicycle (Army).—Sergt. Waterman, R.M.A., 1; Pte. Simpson, R.M.L.I., 2; Corpl. Ife. R.M.L.I., 3.

100 yards Flat Race (Officers).—Capt. Chichester, R.M.L.I., 1; Lieut. Garnier, R.M.L.I., 3.

Quarter-mile Obstacle Race (Army).—Lance-Corpl. Bomford, R.M.L.I., 3.

SECOND DAY.

One mile Flat, Navy.—Pte. Stevens, R.M.L.I., 1.

One mile Flat, Army.—Lce.-Sergt. Reynolds, R.M.L.I., 2.

100 yards Flat, Staff-Sergeants, Sergeants, Chief and 1st Class P.O.—Sergt. Newman, R.M.L.I., 1.

100 yards Flat, Navy.—Corpl. Jones. R.M.L.I., 1.

100 yards Flat, Army.—Sergt. Newman, R.M.L.I., 1.

One mile Bicycle Race.—Sergt. Waterman, R.M.A., 1; Corpl. Ife, R.M.A., 3.

Half-mile Championship (all ranks).—Sergt. Barnes, R.M.A., 3.

Five miles Bicycle Championship of Army and Navy (Southern District).—Sergt. Waterman, R.M A., 1.

Tug-of-War Competition (110 stone).—R.M.A. beat H.M.S. *Excellent* by two pulls to love.

150 yards (men of 15 stone and upwards).—Gnr. Morgan, R.M.A., 1.

Consolation Race—Saunders, R.M.L.I., 2.

Tug-of-War (catch weights).—R.M.A. beat H.M.S. *Excellent* by two pulls to love.

In the Field Gun Competition for second prize the R.M.A met the Naval College, and finished first by a few seconds.

Shooting.

MALTA.

MEDITERRANEAN BADGE COMPETITION.

1st prize, jewel—	Capt. G. F. Muller, R.M.L.I. ..	..	91
2nd ,, 20/- —	S.I. of M. Symons, R.M.L.I. ..	..	89
3rd ,, 20/- —	Sergt. Morton, R.M.L.I. (Aboukir)	..	87
4th ,, 10/- —	S.I. of M. Lock, R.M.L.I. ..	..	84
5th ,, 6/- —	Gnr. Pope, R.M.A. (Renown) ..	..	81
6th ,, 6/- —	Colr.-Sergt. Burgis, R.M.L.I. (Hibernia)	..	81

HANDICAP SHOOT.—Members of Rifle Range Club, on 5th June, for a Cup given by Lieut. Grace, R.N.:—

	Total	*G. Total*
C. Sullivan, C P.O., scratch ..	94 ..	94
Sergt. E. H. Symons, scratch ..	90 ..	90
Sergt. E. Burgis, receives 2 ..	92 ..	92
Sergeant E. Lock, receives 2 ..	90 ..	92
G.I. Woods, receives 5 ..	87 ..	92
G.I. Stanley, receives 7 ..	82 ..	89
G.I. Clarke, receives 5 ..	77 ..	82
Sergt.-Major E. Luff, receives 3	79 ..	82
G.I. Prior, receives 12 ..	69 ..	81
G.I. Richmond, receives 9 ..	71 ..	80
Gnr. Sampson, receives 7 ..	65 ..	72

PLYMOUTH DIVISION *v.* C & D COS 4TH V.B. DEVON REGIMENT.

This match was shot at Okehampton on Saturday, 3rd May, with the following result:—

1, C Co. 4th V.B. Devonshire Regiment, 696; 2, R.M.L.I., 658; 3, D Co. 4th V.B. Devonshire Regiment, 635.

R.M.L.I.

	Total		*Total*
Sergt. Warner ..	85	Amr.-Sergt. Hermon ..	82
Sergt. Potter ..	85	Sergt. Major Jolley ..	81
Lieut. Lloyd ..	84	Lieut. Norcock ..	81
Sergt. Collins ..	83	Sergt. Mee ..	77

Counted out—Q.M.S. (I. of M.) Richards, 77; Sergt. Hellier, 76.

SERGEANTS' MESS R.M. DEPOT *v.* SERGEANTS' MESS R.M. CHATHAM.

Fired at Milton 23rd April, 1902.

DEPOT.	*Aggte.*	*Tls.*	CHATHAM.	*Aggte.*	*Tls.*
Q.M.S.I. Pearson ..		90	Sergt. Catlin ..		88
Drum.-Major Elliott ..		90	Q.M.S.I. Andrews ..		87
Sergt. Colwell ..		89	Sergt. Allen ..		84
Sergt. Humphrey ..		88	Colr.-Sergt. Braybrooke ..		82
Sergt. Brailey ..		85	Colr.-Sergt. Webb ..		81
Sergt. Lloyde ..		83	Q.M.S.I. Batten ..		80
Sergt. Hayes ..		81	Colr.-Sergt. Leach ..		77
Sergt.-Major Sullivan ..		80	Sergt. Watkins ..		77
Q.M.S.I. Clark ..		79	Sergt. Mugridge ..		77
W.O. Bailey ..		75	Colr.-Sergt. Bullen ..		76
Average—84·00	Total	840	Average—80·90	Total	802
Counted out—					
Q.M.S. Sherhod ..		72	Sergt. Willing ..		75
Sergt. Littleworth ..		70	Q.M.S. Kay ..		75

R.M. Depot won by 31 points.

ROYAL MARINE DEPOT *v.* HYTHE STAFF. (1st Teams.)

Fired at Hythe 25th April, 1902.

HYTHE STAFF.	*Aggte.*	*Tls.*	R.M. DEPOT.	*Aggte.*	*Tls.*
S.I.M. Churcher ..		99	Sergt. Hayes ..		97
Q.M.S.I. Davidson ..		98	Sergt. Lloyde ..		95
Q.M.S.I. Robinson ..		96	Sergt. Littleworth ..		94
Q.M.S.I. Wallingford ..		96	Sergt. Colwell ..		90
Q.M.S.I. Burnett ..		93	Q.M.S.I. Clark ..		87
S.I.M. Robinson ..		92	S.M. Sullivan ..		85
Q.M.S.I. Payne ..		89	D.M. Elliott ..		83
S.I.M. Nichols ..		86	Q.M.S.I. Pearson ..		82
Average—93·62	Total	749	Average—89·12	Total	713

Hythe Staff won by 36 points.

HYTHE STAFF *v.* ROYAL MARINE DEPOT.

(2nd Teams.)

	Aggte.	Tls.		Aggte.	Tls.
Q.M.S.I. Barker	..	94	Lce.-Corpl. Salt	..	88
Major McFarlane	..	94	W.O. Bailey	..	88
S.I.M. Diss	..	91	Sergt. Gates	..	87
S.I.M. Eede	..	89	Sergt. Humphrey	..	86
S.M. Howland	..	88	Q.M.S. Sherhod	..	86
S.I.M. Turner	..	85	Sergt. Brailey	..	82
S.I.M. Fox	..	83	Colr.-Sergt. Wharton	..	80
S.I.M. Bostock	..	82	Q.S.M.I. Peaty	..	58
Average—88·25	Total	706	Average—81·87	Total	655

REVOLVER MATCH.

R.M. DEPOT.		Total	HYTHE STAFF.		Total
Q.M.S.I. Pearson	..	68	Q.M.S.I. Wallingford	..	76
Sergt. Fallace	..	62	Q.M.S.I. Davidson	..	67
Sergt. Hayes	..	58	Q.M.S.I. Robinson	..	65
Sergt. Humphrey	..	53	Q.M.S.I. Payne	..	62
Major Chown	..	52	S.I.M. Churcher	..	60
S.M. Sullivan	..	41	S.I.M. Nicholls	..	57
Average—55·66	Total	314	Average—64·50	Total	387

In addition to the above team matches there has also been a weekly spoon competition amongst officers. The winners were—1st week, Major Cox; 2nd week, Lieut. Stopford; 3rd week, Major Chown.

The members of the Sergeants' Rifle Club were divided into two classes, and a spoon given monthly to the highest score in each class. The best scores for month of April were: in Class I., Sergt. Lloyde, 92, and in Class II. Sergt. Liston, 95. The winners in May were: in Class I. Segt. Colwell, 99, and in Class II. Sergt. Brailey, 91.

The Deal Rifle Club opened their club on Thursday, May 29th, Colonel Commandant Dowding kindly firing the first shot.

R.M.A. *v.* 2ND V.B. HANTS REGIMENT.

(First Round Southern District League.)

Fired at Fort Cumberland, 2nd June, 1902.

R.M.A.	Aggte.	Tls.	2ND HANTS.	Aggte.	Tls.
Captain Homer	..	100	Sergt. Harvey	..	92
Major and Q.M. Rodway	..	96	Pte. Davis	..	84
Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger	..	89	Major Abraham	..	84
Sergt.-Major Foley	..	88	Corpl. Rogers	..	84
Sergt. Chell	..	87	Colr.-Sergt. Moger	..	81
Lieut. and Q.M. Baker	..	87	Pte. Roberts	..	81
S.I. Height	..	83	Sergt. Dawes	..	80
S.I. Beddow	..	82	Pte. Wood	..	79
Average—89	Total	712	Average—83·12	Total	665

R.M.A. won by 47 points.

R.M.A. *v.* RIFLE DEPOT.

(Second Round Southern District League.)

Fired at Fort Cumberland, 19th June, 1902.

R.M.A.	Aggte.	Tls.	RIFLE DEPOT.	Aggte.	Tls.
Captain Homer	..	97	Colr.-Sergt. McKay	..	100
Major and Q.M. Rodway	..	96	Pte. Pocock	..	94
S.I. Beddow	..	93	Sergt. Cunningham	..	94
Lieut. and Q.M. Baker	..	93	Colr.-Sergt. Lock	..	87
S.I. Height	..	88	Colr.-Sergt. McCarthy	..	86
Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger	..	88	Sergt.-Major Bull	..	85
Sergt. Chell	..	86	Q.M.S. Hennessey	..	83
Sergt.-Major Foley	..	85	Sergt. Bainbridge	..	67
Average—90·75	Total	726	Average—87	Total	696

R.M.A. won by 30 points.

PORTSMOUTH "TIMES" CHALLENGE SHIELD took place on May 31st, 1902. Open to Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces. Nine teams competed. The following is the order of the first three:—H.M.S. Excellent, 1; R.M.A., 2; R.M.L.I., 3.

R.M.A. 2ND TEAM *v.* 1ST HANTS R.E. VOLUNTEERS.

Fired at Fort Cumberland, 7th June, 1902.

R.M.A.	Aggte.	Tls.	1ST HANTS.	Aggte.	Tls.
Sergt. Mathieson	..	82	Coy. Sergt.-Maj. Burr	..	90
Colr.-Sergt. Tims	..	80	Coy. Sergt.-Maj. Mills	..	87
Gnr. Targett	..	77	Sergt. Pryer	..	83
Corpl. Flynn	..	77	Sergt. Kenway	..	79
Lieut. Bourne	..	76	Sapper Bowler	..	75
Sergt. Chell	..	75	Corpl. Dimond	..	74
Gnr. Hillman	..	74	Sergt. Butchers	..	70
Bombr. Fee	..	73	Q.M.S. Knight	..	66
Average—76·75	Total	614	Average—78	Total	624
Counted out—					
Lce.-Sergt. Hutchings	..	72	Lieut. Tucker	..	59
Gnr. Bridgwater	..	71	Sergt. Boyce	..	58

1st Hants R.E. Volunteers won by 10 points.

R.M.A. *v.* RIFLE DEPOT.

Fired at Fort Cumberland, 11th June, 1902.

R.M.A.	Aggte.	Tls.	RIFLE DEPOT.	Aggte.	Tls.
Major and Q.M. Rodway	..	97	Sergt. Cunningham	..	97
Captain Homer	..	96	Sergt. Bainbridge	..	95
Lieut. and Q.M. Baker	..	96	Colr.-Sergt. McKay	..	94
Sergt.-Major Foley	..	94	Colr.-Sergt. McCarthy	..	94
S.I. Beddow	..	94	Q.M.S. Hennessey	..	90
Lce.-Sergt. Hutchings	..	90	Pte. Pocock	..	89
Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger	..	88	Sergt.-Major Bull	..	89
Sergt. Chell	..	80	Colr.-Sergt. Lock	..	82
Average—91·87	Total	735	Average—91	Total	728

R.M.A. won by 7 points.

R.M.A. *v.* RIFLE DEPOT.

Fired at Browndown, 20th June, 1902.

R.M.A.	Aggte.	Tls.	RIFLE DEPOT.	Aggte.	Tls.
Captain Homer	..	101	Colr.-Sergt. McKay	..	95
Lieut. and Q.M. Baker	..	100	Sergt. Cunningham	..	94
Sergt.-Major Foley	..	97	Sergt. Bainbridge	..	92
Major and Q.M. Rodway	..	95	Colr.-Sergt. McCarthy	..	92
Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger	..	94	Colr.-Sergt. Lock	..	89
S.I. Beddow	..	94	Pte. Pocock	..	89
Sergt. Chell	..	93	Sergt.-Major Bull	..	87
S.I. Height	..	87	Q.M.S. Hennessey	..	83
Average—95·12	Total	761	Average—90·12	Total	721

R.M.A. won by 40 points.

Ascension.

The following Entertainment took place at the Palace of Varieties, Ascension:—

Part I.—1, Overture by the Band; 2, Sketch, "Cut off with a Shilling (a comedietta in one act). Characters: "Sam Gaythorne," Capt. C. Thoroton, R.M.L.I.; "Colonel Berners," Lieut. R. V. Ford, R.M.A.; "Kitty Gaythorne," Mrs. Pollard.

Part II.—1, Song, "I shall always love you," Sergt. C. Killington; 2, Song, "Motherland," Gnr. A. Orr; 3, Song (comic), "Come along 'Liza," Sig. J. Parker; 4, Song, "Could we recall," Lce.-Sergt. E. Hankin; 5, Song, Pte. A. Hockley; 6, Dulcimer Solo, Pte. E. Diggins.

Part III.—1, Sketch, "In honour bound" (a comedy in one act). Characters: "Sir George Carlyon," Capt. C. Thoroton, R.M.L.I.; "Philip Graham," Lieut. R. V. Ford, R.M.A.; "Lady Carylon," Mrs. Pollard; "Rose Dalrymple," Miss Pollard.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Presentation at R.M. Barracks, Plymouth.

JUNE 11TH, 1902.

After nearly twenty-two years' service, Colr.-Sergt. F. W. Hopkins, the second clerk in the Paymaster's Office, R.M. Barracks, Plymouth, was on the 11th of June discharged to pension. Mr. Hopkins has long been identified with the divisional theatre, having not only been its efficient stage manager, but he has also written several plays of more than average merit. All good wishes follow him into retirement, as well as a hope for speedy congenial employment. The Superintending Clerk (Mr. J. Davidson), the clerks and pay sergeants of the department on the morning of the above date made a costly present to Mr. Hopkins. It consisted of a polished oak case, richly lined with old gold plush and satin. It comprised upwards of forty articles of cutlery, spoons, salt cellars, stands, etc., of the finest make. The lid of the cabinet has a brass shield, on which is inscribed: "Presented to Colour-Sergeant F. W. Hopkins, R.M.L.I, by the clerks of the Paymaster's Department, on his retirement from the corps, June 11th, 1902."

Mr. Davidson, in making the presentation, expressed the regret shared by all that the time had come when Colr.-Sergt. Hopkins had to sever a long and pleasant connection with them.—Sergt. W. H. Hitchcock, the senior pay sergeant, supported the presentation, and said that Sergt. Hopkins had not only been very popular, but had gained their affection.

Mr. Hopkins has also been the recipient of an enlarged group of the R.M. Dramatic Company, framed in oak, from the N.C.O.'s and men of the theatre. The enlargement is the artistic work of Quartermaster-Sergeant J. Warner, R.M.L.I., and this presentation was made by Colour-Sergeant H. L. Smith.

Foreign News.

H.M.S. *Goliath*, Mirs Bay, China,
28th April, 1902.

We are now at this place, having done our quarterly firing and plenty of cannon tube. In the firing, Lance-Sergt. Waldron, R.M.A., and Gunner Simmonds, R.M.A., both captains of guns, figured well in the list, and so handling some prize money.

On Monday, 21st April, the Marines cutters crews, starboard side against port side, had a supper. This was pulled for just before we went to Hong Kong, and several things happened to prevent this supper from coming off. The port side were the losers, and they nobly entertained their victors on the above date. Thirty-three sat down to supper. After all the good things provided had been disposed of, smoking was resorted to. Lance-Sergts. Waldron and Bodger, R.M.A., made speeches regarding sport on this ship. They also thanked Bombdrs. Dooley and Gledhill, R.M.A., for their energy in promoting the present supper. Afterwards we had songs from Lance-Sergt. Waldron; Gnrs. Armitage and Macaboy; and Ptes. Robinson and Douglas. We finished by singing "The King" at 9-55 p.m.

On Wednesday, 23rd April, the Marines had another cutter's race. It was 45 and 49 messes against 47, 48, and 50 messes. Bombdrs. Davies and Dooley were the coxswains, and the former boat's crew won.

On Thursday, 24th April, the First Lieut. (also Gunnery Lieut.) of this ship, together with Capt. H. Worthington, R.M.A., and Lieut. Richards, R.M.L.I., went ashore with a volunteer party of bluejackets and marines to build a pier that had been started by H.M.S. *Ocean*. They built it of stones from the beach. On Thursday night a swimming match took place between Gnrs. Berry and Jones, R.M.A. The course was a mile long, measured by the range finder, and they were took away by a volunteers crew of Marines in the cutter. The coxswain and starter was Pte. Austin, R.M.L.I. Berry had to give in after he had done about a quarter of a mile, owing to a cramp in the stomach. Jones swam the mile in good style, using only the breast stroke, in 37 minutes. The swim was for a twenty dollar bet. It is a long time since anything attracted such a deal of interest in this ship.

On Friday afternoon another volunteer party went ashore with the same officers, and then the Bluejackets completed the pier, and the Marines with Captain Worthington, R.M.A., made a road from the pier up the hillside wide enough for field guns to go up.

On Saturday this ship went out for circular steaming, &c., leaving harbour at 6 a.m. and returning at 2 p.m.

The Marines of this ship have a good racing cutter's crew, the coxswain being Private Austin, R.M.L.I. They have had one or two successes.

A. F. R.

Cricket.

R.M.A. Officers *v.* Sergeants.

Played at Eastney, 7th May.

Sergeants		Officers.	
Sergt. Robinson, b Trotman	23	Major Brittan, retired	67
,, Gaubert, c Dobrée, b Fisher	8	,, Kappey, c & b Kelly	4
,, Kelly, run out	1	Lieut. Wright, c Barnes, b Manly	15
,, Manly, c Brown, b Kappey	28	,, Morgan, b Manly	1
,, Hanlon, b Trotman	0	,, Stephens, c Manly, b Gaubert	1
,, Perring, b Trotman	0	Capt. Brown, b Gaubert	4
,, Flanigan, run out	16	,, Fisher, did not bat	
,, Barnes, b Kappey	0	Major Trotter, not out	37
,, Kendall, c & b Trotman	6	Capt. Dobrée, not out	22
,, Kelsey, b Trotman	3	,, Trotman, did not bat	
,, Ballard, not out	0	,, McCarthy, did not bat	
Extras	7	Extras	6
Total	92	Total	157

R.M.A. *v.* Capt. Shine's XI.

Played at U.S.R.G., Portsmouth, 12th May.

Capt. Shine's XI.		R.M.A.	
Capt. Chichester, R.M.L.I., b Gaubert	21	Major Brittan, b Shine	29
Lieut. Winterbotham, R.A., b Gaubert	44	Capt. McCarthy, c Butler, b Chichester	2
Corp. Himbury, lbw, b Trotman	0	,, Trotman, b Chichester	1
Capt. Morgan, R.M.L.I., b Gaubert	12	,, Fisher, c Himbury, b Shine	26
,, Stanley, I.S.C., b Gaubert	7	Lieut. Hill, lbw, b Morgan	10
Dr. R. Browne, R.N., b Fisher	8	,, Lushington, b Morgan	9
Capt. Shine, R.M.L.I., c Wright, b Trotman	11	,, Briscoe, b Himbury	5
Mr. T. Dick, c Stokes, b Fisher	54	Sergt. Gaubert, c Chichester, b Shine	20
Q.M.S. Butler, not out	42	Lieut. Wright, c & b Chichester	6
Capt. Crowe, R.A., b Gaubert	6	,, Huntingford, c & b Shine	21
,, Johnson absent	–	,, Stokes, not out	4
Extras	15	Extras	8
Total	220	Total	141

R.M.L.I. *v.* R.M.A.

Played at Eastney.

R.M.L.I.		R.M.A.	
Capt. Chichester	27	Major Brittan	2
Lieut. Barnby	0	Gunner Parkins	12
Capt. Shine	20	Capt. Harding	4
Lieut. Lock	1	,, McCarthy	13
,, Goldsmith	5	Major Trotter	10
Corpl. Durham	19	Capt. Dobree	12
Capt. Morgan	29	Major Tatham	1
Lieut. Clutterbuck	0	Sergt. Gaubert	3
Sergt. Sperring	5	Lieut. Wright	0
Lieut. Garnier	0	,, Bishop	8
Pte. Jackson	3	,, Bourne	1
Extras	6	Extras	17
	115		83

R.M.A. *v.* R.A.

Played at U.S.R.G., Portsmouth, 24th June.

R.M.A.

Major Brittan, b Stanbrough	65
Sergt. Gaubert, run out	4
Capt. McCarthy, c Innes, b Stanbrough	2
,, Harding, lbw, b Johnston	26
Pte. Perkins, c Crowe, b Scott	20
Major Trotter, b Scott	4
Capt. Dobrée, not out	14
Major Tatham, Lieut. Hill, ,, Wright, Capt. Oldfield } did not bat	
Extras	7
Total (for 6 wickets)	142

R.A., 163 (Capt. Stanbrough, 49; Lieut. Scott, 36).

R.M.L.I. (Chatham) *v.* Royal Engineers.

This Match was played on the R.E. ground on the 28th May, and resulted in a win for the Marines by 101 runs. The visitors on winning the toss compiled a total of 207, mainly due to the efforts of Montgomery, who scored 102 by very fine cricket, Waller 30, Morse 22. The R.E. total reached 106, Waller and Finlaison sharing the wickets, the former's analysis reaching six wickets for 29 runs. This is the first time for some years the Marines have beaten the R.E.'s.

R.M.L.I.		R.E.	
G. M. Herford, b Wyatt	0	F. S. Piggott, b Waller	19
Sergt. Waters, b Piggott	0	F. Wyatt, c Finlaison, b Waller	23
H. F. Montgomery, c Brown, b Wyatt	102	H. N. North, b Waller	15
Capt. Chichester, b Wyatt	9	A. D. Pearson, b Waller	5
,, Finlaison, c Wyatt, b Mozley	13	F. M. Browne, b Finlaison	0
Capt. Morse, b Healy	22	G. Master, c Montgomery, b Finlaison	9
T. Locke, c & b Wyatt	12	F. W. Brunner, b Finlaison	5
R. C. Waller, C. Wyatt, b Healy	30	M. T. Porter, c Finlaison, b Waller	5
F. S. Wilson not out	0	H. C. Agnew, b Finlaison	3
Pte. Golder, b Healy	0	E. N. Mozley not out	0
G. Daberly, b Healy	0	W. Healy, b Waller	1
Extras	18	Extras	21
Total	207	Total	106

R.M.L.I. *v.* Gravesend.

Result of Match played at Gravesend, 14th May, 1902, and ended in a win for Gravesend by 104 runs.

R.M.L.I.		Gravesend.	
F. W. Boorman, c Morse, b Waller	1	C. Williams, b Ward	22
L. H. Troughton, b Waller	27	G. M. Herford, c & b Troughton	27
Capt. Andrews, b Montgomery	28	H. F. Montgomery, c Andrews, b Russell	45
D. Watson, c Broughton b Locke	49	Capt. Morse, b Boorman	8
R. Russell not out	60	R. C. Waller, b Ward	0
B. Tabrum, c Lawrence, b Waller	20	H. Willis, C. Andrews, b Ward	6
L. C. Troughton, b Herford	15	K. E. Lawrence, c Troughton, b Russell	4
Col. Knight not out	8	A. D. Broughton, c Tabrum, b Ward	2
Extras	18	T. Locke not out	0
		G. Duberly, b Ward	2
		F. S. Wilson run out	4
		Extras	4
Total	226	Total	122

For Gravesend E. Russell, E. Matthews, and Ward did not bat.

R.M.A. *v.* 4th Lanc. Fusiliers.

Played at U.S.R.G., Portsmouth, 27th May.

R.M.A.		4th Lanc. Fusiliers	
Major Brittan, b Allway	9	Bandsman Allway, b Gaubert	2
Capt. Trotman, run out	9	Pte. Faulkner, c & b Trotman	40
,, Harding, c Adair, b Allway	12	Lce.-Corp. Sewell, b Gaubert	0
Major Trotter, c Scott, b Ibbetson	31	Lieut. Ibbetson, b Gaubert	0
Pte. Perkins, c Ibbetson, b Adair	72	,, Marriott, b Gaubert	2
Major Tatham, not out	29	Sergt. Scott, b Gaubert	5
Sergt. Gaubert, not out	28	Lieut. Sidebotham, b Trotman	0
Lieut. Hill	did not bat	Capt. Adair, not out	1
Capt. Brown		Lieut. Beaumont, b Gaubert	13
Lieut. Huntingford		Bandsman Lucas, c Trotter, b Gaubert	0
,, Wright		Pte. Rowe, b Trotman	0
Extras	19	Extras	5
Total (5 wickets)	209	Total	68

Depot R.M. *v.* Westgate.

Played at the Depot.

Depot R.M.		Westgate.	
Col. Quill, c Cantley, b Wilson	2	R. B. Porch, c Tupman, b Murphy	42
Capt. Mayhew, b Hooper	49	C. H. E. Wilson, c Tupman, b McGinley	0
Major Mercer, b Hooper	22	Capt. Hobbs, c Brandram, b Hooper	16
Capt. Hobbs, c Brandram, b Hooper	20	F. D. Cantley, b Hobbs	7
Sergt. Murphy, c Wilson, b Hooper	2	H. W. Workman, lbw, b Hobbs	3
Capt. Tupman, b Hooper	1	P. R. Hooper, b Hobbs	20
Pte. Bayliss, c Cantley, b Hooper	2	R. A. Brandram, b Hobbs	8
Major Wray, c Allen, b Hooper	6	G. H. Hooper, c Mayhew, b McGinley	5
Sergt. McGinley, c & b Cantley	0	P. B. Allen, c Gwinn, b McGinley	1
Clr.-Sergt. Hickman, b Porch	9	H. Streatfield, b McGinley	2
Pte. Gwin, not out	13	W. Easton, c Hobbs, b McGinley	2
Extras	29	J. Ford, not out	
Total	155	Total	106

R.M. Depot *v.* Officers R.M., Greenwich.

The opening match of the Depot season took place at the Barracks.

Depot R.M.		Officers R.M., Greenwich.	
Capt. Clarke, c Cantrell, b Jollye	0	Mr. Jollye, c Murphy, b McGinley	2
,, Tupman, c Fawcett b Cantrell	0	,, Bishop, c Murphy, b McGinley	0
,, Hobbs, b Cantrell	14	,, Cantrell, b Hobbs	1
,, Mayhew, b Brough	63	,, Laing, b Hobbs	2
Sergt. McGinley, c Eagles, b Jollye	10	,, Fawcett, c McGinley, b Hobbs	27
Pte. Baylis, c Eagles, b Cantrell	6	,, Sinclair, b Hobbs	26
Major Wray, lbw, b Brough	13	Capt. Brough, c Easton, b Hobbs	7
Sergt. Murphy, c Brough, b Cantrell	11	Mr. Eagles, c Clark, b Murphy	4
Pte. Gwin, c Eagles, b Brough	5	,, Pope, b Murphy	1
Pte. Easton, b Cantrell	1	,, Welch, c & b Hobbs	1
Col. Quill, not out	1	,, Routledge, not out	0
Extras	21	Extras	2
Total	145	Total	73

Depot R.M. *v.* S.E. College.

Depot R.M.		S.E. College.	
Col. Quill, b Widdison	6	Hawkin, b Capt. Hobbs	7
Capt. Clark, b Widdison	14	Shaw, b Capt. Hobbs	4
Major Mercer, lbw, b Widdison	19	Owen II., b Capt. Hobbs	0
Capt. Mayhew, not out	58	Owen I., b Clr.-Sergt. Hickman	34
,, Hobbs, b Young	40	Widdison, run out	2
Pte. Gwin, st. Hankin, b Widdison	35	Purton, not out	34
Capt. Tupman, b Widdison	34	Bates, b Capt Hobbs	7
Major Wray, c & b Widdison	0	Battle, b Capt. Hobbs	0
Clr.-Sergt. Hickman, b Widdison	6	Morrison, b Col. Quill	11
Pte. Baylis, Capt. Jones,	Did not bat	Smith, Young,	Did not bat
Extras	16	Extras	1
Total (for 8 wickets)	228	Total (for 8 wickets)	100

Depot R.M. *v.* St. Lawrence C.C.

Depot R.M.		St. Lawrence C.C.	
Capt. Clark, b Weigall	0	Sergt.-Major Butler, c Capt. Tupman, b Langford	31
Major Mercer, b Twyman	0	A. Latter, st. Capt. Tupman, b McGinley	106
Capt. Mayhew, c & b Twyman	10	G. Twyman, not out	58
Col. Quill, b Weigall	1	E. H. V. Weigall, b Murphy	25
Sergt. Murphy, b Twyman	0	Baron J. Texior, b Murphy	3
Capt. Tupman, b Sergt.-Major Butler	32	C. E. Harris,	did not bat
Pte. Baylis, b Twyman	0	P. Thompson,	
Major Wray, b Twyman	34	B. Howard,	
Pte. Gwin, not out	17	Sergt.-Major Sanders,	
Sergt. McGinley, b Weigall	0	G. E. Austin,	
Musn. Langford, b Weigall	2	P. Kingsford,	
		Extras	12
Total	96	Total	235

R.M.L.I. *v.* H.M.S. "NIOBE."

Played at Mount Wise.

R.M.L.I.		H.M.S. "NIOBE"	
Surgeon Munday, c & b Strong	66	Lieut. Petch, b Higgs	4
Lieut. Higgs, c Heygarth, b Strong	48	Capt. Strong, R.M.L.I., c Young, b Higgs	12
,, Young, b Strong	2	Lt. Lambert, c Munday, b Higgs	8
,, Weller, c Cleveland, b Lambert	56	Mr. Heygarth, c Munday, b Higgs	6
Sergt. Bentley not out	31	Mr. Turnbull, b Higgs	7
Capt. Ommanney not out	20	Mr. Cleveland, lbw Bentley	19
Lieut.-Col. Robyns, Lieut. Christie, ,, Martin, ,, Smith, Pte. Baldwin	did not bat	Lieut. Jepson, c Higgs, b Bentley	0
		Commdr. Heneage, b Higgs	6
		Mr. Hallwright not out	4
		Mr. Porter, b Higgs	0
		Mr. Pitcairn, b Higgs	0
Extras	18	Extras	12
Innings declared closed Total	241	Total	78

5th PROV. BATTALION *v.* R.M.L.I.

Played at Mount Wise.

5th PROV. BATT.		R.M.L.I.	
Col.-Sergt. Powell, c Titchmarsh, b Coles	4	Surgeon Munday, b Finch	52
Sergt. Williams, b Coles	0	Lieut. Higgs, st Powell, b Williams	23
Lieut. Legge run out	32	Capt. Strong, b Gilbert	9
Capt. Granville, b Titchmarsh	3	Sergt. Titchmarsh, c Myers, b Williams	5
Lieut. Myers, c Young, b Coles	1	Capt. Coles, c Legge, b Gilbert	67
Lce.-Corpl. Gilbert, c Robyns, b Titchmarsh	8	Capt. Ommanney not out	63
Corpl. Haw, b Titchmarsh,	15	Lieut. Young, c Gilbert, b Williams	28
Lt. Jervis Smith, b Titchmarsh	8	Capt. Pugh, Lieut. Weller, Lieut.-Col. Robyns, Pte. Willis	did not bat
Corpl. Hills, c Robyns, b Titchmarsh	6		
Lieut. Travers, b Coles	1		
Pte. Finch not out	0		
		Extras	14
Total	78	Total	261

MANNAMEAD COLLEGE *v.* R.M.L.I.

Played at Ford Park, Plymouth.

MANNAMEAD COLLEGE.		R.M.L.I.	
H. M. Blackwell, b Coles	8	Surgeon Munday, c Alton, b Caldwell	25
T. N. Barber, c Titchmarsh, b Coles	0	Lieut. Higgs, c Walts, b Caldwell	59
A. F. Caldwell, b Coles	9	Capt. Coles, b Caldwell	74
H. B. Pocock, c Strong, b Coles	0	Capt. Strong, c Caldwell, b Alton	0
F. B. Palmer, c Higgs, b Coles	5	Sgt. Titchmarsh, b Caldwell	0
Alton lbw b Coles	8	Sergt Bentley, c & b Alton	16
E. H. Babb, b Bentley	1	Capt. Ommanney, b Alton	33
E. G. Mackenzie not out	25	Copt. Bockett-Pugh, b Caldwell	3
I. S. Walts, b Strong	1	Lieut. Young, b Alton	24
M. Langford, c Robyns, b Coles	4	Lieut. Weller not out	12
H. M. Legassick, c Titchmarsh b Strong	2	Lieut. Robyns, b Caldwell	6
Extras	10	Extras	9
Total	73	Total	201

R.M.L.I. *v.* R.N. COLLEGE.

Played at Forton.

R.M.L.I.		R.N. COLLEGE.	
Capt. Shine	30	Sub-Lieut. Buxton	10
,, Morgan	0	,, Underwood	13
,, Heycock	4	,, Barton	0
Lieut. Barnby	0	,, Gibson	4
Capt. Kitcat	15	,, Gibbs	7
Lieut. Goldsmith	0	,, More	4
Sergt. Sperring	2	,, Dix	0
Corpl. Durham	49	,, Wilson	0
Capt. Heriot	3	,, Culme-Seymour	13
Lieut. Garnier	4	,, Smith-Wright	8
Pte. Marshall, not out	11	,, Willoughby	0
Extras	17	Extras	4
Total	131	Total	63

R.M.L I. *v.* H.M.S. "VERNON."

Played at Forton.

R.M.L.I.		H.M.S. "VERNON."	
Capt. Kitcat	34	Lieut. Fellowes	34
Lieut. Barnby	2	,, Napier	0
Capt. Shine	17	,, Donaldson	48
,, Heycock	4	,, Hutchings	47
,, Morgan	0	,, Darley	4
Sergt. Sperring	51	,, Hale	11
Capt. Gardner	0	,, Kiddle	4
Lieut. Clutterbuck	0	,, Waistell	28
,, Goldsmith	24	,, Slee	0
,, Garnier	3	,, Currey	7
,, Home	1	,, Cherry	4
Extras	1	Extras	25
Total	137	Total	212

R.M.A. *v.* H.M.S. VERNON.

Played at Eastney, 31st May.

H.M.S. VERNON.		R.M.A.	
Lieut. Fellowes, c Trotman, b Gaubert	34	Major Brittan, c Napier, b Waistell	16
,, Donaldson, b Trotman	8	Capt. Trotman, c Darley, b Hutchings	7
,, Hutchings, b Trotman	31	,, McCarthy, c Cherry, b Waistell	6
,, Napier, not out	20	Pte. Perkins, b Fellowes	60
,, Darley, b Gaubert	0	,, Russell, c & b Fellows	19
,, Waistell, c & b Gaubert	12	Capt. Harding, b Hutchings	19
,, Slee, run out	0	Major Trotter, c & b Fellowes	0
,, Currey, b Gaubert	12	Capt. Dibblee, b Hutchings	7
,, Cherry, b McCarthy	1	Sergt. Gaubert, lbw, b Hutchings	29
,, Paine, lbw, b Gaubert	4	Lieut. Bishop, b Hutchings	7
,, Forbes-Semphill, run out	2	Capt. Oldfield, not out	0
Extras	5	Extras	12
Total	129	Total	182

Notes.

The Band of the Portsmouth Division, under the leadership of Second-Lieut. G. J. Miller, M.V.O., played at the garden party given to the League of Mercy on 1st June, by the Prince and Princess of Wales, at Marlborough House.

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A marriage will shortly take place between Major R. O. Creagh, 5th Punjab Infantry, eldest son of the late General W. Creagh, and Adeline (Ada) Norcott, youngest daughter of the late General Sir W. Norcott, K.C.B., and of Lady Norcott, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

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Colonel W. Campbell, R.M.A., was on duty as aide-de-camp to the King, in waiting, at the court held by the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace on 6th June. Mrs. Campbell was one of the invited guests.

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At the annual dinner of the Corona Club at the Hotel Cecil, on 11th June, the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, presided. Colonel John Elliott, C.B., C.M.G., and Captain W. Portlock-Dadson were present. Membership is restricted to officials of the Colonial Service.

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"War Office Gazette," 10th June :—Major G. W. Forbes, late 1st Dragoon Guards, is retired on retired pay, in lieu of the gratuity previously granted.

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Major-General W. F. Wright, R.M.L.I., attended the meeting of the Committee of the Royal Naval Fund, at the office, 9, Craig's Court, London, on 11th June.

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The "Echo de Paris" states that information has been received that a detachment of French troops, composed of a lieutenant of Marine Infantry, two sergeants, and ten Senegalese riflemen, has been massacred in French Guinea between Konakry and Kuruma.

Births.

ROBINSON—On 27th June, at 75, Blenheim Road, Deal, the wife of Captain Guy Vandeleur Robinson, R.M.L.I., of a son.

MARCHANT—On June 28th, at Bybrooke, Gravesend, the wife of Major A. E. Marchant, C.B., of a daughter.

SHINE—On June 23rd, 1902, at 39, Nightingale Road, Southsea, the wife of Captain J. P. Shine, of a daughter.

ALLEN—On May 24th, 1902, at Chatham, the wife of Sergt. W. H. Allen, of a son.

COUPLAND—On the 4th May, the wife of Sergt. E. Coupland, of a daughter.

BARLOW—On June 26th, 1902, at Southsea, the wife of Pte. John Henry Barlow, of a Coronation Son.

EWENS—On the 17th May, at 1, Gravel Lane, Pembroke Dock, the wife of Corpl. W. Ewens, of a son.

COLVERSON—On June 3rd, at Gosport, the wife of Sergeant A. G. Colverson, of a son.

Marriages.

HICKS—BURNETT—On the 8th June, 1902, at Parish Church, Kennington, Lce.-Sergt. T. G. Hicks to Mary Kezia Burnett.

HYDE—LANGDON—On the 7th June, 1902, at Parish Church, Portsea, Pte. A. W. E. Hyde to Rhoda Langdon.

RADFORD—HILSDON—On the 24th Jne, at Parish Church, Walmer, Sergt. G. Radford to Miss E. L. M. Hilsdon.

WARWICK—COLWELL—On the 7th June, 1902, at St. John's, Forton, Corporal A. Warwick to Miss E. Colwell.

ROMBULOW-PEARSE—SPENCE—On the 4th June, at Holy Trinity Church, Formby, Lancashire, by the Rev. J. Brooke Richardson, R.A., Captain Arthur Egmont Rombulow-Pearse, R.M.L.I., second son of the late Rear-Admiral W. A. Rombulow-Pearse, R.N., to Maud Winifred, younger daughter of Walter Murray Spence, Esq., of Formby, Lancashire.

TROTMAN—TURNER—On the 3rd June, at Holy Trinity Church, by the Rev. B. W. Clinch, Capt. Nath. Fiennes Trotman, Royal Marine Artillery, third son of the late William C. Trotman, solicitor, Calcutta, to Blanche, only daughter of Fredk. Becker Turner, Esq., of the Manor House, Ditcheat, Evercreech.

SINCLAIR—SCHOFIELD—On the 18th June, at St. Phillip's Church, Whitwood, Yorks, by the Rev. J. A. Armitage, Vicar of Upleatham, Yorks, assisted by the Rev. J. C. C. Kemm, Rector of the parish, Walter Sinclair, Lieut. R.M.L.I., to Clara Annie, eldest daughter of G. H. Schofield, of Moor House, Whitwood.

PHILLIPS—FONNEREAU—On the 19th June, at Little Blakenham, Suffolk, Captain Picton Phillips, R.M.A., second son of the late Major Phillips, R.A., of Barnham Hall, Ipswich, to Monica Gabrielle, fourth daughter of the late T. N. Fonnereau, Esq., of Christ Church Park, Ipswich.

FRAMPTON—MILLER—At St. Bartholomew's, Southsea, 24th May, 1902, Gunner W. C. Frampton, R.M.A., to Miss B. L. Miller.

GARWOOD—PARLETT—At Register Office, Portsmouth, 28th May, 1902, Bugler W. Garwood, R.M.A., to Miss M. Parlett.

NORRIS—GASCOYNE—At St. James, Portsea, 8th June, 1902, Gunner V. E. Norris, R.M.A., to Miss M. E. Gascoyne.

CHILD—SALMON—At Parish Church, Clacton-on-Sea, 4th June, 1902, Sergeant E. Child, R.M.A., to Miss M. S. Salmon.

BLAKE—KINCH—At Parish Church, Portsea, 21st June, 1902, Bugler A. W. Blake, R.M.A., to Miss L. E. Kinch.

ANSCOMBE—WATTS—On Saturday, 14th June, 1902, at St. Mark's, New Brompton, Kent, Charles, second son of the late George Anscombe, of Polegate, Sussex, to Mary Hannah (Pollie), youngest daughter of the late Edwin (Ned) Watts, R.E. (Band), and grand daughter of the late Robert Watts, Colour-Sergeant, Plymouth Division Royal Engineers.

Deaths.

EMMERSON—At Eastney Barracks, on 12th June, 1902, the wife of Barrack-Sergt. A. W. Emmerson, R.M.A.

BAKER—At Haslar Hosp., on 5th June, 1902, Gnr. J. T. Baker, R.M.A.

PAGE—At R.M.A. Infirmary, 5th June, 1902, Acting-Bombr. E. Page, R.M.A.

MAUND—On the 10th June, 1902, suddenly, from heart disease, at Pisa, on his way home from Italy, John Oakley Maund, late R.M.A., Briggins Park and Curzon Street, aged 56 years. Cremated at Pisa. Remains to be deposited on his estate in the Austrian Tyrol by his own wish. *(Times.)*

CORBETT—On the 28th May, 1902, at Leamington, Maria, widow of Vincent Roger Corbett, aged 91 years and 6 months.

LOVERIDGE—On the 9th June, 1902, at the R.N. Hospital, Plymouth, Pte. Loveridge, R.M.L.I.

BRADBURY—On the 31st May, 1902, at Newton Abbott (whilst on furlo), Pte. Bradbury, Plymouth Division R.M.L.I.

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Barham ..	0	3	0	*Trafalgar* ..	0	6	8
Vernon ..	0	6	0	*Mars* ..	0	18	0
Drum-Major Keen ..	0	3	0	*Repulse* ..	0	11	6
Dry Canteen, Forton	0	2	7	Sergt. Scougall ..	0	1	6
Wet ,, ,,	0	1	1	Officers Mess, Forton	1	4	9
R.N. College ..	0	11	8	*Excellent* ..	0	9	0
Rear-Admrl. MeLeod	0	1	6	Mrs. Spurway ..	0	2	6
Pembroke ..	1	5	0	Mr. Wilcox ..	0	1	6
Britannia ..	0	5	0	*Galatea* ..	0	8	9
Mr. Johnson ..	0	3	0	Sergt. T. Wright ..	0	1	6
Australia ..	0	6	6	*Cambrian* ..	1	4	6
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MR. G. W. JENKINS (late Colour-Sergeant, R.M.A.), wishes to inform all his old comrades that he has taken the "Horse and Groom," Greetham Street, Portsmouth, where he will be pleased to see them. Well-Aired Beds can be had at any time.

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Editorial.

WE are pleased to be able to announce that the health of His Majesty the King continues to make such satisfactory progress that the Coronation has been fixed for August 9th.

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During the stay of His Majesty the King on board H.M. Yacht *Victoria and Albert*, the Band of the Portsmouth Division R.M.L.I., under Lieut. Miller, M.V.O., has been embarked, and has performed twice daily.

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The Royal Marine Brigade for London has been reduced in numbers, and will now only consist of one battalion R.M.A. and a battalion R.M.L.I., under Lieut.-Col. H. C. Money, C.B., made up of two companies each from Chatham, Portsmouth and Plymouth, and a company from Deal, with the colours of the Portsmouth Division; the Chatham Division furnishing the guard of honour. All four bands are also to attend. We hope to publish an account of our doings next month.

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We congratulate Gunner Skein, R.M.A., and the detachment of H.M.S. *Ocean* on their wonderful performance at prize firing, an account of which will be found in another column. Nine hits in nine rounds in one minute beats all previous records and raises Gunner Skein to the proud position of champion shot of the Navy; and indeed the whole gun's crew, as apparently his No. 2 kept up the score, and made five hits in six rounds in one minute, making a total for the gun of 14 hits out of 15 rounds in two minutes.

There are several other ships we notice in which the Royal Marines' guns have won the first prize, an account of them is found in another column. The Corps is evidently still keeping up its usual position and and even improving on it. We particularly notice the *Talbot*, which comprises only an R.M.L.I. detachment.

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We beg to thank our correspondents on the China and Malta stations for their letters and news. We wish that other stations would follow their good example.

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We congratulate the detachment of H.M.S. *Canopus* on winning the Field Gun Competition at Malta, and are glad that the cup is again in Marine hands.

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Hearty congratulations to the R.M.A. for their splendid win in carrying off the coveted "Brinsmead"; but we fear our other Bisley results are not such pleasant reading, and the United Service Cup seems further from our reach than ever. Last but one is not encouraging after all the time and trouble that has been taken in training up the eight.

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In Lord Kitchener's final despatch, dated Cape Town, 23rd June, we are glad to notice the following names:—

Army Ordnance Department, Capt. and Brevet-Major A. Y. Barton, R.M.A.; Army Ordnance Department, Capt. W. H. McCheane (son of the late Lieut.-Col. McCheane, R.M.L.I.); British South Africa Police, Capt. C. V. Drury (late R.M.L.I.); Army Service Corps, Lieut. J. L. Jesse (late R.M.L.I.).

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Second Lieuts. A. H. Evans, C. E. C. Eagles, E. A. S. Hatton, A. D. Welsh, A. M. M. Shewell have been posted to the Chatham Division; Second Lieuts. H. F. P. Rees, R. E. G. Burton, G. Barker, A. L. Durst to the Portsmouth Division; and Second Lieuts. C. E. Jerram, E. G. Cheesman, R. Sinclair, C. E. Risk, H. R. Brewer to the Plymouth Division.

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Lieuts. H. L. Jones, W. Young and A. C. Barnby, R.M.L.I., have embarked for the China Station for disposal.

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Lieut. C. S. M. Davenport, R.M.L.I., has been transferred from H.M.S. *Katoomba* to H.M.S. *Phœbe*.

Captains W. H. Harris, F. J. W. Harvey, Lieuts. H. R. D'Oyly and P. Sandilands, and Sergt. T H. Raddall, R.M.L.I., have been detached to Hythe for the course of instruction commencing 29th July.

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A gun metal memorial slab has been erected in Oakford Church, North Devon, to the memory of the late Captain Spurway. It is ornamented with the regimental crest, and bears the following inscription: "To the glory of God, and in most loving memory of Humphrey Weston Spurway, Captain, Royal Marine Artillery, who died of wounds caused by a gun accident on board H.M.S. *Royal Sovereign*, off Astakos, Greece, Nov. 9th, 1901, aged 26, and was buried at sea. 'Faithful unto death.'"

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Lieut. F. S. Lindesay, R.M.L I., has been selected for the annual vacancy in the Indian Staff Corps.

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Capt. H. M. Howard, R.M.L.I., is on passage home from South Africa.

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It has been notified that the material for white cap covers for officers is to be white piqué; and also that in future, when not on active service, officers will wear one brace only of the Sam Browne Belt; also whistle lanyards are not to be worn round the neck outside the collar of the garment with which worn, and are not to be unnecessarily long.

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It has been notified by the War Office that the temporary employment of Captains N. A. W. Scott and J. P. Shine as Superintendents of Gymnasia will terminate on 26th September next.

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Capt. J. D. Shaw, R.M.A., H.M.S. *Tamar*, and Lieut. G. C. Rooney, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Arethusa*, are to be sent home from China Station on first Government opportunity, their places being filled by supernumerary subalterns now on station.

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Lieut. W. E. T. Christie will embark in H.M.S. *Dreadnought*, tender to the *Defiance*.

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General Sir J. W. C. Williams, K.C.B., R.M.A., has been awarded the Good Service Pension of £200 a year in the vacancy created by the death of General Sir C. R. Barnard, R.M.A., on 18th May, 1902.

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Revised regulations for the dress of officers Royal Marines have been published in the Navy List for July; and for the information of officers serving abroad we would call their attention to the fact that the King's regulations for the Army on this subject have been recently considerably amended.

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With reference to the employment of N.C.O.'s and men as leading men in the works department, the D.A.G.R.M. has notified that of the two branches of the works department, that of the leading men would appear to offer better chances of pay and promotion than the clerical branch; and as regards promotion in military rank, the advantage would probably also be with the former class. In the former, men found efficient will be advanced in due course to foremen of works at home and abroad as vacancies occur, and will, when employed, receive comparatively better rate of pay for seven days a week than the clerks who only receive pay for six days a week. It was anticipated that men who have a knowledge of the building trade, or who have been through a course of instruction under the department of the School of Military Engineering, would have come forward as leading men.

Foreign News.

CHINA.

Splendid Records at Prize Firing.

Yokohama, 12th July, 1902.

The heading of this paragraph may lead readers of the "G. & L." to hope for something that may really be called news. Surely from a station, which has of late been second only to the Cape in producing wars and rumours of wars, we expect something more than the routine of ships coming and going and moving from place to place; but everything is quiet, and ship's routine goes on as on any other peaceful station.

From January to May the larger ships have been at Hong Kong, with the exception of solitary cruisers stationed at Amoy, Foochow, Wei-Hai-Wei, and Japan, while the smaller ships have been doing duty up the Yangste, Canton and Peiho rivers and at various treaty ports.

Boat pulling was popular at Hong-Kong, and races took place nearly every eveuing. One of the most exciting was a race for Marine 14-oared cutters, *Glory v. Goliath*, in which the latter won by 3 ft. A R.M.A. tug-of-war team from the *Glory* trained by Sergeant Cottle, R.M.A., entered for the R.G.A. sports at Hong Kong. They won the event, beating No. 22 Coy. in two pulls. This Company had not been defeated in a tug-of-war for 12 years, and were the champions of Gibraltar. Considerable interest has also been taken in loading competitions with the 6 in. loading tray. In the *Glory* a R.M.A. crew holds the record for the ship, and in a competition for rapid loading, *Glory v. Terrible*, which the former won by a few seconds, they loaded 20 complete rounds in 1 minute 19 3–5 seconds.

At Amoy a sad accident to a Marine, Pte. S. D. Ayerst, R.M.L.I. (*Cressy*) who lost his life by falling overboard from a local sampan at night. The Chinaman, true to his religion, made no attempt to save him. His loss was keenly felt on board, especially as he had exchanged to come out here, having previously served on the station in the *Powerful* and also with the Naval Brigade at the Cape—Belmont to Bloemfontein. His body was afterwards recovered and buried with military honours, and a handsome cross was erected to his memory by his comrades.

Early in April the *Cressy* moved up from Amoy to Wei-Hai-Wei, to relieve the *Argonaut* (to Hong Kong). During her lonely time at Wei-Hai-Wei, the *Cressy* did her prize firing and musketry—the best shot in the ship, Pte. J. Collier, R.M.L.I., 204 points. The ship's company took every advantage of the use of the Recreation Ground—matches were played nearly every afternoon, mostly between various parts of the ship and the Island guard. The Marines did well, playing nine matches—five won, two drawn, two lost. In a match played in June, the *Argonaut's* detachment beat the *Cressy's* detachment 1—0.

Early in May there began a redistribution of ships, the main fleet going to Japan, the *Talbot* and *Argonaut* to Wei-Hai-Wei. At the end of May the whole of the main fleet began arriving at Wei-Hai-Wei, each ship carrying out prize firing in turn, some details of which will be sent to the "G. and L." as soon as possible.

Rifle matches amongst ships are beginning, and it is hoped that as many teams as possible will shoot for the Marines' Team competition in connection with the R.M.R.A. It is an excellent competition, and if ships have good opportunities for practice, the shooting should be keen and close. In a rifle match *Argonaut v. Cressy*, which the latter won, Pte. G. Matthews, R.M.L.I., made the highest score (88) for the winning team.

The main fleet is to celebrate the Coronation at Wei-Hai-Wei, the *Cressy* being sent to Yokohama to represent H M. Navy in Japan.

W.T.C.J.

Gunnery and firings in H.M. fleet being the uppermost subject of the day, I think it would not be amiss for me to publish the account of firing which took place on board H.M.S. *Ocean* at Wei-Hai-Wei last month. Before appending the various scores, I would like to preface them with the remark that H.M.S. *Terrible* has not quite come up to the expectations of those who profess a knowledge of gunnery, their place being third on the roll of annual practice. The crack shot of that ship, 1st class Petty Officer Grounds, I am sorry to say, died at Hong Kong of cholera. He had but lately passed the prescribed preliminary examination for warrant rank.

12-pdr. Field Gun Competition, R.M. Sports, Malta, 1902.

Won by Royal Marines, H.M.S. "Canopus."



Reading from left to right—Top row, Gunners White, Atkins, and Spiers. Second row, Gunners Freil, Schreiber, and Taylor, Corpl. Binnersley (captain), Ptes. McCormick and Riley, Gunners Sutton, Goss, and Fenner, and Pte. Parkes. Third row, Gnr. Jordan, Lieut. F. C. Kendle, Capt. A. G. Little, Lieut. R. D. Ormsby, Gnr. Tinson, Pte. Sloper. Fourth row, Ptes. Brewster, Gillard, Kimber, and Dallinson.
No. of teams competing, 15. Times of runs: 1st, 1 min. 28 sec.; 2nd, 1 min. 25 3-5 sec.: 3rd, 1 min. 27 sec.; 4th, 1 min. 26 sec. Total 4 runs, 5 min. 47 sec.

On H.M.S. *Ocean* there are 12 6-in. Q.F. guns, mounted on P. II. mountings, 8 being in casemates on main deck and 4 in casemates on upper deck: 9 are manned by seamen and 3 by R.M.A. Of the 3 manned by Marines the captains of the guns are as follows: Z1 gun, Lance-Sergt. Caunt, an acting-captain of gun; Z2 gun, Corpl. Harper, captain of gun; Z3, Gunner Skein, acting-captain of gun.

The scores for Marines are as follows:—

Z1. 12 rounds with 8 hits
Z2. 14 ,, ,, 12 ,, } in 2-minute rounds.
Z3. 15 ,, ,, 14 ,,

The total rounds being 41 with 34 hits through target.

Gunner Skein managed 9 hits with 9 rounds in 1 minute, making the highest score in our Navy. If all due credit was given him, he should be styled Navy's Crackshot.

The scores for guns in ship are as follows:—

A group.	1.	17 rounds,	14 hits.		Seamen.
	2.	14 ,,	9 ,,		,,
	3.	16 ,,	9 ,,		,,
B group.	1.	12 ,,	9 ,,		,,
	2.	12 ,,	6 ,,		,,
	3.	15 ,,	9 ,,		,,
Y group.	1.	13 ,,	10 ,,		,,
	2.	17 ,,	11 ,,		,,
	3.	6 ,,	6 ,,	missfire	,,
Z group.	1.	12 ,,	8 ,,		R.M.A.
	2.	14 ,,	12 ,,		,,
	3.	15 ,,	14 ,,		,,
Total ..		163 rounds	116 hits.		

12-inch Turrets.

After Right Gun	7 rounds	5 hits	
,, Left ,,	3 ,,	1 ,,	Jamb and missfire.
Fore Right ,,	8 ,,	6 ,,	
,, Left ,,	7 ,,	5 ,,	
Total ..	25 rounds	17 hits	

12-pounder Q.F.

73 rounds. 36 hits.

3-pounder Q.F.

54 rounds. 7 hits. (Only hits to count).

Great praise must be given to Lieut. Craig, R.N., and Lieut. Ridings, R.M.A., and the gunnery staff for their untiring energy in making the most proficient crew in gunnery afloat. To illustrate to your readers what can be done by practice I may state that until I left that ship 27 rounds had been placed in the 6-inch gun in two minutes, when at loading drill, a record which they in all probability have since beaten. Tube aiming, dotter, and loading drill, were the order of the day during my stay there.

P.S.—The first prize on board H.M.S. *Endymion* for target practice was gained by Lance-Sergt. Baker, R.M.L.I. (Po.), having secured five bulls and three centres out of eight rounds in one minute with 6-inch Q.F.—B.K.

H.M.S. *Talbot*, Wei-Hai-Wei.

Sir,—The 48 men comprising the detachment R.M.L.I. of this ship, commanded by Lieut. H. C. Morton, R.M.L.I., hold amongst them 59 G.C. badges, including one with three, thirteen with two, and twenty with one, or 30 out of 45 are badgemen, *i.e.*, 77½ per cent. I think there are few ships in commission that can beat that record.

When in Hong Kong during December, January, and February, we landed with the fleet's Marines for skirmishing, and by following out the carefully planned instructions of our present and most capable Commanding Officer, we were always "all there when wanted," and on the winning side. Recently the "Landing party" was sounded, the 48 of us and Lieut. were fallen in, ready to land, in just over five minutes, and we had not the least thing ready for it when the bugle sounded off. That wants some beating.

Of the five 6-inch Q.F. guns, we have one, and they all have the old or "A" paltern breech mechanism, but still at our recent prize firing our gun got off 12 rounds in the run (two minutes) and made eight hits direct, No. 1 getting five hits out of six rounds, No. 2 getting three hits out of 6 rounds. This gun took first prize, the second gun getting eight hits out of ten rounds. That also wants some beating.

"THE AFTER PORT SIX-INCH."

MALTA.

Very little Malta news. The fleet, with the exception of the *London* and *Vulcan*, being away; the *Hibernia*, like the weather, we have always with us, but it is rumoured that the ship's company spend their spare time fishing in her hold, when they are not on the pumps, for the old ship has sprung a leak, and is on her last bottom. The *Achilles* has at last gone alongside the dockyard wall to be fitted out as "flag" to the Admiral Superintendent.

This is the first year of the Canteen Challenge Cup, a revolver competition. It was fired for on the 14th June, and won by the *Hibernia*. Conditions.—Eight from any ship, below the rank of an officer. Twelve rounds at twenty and forty yards. Service arm. Whitehead targets. Following are the scores of the five leading ships:—*Hibernia*, 709; *Hood*, 671; *Illustrious*, 636; *Ramillies*, 617; *Barham*, 600. As five Royal Marines were included in the winning team, I append their totals.

	20 yds.	40 yds.	Total.
C.P.O. C. Sullivan ..	59	52	111
Sergeant J. England ..	54	50	104
Col.-Sergt. E. J. Burgis	58	44	102
Pte. W. Freemantle ..	43	49	92
1st class P.O. J. Wood..	49	37	86
,, W. Stanley	46	41	81
Sergeant E. Lock ..	33	38	71
Pte. J. O. Bullard ..	31	31	62
Total ..	367	342	709

H.M.S. *Hood*.

At the annual prize firing from heavy guns on 14th and 15th July off Malta, Sergeant Salmon, R.M.A., serving on H.M.S. *Hood*, scored a hit with every one of seven rounds from the 6-inch gun.

H.M.S. *Repulse*.

The Royal Marine gun's crew won the prize for 6-inch Q.F. at the recent prize firing of this ship, with seven direct hits out of nine rounds, but the gun was a maindeck casemate with three motion breech action. Sergt. Holdway, R.M.A., was the captain of gun, and Bomb. Starling, R.M.A., 2nd captain of gun.

[We have received an excellent photo of the gun's crew, which we hope to publish later.—Ed. "G. & L."]

CAPE.

H.M.S. *Monarch*.

An assault-at-arms was held in Cape Town on January 23rd, Capt. Beith, R.M.L.I., being one of the judges. H.M.S. *Monarch* entered a team of R.M.A. for the Bayonet Exercise competition which they won. The "Cape Times" commented on the performance in flattering as follows:—"In the work of the regulars the Marine Artillerists from H.M.S. *Monarch* whose popularity was testified to by the grand reception they received, put in work which will long be remembered by those who witnessed it. This was a decidedly interesting competition, and the movements of the winners were as near perfection as could well be conceived, being quite a revelation of military efficiency."

Result:—

1. Royal Marine Artillery, H.M.S. *Monarch*, 113½ points.
2. Royal Marine Light Infantry, H.M.S. *Barracouta*, 94½ points.

The names of the winning team are as follows: Bombrs. A. J. Jackson (captain), A. J. Trott; Act.-Bombrs. E. McKurnin, G. E. Stevens, F. Chambers, F. W. Ford; Gunners H. J. McLure, W. Marsh R. E. Roberts.

I hope soon to send a photo of this team together with the cup won by them.

H.M.S. *Monarch* tug-of-war team (all R. Marines) were unfortunately beaten by a mixed team of all regiments in Cape Town. The only other success to chronicle being that of Pte. W. A. White, R.M.L.I., of H.M.S. *Monarch* who won 2nd prize in the lightweight boxing competition.—R.D.B.

[On the principle of better late than never, we publish the above, which has unfortunately been mislaid and has only just turned up. We offer our sincere apologies to our valued correspondent.—Ed.]

Home Notes

EASTNEY.

A SON of the Corps was recently up for the annual scholarship examinations at one of England's great public schools. Among the questions in the general knowledge paper was: "What do you know about Gideon?"; to which the youngster replied, "He was the man who invented the night attack." This boy was not placed, though so clever an answer, almost of itself, deserved recognition. There should be a future in front of him.

The officers entertained their friends, upwards of 500, at a Garden Party on the Mess Lawn, on Tuesday, July 8th. The weather was of the best, and the Committee had so carefully thought out all the details of the different arrangements that success was ensured. The Band, under Mr. B. S. Green, played a choice selection of music in the centre of the lawn.

GYMKHANA EVENTS.

Display by R.M.A. Boys' Brigade.

Whistling Race (Pairs), Ladies and Gentlemen—Gentlemen to start from a line, run to their partners, whistle a tune, to be guessed by the lady and written on a piece of paper. Gentlemen to return papers to the judge.

Word Competition (Pairs), Ladies and Gentlemen—Ladies to sit at one end of course and guess word formed by certain letters brought to them enclosed in envelopes by gentlemen on bicycles. Gentlemen to take back the word written on a piece of paper.

Aunt Sally Competition, Ladies only—Ladies rnn to a certain line and throw tennis balls at a bottle on a stick immediately in front of them, and when the bottle is knocked over, to run back to starting point.

Marketing Race (Pairs), Ladies and Gentlemen—Gentlemen to run to ladies, hand a bill enclosed in envelope, receive a ribbon which they have to match at a third point, run back to partners who meantime have totalled the bill. The ladies tie a bow of the two ribbons round the arm of the gentleman. Ladies to run in to starting point. First lady in with correct answer wins.

OTHER EVENTS.

Golf Croquet (Pairs), Ladies and Gentlemen—Single ball. One round. Four hoops and a stick. Ladies to commence the first hoop. Fewest strokes round the course wins. Ladies and gentlemen play alternately.

Golf Putting Competition (Pairs), Ladies and Gentlemen—Ladies to start each hole. Six puts. Fewest strokes win.

Bowling at a Bisley Target (Singles), Ladies only.

Shooting Competition—Seven rounds. Morris Tube Target. Bisley rules.

The R.M.A. Boys' Brigade opened the gymkhana with a fine display of 7 pr. R.M.L. Gun Drill, coming into action and changing wheels with great precision.

The Whistling Race caused great amusement, some of the gentlemen finding considerable difficulty in whistling the tunes ordered. These were different for each pair, and unknown beforehand to the competitors. Ten entries. Prize won by Miss O. Hulbert, assisted by Lieut. Huntingford, R.M.A.

For the Word Competition there were eleven entries, the prize being won by Miss Elmslie, assisted by Lieut. Morgan, R.M.A.

Aunt Sally Competition. Twelve entries. Two heats and a final, in which Miss Scott won the prize, defeating Miss Shepherd.

Marketing Race. Only two out of twelve ladies arrived with correct answer, which was £2 7s. 6d. One lady, a well-known contributor to the *Globe & Laurel*, was most anxious to pay away £7.

Golf Croquet. Thirty-two pairs entered, the prize being won by Miss Kunhardt, assisted by Lieut. Wright, R.M.A., with a score of 11.

Golf Putting was much appreciated, but so simple that many scores were similar. Miss Hunt-Grubbe was the winner, and well earned the prize for her straight putting.

Bowling produced 49 entries, but the target was small, and the scores in consequence poor. Miss Kunhardt was the winner here, but having already won the Croquet Competition, the prize went to Miss Ridings.

Shooting attracted much attention, and Miss Scott won the prize.

In addition to the above events, Open-air Ping-Pong was indulged in. Refreshments were provided in marquees on the lawn, and also in the mess.

GOSPORT.

The chief event of the month was the Athletic Sports, an account of which will be found in our columns. It was very bad luck that after a most beautiful morning—bright, sunny, and warm, that lasted till 5-30 p.m.—we should have received such a ducking from a thunderstorm that effectually cleared the ground, and entirely prevented the finish of the events. We have rarely seen such rain in England, and the whole of the Barrack Field was converted into one huge pond, with the water inches deep. We fear several of our guests had their dresses spoilt, and would offer our apologies, but we were quite unable to control the Clerk of the Weather.

The Band have gone to the *Victoria and Albert*, and play daily for His Majesty the King, and we hear give him great pleasure.

The Lords of the Admiralty did not visit Forton, but the Headquarter Battalion went over to the review on Southsea Common.

Shooting.

BISLEY.

Result of Competition for the Methuen Challenge Cup, July 12th—R.M.L.I., 3rd; H.M.S. *Excellent*, 4th; R.M.A., 5th.

"The Duke of Coburg's Cup."

Fired July 17th. R.M.A. won.

R.M.A.—Captain J. L. Homer (Captain of Team), 99; Q.M.S. F. G. Deacon, 94; Sergt. D. Beddow, 93; Bombr. H. S. Fie, 91; Lieut. O. G. Bourne, 89; Lieut. and Q.M. A. Baker, 88; Lieut. W. T. Huntingford, 85; Gnr. G. H. Miles, 81.

Next Best Scores—R.M.L.I.—Portsmouth, 2nd; Depot, 3rd; Plymouth, 4th; Chatham, 5th.

Pte. Ormesher (Ports), won the prize for the best recruit.

July 18th—The Brinsmead Challenge Shield for teams of six; advancing from 600 yards to various distances at disappearing targets; nine shots to each man. The Shield and £12—R.M.A. first team, 23 points.

July 15th—Morris Tube; 200 yards. Q.M.S. J. S. Richards, R.M.L.I., 32 points.

July 18th—Daily Telegraph (S.R.); seven shots at 600 yards. Winner of £2—Q.M.S.I. Pearson, R.M.L.I.

July 21st—Revolver (Eley). Winner of £5—Lieut. H. S. Lloyd, R.M.L.I., 42 points.

Revolver (Right and Left). Winner of £1—Clr.-Sergt. W. H. D. Phillips, R.M.L.I., 73 points.

Revolver (Aggregate). Winner of £1—Clr.-Sergt. W. H. D. Phillips, R.M.L.I., 359 points.

July 23rd—Coronation Competition. Special prizes. Section (A) R.N. or Royal Marines.

Buchanan Cup—Capt. J. L. Homer, R.M.A., 100 points.

Field Glass—Q.M.S.I. Pearson, R.M.L.I., 96 points.

July 27th—Deliberate. Winner of £1 3s. 4d.—Clr.-Sergt. W. H. D. Phillips, R.M.L.I., 41 points.

Wantage (S.R.)—Eight shots, 200 yards. Winner of £4 6s. 8d.—Q.M.S. H. Andrews, R.M.L.I., 23 points. Winner of £1—Q.M.S.I. Pearson, R.M.L.I., 22 points.

Morris (S.R.)—Winner of £4 16s. 8d.—Lieut. H. S. Lloyd, R.M.L.I., 35 points. Winner of £4 16s. 8d.—Sergt. S. W. Hayes, 35 points.

ANNUAL RIFLE MEETING (CHATHAM DIVISION).

On July 3rd and 4th. Committee:—Lieut.-Col. A. F. Gatliff, Capt. W. W. Frankis, Capt. and Adjutant A. G. Bewes, Capt. A. W. Wylde, Lieut. H. W. Channer, Sergt.-Major G. Kelly, Clr.-Sergts G. E. Bullen and H. Braybrooke, Sergt. C. Catlin, Corpl. A. C. Tye, Pte. H. Howe.

Match F.—Seven Rounds at 600 Yards (Rank and File).

Fired by the twenty competitors making the highest scores in matches B and D amalgamated.

Lce.-Corpl. H. G. Mugridge, 81 points, £1 5s.; Pte. G. W. Bell, 74, 15s.; Pte. J. H. Wallington, 73, 10s.; Pte. H. Hilton and Lce.-Corpl. H. Doherty, 63, 5s.

Revolver Competition.

Open to members of Revolver Club. 12 rounds at 20 yards and 12 rounds at 50 yards.

Clr.-Sergt. H. G. Braybrooke, 59 and 60 points, revolver presented by Col. Adair and £1; Q.M.S. J. Hammond, 49 and 44, 15s.; Q.M.S.I. H. Andrews, 42 and 40, 15s.; Sergt. W. Booker, 45 and 29, 10s.; Sergt.-Major F. Medlon, 38 and 33, 10s.; Q.M.S. A. G. Kay, 41 and 23, 10s.; Capt. Wylde, 32 and 31, 5s.; Sergt. F. Watkins, 38 and 21, 5s.; Sergt. C. Catlin, 35 and 22, 5s.; Q.M.S.I. J. Battin, 40 and 11, 5s.

Officers' Match.—Seven Rounds at 200, 500, and 600 Yards.

Capt. Wylde, 78 points; Lieut.-Col. Cotter, 76; Lieut. Channer, 71; Col. Evans, 69; Capt. Abrahall, 58; Capt. Frankis, 67; Lieut. Herford, 52; Lieut. Jones, 67; Capt. Bewes, 64; Lieut. Gerrard, 67; Major Parsons; Lieut. Wilson.

Match E.—Seven Rounds at 600 Yards.

Fired by twenty competitors making the highest scores in matches A and C amalgamated. Prizes given to best 5 scores at the 3 ranges.

Clr.-Sergt. G. E. Bullen, 91 points, £1 5s.; Sergt. G. W. Tyler, 88, 15s.; Clr.-Sergt. G. J. Webb, 87, 10s.; Sergt. F. Watkins, 86, 5s.; Sergt. T. A. Fountain, 85, 5s.

Scouts Competition.

H Company (Corpl. Ruffhead, leader), 1st, £1 17s. 6d.; F Company (Corpl. Tye, leader), 2nd, £1 5s.; A Company (Lce.-Sergt. Stubbs, leader), 3rd, 15s.

Rapid Independent Competition.

Gravesend Detachment (1) (Sergt. Watkins, leader), 1st, £1 15s.; F Company (Clr.-Sergt. Braybrooke), 2nd, £1 4s. 6d.; Gravesend Detachment (2) (Corpl. Ford), 3rd, 17s. 6d.

Brinsmead Competition.

B Company (Q.M.S Kay, leader), 1st, £3; A Company (Clr.-Sergt. Webb), 2nd, £2 2s.; Gravesend (1) (Q.M.S. Andrews), 3rd, £1 10s.; D Company (Sergt. Oakey), 4th, £1 4s.; H Company (Sergt. Young), Gravesend (2) (Sergt. Wildey), 5th, 18s.; E Company (Sergt. Johnson), E Company (Sergt. Catlin), F Company (Clr.-Sergt. Braybrooke), G Company (Sergt. Widowson), F Company (Corpl. Tye), 6th, 6s. each team.

Match A.—W.O.'s, Staff Sergts., Sergts., and Lance-Sergts.

Position: Any Military. Seven rounds at 200 yards.

Q.M.S. J. Hammond, 33 points, 15s.; Clr.-Sergt. C. J. Webb, 33, 10s.; Sergt. E. Willsher, 33, 7s. 6d.; Q.M.S.I. J. Battin, 32, 7s. 6d.; Clr.-Sergt. G. E. Bullen, Sergt. E. Booker, Sergt. C. Catlin, and Q.M.S.I. H. Andrews, 32, 5s.; Clr.-Sergt. H. G. Braybrooke and Sergt. F. Watkins, 31, 5s.; Sergt. J. Still, Sergt. W. Allen, Lce.-Sergt. F. Oliver, and Clr.-Sergt. G. Mohr, 30, 3s.; Sergt. T. A. Fountain, Sergt. H. Wright, Q.M.S. A. G. Kay, and Sergt. J. Milliken, 29, 3s.; Sergt. W. Prior and Sergt. E. C. Wildey, 28, 3s.; Sergt. E. C. Mugridge, Sergt. C. R. Pope, and Lce.-Sergt. W. T. Hodgkins, 28, 2s. 6d.; Sergt.-Major F. Medlon, Lce.-Sergt. R. W. Stubbs, and Sergt. F. W. Willing, 27, 2s. 6d.; Sergt. W. W. Phipps, Q.M.S.I. F. Hawes, Lce.-Sergt. J. F. Kemp, and Clr.-Sergt. D. Leach, 26, 2s. 6d.; Sergt. W. Young and Sergt. H. Farmer, 25, 2s. 6d.

MATCH B.—RANK AND FILE.

Position : Any Military. Seven rounds at 200 yards.

Pte. G. W. Bell, 31 points, 15s.; Pte. D. B. Whincup, 30, 10s.; Pte. H. Coburn and Lce.-Corpl. W. Mugridge, 29, 7s. 6d.; Ptes. J. E. Hewett and F. W. Brookman, 29, 5s.; Ptes. W. G. Pleace, H. Manley, W. E. Benson, and J. T. Edwards, 28, 5s.; Pte. W. H. Harrold and Lce.-Corpl. W. Amos, 28, 3s.; Pte. F. Barry, Lce.-Corpl. H. Doherty, Ptes. A. F. Corbett, F. C. Taylor, and H. W. Summer, 27, 3s.; Ptes. C. Suffock, G. Knight, and F. Shore, 26, 3s.; Ptes. A. L. Gray, C. W. Wright, Corpl. H. W. Thompson, Pte. W. Gorrie, Corpl. J. E. Ford, Ptes. A. Stone, C. Pollexfen, D. Doughty, H. Hilton, T. H. Wallington, and E. King, 26, 2s.; Ptes. A. E. Stephenson, R. W. Brown, Corpl. C. G. Stokes, and Pte. G. Manson, 25, 2s.

MATCH C.—W.O.'s, STAFF SERGTS., SERGTS., AND LANCE-SERGTS.

Position : Any Military. Seven rounds at 500 yards.

Clr.-Sergt. J. Benson, 31 points, 15s.; Sergt. G. W. Tyler, 31, 10s; Lce.-Sergt. W. J. Hurst and Sergt. C. Catlin, 29, 7s. 6d.; Sergts. E. Booker, C. R. Pope, Clr.-Sergt. G. E. Bullen, and Sergt. T. A. Fountain, 27, 5s.; Clr.-Sergt. J. G. Webb and Sergt. H. Harmer, 26, 5s.; Sergts. C. Mason, W. H. Allen, Lce.-Sergts. F. Oliver, and R. W. Stubbs, 26, 3s.; Sergt. C. Willsher, Clr.-Sergt. D. Leach, Q.M.S.I. J. Battin, Sergt. A. W. Young, Sergt.-Majors T. Kelly and F. Medlon, 25, 3s.; Clr.-Sergt. J. Murphy, 25, 2s. 6d.; Lce-Sergt. T. Smith, Sergt. E. C. Mugridge, Q.M.S.I. F. Hawes, Sergt. F. W. Willing, and Q.M.S.I. H. Andrews, 24, 2s 6d.; Sergt. T. A. Bull, Clr.-Sergt. G. Mohr, Sergts. H. Wright and F. Watkins, 23, 2s. 6d.; Q.M.S. J. Hammond and Schoolmaster H. E. Keightley, 22, 2s. 6d.

MATCH D.—RANK AND FILE.

Seven rounds at 500 yards.

Pte. T. E. Alexander, 29 points, 15s.; Pte. R. Doughty, 27, 10s.; Corpl. G. A. Ball, 27, 7s. 6d.; Pte J. H. Wallington, 26, 7s. 6d.; Pte. K. W. C. Brown and Corpl. F. Poulter, 24, 5s.; Corpl. G. S. McCracken, Ptes. J. Williams, G. Hanson, and Corpl. C. E. Gould, 23, 5s.; Lce.-Corpl. H. G. Mugridge, Ptes. F. Back, J. T. Pearce, J. E. Hewett, A. Stone, T. H. Rainey, Lce.-Corpl. J. A. Roberts, and Pte. H. Hilton, 22, 3s.; Ptes. G. Smith and G. E. Marshall, 21, 3s.; Ptes. G. W. Bell, F. C. Taylor, Corpl. W. H. Thompson, Pte. H. M. Stanley, Lce.-Corpl. W. Amos, Ptes. T. J. Patrick and C. J. Suffock, 21, 2s.; Pte. F. W. Hepple, Lce.-Corpl. H. Doherty, Ptes. H. J. Smith and E. T. Reddin, 20, 2s.; Ptes. W. Mabbott, H. G. Pratley, Corpl. C. G. Stokes, and Pte. A. E. Stephenson, 19, 2s.

THAMES DISTRICT RIFLE MEETING.

The Thames District Rifle Meeting took place on the Milton Ranges, Gravesend, on the 10th and 11th July. The weather on the whole was not favourable for good shooting. During the afternoon of the first day heavy rain, accompanied by thunder and flashes of lightning, proved very disconcerting. However, in spite of such disadvantages, some excellent shooting was witnessed. The following is a list of the principal prize winners :—

WARREN RIFLE CHALLENGE SHIELD.

2nd, R.M.L.I., B Coy.; 3rd, R.E., B Coy., (tie), 321 points, £1 2s. 6d.

SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY CHALLENGE CUP.

3rd, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Pembroke;* 4th, 4th Battalion R. Fusiliers (tie), 13 points, 12s. 6d.

ALL COMERS (200 YARDS).

3rd, Q.M.S. H. Andrews, 34 points, £1; 6th, Clr.-Sergt. H. Braybrooke, 34 points, 12/6; 7th, Sergt. F. C. Watkins, 34 points, 10/-; 10th, Q.M.S. J. Hammond, 33 points, 5/-.

WARRANT OFFICERS, PETTY OFFICERS, AND SERGEANTS (200 YARDS).

2nd, Sergt. F. W. Watkins, 34 points, £1; 8th, Clr.-Sergt. G. E. Bullen, 32 points, 5/-; 9th, Clr.-Sergt. H. G. Braybrooke, 32 points, 5/-.

RANK AND FILE AND SEAMEN (200 YARDS).

2nd, Corpl. J. E. Ford, 31 points, £1.

ALL COMERS (500 YARDS).

3rd, Q.M.S. A. G. Kay, 33 points, £1; 5th, Clr.-Sergt. H. G. Braybrooke, 33 points, 15/-; 6th, Q.M.S. Hammond, 32 points, 12/6; 14th, Q.M.S.I. H. Andrews, 31 points, 2/6.

OFFICERS, W.O.'s, P.O.'s, AND SERGEANTS (500 YARDS).

3rd, Sergt. F. C. Watkins, 31 points, 17/6; 4th, Clr.-Sergt. G. E. Bullen, 30 points, 15/-; 7th, Clr.-Sergt. H. G. Braybrooke, 30 points, 7/6; 8th, Q.M.S. A. G. Kay, 30 points, 7/6; 10th, Q.M.S.I. H. Andrews, 29 points, 5/-.

ALL COMERS (600 YARDS).

4th, Clr.-Sergt. G. E. Bullen, 32 points, £1; 5th, Q.M.S. J. Hammond, 31 points, 15/-; 10th, Pte. Deedy, 33 points, 5/-.

OFFICERS, W.O.'s, P.O.'s, AND SERGEANTS (600 YARDS).

4th, Q.M.S.I. H. Andrews, 30 points, 15/-; 6th, Sergt. W. Allen, 29 points, 10/-.

RANK AND FILE (600 YARDS).

12th, Pte. T. Brookman, 27 points, 5/-; 21st, Lce.-Corpl. H. Mugridge, 25 points, 2/6.

SNAPSHOT COMPETITION (200 YARDS).

2nd, Clr.-Sergt. H. G. Braybrooke, 5 points, £1 5s.; 4th, Q.M.S. Hammond, 4 points, 10/-; 5th, Q.M.S. A. G. Kay, 3 points, 7/6.

PORTSMOUTH.

R.M.L.I. *v.* NAVAL DEPOT.

Fired at Browndown, July 14th, 1902.

R.M.L.I.—Sergt. W. Dorey, 96; Lce.-Corpl. T. Lea, 93; Pte. J. T. Matthews, 92; Pte. W. J. Leddlie, 90; Capt. A. de W. Kitcat, 86; Ptes. J. Ormesher, 81; G. C. Simpson, 80; Sergt. F. J. Cooper, 78. Total – 697. Average—87·12.

NAVAL DEPOT—Sergt.-Major C Hill, 94; Pte. J. G. Ball, 91; 1st Class P.O. Parham, 86; Sergts. W. Alridge, 86; Edge, 82; A.B. Pomeroy, 77; E.R.A. Eaton, 72; E.R.A. Black, 70. Total—658. Average – 82·25.

RESULT OF MONTHLY PRIZE SHOOT FOR JUNE.

Class 1—Pte. J. Ormesher, 89. Class 2—Pte. W. Locker, 85. Class 3—Pte. F. P. Dean, 78.

Song of the Four Marines.

THE pathetic story of the Four Marines, who form the theme of Mr. Harold K. Begbie's poem, published in the "Morning Post," of November 9th, 1901, is one of heroic devotion to duty, with certain death staring in the face, of which there are so many in our sea story, and which are so little known.

The incident occurred more than a century and a half ago. The *Wager*, store ship of 28 guns, was one of the squadron which was fitted out and sent to the Pacific, under Commodore Anson, in 1740, to harry the Spanish colonies. After various vicissitudes, this ship was successful in rounding the Horn, and pursued her voyage to the island of Socoro. On the 14th May, 1741, she struck upon a sunken rock in lat. 47·35 S., long. 75·0 W., and soon after bilged and grounded between two islands. The majority of the crew landed on an island which the seamen named after the ship. After about five months, during which a great number died, all but nineteen sailed in the long boat, which had meanwhile been converted into a schooner. Captain Cheape and those who were left with him, were reduced to great want, and on the 14th December embarked in the barge and yawl, which were still left to them, in order to proceed northward. A fortnight later the yawl sunk at anchor off a desert island, and one man was drowned, and as the barge was incapable of carrying the whole of the remainder, four marines were left behind on the desolate shore. The barge after vainly struggling to double the Cape Tres Montes gave up the expedition, and returned to Wager Island. The remainder of the adventures of the survivors are told in "Anson's Voyage Round the World," by Richard Walter, M.A., the Chaplain of the *Centurion*.

Medals.

THE Widow of the late Cr.-Sergt. John Prettyjohn, V.C., Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I., one of the first recipients of the Victoria Cross, having been made an offer of £120 for his cross and medals, desires, before accepting the offer, to give an opportunity to the Corps to purchase them.

The set of medals include, in addition to the Victoria Cross and a miniature, the Crimean medal with clasps for Balaclava, Inkerman, and Sebastopol; Sardinian and Turkish medals; medal for good service, bestowed for meritorious service in the field (Crimean); China medal with Canton clasp; and long service and good conduct medal.

With reference to the above, it is proposed that the medals, etc., in question be purchased by the officers, past and present, of the Corps, and be placed in the Officers' Mess of the Plymouth Division. The concensus of opinion of the officers now serving at the Plymouth Head Quarters, is that it would be a great pity to allow these medals to fall into the hands of outside collectors, and the other Divisions and the Depot have been asked to assist them in raising the necessary sum of money.

At present about half the amount required has been promised, and it is hoped that when officers who have left the Corps, or are embarked, hear of the proposal, the remainder will be forthcoming. Subscriptions should be sent to Major Vincent, Portsmouth Division; Captain Rombulow-Pearse, Plymouth Division; and Captain Bendyshe, Chatham Division.

Inspection by Lords of the Admiralty.

On Wednesday, July 23rd, the Lords of the Admiralty inspected a brigade of Royal Marines on Southsea Common. The brigade was commanded by Colonel Commandant W. Guise Tucker, C.B., R.M.A., with Lieut.-Colonel Nicholls as Brigade Major, and Lieut. Clutterbuck, R.M.L.I., as galloper; and consisted of a battery of 4 15pr. field guns manned by the R.M.A.; 2 battalions of R.M.A., each formed in 6 companies; a Headquarter Battalion R.M.L.I. of 6 companies of 39 files, and battalion from the ships in harbour; also 6 companies of 37 files. Each battalion was accompanied by a machine gun. The Brigade was drawn up in line facing the sea, and when the Lords arrived on the ground they were received with a general salute, after which they walked down the line, and then drove back to the saluting point. The battery marched past once, and the battalions went by—first in columns of double companies, then mass, and afterwards in line of quarter columns. After line of quarter columns had been formed, the Brigade advanced in review order and gave a general salute. The mounted officers were then called out, and were congratulated by the Earl of Selborne on the fine appearance of brigade. The brigade then dispersed, and so ended the Admiralty inspection of 1902.

The Traitor's Doom.

By C. W. G. Hill.

THERE was no doubt about it that James Yeo, signalman of H.M.S. *Mariner*, guardship at Devonport, was in a "hole," and what puzzled his brains, as he walked the bridge on the afternoon watch, was how best to get out of the fix in which he had placed himself, when he appropriated over £6 of his messes' money to his own use. That discovery meant nothing less than a court-martial with a punishment of imprisonment and dismissal from the service with disgrace, he was tolerably certain, for that had been the fate of others who had erred likewise before him. So he came to the conclusion that the best course to pursue would be to overstay his leave and then plead drunkenness as the cause of the discrepancy in his accounts, which he would have to render for the Captain's inspection in a few days' time. Now there was a certain public-house in the town to which he was wont to resort, and as it was his watch ashore this night he decided to go there and forget his troubles by a liberal indulgence in liquid refreshment. When liberty men fell in, among their number was Yeo, and as soon as he landed he steered a straight course for the "Blue Monkey," where he was received with every sign of pleasure by the landlord, who considered him a customer to be treated to the best the house afforded; and well he might, for by far the larger portion of Yeo's six pounds had found their way into his pockets in settlement of various debts contracted there during his convivial outings. A day or two previously a foreigner had called at the house, and during a conversation with the landlord had asked him if any naval signalmen were in the habit of using the house, and was told that one could be found there nearly every night. Just as the liquid was beginning to take effect on Yeo, this foreigner entered, and after a short talk invited him to have supper upstairs with him. This offer was accepted, and together they proceeded to a small room on the first floor, where the landlord quickly laid the table and provided all that was necessary. During the meal the conversation turned on several subjects, and at length the foreigner, whose name was Diez, was in full possession of all the facts relating to Yeo's troubles. Then he gradually unfolded to him the real object of his presence in England, which was to obtain for his government one of the English Naval Confidential Signal Books; and offered Yeo a large share in the reward he was to receive for obtaining it. But the signalman knew what a difficult operation this would be, as the books were always kept in the captain's cabin under lock and key, weighted so as to sink if accidentally dropped overboard, and buoyed so as to facilitate recovery. Nevertheless he promised to do his best and parted from Diez with every appearance of friendship. On waking and returning aboard in the morning, he had only a faint recollection of what had occurred the previous evening, and soon forgot the incident altogether. But he was rudely awakened one day by receiving a telegram from Diez, which read: "Bring them to-night or shall expose you to your captain." Now indeed he was between two fires, either to act a traitor's part or to be branded for ever as a thief, and that most despicable of all thieves, one who has robbed his comrades He therefore decided to obtain the books and take them ashore that evening. Entering the captain's cabin, which was empty—the captain, by the irony of Fate, being away on a court-martial on a petty officer also for stealing mess money—he took the box and hurried down below to his mess with it, and tied it up in a bundle of dirty clothes he intended taking ashore that night to be washed. He fell in with the liberty men, and passed down the gangway under the eyes of the officer of the watch and the corporal, who of course suspected nothing. When he landed he was successful in avoiding the water police, always on the look-out for naval men attempting to smuggle Government property from the ships and dockyards, and hurried to the Blue Monkey. Here the landlord showed him upstairs into the room where Diez was waiting for him, and shut the door. He undid his bundle and handed the box to Diez, who immediately broke it open, threw the wood on the fire, and put the books in the bag he had handy. Then he asked Yeo if he would accept £12 in settlement or prefer to leave the country with him. After a few minutes' consideration Yeo decided that as discovery sooner or later was certain, and he had no fancy for a long term of penal servitude, he had better leave the country. Diez produced a complete suit of clothes into which Yeo changed and next morning left Plymouth for Southampton and embarked on one of the steamers for South America. The books were soon missed, and as Yeo did not return, and no trace of him could be found, the Government rightly concluded that he had sold them to a foreign agent and left the country. They therefore immediately rendered the stolen books useless to the country which had obtained possession of them by totally altering the code. Thus the confidence of the British public in the secrecy of her naval arrangements was fully restored.

A few years later a British man-of-war anchored for a few hours in the beautiful harbour of St. Pierre, Martinique, and while on leave ashore one of her bluejackets, a signalman, recognised in one of the bar attendants his old shipmate Yeo. A couple of weeks later occurred the eruption of Mont Pelée, and in the terrible devastation it caused there is little doubt but what Yeo met "The Traitor's Doom."

PRESENTATION—An interesting ceremony was witnessed in the Sergeants' Mess at Forton Barracks, on Thursday Morning, July 3rd, when Colour-Sergeant Noakes, on behalf of the Mess, asked Colour-Sergeant Thompson, who is leaving on pension, to accept a dressing case subscribed by the members of the Mess. Colour-Sergeant Noakes expressed the regret they all felt at losing so popular a member of the mess, and wished the recipient all the success possible in civil life. The present was then handed to Mr. Thompson, and the company sang "For he's a jolly good fellow." Mr. Thompson suitably responded, and the gathering closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Athletic Sports.

FORTON.

THE annual athletic meeting of the Portsmouth Division of the Royal Marines Light Infantry was held in the Barrack Field on Tuesday, July 1st, in the presence of hundreds of spectators. The Committee had arranged an attractive programme, which furnished for the spectators plenty of amusement, and for the competitors an opportunity of a profitable afternoon. Early in the evening the sports were brought to an abrupt termination by a heavy thunderstorm, accompanied by torrents of rain, and it was found necessary to postpone the uncompeted events until the following afternoon. The following were the officials:—Committee, Lieut.-Col. Johnstone, C.B. (President), Major Trotman, Capt. Evelegh, Capt. and Adjutant Blumberg, Capt. Kitcat, Lieuts. Clutterbuck, Barnby, Huskisson, Garnier, and Pawsey, Sergt.-Majors Mearles and McLachlan, Q.M.S.'s Taylor, Boxwell, and Beagley, Barrack-Sergt. Cole, Q.M.S.I.'s McKenzie, Clift, and Wiggington, Colr.-Sergt. Noakes, and Sergt. Sanders. Starters: Capt. and Adjutant Blumberg, Lieuts. Barnby and Garnier, Q.M.S.I. Clift, and Barrack-Sergt. Cole. Judges: Major Trotman, Capt. Kitcat, Lieuts. Clutterbuck and Pawsey, Q.M.S.I.'s McKenzie and Wiggington, Colr.-Sergt. Noakes, and Sergt. Sanders. Handicappers: Capt. Kitcat, Lieut. Huskisson, and Q.M.S.'s Boxwell and Taylor. Clerk of the Course: Q.M.S. Beagley. While the racing was in progress the Band of the Division, under 2nd Lieut. G. Miller, M.V.O., played a programme of popular selections. During the intervals necessarily caused while the various races were in course of preparation, the spectators were highly amused by the antics of two clowns. It was little short of marvellous to see how easily, apparently, they won all the races in which they entered, and yet for some unaccountable reason they were always disqualified. While the "Tilting-the-bucket" event was in progress, the clowns considerably damped the ardour of those competitors who were fortunate enough to escape the fall of water by liberally drenching them with a bucket of water and a mop. The identity of the two clowns was a mystery to a good many, but minus paint and costume they were easily recognised as Corporal Crawley, "Trotter," and Lce.-Corpl. Chorlton, "Ping-pong." Colonel Commandant A. E. Chapman very generously offered a special prize of 30/- for the competitor who succeeded in obtaining the highest number of points during the meeting. A second prize of 20/- was also offered by Major and Staff-Officer C. N. Trotman and Capt. and Adjutant Blumberg for the competitor obtaining the second highest number of points. The Commandant's prize was won by Corpl. Jones, and the Staff-Officer's and Adjutant's prize by Sergt. Newman. At the close of the meeting the successful competitors were presented with their prizes by Mrs. Chapman. The ceremony concluded with cheers for the Colonel Commandant and Mrs. Chapman, which were called for by Colonel Johnstone, C.B.

Appended are the results:—

100 Yards Flat Race.—Sergt. Newman, 1; Corpl. Jones and Lce.-Sergt. Reynolds (dead heat), 2; Lce.-Corpl. Bomford, 3.

120 Yards Flat Race for Bandsmen (handicap).—Musician Lovett, 1; Musician Farthing, 2; Musician Mumby, 3.

220 Yards Flat Race for Buglers (over 15).—Bugler Jackson, 1; Bugler W. E. Richards, 2; Bugler Buck, 3; Bugler Moore, 4.

100 Yards Flat Race for Buglers (under 15).—Bugler Pomeroy, 1; Bugler Lawrence, 2; Bugler W. Martin, 3; Bugler Leddlie, 4.

High Jump.—Pte. Henning (4ft. 11½in.), 1; Pte. Woodward, 2; Pte. Parsons, 3.

100 Yards Flat Race for Officers' Servants.—Pte. Woodward, 1; Pte. Kidd, 2; Pte. Dean, 3; Pte. Dudley, 4.

Tilting-the-Bucket.—Sergts. Buckland and Bartlett, 1; Ptes. Childs and Drake, 2; Ptes. Tolley and Ford, 3.

120 Yards Handicap for Old Soldiers over 16 years' service and members of Sergeants' Mess.—Colr.-Sergt. Noakes, 1; Colr.-Sergt. Precious, 2; Staff-Sergt. Wigginton, 3; Colr.-Sergts. Coe and Brown (tie), 4.

120 Yards Handicap for Old Soldiers over 16 years' service (rank and file).—Pte. Stephens, 1; Musician Farthing, 2; Pte. Henning, 3; Musician Lovett, 4.

Pick-a-back Race (all competitors were in sacks; one had to carry the other 50 yards, horses and mounts had then to be changed, and return home).—Ptes. Henning and Lovett, 1; Ptes. Quillian and Harris, 2; Ptes. Lawrence and Smith, 3; Ptes. Richards and Jackson, 4; Ptes. Ford and Milne, 5; Pte. Morris and Bugler Leddlie, 6.

Quarter-Mile Flat Race for rank and file (time 1 min. 30 secs.).—Corpl. Jones, 1; Pte. Ferguson, 2; Pte. Quillian and Lce.-Corpl. Bomford (tie), 3; Pte. Clark, 4.

Quarter-Mile Flat Race for Sergeants' Mess (time 61½ secs.).—Lce.-Sergt. Reynolds, 1; Sergt. Newman, 2; Sergt. Sanders, 3; Sergt. Bartlett, 4.

Sack Race.—Corpl. Jones, 1; Musician Lovett, 2; Bugler Bartlett, 3; Bugler Smith, 4.

120 Yards Hurdle Race for Buglers and Privates (time 17 secs.).—Pte. Henning, 1; Pte. Woodward, 2; Pte. Farmer, 3; Pte. Jackson, 4.

120 Yards Hurdle Race for Non-commissioned Officers.—Sergt. Newman, 1; Sergt. Sanders, 2; Lce.-Corpl. Russell, 3; Sergt. Bartlett, 4.

Company Tug of War (10 a-side).—F Company beat D after a long, steady pull.

One Mile Bicycle Race.—Pte. Simpson, 1; Pte. Banks, 2. Simpson started the pace, and kept it going to the finish, winning comfortably. Five started, but the remainder fell out.

Half-Mile Flat Race (open to the Division).—Pte. Stephens, 1; Lce.-Sergt. Reynolds, 2; Pte. Ferguson, 3.

Aunt Sally Race (teams of six representing companies had to run 100 yards over five hurdles, knock down six pins with throwing sticks, and back to starting point).—Team of A Company beat team of D.

Mile Flat Race (open to Southern District).—Gunner Walker, R.G.A., 1; Pte. Stephens, R.M.L.I., 2; Sergt. Barnes, R.M.A., 3. Six started; time 4 mins. 50 secs.

120 Yards R.M.L.I. Pensioners' Handicap.—Mr. Franklin, 1; Mr. Cole, 2; Messrs. D. Fleming and W. Fleming (brothers), tie, 3.

Mop Tournament (in this event men had to enter in pairs, one to carry the other pick-a-back; the riders were armed with mops coloured with flour and soot; in the fight the rider first dismounted lost).—Ptes. Nevard and Kidd, 1; Corpl. Crawley and Pte. Spry, 2; Ptes. Rolf and Coady, 3.

Obstacle Race.—Pte. J. S. Lee, 1; Sergt. Newman, 2; Sergt. Bartlett, 3; Lce.-Corpl. Bomford, 4; Pte. Henning, 5.

Sack Fight (the competitors were tied in sacks, heads and shoulders only being exposed, and they had to fight in a ring forty feet in diameter; they were first placed equal distance apart around the ring on their backs; on being started, each man had to rise and endeavour to force out of the ring or knock down any or all of the other competitors).—Corpl. Jones, 1; Bugler Daniels, 2; Bugler Downey, 3.

Consolation Race.—Musician Dyke, 1; Musician Crossley, 2; Musician Williams, 3.

DEPOT, R.M.

Favoured with brilliant weather, the annual athletic sports of the Depot were held on July 15th on the south green, and were in all respects a pronounced success. Without differing materially from those of previous years, the programme had certainly been smartened up, and with very large entries for certain events—notably in those for recruits—it was found necessary to do the weeding out on days prior to the day of the sports. This not only saved time, but also made the racing more interesting. The scene presented was a very animated one, the general public being present in large numbers; the officers' and sergeants' enclosures were crowded, and the usual hospitality was shown. The prizes were presented to the successful competitors at the close by Mrs. Dowding, for whose kindness three hearty cheers were given. The arrangements were carried out by the following Committee, a guarantee in itself that everything was as it should be:—Lieut.-Col. E. A. Wylde (President), Majors H. G. Cotterill and E. E. Chown, Capts. F. M. B. Hobbs and J. A. M. A. Clark, Capt. and Adjt. J. A. Tupman, Lieut. and Q.M. W. S. Blackman, Sergt.-Majors House and Sullivan, Q.M.S. Chisholm, Q.M.S.I.'s Peaty, Timms, King, and Clark, Colr.-Sergts. Brockwell and Dorian, and Sergts. Cross and Cook. Referee: Lieut.-Col. E. A. Wylde. Judges:

Majors H. G. Cotterill and E. E. Chown, Capt. F. M. B. Hobbs, Lieut. and Q.M. W. S. Blackman, Sergt.-Major House, and Q.M.S.I. Timms. Starters: Capt. and Adjt. Tupman, Capt. Clark, Sergt.-Major Sullivan, and Q.M.S. Chisholm. Clerks of Course: Q.M.S.I.'s Peaty and Clark, Colr.-Sergt. Dorian, and Sergt. Cook. The Band of the Depot was in attendance, under Mr. Nicholson, and helped in a large degree to make the meeting a success. Sergts. Marshall and Weightman, as the clown and policeman respectively, were responsible for causing a deal of amusement during the afternoon, their antics being genuinely funny, and their marvellous work on the parallel and horizontal bars and the horse was greatly admired.

The following is a list of events:—

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—Pte. Dixon 1, 7s.; Pte. Henley 2, 5s.; Pte. Parton 3, 1s. 6d.

Vaulting the Horse.—Ptes. Gregory and Bunce divided 10s.

Horizontal Bar.—Pte. Burrows 1, 6s.; Pte. Bunce 2, 4s.

1. *100 Yards Three-legged Race.*—Pte. Irwin 1, 7s.; Pte. Heaney 2, 5s.; Pte. Tester 3, 1s. 6d.

2. *Half-mile Flat Race (Recruits only).*—Pte. Ford 1, silver watch; Pte. Graham 2, 15s.; Pte. Osborne 3, 10s.; Pte. Porton 4, 5s. Ford led throughout, and won by 5 yards.

3. *Long Jump (three trials).*—Sergt. Tyler 1, 7s.; Corpl. Casey 2, 5s.; Pte. Healey 3, 1s. 6d. Tyler won with 16ft. 4in.

200 Yards Flat Race for Old Soldiers over 18 years' service.—Sergt. McGinley 1, 20s.; Corpl. Cox 2, 10s.; Sergt. Spencer 3, 5s. McGinley won easily.

4. *Half-mile Flat Race.*—Pte. Tugwell 1, silver watch; Sergt. Tyler 2, 20s.; Pte. Standley 3, 10s.; Pte. Brooks 4, 5s. Tugwell won easily.

5. *Egg Race (70 yards).*—Pte. Nicholls 1, 5s.; Pte. Morse 2, 2s. 6d.; Pte. Levy 3, 1s. 6d.

6. *200 Yards Flat Race for Buglers (under 18).*—Bugler Bowden 1, 5s.; Bugler Bryan 2, 3s.; Bugler Barker 3, 2s. 6d. Bowden won by 4 yards.

7. *High Jump (three trials).*—Corpl. Casey 1, 7s.; Corpl. Watts 2, 5s.; Sergt. Burton and Pte. Carney, dead heat, 3, 1s. 6d.

8. *100 Yards Flat Race.*—In heats; final heat No. 26.

9. *Quarter-mile Flat Race for Old Soldiers (Privates only).*—Pte. Brookes 1, 15s.; Pte. Tugwell 2, 10s.; Pte. Standley 3, 5s. Brookes ran a capital race, and won comfortably.

10. *Quarter-mile Flat Race (Recruits only).*—Pte. Ford 1, 15s.; Pte. Porton 2, 10s.; Pte. Mascall 3, 5s. Ford ran with good judgment, and won well.

11. *Shoe and Smoking Race.*—Pte. Hitch 1, 7s.; Pte. Maloney 2, 5s.; Pte. Hedley 3, 1s. 6d. Competitors had to take off their boots, which were mixed up, then find them again, and finish with boots laced up and pipe alight.

12. *120 Yards Hurdle Race.*—In heats; final heat after No. 28.

13. *200 Yards Flat Race for Non-commissioned Officers.*—Sergt. McGinley 1, 20s.; Sergt Rogers 2, 10s.; Corpl. Watkins 3, 7s. 6d. McGinley won easily.

14. Display by recruits under training at the Depot Gymnasium.

15. *Recruits' Company Bayonet Combat* (team of 8 and N.C. Officer).—B Company 1, 27s.; E Company 2, 9s.

16. *Quarter-mile Flat Race for N.C. Officers.*—Sergt. Rogers 1, silver watch; Corpl. Watkins 2, 10s.; Sergt. Farrell 3, 7s. 6d. A capital race. Watkins looked like winning, but Rogers overhauled him 20 yards from home, and won.

17. *150 Yards Flat Race for Boys of Depot School.*—E. Firth 1, 2s. 6d.; T. Jenkins 2, 2s.; H. Brown 3, 1s. 6d.; F. Cole 4, 1s.; J. Stuart 5, 1s.; H. Firth 6, 1s.; F. Mileady 7, 6d.; P. Franks 8, 6d. This event was characterized by the usual scramble, and hard work for the handicappers, each boy expecting and claiming a prize.

100 Yards Flat Race for Girls of Depot School.—E. Macey, B. Hodge, D. Tugwell, F. Staires, S. Jenkins, F. Hodge, K. Mileady, and Cox. Prizes as in previous race. There was plenty of colour to give variety to this event. In spite of the usual crop of accidents, the Committee were able to dive successfully for the winners.

200 Yards Flat Race for Coastguards of Deal Division.—J. Bloxham (Kingsdown), 1, 15s.; H. Bell (Walmer), 2, 10s.; W. Lewis (Walmer), 3, 5s. The naval men made a good race, the winner coming in by about 4 yards.

20. Bucket of Water Race (100 Yards).—Pte. Yule 1, 7s.; Pte. Barker 2, 5s.; Pte. Busby 3, 1s. 6d.

21. Mounted Mop Tournament.—Pte. Harris 1, 10s.; Pte. Nudd 2, 2s. 6d.; Pte. Butson 3, 2s. 6d. Plenty of soot and red ochre greeted the competitors in this event, and there was considerable fun for the lookers-on.

22. One Mile Flat Race.—Pte. Tugwell 1, silver watch; Pte. Alway 2, 15s.; Pte. Ford 3, 10s.; Pte. Standley 4, 5s. Tugwell, now something of a veteran, was a few years ago about the best distance runner in the Service, but he showed that he can still race by winning in easy style by 30 yards.

23. Company Bumping Competition (team of 8).—C Company 1, 24s.; A Company 2, 12s. This event created great amusement.

24. Sack Race (100 Yards).—Pte. Cam 1, 7s.; Bugler Male 2, 5s.; Pte. Court 3, 3s.; Pte. Hewett 4, 2s.; Pte. Johnson 5, 1s. 6d. This was another funny race, each competitor being enveloped in a sack up to the neck, and having the face covered with a mask.

25. 200 Yards Flat Race for Boats' Crew.—Pte. Mullinger 1, 5s.; Pte. Cahearty 2, 3s. 6d.; Pte. Stickles 3, 2s. Mullinger won by 5 yds.

26. 100 Yards Flat Race (final heat of No. 8).—Sergt. McGinley 1, 15s.; Pte. Porton 2, 7s. 6d.; Sergt. Farrell 3, 5s. McGinley won comfortably by 8 yards.

27. Tilting the Bucket.—Pte. Riddle 1, 10s.; Bugler Plummer 2, 5s.; Pte. Cam 3, 2s. 6d. This event provoked plenty of fun, and afforded the competitors cheap shower baths on a hot day.

150 Yards Race for R.M. Pensioners over 45.—Mr. MacDermott 1, 15s.; Mr. Hodges 2, 7s. 6d.; Mr. Abbiss 3, 5s. Mr. MacDermott, although the veteran of the party, won in good style.

28. 120 Yards Hurdle Race (final heat of No. 12).—Sergt. Tyler 1, 15s.; Pte. Sands 2, 10s.; Pte. Gwinn 3, 5s. Tyler won well.

29. Tug of War (By Companies, 10 men per company).—Sergt. Peters' team 1, 50s.; Sergt. Nobbs' team 2, 20s.

Tug of War (By Squads, 10 men per squad).—Sergt. Cook's team 1, 50s.; Sergt. Webb's team 2, 20s.

30. Quarter-mile Flat Race (open to Regular Service; also to crews of U.S. warships at Gravesend).—Corpl. Calder, 1st Royal Dragoons, 1, 40s.; Corpl. Arnold, R.A., 2, 30s.; Pte. Lodge, 19th Hussars, 3, 15s. Calder ran a splendidly timed race, and beat Arnold by about 3 yards.

31. Obstacle Race.—Pte. Orbell 1, 20s.; Pte. Dixon 2, 15s.; Pte. Selway 3, 7s. 6d.; Pte. Bubear 4, 5s.; Pte. Cook 5, 2s. 6d.

32. 200 Yards Flat Race for Officers' Servants.—Pte. Bell 1, 7s. 6d.; Pte. Sayles 2, 5s.; Pte. Kessell 3, 2s. 6d. Bell won by 4 yards.

33. Consolation Stakes (300 yards, for non-winners).—Pte. Hibberd 1, 15s.; Pte. Bell 2, 10s.; Pte. Remmeant 3, 5s. The winner led throughout, and won by 3 yards.

34. Band Race (200 yards, handicap; each man to play his instrument throughout the whole race).—Corpl. Stevenson 1, 10s.; Musn. Herbert 2, 7s. 6d.; Musn. Austin 3, 5s.

One must not forget to mention the splendid performances given at intervals by the Depot Gymnastic Staff, under Staff-Sergt. Young; also the special squad under the same instructor, the drill being absolutely perfect, and well meriting the applause bestowed.

NAVAL AND MILITARY SPORTS.

Held at the Crystal Palace on Saturday, July 5th. The following obtained a place in the different events:—

One Mile Bicycle Race.—Sergt. Waterman, R.M.A., 2.

High Jump.—Sergt. Organ, R.M.L.I. (Ch.), 2.

Tug of War.—R.M.A. beat 3rd London Vol. Rifles by three pulls to nothing.

Five Mile Bicycle Race.—Sergt. Waterman, R.M.A., 2.

H.M.S. *EXCELLENT*.

The annual Athletic Sports of H.M.S. *Excellent* were held on July 25th. Appended are the results in which the Marines who competed were successful :—

Quarter-mile (open), Navy and Army.—Lce.-Sergt. Reynolds, R.M.L.I., 1.

Flat Race for Veterans (over 15 years' service), 120 yards.—Pte. J. Stephens, R.M.L.I., 1.

Half-Mile Race.—Pte. J. Stephens, R.M.L.I., 1.

Sack Race (50 yards, under a pole, round a stake, and back over pole.—Corpl. Jones, R.M.L.I., 1.

Mile Flat Race.—Pte. Stephens, R.M.L.I., 1. Nine started on the run home, Stephens just managed to win by a foot.

R.M.R.A.

Winners of special prize, presented by the Morris Tube Aiming Company for competition, by members of the R.M.R.A. during the Bisley Meeting.

		Score.	Prize.
Sergeant Hayes	R.M.L.I.	35	£1 10 0
Lieutenant Lloyd	,,	35	1 10 0
Q.M.S.I. Pearson	,,	33	1 0 0
Sergeant Collins	,,	33	1 0 0
Lance-Corporal Lea	,,	32	0 15 0
Sergeant Beddow	R.M.A.	32	0 15 0
Private Goodey	R.M.L.I.	32	0 15 0
Sergt.-Major C. Hill	,,	32	0 15 0
Col.-Sergt. Partridge	,,	32	0 15 0
Lance-Sergt. Pottinger	R.M.A.	31	0 12 6
Q.M.S. Richards	R.M.L.I.	31	0 12 6
			£10 0 0

H. G. COTTERILL, Major, R.M.L.I.,
Captain Royal Marines VIII.

Cricket.

R.M.A. *v.* H.M.S. "ARIADNE."

Played at Eastney, 18th June, 1902, ending in a draw. H.M.S. *Ariadne*, 234 (Surgeon Mornement, 85). R.M.A., 118 for 1 wicket (Capt. Harding, not out 45; Lieut. Wright, lbw b Tubbock, 26; Major Brittan, not out 30; extras, 17).

ROYAL MARINES *v.* ROYAL NAVY.

Played at U.S. Ground, 28th June, 1902. (12 a side.)

ROYAL MARINES.		ROYAL NAVY.	
Major Brittan ..	23	Capt. Bentinck ..	10
Capt. Shine ..	1	Surgeon Mornement	104
,, Harding ..	3	Lieut. Ascough ..	12
,, McCarthy ..	1	,, White ..	16
,, Chichester ..	29	,, Hopwood ..	1
Lieut. Lushington ..	0	Surgeon Sheward ..	10
Capt. Morgan ..	26	Lieut. Lake ..	21
Pte. Perkins ..	13	,, Buxton, not out ..	33
Capt. Dibblee, not out ..	10	Engineer Cox ..	27
,, Dobree ..	4		
Major Tatham ..	0		
Sergt. Gaubert ..	4		
Extras ..	4	Extras ..	18
Total	118	Total (for 8 wkts.)	252

R.M.A. *v.* R.G.A.

Played at U.S. Ground, 3rd July, 1902, ending in a draw. R.G.A. declared at 241 for 7 wickets (Stanborough, 59; Scott, not out 86). R.M.A., 173 for 4 wickets (Russell, 60; McCarthy, not out 43; Harding, not out 34).

R.M.A. *v.* PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Hilsea, 5th July, 1902, and won by R.M.A. P.G.S., 198 (Hewitson, 71; Hargreaves, 84). R.M.A., 214 (Brittan, 74; Russell, 68). Sergt. Gaubert took 7 wickets for 70 runs; Pte. Russell took 2 wickets for 49 runs.

DEPOT R.M. *v.* CHATHAM DIVISION R.M.

Played at Walmer, 5th July, 1902.

DEPOT R.M.		CHATHAM DIVISION R.M.	
Major Mercer, c Willis, b Montgomery ..	4	F. S. Wilson, b Sutcliffe ..	4
Sergt. Murphy, c & b Montgomery	35	Pte. Baylis, c Col. Quill, b Capt Hobbs ..	10
Sergt. Sutcliffe, c Willis, b Montgomery ..	39	H. F. Montgomery, c Capt. Hobbs, b Sutcliffe ..	8
Capt. Mayhew, c Gerrard, b Montgomery ..	0	R. C. Waller, b Sutcliffe ..	4
Lieut. Stopford, b Waller ..	1	H. Willis, b Sutcliffe ..	8
Capt. Hobbs, b Waller ..	0	Col. Newington, c Major Wray, b Sutcliffe ..	13
Pte. Gwin, b Waller ..	2	Major Parsons, c Capt. Mayhew, b Sutcliffe ..	7
Capt. Tupman, c Gerrard, b Montgomery ..	19	Col. Luke, run out ..	2
Major Wray, c & b Waller ..	6	E. Gerrard, not out ..	11
Sergt. McGinley, c & b Montgomery	0	Capt. Bewes, b Sutcliffe ..	0
Col. Quill, not out ..	2	Major White, c Murphy, b McGinley	6
Extras ..	10	Extras ..	5
Total	118	Total	78

DEPOT R.M. *v.* WALDERSHARE PARK.

Played at Waldershare Park, 7th July, 1902.

DEPOT R.M.		WALDERSHARE PARK.	
Major Mercer, st Boniford, b Prebble	1	Rev. E. Taylor Jones, c Gwin, b Murphy	20
Sergt. Murphy, b Taylor Jones	0	T. W. Dean, lbw, b Murphy	13
,, Sutcliffe, b Taylor Jones	7	G. Bacon, c & b Murphy ..	6
Capt. Mayhew, not out ..	58	A. F. Blake, b Coburn ..	16
Col. Quill, c & b Bacon ..	27	A. Manktelow, c Col. Quill, b Murphy	4
Lieut. Stopford, b Manktelow	3	H. Boniford, c & b Sutcliffe ..	12
Capt. Tupman, b Manktelow	6	H. Powell, run out ..	5
Pte. Gwin, b Manktelow ..	8	P. Prebble, b Coburn ..	0
Major Wray, c Bacon, b Manktelow	16	Rev. B. Burrows, b Sutcliffe	1
Pte. Baylis, b Taylor Jones ..	1	Lord Guildford, not out ..	2
,, Coburn, c Taylor Jones, b Manktelow ..	0	R. Prior, c Lieut. Stopford, b Sutcliffe	0
Extras ..	13	Extras ..	9
Total	140	Total	88

DEPOT R.M. *v.* ROYAL ARTILLERY.

Played at Dover, 12th July, 1902.

DEPOT R.M.		ROYAL ARTILLERY.	
Major Mercer, b Hay ..	6	Major Block, b Sutcliffe ..	1
Capt. Clark, c Block, b Hay	8	Gun. Sharp, lbw, b Sutcliffe ..	13
Sergt. Sutcliffe, c Block, b Young	8	Capt. Manly, b Hobbs ..	1
Capt. Mayhew, lbw, b Young	5	Capt. Armytage, c Mercer, b Hobbs	22
,, Hobbs, b Webb ..	66	Mr. Hay, b Sutcliffe ..	0
Mr. Stopford, b Webb ..	42	Mr. Percival, b Sutcliffe ..	0
Capt. Tupman, b Webb ..	19	Sergt. Young, b Hobbs ..	12
Pte. Gwin, c & b Young ..	9	Gun. Webb, b Sutcliffe ..	0
,, Baylis, c Donnelly, b Maynard	21	Mr. Donnelly, b Sutcliffe ..	2
,, Coburn, not out ..	9	Gun. Maynard, not out ..	2
Col. Quill, did not bat.		,, Kelly, b Sutcliffe ..	28
Extras ..	10	Extras ..	2
Total	203	Total	83

DEPOT R.M. *v.* S.E. COLLEGE.

Played at Walmer, 16th July, 1902.

DEPOT R.M.		S.E. COLLEGE.	
Capt. Clark, c Hankin, b Purton	70	C. Hankin, b Capt. Hobbs	0
Pte. Baylis, c Hankin, b Prior	0	E. G. Wright, b Coburn	0
Capt. Mayhew, b Owen	38	R. C. Shaw, c Coburn, b Col. Quill	52
,, Hobbs, c & b Owen	6	J. H. Owen, c & b Coburn	0
Col. Quill, retired	31	F. C. Shaw, b Coburn	3
Major Mercer, b Owen	8	W. A. Purton, c & b Coburn	25
Capt. Tupman, c Cook, b Purton	4	G. Stratton, c Gwin, b Col. Quill	51
Lieut. Stopford, not out	61	B. Prior, st Capt. Tupman, b Col. Quill	1
Major Wray, c Shaw, b Purton	26	B. Cook, not out	18
Pte. Gwin, c Coxon, b Prior	13	H. Coxon, c Gwin, b Capt. Hobbs	19
,, Coburn, b Prior	1	J. Webber, run out	2
Extras	39	Extras	4
Total	297	Total	175

DEPOT R.M. *v.* UNITED BANKS.

Played at Walmer, 19th July, 1902.

DEPOT R.M.		UNITED BANKS.	
Major Mercer, b Mate	4	E. Mate, lbw Murphy	11
Capt. Clark, b Manktelow	19	W. E. Wright, lbw, Col. Quill	37
Capt. Mayhew, c and b Manktelow	9	C. Barns, c Gwin, b Murphy	19
Sergt. Murphy, run out	0	I. Manktelow, not out	36
Lieut. Stopford, b Mate	10	F. Jones, b Coburn	1
Col. Quill, b Manktelow	3	E. M. Hammington, b Quill	6
Capt. Tupman, b Bacon	21	J. F. Maldon, b Coburn	0
Pte. Gwin, st Bomford, b Bacon	24	F. May, st Stopford, b Coburn	0
Major Wray, c Bomford, b Manktelow	15	F. Purrus, st Gwin, b Quill	0
Pte. Baylis, b Manktelow	0	F. Bomford, b Coburn	0
Pte. Coburn, not out	5	G. H. Bacon, c Col. Quill, b Coburn	26
Extras	9	Extras	15
Total	119	Total	151

DEPOT R M. *v.* INCAPABLES.

Played at Walmer, 24th July, 1902.

INCAPABLES.		DEPOT R.M.	
A. E. Wynne, lbw, b Murphy	10	Capt. Clark, lbw Mate	18
W. Bernard, c Major Wray, b Murphy	55	Pte. Baylis, c Sub., b Mate	26
R. Mate, c Lt. Stopford, b Col. Quill	80	Capt. Mayhew, b Bernard	12
C. A. S. Sewell, not out	26	Sergt. Murphy, lbw Andrews	3
W. B. Hawkins, lbw b Col. Quill	20	Col. Quill, b Andrews	29
R. E. Knocker, b Col. Quill	1	Lt. Stopford, b Andrews	4
F. E. Beatson		Major Mercer, c & b Mate	5
I. Howden		Capt. Tupman, c Sub., b Mate	0
R. Douglas	Did not bat	Pte. Gwin, c Sub., b Mate	2
R. H. L. Andrews		Major Wray, not out	0
Extras	12	Pte. Coburn, did not bat	0
Total for 5 wickets	204	Extras	11
		Total	110

DEPOT R.M. *v.* WALTHAMSTOW.

Played at Walmer, 30th July, 1902.

DEPOT, R.M.		WALTHAMSTOW.	
Col. Quill, st Hopper, b Thorogood	5	A Petch, b Coburn	10
Capt. Clark, b Thorogood	5	C. Cattell, lbw Coburn	55
Capt. Mayhew, b Wilson	17	N. Houghton, c Gwin, b Murphy	4
Pte. Baylis, lbw Thorogood	0	I. Gunton, run out	8
Major Mercer, lbw Wilson	13	W. Thorogood, c Murphy, b Coburn	5
Major Wray, b Thorogood	4	H. Wilson, c Gwin, b Coburn	25
Capt. Tupman, b Thorogood	10	G. Prebble, b Murphy	12
Lieut. Stopford, c Cattell, b Houghton	26	G. Jeffery, b Col. Quill	38
Pte. Gwin, c Houghton, b Thorogood	7	F. Bristow, c Lt. Stopford, b Col. Quill	13
Sergt. Murphy, did not bat	0	P. Hopper, c Murphy, b Col. Quill	0
Pte. Coburn, not out	5	S. Collard, not out	1
Extras	12	Extras	9
Total	104	Total	180

R.M.A. COMPANY CRICKET COMPETITION, 1902.

1st Round.		*Winners of 1st Round*		*2nd Round—Winners*	
A Coy. .. 29 & 91 (3 wkts.)		K		208—Major Brittan	59
K ,, .. 265 (2 wkts.)				Gr. Parker	45
Major Brittan, retired ..	101			Gr. Garnett	42
Musn. Binns, not out ..	101				
M Coy. .. 1st 63—Gr. Butler	30				K
,, .. 2nd 86 for 6 wickets					
E ,, .. 84—Lt. Stokes	20	E		73—Lt. Stokes	30
,, .. Cpl. Bull	20				
B Coy. .. 59—Gr. Bendall	15	I	1st 36		
I ,, .. 99—Gr. Tindall	39		2nd 103—Sgt. Manly	40	
			Gr. Scutchey	25	
N ,, .. 1st 12					
,, .. 2nd 45					
Q ,, .. 234 for 7 wickets		Q		164—Pte. Russell	66 Q
Pte. Russell, retired ..	117			Pte. Perkins	21
Pte. Perkins	69				
H Coy. .. 29		C		150—Cpt. Harding	39
C ,, .. 200 for 3 wickets				Cpl. Price	29
Capt. Harding, retired ..	64			Gr. Rosenthal	27
Gr. Pomfiet	61			Lt. Stevens	23
Gr. McIntosh, not out ..	41				C
L Coy. .. 1st 22					
,, .. 2nd 63					
P ,, .. 157—Maj. Trotter	47	P		45	
Cpt. Trotman	56				
F Coy. .. 1st 89—Gr. Read	49				
,, .. 2nd 40					
G ,, .. 1st 50		G		53	
,, .. 2nd 24					O
O ,, .. 89—Sgt. Kelly	46	O		129—Sgt Kelly	53
D ,, .. 76				Br. Ottignon	32
				Maj. Gaitskell	23

At the monthly sale of medals in London by Glendining & Co., on the 17th of July, a fine group, consisting of the war medal with clasp for Syria, the Turkish medal and the William IV. medal for long service and good conduct, awarded to Sergeant-Major Thomas Cooper, Woolwich Division, R.M., sold for £3 10s.

The war medal with clasp for Syria, awarded to the late Colonel H. G. Mitford, R.M., was bought in for £3 3s.

The medal for West Africa with clasp for "Brass River," 1895, awarded to Pte. T. H. Wellard, R.M.L.I., sold for £2 6s.

The Egyptian medal with clasps for Abu Klea and the Nile, awarded to Pte. A. Tapster, R.M.L.I., fetched 18s.; the long service and good conduct medal of Gunner J. Lang, 16th Co., R.M.A., went for 3s.; and the Abyssinian medal to Gunner C. Moores, R.M.A., for 8s.

The China medal, 1900, without clasp, awarded to a Private on H.M.S. *Goliath*, realised £2 12s. 6d., while one for 1842, awarded to the late Colonel Rodney Vansittart Allen, R.M.L.I., passed into the collection of Captain Portlock-Dadson for 10s.

Medals for the Boer War are a drug on the market, being sold in lots, those with three bars at 12s. each and those with two bars at 10s. each, hardly finding buyers.

Answers to Correspondents.

SANPAN—The only time you should forfeit towards your first engagement is the 28 days imprisonment, and the time you were in desertion. Should you re-engage to obtain a pension, you will have to bring up in addition all your service prior to desertion. The latter service, however, may be restored after several years continuous "very good" character. You should make application to your Commanding Officer in the usual way for the consideration of the Deputy-Adjutant General, Royal Marines, for this indulgence.

W.A.M.—Thanks for your interesting letter, of which, as you see, we publish extracts. We congratulate you on winning the prizes, and hope you will repeat the performance next time.

H. J. STOREY—2. Bandmaster and eighteen bandsmen R.M. Artillery accompanied the King on his cruise. 1. Am enquiring.

Births.

BOTTERILL—On July 22nd, at Forton, the wife of Corpl. Botterill, of a daughter.

ILES—On July 24th, at Forton, the wife of Corpl. A. E. Iles, of a son.

MERCER—On June 14th, at Forton, the wife of Corpl. R. Mercer, of a son.

MAUND—On the 13th inst., at 31, Curzon Street, Mrs. Oakley Maund, of a daughter, posthumously.

HURST—On the 31st ult., at London, the wife of H. T. Hurst (late Colr.-Sergt. R.M.L.I.), of a son.

Marriages.

NICHOL—WOODLAND—At Parish Church, Lyminster, July 12th, 1902, Gunner E. J. Nichol, R.M.A., to Miss E. J. Woodland.

CHELL—HALLIER—At St. James, Portsea, July 5th, Sergt. F. Chell, R.M.A., to Miss A. Hallier.

BOXALL—NORTON—At St. George's Church, Deal, on the 12th July, 1902, Private G. Boxall to Miss W. Norton.

EDWARDS—RALPH—At the Parish Church, Eastry, on the 10th July, 1902, Private E. J. Edwards to Miss M. J. M. Ralph.

POWELL—STARES—Private E. E. Powell to Alice Stares, at Register Office, South Stoneham, on March 2nd, 1901.

HONEYWELL—PEARMAN—Private Jas. Honeywell to Florence Annie Pearman, at St. Mark's Church, Portsea, on Sept. 4th, 1901.

MACKLIN—BINNING—Corpl. W. C. Macklin to Edith Binning, at St. Mark's Church, Portsea, on July 12, 1902.

HOUSE—PAYNE—Sergt. Alf House to Martha Payne, at Wesleyan Chapel, Wesley Road, Trowbridge, on July, 1900.

REYNOLDS—GREEN—On 29th May, at Chatham, Sergt. L. A. Reynolds to Miss S. M. Green.

SMITH—STEWART—On 11th June, at Gravesend, Sergt. G. W. Smith to Miss E. A. Stewart

PRYKE—BENNETT—On 5th July, at Chatham, Pte. M. A. Pryke to Miss E. A. Bennett.

TROUP—WILSON—On the 8th July, at Holy Trinity Church, Fareham, Hants, by the Rev. and Hon. H. Bligh, assisted by the Rev. R. Small, Arthur George Troup, Lieut. R.M.A., son of James Troup, Esq., of Shedfield Grange, Botley, late Consul-General at Yokohama, to Dorothy Erina Florence, elder daughter of the late Fleet-Surgeon John Wilson, M.A., M.D., and of Mrs. Wilson, Oakcroft, Fareham.

MILLARD—ROBERTS—On the 23rd July, at the Parish Church, Farnborough, Hants, by the Rev. F. Millard, father of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. F. L. H. Millard and the Rev. E. T. Lea, brother and brother-in-law of the bridegroom, Vincent Charles Holland Millard, of Freiburg, Baden, to Augusta Monica Bradley Roberts, youngest daughter of the late Col. H. Bradley Roberts, R.M.A.

Deaths.

MERRIKIN—On furlough, July 8th, 1902, M Coy. Gunner J. H. Merrikin, R.M.A.

BRIGHT—On board H.M.S. *Ramillies*, July 12th, P Coy. Gunner H. S. Bright, R.M.A.

MCCALLUM—Pte. W. McCallum, whilst serving in *Pembroke*, 2nd July.

WEBB—Private G. H. Webb, whilst serving in *Egeria*, 27th June.

IN MEMORIAM.

ANDREWS—In loving memory of Henry Andrews, for many years Sergeant-Major R.M.L.I., Gosport, and H.A.C., London. Died at Thornton Heath, July 23, 1901. Loved and respected by all who knew him.

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THE Members of the Royal Marine Artillery Sergeant's Mess intend holding their Annual Dinner on Saturday, 16th August. Will past Members of the Mess who have not received an invitation please communicate with the President.

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MR. G. W. JENKINS (late Colour-Sergeant, R.M.A.), wishes to inform all his old comrades that he has taken the "Horse and Groom," Greetham Street, Portsmouth, where he will be pleased to see them. Well-Aired Beds can be had at any time.

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; 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; The Thin Red Line; The Gordonian; The Donegal's Own; etc., etc.*

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Editorial.

THE great event of the year has been brought to a successful conclusion, and His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra have been crowned King and Queen of all the British Dominions. In common with the whole nation, our corps rejoices at his merciful recovery from his late severe illness, and hopes that he may be long spared for the duties of his great office.

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An account of the part taken by the corps in the Coronation ceremonies will be found in another column.

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We would call the attention of our readers to the appeal made in our columns by the Committee of Royal Marines Memorial for further subscriptions. As the corps has been so fortunate to secure such a splendid site for the Memorial, and in view of the kindness of Mr. Jackson in so freely giving his services, we hope that the sum required will be speedily raised. If any readers wish to send subscriptions we will be glad to forward them to the treasurer, Lieut.-Col. Onslow, C.B.

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We regret to learn that Major Drury has been placed on half-pay on account of ill-health, and we are sure that all our readers will join with us in wishing him a speedy restoration to health and strength. We hope that though he is temporarily unable to exercise his great talent for writing most fascinating stories, yet his pen, which has so often enlivened these pages, and cheered many a weary hour for most of us, may soon be restored to its pristine vigour, and that our readers may once more renew their acquaintance with the humorous Pagett and other historic characters of the Sea Regiment.

Prettyjohn's Medals. — With reference to the proposed purchase of Colr.-Sergt. Prettyjohn's V.C. and medals, £85 has now been received or promised. All officers who wish to subscribe, and have not yet notified their intention of doing so, are asked to communicate with Captain Rombulow-Pearse, R.M.L.I., Plymouth Division, on the subject.

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Major W. P. Drury, R.M.L.I., has been placed on half-pay for 12 months from 1st July, 1902, on account of medical unfitness, at the expiration of which period he is to be resurveyed under the provision of Order-in-Council dated 30th Nov., 1889.

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The following promotions and appointments have been made:—

Captain and Brevet-Major G. L. Beaumont (seconded as Adjutant Royal Malta Militia) to be Major on the Establishment *vice* Drury and appointed to the Portsmouth Division, 1st July, 1902.

Major D. A. Hailes is advanced to the Senior Majors' List at the Plymouth Division, 1st July, 1902.

Major F. W. E. Eady to be Instructor of Musketry at the Plymouth Division, dated 1st July, 1902.

In view of the early return to the corps of officers from the Seconded List, there is no promotion to the rank of Captain in this instance.

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Barrackmaster and Brevet Lieut.-Col. J. J. Quill has been granted the honorary rank of Lieut.-Colonel, dated 14th August, 1902

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Major J. H. Bor, C.M.G., R.M.A., D.A.A.G. R.M., has been promoted to the rank of Lieut.-Col. by Brevet under provision of Order-in-Council 19th March, 1883, dated 17th August, 1902.

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Captain T. H. Griffiths, R.M.L.I., has embarked in H.M.S. *Hibernia* to relieve Captain J. R. Garrett, invalided.

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Captain R. H. J. Meister, R.M.L.I., has been appointed to the Marine Staff of the Naval Intelligence Department from the 28th July, 1902. In view of the early return to the corps of officers from the Seconded List, there is no promotion to the rank of Captain in this instance.

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Lieut. A. M. Deakin, R.M.L.I., has embarked in H.M.S. *Hannibal* and Lieut. B. F. Trench in H.M.S. *Cambridge*.

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The following officers have passed the Civil Service Examination in foreign languages, held in April, 1901:—Lieut. J. H. F. Ozanne, French; Lieut. A. C. Barnby, German.

The following officers are to join H.M.S. *Excellent* for an instructor's course of gunnery on 1st Sept., viz.: Captains J. R. H. Homfray and J. H. Jones, and Lieut. A. G. Troup, R.M.A., Captain G. M. Heriot and Lieuts. J. M. Smith and E. C. B. Hare, R.M.L.I.

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Second-Lieut. A. S. Cautrill, R.M.A., who obtained the first place at the recent examination at the R.N. College, has been awarded a prize of a sword.

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The following Army Order No. 173 has been published for information and guidance of Warrant Officers, N.C. Officers and men serving on the Headquarter strength of the Divisions. The privileges therein granted do not apply to any one borne on ships' books, and all ranks are to be duly cautioned on this point before embarkation:—2009. Warrant Officers are permitted to wear plain clothes under the conditions laid down for officers, see para. 1966 (K.R. and Orders for Army). Permission to dress in plain clothes, when on furlough or pass, may be given to N.C.O.'s and to men of good character, provided that they wear uniform on leaving and returning to their station. Such permission will be entered on the furlough form or pass, and initialled by the officer granting it. Plain clothes will not be kept in barrack-rooms.

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Warrant Officers and Staff-Sergeants are to continue to wear the old pattern caps until further orders, but, in view of possible changes before very long, no new caps should be purchased unless absolutely necessary.

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Sergt. A. E. Knowles, R.M.L.I. (Chatham), has been lent to the Egyptian Government for duty with the Egyptian Army.

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Captain A. P. Foulis has been seconded as an Adjutant of Auxiliary Forces. Lieut. G. L. Raikes to be Captain *vice* Foulis.

Lieut. R. F. C. Foster to be A.I. of Musketry at Eastney *vice* Raikes, dated 18th July, 1902.

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Lieut.-Col. and Brevet Col. J. B. Leefe has been placed on a Supplementary Half-pay List from 29th August, 1902.

Major and Brevet Lieut.-Col. W. I. Eastman has been promoted to Lieut.-Col. *vice* Leefe to half-pay, 29th August, 1902.

Major L. T. Pease is absorbed into the Establishment of Senior Majors, R.M.A., *vice* Eastman, 29th August, 1902.

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We are glad to hear that Corporal G. W. Arrow, R.M.L.I. (Ports.), who transferred to the Manchester Regiment about a year ago, has now been promoted Colr.-Sergt. in that regiment, after having served as pay-sergeant of a company for some months.

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We hope that our readers will be kind enough to forward us all accounts of prize-firing in their ships for this year, particularly of prizes won by Royal Marines, with names of captains of guns and number of hits, &c., so that we can publish them.

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It is frequently our privilege to record in these columns the war medals presented on parade to officers, N.C.O.'s and men on their return from active service. Others, however, who have lost their lives in the service of the country are, alas, unable to be thus publicly honoured by their comrades. We are glad to be able to state that a China War Medal with a clasp for Relief of Pekin has been forwarded to Mrs. Doig in memory of her son, the late Capt. R. M. Doig, who died of enteric fever contracted during the campaign.

The Coronation.

THIS account does not pretend in any way to give an account of the great event which has so stirred the nation, but is merely a record of the part taken in it by the corps. In place of the brigade of four battalions told off for June, a small brigade under Colonel Commandant W. Guise Tucker, C.B., of two battalions (one R.M.A. and one R.M.L.I.), was sent to London on August 9th. The R.M.A. battalion, under Lieut.-Col. and Brevet Col. J. B. Leefe, left Portsmouth about 3 a.m. and travelled straight to London. The R.M.L.I. battalion, under Lieut.-Col. Money, C.B., with Major Cotterill as Second-in-Command and Capt. and Adjt. Blumberg, was formed of one company from Chatham, two companies from Portsmouth, two companies from Plymouth and one company from the Depot Royal Marines, Deal, with the colours of the Portsmouth Division. The Chatham Division furnished a Guard of Honour of 100 rank and file, under Capt. A. W. Wylde, with band and King's colour, who were stationed in Trafalgar Square. The R.M.A. band played at the Admiralty at Whitehall, the Plymouth band at the War Office in Pall Mall, and the Depot band was attached to the battalion. The Portsmouth band was sent up the night before to Wellington Barracks, and on the 9th played in the grounds of Marlborough House to the guests of the Prince of Wales.

The brigade was formed in St. George's Barracks, all having arrived by about 5 a.m. Here we found two large marquees had been pitched on the parade ground, and a most excellent breakfast had been provided for all ranks, which was heartily appreciated, as the Plymouth companies had left Devonport at 8 p.m. the previous evening, the Portsmouth companies had left Gosport at 1.30 a.m., Chatham about 4 a.m., and the Depot about 3 a.m. After breakfast, we fell in at 7.15 a.m. and moved to our place on the line of route, which extended from the south-west corner of Trafalgar Square to Carlton Hotel in the Haymarket. We lined both sides of the route two deep. We were rather early, and so had an opportunity of studying the occupants of the carriages which were making their way to the Abbey; this helped to pass away the time a little. About 10 a.m. all traffic stopped, and the weary wait began. The crowd behind us was very thick, and at first there were not enough police, with the result that the Depot company, who were holding the foot of the Haymarket, were several times swept away, but eventually managed to hold their own, and the pressure was relieved by the police.

The time was passed by the bands playing, and the arrival of the Guard of Honour about 11 a.m. created a little sensation. As the expected hour drew near, about 1 p.m. the men were called to attention and ranks were dressed, and a hush settled down on the whole crowd. Presently the young Princes of York drove by, and were greeted with loud cheers. Still the King's procession did not appear, and an uneasy feeling began to prevail lest something had happened, and it was about this time that large numbers of women, worn out by the wait and crushing, fainted away. The brigade was very lucky, and we believe only one man fell out during the whole day. About 2 p.m. the sound of guns was heard, and very soon after the King's procession appeared amidst a perfect hurricane of cheers, and as the band played "God Save the King" the crowd took it up, and the effect of the singing was very fine. We cannot give an account of the procession, which has been done by far abler pens, but we noticed that the King, though looking well, appeared very tired, and that the Queen was looking lovely, as usual. Among the A.D.C.'s we noticed Col. W. P. Campbell, R.M.A., and Col. T. F. D. Bridge, R.M.L.I. The Prince of Wales' procession followed soon after, and we noticed that both he and the Princess took special note of our Guard of Honour and the whole brigade.

The crowd rather swept us away after this, but we managed to clear a way for the procession of the Royal Princesses, which came somewhat later. We left the streets about 3.15 p.m., and marched back to St. George's Barracks *viâ* Trafalgar Square. We were unfortunate just to catch a pelting shower that drenched us through and through, and of course cleared just as we dismissed. An excellent lunch for all ranks had been provided, which was done full justice to after our long 7½ hours' standing in the streets. Afterwards the time passed quickly in meeting old friends and hearing corps yarns and gossip.

The Portsmouth companies were the first to move off at 5.30 p.m., and were soon followed by the R.M.A. These two parties got away very comfortably from Waterloo, and reached Portsmouth in time to see the fleet illuminations. Chatham and the Depot companies followed soon after, leaving Charing Cross; and the Plymouth companies left Waterloo about 7 p.m., arriving at Plymouth about 2.30 a.m. the following morning.

So ended the part of the corps in a historic function that it was a great privilege to have been able to see.

Home Notes

EASTNEY.

THE annual Officers' Dinner, postponed from 2nd July, was held in the mess on 1st August. There was an unusually small muster of "old boys," only Major-General H. W. Mawbey, Lieut.-Colonels W. M. Lambert, H. H. Kelly, A. J. Hill, and C. J. Cheetham, Majors T. Moore and T. W. Swinburne, being present. It is to be hoped that in future years this pleasant reunion of past and present will be largely augmented. In striking contrast to this was the attendance of "veterans" at the annual dinner of the Sergeants' mess held at the Regimental Theatre on August 16th, and followed by a smoking concert. Between 90 and 100 put in an appearance, the large number being perhaps partly accounted for by the day being that on which the Coronation naval review took place, and many also were able to combine their little outing with their weeks' drill in the R.F.R.

The Commander-in-Chief kindly placed H.M. gunboat *Badger* at the disposal of the officers for the naval review, and those who went thoroughly enjoyed a delightful day. After steaming up and down the lines of the fleet, the *Badger* anchored just outside the line of torpedo-boat destroyers until the King's procession had passed. She then returned to harbour at 4 p.m., and embarked those who wanted to see the illuminated fleet at 8.45 p.m.; but soon after 9.30 p.m. a heavy thunderstorm put an end to the joy of the few who had ventured on board in face of a quickly falling barometer.

CHATHAM.

The new naval recreation ground was opened for play on the 21st August by a cricket match between a garrison team and an eleven made up from the Navy and Royal Marines. It resulted in an easy victory for the latter.

The new ground is pleasantly situated (as stated in a previous number of the "Globe and Laurel"), on the Great Lines, near Fort Amherst. A little more space would have been welcome, still the ground is such a real acquisition that one ought not to cavil at it for want of size. There is a considerable portion in the narrower part not yet appropriated, and it is doubtful to what use it can best be put. Practice grounds for cricket and tennis courts might be laid out there, but it appears too narrow for football or hockey. The ground being on the highest part of the Lines, is somewhat exposed, but it has the advantage of being more secluded than that of the Engineers. A convenient band stand has been erected in addition to pavilions for officers and men. Owing to the wet summer, the turf, which has not long been laid, has bound in a wonderful manner, and it was hardly expected play would be possible until next year.

The bad effect on divisional cricket of having no regular ground has been apparent for many years. It is true that the division has had the use of the Rochester ground for the last two seasons, but the latter is too far off for regular practice.

There is a rumour that a cricket ground is to be laid out at the new Naval Barracks, in which case, possibly in a few years' time, the new ground might practically be used by the division only, as the Navy would not want to cross the Lines to play when they have a ground in the Dockyard, but this rumour is only given for what it is worth.

The Division, when its full team has been available, has been stronger this season than for some years past, and the Engineers have twice been easily beaten—an unusual record for Chatham. Lieutenant Montgomery has proved a tower of strength and has scored with the greatest consistency. He is considerably the finest cricketer in the garrison, and his moral effect on the division has been very great. Lieutenant Wallers' bowling, too, when he has been able to play, has been of great assistance, and amongst the youngest officers there are two or three promising players. The prospects for next season are unusually bright. The averages of the team are given elsewhere.

PLYMOUTH.

The past month has been a very busy one. The Rifle Meeting is described elsewhere. In addition there have been cricket matches and a shooting match, and tennis and croquet are in full swing.

Q.M.S. Richards won the Garrison R.C. Spoon for June. Colour-Sergt. Channon that for July for the W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s. No officer shot for the June spoon, so two were given in July when Lieutenant Worcock won the second.

GOSPORT.

There has been very little going on as the incessant rain and cold weather has spoiled everything. We were fortunate in having a fine day for the naval review, and the majority of the division took the opportunity of seeing the fine sight presented by the fleet. Not a few of us will forget the deluge that came down whilst we were waiting for the illuminations, and drove many of us home, sadder if not wiser men. Those who faced it out were rewarded by the magnificent sight *vide* the daily papers.

We have been busy playing off the matches for the Company Challenge Shield, and some close games have resulted.

Football is making a few tentative efforts, and has been really welcome in this arctic weather. We are looking forward to a successful season, with our energetic Secretary, Sergt. Newman, to help us along.

The divisional swimming sports were held on 26th, and produced some good sport and close races. The object diving was particularly good: three men tying for first place with 11 plates for two dives, and it was eventually won by Bugler Richards who brought up ten large dinner plates at one dive.

We are now rehearsing for the annual tattoo and the annual inspection.

The Royal Marines Memorial.

IT is necessary to make a further appeal for funds for the completion of the Royal Marines Memorial.

The original cost of the monument agreed upon with the sculptor was £1,200. The sum of £1,284 has been received, sufficient for this purpose and to cover all incidental expenses.

Unfortunately the stone work of the pedestal having been cut ready for erection, on application being made to H.M. Office of Works for permission to commence work on the foundations, the form of the pedestal was objected to by the authorities as being unsuitable to the position the monument is to occupy in St. James' Park and inadequate to the bronze figures it was to bear, and the First Commissioner of Works recommended that an architect of some renown should be asked to design a new pedestal.

This has now been done, and Mr. Graham Jackson, R.A., the well-known architect of many of the most recently-erected finest public buildings, has kindly given his advice and time in preparing a new design without any charge for his services.

Mr. Jackson, knowing that expense was a great object, so modified the former design that the extra cost entailed has been kept as low as possible.

It is found, however, that at least £150 will be required. Of this sum, as will be seen by the statement given below, about £67 is in hand; therefore a further sum of about £100 is now required.

That the improved design will be worthy of the corps and the object for which the memorial is erected may be vouched for by the fact that the whole monument, as now planned, especially the bronze figures and bas reliefs, have been warmly approved of by the president and other leading members of the Royal Academy who have seen the design.

It is hoped that it may be possible to erect the monument shortly on its proper site, but in order that there may be no outstanding liabilities, the honorary secretary would be very glad to receive subscriptions to meet the deficit of £100, especially from any officers or other ranks still serving or retired, who have not yet subscribed.

Subscriptions can be paid either to the divisional representatives of the committee, as under:—

R.M. Artillery, Colonel Campbell, A.D.C.; Chatham, Major H. S. N. White; Portsmouth, Lieut.-Col. Parkyns Hearle; Plymouth, Lieut.-Col. A. E. Horniblow; Depot, Major and Staff-Officer D. Mercer.

Or to the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Lieut.-Col. G. T. Onslow, C.B., R.M.L.I., 7, Whitehall Place, London, S.W.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO DATE.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
				Expended.			
Received	1,284	9	9	Paid to Capt A. Jones, Sculptor, by agreement, on a/c ..	800	0	0
				Due to be paid on completion	400	0	0
				Postage, printing, and incidental expenses to date	16	17	5
				Balance cash	67	12	4
Total ..	£1,284	9	9	Total ..	£1,284	9	9

G. T. ONSLOW, Lieut.-Col., R.M.L.I.,
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer Royal Marines Memorial.

7, Whitehall Place, S.W.,
28th August, 1902.

Shooting.

N.R.A., BISLEY, 1902.

PRIZES WON BY ROYAL MARINE REPRESENTATIVES.

Squadded Competitions.

ALEXANDRA, 200 and 600 yards.—Capt. Homer, R.M.A., 63 points, £2; Clr.-Sergt. Bullen, R.M.L.I., 63 points, £2.

ALL COMERS AGGREGATE.—Capt. Homer, R.M.A., 163 points, £2.

CORONATION PRIZES.—Capt. Homer, R.M.A., 100 points, £20; Q.M.S. Pearson, R.M.L.I., 96 points, £2; Sergt. Height, R.M.A., 95 points, £2.

SPECIAL PRIZES.—Cup, value £26 5s., to highest scorer in R.N. and R.M., won by Capt. Homer. Second prize, field glasses, Q.M.S. Pearson.

DAILY TELEGRAPH, 600 yards.—Capt. Homer, R.M.A., 34 points, £4 8s.; Q.M.S. Pearson, R.M.L.I., 33 points, £2.

DAILY GRAPHIC, 200 yards.—Sergt. Hellier, R.M.L.I., 34 points, £3 19s. 1d.

SECRETARY FOR WAR, 800 yards.—Capt. Homer, R.M.A., 47 points, £2.

Unsquadded Competitions.

HANDSWORTH, 800 yards.—Capt. Homer, R.M.A., 48 points, £1.

L. & S. W. RAILWAY, 200 and 500 yards.—Clr.-Sergt. Bullen, R.M.L.I., 77 points, £1; Lieut.-Col. Eastman, R.M.A., 76 points, £1.

MORRIS, 200 yards.—Sergt. Hayes, R.M.L.I., 35 points, £4 16s. 8d.; Lieut. Lloyd, R.M.L.I., 35 points, £4 16s. 8d.; Q.M.S. Pearson, R.M.L.I., 33 points, £1; Sergt. Collins, R.M.L.I., 33 points, £1.

PREMIER, 600 yards.—Sergt. Hayes, R.M.L.I., 38 points, £1 10s.

ASSOCIATION CUP (S.R.).—Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger, R.M A., 74 points, £2.

WANTAGE, 200 yards.—Q.M.S. Andrews, R.M.L.I., 23 points, £4 6s. 8d.; Q.M.S. Pearson, R.M.L.I., 22 points, £1.

PIXLEY, 500 yards, Rapid.—Q.M.S. Pearson, R.M.L.I., 30 points, £1.

Revolvers.—1st Week.

DELIBERATE, 20 yards.—Clr.-Sergt. Phillips, R.M.L.I., 41 points, £1.

ELEY, 20 yards.—Lieut. Lloyd, R.M.L.I., 42 points, £5; Capt. Homer, R.M.A., 38 points, £1.

LONG RANGE.—Clr.-Sergt. Phillips, R.M.L.I., 38 points, £2.

RIGHT AND LEFT, 20 yards.—Clr.-Sergt. Phillips, R.M.L.I., 73 points, £1.

AGGREGATE.—Clr.-Sergt. Phillips, R.M.L.I., 359 points, £1.

Revolvers.—2nd Week.

DELIBERATE, 20 yards.—Clr.-Sergt. Phillips, R.M.L.I., 41 points, £1 3s. 4d.

LONG RANGE, 50 yards.—Clr.-Sergt. Phillips, R.M.L.I., 39 points, £1.

RIGHT AND LEFT, 20 yards.—Clr.-Sergt. Phillips, R.M.L.I., 76 points, £1.

AGGREGATE.—Clr.-Sergt. Phillips, R.M.L.I., 373 points, £1.

Team Competitions.

BRINSMEAD SHIELD.—R.M.A. 1st team, 23 points, winners of Shield and £12. Team composed of: Capt. Homer, Sergt.-Major Foley, Sergts. Beddow and Height, Lce.-Sergts. Hutchings and Pottinger. Other scores: R.M.L.I., Portsmouth, 16 points; R.M.L.I., Walmer, 13 points; R.M.A. 2nd team, 11 points; R.M.L.I., Plymouth, 8 points.

"Coburg" Cup.

Great interest is always centred round the competition for the Coburg Cup, which took place in the afternoon. This cup was given to the Royal Marines in 1897 by the honorary Colonel, the late Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, for annual competition among the several Divisions, and has always been keenly competed for. In the first and second years of the competition the cup fell to the Portsmouth Division, but in 1899 the Royal Marine Artillery succeeded in securing the trophy, which has remained in their possession ever since.

The R.M.A. were determined not to lose it this year, and the team under Capt. Homer did even better than in past years, attaining an average of 90 per cent., compared with 87·62 in 1901. The following are the full scores of the competing teams at the three ranges:—

ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY, EASTNEY.

	200	500	600	Total
Capt. Homer	34	33	32	99
Q.M.S. Deacon	34	27	33	94
Sergt. Beddow	32	32	29	93
Bomb. Fee .. .	29	30	32	91
Lieut. Bourne	31	32	26	89
Lieut.-Qr.-Mr. Baker ..	28	28	32	88
Lieut. Huntingford	32	28	25	85
Gunner Miles	31	27	23	81
Average, 90·00. Grand Total ..	251	237	232	720

R.M.L.I., PORTSMOUTH.

Pte. J. Ormester	32	30	31	93
Lce.-Corpl. T. Lea	32	32	28	92
Sergt.-Major C. Hill	31	28	31	90
Pte. G. C. Simpson	29	32	28	89
Sergt. W. Dorey	29	28	26	83
Pte. W. J. Leddhe	30	28	23	81
Sergt. W. N. Sanders	29	31	21	81
Pte. J. G. Ball	30	24	19	73
Average, 85·25. Grand Total ..	242	235	205	682

ROYAL MARINE DEPOT, DEAL.

Q.M.S. Pearson	33	30	32	95
Drum-Major G. Elliott ..	31	27	30	88
Sergt. S. W. Hayes	28	32	25	85
Sergt. W. Colwell	32	30	22	84
Pte. Budd	31	31	20	82
Pte. Cowell	27	20	31	78
Pte. Pacey	31	22	19	72
Pte. Miles	27	27	15	69
Average, 81·62. Grand Total ..	240	219	194	653

R.M.L.I., PLYMOUTH.

Sergt. W. Poller	32	26	31	89
Lieut. H. S. Lloyd	28	30	30	88
Lce.-Sergt. W. Wakeham ..	30	28	30	88
Sergt. S. Hellier	33	30	22	85
Q.M.S. J. Richards	32	31	20	83
Pte. Runnacles	30	31	17	78
Lieut. W. B. C. Higgs ..	27	26	23	76
Pte. Boniface	29	17	14	60
Average, 80·87. Grand Total ..	241	219	187	647

R.M.L.I., CHATHAM.

Sergt. C. Caplin	32	32	31	95
Q.M.S. H. Andrews	31	30	25	86
Q.M.S. A. Kay	27	27	27	81
Pte. A. Stone	29	33	19	81
Pte. H. G. Muggridge ..	28	27	23	80
Clr.-Sergt. Greybrooke ..	31	25	19	75
Corpl. J. E. Ford	25	23	24	72
Pte. W. E. A. Benson ..	32	21	18	71
Average, 80·01. Grand Total ..	235	218	188	641

Last year the scores were: R.M.A., 701 points; R.M.L.I., Plymouth, 667; R.M.L.I., Chatham, 663; R.M.L.I., Depot, 663; and R.M.L.I., Portsmouth, 647.

Recruits Prizes.

1st prize, Pte. J. Ormester, R.M.L.I., 93 points, £1 1s. (presented by Major Langford); 2nd prize, Br. H. S. Fee, R.M.A., 91 points, 13s.; 3rd prize, Pte. G. C. Simpson, R.M.L.I., 89 points, 7s. (presented by Capt. Heriot).

ALDERSHOT, 1902.

Match 11.

ALL COMERS TEAM CHALLENGE CUP.—This trophy, after being in the hands of the Corps for 4 years, has now left; last year's winners being only a bad second.—1st, School of Musketry, 741 points, Cup and £12; 2nd, R.M.A., 690 points, £8; 3rd, Rifle Depot, 684 points, £4.

R.M.A. Scores: Capt. Homer, 94 points; Lce.-Sergt. Hutchings, 91 points; Q.M.S. Deacon, 87 points; Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger, 86 points; Sergt.-Major Foley, 84 points; Lieut. and Qr.-Mr. Baker, 84 points; Sergt. Height, 82 points; Sergt. Beddow, 82 points. Total, 690.

Other teams: H.M.S. *Excellent*, 668 points; R.M. Depot, 650 points.

Match 12.

ALL COMERS INDIVIDUAL CHALLENGE CUP.—The following took prizes: Lieut. and Qr.-Mr. Baker, R.M.A., 95 points; Sergt. Beddow, R.M.A., 94 points; Capt. Homer, R.M.A., 93 points; Q.M.S. Pearson, R.M.L.I., 93 points.

METHUEN CUP, 1902.—1st, School of Musketry, Hythe, 751 points, Cup; 2nd, English Regiments, 735 points; 3rd, R.M.L.I., 731 points; 4th, H.M.S. *Excellent*, 725 points; 5th, R.M.A., 717 points; 6th, R.E., 711 points; 7th, Greenjackets, 710 points; 8th, Brigade of Guards, 696 points; 9th, Scottish Regiments, 689 points.

R.M.L.I. *v.* R.M.A.

27th August, 1902.

R.M.L.I.	*Totals*	R.M.A.	*Totals*
Sergt. H. E. Sparks ..	96	Q.M.S. Deacon	99
Capt. A. de W. Kitcat ..	92	Capt. Homer	96
S.M. C. Hill	91	Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger ..	94
Pte. T. B. Goodey ..	90	Lieut.-Col. Eastman ..	94
Sergt. F. J. Wingfield ..	89	S.M. Foley	93
Q.M.S. R. Wiggington ..	89	Lieut. Baker	93
Sergt. W. H. Sanders ..	88	Lieut. Bourne	92
Pte. J. G. Ball	87	Sergt. Height	91
Sergt. F. J. Cooper ..	86	Sergt. Beddow	91
Lce.-Corpl. T. Lea ..	86	Sergt. Chell	91
Grand Total ..	894	Grand Total ..	934
Average, 89·4.		Average, 93·4.	

The match was won by the R.M.A. by 40 points.

R.M.A. *v.* CONNAUGHT "60."

Fired at Browndown, 23rd August, 1902.

R.M.A.	*Totals*	CONNAUGHT "60."	*Totals*
Capt. Homer ..	102	Capt. Malpas	100
Sergt.-Instr. Beddow ..	97	Sergt. Foster	95
Q.M.S. Deacon	97	Sergt. Hellyer	90
Bomb. Fee	96	Pte. Winter	90
Lieut. Bourne	94	Corpl. Hooker	89
Lieut.-Col. Eastman ..	94	Cyclist Morey ..	89
Major and Qr.-Mr. Rodway ..	94	Clr.-Sergt. Coltherup ..	89
Sergt.-Instr. Height ..	93	Q.M.S. Kent	89
Lieut. and Qr.-Mr. Baker ..	93	Pro.-Sergt. Woods ..	87
Lce.-Sergt. Hutchings ..	92	Corpl. Furlong	86
Gunner Miles	89	Lce.-Sergt. Fletcher ..	85
Corpl. Flynn	88	Lce.-Corpl. Kinsman ..	85
Sergt.-Major Foley ..	88	Clr.-Sergt. Pearman ..	85
Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger ..	87	Staff-Sergt. Hearn ..	84
Sergt. Chell	87	Corpl. Vant	79
Clr.-Sergt. Tims ..	85	Sergt. Gates	77
Average, 92·25. Total	1476	Average, 87·43. Total	1399

R.M.A. won by 77 points.

SERGTS. R.M.L.I., CHATHAM DIV., *v.* ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Fired at Milton Rifle Ranges on 20th August.

R.M.L.I.	*200*	*500*	*600*	*Total*
Q.M.S. Hammond	34	31	35	100
Clr.-Sergt. Webb	33	28	31	92
Q.M.S. Kay	32	32	28	92
Q.M.S. Andrews	34	29	28	91
Clr.-Sergt. Mohr	32	31	27	90
Clr.-Sergt. Leach	32	32	26	90
Sergt. Catlin	31	31	26	88
Sergt. Allen	31	26	29	86
Clr.-Sergt. Bullen	29	25	27	81
Sergt. Fountain	27	26	27	80
Sergt. Watkins	28	26	26	80
Q.M.S. Baltin	27	29	22	78
Average, 87·33. Total				1048
ROYAL ENGINEERS				1004

Won by R.M.L.I. by 44 points.

R.M.L.I. (Ply.) *v.* 2ND DEVON & SOMERSET ENG. VOL.

This match was fired on the Tregantle Ranges on August 7th, and was won by the Division by 7 points. Score:—

R.M.L.I.	*200*	*500*	*600*	*Total*
Ar.-Sergt. Hermon	30	21	30	81
Q.M.S. Richards	29	26	28	81
Clr.-Sergt. Partridge	31	27	22	80
Sergt.-Major Jolley	31	26	22	79
Sergt. Mee	29	26	23	78
Lieut. Norcock	26	27	24	77
Sergt. Cullican	24	23	24	71
Sergt. Hellier	22	20	26	68
Total	222	194	199	615
2ND V.B. DEVON AND SOMERSET R.E.	231	188	189	608

Foreign News.

SOUTH AFRICA.

P.O. Box 1188, Johannesberg, July 27th, 1902.

Dear Sir,

It may interest the rifle shooting readers of the *Globe and Laurel* to hear that at the Native Bisley, which took place last week, I won the Governor of Natal's Cup, with 98; the National Rifle Association Silver Medal for the Aggregate, with an average of 97·6 for three shoots; the Grand Aggregate, with an average of 96·7 for four shoots; the All Comers' Competition; and the fourth and fifth prizes in two other competitions. The team, which I took from the Rand, also won the Team Competition. Altogether we had 22 shots from the Rand at the meeting, and, in numbers, they formed about only one-eighth of the total number of competitors, but, out of the £300 in prizes, tor which they could compete, they won over £200.

The result is naturally very gratifying to me as Staff Officer for Musketry to the Rand Rifle Corps.

I am, yours faithfully,

CHARLES COLLARD, Captain, Royal Marines.

Anecdotes.

AN amusing incident occurred recently during the qualifying of a class for gunnery. The instructor had been explaining to his class the uses of slow-match. In conclusion he said, "No doubt Nelson used to hang it up for the jolly tars to light their pipes, but don't tell the officers that when you are passing out." Some few days later the examination came on, and during the proceedings the question was put by the officer to one of the class, "What is slow-match used for?" The man in question considered for a while, then blurted out, "Nelson used it to light his pipe, sir."—*A fact.*

"THEN THE CORPORAL COLLAPSED."—Seen on board one of H.M. ships at Devonport just commissioned. A Marine Wardroom Servant returning off duty fell in on the quarter deck. The corporal of the gangway seeing him reported to Officer of Watch: "E.R.A. come aboard, sir." Officer, with a smile: "Go and ask him what he is." Corporal, to W.R.O.S: "What are you?" W.R.O.S.: "A Marine." Collapse of the Corporal R.M.A.

Tommy has been given a new recreation which he has facetiously termed, with that wit which is all his own, *Coronation Drill.* He has entered with spirit into the game of tying his legs into a sailor's knot when he is ordered to turn about, and when he has nothing else to do has been discovered privately improving the tightness of the knot for his own particular edification. We were told quite seriously the other day that when we get the order to dismiss, "all we have to do is to stand still and walk away!" This is well worth knowing, and we have noted it for future use. An instructor on the next parade kindly informed us that in forming fours we were "to step 33 *paces* to the rear with the left foot, and 30 *inches* to the right with the right foot, so as to cover off the odd number." The feat has not been actually accomplished yet, but we live in hopes!

This is as far as we have got with the *Coronation Drill* up to the present, but we have more to come—let it be soon!—*Suffolk Gazette.*

One of the latest books on the last war, "The Epistles of Atkins," contains the following amusing "yarn":—Telegram from the G.O.C. of the District to O.C. —— Regt.: "The G.O.C. requires the use of your house." Answer from O.C: "*Re* loan of my quarters, the G.O.C. can G.T.H." Being asked for an explanation of this strange message, he replied, "The G.O.C. can 'Get the House.'"

A tailor having been fitting a certain well-known officer of the corps for his frock-coat, and having experienced a good deal of difficulty in satisfying his requirements, was overheard to remark, "Well, I can fit his body, but the arch-angel himself could not fit his head."

A hard-worked subaltern was occupying a spell of leave in fishing in the South of Ireland. After a hard day he found himself at one of those country railway stations peculiar to the Emerald Isle, and asked a porter when the next train would be in. That worthy replied, "She may be in now, she may be here in half-an-hour, anyhow she's welcome *whenever* she comes."

CORPS GAZETTE.

Promotions.

EASTNEY—

To be Corporal—Bombr. H. Cowlin, 4th June.

To be Bombardier—Gnr R. C. Annells, 4th June.

CHATHAM—

To Color-Sergeant—Sergt. A. H. Deane, 26th July.

To Sergeants—Lce.-Sergt. W. J. Hurst, 26th July; Corpl. J. Tims, (*Pembroke*), 26th July.

To Corporals—Lce.-Corpl. J. L'Amie in Drums, 26th July; Ptes. W. R. Mainwood (Depot), 13th August; E. W. Horton (Depot), 16th August; J. E. Pike (Depot), 16th August; H. Cash (Depot), 16th August; G. J. Collins (Depot), 16th August.

PORTSMOUTH—

To be Color-Sergeant—Sergt. G. J. Sheppard, F Coy., August 8th. (Special for service rendered with Legation Guard).

To be Sergeants—Corpl. H. F. J. Chappel (*Narcissus*), F Coy., Aug. 8th; Lce.-Sergt. W. J. Walley, A Coy., Aug. 8th.

To be Corporals—Ptes. J. King, D Coy., Aug. 8th; F. J. Hill, B Coy., Aug. 8th.

PLYMOUTH—

To be Sergeants—Corpl. Fitzgerald (*Vivid*), 9th July; Lce.-Sergt. Chalmers (Headquarters), 15th July.

To be Corporals—Ptes. Hillier (*Triumph*), 9th July; Langridge (*Pylades*), 15th July.

DEPOT—

To be Sergeant—Sergt. T. Harding.

To be Corporals—Lance-Corpls. W. R. Mainwood, E. W. Hoaton, J. E. Pike, H. Cash; Pte. P. J. Collins.

Appointments.

EASTNEY—

To Paid Acting Bombardiers—Gnrs. H. B. Thorpe, J. Williams, A. G. Hoad, S. H. Denman. Gnr. G. W. Gittens to L.S. Storeman. Gnr. Donald McLeod to Asst. Transport Driver. Bombr. Nixon to Probationary Clerk, B.M. Office. Gnrs. D. E. Wooten and W. J. Tothill to Musketry Rangemen.

CHATHAM—

Pte. C. Fitch to Boat's Crew; Lce.-Corpl. E. Beedell to Company Orderly, G Coy Ptes. H. Humphries, W. Quested, W. H. Parsons, J. Sigston, F. Barnett, G. Hammerton, G. A. Standish, to D.M.P. Corpl. J. E. Carter to Lance-Sergeant. Pte. H. J. Sharp to Assistant Barber. Pte. A. Vallas, Batman to Sergeant-Major Medlon. Sergt. A. R. Fergies is confirmed in appointment of Barrack Clerk. Corpl. A. W. Phillips to 6th Clerk and Pte. T. J. Patrick to 7th Clerk, Staff Office. Pte. T. Ritchie to Temporary Clerk, Staff Office. Corpls. W. T. Palmer and F. B. Kemp to School Assistants. Pte. W. Lindley to Fatigueman, Sergeants' Mess. Pte. G. Yourers to Gardener, Officers' Recreation Ground. Sergt. W. J. Blake to Caterer of Sergeants' Mess, Gravesend. Pte. W. Sweetingham to G.M.P. Ptes. E. Polkinhorne, W. Hamilton, aud W. H. Pye to Lance-Corporals (paid).

PORTSMOUTH—

Ptes. W. Rennie, W. H. Hall, and F. Hancock to be Labourers, Works Department. Corpl. W. Francis to be Provost Assistant, *vice* Smalley. Pte. E. Purchase to Divisional Police. Lce.-Sgt. F. Mattison to be Clerk, Staff Office. Lce.-Corpl. G. Mew to be Paid Lance-Corporal, *vice* Rennie. Lce.-Corpl. F. Tuck to be Paid Lance-Corporal and Boy Orderly of E. Coy., *vice* Emerson. Ptes. W. Henning, H. Westcott, to be Lance-Corporals (unpaid) for duty in Tailor's Shop. Corpl. A. Humphry to be Paid Lance-Sergeant, *vice* Walley. Lce.-Corpls. G. J. Durman, F. C. Edwards, to be Paid Lance-Corporals. Pte. J. Tilley to be Divisional Lamp-lighter. Pte. J. West to be Marker at Browndown.

PLYMOUTH—

Sergt. Butler to 1st Clerk in 1st Q.M. Office. Sergt. Chalmers to be 2nd Clerk in 1st Q.M. Office. Sergt. Hurford to be 3rd Clerk in 1st Q.M. Office. Corpl. Gardner to be 4th Clerk in 1st Q.M. Office. Sergt. Turner to be employed as Instructor in Gun Battery. Corpl. Jefford appointed Infantry Drill Instructor, 2nd Class, at the Depot. Pte. Paddon to be Servant to Lieut. Sinclair. Pte. Taylor to be Servant to Lieut. Risk. Pte. Witt to be Servant to Lieut. Brewer. Pte Bailey to be Canteen Orderly. Pte. Motton to be Assistant Printer. Pte. Drew to be 3rd Waiter, Sergeants' Mess. Pte Mitchell to Divisional Police. Pte. Dawes to be Servant to Lieut. Jerram. Pte. Chatfield to Probationary Clerk, 1st Q.M. Office. Pte. Riches to be Orderly, Officers' Library. Ptes. McCartan and Kirwan to be employed on Works Department. Pte. Nicholas to be employed as 2nd Storeman, 1st Q.M. Department.

DEPOT—

Pte. W. Holman to Asst. Librarian. Col.-Sergt. Marks to Coy.-Sergt. A. Coy. Sergt. P. J. Strachan to Pay-Sergt. C Division. Sergt. S. Wyatt to Pay-Sergt. G Div. Pte. A. E Timwell to bowling alley. Sergt. G. Rutherford to 1st class drill instructor. Sergt. F. Buxton to paid gymnastic instuctor. Sergt. J. Wadley unpaid gymnastic instructor. Sergt. W. Calwell to supernumerary Pay-Sergt. Pte. C. E. C. Ward to washouseman. Pte. S. Gower to attendant to Surgeon Duncan. Pte. P. F. M. T. Cowling to attendant to Capt. Mayhew. Pte. J. Bradley to Pioneer. Pte. A. T. Cass to Barrack Police. Sergt. W. J. Fouracre to musketry instructor at 4d. per diem. Corpl. W. H. Jefford to 2nd class drill instructor. Corpl. W. H. Jefford to unpaid Lance-Sergt.

H.M.S. *Pembroke*—Ptes. G. H. Field, W. Needham, H. G. Randall, to be Lance-Corporals (unpaid). Ptes. H. J. Chester, H. Cook, to be Lance-Corporals (paid). Corpls. A. H. See, F. Harris, to be Lance-Sergeants (paid).

Embarked.

FROM EASTNEY—

Camperdown—Gnr. J. Murphy. *Royal Sovereign*—Bugler C. H. Paull. *Majestic*—Gnr. J. Neilson. *Sans Pareil*—Bugler R. C. Richardson; Gnrs. A. Hemming, A. Gallacher, P. Adams, J. Hickling, H. J. Ashford, R. W. Gliddon. *Anson*—Gnr. T. Mulcahy. Ascension per *Wye*—Corpl. F. J. Kelly; Gnrs. J. B. Payne, W. J. Dearing, C. H. Corban, T. Howley. *Duke of Wellington*—Gnrs. H. Maxwell, J. H. Bull, F. Adams, W. Young. *Prince George*—Gnr. F. J. Shafford. *Trafalgar*—Gnr. J. L. Price. *Empress of India*—Bugler J. Worrall; Gnrs. F. M. Brady, H. G. Bowden. *Collingwood*—Gnr. J. H. Foort. *Resolution*—Gnr. J. A. Young. *Benbow*—Gnr. A. J. Long. *Nile*—Gnr. F. E. Lowe. *Mars*—Gnr. S. Wright.

FROM CHATHAM—

Audacious—Ptes. N. Ginndue, A. G. Cooper, G. Gray. Ascension—Ptes. C. Sutton, G. A. Standish, S. Pepper, T. W. Thomas, W. Walker. *Amphion*—Pte. J. Maloney. *Edinburgh*—Ptes. G. H. Barnes, S. Kemp. *Egeria*—Ptes. W. Wright. *Furious*—Pte. E. F. Withers. *Grafton*—Ptes. A. Howell, V. Brady. *Galatea*—Corpl. A. S. Hodgkins; Ptes. G. B. Chart, G. W. Wallis, H. W. Bailes, B. Simons, W. A. White, G. Field, L. J. Pickett, L. Watkins, E. Blackman, W. Church, C. E. Twyford, H. S. Openshaw. *Hearty*—Ptes. G. H. Rudkin, R. Farrow, W. E. A. Benson. *Immortalite*—Ptes. F. Tully, W. J. Dunn. *Jupiter*—Pte. T. H. Rix. *Minerva*—Sergt. C. R. Pope; Ptes. W. R. Parris, A. E. Watson, J. H. Knight, T. W. Matthews. *Pactolus*—Ptes. J. H. Mills, J. H. Croxford. *Pyramus*—Bugler F. C. Barber. *Phaeton*—Corpl. G. A. Balls; Ptes. E. Cobb, W. C. Day. *Pembroke*—Corpls. W. Amos, A. H. Lee, H. J. Martin, S. H. Chadwick; Bugler W. Morris; Ptes. P. Sampson, W. C. Boys, G. W. Sanctuary, G. Vellender, A. Green, C. H. Jacobs, E. W. Price,

Transfers.

EASTNEY—
Transferred to Northampton Regt.—Pte. Alfred McAllister.

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To R.N. as Blacksmith—Pte. G. H. Dodd.
To Highland Light Infantry—Pte. J. Dorrell.

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To Chatham Division—Ptes. C. Knight, C. W. Wright, C. J. Hemmings.
To Royal Engineers—Pte. H. J. Cowper.
To Royal Artillery—Pte. C. G. Ockwell.
To R.N. as Blacksmith's Mate—Pte. F. P. Queree.
To R.N. as Signalman—Pte. A. L. Still
To R.N. as Ship's Corporals on Probation—Corpls. W. E. Thomas, W. G. Sainsbury.

PLYMOUTH—
To R.A.M.C.—Pte. Blair.
To R.N. as Blacksmith—Pte. Atkinson.
To Chatham Division—Ptes. Brooks, Coleman, Clarke.
To Portsmouth Division—Ptes. Bradley, Reade, Gooch.

Medals.

EASTNEY—
South African—Rev. A. P. Hill, Chapiain, R.M.A.
Distinguished Service—Clr.-Sergt. A. Carter.

PORTSMOUTH—
L.S. & G.C.—Clr.-Sergt. J. F. Ellison, Sergt. J. Buss.
China—Pte. G. Mullins.
South Africa—Pte. W. Dunkinson.

PLYMOUTH—
China—Pte. Burns.

DEPOT—
South Africa—Capt. F. J. Saunders, D.S.O. (with clasps), Corpl. G. Chrystal.
China—Ptes A. Biand, Pte. C. H. Tassell.

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Obituary

LIEUT. DUBERLY, R.M.L.I.—It is with great regret that we have to announce the death by drowning of Lieut. George Duberly, R.M.L.I., which took place at Berehaven, on the 2nd August. This fine young officer, who belonged to Chatham Division, only embarked as a new commission in H.M.S. *Hannibal* in June last. He appears to have gone out with a brother officer in a skiff, which was upset in a squall, and all the occupants were drowned before it was possible to send assistance.

Smart, hard-working, and fond of his profession, Lieut. Duberly had all the makings of a first-rate soldier. His splendid physique—he was over six feet in height and proportionately broad—would make him conspicuous anywhere, while his frank and engaging manners, and keenness at every kind of game and sport, gained him hosts of friends. All who knew him will sincerely regret his untimely death, and the Corps is the poorer for the loss of this gallant young officer.

Copy of telegram from Vice-Admiral, Channel Squadron, Bantry, 3rd August, 1902.—"A private skiff, which left H.M.S. *Hannibal* yesterday forenoon, with Lieut. H. A. Cotterell, R.N.R., Lieut. G. Duberly, R.M.L.I., and H. A. Nelson, A.B., to fish off the east end of Bere Island, not having returned at 7-30 p.m., a picket boat was sent to search for her, and at 3-30 a.m. this morning two steam boats were sent to search the coast. The skiff was found by some inhabitants of the neighbourhood, bottom up, on the south side of Bantry Bay, near the Indigo Rocks, at 6 a.m. No trace has been found of the occupants and I fear there is little doubt that they have been drowned."

LIEUT.-COL. WILLIAM ADDIS DELACOMBE, retired list, Royal Marine Light Infantry, died at his residence, 31, Castletown Road, West Kensington, on Friday, August 29th, in his 70th year.

He was one of the many who have helped, by good work for his country, to build up and maintain the grand records of the Corps.

His first commission, as 2nd Lieut., bore date 3rd July, 1850, promoted to Lieut. 24th February, 1854, he served during the Russian war in the expedition to the Baltic.

In 1864, having been promoted on the 18th of March, he embarked in the ill-fated *Bombay*, and was in command of the detachment Royal Marines of that ship when she took fire and blew up, 94 officers and men perishing—34 of whom were Marines—every sentry dying at his post.

In 1867 he was appointed to command the detachment of Royal Marines sent to San Juan, British Columbia, as a garrison, in conjunction with a force of troops of the United States of America, the Islands then being disputed territory, remaining in command until the garrison was withdrawn in 1872. During the greater part of this time, in the absence of civil law, the administration of the government was entrusted to Major Delacombe, and so ably did he fulfil the office that he was recommended for promotion by the Secretaries of State for Foreign Affairs and the Colonies, and by the Governor of British Columbia and the Commander-in-Chief in the Pacific. On leaving the Island he received the thanks of H.M's Minister at Washington and two addresses from the inhabitants. And on returning home he received the thanks of the Government and the Secretary of State for War, in appreciation of the manner in which the joint occupation had been conducted.

Major Delacombe retired from active service 20th May, 1876, receiving the rank of Lieut.-Col. on appointment as Chief Constable of Derby, a post he filled most ably for 25 years, retiring in March, 1898.

The Funeral took place at the Fulham Cemetery on Sept. 2nd, the following officers of the Corps being present:—Major-Generals Sir T. Philips, K.C.B., and W. P. Wright, D.A.G., Lieut.-Colonels H. Fuller and G. T. Onslow, C.B., R.M.L.I. Owing to absence from London, many other old brother officers wrote regretting their inability to be present to pay their last marks of respect to their old comrade.

Athletic Sports.

CHATHAM.

THE Divisional Athletic Sports were held on the Chatham Football Ground, on the Maidstone Road, on the 13th August. They were largely attended, the new electric trams, which run up to the cemetery, being found most convenient by spectators. So far as the events were concerned, the Sports were most successful, but rain commenced to fall about five o'clock, and continued off and on until the termination of the programme. The prizes were kindly distributed by Mrs. Coffin. The Bicycle Gymkhana for Officers took the form of a hat-trimming competition, and was most amusing. It resulted in several broken machines, and there was a good deal of skidding on the wet turf. A programme with results is attached. It will be seen that A Company won the Challenge Shield.

Result of Competitions at Athletic Sports for which points are awarded for Company Shield—A (winner) 590 points; B, 210; C, 215; D, 300; E, 15; F, 330; G, 130; H, 0.

100 yards Flat Race (in heats)—Heat I.—1st, Sergt. Orgar; 2nd, Pte. Tickner; 3rd, Pte. Reeds. Heat II.—1st, Pte. Dunseith; 2nd, Pte. Greenfield; 5rd, Pte. Perkins. Finals—1st, Pte. Greenfield; 2nd, Sergt. Orgar; 3rd, Pte. Tickner.

Putting the Shot (two trials)—1st, Pte. Dunseith; 2nd, Sergt. Clay; 3rd, Pte. Fitzroy.

1 Mile Race—1, Pte. Stanley; 2, Pte. Harding; 3, Pte. Fitzroy.

300 yards Flat, Boys under 15—1, Bug'er Harvey; 2, Bugler Waterhouse; 3, Bugler Berridge.

300 yards Flat, Boys over 15, but under 18—1, Bugler Hodge; Bugler Brown; 3, Bugler Smith.

300 Flat, Recruits never embarked (in heats)—Heat I.—1, Pte. Mott; 2, Pte. Richmond; 3, Pte. Howard. Heat II.—1, Pte. Dunseith; 2, Pte. Morgan; 3, Pte. Frost. Final 1, Pte Mott; 2, Pte. Dunseith; 3, Pte. Morgan.

Long Jump—1, Pte. Foster; 2, Sergt. Orgar; 3, Pte. Meckiff.

440 yards Flat—1, Pte. Greenfield; 2, Corpl. Smith; 3, Pte. Perkins.

Tug of War (Open to Army and Navy in Garrison)—Heat I.—R.M.L.I. Head Quarters beat H.M.S. *Northumberland*. Final—R.M.L.I. Head Quarters beat R.E. Training Battalion.

Veterans' 300 yards Flat (Over 15 years' service. Five yards start for every year over 15.)—1, Pte. Harding; 2, Sergt. Moss; 3, Sergt. Andrews

Veterans, 300 yards (3 yards start for every year over 12)—1, Sergt. Orgar; 2, Pte. Reed; 3, Pte. Strachan.

High Jump—1, Sergt. Orgar; 2, Pte. Meckiff; 3, Pte. Dunseith.

300 yards Flat, Officers' Servants and Grooms (3 yards for every year over 12 years' service)—1, Pte. Tickner; 2, Pte. Allard; 3, Pte. Blacksby; 4, Pte. Butler.

300 yards Flat, Company Sergeants (3 yards start for every year over 12 years' service)—1, Cr.-Sergt. Bullen; 2, Cr.-Sergt. Waterman; 3, Cr.-Sergt. Harrison.

Obstacle Race (Open to Army and Navy in Garrison)—1, P.O. 1st Class W. J. Wood, *Northumberland*: 2, Pte. Dunseith; 3. Pte. Morgan; 4, Pte. Price.

Divisional School Races. Boys in Standards 1, 2 and 3—1, R. Rawlings; 2, L. Griffin; 3, F. Harvey; 4, A. Sparkes; 5, C. Baker; 6, B. Hare; 7, E. Bullen; 8, A. Crooks; 9, A. Calvert.

Remainder of Boys—1, O. Griffin; 2, W. Owens; 3, A. Waterman; 4, T. Cross; 5, E. Gauntlett; 6, H. Knight; 7, F. Excell; 8, O. Harvey; 9, S. Tooley.

Girls in Standards 1, 2 and 3—1, Ada Still; 2, May Blake; 3, Florence Willie; 4, Daisy Kay; 5, Lena Owens; 6, L. Sayers, 7, Anne Waterman.

Remainder of Girls—1, A. Lancaster; 2, Mildred Nisbit; 3, Bertha Gauntlett; 4, Ada Blake; 5, Anne Hayward; 6. N. Pocock; 7, Matilda Crooks; 8, M. Brown; 9, Eva Rushen.

Half-Mile Race—1, Sergt. Pratt; 2, Pte. Corke; 3, Pte. Stanley.

Sack Race.—1, Buglers Barber and Berridge; 2, Ptes. Sharp and Dunseith; 3, Sergt. Oakey and Pte. Church.

120 yards Hurdle Race, 10 flights—1, Pte Reed; 2. Pte. Dunseith; 3, Pte. Tickner.

Obstacle Race—1, Pte. Morgan; 2, Pte. Dunseith; 3, Pte. Greenfield; 4, Bugler Hawkins; 5, Bugler Corkill; 6, Bugler Hodge; 7, Pte. Duddimead; 8, Sergt. Young; 9, Bugler Harvey; 10, Bugler Smith; 11, Pte. Cook, 12, Bugler Ashman; 13, Pte. Richmond; 14, Pte. Grey.

Tilting the Bucket—1, Lce.-Cpl. Parker; 2, Bugler Ploughman; 3, Pte. Williams.

Races for Officers' Children under 13 years. Boys—1, Willis; 2, Bentyshe; 3, Jacomb; 4. Straubenzee; 5. Cotter. *Girls*—1, Miss N. Hine-Haycock; 2, Miss M. Straubenzee; 3 and 4, Miss M. Cotter and Miss E. Moore; 5, Miss J. Hinshelwood.

Mile Race (Open to Army and Navy in Garrison)—1, Sergt. Robertson, R.E.; 2, P.O. Woods, *Northumberland*; 3, Corpl. Langridge, R.E.

Tug of War, Companies—1, F Co.; 2, A Co

Officers' Bicycle Gymkhana—1, Lieut. Welch; 2, Captain Benett; 3, Lieut. Tredennick.

Balaclava Melée—1, A Co.; 2, H Co.; 3, B Co.

Bandsmans' Race, 200 yards' handicap, instrument playing—1, Mus. Farr; 2, Mus. Cooper; 3, Mus. Bunting.

Boot Race—1, Corpl. Keisler; 2, Pte. Perkins; 3, Pte. Hammerton.

Sergt. H. S. Orgar ran 2nd in the Mile Race (open) at H.M.S. *Northumberland's* Sports.

Pte. Stanley gained 2nd place in the Open Mile Race, at the Royal Engineers' Annual Sports.

PLYMOUTH.

Charming weather favoured the Annual Sports of the Plymouth Division of the Royal Marines, which were held at the Rectory Ground, Devonport, on 26th August. The meeting is always a popular one, and with such pleasant elements there was a large attendance. Everything went off with the greatest success. The arrangements were splendidly carried out. There were no less than twenty-eight events; they were run well to time; there were plenty of keen competitors; and the places of distinction were heartily fought for. The long stand was decorated with flags from end to end, and with the hundreds of scarlet uniforms, the scene was a picturesque one. The fine band of the division played a popular programme of music, under the conductorship of Mr. Frank Winterbottom, while a party in character costume were responsible for plenty of rollicking fun. The officials were:—Committee—Referee, Lieut. Col. Robyns; judges, Capts. Brabazon, Ommanney and Morres; starters, Capts. Stroud and Sampson-Way; clerks of the course, Lieuts. Harmar and Gibson, and Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lieut. Duffin. Sub-Committee—handicappers, Sergt.-Majors Perry and Jolley, and Schoolmaster W. T. Goss; assistant-judges, Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. Chapman, Barrack-Sergt. Hamilton and Colour-Sergt. Howe; assistant-starters, Qr.-Mr. Sergts. Warner and Richards, Sergt. Thomas, and Corpl. Playford; assistant-clerks of course, Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. Chanter, Colour-Sergt. Shapland, Sergts. Fowler and Acock. At the close, Mrs. Corbet, wife of the Colonel-Commandant (Colonel A. D Corbet, C.B.) distributed the prizes. Cheers were given for Colonel and Mrs. Corbet, and the champion of the meeting (Lance-Sergt. Weightman) Results—

High Jump—1, Sergt. Weightman (5ft 3½in.); 2, Pte. Bingham (5ft. 3in.); 3, Pte. Lovell (5ft 2½in.)

100 yards race, for Rank and File—First Heat—1, Pte. Robinson; 2, Pte. Sherborne; 3, Pte. Gerrard. Second Heat—1, Mus. Dalling; 2, Pte. Cleverley; 3, Pte. Wilkes. Third Heat—1, Corpl. Flannigan; 2, Pte. Bingham; 3, Pte. Rolfe. Final—1, Corpl. Flannigan; 2, Pte. Robinson; 3, Mus. Dalling. Capital race, Flannigan winning by about a foot, same distance separated second and third.

Drummers' Race, under 15, 220 yards—1, Drmr. A. J. Black; 2, Drmr. Ealsmore; 5, Drmr. Miller.

Drummers' Race, over 15, 220 yards - First heat—1, Drmr. Wyatt; 2, Drmr. Vinnicombe; 3, Drmr. Bryant. Second Heat—1, Drmr. Sellers; 2, Drmr. Miller; 3, Drmr. Taylor. Final—1, Drmr. Miller; 2, Drmr. Sellers, 3, Drmr. Taylor. Very good race, Miller winning on the tape, third well up.

220 yards Handicap for N.C.O's. and Men with over 18 years' service. (Two yards' start allowed for each year over 18)—1, Staff-Sergt. Hamilton (20 years' service); 2, Band-Sergt. Read (20 years' service); 3, Pte. Norman (31 years' service). Won easily, close third.

Tilting at the Ring—1, Pte. Matterson; 2, Pte. Edwards; 3, Pte. Martin; 4, Pte. Pook.

440 yards Race, for Rank and File—1. Lance-Sergt. Weightman; 2, Corporal Taylor; 3, Pte. Robinson.

440 yards Race, for Sergeants—1, Staff-Sergt. Hamilton; 2, Band-Sergt. Read; 3, Sergt. Parsons.

Servants' Race, 220 yards—1, Pte. Edwards; 2, Pte. Scamp; 3, Pte. C. Clarke.

Bandsmen's Race, 120 yards—1, Mus. Commings; 2, Mus. Baker; 3, Mus. Bennett; 4, Mus. Blight.

Sack Race. 100 yards—First Heat—1, Pte. Colclough; 2, Sergt. Bentley; 3, Pte. Wilkes. Second Heat—1, Pte. Higginbottom; 2, Pte. Sherborne; 3, Pte. Bryant. Third Heat—1, Pte. Dredge; 2, Drmr. Vinnicombe; 3, Pte Mitchell. Final—Sergt. Bentley; 2, Pte. Wilkes; 3, Pte. Colclough; 4. Pte. Higginbottom; 5, Drmr. Bryant; 6, Drmr. Vinnicombe. Won easily.

Company Tug of War, 10 a side—H Co. (Col.-Sergt. Moyse) and C Co. (Col.-Sergt. Knowle) divided 1st and 2nd prizes; 3, D Co (Col.-Sergt. Davidson). There were some keen struggles between H and C Cos. who, after several contests, divided premier honours.

Half-a-Mile Race—1, Corpl. Taylor; 2, Lnc.-Sergt. Weightman; 3, Pte. Rolfe.

100 yards Race, for Boys of the Divisional School—1, Everest; 2, Stone. *Girls*—1, Burrows; 2, Guseott. About 200 started in each race, and all had rewards.

220 yards Race—1, Pte. Robinson; 2, Corpl. Flannigan; 3, Lance-Corpl. Dalling; 4, Pte. Sherborne. A good race, Robinson winning by about a foot, poor third.

Officers' Race, 220 yards, handicap—1, Lieut. Christie; 2, Lieut. Higgs; 3, Lieut. Martin. Christie, who was scratch man, won by a couple of yards, same distance separating second and third.

Balaclava Melée, inter-company combat—1, H Co.; 2, C Co.; 3, E Co. The teams, mounted on men's shoulders, and armed with singlesticks, had to capture the distinguishing plumes from the fencing helmets of the opposing teams.

Mile Race (Open to Navy and Garrison)—1, Cpl. Taylor, R.M.L.I.; 2, Pte Rolfe, R.M.L.I.; Corpl. Pitt, R.A. Pitt made all the running until the last lap, when Taylor finely burst away and won anyhow, a considerable distance separating second and third.

Obstacle Race, for Drummers—1, Drmr. Sellers; 2, Drmr. Tayior; 3, Drmr. Anthurs; 4, Drmr. Richards.

Hurdle Race, 420 yards, 10 flights of hurdles. First Heat—1, Lance-Sergt. Weightman; 2, Pte. Bingham. Second heat—1, Cpl. Taylor; 2, Pte. Sherborn. Third Heat—1, Corpl. Dalling; 2, Pte. Cleverley. Final—1, Corpl. Taylor; 2, Lance-Sergt. Weightman; 3, Corpl. Dalling. Very good finish, all the placed men being well up.

440 yards Race (For men with less than three years' service)—1, Pte. Chatfield; 2, Pte. Healey; 3, Pte. Gerrard. Good race.

Tug of War (Open to Navy and Garrison, each team 10 a side)—1, Divisional Team (Col.-Sergt. Moyse); 2, Scratch Divisional Team (Col.-Sergt. Knowle). A keen struggle was anticipated between the Divisional Team and the 5th Provisional Battalion Team, but the latter were early put out of the competition by a scratch team of the Marines. The Divisional Team won easy.

Obstacle Race, N.C.O's. and Men. First Heat—1, Pte. Colclough; 2, Corpl. Calligan; 3, Pte. Binghem; 4, Lance-Sergt. Weightman. Second Heat—1, Corpl. Sturdy; 2, Corpl. Morton; 3, Sergt. Bentley; 4, Pte. Williamson. Final—1, Lance-Sergt. Weightman; 2, Pte. Bingham; 3, Sergt. Bentley; 4, Corpl. Sturdy; 5, Pte. Williamson.

Costume Donkey Race, for Officers—1, Lieut. Jerram; 2, Lieut. Smith; 3, Lieut Washington. This was an amusing race, many of the riders being frequently thrown.

Boot Race, with lighted pipe—1, Pte. Nicholas; 2, Pte. Burns; 3, Pte. Dunn.

Consolation Race—1, Pte. Dredge; 2, Pte. Sherborne; 3, Pte. Ayres.

Divisional Challenge Cup—To be the property of the holder for one year, for man obtaining most points, and cup presented by the officers —Lance-Sergt. Weightman. The next was Corporal Taylor, who obtained two points less than the winner.

Works Department.—The following has been published for information:—

1.—That it is proposed to designate as "Overseer," the Works Department Officials hitherto known as "Leading Men."

2.—That "Clerks" will be trained in Storehousemen's duties as well as in clerical duties, and it should be understood that they may be appointed as Storehousemen abroad with only Storehousemen's privileges.

3.—That men who volunteer for these duties will be called upon to undertake to re-engage.

4.—That the rate of pay will be as follows:—Clerks 10d. to 1/6 per diem, Overseers 1/6 to 2/6 per diem, both ratings for six days a week; the minimum rates being paid whilst under training and until sent abroad. Overtime will be paid at one-eighth of the daily rate of working pay per hour.

5.—Ordinary leave with extra pay of both ratings, while under training and until sent abroad, is not to exceed seven days per annum.

6.—Clerks will work the recognised Office hours except when employed as Storehousemen. For Storehousemen and Overseers the working hours throughout the year average 48 weekly at Home establishments, and at Foreign establishments are the same as those of the Controller's Department.

7.—The men on Foreign Stations will be on Ship's Books, but it may be necessary for them to live on shore, in which case they will be granted lodging allowance.

8.—Marriage is not to be made a bar to employment, but there are objections to providing married quarters at certain places, while at others it cannot be done.

9.—As it will be undesirable to keep men for an indefinite period, who show no aptitude to learning the routine, they will all be subject to one month's probation.

10.—The men under training as Clerks will be afforded all facilities for learning the departmental system and are to be especially instructed in the books in use at the small Foreign Stations. The Overseers are to be employed mainly on departmental work, and instructed in the duties usually performed by Foreman of Works at small stations.

Embarkation in Depot Ships.—The following R.M.O. Circular No. 3320/02, dated 8th August, 1902, is published for information and guidance:—

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to abolish the present system of embarking Royal Marines in Depot Ships, and to substitute the following:—

1.—Whenever a vacancy occurs for a Marine in a Naval Depot or Reserve, his place is to be filled by (*a*) a N.-C. Officer or man of equal rank who volunteers for the duty. At Eastney in case of R.M.A. (1) At the Local Division, (2) at another Division, in the case of the R.M.L.I. (*b*) Failing volunteers, a man is to be detailed from Eastney or the Local Division R.M.L.I.

If the vacancy is caused by a recruit, another recruit is not to be embarked in his place so long as there are any volunteer old soldiers (either at the Local or other Division, in the case of the R.M.L.I.) If no such old soldier is available, a recruit is to be embarked. The period of service of a recruit will be 12 months.

2.—When the ordinary period of two years service is completed, in the case of old soldiers, they are not to be disembarked if they volunteer to remain in a Depot or Reserve to complete time for Limited Engagement or Pension, providing that the total period so spent at one time does not exceed four years.

3.—N.-C. Officers and men in Reserve Ships are not to be kept more than three months at a time in any ship, away from the general body of the Detachment, in order that they may be more frequently under the immediate supervision of the Marine Officers.

With reference to the above, the following regulations are to be observed, and their effect reported upon at the expiration of twelve months from this date:—

Lists are to be kept of N.-C. Officers and men (Old Soldiers and Recruits) who volunteer for Depot or Reserve Ships and Naval Barracks, and such men are not to be embarked in any other ships.

No N.-C. Officers or men are to be detailed for such embarkation as long as volunteers are available.

N.-C. Officers and men R.M.L.I., who volunteer for embarkation at other ports, are to be detached to the Division at the port which they select upon the next opportunity of any draft or detachment proceeding thither, and are to be so embarked (only) as vacancies occur in turn with men of the Local Division.

Swimming.

THE Annual Swimming Races, in connection with the Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., took place at Forton Barracks, on Tuesday, August 26th. The following were the officials—Referee—Lieut.-Col. Oldfield; Starter—Capt. and Adjt. Blumberg; Judge - Major Trotman; Clerk of the course—Sergt. Reed; Committee - Capt. and Adjt. Blumberg, Sergt.-Maj. MacLachan, Q.M.S.I. McKenzie, Sergts. Wolfe and Trott, and Mus. Herring. It was a splendid afternoon, and some good sports were witnessed by a large number of N.C.O's. and men of the Division, who warmly cheered the successful competititors. Mus. Herring showed splendid form and had no difficulty in bringing off the Championship of the Division. The Patrol Race caused a good deal of amusement to the onlookers: the rules for the race were as follows—one leader and four men had to fall-in some distance from the pond, dressed in duck suits, and on the word "go," double away to the pond, undress, make the clothes and boots into a bundle, and carrying rifle, dive in and swim the length of the pond, get out, dress, and fall-in; time taken from word "go" till the last man had fell-in, properly dressed. Appended are the results—

1. *Buglers and Band Boys* (over 15 years), two lengths.—1, Bugler Daniels; 2, Bugler Downey; 3, Bugler Fry.
2. *Divisional Championship*, six lengths.—1, Mus. Herring; 2, Pte. Harper; 3, Pte. Clelland.
3. *Buglers and Band Boys* (under 15 years), two lengths—1, Bugler Pomery; 2, Bugler Chapman; 3, Bugler Martin.
4. *N.C. Officers*, two lengths—1, Corpl. Wright; 2, Lnc.-Corpl. Cobb; 3, Corpl. Cameron.
6. *Recruits under Two Years' Service*, two lengths—1, Pte. Clelland; 2, Pte. Phillips; 3, Pte. Francis.
7. *Breast Stroke Race*—1, Pte. Clelland (won in fine style); 2, Mus. Herring; 3, Bugler Turner.
8. *Patrol Race*—1, G Co.; 2, F Co. B and E Cos. also competed.
9. *Obstacle Race*—1, Pte. Harper; 2, Mus. Herring; 3, Pte. Howard.
10. *Object Diving*—1, Bugler Richards; 2, Lnc.-Corpl Cobb; 3, Bugler Fry, 4, Corpl. Wright; 5, Pte. Nicholls.
12. *Consolation Race*—1, Pte. Lemon; 2, Pte. Ranson; 3, Pte. Pettet.

Plymouth Division Rifle Meeting.

There has not been a Rifle Meeting held in this Division since 1894, as for many years our training was done at Browndown. In the latter end of 1900 we had the ranges at Tregantle placed at our disposal, and an attempt was made last year to revive the meeting. This year, however, it has been revived and the meeting held on the 13th and 14th August proved a great success. In spite of the distance of the ranges from barracks there were over 300 entrances for the various events, and everything went off without a hitch. Painting of sights and all artificial assistance was prohibited. The running man and vanishing heads and shoulders competitions drew the largest entries. In the latter, Lieut. Lloyd made a possible. The matches were open to all members of the Plymouth Division, and there was also an All Comers Match, which was won by a C.P.O. of the *Vivid*. Two Team Competitions were open to Marines afloat, both of which the *Vivid* carried off.

In addition to the competitions, there were pools for bull's eye targets, tile and running man. The most attractive feature of the meeting proved to be a running rat pool, which was most excellently managed by Clr.-Sergt. Greenfield and Corpl. Keeley. They had it placed in such a position that everyone had to pass it, and they seldom if ever failed to secure shots from even the most unwilling passer by. As the object was small and ran at various rates, the pools rapidly mounted up. On the second day a ladies' competition was got up, and drew a good entry, it was won by Mrs. Sampson-Way, and Miss Sampson-Way was second. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Corbet.

The range officers were Capt. Mairis, Capt. Lees, Lieut. Harmar, Lieut. Higgs and Lieut. J. McN. Smith. The whole of the arrangements were excellent, and were carried out by the following committee: Lieut.-Col. J. W. Robyns (president), Major D. A. Hailes, Capt. J. D. Bridges, Lieuts. L. Norcock, H. S. Lloyd, Harmar and Higgs, Sergt.-Major T. Jolley, Q.M.S. (I. of M.) Richards, Clr.-Sergt. Shannon, Corpl. Cooke and Pte. Doidge.

Results are appended: –

Trained recruits, each at 200 and 500 yards.—Prizes: 15s., 10s., 7s. 6d., two of 5s, four of 2s. 6d —Pte. Nicholson, 48; Pte. Sherburne, 48; Pte Whiteford, 47; Pte. J. McDonald, 47; Pte. D. Laverty, 46; Pte. G. Irwin, 45; Pte. E. Berry, 44; Pte P. McNamara, 42; Pte. W. Gundry, 39.

Rank and file, seven shots each distance, 200, 500 and 600 yards.—Prizes: 21s., 15s., 12s. 6d., two of 7s. 6d., three of 5s., six of 2s. 6d.—Pte. Doidge, 80; Pte. Ferris, 79; Pte. Higgins, 75; Pte. Jardan, 75; Pte. F. Wall, 73; Pte. Willis, 72; Corpl. Hann, 71; Pte. Berry, 70; Corpl. Vicary, 66; Pte. Hustler, 66; Pte. Partridge, 66; Pte. Rimes, 65; Pte. McNamara, 64; Pte. Dixon, 64.

Warrant officers, staff-sergeants and sergeants, seven shots each at 200, 500 and 600 yards.—Prizes: 30., 20s., 15s., 10s., 7s. 6d., 5s., and 2s. 6d.—Sergt. G. W. Conley, 86; Sergt. T. Mee, 85; Ar.-Sergt. A. E. Herman, 85; Q.M.S. Richards, 84; Sergt.-Major Jolley, 84; Clr.-Sergt. S. Partridge, 83; Clr.-Sergt. C. H. Shapland, 81. One score of 81 counted out.

Officers, seven shots at 200, 500 and 600 yards.—Lieut. Lloyd, 85; Capt. Bridges, 77; Lieut. Teague, 68; Capt. Lees, 60; Lieut. Higgs, 55.

Non-commissioned officers and men afloat, seven shots at 200, 500 and 600 yards.—Prizes: 20s., 15s., 10s., 7s. 6d., 5s., and two of 2s. 6d. Pte. Sweeney, H.M.S. *Impregnable*, 79; Corpl. Stalton, H.M.S. *Vivid*, 78; Corpl. T. Pain, H.M.S. *Vivid*, 75; Pte. E. Braunton, H.M.S. *Impregnable*, 75; Lce -Corpl. Knott, H.M.S. *Lion*, 72; Pte. Hill, H.M.S. *Lion*, 72; Lce.-Corpl. Hall, H.M S. *Vivid*, 70. One score of 70 counted out.

Moving target (running man), distance about 200 yards. Open to all ranks. Two shots on the run.—Prizes: 20s., 15s., 10s., 7s. 6d., 5s., 2s. 6d.—Q.M.S.-Instructor Warner, 7 hits; Sergt. Rattle, 5 hits; Clr.-Sergt. Shannon, 5 hits; Sergt. Hellier, 5 hits; Lieut. Norcock, 5 hits; Drum-Major Cochran, 5 hits. On shooting off the tie, Sergt. Rattle had four hits, Clr.-Sergt. Shannon and Sergt. Hellier three hits each (prizes divided), Lieut. Norcock two hits, while Drum-Major Cochran did not shoot off, having left the ranges.

All Comers (four only from each battalion, ship, or C.R.C.). Distance 600 yards, seven shots.—Prizes: 20s., 10s., two of 5s., and two of 2s. 6d.—C.P.O. Goodman, H.M.S. *Vivid*, 29; Sergt. Mee, R.M.L.I., 29; Lieut. Lloyd, R.M.L.I., 28; Sergt -Major Jolley, R.M.L.I., 28; Clr.-Sergt. Partridge, R.M.L.I., 27; Ar.-Sergt. Herman, R.M.L.I., 26. Two scores of 26 counted out.

CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION.—Concluding Stage.

First 30 aggregate for 200, 500 and 600 yards qualified, the final shoot being 10 rounds, with sighter, at 800 yards.—Three prizes in kind, valued at 50s, 25s., and 10s.—Scores: Lieut. Lloyd, 128; Sergt. Mee, 126; Sergt.-Major Jolley, 125 Q.M.S. Richards, 125; Ar.-Sergt. Herman, 121; Clr.-Sergt. Channon, 118; Sergt. Griffiths, 117; Pte. Doidge, 111; Clr.-Sergt. Shapland, 111; Q.M.S. Warner, 109; Sergt. Potter, 109; Clr.-Sergt. Partridge, 108; Lieut. Teague, 107; Provost-Sergt. Lawrence, 107; Pte. Wall, 105; Pte. Berry, 104; Sergt. Rattle, 103; Sergt. Gregory, 102; Sergt Hill, 99; Sergt. Cady, 98; Sergt. Arthurs, 98; Pte. Jordon, 98; Sergt. Comley, 98; Corpl. Vickery, 97; Corpl. Hann, 91; Pte. Willis, 80.

Vanishing heads and shoulders (open to all ranks; about 400 yards). – 20s., Lieut. Lloyd, 21; 15s., Pte. Dale, 15; 10s, Sergt. Comley, 12; 7s. 6d., Colr.-Sergt. Shapland, 12; 5s., Q.M.S. Warner, 9; 2s. 6d., Pte. Wilkes, 9.

Brinsmead Competition (open to teams of six belonging to any headquarters company or detachment afloat; from about 600 yards the competitors had to advance towards a khaki-dressed figure, firing until the figure had disappeared; on its reappearing firing had to be continued; nine rounds allowed).—36s., H.M.S. *Vivid*, 22 hits; 18s. and 10s., H.M.S. *Lion* and C Company R.M.L.I. each, 13 hits.

Tile Competition (competitors had to run about 100 yards through furze, and then fire at white glazed tiles at about 200 yards distance, greatest number of hits to count; open to teams).—25s., H.M.S. *Vivid*, 4 hits; 12s. 6d., E Company R.M.L.I., 2 hits.

Royal Marine R.F.R. (seven shots at each, 200, 500, and 600 yards).—10s., Pte. Hodge, 90; 5s., Pte. J. Jones, 41.

Revolver Competition (twelve shots at each, 20 and 50 yards; open to all ranks).—20s., Amr.-Sergt. Hermon, 110; 10s., Colr.-Sergt. Shapland, 96; 5s., Colr.-Sergt. Partridge, 93.

Company Challenge Shield (for teams composed of six rank and file under a section commander of any rank, who did not fire; targets, advancing infantry, one run for each team; teams had to be extended under cover, no man to be exposed except the section commander, who gave the order to fire when the target advanced; seven rounds allowed each man, each hit counting three points; points were deducted for men who did not keep cover; A, B, C, D, E, F, and G Headquarter Companies entered).—Shield and 42s., B Company, 16; 21s., F Company, 12; 7s., E Company, 11.

Musketry Instructors (open to all N.C.O. instructors, including supernumeraries, who have been on the musketry staff since August 1st, 1901: first prize given by Major Hailes, musketry instructor, and second by Lieut. Norcock, assistant instructor; ten tiles were put up *en echelon* at 400 yards; advancing, the competitor had to shoot down what tiles he could).—The competition resulted in a tie between Q.M.S. Richards and Sergt. Hill, and in shooting off the tie Q.M.S. Richards obtained four hits out of five and Sergt. Hill three.

Cricket.

PORTSMOUTH.

In the first round of Company Cricket Cup Ties, D Co. beat F Co.; B Co. beat E Co.; A Co. beat C Co.; G Co. beat H Co.

During the past season 16 matches were played, of which 9 were won, 6 lost, and 1 drawn.

AVERAGES FOR THE SEASON 1902.

	Innings	*Times not out*	*Highest score*	*Runs*	*Average*
Corpl. Durham	10	–	110	333	41·6
Capt. Shine ..	14	–	130	480	34·3
Capt. Chichester	7	–	72	170	24·3
Sergt. Sperring ..	12	2	64	228	22·8
Lieut. Barnby ..	11	–	98	208	18·9
,, Home ..	10	1	101*	163	18·1
Corpl. Crawley ..	10	1	77	146	16·2
Capt. Heycock ..	8	–	41	119	14·9
,, Kitcat ..	9	–	56	118	13·1
,, Morgan ..	9	1	35*	80	10·0
Lieut. Huskissan	7	1	18*	55	9·2
,, Goldsmith	15	–	31	137	9·1
,, Clutterbuck	18	2	23*	136	8·5
Pte. Marshall ..	8	1	20	47	6·7
,, Jackson ..	5	1	7*	13	3·3

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Runs	*Wickets*	*Average*
Capt. Morgan ..	305	33	9·2
,, Shine ..	207	17	12·1
Lieut. Barnby ..	335	27	12·4
Pte. Jackson ..	210	13	16·1
Lieut. Goldsmith ..	184	11	16·7
,, Home ..	171	10	17·1
Pte. Marshall ..	158	9	17·7
Lieut. Clutterbuck ..	305	17	17·9
Capt. Chichester ..	153	7	21·8

JUNIOR N.C.O.'S R.M.L.I. *v.* RIFLE DEPOT.

Played at Forton, August 20th, 1902, and ended in a win for the R.M.L.I. by 40 runs.

R.M.L.I.		Rifle Depot.	
Corpl. Crawley, b Green ..	41	Corpl. McMammare, b Fry	4
Lce.-Corpl. Russell, b Hyden	4	,, Bennett, b Carter	4
Corpl. Carter, c Taylor, b Green ..	36	Lce.-Cpl. Green, b Carter	39
Lce.-Cpl Fry, c Green, b Burgess ..	13	,, Hyden, b Carter ..	3
Corpl. Waters, b Green ..	0	,, Downer, b Fry ..	9
Lce.-Corpl. Cobb, b Downier	2	,, Adshead, b Carter ..	1
Corpl. Willcock, run out ..	1	,, Burgess, b Russell ..	3
Lce.-Cpl. Hill, not out ..	8	,, Herbert, b Russell ..	9
Corpl. Heard, b Downier ..	0	,, Crampton, c & b Carter	3
Lce.-Cpl. Ettie, b Downier	1	,, Taylor, not out ..	0
Cpl. Humphry, b McMammare	8	Corpl. Green, c and b Carter	3
Extras ..	12	Extras ..	8
Total ..	126	Total ..	86

R.M.L.I. CHATHAM *v.* DEPOT R.M.

This match took place at Rochester on August 14th, and owing to rain coming on late in the afternoon, resulted in a draw. The home team batted first on a slow wicket, and thanks to the batting of Montgomery and Finlaison and at the end to a free innings by Waller, compiled the respectable total of 248. The Depot, going in to bat in a bad light, lost 5 wickets for 72, when a thunderstorm burst over the ground and stopped play for the day. The following is the score:—

Chatham.		Depot.	
Col. Gatliff, c Bayliss, b Quill	17	Capt. Clarke, b Waller ..	17
Capt. Hall, c Clarke, b Coburn	19	Pte. Bayliss, not out ..	3
H. F. Montgomery, run out	74	Lieut. Stopford, b Finlaison	4
Capt. Finlaison, c Stopford, b Coburn ..	50	Major Mercer, b Montgomery	11
Capt. Mase, c and b Coburn	11	Capt. Mayhew, c Eagles, b Finlaison ..	2
E. Eagles, c Quill, b Hobbs	7	Col. Quill, b Finlaison ..	19
G. H. Herford, b Hobbs ..	10	Capt. Hobbs, not out ..	10
Pte. Ward, b Hobbs ..	6	Capt. Tupman, Major Wray, Private Gwin, Private Coburn	did not bat
Major Parsons, c & b Coburn	13		
R. C. Waller, b Hobbs ..	34		
H. Willis, not out ..	1		
Extras ..	6	Extras ..	6
Total ..	248	Total ..	72

R.M.L.I. *v.* ROYAL ENGINEERS.

This match was played at Chatham on July 30th, and resulted in a win for the R.M.L.I. by 80 runs. The R.M.L.I. batted first and compiled a total of 172, chiefly owing to the efforts of Capts. Finlaison, Chichester, and Lieuts. Montgomery and Eagles. On the R.E. going in a collapse set in, Capts. Morgan and Finlaison bowling extremely well and having analysis of 6 for 33 and 4 for 22 respectively, Dumford being the only one to offer any resistance. The whole side were out for 92 or 80 runs behind. The following is the score:—

R.M.L.I.		R.E.	
Capt. Chichester, st Duggan, b Smyth ..	25	W. S. Douglas, b Morgan	10
G. L. Shewell, b Purcell ..	1	H. N. North, c Finlaison, b Morgan	6
H. F. Montgomery, c Purcell, b Smyth ..	32	J. E. Dumford, c Herford, b Finlaison ..	23
Capt. Finlaison, c sub., b Smyth	48	V. E. Purcell, b Morgan	0
,, Morse, b Smyth ..	6	Sapper Allen, b Morgan ..	2
,, Morgan, c Douglas, b Alvey ..	0	W. C. Smyth, b Morgan	1
C. Eagles, c North, b Purcell	36	E. N. Mozley, c Gerrard, b Finlaison ..	5
G. M. Herford, c Mozley, b Purcell ..	6	Corpl. Alvey, c Shewell, b Finlaison ..	14
T. Locke, b Smyth ..	4	Corpl. Duggan, b Morgan	0
R. C. Waller, b Purcell ..	5	Capt. F. W. Brunden, not out ..	8
E. L. Gerrard, not out ..	0	O. H. Trenchard, b Finlayson	2
Extras ..	9	Extras ..	21
Total ..	172	Total ..	92

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings	*Not out*	*Highest score*	*Total*	*Average*
H. F. Montgomery	13	–	107	574	44·15
Capt. Finlaison ..	5	2	50	119	39·66
Capt. Chichester ..	5	2	32	97	32·33
C. F. Eagles ..	5	1	36	62	15·5
Lieut.-Col. Gatliff ..	4	–	33	57	14·25
R. C. Waller ..	11	1	34	136	13·6
G. M. Herford ..	11	1	27	129	12·9
Capt. Morse ..	7	–	32	85	12·14
T. Locke ..	7	–	20	67	9·56
Capt. Hall ..	2	–	19	19	9·5
Major Parsons ..	4	–	13	25	6·25
E. L. Gerrard ..	6	3	11	17	5·66
H. Willis ..	9	1	8	41	5·1
F. S. Wilson ..	9	4	6	20	4
Major White ..	3	–	6	9	3
Lieut.-Col. Luke ..	3	–	2	3	1
Capt. Bewes ..	2	–	1	1	·5

OBITUARY.

LIEUT.-COL. G. GREGORY, R.M.L.I. (retired) died at No. 7, St. Leonard's Road, Exeter, on 21st July, 1902. He entered the Royal Marines as 2nd-Lieut. on 3rd August, 1847; was promoted Captain 19th February, 1859; Major, 5th July, 1872; Lieut.-Colonel, 18th March, 1877; and retired 6th August, 1880. He was present at the bombardment of Odessa, 1854, and served with R.M. Battalion at the occupation of Eupatoria in 1854, and with the Brigade in the Crimea during the siege of Sebastopol in 1854-55 (medal with clasp, 5th Class of Medjidie, and Turkish Medal).

MR. C. H. BRAYBROOKE—The numerous friends of Mr. C. H. Braybrooke, residing at Cecil Road, Rochester, will learn with sincere regret of his death, which occurred in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, after a comparatively brief illness. Only a few weeks ago, Mr. Braybrooke lost his youngest son by drowning, while bathing in the river Medway, near Rochester Bridge, and he attended the funeral, and was apparently in his usual health. Mr. Braybrooke, who had only been indisposed for some days, was taken to the hospital on Sunday, with a view to an operation for an abdominal obstruction, but he gradually sank and expired before the operation was performed. Deceased, who was 65 years of age, was formerly a Colour-Sergeant in the Royal Marines, in which his two eldest sons are now serving, and he afterwards held the position of warder at the Borstal Convict Prison, for twenty years.

He possessed an extremely affable disposition, with a quiet demeanour, and he was highly respected by a wide circle of friends. The utmost sympathy is expressed towards the widow and the grown up family of sons and daughters. Two of the sons who have been serving in the Imperial Yeomanry in South Africa, are returning to England, and are expected to reach Southampton on Monday next. His third son is also in South Aftica, being a member of the South African Constabulary. The funeral took place on Thursday, 21st August, the veteran being borne to his last resting place by a number of Colour-Sergeants and Sergeants of the Corps, who also laid a beautiful wreath on his grave.

Answers to Correspondents.

ENQUIRER—Cannot inform you as to exact date Gaurd was reduced. It was for the manœuvres, 1899. The police paraded the rear of the barracks from 6 to 10 p.m., after that hour any part of the barracks.

H. J. STOREY—One bandmaster and thirty-four bandsmen (Chatham Division, R.M.L.I.,) accompanied H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall and York on his tour round the world. They wore peak caps with white tops, and white helmets with field service cap ornament in front. In the tropics, "whites" were worn with gold badges and chevrons and a gold lyre on the right arm, and white shoes.

FRETFUL—"Yes." You should make an application through your Commanding Officer.

G. E. SHAVE—We think you are entitled, but are finding out for certain.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER—We cannot answer your questions this month, but hope to next. Thanks for congratulations; please send on account of your doings, we are always glad to get news of that kind.

Births.

DRAKE—On the 18th June, at 13, Orford Lane, Warrington, Lancashire, the wife of Sergt. G. F. Drake, R.M.L.I., of a son.

Deaths.

PERKINS—At Eastney Barracks, on 15th August, 1902, M Co. Gunner Geo. Perkins, R.M.A.

PRICE—At Haslar Hospital, on 7th August, Private W. Price.

RAYMENT—At Melville Hospital, on 14th August, Private W. Rayment.

Marriages.

JERRETT—OSBORNE—At the Parish Church, Walmer, Private A. E. Jerrett to Miss J. Osborne.

MCGOWAN—WESTBROOK—On 7th June, 1899, at the Register Office, Alverstoke, Private F. A. McGowan and Miss Louise Westbrook.

PORTER—GRIGGS—On the 19th May, 1902, at Elston Church, Hants, Private E. W. Porter to Miss E. A. Griggs.

SHILL—HODGES—On the 5th August, 1902, at the Parish Church, Portsea, Sergt. W. D. L. Shill to Miss E. A. Hodges.

LEE—COOKE—On the 9th August, 1902, at the Registry Office, Alverstoke, Private J. S. Lee to Miss Laura Cooke.

BROWN—WEST—On the 25th May, 1901, at the Parish Church, Britford, Wilts, Private A. H. Brown to Miss A. K. West.

MILLS—FROST—On the 6th May, 1895, at St. Peter's Church, Battersea, Private T. A. Mills to Miss F. E. Frost.

BENNETT—COOPER—On the 9th January, 1902, at St. Mark's Church, Portsea, Private T. H. Bennett to Miss J. C. Cooper.

FLACK—SWAIN—At St. James's, Portsea, 3rd August, 1902, Gunner O. Flack, R.M.A., to Miss C. A. Swain.

DAVIS—SHELDRICK—At Parish Church, Portsea, 12th August, 1902, Corpl. H. Davis, R.M.A., to Miss F. A. Sheldrick.

MAYNARD—DAVIES—At St. Anne's, Bermondsey, 3rd August, 1902, Sergt. J. F. Maynard, R.M.A., to Miss H. Davies.

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Major Waldron, R.M.A.	0	1	6	*Victorious* ..	1	3	10
Lce.-Sergt. Dallison ..	0	1	6	Officers' Mess, Forton	1	4	6
Canopus ..	1	0	0	Mrs. Sinclair ..	0	1	6
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Duke of Wellington ..	2	0	0	*Tamar* ..	2	8	4
Hood ..	0	12	0	Pte. A. Gennings ..	0	1	6
Ringarooma ..	0	10	0	*Arethusa* ..	1	6	4
Jupiter ..	0	12	9	Sergt. A. E. Amery ..	0	1	6
Gen. Meade ..	0	3	0	Sergt.-Major Mearles	0	12	6
Dry Canteen ..	0	0	10	Mr. Major ..	0	1	6
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Endymion ..	1	4	0	Mr. Murphy ..	0	2	0

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Editorial.

LIEUT.-COL. AND BREVET-COL. J. B. LEEFE, R.M.A., has been placed on the supplementary half-pay list from 29th August, 1902.

Major and Brevet Lieut.-Col. W. J. Eastman, R.M.A., to be Lieut.-Col. *vice* Leefe.

Major L. T. Pease is absorbed in the establishment of Senior Majors, R.M.A., *vice* Eastman.

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Captain A. H. Hire, R.M.A., has been promoted to the rank of Major by Brevet from 1st September, 1902.

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Captain N. A. W. Scott, R.M.L.I., on return to the Corps from the Seconded List is absorbed in the establishment of Captains *vice* Beaumont promoted, and appointed to the Plymouth Division, dated 1st September, 1902.

Captain Scott has embarked in H.M.S. *Isis*, tender to H.M.S. *Britannia*.

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Lieut. C. Mc N. Davenport, R.M.L.I., has been transferred to H.M.S. *Mildura* (in command of detachment).

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Captain E. G. Lywood has had his term of service as Adjutant 2nd V.B. Highland Light Infantry extended for six months from 14th November next, subject to his returning to the Corps, should his promotion to the rank of Major take place between that date and the 14th May, 1903.

Prettyjohn's Medals.—These have been purchased for £120, of which sum £95 has already been received or promised. Further subscriptions are urgently needed, and should be sent to Captain A. E. Rombulow-Pearse, Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I.

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Captain J. W. Dustan, R.M.L.I., has been transferred from H.M.S. *Empress of India* to H.M.S. *Æolus*.

Captain and Brevet-Major L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., has been transferred from H.M.S. *Galatea* to H.M.S. *Empress of India*.

Captain H. G. B. Armstrong, R.M.L.I., is detailed to embark in H.M.S. *Galatea* and Capt. R. C. Brown, R.M.A., in H.M.S. *Sanspareil*.

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Captain E. R. Cottingham, R.M.A., has been appointed Instructor of Gunnery (sea-service) at Eastney, from 17th September *vice* Homer (time expired).

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Lieut R. F. C. Foster, R.M.A., is appointed Asst. I. of M.

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Captain F. S. Gardner, R.M.L.I. (having exchanged with Captain H. N. Houghton), has embarked in H.M.S. *Pembroke*, *vice* Capt. S. N. Heard, transferred on probation to the Army Pay Department.

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Major R. F. Percy, R.M.L.I., has been placed on half-pay on account of medical unfitness under provisions of Order-in-Council 30th November, 1882, dated 5th August, 1902.

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Capt. R. D. Beith, R.M.L.I., is promoted to Major *vice* Percy, and appointed to the Portsmouth Division, dated 5th August, 1902.

Major C. N. Trotman is advanced to the Senior Major's List, and appointed to the Chatham Division.

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Captain J. B. Lambert to be staff officer at the Portsmouth Division *vice* Trotman advanced to the Senior Major's List dated 5th August, 1902.

The promotion of a Lieutenant is withheld in this instance on account of the return to the Corps within three months of an officer from the Seconded List.

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Po. 9432 Private W. Dickson, serving at the Depot, R.M., was presented with the Life Saving's Society's certificate and bronze medal on the 8th September.

Lieut. P. Owen, R.M.L.I., has been awarded the bronze medal of the Royal Humane Society for swimming out 100 yards in Jennycliffe Bay, Plymouth, on July 11th and bringing in a soldier who had taken cramp while bathing.

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Tee following officers R.M.L.I. have been ordered to embark on 1st October—

Captain A. P. Grattan in H.M.S. *Collingwood vice* Major Henderson. Lieut. J. M. Smith in H.M.S. *Severn vice* Lieut. G. Carpenter. Lieut. E. N. Morgan in H.M.S. *Edinburgh vice* Lieut. J. Bush. Lieut. E. L. Gerrard in H M S. *Sanspareil vice* Lieut. P. D. Green-Armitage. Captain E. S. Mairis is to be held in readiness to relieve Major R. D. Beith in H.M.S. *Monarch*.

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The following officers and non-commissioned officer qualified at the School of Musketry, Hythe, with the 206th party on 8th September.

Captain F. Harvey (distinguished), Captain W. A. Harris, Lieuts. H. R. D'Oyly and P. Sandilands, R.M L.I., and (Po.) Sergt. T. H. Raddall (distinguished) R.M.L.I.

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The following gentlemen have been selected to receive commissions in the R.M.L.I. from 1st Sestember, 1902, and have been directed to join the R.N. College, Greenwich, on 28th September :—

G. R. H. Maitland-Addison, E. Gillespie, C. F. Kilner, J. M. Palmer, C. R. Tennyson, W. T. de L. Clark, J. W. Seigrel, G. P. Lathbury, J. C. Farmer, R. Shelton, and H. G. Grant.

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The following gentlemen have been selected for commissions as 2nd Lieutenant in R.M.A. from 1st September, 1902, and have been directed to join the R.N. College, Greenwich, on 28th September :—

M. Williams, R. Harries, H. F. Geary, I. Harries, and C. H. Lambert.

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Major C. H. Willis, R.M.L.I., has been promoted to Lieut.-Colonel by Brevet, dated 18th September, 1902.

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Captain J. P. Shine, R.M.L.I., on return to the Corps from Seconded List will be absorbed in the establishment of Captains *vice* Meister seconded, and appointed to Portsmouth Division *vice* Lambert.

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War Office Gazette, 10th Sept.—Royal Garrison Regiment, Major Hugh J. C. Gibsone, from reserve of officers, to be Major, on the permanent re-organisation of the Corps.

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On Tuesday, 2nd September, at the Custom House, Queen Square, Bristol, a presentation was made to Mr James Wilson on his retirement from Custom House work after some 25 years' service. It may probably be remembered that two years ago, Mr. Wilson, who has been associated with the local Veterans' Association, received at the hands of the then Lord Mayor, Sir Herbert Ashman, a meritorious service medal, which carried with it an annuity of £10 per annum. Mr. Wilson joined the Royal Marine Artillery in 1853, embarked the following year for the Baltic, served on shore in the batteries at the bombardment and capture of Boomarseend, afterwards serving on H.M.S. *Valorous* in the Black Sea, and taking part in the bombardment and fall of Sebastopol. He was also present at the bombardment and capture of Kinburn. After the Crimea, Mr. Wilson served as sergeant in H.M.S. *Emerald* in the West Indies, and then he obtained an appointment on the staff of the Royal Marine Artillery as sergeant gunnery instructor from 1862 to 1865, and as regimental sergeant-major from 1865 to 1874, when he retired after 21 years' service. He is the possessor of the Baltic, Crimean, Turkish, and long service and good conduct medals, the Crimean medal having the clasp of Sebastopol. For some years Mr. Wilson was assistant instructor in the Bristol Engineer Volunteers, and he has worked hard to promote the success of the Bristol Veterans' Association.

Mr. J. C. Adams (late R.M.L.I.), sends us a balance sheet up to 31st May, 1902, of Lloyd's Patriotic Fund, of which he is Secretary, which shows that since the beginning of the late war in South Africa, 4,802 disabled men have been assisted by direct grants in the United Kingdom up to 31st May, 1902. The accounts show that £127,512 9s. 10d. has been received since 21st October, 1899, and £61,574 13s. has been paid out, of which only £3,036 3s. 2d. is for expenses of management.

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Hythe School of Musketry.—At an examination held at the School of Musketry, Hythe, on the 5th September, 110 officers and 127 non-commissioned officers presented themselves. Of these numbers, three N.C.O.'s and one officer of Royal Marines came out respectively third, fourth, sixth, and thirteenth on the list and all are marked "distinguished." Their names in order of merit are Lance-Sergt. W. Priddy, R.M.A., Sergt. T. H. Raddall, R.M.L.I., Lance-Sergt. E. H. Roost, R.M.A., and Capt. F. W. Harvey, R.M.L.I. Next in order are Sergt. G. E. Smith, R.M.A. (35th), Sergt. J. Sheldon, R.M.L.I. (45th), Lieut. P. Sandilands, R.M.L.I. (67th), and Capt. W A. Harris, R.M.L.I. (87th). The Deputy-Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, says he has noted with pleasure the positions on the list obtained by Sergt. Raddall and Lance-Sergts. Priddy and Roost.—*N. & M. Record.*

Corps Items.

His Majesty the King has been pleased to award Coronation Medals to the undermentioned Officers and N.C. Officers of the Royal Marines who took part in the Coronation Celebrations :

Silver Medals.—Col.-Comdt. W. G. Tucker, C.B., R.M.A., Brigadier-Major H. S. N. Whittle, R.M.L.I., Staff Officer. Capt. A. W. Wylde, Lieuts. H. W. Channer and E. L. Gerrard, R.M.L.I., Chatham, Guard of Honour. Lt.-Col. and Bt.-Col. J. B. Leefe, R.M.A., Lt.-Col. H. C. Money, C.B., R.M.L.I., Chatham, Major F. W. E. Eady, R.M.L I., Portsmouth, Capt. F. D. Bridges, R.M.L.I., Plymouth, and Major H. G. Cotterill, R.M.L.I., Depôt, Deal, Senior Officers of Contingents from Divisions.

Bronze Medals.—Clr.-Sergt. G. Mohr, R.M.L.I., Chatham (Guard of Honour), Clr.-Sergt. J. C. Lambart, R.M.A., Clr.-Sergt. H. Hone, R.M.L.I., Chatham, Clr.-Sergt. (Drum-Major) E. S. Keen, R.M.L.I., Portsmouth, Clr.-Sergt. S. Partridge, R.M.L.I., Plymouth, and Clr.-Sergt. W. C. Gibson, R.M.L.I., Depôt, Deal.

And also to the following Officers and N.C.O. for their services at the Alexandra Palace in connection with the Camp of Colonial Troops :

Silver Medals.—Capt. F. M. B. Hobbs, R.M.L.I., and Capt. C. T. Fisher, R.M.A.

Bronze Medal.—Clr.-Sergt. W. E. King, R.M.A.

H.M.S. *Black Prince*,
Queenstown, 1st September, 1902.

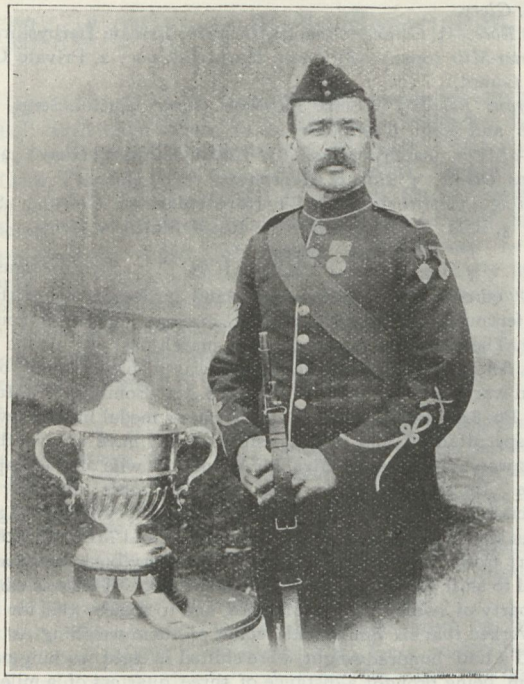
The Editor, *Globe and Laurel*.

Sir : I beg to forward you a list, shewing the total amount of service, and the number of good conduct badges possessed by the Detachment, R.M.L.I., serving on board this ship. The detachment consists of 50 of all ranks, *i.e.*, 1 Clr.-Sergt., 3 Lce.-Sergts., 2 Buglers, 1 Paid Lce.-Corpl., and 43 Privates. The total service amounts to 507 years 11 months, and they are in possession of 104 good conduct badges. I should think that this record will hold its own with most other detachments—training ships included—strength for strength.

Yours obediently,
E. C. Saunderson,
Lce.-Sergt., R.M.L.I.

H.M. Yacht *Victoria and Albert*,
September 16th, 1902.

His Majesty having decided to hold an Investiture on board his yacht *Victoria and Albert*, on August 15th, the quarter deck was carefully covered in, carpeted and tastefully decorated. The chair for the King placed amidships, back aft. The detachment was drawn up as guard of honour in single rank facing aft, with the flanks thrown back to



CHALLENGE CUP AND JEWEL,
WESTERN DISTRICT RIFLE MEETING, 1902.

SERGT. S. HELLIER, R.M.L.I.

enable the ship's company to witness the ceremony. Owing to this arrangement the Clr.-Sergt. commanding the guard had to take post in front of the centre, instead of on the right of the guard, and consequently was only about three yards from the King during the whole of the Investiture. I suppose a similar position has never before been held by a R.M. guard. The officers and other gentlemen were on the starboard side. The R.M.A. band were in rear of the guard. As the King approached he was received with the usual salute, the guard then ordered arms. After the ceremony the guard again saluted as the King withdrew. The detachment were naturally pleased that several R.M. Officers were among those honoured. The Queen was present during the Investiture. Just before the Investiture the Commodore had presented about 30 coronation medals to men who had been ten years in the yacht, two marines were included. Six were also given by selection, the Clr.-Sergt. being the fortunate marine. On Sunday, 14th September, the Commodore presented coronation medals to all chief and 1st class petty officers of the yacht, one sergeant and two lance-sergeants were included.

List of Coronation Medallists: Clr.-Sergt. C. T. Evans, Sergt. G. H. Hazelby, Lce.-Sergts. W. T. Grimes and F. Field, Ptes. W. Long and S. Powell.

Strength of Detachment, 49; G.C. Badges, 137; G.C. Medals, 11; Other Medals, 17.

C. T. E.

Officers' Foreign Service Roster.

R.M.L.I.

SENIOR MAJORS—Majors A. G. Vincent, C. L. Gordon, E. C. B. Roe, H. S. N. White.

JUNIOR MAJORS AND CAPTAINS—Captains C. L. Mayhew, E. M. C. Ommaney, E. A. Pockett-Pugh, W. H. M. Smith.

LIEUTENANTS—Lieuts. H. R. D'Oyly, B. C. Gardiner, W. Sinclair, P. Sandilands.

ARMY & NAVY BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Officers' Lightweights (final round).—Lieut. J. G. Horne, R.M.L.I., beat Lieut. H. Anderson, 18th Hussars.

Officers' Heavyweights (final round).—2nd-Lieut. A. G. Adam, 3rd D.G., beat Lieut. Matthew, R.M.A.

N.C.O. & Men's Heavyweights (final round).—Corpl. W. McFadden, R.M.A., beat Private E. McLaughlin, Irish Guards.

Captain A. M. Graham, R.M.L.I., acted as one of the judges.

Home Notes

EASTNEY.

THE Band, by command, embarked in the Royal Yacht, *Victoria and Albert*, at Portsmouth, on August 14th, and returned to Head-Quarters on September 11th, by rail from Edinburgh, thoroughly delighted with their second short experience of the sea, especially as it enabled some few of them during the cruise round the British Isles to really get on their sea legs. His Majesty the King was graciously pleased to present Mr. B. S. Green, the bandmaster, with a beechwood bâton, headed by a gold and enamel crown and with the Royal Cypher mounted in enamel on the side. At the same time he received the Coronation Medal and Band-Sergt T. Holding the Medal of the Victorian Order.

The Annual Rifle Meeting was principally noticeable for the excellent shooting of the young soldiers and the recruits. Among the young officers, Lieut. Bourne, who only started rifle shooting a year ago, was second in the "All Comers," beating old stagers like Captain Homer. The team of G Company, which Lieut. Bourne captained, took two firsts and a second in the team shoots, their score in the Brinsmead Competition being good enough to win at Bisley.

A proposal is on foot to start Technical Classes in the Barracks, so that N.C.O's and Gunners may, when off duty, have the opportunity of learning and making themselves proficient in some trade. The first is to be a ten weeks course of shoemaking, two lessons a week, each class to consist of 30 members, each member to guarantee payment of one shilling per week, which will pay for instruction, materials provided, and fuel and light, &c. It is hoped that a proposal of this kind will meet with the success it deserves, and for this reason it should be well supported by the rank and file.

GOSPORT.

This month has been fairly busy, as in the first week we held our Annual Tattoo, which, in spite of the threatening weather, was very successful, and the managers were enabled to hand over a sum of £34 8s. 9d. to the Colonel Commandant, for the Benevolent Fund.

On the 5th September the Junior N.C.O's Club had their Annual Outing, driving to Havant, Rowland's Castle and Emsworth in brakes.

On the 8th, 9th and 10th the Inspection by the D.A.G. took place, and was most thorough, including a long morning at drill. The result must have been satisfactory as the Commandant published the following order:—"The Colonel Commandant has great pleasure in informing all ranks that the D.A.G. expressed to him great satisfaction at the state in which he found the division. The Commandant, therefore, to mark his appreciation of the exertion of all ranks in bringing this about, order that next Saturday shall be observed as a whole holiday."

The Football Team has already made a most successful start, winning their first match in both leagues, viz., U.S. League and Portsmouth League.

The Officers' Hockey Team has commenced work, and has already defeated H.M.S. *Vernon* by two goals to one.

A FINE SIGHT.—Examining officer: "What is a fine sight?" Artilleryman: "To see free beer given away in the canteen, sir!" He is now in the guard-room.—*The Regiment*.

Foreign News.

CHINA. 14th July, 1902.

The distribution of ships for the Coronation Week was practically the same as given in letter of the 19th June, except that the *Blenheim* went to Nagasaki, the *Talbot* to Kobe, and the *Eclipse* moved from Yokohama to Kure on arrival of *Cressy*. The *Terrible*, after a trip to Wei-hai-Wei, returned to Hong Kong, thus leaving the four battleships, the *Argonant* and some smaller craft at Wei-hai-Wei. On the news of the King's dangerous illness, all real celebration was everywhere abandoned, though in most places some events such as sports and entertainments to children, were carried out. At Wei-hai-Wei the programme for the week was carried out as pre-arranged, and a Japanese cruiser present was well entertained. The Navy Athletic Sports meeting was most successful.

By the 5th July the outlying ships had returned to Wei-hai-Wei, and all preparations were made for the northern cruise of the fleet, which commenced on the 10th July.

It will be interesting to readers of the "Globe and Laurel" to hear what a good position the Royal Marines are taking this year in the annual prize firing and also in sports. The results of the prize firing of the four battleships (*Glory*, *Albion*, *Ocean* and *Goliath*) are enclosed, those of the cruisers will, if possible, be given later. It is not possible, owing to want of space, to give returns of all the 6-inch guns in each ship, but those manned by Marines are given and, bearing in mind that there are twelve 6-inch guns in each ship, of which the Royal Marines usually have three, it will be seen from their places in order of merit that the Corps has helped very considerably to produce the much improved standard of shooting.

The Marine gun's crews of the *Ocean* have more especially distinguished themselves. The great interest they have taken in perfecting themselves in the use of Capt. P. Scott's loading tray and aiming apparatus must have materially helped them to produce this splendid result. As this is the *Ocean's* third year in commission, they should naturally be at their best, and no doubt next year other ships will endeavour to equal if not excel them in marksmanship.

A list of prize winners in the Navy sports at Wei-hai-Wei is also given. The Royal Marine tug-of-war team of H.M.S. *Glory* are to be heartily congratulated on their successes. A photograph of the team is sent which we hope may be published. W.T.C.J.

Results of Prize Firing, Royal Marines.

6-inch guns. Four battleships. China Station, 1902.

H.M.S. *Ocean*.—1st (equal), Gunner T. Skein (capt.), Gunner H. Broomfield (2nd capt.), 15 rounds, 14 hits. Gnr. Skein made record of nine rounds and nine hits in first minute of run, beating the late P.O. I. Ground's score. 2nd, Corpl. W. Harper (capt.), Gunner Care (2nd capt.), 14 rounds, 12 hits. 10th, Sergt. W. Caunt (capt.), Bombr. P. Leuillette (2nd capt.) 12 rounds, 8 hits.

H.M.S. *Albion*.—1st, Lance-Sergt. Berry, R.M.A. (capt.), Pte. H. Hamilton, L.I. (2nd capt.), 10 rounds, 10 hits. One shot disallowed for delay in changing, and winners of Capt. Hewett's Cup for best firing in ship in 6 months. 3rd, Sergt. Green, R.M.A. (capt.) Pte. G. Houghton, L.I. (2nd capt.), 11 rounds, 7 hits.

H.M.S. *Glory*.—3rd, Bomb. McDonald (capt.) Bomb. Patmore (2nd capt.) 15 rounds, 9 hits. 11th, Sergt. Cottle, R.M.A. (capt.), Bombr. Grimmer (2nd capt.), 8 rounds, 2 hits. Halyards of target cut away at sixth round, miss-fire after eighth round.

H.M.S. *Goliath*.—1st (equal), Sergt. Waldron, R.M.A. (capt.), Gnr. Steele (2nd capt.), 13 rounds, 12 hits. 2nd, Bomb. West (capt.), Gnr. Leuillette (2nd capt.), 13 rounds, 10 hits.

Remaining four guns manned by Marines did not maintain the average of the first two, the three guns in the starboard battery being very heavily handicapped owing to the ship's smoke drifting across the range and partially obscuring target.

Royal Marine Prize Winners at the Navy Sports.

Held at Wei-hai-Wei on June 27th, 1902.

High Jump (open).—1, Gunner Lawes (5 ft.), *Glory*; 2, Act.-Bomb. Moore, *Glory*.

100 Yards (open).—1, Pte. Gibbons, Island Guard; 2, Gnr. Lawes, *Glory*; 3, Capt. Harper, *Ocean*.

220 Yards (open).—1, Pte. Gibbons, Island Guard; 2, Act.-Bomb. Moore, *Glory*.

Boot Race.—1, Gunner Pickett, *Glory*; 2, Private Derbyshire, *Glory*.

Quarter-Mile (open).—8, Corpl. Harper, *Ocean*; 2, Private Gibbons, Island Guard.

Veterans' Race.—1, Bomb. Patmore, *Glory*; 4, Col.-Sergt. Dexter, *Goliath*, and Sergt. Lyall, *Glory*.

Tug-of-War (catchweights).—1, Royal Marines, *Glory*; 2, Royal Marines, *Ocean*; 3, Stokers, *Argonaut*.

Loading Competition (6-in.)—1, Royal Marines, *Glory*; 2, Seamen, *Ocean*; 3, R.M. Artillery, *Glory*; 4, Royal Marines, *Albion*.

ASCENSION. 29th August, 1902.

We "coronated" on our desert island on August 9th with just as much fervour, if with less pomp and circumstance than you did at home. The event was celebrated by a march past of "all the troops" and a *feu de joie*, after which there was a presentation of South African war medals to R.M.A. No. 4568 Act.-Bomb. E. A. Marshman and to Po. 8409 Pte. Harwood; the former's medal had no fewer than six clasps attached, and it is possible he may have a seventh! The medals were presented by Mrs. McAlpine, the wife of the Captain-in-Charge. In the afternoon there was a cricket match, "Age *v.* Respectability" (which I regret to say was easily won by "Age") and tea was kindly given to all hands by Captain and Mrs. McAlpine.

Apart from "coronating" we have been very busy lately as orders arrived to shift all the gun shields from the forts. This was carried out by a party of twenty Royal Marines, and it speaks well for the way they worked that six gun shields, some of them weighing as much as six and a half hundredweight, were shifted in eight working days, two of them being brought a distance of three quarters of a mile down a hill 300 feet high. It was impossible to use derricks to lift the shields, as there was no crab capstan to be got, so hydraulic jacks were used to lift them on to rollers, and they were eased down from the emplacements on built-up skidding. I think we all left off with a much larger knowledge of repository drill than we started with, and found the whole of the work most interesting. We have also just finished our annual gunnery requalification course. Out of two classes of 17 men each there was only one failure, in spite of the fact that many of the men had been without opportunity of requalification for some years. We are just about to start an annual musketry course, and are hoping to beat the previous island record.

A great gloom has been thrown over our little community by the sudden death of Pte. F. W. Beadell, of the Plymouth Division. He was accidentally killed whilst out wild goat hunting with a party of officers and men and his loss is universally regretted. An additional pathos is lent to the sad event by the fact that his term of service at Ascension expired last April, but as there was no one of his particular trade to relieve him, he was detained on the island. He was to have gone "home" this autumn, but Fate saw otherwise and we are left to regret a good sportsman and a good man.

MEDITERRANEAN.

The prize-firing for this year on H.M.S. *Gladiator* was carried out off Malta under very adverse circumstances. Owing to the boisterous state of the weather it was only after several unsuccessful attempts extending over a period of two days, that the target was eventually moored. Lance-Sergt. Cameron (No. 1), was however fortunate enough to carry off the first prize with five rounds and a corresponding number of hits from the Marines' after 6-inch Q.F. Two rounds fired by No. 2 went wide of the target.

Lemnos Regatta.

The event for Marines' whalers (English boats) in this regatta was easily won by the Marines' whaler's crew of H.M.S. *Gladiator*, under curious circumstances. On the day when this race was held the *Gladiator* arrived at Lemnos from Malta about noon—just in sufficient time to be able to register their entry. At 1.45 p.m., however, they had started out on the two-and-a-half miles' course in a manner which dispelled any doubts as to where the victory would finally lie. Out of about 12 English boats competing the *Irresistible's* notably made a good fight, coming in second by about four boats' lengths. The winning crew were ably coached by their coxswain, Sergt. Mansbridge, to whose judicious steering much of the victory was attributed.

Royal Marines Rifle Association.

The 15th Meeting of the Committee of the above was held on Thursday, 11th September, 1902, at Forton Barracks, Gosport. Present—Colonel 2nd Commandant T. J. P. Evans, R.M.L.I., Chairman; Lieut.-Colonels C. G. Brittan and J. R. H. Oldfield; Majors F. Eady and R. J. Saumarez; Captain A. de W. Kitcat; Lieuts. J. A. F. Cuffe and H. W. Channer; Major W. J. Langford, Hon. Sec.

1. Proposed by Lieut.-Col. Brittan and seconded by Major Saumarez, that "The sum of one guinea be given annually from the funds of the Assooiation to the winner of the Silver Badge on each foreign station, commencing in 1903." Carried.

In consequence of the above resolution, the following addition is made to para. 1, page 27 of the programme, after 'badge': "And one guinea."

2.—Proposed by Major Saumarez and seconded by Captain Kitcat, "That the winners of the Gold, Silver, and Bronze Jewels in the Royal Marines XX. Competition be awarded annually from the funds of the Association the sum of three guineas, two guineas, and one gninea respectively, commencing in 1903." Carried.

Consequent on the above, the following addition to be made on page 21 of the programme in para. 'Prizes,' after 'Jewel': "Together with prizes of three guineas, two guineas, and one guinea"

3. With reference to the very handsome sum given by an anonymous donor to provide a Challenge Cup for a competition under certain conditions, the circular embodying the same was laid before the Committeee, and it was decided to request Lieut.-Colonels Johnstone, Brittan, and Oldfield, and another officer nominated by the Royal Marine Artillery, to form a Committee for the consideration of the matter, and, if possible, draw up rules, etc., to meet the wishes of the donor. The result of the Committee's labours to be submitted at the next meeting of the R.M.R.A. in January.

4. Proposed by Lieut.-Colonel Oldfield and seconded by Major Eady, that "In future the competition for The Cobourg Cup is to take place at the Annual Meeting of the R.M.R.A., and not at Bisley as at present." Carried.

In consequence of the above, on page 15 of the programme after 'entrance fee for N.R.A.,' read "R.M.R.A.," and after 'place' eliminate "Bisley."

By order of the Committee,
W. J. Langford, Major (*r.*),
16th Sept., 1902. Hon. Sec., R.M.R.A.

Obituary

Colonel Edmund Brighouse Snow, on retired full pay, Royal Marine Light Infantry, died 20th September, at Breamor, Salisbury. He was a son of the late Bernard Geary Snow, Esq., of Highgate and Ashwell, Herts; twin-brother of the late Capt. Edward Geary Snow, R.A., one of the last officers killed in the batteries before Sebastopol; and to Lieut.-Col. Rupert Thomas Snow, Madras Staff Corps; to the Rev. John Snow and Bernard Geary Snow, Esq.

He entered the service as 2nd Lieut., 18th August, 1846; became 1st Lieut., 27th May, 1848; Captain, 2nd December, 1857; Brevet-Major, 5th July, 1872; Retired on Full Pay, 15th April, 1876; Lieut.-Col., 15th April, 1876; and Brevet-Col., 21st June, 1876.

He served with the expeditions to the Baltic in 1854-55 (medal). Commanded the Detachment of Royal Marines serving with the Prince of Wales during his visit to India, and was retired under the age clause in April, 1876, when Senior Captain.

"5th August, 1876.—Royal Marines.—The Queen has been graciously "pleased, by order in Council, dated June 21st, to authorise, as a "special case, the promotion of Captain and Honorary Lieut.-Colonel "Edmund Brighouse Snow, retired list, Royal Marine Light Infantry, "to the rank of Lieut.-Col. on the retired list, as a mark of approba-"tion of the services rendered by the Detachment of Royal Marines "which served on H.M S. *Serapis*, as a Guard of Honour to H.R.H. the "Prince of Wales, on the occasion of his recent visit to India, and of "which Lieut.-Colonel Snow was in command."

He was awarded the Silver Medal of the Royal Humane Society, 6th June, 1859, for plunging into the Serpentine at Hyde Park, and rescuing a man who attempted suicide.

Captain Wyndham Arthur Bucknall Shakespeare, who is reported to have died of epilepsy at Kimberley on Friday, 8th Aug., was only in his twenty-fifth year. He joined the Royal Marines in Sept., 1896, and became lieutenant in the following July, but was re-appointed second-lieutenant in the Army Service Corps in January, 1899, becoming lieutenant again in the following September, and captain on Jan. 1st, 1901. He had been serving in South Africa since the late war broke out.

China.

We have received the following very interesting account of the attempt made by Captain Doig's small force to cut its way through to Tientsin to try to bring relief to Admiral Seymour's column.

"We left the arsenal at 9 p.m. with 100 Marines under the command of Captain Doig, R.M.L.I., with Captain Lloyd, R.M.L.I. Crossing the river by boat, we were ordered to fix bayonets and form fours.

"Before leaving the arsenal, Captain Doig explained to us that we were to try our utmost to reach Tientsin, or get somebody through safely, as it was thought that only by this sacrifice could the remainder of the force be saved. Also we were informed that anyone wounded would be counted as dead, as we could not be hampered with wounded. Captain Doig also informed us where to find the despatches (in his left breast pocket), and should anything happen to him they were to be passed on one to the other and taken to Tientsin if possible. So after a few cheery words and congratulations from all concerned, we left the arsenal, and crossed, as explained above, finding that our guide was a Mr. Corrie, a railway official. After taking us about a mile, he found out we were going in the wrong direction, so we returned to the river again, when we were fired at by the Russian sentries, which fortunately went over our heads.

"We very soon made another start, and got about three miles when we were fired upon by Chinese. We had orders at once to lie down flat, but as they continued firing at us, we rose and fired company volleys into them, finally taking the position at the point of the bayonet. Some of us received nasty falls, owing to the earth being entrenched. We came up to the railway, and, dashing up the bank, formed square and continued to fire in the direction of the flashes from the rifles. All at once the firing ceased, and then we could hear bugles blowing the "cease fire." Captain Doig at once gave orders to cease fire, and told our bugler to sound our divisional call, followed by "cease fire." The cease fire was answered, our bugler remarking that it was sounded from a trumpet, and by that we found out that we were right in the midst of General Neigh's army, which we tried to force. We could see Tientsin railway station about 1½ miles distant from us, so Captain Doig gave the order "Towards Tientsin, advance." We had only advanced a few paces when we were fired upon all round, so an order was given to halt and lie down, when we returned their fire. Captain Doig then thought it advisable to retire, as it was useless trying to get to Tientsin as the odds were (as we learnt afterwards), about 100 to 1. We retired in square, being fired at all the way; luckily none were hit. Unfortunately we had to leave five casualties on the railway line. We reached the arsenal about 2.20, being taken across by the Germans, who brought over junks. Capt. Doig at once reported the impossibility of reaching Tientsin, on which the Admiral said he did quite right in retiring, so saving the lives of 95 men out of 100."

We hear on all sides of how much the gallantry and kind-heartedness of Captain Doig was admired, and several instances of his generosity in helping his men with water, and many stories of his kindness towards the wounded have reached us.

An Undoubted Comfort.

SKIFFS and hammocks seem to have been originally designed by the same person, and to a chap who has experienced ejection from either or both of these contrivances, the similarity of their fundamental principles is touching. I once knew a man who boasted that he had never found any difficulty about getting in or out of a hammock. I was quite willing to believe the last part of his statement as to the absence of any difficulty in getting *out*. Every one wishes that getting out of a hammock were *more* difficult, or at least that it involved more personal effort. As it is, it is a purely involuntary action, and reflects not the slightest credit as regards celerity, etc., on anyone.

But unless one has discovered some system of ærial suspension, it is difficult to see how the process of entering a hammock can be attended with ease, or elegance.

My first acquaintance with hammocks commenced on a Trooper that is now doing other duty.

I was only a recruit, and I saw everyone else rushing towards a certain part of the ship, so I rushed too. (As a recruit, one does everything by example.) I asked a sailor what was going to happen, what was the fun. (You see I didn't care to ask a *soldier*. It's no disgrace to appear ignorant of naval matters to a naval man, but it doesn't do, as a recruit, to give yourself away to soldiers.)

"Happen, Sonny?" said he, "Why! we's jest going to pipe 'ammicks, that's all."

I've often thought that the word *hammock* would make a good test when trying to identify a deserter from the Navy. I should hold up the article in question before the suspect, and say "What's this?" and if he really were a deserter, he'd say, "An 'ammick, sir." But if he said, "A hammock," I should send him away. It would be plain that he couldn't have been a day in the Navy.

I didn't see why it was necessary to *pipe* hammocks, or what good the hammocks got by it, but I suppose it was the correct thing. I know we all got a hammock each when the doors leading to the hammock store opened. At least not exactly when the doors opened, because they opened towards the inside, and on account of the density of the military crowd who wanted hammocks, and their eagerness to be supplied, they had been pressing against the door of the store.

And when the doors opened the stores contained a mixed mass of sea-sick soldiers and hammocks. I grasped (one always grasps as a recruit) at what in the darkness of the store I imagined must be a hammock, but it took a lot of moving: I let go of it at last, because I discovered that instead of tugging at a hammock I was pulling a chap about by the great coat. And a fellow doesn't want more than *one* great coat to look after on board ship.

I took my hammock below and wondered what to do with it. I laid it on the deck (floor I called it, a soldier) and stretched myself out upon it, and tried to imagine that a strip of particularly hard canvas was a good substitute for a bed.

Then I tried wrapping myself up in it, but you can't do much wrapping with a hammock.

Then I appealed to the sailor chap.

"Oh!" he said, "didn't you sling it?"

I told him that I had felt tempted to sling it over the side of the vessel, but had restrained myself from financial considerations. As a recruit one can't afford to play fast and loose with hammocks.

So he came down below and slung it for me. He said it was best to sling it high and did so.

I saw nothing against this until I came to try and get in, but when the level of one's bed is about eight inches higher than the top of one's head, all the wasted moments in the gymnastic course come back with a bitter severity. I vowed that if ever His Majesty's Government could see their way to putting me through another course of escalading and horizontal bar, I would leave no stone unturned in order to become agile.

I tried vaulting, and vaulted right over and fell head downwards into a chap in an adjoining hammock, who very kindly accompanied me during the remainder of the fall. But as his hammock was much lower than mine he soon got back again, unnecessarily wasting time, however, by giving me his opinion of people "who couldn't look where they were a comin' to."

Once, by dint of clutching the edge with my hands, and much straining, I managed to pop right into the hammock, but the thing cheerfully turned right over, and shot me in a heap on to the deck.

I sat there all night, beneath the hammock, shivering, and in the morning, at the unholy hour when animation recommences on board ship, I saw my sailor friend coming down the hatchway.

"How d'jer sleep," says he, "did she swing much?"

"Slept slashin'," said I, "didn't swing a bit."

"There y'are," he said. "Nothin' like an 'ammick for a good sleep."

And I can conscientiously say, on my honour as a private and a man, that I have never found anything like an 'ammick for a sleep.

Bed boards are fools to an 'ammick.—*Suffolk Gazette.*

Anecdotes.

Dear Mr. Editor,—For one who is ever on the alert for the ludicrous and amusing, the periodical visits which one is forced to pay to the Gun Battery are invariably productive of fresh anecdotes with which to replenish their *repertoire*. For instance, while drilling recently round a 12-pdr. 12-cwt. gun, I was calmly informed that, on the order "Starboard battery supply ammunition to the port battery," No. 1 will leave his gun where it is. Whether my instructor thought that I had a *penchant* for carrying gnns about with me or whether he thought that I might have thrown it overboard out of the way, I cannot say, but he evidently thought it necessary to caution me to leave it where it was Again, I was told that when using Lyddite shell "only one projectile will be on deck at a time, and that one will be in the gun." Now, Mr. Editor, how on earth a projectile is to be on the deck and in the gun at the same time, I really don't know. Can you enlighten me?

However, it was in the ammunition room that some of my most amusing and amazing information was obtained. Among other things, in answer to the instructor's questions, I was informed that silk cartridge bags were marked with the nature of the gun for which they were intended, the nature of the contents and *the number of times they had been fired*; that a yellow band painted round a projectile denoted that it was to be used for *saluting* purposes only; that a "four-legged *tripod*" was used for supporting the tube out of which a Hale's war rocket is fired on land; that all projectiles are gauged when they are received on board, etc., and every time before firing; that all tubes are stowed in the gunner's cabin (providing, I presume, that he does not object); that the silk hoops for keeping the larger size cartridges in shape are known as augmenting strips and that the life-saving rocket is fired by means of our old friend the *scamp julian* fuze.

I have no doubt that this will prove interesting to those of your readers who have gone down to the sea in ships, and are therefore unable to keep themselves abreast with our up-to-date gunnery.

Yours faithfully, HEMEL.

P.S.—At the recent lecture all the N.C.O.'s present were given the latest additions to the drill book. All the details were curtailed so that each could write down the gist of them and copy it into his book at his leisure. According to the curtailed detail, "men will slope arms *with the left foot* as they step off." This, I should imagine, would be rather awkward and would frequently give the instructor cause to caution men not to climb up their rifles. When it was mentioned that "they will order arms and stand at ease when they halt," someone put the query "Full stop after halt, sir?" as though it was customary for men to only half stop when they halted.

Shooting.

R.M.A.

The final of the Southern District Shooting League was shot at Browndown between the R.M.A. and H.M.S. *Excellent*, the Eastney men winning by 41 points, at 500, 600, and 800 yards. The scores were :—

R.M.A.	Tl.	H.M.S. *Excellent*.	Tl.
Major and Q.M. Rodway ..	92	C.P.O. Manning	95
Lieut. and Q.M. Baker ..	92	C.P.O. Scopes	86
Sergt. Chell	89	P.O. Farley	85
Capt. Homer	89	W.O. Pratt	85
Q.M.S. Deacon	89	P.O. 2 Franter	82
S.I. Beddow	85	P.O. 1 Feildwick	79
Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger ..	83	W.O. McClelland	74
S.I. Height	82	C.P.O. Figg	74
Total	701	Total	660
Average 87·62		Average 82·50	

R.M.A. RIFLE MEETING.

The ninth annual meeting took place on the Fort Cumberland ranges on Sept. 9th, 10th, and 11th The light was varying during the first day, but wind fairly constant. Gunner Hillman, a Colony recruit, made a possible at 500. On the second day the light was variable and hazy, and the wind a fish tail of varying strength. Nevertheless, some good scores were put on, both in the final shoot for the aggregate prizes and for the Company Challenge Cup. For the latter, which is the "blue riband" of the meeting, the competition was keen. For the second year in succession C Company were victorious, with the score of 352, beating P Company by six points, with G Company four points further in the rear. Sergeant Chell put on the fine score of 96 for the winners, and the same total was credited to Major Rodway in the second team. Sergeant Beddow won both the revolver competitions. The scores are appended :—

Company Challenge Cup.

(200, 500, 600 yards.)

C Co. (Winners).	Tl.	P Co. (2).	Tl.
Sergt. Chell	96	Gunner Norris	76
Gunner Bridgewater ..	93	Gunner Tibbs	79
Q.M.S. Ede	87	Lieut. Baker	95
Gunner Bailey	76	Major Rodway	96
Total	352	Total	346

G Co (3).

	Tl.
Gunner Nottey	80
Gunner Scott	79
Sergt. Height	95
Lieut. Bourne	88
Total	342

Recruits (under 3 years).

Series A (200 and 500 yards).—Gunners Baillie 65, Hillman 65, Miles 60, Johnson 59, Green 58, Jacks 56, Bugler Powell 56, Gunners Twine 56, Jordan 56, Pearce 55, Private Acres 55, Gunners Schroder 55, Bruback 54, Ross 54, Catlin 53, Carter 52, Targett 52, Bull 52, Mayhew 51, Spooner, Sloan, Fletcher, Battem, Allen, Taylor, Jackman, Johnston, Clarke, Wingfield, Wrangles, O'Connor, Bates, Lerwill, Whitehall, Woods, Private Hickman, Gunners Mulvaney, Ewan, Parker, West, Carey.

Series A1 (recruits, members of shooting club, who have not passed Table A; seven shots at 200 yards).—Privates Rimmer 29, Hawes 27, Quint 25, Walters 24.

Rank and File Handicap (seven shots at 200 yards).—Bombr. Woolley 34, Bombr. Horsburgh 33, Gunner Norris 33, Gunner Scott 33, Corpl. Docherty 33, Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger 32, Corpl. Flynn 32, Gunr. Hewlett 32, Bombr. Newman 32, Gunr. Moffett 32, Gunr. Wright 32, Corpl. Worboys 32.

Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Handicap (seven shots at 200 yards).—Sergt. Ruthman 35, Sergt. Childs 34, Sergt. Height 33, Sergt. Gasson 33, Colr.-Sergt. Stevens 33, Sergt. Boffey 33, Sergt. Chivers 33, Sergt. Chell 32, Q.M.S. Ede 32.

Recruits' Rapid Firing (seven shots kneeling 200 yards, seven shots prone 500 yards; time 45 secs., Service targets).—Gunners Catlin 49, Carter 44, Harper 42, Bruback 42, Johnston 41, Cuthbert 41, Lammas 40, Chapman 39, Hillman 38, Clarke 38, Target 37, Bryant 37, Wrangles 37, Taylor 37, Green 36, Blow 35.

All Ranks Rapid Firing.

Same rules as in previous competition.

	200	*500*	*Tl.*
Sergt. Matthieson	24	27	51
Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger	23	26	49
Gunr. Notley	23	25	48
Bombr. Fee	23	24	47
Bombr. Miller	22	25	47
Gunr. Waters	24	23	47
Sergt. Chatfield	24	22	46
Sergt. Beddow	23	22	45
Sergt. Stevens	23	22	45

Officers' Rapid.—200 yards: Col. Eastman 23, Lieut. Baker 23, Lieut. Huntingford 20. 500 yards: Capt. Homer 25, Lieut. Baker 24, Lieut. Bourne 22.

Officers' Handicap.—200 yards: Lieut. Baker 32, Lieut. Stokes 32, Capt. Homer 31. 500 yards: Col. Eastman 34, Lieut. Baker 33, Lieut. Bourne 32. The officers were handicapped scratch, 8 shots best 7 to count, 9 shots and 10 shots.

Left Shoulder Competition (five shots from left shoulder in 45 seconds at a figure target; possible 15).—Gnr. Harper 12, Lce.-Sergt. Hutchings 11, Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger 10, Q.M.S. Jenvey 10, Sergt. Chatfield 9, Q.M.S. Ede 9, Gnr. Scott 9, Sergt Gibbons 9, Gunners Bruback 8, Blow 8, Miles 7, Beale 7, Carter 7, Horsbrugh 7.

All Ranks' Aggregate.—Lieut. Baker 95, Lieut. Bourne 91, Gnr. Bridgewater 90, Capt. Homer 90, Sergt. Chell 90, Sergt. Beddow 89, Sergt. Height 88, Sergt. Matthieson 88, Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger 87, Sergt. Stevens 87.

Recruits' Aggregate (seven shots at 200 and 500 yards, and seven shots, rapid, at 200 and 500 yards).—Gunners Hillman 102, Collin 102, Mills 97, Catlin 96, Bruback 96, Pearce 95, Baillie 95, Johnson 94, Twine 91, Targett 89, Clarke 87, Ewan 86, Jordan 86, Harper 84, O'Connor 86.

Warrant Officers and Sergeants (seven shots at 500 yards).—Sergt. Matthieson 35, Sergt. Stevens 34, Q.M.S. Burrage 34, Sergt. Gasson 33, Sergt. Bedford 32, Q.M.S. Ede 31, Col.-Sergt. Tims 31, Sergt. Chatfield 31, Sergt. Chell 30.

Rank and File Handicap (seven shots at 500 yards).—Gnr. Batt 35, Bombr. Fee 35, Corpl. Warboys 34, Gnr. Bridgewater 31, Corpl. Flynn 31, Gnr. Wright 31, Lce.-Sergt. Fallon 31, Corpl. Southam 31, Lce.-Sergt. Hutchings 30, Gnr. Nolley 30, Corpl. Atkins 30, Gnr. Young 30.

Service Revolver (twelve shots, right and left, at 20 yards).—Sergt. Beddow 65, Sergt. Height 55, Capt. Homer 54, Q.M.S. Ede 54.

Match Revolver.—Sergt. Beddow 63, Lieut. Bourne 60, Sergt. Height 59.

Aggregates (Rank and File, and All Ranks Rapid Firing, and Warrant Officers and Sergeants and Rapid Firing).—Sergt. Matthieson 113, Bombr. Fee and Sergt. Stevens 110 (tie), Sergt. Gasson 107, Sergt. Chell 105, Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger 105, Gnr. Norley 105, Q.M.S. Burrage 104, Colr.-Sergt. Tims 104.

Recruits' Aggregate Championships (seven shots, 200, 500, and 600 yards).—Gunners Miles 88, Baillie 88, Twine 85, Hillman 85, Pte. Jecks 81, Gunners Jordan 78, Pearce 77, Burback 76.

In the competitions at 200 and 500 yards prizes were offered for the best scores at each range, and therefore many competitors who shot at the one range did not shoot at the other, as will be seen from the scores above.

Commander-in-Chief's Competition (same conditions as at Bisley; possible 144).—1st, K Co. 1st team (Sergt. Matthieson, Bombr. Fee, Gunners Blow, Ewan, Allan, Nealon), 74; 2nd, C Co. 2nd team, 70; 3rd, F Co. 1st team, 70.

Brinsmead Competition.—Teams of six, nine rounds at a Khaki figure about the size of a man, at various distances between 600 and 250 yards; possible 54—1st, No. 1 team G Company (Lieut. Bourne, Sergt. Height, Corpl. Flynn, Gunners Notley, Scott, Moffett), 27 hits; 2nd, C Co. 1st team, 18 hits; 3rd, I Co. 1st team, 15 hits.

SURPRISE TARGET COMPETITION (conditions similar to Brinsmead, excepting that targets appeared at different parts of the butts each time they were shown).—1st, G Co. 1st team, 18; 2nd, K Co. 2nd team, 15; 3rd, A Co. 3rd team, 13.

TILE SHOOTING COMPETITION.—Teams of four. Two teams were drawn up at 300 yards from the target. On the word "go" they rushed to 200 yards and commenced firing. On a figure being hit the opposing team lost a man, the umpire ordering him to fall out. A team which did not succeed in striking a figure also fell out of the competition.—1st, G Co. 1st team; 2nd, F Co. 1st team; 3rd, M Co. 2nd team and O Co. 2nd team (tie).

THE PRIZES.

At the conclusion of the shooting the prizes were presented to the principal winners in the various events by Mrs. Guise Tucker, the wife of Colonel Guise Tucker, C.B., the Commandant of the R.M.A. The prize list is appended:—

Recruits' Individual.—200 yds., Gunner Baillie; 500 yds., Gunner Hillman; A1, Pte. Rimmer, Mrs. Oldfield's prize.

Rank and File Handicap.—200 yds., Bombr. Worley; 500 yds., Gnr. Butt.

Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Handicap. — 200 yds., Sergt. Buchanan; 500 yds., Sergt. Matthieson.

Recruits' Rapid.—200 yds., Gunr. Bruback; 500 yds., Gnr. Catlin.

All Ranks' Rapid.—200 yds., Sergt. Hutchings and Gnr. Matthews, tie; 500 yds., Sergt. Matthieson and Bombr. Woolley, tie.

Recruits' Aggregate.—Gnr. Hillman.

All Ranks' Aggregate.—Sergt. Matthieson.

Recruits' Aggregate Championship.—Gnr. Miles, medal.

Other Ranks' Championship.—Lieut. Baker, medal.

Service Revolver.—Sergt. Beddow.

Revolver Cup.—Sergt. Beddow.

Left Shoulder.—Gnr. Harper.

Company Challenge Cup and Medals.—C Co. Team (Q.M.S. Ede, Sergt. Chell, Gnrs. Bridgewater and Bailey; 2nd, P Co.; 3rd, G Co.

All Ranks' Aggregate.—1st, Sergt. Chell; 2nd, Major Rodway.

Recruits' Aggregate (Mrs. Homer's prize).—1, Gnr. Miles; 2, Gnr. Jordan.

The third day was dull and showery, but a good number of ladies took part in the ladies' competition, and assisted at the prize-giving.

Ladies' Competition (seven shots each at 20 and 50 yards with miniature rifles, match revolver targets).—1st, Mrs. Oldfield, 38 at 20 yds., 43 at 50 yds., total 81.

Spoon Winners (R.M.A. Rifle Club monthly competitions).—Sergt.-Major Foley 3, Sergt. Hutchings 3 (two for Morris tube), Sergts. Beddow, Matthieson, Height, Stevens, Chell, Gasson, Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger, Gunners Miles, Targett, Notley, Catlin, Englefield, Baillie, Gordon, Rimmer, Fitzsimmons.

Revolver Spoons.—Q.M.S. Ede, Sergt.-Major Foley, Sergts. Height, Beddow, Chell.

After the prizes had been presented hearty cheers were given for Mrs. Guise Tucker.

R.M.L.I. *v.* RIFLE DEPOT.

Fired at Browndown, Sept. 5th.

R.M.L.I.	Tl.	Rifle Depot.	Tl.
Sergt. Sparks	96	Sergt. Cunningham	100
Q.M.S.I. R. Wigginton ..	94	Colr.-Sergt. McCarthy ..	98
Sergt. W. H. Sanders ..	93	Q.M.S. Hennessey	96
Sergt. F. J. Cooper ..	92	Pte. Pocock	95
Capt. A. de W. Kitcat ..	89	Sergt. Lock	93
Pte. T. Lea	89	Colr.-Sergt. Westlake ..	93
Sergt. F. J. Wingfield ..	87	Sergt. McKay	90
Pte. F. B. Goodey ..	84	Sergt. Clay	80
Total	724	Total	745
Average 90·5		Average 93·1	

Rifle Depot won by 21 points.

RESULT OF MONTHLY PRIZE SHOOT AT BROWNDOWN.—Fired Sept. 3rd. Class 1, Sergt. W. H. Sanders, 5s.; Class 2, Lce.-Corpl. W. J. Blackmore, 5s.; Class 3, Lce.-Corpl. J. Hudson, 5s.

GARRISON CUP COMPETITION.

The annual competition for the Chatham Garrison Challenge Cup, which was inaugurated in 1864, took place at Milton rifle ranges on Sept. 11th. The teams competing were the R.E. and R.M.L.I., these corps being the ones left entitled to fire for it. Unfortunately the weather was anything but favourable; rain fell heavily at times, and the light was bad, so that the shooting was not so good as usual. The Royal Engineers held a slight advantage at each range, and won by 21 points, securing the cup for the fourteenth time, the Marines having won it ten times. The competitions have been generally very close, the margin this year being greater than usual. Scores:—

Royal Engineers.	Tl.	Royal Marines.	Tl.
Q.M.S. Taylor	93	Sergt. Catlin	92
C.S.M. Ascot	90	Q.M.S. Andrews	87
Sergt. A. C. Baker ..	88	Col.-Sergt. Webb	86
Q.M.S. Butcher	88	Col.-Sergt. Braybrooke ..	83
Sergt. Powell	86	Sergt. Allen	82
S.M. Bullock	82	Col.-Sergt. Bullen	81
Q.M.S. Alexander ..	78	Sergt. Fountain	76
Sergt. Baker	77	Col.-Sergt. Leach	76
Sergt. Cranham	75	Q.M.S. Kay	71
Q.M.S. Wood	67	Q.M.S. Hammond	69
Total	824	Total	803
Average 82·4		Average 80·3	

At the conclusion of the match an adjournment was made to the Range House, where the Royal Engineers entertained the R.M.L.I., together with a large number of visitors, including several citizens of Chatham, Gillingham, and neighbourhood, about 60 enjoying a capital spread. The chair was occupied by Sergt.-Major W. Waters, R.E., and he was faced by Sergt.-Major Kelly, R.M.L.I. The principal toasts of the evening were the "R.E. team" and the "R.M.L.I. team," both winners and losers testifying to the interest taken in these annual matches, which have now been shot for over thirty years. During the evening it was mentioned that during the coming season other competitions between the two messes would probably ensue. A programme of vocal and instrumental music was provided, those taking part being C.S.M. Ascott, Q.M.S. Butcher, S.M. Bullock, Q.M.S. Alexander, Sergt. T. Smith, Q.M.S. Andrews, Sergt. Catlin, Col.-Sergt. Braybrooke, Q.M.S. Hammond, Mr. Pike and Mr. Scott.

ANNUAL DEPOT RIFLE MEETING.

The annual rifle meeting of the Depot took place at the Kingsdown range on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Sept. 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, and was in every way a success. A feature of the meeting was the signal success of that fine shot, Q.M.S. Pearson, who captured every available first prize. The arrangements were in the hands of the following committee: Major H. G. Cotterill, Major Cox, Capt. Clarke, Capt. Jones, Lieut. Stopford, Lieut. and Q.M. Blackman, Sergt.-Major House, Q.M.S. Chisholm, Q.M.S.I. Pearson. Results:—

FIRST DAY.

Match for Coastguards, 200, 500, and 600 yards.—Chief Officer Prentice 1st prize, £1; Chief Boatman Bloxham 2, 10s.; Chief Boatman Curtis 3, 10s; and 4 of 5s.

Match for Recruits who have passed a course of musketry, 200, 500, and 600 yards.—Pte. Knock 1, watch and 10s.; Pte. Durbin 2, watch and 7s. 6d.; Pte. Darch 3, 7s. 6d.; also 2 of 5s., 8 of 3s., 35 of 2s. 6d., and 30 of 2s.

SECOND DAY.

Match for Warrant Officers, Staff-Sergts., and Sergts., 200, 500, and 600 yards.—Q.M.S.I. Pearson 1, £1; Sergt.-Major Sullivan 2, 15s.; Sergt. Josey 3, 10s.; also 2 of 10s., 8 of 7s. 6d., and 12 of 5s.

Match for Junior N.C.O.s and Old Soldiers, 200, 500, and 600 yards.—Pte. Sartin 1, 15s.; Lce.-Corpl. Salt 2, 12s.; also 4 of 7s. 6d., 8 of 5s.

Match for Recruits who are armed and have not passed a course of musketry, 8 rounds, Morris tube.—Pte. Webber 1, 10s.; Pte. Tirrell 2, 7s.; Pte. Law 3, 5s.; also 8 of 2s. 6d., 12 of 2s., 15 of 1s.

THIRD DAY.

Company Competition—open to one team of each company, teams of 6, 9 shots.—C Co. 1, £1 10s.; D Co. 2, 15s.; G Co. 3, 15s.

Squad Competition—open to two teams from each squad passed a course of musketry.—19th and 20th Squads 1, £1 5s.; 21st and 22nd Squads 2, 17s. 6d.; 23rd Squad 3, 12s. 6d.; 17th and 18th Squads 4, 5s.

Rifle Aggregate, 800 yards.—Q.M.S.I. Pearson 1, £1 and special prize; Lce.-Corpl Salt 2, 15s.; Sergt. Colwell 3, 15s.; also 5 of 10s. and 10 of 5s.

Service Revolver Competition—distance 25 yards, 12 rounds, 6 with each hand.—Q.M.S.I. Pearson 1, Capt. Tupman 2, Sergt.-Major Sullivan 3.

Match Revolver Competition.—Q.M.S.I. Pearson 1, Major Chown 2, Sergt. Hayes 3.

Recruits' Fixed Head and Shoulders Competition, 200 yards, 7 rounds.—Pte. Levy 1, 15s.; Pte. Rawles 2, 10s.; also 2 of 7s. 6d., 2 of 5s., 6 of 2s. 6d.

Wantage Competition, 200 yards, 8 shots, disappearing targets.—Q.M.S.I. Pearson 1, £1; Sergt. Humphrey 2, 15s.; also 2 of 10s., 6 of 5s., 6 of 2s. 6d.

Officers' Competition.—Major Chown.

Match for Deal and District Rifle Club —Mr. Noble 1, Dr. Hulke 2.

Revolver, vanishing target.—Q.M.S.I. Pearson 1, 15s.; Mr. Stopford 2, 10s.

Ladies' Competition.—(1) Open to wives and families of officers of the corps: Mrs. Dowding 1, Mrs. Mercer 2. (2) All comers: Miss Ryder Richardson 1, Miss Burgess 2.

Torchlight Tattoo.

A Tattoo was held at Forton Barracks on Wednesday evening, Sept. 3rd, and the proceeds, as usual, were given to the charities from which the men of the Portsmouth Division of the Royal Marine Light Infantry and their families derive assistance when it is needed. It was with much misgiving that the organisers awoke in the morning to find the rain pouring down in the manner to which we have become accustomed so much lately. The rain, however, held off and in the darkness of the evening the spectacle as presented inside the barracks was brilliant and effective in the extreme. Hundreds of Vauxhall lamps and fairy lights in blue, red, and yellow, etc., were suspended all round those walls of the establishment facing the parade ground, while at the western end were displayed a crown and the letters "E.R." in fire. The verandah of the officers' quarters, which accommodated a large number of the guests of the officers, was also outlined with many coloured lights and Chinese lanterns.

People will not patronise entertainments such as this if there be no attempt at originality each succeeding year. There must necessarily be a sameness, but still that need not be too marked. It is so at Forton. Although one cannot go so far as to say that absolutely new changes were introduced, there was just sufficient variety to invest the entertainment with an interest of its own as compared with last year. For this result congratulations must be extended to Capt. and Adjutant H. E. Blumberg and Sergt.-Major MacLachlan, on whom the arrangement of the details principally devolved, and who in carrying them out had their efforts very ably seconded by Drum-Major Keen. The musical part of the programme is probably the chief feature; without it a tattoo would be sadly deficient.

The programme was initiated at 8.15; it was 10 o'clock when the regimental march played the performers—over 200 in number—off the parade grounds, and the National Anthem notified the enthusiastic spectators that all was o'er. All who had witnessed the proceedings were both charmed and delighted. It was intended that the corps should retain the good name it has achieved for entertainments without asking for outside assistance, and there is no mistaking the fact that this independence was not over estimated.

Opening with a fanfare sounded by sixty buglers, including several ex-members of the bugle band, who had voluntarily offered assistance to their old chief (Drum-Major Keen), the drum and fife band led from out of a gloomy side walk at the eastern end of the colonnade the bearers of the torches. It was a dazzling sight. The bearers formed a lane the whole length of the parade ground, to be presently gathered up by the string band, who entered the ground by the opposite end, and all then marched off the ground in a mass. An illuminated cycle ride (led by Q.M.S. Taylor), by over 33 cyclists, formed a pleasing change. Next, from three different points, re-appeared the torch bearers, dressed to represent the national colours—red, white and blue. Marching to the centre of the arena to musical accompaniment, they formed a maze, from which they unwound, dropped on their knee, and were then found to form the letters "E.R." and "A.R." It was a pretty tableau, and was a signal to the band to play "Rule Britannia." The spectators evinced their delight with hearty cheers. The succeeding quarter of an hour was devoted to the string band, which, under the baton of Mr. G. Miller (bandmaster), played a selection from "The Country Girl," and the American "Three Quotations," by Sousa. After this came torchlight figure marches, directed by Clr.-Sergt. Noakes and Clr.-Sergt. Bowman, a set of "The Lancers" being played by the band, and danced by the torch bearers. This had barely concluded when the centre block of the main building was found to be "on fire." It was most realistic. For quite ten minutes the engine was pumping a stream of water on to the building; there were gallant rescues of comrades, and, in the end, the flames died away, and their was peace once more. This display was managed by Q.M.S. Taylor and Sergt. Backwell and was an amusing incident. The remainder of the programme was devoted to a march of the performers across the parade ground in "assembly formation," with band and chorus, a lantern figure march, and Maypole dance, arranged by Clr.-Sergt. Noakes, and the entertainment concluded with a grand march past, everyone who had had anything to do at all mustering and being played all round the parade ground, singing the old-time popular melodies so well-known to soldiers.

Much amusement was created by a tableau of the "Dunmow Flitch" in fire. The young couple claiming the trophy were, however, depicted quarrelling and across the picture was written "How to be happy though married." The "flitch" was actually produced, but not presented.

ON GUARD.—It was his first guard and, as usual, all the orders regarding the paying of compliments had taken wings at the sight of an officer, which proved to be the Major; so he shouldered arms and waited events. "Is that the 'order' in this barracks?" asked the Major. "No, sir," replied the sentry, "this is the 'shoulder.'" "I don't mean that. I want to know if that is the proper compliment to pay an officer of my standing. You know you should 'present.'" "I have no ammunition," replies the innocent one. "No-no, man, this is what I mean"—taking the rifle and illustrating the 'present'—"Now, when you see an officer with a crown on his shoulder you must do the same as I have shown you, anyone below that, 'shoulder.'" The next to heave in sight proves to be the Colonel, "Now what am I to do," says poor Joe, "here comes one with a crown and two stars. I can't 'present' to him and 'shoulder' so—I know what I must do"—and to the great surprise of the Colonel, on passing his post, the sentry commenced the 'bayonet exercise.'

The following tent rules (unofficial) have been published for information and *guidance*!—

1. Socks must not be used for cleaning the plates—it damages the socks; and the practice of putting plates in recruits' beds, thereby causing the use of much profane language, and the mutual damage of both plate and recruit, is to be discontinued forthwith.

2 Old soldiers are not to sleep under leaks in the canvas—recruits are provided for the purpose.

3. Knick-knacks must not be strewn about the tent; the proper receptacle for soap, blacking, oil, &c., is the junior recruit's head-dress.

4. Privates from this tent going on guard are prohibited from cleaning their boots and straps, as bright objects present conspicuous marks to the enemy.

Mr. Pippin, Late Color-Sergt. R.M.L.I.

Mr. Isaac Pippin, late R.M.L.I., sends the following itinerary of a walk recently undertaken by him, and which may be of interest to readers of the "Globe & Laurel":—

		Miles.
Sept. 10, 1902	—Left Plymouth 5 a.m., arrived at Bodmin 8.15 p.m.	33
,, 11	—Left Bodmin 1.45 p.m., arrived at Liskeard 6.30 p.m.	13½
,, 12	—Left Liskeard 6.45 a.m., arrived Plymouth 1.30 p.m.	19½
,, 13	—Left Plymouth 8.40 a.m., arrived at Totnes 8.40 p.m.	24
,, 14	—Left Totnes 9.35 a.m., arrived Dawlish 6 p.m.	18
,, 15	—Left Dawlish 6 a.m., arrived Exeter 10 a.m., left Exeter 11.30 a.m., arrived Wellington 9.30 p.m.	37
,, 16	—Left Wellington at 6.45 a.m , arrived at Taunton 9 a.m.	7
,, 17	—Left Taunton at 2 p.m., arrived at Brent Knoll 10 p.m.	24
,, 18	—Left Brent Knoll at 5 a.m., arrived at Bristol 3 15 p.m.	22
,, 19	—Left Bristol 9.30 a.m., arrived Newport 6 p.m.	20
,, 20	—Left Newport 8 a.m , arrived Cardiff 12.10 p.m.	13
	11 days—miles ..	231

Average—21 miles per diem.

Plymouth Division Vegetable & Flower Show.

THE third annual exhibition, under the presidency of Colonel 2nd Commandant Gordon, was held in the drill shed on the afternoon of Friday, the 22nd August, and proved a far greater success than either of those previously held, not only in the number of exhibits, but also in the quality. The vegetables especially attracted much notice, but the flowers apparently did not catch on. A great advance was made in the industrial exhibits, and a great many tables were devoted to curiosities.

Mr. O. G. Bush (Hon. Lieut. & Qr.-Mr.), was the indefatigable secretary, and worked very hard from an every hour to ensure the afternoon's success. Judging began about 11 o'clock when Messrs. Williams and Henden, florists, kindly undertook the task as far as the vegetables and flowers were concerned, Mrs. Corbet and Mrs. Marriott kindly judging the needlework, etc. Lieut.-Col. Eagles, Mr. Jolley (Sergt.-Major), Q.M.S. (I. of G.) Warren, Col.-Sergt. Shapland, Sergt. Cooke, Lance-Sergt. Setherton, Lance-Corpl. Edwards, Privates Chalkley and Clarke were the other members of the Committee.

Mr. Bush and Messrs. Hender and Williams exhibited (not for competition) tables of flowers of all varieties, which were greatly admired.

Among the curios were many from China and Japan, including cloisonie ware, metal ware, and others of interest lent by Captain Armstrong, Captain Stroud, and Captain Sampson-Way. Benin relics by Capt. Bridges, Royal Marine badges, N.S.W. regimental badges, and some ammunition relics of various battles by Major Hailes. Capt. Brabazon lent a drum, drum-stand, and some swords from Burmah, also a curious parrot fish. Col.-Sergt. Partridge showed a box made by the Boer prisoner who succeeded in escaping from St. Helena as far as Ascension, and other interesting articles from the naval island. Mr. F. Winterbottom showed the doll's house with which Her late Majesty Queen Victoria had played when a girl. It contained some of the original furniture and two carpets worked by Her Majesty. It was only returned from the Crystal Palace, where it has lately been exhibited, that morning, and it certainly formed one of the most attractive and interesting exhibits. At the end of the exhibition, which was well patronised by the officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and their families, Mrs. Corbet kindly presented the prizes.

In the evening the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Corbet, those present including Col. A. D. Corbet, C.B., Major Clavell, Major Eady, Capt. Rombulow Pearse, Capt. Godfrey, Quartermasters and Hon. Lieuts. Bush and Marriott.—Colonel Corbet was pleased that the judges of the garden produce had expressed their high appreciation of the exhibits. They had seldom seen a better lot of vegetables, and he thought they were a credit to those who had grown them. He hoped they would have a better season next year, and even a better show. Mrs. Corbet had also expressed her satisfaction at the industrial exhibits. Cheers were given for Mrs. Corbet, who was presented with an exquisite bouquet by Quartermaster and Hon. Lieut. Bush and Colonel Corbet.

CAPTAINS OF GUNS.

The following extract from Order-in-Council, dated 11th August, 1902, is published for information:—

We therefore most humbly recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order-in-Council to sanction the establishment of the following ratings and allowances for N.C. Officers and men of the Royal Marines, in lieu of those laid down by Your Majesty's Order-in-Council of the 13th day of May, 1901—

R.M.A.—Second Capt. of Gun, two pence a day; Capt. of Gun, four pence a day.

R.M.L.I.—Trained Man (payable concurrently with either of the following), one penny a day; Second Capt. of Gun, two pence a day; Capt. of Gun, four pence a day.

These allowances to be payable continuously so long as a man remains efficient and available for sea service, but to lapse in the event of his obtaining a permanent appointment on shore. We also submit that these provisions should take effect from the 1st day of April, 1902. The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have concurred in these proposals.

ALEXANDRA PALACE.

R.M.O. Circular No. 2819/02, of 1st Sept., 1902, is published for information:—

The attached extract of a letter received from Major-General T. A. Cooke, Commanding Colonial Contingents at Alexandra Palace, is forwarded for information—

I have particular pleasure in promulgating this letter as an evidence that the Royal Marines have been brought into close contact with the Contingents from every Colony of the Empire on the first occasion on which the unity of the Imperial Forces has been so marked established, and that their services have been highly appreciated.

Alexandra Palace, 29th August, 1902.

To the Deputy Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, Admiralty.

Sir,—On the close of this Camp I have much pleasure in bringing to your notice the excellent work done by the detachment of 180 N.C. Officers and men of the Royal Marines who have been under my command for the last three months.

These N.C. Officers and men have carried out their duties well and smartly, and their behaviour generally has been very good.

The different detachments have been under the command of Capts. Hobbs, Fisher, and Bockett-Pugh.

These officers have carried out their duties to my entire satisfaction and rendered me every possible assistance.—I am, sir, yours obediently,

(Signed) T. A. Cooke, Major-General,
Commanding Colonial Contingents.

Cricket.

R.M.A. CRICKET RESULTS, 1902.

Matches played, 21. Won, 7. Lost, 8. Drawn, 6.

Remarks: As many as 29 different members played in the various matches, whilst, strangely enough, the same eleven never played twice. Major Brittan, Captains McCarthy and Harding, and Sergt. Gaubert, were the only regular players, and the averages show how they ably sustained the cricket credit of the Corps.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Innings	Times not out	Total Runs	Most in an Innings	Average
Captain E. W. Harding	20	5	427	59	28·47
Private Perkins ..	9	1	223	72	27 87
,, Russell ..	7	–	194	68	27 71
Major E. P. Brittan ..	21	2	451	74	23 73
Captain de S. Dobrée ..	8	1	125	49	17·85
2nd-Lieut. A. S. Cautrell	7	–	119	31	17·00
Sergeant Gaubert ..	17	3	193	29	14 78
Captain E. McCarthy ..	15	1	140	43*	10·00
Lieut. A. G. Bourne ..	7	4	28	16*	9 33
Major A. G. Tatham ..	9	3	35	29*	8·83
Lieut. W. L. Huntingford	9	–	72	23	8·00
2nd-Lieut. G. H. Jollye ..	7	1	48	17	8·00
Captain R. C Brown ..	6	1	38	25	7 60
Major W. F. Trotter ..	7	–	67	31	7·44
Captain F. L. Dibblee ..	5	1	30	12	7·25
Lieut. E. Wright ..	7	–	32	26	4·57
Captain J. Brough ..	6	–	18	15	3·00

The following played less than five times:—

Lt. N. F. Trotman	4	–	25	9	Maj. W. J. Gaitskell	2	–	43	40
,, G. Lushington	4	–	91	58	Capt. C. T. Fisher	2	–	26	26
,, C. A. Bishop	4	2	22	8*	Lt. L. D. Briscoe	1	–	5	5
,, B. A. Hill	3	–	23	10	Capt. M. Hankey	1	–	1	1
Capt. H. Oldfield	3	–	1	1	,, G. E. Barnes	1	–	21	21
Lt. W. N. Stokes	2	2	8	4	Lt.-Col. G. Aston	1	–	5	5

* Not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs	Maiden Overs	Runs	Wickets	Average
2nd-Lieut. G. H. Jollye ..	90	7	297	29	10 24
Private Perkins ..	41	13	93	9	10·44
Sergeant Gaubert ..	283	78	1001	87	11·51
Major E. P. Brittan ..	31	—	121	10	12-10
Lieut. N. F. Trotman ..	49	5	195	14	13·93
Captain E. McCarthy ..	89	9	346	22	15·73
Captain de S. Dobrée ..	55	8	190	10	19·00
Private Russell ..	35	5	128	4	32·00
2nd-Lieut. A. S. Cautrell ..	22	1	78	2	39 00

The following bowled less than 20 overs:—

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Capt. C. T. Fisher	9	–	50	2	Capt. F. L. Dibblee	16	2	60	1
Lieut. G. Lushington	7	–	37	–	Copt. E. W. Harding	5	1	31	–
Maj. W. Gaitskell	0	2	25	–	Lieut. B. A. Hill	4	–	19	1

THE "BRITTAN" COMPANY CHALLENGE SHIELD.

FINAL ROUND—C Co. *v.* K Co. Played 14th and 15th August

1st innings. K Co.		*2nd innings.*	
Major Brittan, c McIntosh, b Pomfret	35	c Stephens, b Price	5
Musn. Binns, c Price, b McIntosh ..	4	c Vaughan, b Harding	25
Lieut. Cautrell, c Rosenthal, b Pomfret	20	c Clarke, b Pomfret	0
Captain Dobrée, b Price	0	b Price ..	28
Gunner Irvine, b Price	0	b Pomfret ..	20
,, Parker, b Pomfret ..	1	c Pomfret, b Stephens	11
,, Garnett, c Harkness, b Pomfret	0	not out ..	18
,, Browning, c Mayhew, b Price	8	b Pombret ..	0
,, Tinley, not out	5	c McIntosh, b Stepnens ..	4
,, Dunn, b Price	0	c Harding, b Price	6
,, Crapnell, c and b Price ..	0	c Harding, b Pomfret	1
Extras	11	Extras ..	2
Total	84	Total	118

C Co.

Gunner Pomfret, c Irvine, b Cautrell ..	5
Captain Harding, c and b Dobrée . ..	102
Corporal Price, c Browning, b Binns ..	10
Gunner McIntosh, c Irvine, b Binns ..	11
,, Vaughan, lbw, b Dobrée	11
Lieutenant Stephens, b Irvine	17
Gunner Rosenthal, run out	44
,, Mayhew, b Irvine	8
Sergeant Burrough, b Cautrell	0
Gunner Clarke, b Cautrell	1
Captain Harkness, not out	7
Extras	9
Total	225

DEPOT R.M. *v.* SOUTHWOOD.

Played at the Depot on the 20th August, the visitors winning by four wickets. The match was noticeable for a fine display of hitting by Captain Shine, who scored 75 in half an hour, actually scoring that number out of 80 subscribed during the time he was at the wickets, and had it not been for blunders in the field, the Depot would have won. Scores:—

DEPOT R.M.		SOUTHWOOD	
Col. Quill, b Snowden ..	15	R. G. Austin, c Mercer, b Coburn	32
Capt. Clark, b E. Weigall	0	G. I. V. Weigall, b Coburn	22
Capt. Mayhew, c J. Quill, b E. Weigall ..	0	L. Weigall, not out ..	75
Capt. Shine, c Treves, b Snowden ..	75	A. Snowden, c Clark, b Coburn ..	0
Private Baylis, run out ..	0	H. Bowring, b Coburn ..	17
Major Mercer, c Snowden, b Treves ..	23	E. H. V. Weigall, b Richardson ..	10
Mr. Stopford, c L. Weigall, b E. Weigall ..	12	D. Bacon, c Clark, b Shine	0
Capt. Tupman, st McArthur, b Snowden ..	17	B. C. Quill, W. McArthur, J. J. Quill, H. Treves	did not bat
Private Gwinn, not out ..	8		
Private Richardson, b Austin	5		
Pte. Coburn, st McArthur, b Austin	0		
Extras	6	Extras ..	6
Total	161	Total	165

The return match between these teams was played at Ramsgate on Tuesday, 26th May, when the Depot won by 131 runs. Captain Shine took 5 wickets for 7 runs. Scores:—

Private Gwinn, run out ..	9	R. G. Austin, c Quill, b Richardson ..	12
Capt. Clark, st Darvill, b Bacon	0	K. S. Singh, c Stopford, b Richardson ..	1
Capt. Mayhew, b Austin ..	19	L. Weigall, c Quill, b Shine	13
Capt. Shine, c L. Weigall, b Treves ..	37	M. Singh, c Tupman, b Shine	2
Major Mercer, b Austin ..	11	S. Darvil, run out ..	1
Mr. Stopford, b Chapman	47	D. A. Bacon, run out ..	0
Colonel Quill, retired ..	29	W. Weigall, lbw, b Shine	0
Capt. Tupman, c & b Austin	0	R Isaac, b Richardson ..	0
Sergt. Murphy, not out ..	7	H. Treves, c Murphy, b Shine	2
Pte. Richardson, b Austln..	1	F. Weigall, b Shine ..	0
Pte. Coburn, st Darvill, b Austin	0	S. Chapman, not out ..	1
Extras	7	Extras	4
Total	167	Total	36

DEPOT R.M. *v.* CHATHAM DIVISION R.M.

Played at Chatham, 14th August, 1902.

CHATHAM DIV.		DEPOT.	
Col. Gatliff, c Baylis, b Quill	17	Capt. Clark, b Waller ..	17
Capt. Hall, c Clark, b Coburn	19	Col. Quill, b Finlaison ..	19
Lieut. Montgomery, rnn out	74	Lieut. Stopford, b Finlaison	4
Capt. Finlaison, c Stopford, b Coburn	50	Major Mercer, b Montgomery	11
Capt. Morse, c & b Coburn	21	Capt. Mayhew, c Eagles, b Finlaison	2
Lieut. Eagles, c Quill, b Hobbs	7	Private Baylis, not out ..	3
Lieut. Herford, b Hobbs	10	Capt. Hobbs, not out ..	10
Private Ward, b Hobbs ..	6	Capt. Tupman, Major Wray, Private Gwinn, ,, Coburn	did not bat
Major Parsons, c & b Coburn	13		
Capt. Waller, b Hobbs ..	34		
Lieut. Willis, not out ..	1		
Extras	6	Extras	6
Total	248	Total (for 5 wkts.)	72

DEPOT *v.* ST. PETERS.

Played at St. Peters, 16th August, 1902.

ST. PETERS.		DEPOT R.M.	
A. G. Moon, c Clark, b Shine	22	Col. Quill, b Cockett ..	4
A. Snowden, c Quill, b Coburn	10	Capt. Clark, lbw, b Snowden	1
C. M. Thomas, lbw, b Richardson ..	23	Capt. Shine, b Cockett ..	67
E. Cockett, b Shine ..	5	Capt. Tupman, b Snowden	0
Rev. G. H. Creaton, run out	1	Lieut. Stopford, b Snowden	0
N. Roffey, not out ..	32	Pte. Richardson, b Snowden	7
D Bacon, b Richardson ..	4	Major Mercer, b Cockett..	2
S. Darvell, b Coburn ..	23	Pte Gwin, b Snowden ..	0
W. O. Macarthur, lbw, b Richardson ..	5	Pte. Baylis, not out ..	0
H. D. Deune, b Coburn ..	0	Lieut. O. Sullivan, b Snowden	1
F. Weigall, b Coburn ..	6	Pte. Coburn, st Macarthur, b Snowden ..	0
Extras	11	Extras ..	1
Total	142	Total	83

St. Peter's 2nd Innings.—Moon 61, Roffey 6, Thomas 37, Snowden 9 not out, Macarthur 15 not out.

Answers to Correspondents.

MRS. D.—The Editors acknowledge with thanks the information you have so kindly sent them, and have availed themselves of your permission to make extracts for publication.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.—(1) A white mess jacket and waistcoat (the same pattern as the red mess jacket and vest) with blue trousers. (3) Officers of R.M. who have retired may apply for and be granted commissions as Army Reserve officers, in a rank not higher than that in which they retired; for a field officer up to 50 years of age. We conclude application should be made to D.A.G., R.M., or to the War Office. (2) We understand that in no circumstances is the white ensign allowed to be flown on shore.

W. J. PARTON.—According to G.S.O., para. 812, applications from N.C.O.s or men "married without permission from their Commanding Officer" to be placed on the married roll, are to be dealt with by the Col.-Commandant, but before any such applications are approved the conditions of para. 809, which states (*a*) that a man must have at least three years' service, including one afloat, (*b*) "at least one Good Conduct Badge," (*c*) "at least five pounds in the divisional or Post Office Savings Bank." Para. 813, Such applications are to be accompanied by the marriage certificate and the usual evidence as to the woman's respectability, which should include a certificate from the clergyman of the parish or other minister of religion.

Births.

MORTON—On Sept. 19th, at Forton, the wife of Sergt. H. Morton, R.M.L.I., of a daughter.

WOOTTEN—On Sept. 18th, at Chatham, the wife of Pte. F. Wootton, R.M.L.I., of a daughter.

WILLIAMS—On Sept. 10th, at the Fleet Surgeon's House, Royal Marine Barracks, Plymouth, the wife of Dr. J. O'B. Williams, of a son.

Marriages.

EVANS—DONNITHORNE—At Parish Church, Llanfairpwelgwyngyll, August 21st, Col.-Sergt. H. Evans, R.M.A., to Miss F. J. Donnithorne.

BRYAN—HARRIS—At Parish Church, Ellacombe, Devon, Aug. 26th, Gunner C. Bryan, R.M.A., to Miss K. M. Harris.

BYE—TURNER—At St. James', Portsea, Sept. 6th, Gunner P. H. Bye, R.M.A., to Miss E. M. Turner.

THORP—MOREY—At St. Simon's, Southsea, Sept. 4th, Sergt. M. Thorp, R.M.A., to Miss A. L. Morey.

SCOTT—JONES—At Parish Church, Stepney, July 27th, Pte. James Scott to Clara Jones.

TOOGOOD—MANNING—At Parish Church, Portsea, Aug. 27th, Pte. Wm. Toogood to Eliza Donna Manning.

SHADBOLT—REDFARN—At Parish Church, St. Andrew-the-Less, Cambridge, Pte. Ar. Shadbolt to Ellen Redfarn.

WATTS—CRANCH—At St. John's Church, Forton, Hants, Sergt. J. C. Watts to Nellie Cranch.

RYE—WESSON—On Aug. 16th, at Chatham, Sergt. P. T. Rye, R.M.L.I., to Miss H. Wesson.

BUTLER—PATTISON—On Aug. 27th. at Chatham, Pte. T. H. Butler, R.M.L.I., to Miss E. Pattison.

BOWLES—GOATER—On Aug. 14th, at Chatham, Pte. J. T. Bowles, R.M.L.I., to Miss A. Goater.

SMITH—LARK—On Aug. 25th, at Chatham, Bugler A. W. Smith, R.M.I., to Miss G. M. Lark.

BAGWELL—BATTEN—At Parish Church, Walmer, Sept. 15th, Sergt. E. Bagwell to Miss H. Batten.

WHALE—ADLARD—On Sept. 15th, at St. Michael's, Chester Square, by the Rev. Hugh Frederic Gaster, Thomas Martin Whale, Colonel Royal Marines, of Summerhill, Weston-super-Mare, to Julia Harrison, widow of P. Harmer Adlard, of Rangoon, Burmah.

FREDERICK—PARISH—On Aug. 7th, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, Richard Rising Frederick, Edgeborough, Guildford, son of the late George Septimus Frederick, H.M. Exchequer, to Mary Teresa, daughter of the late Col. T. R. H. Drummond-Hay, 78th Highlanders, and widow of Major C. W. Parish, Royal Marines.

SAUNDERS—TOD—On July 31st, at St. Mary's Church, Upper Walmer, by the Rev. Vicars A. Boyle, M.A., Vicar of Portslade, Sussex, assisted by the Rev. Canon Venn, M.A., Vicar of Walmer, and the Rev. G. H. Marwood, M.A., Chaplain to Royal Marine Depot, Captain Frederick J. Saunders, D.S.O., R.M.L.I., youngest son of William Saunders, Esq., Sydenham, to Muriel, only daughter of A. Maxwell Tod, Esq., of 159, Cromwell Road, S.W.

Deaths.

STROUDE—On furlough, Aug. 15th, Pte. G. Stroude, R.M.L.I.

NICHOLLS—At Portsmouth, Aug. 7th, Florence Beatrice, daughter of Sergt. C. V. Nicholls, R.M.L.I., aged 1 year and six months.

WINSLADE—On board the hospital ship *Maine*, Sept. 3rd, Pte. W. W. Winslade, R.M.L.I.

LE GRAND—On Sept. 15th, at 75, Crescent Road, Ramsgate, Catherine Rigbye, wife of General F. G. Le Grand, R.M.L.I. (retired), and daughter of the late Rev. J. J. Watson, of 46, Montague Square, W., in her 68th year.

SNOW.—On Sept. 20th, at Breamore, Salisbury, Colonel Edmund Brighouse Snow, late R.M.L.I., of 14, Queen's Gate Place.

IN MEMORIAM.

HAWKINS—In loving memory of my dear husband, Captain Clement William Hawkins, late R.M.L.I., who passed away at Sea Lawn, Dawlish, Aug. 17th, 1901.

"And with the morn those angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since and lost awhile."

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ST VINCENT.

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Editorial.

NOVEMBER is a great month for anniversaries in connection with the Corps. On the 16th November, 1664, took place the first muster of the Admiral's Regiment, and amongst actions we note Inkerman, 5th November, 1884; Relief of Lucknow, 1857; Belmont, 23rd November, 1899; Graspan, 25th November, 1899; and Modder River, 28th, 1899, in all of which the Royal Marines took no inconsiderable part.

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We would again request our readers to endorse all cheques and postal orders "The Editors 'Globe and Laurel,'" to prevent delays in acknowledging and possible mistakes. Our circulation keeps steadily at about 5,000 copies monthly, but we hope to see several ships lately commissioned coming forward with big orders.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the following promotions and appointment in the R.M.L.I., dated 2nd October, 1902:—

Major-Gen. W. P. Wright, Deputy-Adjutaut-General, to be Supernumerary.

Col.-Commandant T. W. Dowding to be Major-General in succession to Lieut.-General Morris, deceased.

Col. 2nd Commandant T. F. D. Bridge, A.D.C., to be Col.-Commandant *vice* Dowding, promoted, and appointed to the Depot, R.M.

Lieut.-Col. and Brevet-Colonel G. T. Onslow, C.B., (Inspector of Marine Recruiting) to be Col. 2nd Commandant *vice* Bridge, promoted, to be supernumerary to the establishment.

Lieut.-Col. H. C. Eagles to be Col. 2nd Commandant *vice* Onslow, Supernumerary, and appointed to the Depot R.M.

Major J. H. Swanton to be Lieut.-Colonel *vice* Eagles, promoted, and appointed to the Plymouth Division.

Major G. A. Cox is advanced to the Senior Major's List *vice* Swanton, promoted, and appointed to the Plymouth Division.

Capt. E. G. Lywood, Adjutant of 2nd V.B. H.L.I., to be Major on the establishment *vice* Swanton, promoted, and appointed to the Plymouth Division.

Capt. J. H. Parker (serving on board H.M.S. *Andromeda*), to be Instructor of Musketry at the Depot, R.M., *vice* Cox, advanced to the Senior Majors' List.

Their Lordships have also been pleased to nominate Major S. P. Peile, C.B., for the appointment of Barrackmaster at the Chatham Division, in the vacancy which will shortly arise by the voluntary retirement of Brevet Lieut.-Col. E. E. Pyne.

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Lieut.-Col. A. S. Le Quesne, R.M.A., to be Brevet-Colonel, dated 21st October, 1902.

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Major Vincent, R.M.L.I., is to embark in H.M.S. *Bulwark* to relieve Major Peile, C.B., R.M.L.I.

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Major A. M. Connolly, R.M.L.I., is to embark in H.M.S. *Good Hope* when that ship commissions.

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Capt. H. J. Crocker is absorbed in the establishment of Captains *vice* Lywood, and appointed to the Chatham Division, dated 11th October, 1902.

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Major M. A. C Huggins has retired from half pay to the retired list, dated 24th September, 1902.

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Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lieut. F. Callaway to be Hon. Major, dated 12th November. 1901.

Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Major F. Calloway to retired list, 13th November, 1901.

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Capt. W. H. M. Smith, R.M.L.I., has been placed on the retired list dated 14th October, under provision of her late Majesty's Order in Council of 25th November, 1881. There will be no promotion to Captain in consequence of the early return to the Corps of Officers from the Seconded List.

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Major A. G. Tatham, R.M.A., to be Lieut.-Col. by brevet, dated 1st October, 1902.

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C. F. Wearing, late Col.-Sergt., R.M.L.I., has been appointed pensioner recruiter in the R.M. Recruiting District, Glasgow, dated 5th October, 1902.

Capt. J. B. Shine, R.M.L.I., has embarked in H.M.S. *Excellent* in relief of Capt. F. C. Chichester, R.M.L.I.

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Lieut. W. E. P. Christie, R.M.L.I., has been transferred to the Army Service Corps on probation as Captain from 1st October.

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The good service pension of £150 a year, rendered vacant by the retirement of Col.-Comdt. W. Guise Tucker, C.B., R.M.A., has been awarded to Col.-Comdt. T. W. Dowding, R.M.L.I.

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An examination of candidates for the Army will be held on November 25th and following days. One commission in the R.M.L.I. will also be given. The next examination for candidates for cadetships at the Royal Military Academy will begin on November 25th. One commission in the R.M.A. will also be given.

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During the Church Congress held at Northampton, Colonel Everitt, R.M.A., spoke at the morning meeting on 10th October, on "Church Work among Sailors," and in the evening at a working men's meeting.

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Capt. A. R. H. Hutchinson, R.M.L.I., took passage on the steamship *Drissa*, from service with the Army in South Africa on 9th October, due into Southampton on 28th October.

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Captain Sir John Colomb, M.P., R.M.A., attended, by invitation, the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Landowners' Convention in Dublin, on the 3rd of October.

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Colonels-Comdt. William Campbell, R.M.A., and Thomas F. Dunscombe Bridge, R.M.L.I., were on duty as Aides-de-Camp to the King in the Royal Progress through the City of London on 25th October.

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Colonel Francis Hondor Mountsteven, of the 3rd Battalion Devonshire Regiment, and late R.M.L.I., was invested with the order of C.M.G. by the King on the 24th of October, at Buckingham Palace.

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Works Department. With reference to the employment of Royal Marines under the Works Department as overseers and clerks :—

1. The scale of pay for overseers and clerks whilst under training and until sent abroad will be from 1/- to 1/6 per diem for the former and not exceeding 10d. per diem for the latter, payment being for six days a week in both cases.

2. Candidates will be subject to one month's probation.

3. Colonels Commandant will make the necessary arrangements with the local Works Department Officer for attaching candidates for training on probation.

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Major and Brevet Lieut.-Colonel A. Paris, R.M.A., is to be exempt from the examination for promotion to Lieut.-Colonel in accordance with Army Order No. 217 of 1st September, 1902.

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Grant of a Second South African War Medal. The following extract from Army Order No. 232, dated 1st October, 1902, is published for information and guidance :—

"His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve that a second war medal, bearing his effigy, shall be granted in recognition of the services rendered by the troops in the later phases of the campaign in South Africa, and to reward those soldiers who, by their long service in the field, have brought the war to a successful termination. This medal will be known as the "King's South Africa Medal." The ribbon will be orange, white and green in three stripes of equal width, and so worn that the green stripe of the ribbon shall be on the right. Provided the claims are approved by the Commander-in-Chief, the medal, in silver, will be issued to all Officers, Warrant Officers, N.C. Officers and men of the British, Indian, and Colonial forces; to civilian medical practitioners, &c.; provided that (*a*) they were actually serving in South Africa on and after the 1st January, 1902, and (*b*) that on that date they had completed 18 months' war service, or subsequently completed such service before 1st June, 1902.

The medal will also be granted to Officers, Warrant Officers, N.C. Officers and men who have been invalided by reason of wounds in action prior to 1st January, 1902, thereby being unable to complete an aggregate service of 18 months in South Africa, provided they returned and served there for any period between the 1st January, 1902, and 31st May, 1902, both dates inclusive.

Two clasps will also be granted—(*a*) a clasp "South Africa, 1901," to all who served in South Africa between 1st January, 1901, and 31st May, 1902, both dates inclusive."

The above clasps will be worn with the medal granted in 1901 by those qualified to receive them, if they are not entitled to receive the medal now granted (King's South African Medal). If they are entitled to receive the King's Medal, the above clasps will be worn with it.

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We notice that Major-General W. P. Wright, D.A.G. of the Corps, and Mrs. Wright, were invited to be present at the Thanksgiving Service in St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday, Oct. 26th, and occupied seats in the choir.

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"The Royal Navy List, Diary, and Handbook," which has been issued for some years past, will now be discontinued. All the astronomical tables, and the monthly ephemeris, contained in the work (useful to naval officers) will be found in "Knowledge" Diary, issued by the same firm.

Royal Marines' Memorial.

Admiralty Recruiting Dept.,
7, Whitehall Place, S.W.,
31st October, 1902.

Since the issue of the appeal for further subscriptions for the Memorial, over £65 have been received by the hon. secretary, and about £10 more promised.

The appeal was for a further sum of £100. It will be seen, therefore, that the fund is still about £25 short of the amount estimated.

It is hoped that any who have not yet subscribed will now do so, in order that there may be no possibility of any deficiency in the end.

The following is a list of additional subscriptions received to 31st October :—

	£	s.	d.
Divisions—			
R.M. Depot	17	1	8
R.M.A.	8	8	0
Portsmouth	4	6	0
Plymouth	1	16	0
Individuals—			
General Lambrick	6	6	0
Colonel W. Pitt Draffen	5	0	0
W. Greet, Esq.	5	0	0
Colonel B. G. Hall	2	2	0
Lieut.-Colonel T. M. Lennox ..	2	0	0
Major-General J. M. Moody	2	0	0
Colonel Morrison	1	10	0
Captain Brabazon	1	1	0
Captain Hewitt	1	1	0
Lieut.-Colonel Norcock	1	1	0
Major Coppin	1	0	0
R. Eustace, Esq., late R.N.	1	0	0
Major Maclurcan	1	0	0
Major Beresford	1	0	0
Colonel Menzies	1	0	0
Lieut.-Colonel Starr	0	10	6
Mrs. A. M. Smith	0	10	0
Captain J. M. Rose	0	10	0
Lieut.-Colonel Crooke	0	5	0
Pensioner H. Hurst (Colr.-Sergt.) ..	0	3	0
Pensioner W. Sartin (Colr.-Sergt.) ..	0	2	6
Total ..	£65	13	8

G. T. Onslow, Colonel R.M.L.I.,
Hon. Secretary.

Royal Marine Tug of War Team, H.M.S. "Glory."

CHAMPION TEAM OF THE ARMY AND NAVY ON THE CHINA STATION.



Gr. Ford. Act.-Br. Forbes. Gr. Wiles. Srgt. Cottle (coach). Pte, Greentree, Act.-Br. Grimmer. Act.-Br. Wales.

Lieut. Kilvert. Major Scott. Lieut. Leahy.

Gr. Stevenson. Br. Patmore. Gr. Lawes. Gr. Russell.

Foreign News.

CHINA NEWS.

Port Edward, alias Wei-Hai-Wei,
20th August, 1902.

The fleet (*Glory*, *Ocean*, *Cressy*, *Eclipse*, 1st Div.; *Albion*, *Goliath*, *Blenheim*, 2nd Div.; *Argonaut* detached) has just left for the northern cruise when the last letter was sent to the "Globe and Laurel."

The cruise began with various steam tactics and fleet exercises in the Gulf of Pechili. Sunday, 13th July, was spent at anchor nine miles west of Shan-hai-Kuan. Communication with the shore was not allowed owing to bad weather, and the next day we moved to the anchorage off Ning-hai. A short visit to Shang-hai-Kuan, about three miles from Ning-hai, is most interesting as the great wall of China has its eastern termination on the sea quite close to the landing place. Most of those who landed walked along the top of the wall to the town, and then returned through the camps of the various nationalities, who have detachments stationed there. Flags of the British, French, Germans, Russians, Japanese and Italians, were flying everywhere, the most remarkable being the British and Russian flags at the railway station. The station is divided into two sentry beats, with a guard room at either end. At one end struts a smart, clean Gurkha who is armed with a kukri in addition to a rifle and bayonet. At the other end is a loose-limbed Russian. The foreign troops are gradually being withdrawn.

During the week the *Terrible* arrived from Hong Kong, and the ships left in pairs to carry out firing, etc., assembling again at Port Edward.

As the *Terrible* left for home on the 19th July, one sad thought struck us: it was that the late P.O. I. Grounds was not going home in her to enjoy his reputation as the best shot with a 6.in. Q.F. gun in the Navy. He died at Hong Kong just before Gunner T. Skein, R.M.A., H.M.S. *Ocean*, had beaten his record. Although we do not yet know what results have been obtained on other stations this year, we believe that Gunner Skein may be congratulated on taking the late P.O. I. Grounds' place.

The 2nd Division, under Rear-Admiral Grenfell, went to Chemulpo for a few days, and a number of officers were most hospitably received by the Emperor of Corea, who gave a dinner in their honour.

We were now glad to hear that the King had so far recovered that the Coronation was to take place early in August. The fleet regatta was held during the Coronation week. There was a good number of entries for the Marine 14-oared cutters' and whalers' races, which were won by the *Goliath*, *Ocean* and *Talbot* respectively. The Coronation was celebrated on board by a holiday, a salute of 21 guns from each ship, and three cheers for the King and Queen, at 12·30 p.m. A number of officers went to the mainland in the afternoon to witness the review of the 1st Chinese Regiment and to attend the Commissioner's reception. By the way, it must not be forgotten that Wei-hai-Wei is henceforth to be known as Port Edward. The fleet have done another short tactical cruise and are now dispersing. In the next letter it is hoped to send some more returns of prize firing of the cruisers, but they are not easy to gather.—W.T.C.J.

EAST INDIES.

H.M.S. *Highflyer.*

I read in the journal of 7th August a letter from H.M.S. *Talbot*, Wei-hai-Wei, a record detachment of 59 G.C. badges out of 45, or 30 out of 45 are badgemen. I should like to say our detachment of 54 all told, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Hope Willis and Lieut. Johnstone, R.M.L.I., hold amongst them 74 G.C. badges, including one with four, four with three, 15 with two, and 28 with one, and several getting one more before Christmas, so that is 48 badgemen out of 54 (88·8 per cent.), which I think is a better record than the *Talbot*. I think there are few ships in commission that can beat *that* record. I should also like to say that we have done some very good shooting this year in spite of the extremely hot weather. In our annual course last week our average was 160·3. The Commander-in-Chief made a signal off to the ship from his house "I congratulate the Marines on their excellent shooting. A. C. Dring, Rear-Admiral." After we finished the course, we had a day for the jewel. The top score on the station was then 68, by a sergeant on the *Fox*, out of a possible 84, but I am pleased to say several in the detachment have beaten it, and the score of 76 was obtained by Pte. L. Bevis; 72 was also obtained by Sergt. A. Cornish, and three more men tied the *Fox* score of 68. I might say we have won the jewel on the last two occasions—first year on the station by Sergt. H. Clark, last year by Pte. J. Bunting, who, I regret to say, did not fire this year: he has broken a bone in his foot and is in hospital. I should also like to state that in our prize firing from heavy guns, we have done as well as any gun in the ship, getting nine rounds and seven hits in two minutes, five of these hits were obtained by our No. 2—Pte. L. Bevis—who fired six rounds in the second minute. We also have a Marine boats' crew (whaler or cutter) which has never been beaten on the station. Our last race was with the *Fox*. When she first arrived we challenged the Marines first, who said their crew was broken up, we then challenged the ship, and a boat's crew of seamen quickly responded. It was a most exciting race of about 3½ miles, being an easy win for our Marines by about 200 yards. Also our Marine football team, whose photograph appeared in the "Globe and Laurel" a short time ago, have up to the present an unbeaten record on the station.

Our time is drawing short now, but we hope to keep up the honours of the Corps in being first in everything while we *are* out here.

—A.S., R.M.L.I.

COMMISSIONER'S HOUSE, BERMUDA,

19th September, 1902.

To the Editor "Globe and Laurel."

Sir,—I send you the following news from Bermuda to let the members of the Corps know that the credit of the Corps is being upheld in these distant islands. On July 16th, Coronation sports were held, and we managed to win £20 out of a possible £28, the tug-of-war and also the principal prize came to the House. Mrs. Ellis, wife of D.-I.-Gen. Ellis, R.N., presented the prizes on this occasion.

On September 13th, sports, promoted by civilian and service people, took place on Molesey's Plain, Ireland Island, and the patronage of Lieut.-Gen. Geary, K.C.B., R.A., Governor of the Colony, and Capt. Leah, R.N., and again our people came to the front, carrying off £18 out of a possible £48. We are sorry to say our tug-of-war team was beaten by a combined team of R.G. Artillery, selected from the companies stationed here. The following is a list of our prize winners on this occasion:—

100 Yards Flat Race—Corpl. Dear, 1st; Pte. Middleton, 2nd.

High Jump—Pte. Keane, 1st; Corpl. Scrivens, 3rd.

Tug-of-War—Royal Marines A team, 2nd.

Quarter-Mile—Gunner Reid, R.M.A., 1st; Pte. Middleton, R.M.L.I., 3rd.

Sack Obstacle Race—Pte. Ludlow, 2nd; Corpl. Scrivens, 3rd.

Half-Mile—Gunner Reid, R.M.A., 1st.

Throwing Hammer—Gunner Brown, R.M.A., 3rd.

One Mile—Pte. C. G. Latham, 3rd.

Veterans' Race—Pte. Gunn, 1st; Lce.-Sergt. Cotter, 2nd; Colour-Sergt. Watts, 3rd.

Obstacle Race—Lce.-Corpl. Poulter, 2nd.

At the conclusion of the sports, Lieut.-General Geary, K.C.B., R.A., presented the prizes to the winners. Three cheers for the Governor and Captain in charge brought the most enjoyable and said to have been the best sports held in Bermuda for some years, to a close.

Our football team has begun to practice, and as we have got some fresh blood since last season, we are looking forward to having a successful time.—Your obedient servant, T. M. MACKENZIE, Corpl., R.M.L.I.

H.M.S. *Naiad.*

Result of prize firing (heavy guns) carried out at Malta, July 16th, 1902.

Position and Nature of Gun	*No. of rounds*	*Actual hits*	*Manned by*
Poop—6-inch Q.F. V.C. P. II. Mt.	11	8	Marines, 1st
2nd Port—4·7 G. II. Mt. ..	12	8	Seamen
1st Star. ,, ..	14	8	,,
3rd Star. ,, ..	14	7	,,
2nd Star. ,, ..	13	6	,,
1st Port ,, ..	14	6	,,
3rd Port ,, ..	12	5	,,
Forecastle—6-inch Q.F. V.C. P. II.	9	2	,,

There were the usual two-minutes' run on a straight course, No. 1 firing for the first minute, and No. 4 the second minute, the following is the names of the prize gun's crew.

Rank and name	*No. round gun*	*Rounds*	*Hits*
Lance-Sergt. W. C. Coombes	Captain	6	5
Pte. T. J. Wybrow	2	–	–
,, A. Simpson ..	3	–	–
Corpl. T. E. A. Smith ..	2nd Capt. (No. 4)	5	3
Pte. J. Eagles ..	5	–	–
,, N. G. Ellis ..	6	–	–
,, A. Rogers ..	7	–	–
,, W. Slaymaker ..	8	–	–

W. C. C. COOMBES, Lance-Sergt.

CAPE STATION.

September 20th, 1902.

H.M.S. *Monarch.*

The Cape Squadron has just completed a three months' cruise up the East Coast.

A regatta was held at Kilindini, when the whaler's race for Marines was won by six lengths by the Marines of H.M.S. *Monarch*. Great credit is due to Bombr. A. T. Jackson, R.M.A., who was most indefatigable in training the crew composed as follows:—Ptes. W. A. White and J. H. Chick, R.M.L.I., Gunners C. B. King, and H. J. MacLure, R.M.A., Bombrs. T. J. Trott and R. J. Jackson, R.M.A., (coxswain).

In the August number of the "Globe and Laurel" reference is made to the large number of good conduct badges held by the detachment of R.M.L.I. serving in H.M.S. *Talbot*. Your correspondent says "30 out of 45 are badgemen, *i.e.*, 77½ per cent." Now, unless my arithmetic is at fault I should describe this as 66·6 per cent., a record which the Marine detachment of H.M.S. *Monarch* can beat. There are 104 Marines on the books of this ship of which 71 are badgemen, *i.e.*, 68·26 per cent. Still we do not look upon this as a record.

—R.D.B.

Anecdotes.

MIND THE STEP.—Private Alphonso de Turnip: "I zay, Jarge, yew baint in step." Private Hugh Mangel-Wurzel: "Baint I? Well change yourn."—*The Sapper.*

NOT MARKED ON THE CHART.—Overheard on a transport stopped by fog in the English Channel. Tommy (to sailor): "I say, Jack, why has the boat stopped?" Jack: "Can't see our way, fog's too thick." Tommy (proud of his military training): "But you can see the stars overhead?" Jack: "Yes, but we ain't going that way, unless the boiler busts!"

AMUSING.—The following advertisement appeared in a London morning paper last month: "For Sale,—A General of 15 years' standing, with horse and van for coal orders. Apply 47, Distillery Road, Brentford." "It speaks for itself."

The Late Lieut.-General J. J. Morris, R.M.L.I.

THE funeral of the late Lieut.-General J. I. Morris, R.M.L.I., took place on the afternoon of Monday, 6th October, at the Hammersmith Cemetery.

The *cortége* left the residence of Lieut.-Col. Gritton, 54, Fairholme Road, West Kensington, and consisted of a hearse and three mourning coaches, in which latter were Mr. C. S Morris, Mr. G. Morris, and Mr. A. Morris (nephews), and Lieut.-Col. Gritton, chief mourners; General Sir H. B. Tuson, K.C.B., General J. W. Scott, C.B., Major-General W. P. Wright, D.A.G.R.M., Mr. G. L. Morris (cousin), Col. W. T. Adair, A.A.G.R.M., Lieut.-Col. Nash, R.M.L.I., Lieut.-Col. Innes, and Mr. Stedman (of the firm of Mowll and Mowll, family solicitors). In addition to the mourning coaches was a private conveyance, in which were an old family friend, Mr. Ashwin, of Bretforton Hall, Evesham, Miss Gritton, and Mr. T. W. Northmore.

A large number of officers assembled in the cemetery to pay their last respects to the deceased, among whom were Admiral Sir G. Digby Morant, K.C.B., D.I. General C. Morton, R.N., Generals G. Colwell, C.B., C. H. Scape, A. B. Crosbie, H. St. G. Schomberg, C.B., Colonels W. Campbell, A.D.C., T. F. D. Bridge, A.D.C., R. P. Coffin, G. T. Onslow, C.B., Majors R. J. Waldron and J. White, Lieut.-Colonels E. L. McCausland, H. C. Money, C.B., J. H. Bor, C.M.G., D.A.A.G., T. W. Davies, Captains G. Drage, N.I.D., L. H. Morres, H. St. J. Armstrong, N.I.D., R. H. J. Meister, N.I.D., Lieut. R. W. Diggon, Warrant Officers W. Symes and M. Morris, Colr.-Sergt. Turner, Sir Richard Awdry, K.C.B. (Accountant-General of Navy), C. C. Birch, Esq (Admiralty), and John Berridge, pensioner R.M.L.I. The coffin was covered with a Union Jack, kindly lent by the authorities from Chatham, and was enveloped in many very handsome wreaths contributed by relations, friends, and officers of the Royal Marine forces.

The principal wreaths were as under, and bore the following inscriptions from the senders:—"In affectionate remembrance, from his Nephews," "In affectionate remembrance, from Mr. and Mrs. Ashwin," "In affectionate remembrance, from his old friends Lieut.-Colonel, Mrs., and Miss Gritton," "With the deep sympathy of the Staff of the Royal Marine Office," "The Col.-Commandant and Officers R.M. Artillery," "With deepest sympathy, from Col.-Commandant and Officers R.M.L.I., Chatham," "With deepest regret, from his brother Officers at Plymouth," "With deepest sympathy, from the Col.-Commandant and Officers R.M., Walmer." "From Officers R.M. in Naval Intelligence Department, Admiralty," "In memory of great kindness, from Major-General and Mrs. A. B. Crosbie," "With sincerest regret, from an old friend, Lieut.-Col. O. de B. Nepean, late R.M.L.I.," "With deep sympathy, from the Sergeants, Deal," "With deep sympathy, from an old Groom, W. Mills."

The following communication with regard to the death and funeral was made by the D.A.G., R.M., to the Colonel-Commandant and Officers commanding Royal Marines:—"The Deputy-Adjutant-General is desired by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Marines, to convey to the officers of the corps his very deep sympathy on the occasion of the death of Lieut.-General J. I. Morris. His Royal Highness would have been represented at the funeral had it not been the wish of the relations that it should be as private as possible."

U.S. Marine Corps.

WE give a cutting from the *New York Herald*, of 8th July, 1900, with regard to U.S. Marines. This is the only corps in the world that corresponds to our own, and in fact we wear the same badge and wreath, only instead of the Lion and Crown, and Gibraltar, they have an Eagle. Since this was written they have added to their laurels "Pehery," where they fought shoulder to shoulder with us, and on several occasions bodies of our men acted under their officer, Capt. Myers, as their men did under Capts. Strouts, Halliday, and Wray; as we mentioned before there is now a banner in the Mess, Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., which was captured by a party of British and American Marines under Capt. Myers, and presented by him to Captain and Brevet-Major L. S. P. Halliday, V.C. —[Ed. *G. & L.*

"Four American marines were killed."

So ran the first cabled account of the advance of the allied forces in China toward Pekin. Thus again, true to its glorious traditions, the Marine Corps of the United States is "first among the foremost" when any fighting is to be done.

As everybody knows, the marines are the fighting men on board Uncle Sam's ships, as against the bluejackets, who "man, sail, and steer." In times of peace the marine is the policeman aboard ship, assisting the officers in maintaining order. But when any affront is offered to a citizen of the United States in any part of the globe, a war ship is sent to demand an explanation, and the marines are the men expected to back up our demands.

Few people, however, know that in the performance of their duties, the United States marines have borne the Stars and Stripes not only in China, but in the Bahamas, in Tripoli and Egypt, in Mexico, in Sumatra, Japan, Corea, Peru and Hwali, besides fighting the foes of the nation at Bladensburg, New Orleans and Bull Run. They even took an important part in the great railroad riots of 1877.

Malayan pirate or Chinese Boxer, swarthy African or bolomen from Mindanao, it's all the same to this valiant "Johnny on the spot." His history is a part of the unparalleled record of the American Navy, and the United States marine is immensely proud of it. On board ship his duty is to man the military tops in a sea fight, to man the secondary battery, to repel boarders and what not. When a landing is to be made, as in the recent Cuban campaign, the soldiery make their landing under cover of the marines, who are the first to go ashore. Whether manning the guns afloat or throwing up hasty defences ashore, the marines have a record of spotless gallantry to maintain.

They have repeatedly earned the thanks of Congress, and yet only a short time ago a bill was introduced to abolish the Marine Corps. It was quickly buried when once the glorious record of the organization was recalled. It was pointed out that the very first act of Congress in Revolutionary times was to organize two battalions of Marines before a single vessel was sent to sea, and that the corps had signally distinguished itself ever since, and amply proved its worth.

Organized by act of the Continental Congress, November 10, 1775, the marines became conspicuous in 1777 in the historic sea fight between Bonhomme Richard and the Serapis, and again when they captured the British island of New Providence in the Bahamas, under the leadership of Captain Nichols. This was the first foreign soil captured by an American force.

In 1803 they fought several fierce hand to hand engagements in Tripoli. By interposing his naked arm a marine saved Decatur's skull from being cleft at the bombardment and counter assault on the American fleet.

In 1805, under General William Eaton, they took part in a remarkable march across the Libyan desert from Egypt to Tripoli, and stormed and took the fortress of Derne, where Lieut. O'Bannon and a midshipman hauled down the Tripolitan colors, and for the first time planted the American ensign over an Old World fortress.

In 1814 the Marines participated in the battle of Bladensburg.

In 1815 some of them fought at New Orleans and showed great gallantry in the duel between the Chesapeake and the Shannon.

In 1832 they captured the Sumatran town of Quallah Battoo. Under Commander Downs these sea soldiers were in the thick of the fighting against these savages, and individual instances of heroism were numerous. In the Florida-Indian war the marines were again in evidence.

The marines took a prominent part in the Mexican War, distinguishing themselves at Chapultepec, on September 13, 1847. General Scott said, "Where the fighting was thickest the marines were." Indeed, at the storming of Chapultepec Major Levi Twiggs and the marines led the assault. Thence the marines moved victoriously onward and entered the City of Mexico, where they hoisted our flag once more. Hence the proud line on their colors reading:—

"From Tripoli to the Halls of the Montezumas."

In the John Brown raid, 1859, the marines were represented and they took part (though the fact is not often remembered) in the first battle of Bull Run. In many of the important coast battles of the civil war they also participated.

In 1869 they again appeared on foreign soil, at Shimonoseki, Japan, where they impressed on the Prince of Satumsuma the fact that when he made a treaty with America he must keep it. Later they fought in Formosa. They played their part again in our war with Corea in 1871. They kept peace in Panama in 1885. They were employed in the railroad riots of 1887. In the Spanish war they did yeoman's service at Playa del Cuba, at Guantanamo, at Manilo and a dozen other places.

Thus their motto, "Per Mare et Terram," and their device a globe resting on an anchor, surmounted by an eagle and the secondary motto, "Ever Faithful," seem singularly appropriate. Through the earth and over the sea go our brave marines, "ever faithful." No wonder Congress has thanked them nineteen times for their courageous services against our foes, savage or civilized. Hail the U.S. Marines!

Prettyjohn's Medals.

The following subscriptions have been received up to the 22nd October, 1902.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Col. Onslow, C.B. ..	1	1	0	Capt. Noel Smith ..	0	5	0
Major Hunt ..	0	10	0	Colonel Carrington ..	1	1	0
Colonel Dymock ..	0	5	0	Capt. Portlock-Dadson	5	5	0
General Mairis ..	1	1	0	Colonel Daniell ..	1	0	0
Colonel Morris ..	0	5	0	Major Matthews ..	1	0	0
General Scott ..	1	1	0	General Blake ..	1	1	0
Colonel Boyd Hamilton	2	2	0	Colonel Urmston ..	0	5	0
Captain Mountstephen	2	2	0	Captain Muller ..	1	0	0
Mr. J. C. Adams ..	1	0	0	Col. Elliott, C.B., C.M.G.	1	0	0
Lieut. Sketchley ..	0	10	6	Major Smyth ..	0	16	0
Colonel Adair ..	1	1	0	Capt. Nicholls Harrison	3	0	0
Lieut. Mullins ..	0	10	0	Colonel Norcock ..	0	10	0
Marine Officers, *Pembroke*	1	0	0	Colonel Blyth ..	1	0	0
General Rose ..	1	1	0	Major Langford ..	0	10	0
Colonel Armstrong ..	1	1	0	Major Brown ..	0	5	0
Captain Powell ..	0	10	0	Colonel Burrowes ..	0	5	0
Colonel Tom ..	1	1	0	Major Tucker ..	0	5	0
Colonel Slaughter ..	1	1	0	Major Pritchett ..	0	10	0
Colonel Poë ..	5	5	0	General G. W. Forbes..	1	1	0
General Heriot ..	1	1	0	Colonel H. V. Forbes..	1	1	0
Colonel Skipwith ..	1	0	0	Lieut. Partridge ..	0	10	0
General Heasty ..	2	0	0	Lieut. Ormsby ..	0	10	0
General Fagan ..	0	10	0	Lieut. White ..	0	5	0
Colonel Cooke ..	1	1	0	Colonel Denny ..	1	1	0
Captain Cartwright ..	0	10	0	Chatham Division ..	8	10	0
Major Fitzgerald ..	0	10	0	Portsmouth ,, ..	10	8	6
Major Peters ..	1	0	0	Plymouth ,, ..	30	18	7
Depôt, Walmer ..	1	15	6	General F. V. Thomas	0	10	0

Total—£105 8s. 1d.

Colonel Boyd Hamilton has also very kindly presented a handsome case to contain the set of medals, which will be placed in the ante-room of the Officers' Mess, Plymouth Division.

A. E. Rombulow-Pearse, Capt., R.M.L.I.

In July last when wood was scarce for firing, the Imperial Light Horse arrived in Pretoria for the first time. A sergeant of A squadron, having annexed the hall door of the nearest house, was interrupted in the process of converting it into faggots by the owner. "Do you know who I am?" he said. "I'm the Commissioner of Police." "Think yourself lucky, my son. This corps generally boils its coffee with pianos."

As brevity is the soul of wit the following is worthy of notice:—*Question*—Briefly define the duties of the Army Service Corps. *Answer*—"It transports supplies to barracks."

Home Notes

EASTNEY.

THE Theatre opened again for the winter season at the end of September with the up-to-date Burlesque Extravaganza, "Aladdin," which was well received. This was followed later by Charles Selby's "Robert Macaire," and the farce, "The Turned Head," both of which gave place on Oct. 21st to Byron's Original Comedy, "Old Soldiers," and the farce, "State Secrets," produced for the first time at Eastney. Among the company we are glad to see several of the old hands, Miss Emily Leymont, Mrs. Cope, Miss K. Allen, Sergt. T. J. Kerr, Gunner Hewitt, &c., and as they display all their former histrionic talent and good audiences have been the rule, there should be a most successful season in front of them. Lieut. Huntingford has kindly undertaken the management, and Sergt. Kerr looks after the stage. Band-Sergt. T. Holding once more directs the orchestra. Mr. J. Waters, of Southsea, kindly lends the furniture, and the scenery is by Leolyn Hart, London.

GOSPORT.

We lose this month a well-known figure, who will be greatly missed by all ranks. On Thursday, 6th inst., Drum-Major E. S. Keen will leave the corps on pension after 25 years' service. Joining as a boy at the age of 14, he obtained promotion on attaining the age of 18 years, so that throughout the whole of his service counting towards pension he has held rank as a non-commissioned officer. Fifteen years ago he was transferred from the Plymouth Division to Forton, where he has since held the position as drum-major. His rank in the corps is that of colour-sergeant. He has had under his instruction at Forton Barracks 456 boys, and it is a fact which speaks well for their early training that of the 278 of these who transferred to the ranks when eligible, 193 are now non-commissioned officers. At present 143 are under instruction, and the remainder were either invalided or purchased their discharge, or else transferred to the divisional band, many of the present members of which first joined the corps as bugle boys. The present drum-majors of the Manchester Regiment, Northumberland Fusiliers, and the Lancashire Fusiliers were originally pupils of Drum-Major Keen, and he himself is now succeeded as drum-major at Forton by another of his pupils—Sergeant Burns—whose brother is the bugle-major at the Marine depôt. The success which has attended the military displays at Portsmouth and Forton Barracks has in a large measure been due to Drum-Major Keen, who has undertaken the arrangement of the musical portions. He wears the long service and good conduct medal, to which was recently added the Coronation medal granted by the King, he being the senior non-commissioned officer of the Portsmouth Division on parade at the Coronation festivities in London. On that occasion Drum-Major Keen was at the head of the combined Marine bands. At the barracks Drum-Major Keen has many friends, especially in the sergeants' mess, which, as president of the games committee, he did much to place on a more popular basis, and provided for the men many enjoyable and much appreciated entertainments. His departure will be regretted by all ranks of the Division, and we are sure that he carries into retirement the good wishes of the Portsmonth Division R.M.L.I., and the hope that his health may be soon restored, and that we shall see him at our annual gatherings for many years to come.

As we are going to press we regret to hear of the death of another well-known member of the Division, namely Sergeant W. A. Carter, for many years Provost-Sergeant, who died at Salisbury on 6th inst., of pneumonia. He was always to the front when any games and athletic sports were in hand, and he was always ready to play referee, or help in any capacity the Divisional team.

Our football team has been most successful, as will be seen from the results given in another column; and the officers' hockey team has been very successful, having defeated H.M.S. "Vernon" twice; drawn with Fareham and H.M.S. "Excellent," and lost to Southsea by 3 to 2 when playing only 10 men.

PORTSMOUTH—

To Chatham Division—Ptes. A. J. R. Oake, F. Short, G. A. Stickles, E. J. Phillips.

To R.M.A.—Pte. A. J. Burr.

To R.N. as 2nd Cook's Mate—Ptes. T. A. Chandler, B. J. Scrivens, G. W. Seeley.

To Privates—Buglers W. Strachan, F. Hartley.

To Musician—Pte. P. Murphy.

PLYMOUTH—

To Chatham Division—Ptes. Wood, Branagh, Spong, Trew, Tosdevine, and Wood.

To Portsmouth Division—Ptes. Burton, Thomas aud Miller.

DEPOT—

To Ranks—Bugler W. G. S. Dawson (Ch.).

To Chatham Division—Pte. C. A. P. Tosdevine (Ply.).

To 5th Lancers—Pte. P. S. Williams.

To Chatham Division—Pte. G. A. Stickels.

To Royal Welsh Fusiliers—Pte. S. H. Hollins.

Examinations.

EASTNEY—

Passed for Sergeant—Corpls. W. McFadden, E. Rolf, W. A. Hunt, W. E. Ball; Bombr. J. T. German.

Passed for Corporal—Gnrs. W. Bee, J. T. Burley, R. Bryant.

Passed for Gunnery Instructors—Sergt. A. Firminger; Corpl. W. G. Cooper; Bombrs. P. McIntosh, R. W. Acheson.

Passed for Captains of Gun—Lce.-Sergt. F. Devoil; Corpl. G. Barton; Gnr. H. A. Reid. *2nd Captains of Gun*—Sergt. H. Pratt; Gnrs. J. Fitzgerald, A. V. Harris, F. A. Grace.

Hythe Musketry Certificate—Sergt. G. E. Smith.

1st Class School Certificates—Cook-Sergeant W. Cannon; Clr.-Sergt. A. Carter; Sergts. C. Warham, H. J. Neal; Gnrs. L. S. Thornton, J. F. Powell.

CHATHAM—

Passed for Corporal—H. W. Sumner, W. R. O'Dell, E. J. Johnson, W. J. Pleace, F. J. Patrick, J. Greenfield, W. Ray, G. G. Pickering, W. J. Starling, A. O. Blomquist, W. T. Partlett, W. A. Laversuch.

First Class Certificates—Sergt. W. S. Andrews and Corpl. C. S. Savill.

PORTSMOUTH—

Corpl. H. Hills has passed in first group of subjects towards a First Class Certificate.

Passed for Corporal—Ptes. W. J. Leddlie, A. Mears, H. P. M. Smith, V. H. Holmes, J. Brown, J. Hartopp, A. G. Lemon, M. J. Collect, F. Fletcher, and P. A. Richins

PLYMOUTH—

Army Signalling—Qualified - Corpl. Wright, figure of merit, 578·62; Pte. Ellis, figure of merit, 593·65.

Recruiting.

EASTNEY—

Sergt. W. Flanigan, R.M.A., to Bristol.

CHATHAM—

Clr.-Sergt. J. Benson to York. Sergt. J. Fletcher from York.

Good Conduct Badges.

EASTNEY—

Corpl. C. A. Jones, 3rd; Gnr. J. Carter, 1st; Bombr. W. J. Smith, 2nd; Gnrs. W. Goddard, 1st; W. A. Chapman, 1st; Sergts. J. C. Banks, 3rd; W. Witworth, 3rd; Musn. A. Walker, 4th; Gnr. G. L. Bryce, 1st; Lce.-Sergt. J. Heaton, 2nd; Gnr. E. G. Strutt, 1st; Paid Acting-Bombr. H. Lawrence, 3rd; Gnr. M. W. Bullen, 1st; Pte. W. F. Walters, 1st; Corpl. E. E. Stokes, 2nd; Gnrs. T. V. Miles, 3rd; J. Bentley, 4th; A. Hawkins, 4th; M. O'Leary, 5th; Q.M.S. E. W. Prior, 4th; Gnrs. E. E. Alland, 1st; J. M. Howard, 1st; Clr.-Sergt. I. Davies, 5th; Gnr. C. Wildes, 5th; Corpl. W. H. Ife, 2nd; Gnr. W. Leach, 2nd; Corpl. T. C. Kelsey, 2nd; Gnr. H. W. Thompson, 2nd.

CHATHAM—

1st—Ptes. H. Johnson, C. Edwaads, J. Frizel, F. Phipps, S. Croft, E. J. Ims, E. T. Howes. 2nd—Corpl. E. A. Grace; Ptes. W. J. Smith, R. W. Roff, H. Steere, H. Gargill, W. J. Masters, S. Shrimpton. 3rd - Corpl. H. Field; Ptes. D. E. Veale, H. Rewell, H. S. Selwood. 4th—Clr.-Sergt. H. G. Braybrooke; Sergt. W. Mesher.

PORTSMOUTH—

Ptes. W. H. Jenkins, 4th; C. E. Stuart, 1st; F. Culpitt, 2nd; G. E. Cook, 3rd; W. Samways, 1st; Sergt. F. Taylor, 4th; Ptes. G. Osborne, 3rd; W. S. L. Harding, 1st (restored); A. C. Ritter, 1st (restored); L. Houghton, 2nd (restored); H. Hayes, 2nd; W. W. A. Wright, 1st (restored); Sergt. H. T. Marks, 3rd; Ptes. L. A. Martin, 1st (restored); V. H. Holmes, 1st; A. J. Jones, 3rd (restored); G. A. Phillips, 2nd; Clr.-Sergt. A. Brown, 4th; Lce.-Sergt. S. T. Washburn, 2nd; Corpl. J. Gordon, 2nd; Ptes. C. Bennett, 1st; W. T. Finch, 1st; A. Upton, 1st (restored); Corpl. B. J. Chivers, 2nd; Pte. E. Hurley, 2nd; Lce.-Sergt. A. J. Dixon, 2nd; Lce -Corpl. J. W. Drewry, 2nd; Ptes. T. Moses, 1st; A. J. Hutchings, 1st; V. E. Watts 1st (restored); C. Weaver, 3rd (restored); Sergts. W. G. Horton, 3rd; A. Jamieson, 3rd; Ptes. F. A. McGowan, 1st (restored); C. Bailey, 1st; Lce.-Sergt. R. Ledingham, 3rd; Ptes. F. W. H. Stevens, 3rd; J. Poppy, 2nd (restored); H. McWade, 1st; W. J. Henderson, 2nd; Lce.-Sergt. R. Compton, 2nd (restored); Ptes. T. Rogers, 2nd; J. Murray, 1st (restored); E. C. Baker, 2nd; Sergt. C. Kinsella, 4th; Pte. J. E. Aburrow, 1st (restored).

PLYMOUTH—

5th—Clr.-Sergt. Young. 3rd—Sergt. Hill. 2nd—Lce.-Sergt. Cooke; Ptes. Treadway and Hart. 1st—Ptes. Kirwan, Simpson, Dentry, Frane, and Martin.

DEPOT—

Sergts. W. Linnington (Po.), 3rd, F. J. Hore (Ch.), 2nd; Pte. J. Smith (Ch.), 2nd; Sergts. E. J. Trengrove (Ch.), 4th, W. Colwell (Po.), 3rd; Corpl. F. C. Impey (Ply.), 2nd; Lce -Corpl. A. G. Mayo (Ch.), 2nd; Sergt. S. W. Haynes (Po.), 3rd; Ptes. H. J. Hornbrook (Ch.), 4th, S. Ives (Ch.), 3rd, R. W. Hooker (Ch.), 1st, H. Lewis (Ply.), 3rd, G. London (Ply.), 3rd.

H.M.S. *Pembroke*—

Ptes. W. J. Pigrum, 4th, J. T. Ecclestone, 3rd; Colr.-Sergt. A. J. Jack, 4th; Ptes. A. E. Dalton, 1st, T. A. Aldis, 1st, J. W. Bignell, 1st, T. H. McJannett, 1st, R. Lane, 2nd.

Medals.

CHATHAM—

L.S. & G.C.—Clr.-Sergt. J. Murphy.

PORTSMOUTH—

S. Africa—Corpls. F. Martin, with Clasp for Ladysmith; F. G. Wheeler, with Clasps for Belmont, Modder River, Paardeberg, Driefontien, Johannesburg, Diamond Hill, and Belfast.

China—Sergt. H. M. Jones, with Clasp for Relief of Peking.

L.S. & G.C.—Pte. H. Jarrett.

DEPOT—

South Africa—Ptes. W. E. Organ (Ply.) and A. Fife.

L.S. & G. Conduct—Sergt. E. Coupland (Ply.).

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Portsmouth Division Rifle Meeting.

IN weather which was not altogether favourable to the marksmen, the annual rifle meeting of the Portsmouth Division of the R.M.L.I. was held at Browndown on Monday and Tuesday, Sept 29th and 30th, the arrangements having been made by the following Committee :—Lt.-Col. Oldfield (President), Major Saumarez, Capt. and Adjt. Blumberg, Capt. Kitcat, Lieut. Cuffe, Sergt.-Major Mearles, Sergt.-Major McLachlan, Q.M.S.I. Wiggington, Sergt. F. J. Cooper, Lce.-Corpl. B. Brice. Results are appended :—

Rank and File, 200 yards.—Pte. G. Smith, 34 ; Pte. Colwell, 33 ; Lce.-Corpl Blackmore, 33 ; Pte. Goodey, 32 ; Corpl. Willcock, 32 ; Corpl. Tildesley, 32 ; Lce.-Corpl. T. Lea, 30 ; Lce.-Corpl. Hudson, 30 ; Lce.-Sergt. Lee, 30 ; Lce.-Sergt. Batchelor, 29 ; Pte. Weekes, 29 ; Pte. Hill, 29 ; Lce.-Sergt. Patchcroft, 29 ; Pte. Coombes, 29 ; Pte. Barlow, 29 ; Pte. Fry, 29 ; Pte. J. G. Smith, 28.

Sergeants, 200 yards.—Q.M.S. Wigginton, 32 ; Sergt. Sanders, 32 ; Sergt. Marks, 32 ; Clr.-Sergt. Nurse, 31 ; Sergt. Sparks, 31 ; Clr.-Sergt. Couzens, 31 ; Sergt. Cooper, 31 ; Sergt. Stapleton, 31 ; Clr.-Sergt. Green, 30 ; Sergt. Wingfield, 30 ; Sergt. Goodall, 30 ; Q.M.S. Clift, 30 ; Sergt. Dorey, 29 ; Sergt. Handford, 29 ; Clr.-Sergt. Childs, 29 ; Bk.-Sergt. Cole, 29 ; and Sergt.-Major Hill, 29.

Recruits, 500 yards.—Ptes. G. Simpson, 31 ; Gebbes, 29 ; Williams, 28 ; Leddlie, 28 ; Ryman, 28 ; Mills, 28 ; Owen, 28 ; Kay, 28 ; Ormeshor, 27 ; Clelland, 27 ; Stevens, 27 ; Selway, 27 ; Budd, 26 ; Ball, 25 ; and Mears, 25 ; Lce.-Corpl. Brice, 25 ; Ptes. Askill, 24 ; Banks, 24 ; Stewart, 23 ; Spackman, 23.

Rank and File, 500 yards.—Lce.-Corpl. T. Lea, 33 ; Pte. Goodey, 30 ; Pte. Hall, 30 ; Corpl. Broad, Lce.-Corpl. Laker, 30 ; Private Hill, 30 ; Pte. Gouldstone, 30 ; Corpl. Willcock, 29 ; Pte. Oran, 29 ; Pte. G. Smith, 29 ; Pte. Silley, 29 ; Lce.-Sergt. Francis, 29 ; Lce.-Sergt. Lee, 28 ; Pte. Gulliver, 27 ; Corpl. Carter, 27 ; Pte. Oates, 26 ; Pte. Hendecock, 26.

Sergeants, 500 yords.—Sergt. Sparks, 32 ; Q.M.S. Clift, 32 ; Sergt. Cooper, 32 ; S,M. Hill, 32 ; Sergt. Marks, 31 ; Q.M.S. Wiggington, 31 ; Sergt. Wingfield, 31 ; Sergt. Sanders, 30 ; Clr.-Sergt. Nurse, 30 ; Bk.-Sergt. Cole, 29 ; Sergt. Handford, 29 ; Sergt. Jones, 29 ; Clr.-Sergt. Brown, 29 ; Sergt. Rose, 29 ; Clr.-Sergt. Green, 28.

The Divisional Stakes.—Lce.-Corpl. Lea, 96 ; Sergt. Wingfield, 93 ; Sergt. Cooper, 92 ; Q.M.S.I. Wiggington, 92 ; Pte. Goodey, 91 ; Sergt. Sanders, 90 ; S.M. C. Hills, 88 ; Pte. Ormeshor, 87 ; Q.M.S. Clift, 87 ; Pte. Simpson, 87 ; Sergt. Sparks, 87.

Col.-Commandant's Prize.—1, F Coy., 84 ; 2, D Coy., 82 ; 3, C and A Coys., 74.

Coy. Challenge Cup.—1, H Coy. ; 2, C Coy. ; 3, D Coy.

Instructor of Musketry and Adjutant's Prize.—Pte. Boys, Pte. Turterfield, Col.-Sergt. Nurse, and Sergt. Dorey, 13 ; Lce.-Sergt. Sperring, Pte. Ormeshor, Sergt. Handford, and Sergt. Goodall, 12.

Officers' Competition.—Col. Oldfield, 59 ; Lieut. Hazeon, 57 ; Lieut. Neild, 57 ; Lieut. Cuffe, 52 ; Capt. Houghton, 49 ; Capt. Blumberg, 47 ; Lieut. Garnier, 47 ; Lieut. Clutterbuck, 44 ; Lieut. Sandilands, 37.

Revolver Competition.—Sergt.-Major Hill, 134 ; Lce.-Corpl. Lea, 122 ; Sergt, Sanders, 121.

Football.

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION R.M.L.I.

THE Divisional Team is still plodding on with a gratifying measure of success. Since our last issue they have played H.M.S. *Excellent*, beating them by a goal to nil ; Fareham at Fareham, 3 goals to 2 ; 6th Coy. R.G.A., in a downpour of rain, which eventually stopped the match, and R.A. Hillsea, 1–1.

Appended is a short account of the matches played :—

H.M.S. "EXCELLENT" *v.* R.M.L.I. (PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE).—Played at Whale Island on Oct. 8th, and resulted in a win for the Reds by a goal to nil. The *Excellents* had improved wonderfully since we played them at Forton, where we beat them 3—0

FAREHAM *v.* R.M.L.I. (PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE).—Played at Fareham on Oct. 11th, and after a very even and pleasantly-contested game the Royals proved winners by 3 goals to 2. A pleasing feature of this match was the procession of brakes, cabs, and bicycles which accompanied the team to Fareham, and which showed the good interest taken in the team at present.

6TH COY. R.G.A. *v.* R.M.L.I, (U.S. LEAGUE).—Played at Forton on Oct. 15th and had to be postponed, a steady downpour of rain throughout the game eventually proving too much for the game to be finished. The game will be replayed on Oct. 29th at Forton.

R.A. HILSEA *v.* R.M.L.I. (U.S. LEAGUE),—This match, which proved by far the best and fastest match seen on the Forton Ground for some little time, was drawn at 1—1.

The R.A. are certainly a very evenly-balanced team, and a keen and fast game was witnessed. The Marines were slightly handicapped by the absence of Sergt. Humphrey and Chorlton, the goal-keeper, who, by the way, is at present on the sick list through injuries received whilst practising. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to soon see him again between the sticks.

We are getting ready now for the Cup ties on Nov. 8th and 15th.

8th, *v.* Cowes Red Star, at Forton. Portsmouth Senior.

15th, *v.* R.M.A., at Forton. Hants Junior.

First Round of Company Cup : D beat C 6 goals to 0.

Position of the R.M.L.I. in the League at present ;—

PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE.

Played.	*Won*	*Drawn.*	*Lost*	*Goals For.*	*Goals Against.*	*Points.*
6	3	1	2	8	6	7

UNITED SERVICE LEAGUE.

Played.	*Won.*	*Drawn.*	*Lost.*	*Goals For.*	*Goals Against.*	*Points.*
3	2	1	0	8	1	5

Shooting.

FINAL SOUTHERN DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Result of Rifle Match. R.M.A. *v.* H M.S. *Excellent.* Fired at Browndown, 8th Sept. R.M.A. won by 41 points.

R.M.A.

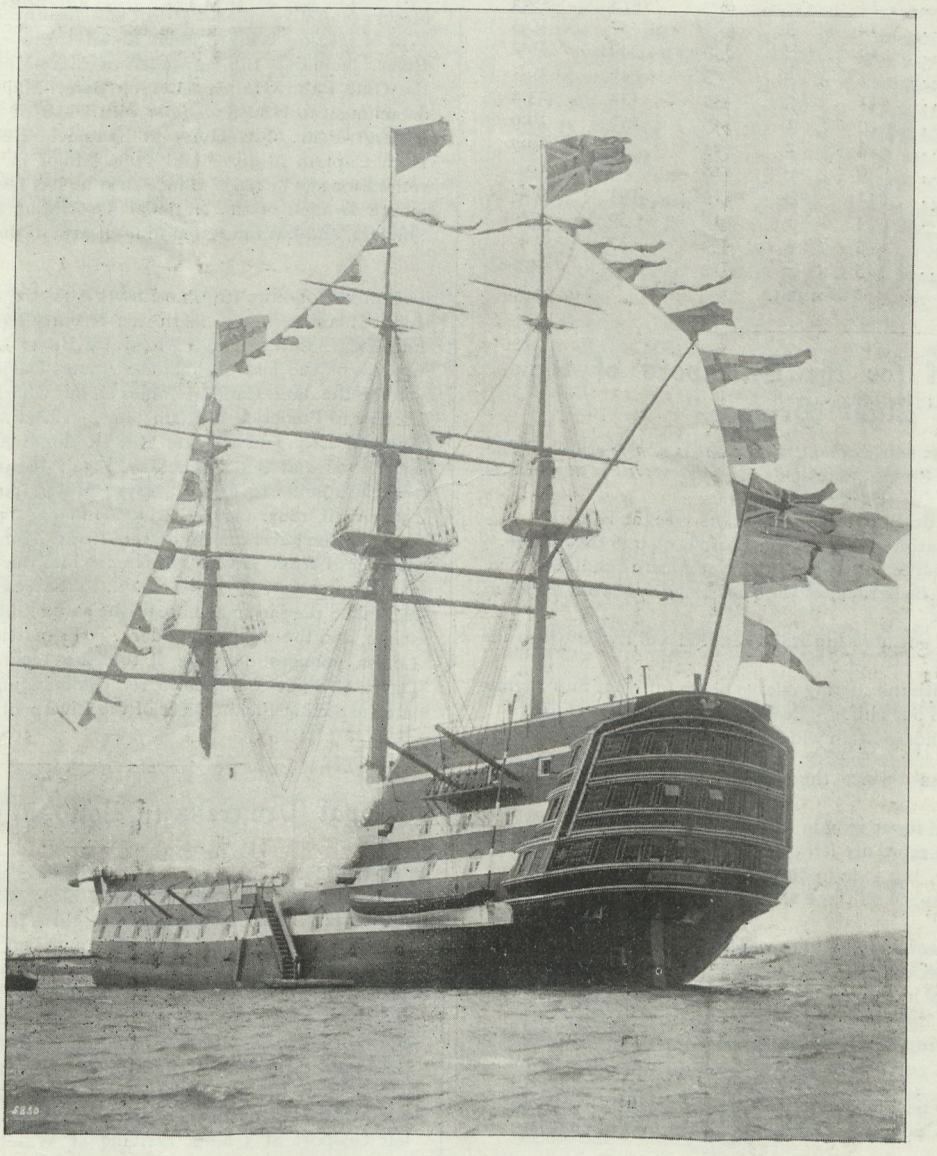
	500	*600*	*800*	*Tl.*
Major and Q.M. Rodway ..	33	25	34	92
Lieut. and Q.M. Baker ..	31	30	31	92
Sergt. Chell	33	28	28	89
Capt. Homer	33	30	26	89
Q.M.S. Deacon	31	33	25	89
S.I. Beddow	24	29	32	85
Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger	29	27	27	83
S.I. Height	28	25	29	82
Total	242	227	232	701

Average 87·62

H.M.S. *Excellent.*

	500	*600*	*800*	*Tl.*
C.P.O. Manning	32	31	32	95
C.P.O. Scopes	27	26	33	89
P.O.1 Farley	26	30	29	85
W.O. Pratt	29	29	27	85
P.O.2 Tranter	32	23	27	82
P.O.1 Feildwick	29	28	22	79
W.O. McClelland	25	22	27	74
C.P.O. Figg	30	22	22	74
Total	230	211	219	660

Average 82·50



H.M.S. "VICTORY" ON TRAFALGAR DAY.

Cricket.

PLYMOUTH DIVISION.

BATTING AVERAGES, 1902.

	No. of Innings.	*Times Not Out.*	*Most in Innings.*	*Total Runs.*	*Average.*
Lieut. Weller ..	11	3	56	299	27·1
Sergt. Bentley ..	13	2	73	332	25·4
Lieut. Maxwell ..	4	–	41	85	21·2
Capt. Coles	7	–	67	142	20·3
Staff-Surg. Munday ..	14	–	66	273	19·5
Capt. Ommanney ..	12	3	63*	232	19·3
Lieut. Higgs ..	18	–	59	346	19·2
Lieut. Brewer ..	3	2	29	48	16
Lieut. Young ..	11	1	35	132	13.2
Surgeon Tomlinson ..	9	1	45	150	16·6
Lieut. Sinclair ..	4	2	23	43	10·7
Lieut. Harmer ..	6	–	18	60	10
Lieut.-Col. Robyns ..	11	3	19*	101	9·2
Lieut. Hare ..	4	–	18	30	7·5
Pte. Smith ..	5	1	19	37	7·4
Sergt. Titchmarsh ..	5	–	13	20	4

* Not out.

An Appeal for the Survivors of the "Light Brigade."

The Balaclava fund is nearly exhausted, and unless a more generous flow of charity takes place, a number of gallant old soldiers will be relegated to the workhouse.—Vide Daily Papers.

In '54 the world was stirred by the deeds of the "Light Brigade,"
And a poet sang, in deathless song, of the glorious charge they made.
He told how they "charged an army" with but a mere handful of men,
And when they came back the files were slack and few were left even then.
Now the poet is dead, but his song still lives, and will live through the depth of time,
To move our hearts with the stirring tale, so beautifully put into rhyme.
And we tell the tale to our children dear as the tale to us was told,
And our children's children again will tell of that glorious charge of old.

Long years have passed since those few rode back, back from the mouth of hell,
And even of these still fewer remain of their glorious deeds to tell.
Now to-day but three-score are left of that heroic band,
That ne'er asked why, but rode to die, for Queen and dear homeland.
And now age creeps apace on those three-score men who rode with the Light Brigade,
And for most of them naught but workhouse is left, in spite of the charge they made.
The little the nation has doled them out will not keep the wolf from the door,
So as they're too old to help themselves, they appeal to the public for more.

Let your thoughts go back to the far Crimea, nearly fifty years ago,
When the men who now ask made light of the task of charging the Russian foe,
While the whole world rang of the brilliant charge, and called it "Immortal fame."
And now those who rode back are left to starve—the ghosts of the killed cry "Shame."
So open your hearts for Charity's sake, and open your pockets as well,
And send on your pounds, or shillings, or pence – each little mite will tell—
Just to help the men who performed a deed written large on History's page,
Just to help those left of the "Light Brigade" to live in their grand old age.

– H. J. SMITH, Sergt. R.M.L.I.,
Plymouth.

Obituary

MAJOR SAMUEL BURTON, late Royal Marine Artillery, died at his residence, Ivydene, Wilson Grove, Southsea, on 28th September, from Bright's disease, aged 62, and was buried in the Highland Road Cemetery, Eastney, on October 1st, several of his old comrades, both officers and N.C.O.'s, attending his funeral. To the older members of the R.M.A. he will be more easily identified as Samuel Thacker, under which name he enlisted and served through the various ranks until selected for promotion to Quartermaster in 1876. While in H.M.S. *Harrier* in 1862, he served in several boat attacks on native villages at Fiji and also throughout the New Zealand War of 1862-64, being present at all the operations on the Weikato River, including the surrender of Mere-Mere and the storming of the Gate Pah. He was later on Sergt.-Major of the Royal Marine detachment in H.M.S. *Galatea* with Duke of Edinburgh, and was also a Sergt-Instr. of Gunnery at Eastney. He was given the rank of Hon. Captain in 1886, and Hon. Major in 1889, and compulsorily retired for age in 1892. Since then he has been hon. sec. of the Portsmouth Branch of the National Association for Assisting Discharged Soldiers, and has interested himself also in the Gordon Boys' Brigade.

LIEUT.-COLONEL RONALD LEWIS AGASSIZ, on retired full pay, R.M. Light Infantry, whose death was recently reported, was a son of the late Lieut. Lewis Agassiz, R.M., of Stour Lodge, Bradfield, Essex; nephew of the late Commander James David Agassiz, R.N.; grandson of the late Captain James John Charlas Agassiz, R.N.; and brother to Frederiek William James Albert Agassiz, Esq., Edward A. Agassiz, Esq., and the late Rev. Rudolph Agassiz. He entered the service as 2nd Sub. 2nd May, 1859; became 1st Lieut. 13th Nov., 1861; Captain, 19th April, 1875; Major, 1st July, 1881; Lieut.-Col. 15th April, 1887, and retired on full pay, 3rd May, 1889. He was awarded the silver medal of the Royal Humane Society for jumping overboard from H.M.S. *Agincourt* into the Sea of Marmora on the 23rd September, 1898, at 11 p.m., to the rescue of F. Peel, A.B., who had fallen therein and whose life he saved; ship going seven knots under steam, and the night being dark. He married, 14th May, 1867, Mary Louisa, youngest daughter of the late Lieut.-Colonel George Lennox Davis, C.B., at Bath, formerly commanding the 9th Regiment and late Inspecting Field Officer of the Liverpool District.

Royal Progress in London, Oct. 25th, 1902.

THE Corps was represented on this occasion by half a battalion of R.M.A. and one battalion of R.M.L.I. of seven companies, viz., three from Portsmouth, three from Chatham, and one from Plymouth. Brigadier, Col. Commandant R. P. Coffin, R.M.L.I. (Chatham); Brigade Major, Major D. Mercer, R.M.L.I. (Depot). The R.M.L.I. were commanded by Lieut.-Col. J. R. Johnstone, C.B., and the R.M.A. by Major A. G. Tatham. There were also an R.M.A. guard of honour, with their band, and the bands from Portsmouth and Chatham. The R.M.A. guard of honour was stationed in St. George's Circus, and the Portsmouth band accompanied the naval guard of honour on the north side of the river. The Portsmouth companies left Gosport at 5 a.m., arriving at Waterloo at 7.40 a.m., marching thence to the rest camp in Lambeth Palace Gardens, where marquees were erected for their accommodation. The Plymouth company started overnight, all arriving at the rest camp by about 8.30 a.m. There breakfast awaited us. As regards the meals of the officers, nothing better could be desired, but those arranged for the men were certainly not so satisfactory; not only was some of the food of inferior quality, but the arrangements for its issue were inadequate, and the first men in had the best chance. Two other meals were provided for officers and men. At 11.30 a.m. we paraded, and marched off shortly afterwards, finally taking up our position on either side of the Borough Road and High Street, from Lancaster Street to Lane Street. There we had four hours to wait, and very wearisome it proved to be, all ranks being in great coats, as per "overnight order."

Luckily the weather was fine, but it was also warm. The men behaved in an exemplary manner, no one falling out during that long wait. We were back again in camp soon after 4 p.m., and there we had to wait till the returning trains started, one at 6 p.m. and others as late as 7.50 p.m. The Portsmouth Companies entered their barracks at 10.30 p.m. There were many amusing and interesting incidents for the observer during the day. Many of us were struck by the cheeriness and good humour of the South Londoners; everywhere we were met with hand-waving and cheers, good natured badinage being freely exchanged. An amusing incident occurred near St. George's Circus, a naval officer was trying his best to get his men in their places, one pace from the curb, and owing to the crowd had to give a good many orders before he was satisfied. While this was proceeding a voice from the crowd: "Now what the h——l is 'e talking abart."

WOODEN HEADED.—A woman speaking proudly of her son, said that he had joined the Pioneers. "Look," said she, pointing to two chairs in the corner, "he made them out of his own head, and he's got enough of wood left to make me a big arm-chair when he comes home again!"

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THE following incident occurred to a railway staff officer—a much-abused individual—in South Africa at a station on the Kimberley line. In the earlier stages of the war, arrangements for parcels and goods traffic were somewhat erratic. The ordnance officer used to demand from the R.S.O. one truck to convey "two cooking pots" or one parcel "Coats, British, warm" to their destination, and the disconsolate pots or parcel, as the case might be, reposed in solitary grandeur in the centre of a bogie truck. The R.S.O. expostulated, and requested the ordnance officer in future to save up his goods until he had sufficient to fill a truck, so as to economise space. The ordnance officer assented, and thought the plan a good one. Two days afterwards the R.S.O. received the following from him: "I have this day loaded in truck No. 1,017, 197 different articles in 34 different consignments, for 18 different regiments at seven different stations. Kindly forward." Collapse of R.S.O.

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A medical officer accompanied a General who was inspecting a station hospital. Tne General asked what was the matter with a certain consumptive patient. "Phthisis, sir." "Phthisis?—I never heard of it. What is it?" "Commonly called Consumption," was the reply. "Why the deuce don't you speak English. Tell me in that language what is wrong with this next man." "Booze!" was the unexpected answer.—*Donegal's Own.*

Answers to Correspondents.

PTE. T. W. HAMILTON.—Lights out in R.M. Barracks, Chatham, at 10.30 p.m.

LCE.-SGT. ILTON.—The fault does not lie at our door, as the parcels have been despatched as soon as possible.

BULLOCK—As far as we can learn there is to be no medal for Crete.

The Editor begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions, etc., with many thanks—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Pte. A. Parker ..	0	1	6	Rec. Room, Forton	0	3	0
Mr. Hurst ..	0	1	6	Canteens, Forton ..	0	1	9
Mr. Chas. Spurway	0	1	6	Sergts. Mess, Forton	0	2	3
Mr. G. Beale ..	0	1	6	Major Huggins ..	0	2	0
Cambridge ..	0	3	8	Mr. G. W. Jenkins..	0	1	6
Lt.-Col. Nepean ..	0	1	6	Mrs. Simpson ..	0	1	6
Blanche ..	0	4	6	R.M.A., Eastney ..	2	5	11
Sergt. A. R. Davies	0	1	6	*Irresistible* ..	1	0	5
Pte. H. Coward ..	0	1	6	Gnr. Jones, R.M.A.	0	1	6
Mr. J. Milne ..	0	1	6	Mr, Morley ..	0	1	6
Musketry Depot,				*Andromeda* ..	0	6	10
Gravesend ..	0	6	1	Mr. E. Wood ..	0	1	6

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Victory ..	0	6	6	*Hannibal* ..	0	17	1
Osborne ..	0	12	0	*Juno* ..	0	6	10
Severn ..	0	6	10	*Mars* ..	0	7	5
Sergt. Denman ..	0	1	6	Sergt. Gaskill ..	0	1	6
Naiad ..	0	11	3	*Repulse* ..	0	17	0
Mrs. Nelson ..	0	1	6	Sergt. Shepherd ..	0	3	0
Sergt. Peters ..	0	1	6	*St. George* ..	0	4	0
Sergt. R. Cole ..	0	1	6	Major Hayes ..	0	3	0
Galatea ..	0	8	0	Capt. P. Simmons .	0	11	8
Mr. Eagle ..	0	1	6	Miss Isaacson ..	0	1	6
R.M. Depot ..	2	18	7½	*Aboukir* ..	0	17	0
Lt.-Col. Gritton ..	0	1	6	*Furious* ..	0	7	9
Gen. Oldfield, R.A.	0	2	0	*Pioneer* ..	0	3	0
Mr. Andrews ..	0	1	6	*Bulwark* ..	0	4	11
Sans Pareil ..	0	7	3	*Gladiator* ..	1	18	6
Mr. G. Duncan ..	0	3	0	*Majestic* ..	0	3	3
Mr. H. Henry ..	0	1	6	Mr. Neall ..	0	1	6
Minotaur ..	0	9	0	Gen. E. L. Rose ..	0	2	6
Victoria and Albert..	0	4	11	*Magnificent* ..	0	17	5
Fleet-Surgeon F. J.				*Charybdis* ..	0	6	0
Lilly, R.N. ..	0	1	6	Sergt. White ..	0	1	6
Mr. A. D. Gibson ..	0	1	6	Mrs. Bourne ..	0	1	6
Mrs. Ellis ..	0	1	6	Mr. F. Holloway ..	0	1	6
Pte. Dyer ..	0	1	6	Fox ..	0	5	3
Sergt.-Major Mearles	0	12	1	Drum-Major Keen..	0	3	7
Mr. Vernon ..	12	15	6	Sergt. Preston ..	0	5	0
Grafton ..	1	7	6	Lt.-Col. Edge ..	0	4	6

Births.

ANDERSON—On Sept. 19th, the wife of Musn. J. Anderson, of a son.

FOWKES—On Dec. 27th, the wife of Sergt. G. H. Fowkes, of a son.

GOLDRING—On July 11th, the wife of Sergt. T. A. Goldring, of a son.

FRASER—On Oct. 20th, the wife of Sergt. W. Fraser, of a son.

HICKMAN—On Sept. 20th, the wife of Colr.-Sergt. J. H. A. Hickman, of a daughter.

CHARLESWORTH—On August 25th, at Forton, the wife of Pte. C. Charlesworth, R.M.L.I., of a daughter.

WATSON—On Oct. 18th, at 5, Stirling Road, Trinity, Edinburgh, the wife of Capt. C. S. Watson, late R.M.L.I., of a son.

Marriages.

WYLDE—WINCH—On Oct. 21st, at Upper Higham Church, Kent, Captain Arthur W. Wylde, R.M.L.I., second son of Robert Gervas Wylde, Esq., of Cheshunts, Boxted, Essex, to Mabel, eldest daughter of Thomas Winch, Esq., of The Hermitage, Higham, Kent.

LEES—FRASER—On Oct. 14th, at Torre Church, Torquay, by the Rev. J. T. Jacob, Captain Thomas Orde Hans Lees, R.M.L.I., younger son of T. Hastings Lees, Esq., of Guilsborough, Northampton, to Rhoda Isabel, widow of the late R. Lovat Fraser, Esq., and daughter of the late P. Musgrove, Esq.

NELSON—HAMMICK—On Oct. 6th, at St. Augustine's, Johannesburg, Transvaal, by the Rev. F. Thompson, Rector, Captain Francis Arthur Nelson, R.M.L.I., only son of Major W. F. Nelson, late R.A., to Ethel Ellen, younger daughter of the late William Daymond Hammick, Esq., and Mrs. Young, of Johannesburg.

WHITE-LEE—At the Parish Church, Deal, on Oct. 9th, Sergt. J. S. White to Miss J. E. Lee.

MOORE—GOLDING—On Sept. 24th, at the Parish Church, Portsmouth, Corpl. G. F. Moore to Louisa Hannah Daise Golding.

EVANS—MILES—On Jan. 22nd, at the Wesleyan Chapel, Farnham, Pte. C. T. S. Evans to Emily Rose Miles.

SEYMOUR—GOYMER—On Oct. 5th, at the Wesleyan Chapel, Deal, Pte. J. J. Seymour to Dora Alice Maud Goymer.

MEADLEY—GUEST—On Oct. 14th, at St. John's Church, Forton, Musn. G. F. Meadley to Alice Amelia Guest.

SILVER WEDDING.

MONTGOMERY—HAMILTON—On Oct. 25th, 1877, at Lynsted Church, Sittingbourne, by the Rev. Harris Bigg Wither, Robert Evans Montgomery, R.M.L.I., fourth son of Andrew Castle Montgomery, Resident Magistrate Co. Antrim, to Cordelia Eleanor, third daughter of the Rev. John Hamilton, Vicar of Lynsted, and grand-daughter of the late Sir Henry Hawley, Bart., of Leybourne Grange, Kent.

MORSE—ROBINSON—At Parish Church, Portsea, 29th Sept., 1902, Gnr. W. G. Morse, R.M.A., to Miss A. Robinson.

MORRIS—DURRANT—At Parish Church, Portchester, 7th Oct., 1902, Gnr. J. C. Morris, R.M.A., to Miss S. Durrant.

NEWMAN—BARTON—At St. Mark's, Portsea, 8th October, 1902, Gnr. P. C. Newman, R.M.A., to Miss M. A. Barton.

Deaths.

DEVINE—At the Depot Infirmary, Pte. P. Devine.

MORRIS—On Oct. 1st, in London, Lieut.-General John Ignatius Morris, R.M.L.I., son of the late Rev. G. S. Morris, of Bretforton, Worcestershire, in his 61st year.

BURTON—On Oct. 19th, at Dover, Ellen, widow of the late Major-General Cuthbert Burton, R.M.L.I., and youngest daughter of the late Rev. H. J. Dawes, M.A., of Gillingham, Kent, aged 74.

MUSKETT—On Oct. 20th, at Stonebrook, St. Ronan's Road, Southsea, Eleanor Mary, wife of Lieut.-Colonel Joseph Muskett, and widow of the late Major Henry Atkins McCallum, R.M.L.I., and daughter of the late Major John Brutton, R.M., and mother of Sir Henry McCallum, K.C.M.G., Governor of Natal, aged 72.

IN MEMORIAM.

BANNATYNE—On Oct. 1st, 1871, Anne Langford Bannatyne, widow of the late William McLeod Bannatyne, Esq., of Clifton, Bristol, and only child of the late Capt. Young, Royal Marines. In ever-loving memory.—A. H. D.

Corps Advertisements.

NOTICE,—Wanted, in the course of a few weeks, 3 or 4 Porters for service at the Royal Masonic School, Bushey, Hertfordshire. Work is light. Pay begins at 25/- a week and rises to 30/- in five years. No allowances. Men *must* be abstainers.—Apply to Rev. H. Jebb, Headmaster, Royal Masonic School, Wood Green, London, N.

MR. G. W. JENKINS (late Colour-Sergeant, R.M.A.), wishes to inform all his old comrades that he has taken the "Lord John Russell," Albert Road (opposite Clarence Hotel), Portsmouth, where he will be pleased to see them. Well-Aired Beds can be had at any time.

The Editor begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following papers with many thanks—

The United Service Magazine; The Household Brigade Magazine; The Dragon; The Tiger and the Rose; One and All; Lilywhites' Gazette; The Bengal Tiger; The A.S.C. Journal; The St. George's Gazette; I'm Ninety Five; The Men of Harlech; The 79th News; The Green Howards Gazette; The H.L.I. Chronicle; The Maple Leaf; The Man of the World; The Thin Red Line; The London Scottish Regtl. Magazine; The Regiment; The Oakleaf; The Suffolk Gazette; The Bugle; The Sunbeam; The Sapper; The Bluejacket; The Flash; The Yellow Plume; The Nec. Aspera Terrent; The United Service Gazette; The Gordonian; The Donegal's Own, &c.

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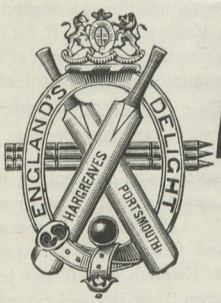
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Editorial.

WITH this number we complete another successful year in the career of our corps paper, and we are glad to be able to say that our circulation remains steadily at about 5,000 copies a month, and when the balance sheet is published next month we hope to be able to show that the paper is very nearly self-supporting. We hope our readers will continue to give us their kind support, both financially and in the way of copy, especially the new ships just commissioned who have not yet ordered any copies, throughout the new year; and we take this opportunity of wishing all the compliments of the season.

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We regret that owing to the lack of copy last month, one page had to be filled with a picture of the *Victory*, and by an oversight it was shown as the *Victory* on Trafalgar Day. As all good Portsmouthians at least know, the old ship is not "dressed" on Trafalgar Day, but has bunches of evergreens at the mastheads and yard-arms, etc.

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We publish in another column an Order-in-Council that we are sure will be hailed with delight by the whole corps, authorising an extra 2d. a day to be added to the pay of the N.C.O.'s and men of the corps, with effect from 1st April last. There are, of course, one or two provisos as to age and training, but they will affect a very small number.

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WAR OFFICE, PALL MALL, Nov. 11.—The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders: General His Royal Highness G. F. E. A., Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall and York, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., Colonel-in-Chief Royal Fusiliers, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and Royal Marines, to be Colonel-in-Chief.

The under-mentioned 2nd Lieutenants have been advanced to the rank of Lieutenant from 1st July, 1902:—C. F. Jerram, A. K. Evans, E. G. Cheesman, H. F. P. Rees, R. Sinclair, C. E. Risk, G. Barker, R. E. G. Barton, A. L. Durst, H. R. Brewer, C. E. C. Eagles, E. A. S. Hatton, and A. D. Welch.

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The Good Service Pension of £150 a year, vacant by the promotion of Colonel Commandant G. W. Dowding, has been awarded to Colonel Commandant R. P. Coffin.

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Captain H. C. Evans, R.M.L.I., will be posted to the Plymouth Division on return from service as Adjutant 4th V.B. Manchester Regiment, and will be borne as supernumerary until absorbed.

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Lieut. P. Owen, R.M.L.I., has been awarded by the Royal Humane Society a bronze medal and certificate, and Lieut. W. Young, R.M.L.I., a testimonial on vellum, for saving Private T. J. O'Brien from drowning in Plymouth Sound on the 18th July, 1902.

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Capt. W. B. Harkness, R.M.A., Lieut. H. K. Stephens, R.M.A., and Lieut. V. D. Lexley, R.M.L.I., have embarked in H.M.S. *Venerable*.

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An exchange of Divisions has been sanctioned between Major J. Bernard (Plymouth) and Major and Brevet Lieut.-Col. E. V. Luke, C.B. (Portsmouth). Also between Major G. L. Beaumont (Portsmouth) and Major E. G. Lywood (Plymouth).

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The Hong-kong Regiment, which left for India on the 23rd October, arrived at Jhelum on the 8th November, and is now being mustered out under the direction of Major E. L. C. Berger, acting-commandant, late R.M.L.I.

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The under-mentioned 2nd Lieutenants, R.M.A., have been advanced to the rank of Lieutenant from 1st January, 1901:—F. G. Crick, H. E. W. Iremonger, and H. G. St. G. Morgan.

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Captain H. J. Crocker, R.M.L.I., has been appointed as additional to the Naval Intelligence Department for a period of six months, from the 8th November, 1902.

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Major S. P. Peile, C.B., has been promoted to the rank of Lieut.-Colonel by Brevet, dated 20th November, 1902.

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Lieuts. E. T. Tredennick and E. M. I. Herford have exchanged on the Foreign Service Roster, and in consequence Lieut. Herford will embark in H.M.S. *Bacchante*.

H.M. the King has been graciously pleased to grant permission to Lieut. H. W. Channer, R.M.L.I., to accept and wear the decoration of the Imperial Russian Order of St. Anne, Third Class, which H.M. the Emperor of Russia has conferred upon him for his services in commanding the guard of honour at Gravesend on the occasion of the arrival in England of His Imperial Highness the Grand Duke Michael of Russia in connection with the Coronation of His Majesty the King.

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His Majesty the King has been pleased to award Coronation medals to Majors C. L. N. Bishop and A. H. Hire, Captain E. R. Cottingham, R.M.A., and Captain J. H. Lambert, R.M.L.I.

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Captain E. M. C. Ommaney, R.M.L.I., is to embark in H.M.S. *Vulcan*, and Lieut. W. N. Stokes, R.M.A., in H.M.S. *Empress of India*.

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Paymaster and Brevet Lieut.-Colonel P. Hearle, R.M.L.I., has been granted the hon. rank of Lieut.-Colonel, from 17th Nov. inclusive.

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On the occasion of the visit of Earl Roberts, K.G., to Portsmouth on October 23rd, a guard of honour of the Royal Marine Artillery, under Major Brittan and Lieut. Stephens, was mounted at Portsmouth Station, and the following order has been published:—"Lieut.-General Sir Baker Russell, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., commanding Southern District, desires to express his entire satisfaction with the guard of honour for Lord Roberts on Thursday last. The Commander-in-Chief was much struck with the general appearance and magnificent physique of the men, and their drill and handling of arms was equally admired."

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At a meeting of Hon. Board of Conservators of the River Thames, Mr. F. W. Eagle (late Colour-Sergeant R.M.A., and now lock-keeper at Whitchurch Lock) was presented by the Chairman, Sir Dixon Hartland, with the testimonial of the Royal Humane Society "for diving into the lock on the night of 2nd September, 1902, and attempting to save the life of a young lady who had accidentally fallen in owing to the darkness."

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We hear that Mr. J. Pardon, Regimental Staff-Sergeant 3rd (D.C.O.) V.B. Hants Regiment, and late Sergeant-Instructor of Musketry R.M.L.I., has been awarded the Volunteer Long Service Medal (for 20 years' service as a Volunteer); and as Mr. Pardon also wears the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal for the Royal Marines, this must be almost without precedent. Mr. Pardon joined the R.M.L.I. (Plymouth) 5th November, 1860, and was promoted to Corporal April, 1863; Sergeant, April, 1866; 2nd class Instructor of Musketry, July, 1873; Colour-Sergeant, April, 1877; and became Sergeant-Instructor of Musketry October, 1879; and was discharged 15th December, 1881. He served in H.M.S. *Star*, and took part in the Abyssinian Expedition and also in the slave dhow chasing on the East Coast of Africa. He was landed in 1878 from H.M.S. *Tenedos*, and served with the Naval Brigade in the Zulu War. In 1890 he was awarded the Royal Marine Meritorious Service Medal and Annuity. In 1882 he joined the Volunteers, and worked his way up through all the ranks to his present position, during which time he has always taken an active interest in musketry, and has helped on many young shots.

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At the monthly sale of war medals by Messrs. Glendining in London on the 28th October, the silver war medal with clasp for Syria, awarded to the late Colonel H. G. Mitford, R.M.L.I., fetched £2 11s. Lot 433 was a very interesting medal to those whose forefathers took part in suppressing the mutiny which threatened England's supremacy of the sea at the time, and when the corps showed such devoted loyalty:—Earl St. Vincent Medal, *obv.* bust of the earl surrounded by a wreath of laurel, legend "*Earl St. Vincent's Testimony of Approbation*, 1800"; *rev.* a sailor and marine shaking hands, the shadow of the Union Jack covering the field; a crown above, "*Loyal and True*"; the whole encircled by a wreath, *silver, very fine and very rare.*

Lieut. Sinclair, R.M.L.I., has passed the examination for Interpreter in the Italian language.

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An examination of candidates to qualify for Adjutants will commence on 21st January, 1903. Place of examination will be notified later. Names of candidates to be submitted by 1st January.

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The Corps was represented at the funeral of Field Marshal H.H. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar at Goodwood on November 19th by General G. H. T. Colwell, C.B., R.M.L.I., and at the Memorial Service on the same date at the Chapel Royal, St. James's, by Lieut.-General A. French, C.B., R.M.A.

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The late Field-Marshal commanded the Southern District in the seventies, where he was well known to many of the Corps, and always took great interest in the R.M.A. and R.M.L.I. Divisions in the command.

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Major-General Sir H. G. Elliot, K.C.M.G., C.B., who recently retired from the office of Chief Magistrate of Tembuland, Transkei, and Pondoland, Cape Colony, has been granted a pension of £800 per annum, on the recommendation of the Select Committee on Pensions, Grants, and Gratuities. Sir Henry Elliot has nobly served his country for many years in most trying positions in South Africa, and may fairly be said to have gained the goodwill of all classes from High Commissioner to native children, not excepting the most inveterate Bond and pro-Boer.

Prettyjohn's Medals.

Subscriptions from Portsmouth Division and Major Hunt were shown in error last month. They should read as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
General de C. Meade	1	1	0
Portsmouth Division	9	7	6
Major Hext	0	10	0

The following subscriptions have been received up to the 24th November, 1902:—

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	105	8	1
General W. P. Wright	1	1	0
General A. French, R.M.A. ..	1	1	0
Major Bernard	2	2	0
Capt. Grover	0	10	0
Lieut. Johnstone	0	7	6
,, Ozanne	1	0	0
,, Inman	0	10	6
Plymouth Division	1	10	0
Total ..	£113	10	1

A. E. Rombulow-Pearse, Captain R.M.L.I.

Royal Marines' Rifle Association.

FOREIGN STATIONS COMPETITIONS.

The result of the Competition for the Silver Badge, on the Pacific Station, was as follows:—

Lieut. H. Ozanne, R.M.L.I.,	H.M.S. *Phaeton* ..	(Winner of the Badge)	89
Corpl. Ball, R.M.L.I.,	H.M.S. *Amphion* ..	(Winner of Prize of One Guinea)	87
Pte. Cox, R.M.L.I.,	H.M.S. *Amphion* ..		83
Sergt. Churchard, R.M.L.I.,	H.M.S. *Grafton* ..		80
Pte. Howe	,, ,, ,, ..		79
Pte. Jones	,, ,, ,, ..		77
Lce-Corpl. Jones	,, H.M.S. *Amphion* ..		76
Pte. Powis	,, H.M.S. *Shearwater* ..		75
Pte. Barnes	,, H.M.S. *Phaeton* ..		72
Pte. Hall	,, H.M.S. *Amphion* ..		71

Bisley Targets and Scoring.

Beresford Cup for 12-Oared Cutters, Mediterranean Squadron, 1902.

ROYAL MARINES' CREW, H.M.S. "RENOWN."



Gnr. Borroft. Gnr. Harris. Pte. Bennett. Gnr. Servant, Pte. Jones. Gnr. Pope.
Gnr. Haynes. Gnr. Spencer. Gnr. Hillier. A. Young (Cox.) Gnr. Powers. Gnr. Gentleman. Gnr. Rubick.

Foreign News.

PACIFIC STATION.

H.M.S. *Grafton*, Esquimalt,
5th November, 1902.

To the Editor, "Globe and Laurel."

Dear Sir,

We have just returned from Comox, where we spent eight weeks going through our annual musketry course and prize firing. It will no doubt be gratifying to the readers of the "Globe and Laurel" to learn how well the Marines have done at both. At heavy gun firing Sergt. Bowers, R.M.A., (starboard after 6 in. casemate) took first prize with six hits out of 10 rounds.

The port after 6in. casemate, Actg. Bombr. Goodrum, R.M.A., tied for second place with an upper-deck 6 in. gun with six hits out of nine rounds. This gun had very bad luck, as the second shot carried one of the masts of the target away; this had to be repaired and the run started again, and there were two miss-fires. Below are the names of the winning crew:—Sergts. Bowers, Capt., G. Sing, Corpl. Streek, Gunners Delaney, Dibben, Eaton, Newby Artheurs.

At the quick-firing guns Corpl. Hall, R.M.L.I., took 3rd place with six hits out of 10 rounds. An improvement in the shooting should be shown next year when telescopic sights will be used.

At musketry we turned out 20 marksmen,—two 1st. class (Sergt. Churchward, R.M.L.I., 212; Pte. Howe, R.M.L.I., 203). The remainder of the ship's company produced 31 marksmen, so that the marines are well above the average.

C. C. Clarke, Major.

MEDITERRANEAN.

H.M.S. *Gladiator*, Malta.
November 11th, 1902.

The contest for the Heavy-weight Championship of the Station was fought at the Britannia Circus on November 4th. The contestants were Hedley T. Butt, Pte. R.M.L.I., of H.M.S. *Gladiator*, and Michael O'Neary, 2nd class leading stoker, of H.M.S. *Irresistible*. Intense interest was evinced throughout the fleet in this event, due in a great measure to Butt's reputation and also to O'Neary's magnificent physique, and the final manner in which he disposed of his opponents in the preliminary heats. The limit for the fight was fixed at 20 3 min. rounds for a purse of £20 and a side-stake of £10.

In the first round O'Neary was fortunate enough in placing a blow whlch sent Butt to the ropes, but the latter quickly retaliated and O'Neary went down twice almost in quick succession before "time" was called. In the second round, despite a most gallant effort on O'Neary's part, he went down no less than three times before the round was completed. In the third round Butt, almost at the opening of the round, floored his opponent and shortly afterwards dealt him a terrific blow on the left jaw which sent him outside the ropes. O'Neary was subsequently carried out of the ring by his seconds. This is probably the most interesting fight that even such a well-known boxer as Butt has ever figured in.

J. Cameron, Lance-Sergt.

THE EAST INDIES STATION.

Any account of our doings on this Station has to be limited to the concern of one ship, as it is seldom that two ships are in company.

At Bombay we, that is to say, the Flagship, meet other ships now and then for a few days at Trincomili. The Persian Gulf always claims two of the smaller ships, while Aden has another, and in the absence of the Flagship, Trincomili has its representative. A great deal has been said as to the discomfort and unhealthiness of this Station, but neither are much felt by those in the Flagship. Certainly we have been in whites now continuously since the day we left Gibraltar on our way out—two-years-and-a-half ago—but the heat has never been unbearable, and at times it has been really cool. Trincomili has the steadiest heat, as the thermometer seldom falls below 80 deg. day and night all the year round, but there is nearly always a breeze; and with plenty of exercise during the two hours before sunset, and avoidance of exposure to the sun, one can keep in good health and enjoy life fairly well. This has been a very healthy ship so far, and there has been hardly any cases of fever among the detachment. No one has been invalided, or has died. We lost one man—Lance-Corpl. Hatch—soon after our arrival, who had turned over from the *Eclipse*, from appendicitis. A handsome stone has been erected by his comrades to his memory in Trincomili cemetery.

This is an economical station, for there are not many places to spend money, and clothing is cheaply kept up. A suit of whites, made in Trincomili, of Indian drill, costs three rupees only, (four shillings), and stands the native washing better than the service article which is apt to go at the seams.

Mauritius, a delightful spot for officers, who receive unstinted hospitality up country from the residents, is a poor place for the men, as there is nothing whatever to do in the town of Port Louis in the evening except visit the evil-smelling drinking shops of John Chinaman, who provides no amusement of any sort for his customers.

About two months of each year we spend at Bombay; there is a good Sailors' Rest there, and plenty going on. At Trincomili we pass four or five months of the year, and here is a good Naval canteen; football and hockey are played nearly every day; the Marines being well represented in all matches, and having a football club of their own which has been fairly successful. Our Marine whaler's crew is getting rusty for want of opponents. At the Bombay Yacht Club regatta last Spring they took the first prize, beating the Flag-Captain's gig's crew, and later on they beat easily the whaler's racing crew of the *Fox*.

Our rifle-shooting has this year been very satisfactory, more particularly when it is considered that practice was carried out in the burning Trincomili sun with shade temperature at about 92 deg. Out of a detachment of 54 we have 24 marksmen, while the individual average is 160·4—just short of an average of marksmen. The Commander-in-Chief made a signal to the ship congratulating the Marine detachment on their shooting. In the competition for the East Indies station Rifle Badge, Pte. Bevis of the Plymouth Division, made 76 out of 84, with a possible at 600 yards, and one point short of a possible at 500 yards. At the Trincomili Garrison Rifle Meeting Sergt. Cornish, Plymouth Division, was first at 800 yards, and second in the aggregate, taking the money prize, the winner of the Cup being an officer. Pte. W, Smith, Plymouth Division, won the 500 yards competition, and other prizes were obtained by Pte. A. Willcox and Pte. A Sharp. A skirmishing competition at vanishing targets was won by the team of Marines under Sergt. Sinnot,

Twice we had the privilege of welcoming our Colonel-in-Chief on the Station in his voyage on board the *Ophir*,—at Colombo on the way out, and again at Mauritius on the return journey. The senior Marine officer had the honour of being included in T.R.H.'s dinner party on the day of arrival at Mauritius. There also we met an old Marine officer—Captain Harding of the 19th Royal Madras Infantry, gaining golden opinions as A.D.C. to the H.E. the Governor, his fluent French standing him in good stead among the old Creole residents. He had a friendly eye for his old comrades-in-arms, when they with most of the ships company spent a long day, on the invitation of Sir Charles and Lady Bruce, at Le Réduit, the beautiful up-country residence of the Governor, where the Prince and Princess of Wales stayed during their visit to the Island. Lady Bruce was assisted in her hospitality by Lady Bower, wife of the Colonial Secretary, and sister to the very popular wife of one of our Lieutenant-Colonels.

We had hoped that a Company of Marines from the Squadron would have been invited to attend the great Durbar at Delhi on Emperor's Day, but it seems that neither Navy nor Marines are to be represented.

Shooting.

PRIZE FIRING.—H.M.S. "HOOD."

Starboard after, 6in. casemate, 11 rounds, 11 hits, 1st—Captain of Gun, Sergt. Salmon, R.M.A., 7 rounds 7 hits; 2nd Captain of Gun, Bombr. Parrott, R.M.A., 4 rounds, 4 hits. Port after, 6in. casemate, 10 rounds, 8 hits, 5th—Captain of Gun, Sergt. Moore, R.M.A., 6 rounds, 5 hits; 2nd Captain of Gun, Gunner Downton, R.M.A., 4 rounds, 3 hits. Six-pounder—Gunner Elsdon, R.M.A., 9 rounds, 2 hits; Gunner Guff, R.M.A., 9 rounds, 9 hits, 1st.

The Royal Marines Memorial.

Readers of the "Globe and Laurel" and others may, with good reason, think that a very long time has elapsed since the proposal to erect a Memorial to our comrades who fell in South Africa and China was first mooted and a subscription started.

Many causes have contributed to account for this delay, but at length the end is in sight. On Monday, November 24th, the First Commissioner of H.M. Office of Works, Lord Windsor, with Major Hussey, R.E., met those members of the Committee who were available in London and Captain Adrian Jones, the sculptor, for the purpose of deciding upon the exact position of the Monument.

A full-sized flat model has been prepared by Captain Jones, which was placed in several positions in "The Cambridge Enclosure," St. James's Park, and after about an hour spent in trying various sites, discussing the effect produced, &c., it was decided to place the Monument on a little rising ground facing Carlton House Terrace, and about ten yards from the south side of the Mall.

The position is an excellent one, within a few yards of what, in a few years, when the Victoria Memorial Scheme is accomplished, will be a much used thoroughfare. There are no buildings within sixty yards or so, therefore there will be nothing to dwarf the Monument, which will then be seen at its best advantage.

All the sculptor's work is finished, on the statue itself, and now nothing remains but to put in the foundations, erect the Memorial, unveil and hand it over to H.M. Office of Works.

The additional £100 which was asked for to meet certain extra and unforeseen expenses has not quite been obtained, but no doubt more subscriptions will come in yet.

The following sums have been received since October 31st:—

Colonel Draffen (2nd Subscription) ..	£5	0	0
Lieut.-General A. French, C.B. (2nd Subscription)	5	0	0
Major-General W. P. Wright, D.A.G., R.M. (2nd Subscription)..	2	2	0
Chatham Division, R.M.L.I. (Additional Subscription)	5	4	2
Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I. (Additional Subscription)	1	7	6
		£18	13 8
Additional Subscriptions already acknowledged		65	13 8
Additional Subscriptions promised ..		5	0 0
		£89	7 4
Original Subscriptions received prior to issue of Special Appeal		£1,284	9 9
Grand Total..		£1,373	17 1

G. T. Onslow, Colonel R.M.L.I.,
Hon. Secretary.

Home Notes

GOSPORT.

ON October 31st, Fleet-Surgeon Hamilton was entertained by the Officers at a farewell dinner. He is succeeded by Fleet-Surgeon Jeans, who was formerly attached to Eastney when a surgeon, so he will be no stranger to the old hands.

The Theatre continues to draw good houses, and several new pieces have been staged, among them "The Steeplechase," an amusing comedy; "Caught by the Cuff," a most entertaining farce; and "The Creole." The Management is to be congratulated on the variety of its entertainments and the general improvement of its dramatis personæ.

The Officers gave their first Matinée this winter, in the Mess, on the 24th November, and the excellent programme provided by the Band, under Mr. Green, was much appreciated. The next Matinée will be held on the 15th inst.

The Members of the Junior N.C.O's Dance Club hold their Annual Ball in the Gymnasium on the 12th inst., Corporal H. Warboys undertaking the duties of Hon. Sec.

The interesting event of the local football world, last month, was the tie between Forton and ourselves in the second round of the Hants Junior Cup. It was played at Forton, on 15th November, and a grand game ensued. Though an extra half-hour was granted, no finality could be reached. Such was the appearance of the Forton Playing Field that afternon, that some old R.M.L.I. pensioners when passing the ground were heard to remark that the Forton and Eastney Divisions must have changed places lately. Perhaps this is only a foretaste of what the new amalgamation scheme, which is so much in the air at present, may contain. The tie was replayed at Eastney, on the 23rd November, and the R.M.A. won a well-contested game by 3 to 1. The improvement in the R.M.L.I. team, this year, is most marked.

Last month has outdone itself in the way of miserable weather. What with cold, and then rain, life has been indeed an empty dream. We have struggled along, however, and our kind Theatre Committee have provided some excellent entertainments, under the management of Sergt.-Major McLachlan. We are glad to say our acting talent has been revived, and Colr.-Sergt. Bowman, Sergts. Beard, Underhay, Colverson, and Corpl. Crawley, assisted by several ladies connected with the corps, have already produced several farces, notably "Whitebait at Greenwich" and "That Blessed Baby." We also hear rumours that the officers are likely to produce a musical play after Xmas. On the 19th a *matinée musicale* took place in the Officers' Mess, which was quite differently arranged on this occasion, the band playing inside the mess-room.

Our football team have been playing hard and training well, but, as will be seen in our football columns, with hardly so much success as at first.

PLYMOUTH.

On the occasion of the Bye-election at Devonport, at the latter end of October, all troops were, as is usual on these occasions, confined to barracks for the day. During the afternoon, impromptu sports were held on the Parade, and a small programme was got through without any hitch. It is needless to remind our readers that Devonport returned to Parliament a resident of Stonehouse in the person of Mr. Lockie, who obtained a majority of 28 over the Hon. T. A. Brassey, the Liberal candidate, and thus gained a seat for the Government.

The Adjutant (Capt. Morres) and one Company, under Capt. Miller, proceeded to London and joined the Battalion, under Lieut.-Col. Johnstone, C.B., on the occasion of the King's drive through the City and Borough.

Capt. Bockett-Pugh has received the Coronation (silver) Medal for his services with the Colonials at the Alexandra Palace.

The Theatre has re-opened, this year, under the management of Col.-Sergt. H. L. Smith, and has so far had a very successful season. Several new pieces have been staged, and there is no reason to regret the plays in lighter vein, which have replaced the blood-curdling scenes, which almost without exception appeared week after week last season.

Football and hockey are in full swing. In football we have a strong association team, which makes one regret we have not entered for the Army Cup, for then we really could have seen what we are worth. At present we have to play neighbouring teams, and the West Country is not a stronghold of the "soccer" code. However, we met our match at St. Austell's, and may do so elsewhere.

A Chinese jingâl has been presented to the officers' mess by Capt. Mullins and Lieut. Lawrie. late of H.M.S. *Terrible*, and has been placed among the trophies in the entrance hall.

Anecdotes

How He Lost His Arm.—"It reminds me of old times, "said a one-armed man to a stranger, as a company of regulars marched past. "Were you in the Army?" asked the stranger, as he glanced at the empty sleeve. "That's were I was, and I left my arm on the battlefield, too." "Tell me all about it," "said the reporter. "Well, 'taint much to tell," was the modest reply. "When the fighting was going on I got separated from the rest of the boys, an' dodging behind the stump of a tree, I picked off the enemy's officers as fast as they could bring 'em up. I guess I must have killed about four generals, two colonels, say nothing of lieutenants and others, when one of the generals pointed me out to a regiment, an' said; 'If you don't kill that man the battle is lost.' Well, they just came a-running at me with their bayonets glistenin' but I killed ten or twelve of 'em. Pretty soon a corporal—the only officer I had left alive—hollered out: 'Surrender, will ye?' 'Never' says I; so on they came firin' a whole volley. One shot hit me in the arm, an' another in the head, knockin' me senseless. Thinkin' I was dead, they went off and left me. I recovered enough to crawl into camp and have my arm cut off." The listener was warmly expressing his praise at the one-armed man's bravery, when a farmer stepped up and said: "How's your arm, Jim?" "It all right," said Jim, rather sheepishly. "Lost his arm in my thrashing machine, sir," explained the farmer, "an', of course, I'm rather interested in it."

A Hint to the Sergeant.—"Colour-Sargint, could yez get us a week's pass for to go and see my poor ould mother? She wants me badly." "What is the matter with her, Mickey?" "Sure, Sargent, I don't zackly know, but the docthor says as how she wants plenty 'o 'tintion; and I'm thinking that afther the drillin' yez given me this last six months, I shall be able to give her plenty o' 'tintion and standhin' at aise as well, should she require it'" He got his pass.

Target v. Figures.—At the last autumn manœuvres a midland Volunteer battalion was sent to Perham Down Range for practice at disappearing targets. A sergeant in charge of a section cautioned his men "When the targets appear, take deliberate aim at the figures." After the commence (magazine independent), he noticed a recruit apparently doing his best to mutilate the number boards above the targets; asked if he could not take better aim, he replied, "Why, sergeant, you told us to aim at the figures, an I have hit 'em every time."

"Gunnery" in a Gunboat.

BY A "RECRUIT" (SICK OF THE SEA).

I AM a private in that portion of His Majesty's Forces so truthfully designated by one of its officers as "the Great Sea Regiment," and I joined it principally because I knew nothing of the sea. Having been born and bred in a large Midland town, my knowledge of the sea and ships was gleaned, partly from watching the canal boats as a boy, partly from the fact that my father used to make glass models of ships, but mainly from a 5s. day trip to Portsmouth, when I "crowded" as much of the place into eight hours as possible, and went back home again full of importance and shell fish.

Having passed through the various stages at the depôt, I joined Headquarters, and was begining to look forward to that portion of my career so graphically described by the recruiting sergeant as "taking pleasure trips round the world," when there came a day of disenchantment, and that came about in this way. I had reached that stage which is technically known as "Gunnery," and had just got so far advanced in that as to be duly "warned" that my class would be for "Shot Practice" in the Gunboat on the morrow. Now, thinks I, to see something of a "life on the ocean wave," and I saw it. Having got to the gunboat, I scrambled on board in a very undignified manner, and saluted. Why I saluted, or what I saluted, was not quite clear to me; but still, I saluted, I hadn't time to look about before the Sergeant told me to go and help "strike up" projectiles. I did, and was wondering why they were so heavy and dirty, when one "struck me" and fell on the deck. I was asked "did I consider it was a juggling competition?" I was bound to admit that I didn't. In the meantime we had got outside the Breakwater, and the ship began to wobble about in a very curious manner, and so did I, and I was just about to inspect the water over the side, when a rather dirty-looking gentleman in a peak cap went up to the Sergeant and said "Stripey, give us four hands for the ashes." I was one he gave him. "The ashes" consisted of pulling up buckets of ashes from a very "smelly" place somewhere at the bottom of the ship, and as we were in the act of pulling up a bucket the ship seemed to turn over and water came in from all directions, which caused us to loose the rope, and the bucket and ashes dropped back again with a crash. I didn't hear all the remarks they passed down below, but what I did hear are totally unfit for publication. Before I'd time to survive the shock we were told to get ready for "firing." Somehow, firing had lost its charm for me by this time, but I inspected the water again, and prepared for the worst. When it came my turn to fire, I crawled into my place on the platform, and a voice from behind said "Can you see the target, No. 1." As my eyes were nearly closed I had to murmer, "No, I can't." "Then for Gawd's sake buck up and look for it; there it is, over there," said the Sergeant, pointing, and between us we managed to get the muzzle of the gun trained in the direction of the tiny object they called the target, when "bang!" Something had happened. How, I could never quite tell, but my left arm got a shock that I shan't soon forget, and I opened my eyes to find the muzzle of the gun pointing towards the sky, and the voice behind shouting "Come down out of that, you idiot." I came down willingly, and was told I couldn't fire again as I was marked "dangerous." By this time life had no attractions to speak of, so, as they were busy at one end of the ship, I crawled away to the other, and found a haven of rest under a disengaged gun, and lay down. No weary traveller ever welcomed a feather bed as I welcomed those sloppy planks, and I dozed. I have an indistinct recollection of weird noises going on around me, but was thoroughly awakened by someone kicking me and telling me to "come on, they're going to fire the "rocket.'" As my presence could have no bearing on the "rocket" I asked to be excused and rolled over again, moaning, and I remember nothing more until I awoke to find a stream of water pouring over me. It first occurred to me that a terrible storm had arisen, and I was being washed overboard, so I yelled out, "Help! help!" There was a roar of laughter, and, on looking round, I discovered it was nothing worse than a sailor-man washing down the deck with a hose. So I struggled to my feet, and was thankful to find we were nearly at the landing place again. How I scrambled into the boat and got on shore I leave to your imagination. But when I got back into my Barrack Room I thought it one of the most cheery and comfortable places I had ever been in. And now, I am trying to get transferred, to serve with an elder brother, who is on the permanent staff of the Militia. They don't go to sea very often.

H.J.S.

The officers of an Austrian man-o'-war in China were calling on the Ward Room officers of the British flagship when the conversation turned on the lately held fleet regatta. "Oh, yes," said one of the visitors, "ve also have ze régates, every veek ve hold 'em." "Really," said the navigator, "it must come very expensive in the way of prizes. But perhaps you don't give any." "Oh, yes, ve 'ave ze prize. Fairst prize—nozing; second prize—nozing; zaird prize—vat you call 'black list.'"

The ways of the Maltese are peculiar, as is probably known to most of our readers, and this true story illustrates one of their most prominent traits. The Ward Room messman hailed from that khaki-coloured isle, and, as is usual with his nationality, was apt, if not closely watched, to provide indifferent fare when he saw a chance. On being interviewed by the Mess Committee, and expostulated with on the inferior class of cheese provided, he querulously exclaimed,—"Well, sare, s'pose I put good cheese on the table, the officers *eat* it."

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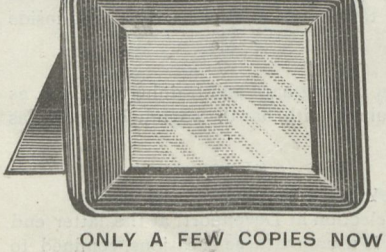
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Order in Council.

AT THE COURT AT WINDSOR,

The 19th day of November, 1902,

PRESENT:

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 6th day of November, 1902, in the words following, viz.:—

"WHEREAS by your Majesty's Royal Warrant dated the 27th March, 1902, certain additions were made in the pay and emoluments of the soldiers of Your Majesty's Army:

"And whereas We are of opinion that similar advantages should be conferred upon Your Majesty's Corps of Royal Marines, due regard being had to the differences which exist between the two Services;

"We therefore beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the grant, as from 1st April, 1902, of an additional sum of Two Pence a day to each Royal Marine who has been under training six months, and who has either completed his Recruit Infantry Training or attained the age of 19, which ever occurs first:

"The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal."

HIS MAJESTY, having taken the said Memorial into consideration was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

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How the Major Missed the Boat.

A FEW years ago I was one of the two unfortunate subalterns borne on the ship's books of H.M.S. *Tweezer*, flagship in the Mediterranean. I said unfortunate subs., so we were, and even now I shudder to think of the times we had during the first part of our commission. The cause of all our troubles was our Major, who was a regular martinet, and whose sole aim in life seemed to consist in hurrying us to a premature grave. I may add that the Major suffered from a bad liver, and when his attacks were on we knew it. Whether inspecting the afternoon watch, or liberty men, it mattered not, nothing was done right, and as for gun drill, well I blush now when I think of the adjectives, or as we term it, "outer language" used by him when Jones, my brother sufferer, or I was drilling the Quarters. The only time we had any peace was when we were in harbour, for the Major being a bit of a dandy was in evidence at every smart dinner party, so we were not sorry when the anchor was dropped, It came to pass, however, that one day the gallant Major was absent from a grand dinner party given by the Governor of Fiume, and I will relate how that extraordinary accident happened. We had just arrived at Fiume, when an invite came aboard from the Governor, who was giving a grand dinner in honour of some Royalty staying in the town for a few days. It was summer time, and having been a month or more from Malta our white dinner-suits were not exactly as spotless as we wished, so very soon there was a commotion outside the wardroom, servants packing up white suits and shirts, to be sent on shore at once to be washed.

Unfortunately the Major's dinner suits were very limited, for Carlo, our Maltese washerman, had left the Major's basket of linen in the "Hole in the Wall," on the Marina, so he exhibited more than usual anxiety in getting his linen ashore. "Don't forget, Perkins," he cried to his marine servant, "I must have my suit off by to-morrow, and d—— the others."

Jones and I were in high glee for we had been feeling very down-hearted, as we had had an unusual hard time, the Major's liver attacks seeming to get worse every day, but the prospect of an evening's enjoyment raised our spirits, and we determined to have a good time.

Imagine my dismay and disappointment when the following day I was informed by the Major that I was to remain on board. I ventured to suggest that, owing to the exceptional circumstances, the captain, if approached, might see his way clear to have the ship left for once without a marine officer on board. The next moment I was sorry I had spoken, for he glared at me, and in a voice of thunder demanded to know what I meant. "By Gad, sir," he roared, "I do not know what officers are made of now-a-days, I will see you to the d—— before I speak to the captain."

About half an hour afterwards I was pouring out my tale of woe into the ears of my bosom friend Fowler, our genial assistant paymaster.

"Its a downright shame," he remarked, as I concluded; "it would serve him right if he was obliged to remain on board himself." Like a flash the thought of his only dinner suit being on shore passed through my mind, and I imparted the news to Fowler with sundry remarks, hoping the Major's suit would get burnt or find a watery grave. "Capital!" exclaimed Fowler, "I have it, just leave it to me, old man, and you will have 'old spurs' keeping you company at dinner to-night."

At six bells in the afternoon Perkins, the Major's servant, left the ship to bring off the precious linen, and in the same boat I noticed my friend Fowler sitting.

The dinner was to take place at half-past seven, and after evening quarters preparations were commenced to get ready. In the meanwhile I sat brooding in my cabin, and wondering if Fowler would carry out his plan and prevent the tyrant, as we termed him, from attending the dinner. "Who's there," I responded to a knock at my door. "Major Flint wishes to see you at once, sir," said the aft deck sentry.

I seized my cap and made for the Major's cabin. "Have you seen anything of Perkins?" he asked. "Here it is half-past six and my linen not off yet, send an escort ashore at once and find him." I hurried away to carry out his orders, with a sort of joyful hope that Perkins would not be found, also feeling that my worthy chum Fowler had succeeded in carrying out his plan of operations.

Seven o'clock came and still no Perkins, and the Major—well his bitterest enemy would have pitied him just at this time, for he raved and cursed, but all to no purpose. "Aren't you ready, Major?" called out the First Luff, "the boat is waiting." The only answer was the sound of a cabin door being noisily closed, and I felt it my duty to acquaint "No. 1" with the state of affairs, but, judging by the roars of laughter that issued from the steam pinnace as it shoved off, I do not think the Major received much sympathy.

About nine o'clock that night a boat came alongside, and a figure crawled up the gangway and lurched on to the quarter deck. "Washing all right," he hiccuped, "never adrift in my life." It was Perkins, who had returned on board having imbibed—not wisely, but too well.

I will draw a curtain over the next few days, but I may say the Major became a changed man, and the remainder of our commission was quite happy.

It was some time after before I was told by Fowler how he had managed to carry out his plan. On arriving on shore he persuaded Perkins to partake of some whisky. Now Perkins was an excellent old soldier, with one great failing, and that was whisky, and, once he tasted a drop, time and circumstances were a blank to him. So it came to pass that, Fowler knowing his weakness, soon reduced him to a state of intoxication, and stowed him away in the Home for Seamen, where he peaceably slept until he was aroused a few hours later by the Manager.

R. D. HALE.

Petropaulovski.

[In reply to a correspondent who has recently visited this place and asked us for information, we give this short account from the Annual Register of 1854.—ED.]—Accounts have been received, *viâ* San Francisco, that a combined English and French squadron has made an attack upon the Russian town of Petropaulovski, in Kamschatka, and has been beaten off with considerable loss. It appears that the squadron consisted of the *President*, 50, the *Pique*, 40, and the *Virago* (st.), 6—English; and *La Forte*, 60, *Eurydice*, 30, and *Obligado*, 12—French. The first operations commenced on the 29th of August (1854), and were continued on the 30th, on which day the commander of the English division, an officer of repute and experience, seems to have become suddenly overwhelmed by the responsibilities of his position and committed suicide in his cabin. The attack proceeded on the 31st, and had considerable success, the batteries on the points of land which shut in the harbour being silenced and spiked. But the squadron were unable to force the entrance, which was defended by the main fortress, and the *Aurora*, 40, and *Dwina*, 20, Russian frigates. The attack was, therefore, discontinued, and the squadron withdrew. Information was, however, received from some American captains that the place might be easily taken by a land attack, and arrangements were made for a combined movement. On the 4th of September 700 seamen and marines were landed. The information of the Americans must have been intentionally false, for not only did the ground prove utterly impracticable, but the Russians were in such force, and had so fortified the passes, that success was quite hopeless. The assailants exhibited great gallantry, but the men were shot down by concealed foes, or raked by a severe fire from block-houses, and a heavy loss was experienced in the retreat. Captain Parker, of the Marines, was killed; four naval and two marine lieutenants wounded; total British killed and wounded 107. French, 3 lieutenants killed, 102 officers and men killed and wounded.

GENOA.

A distressting accident occurred here on November 9th, one of the steam pinnaces of His Majesty's battleship *Implacable* being run down by a tug in the inner harbour. Corporal Wall, 5631, Royal Marine Artillery, sustained such injuries that both legs had to be amputated. Wall died about three o'clock the following morning.

Cricket, 1902.

DEPOT R.M. DEAL. BATTING AVERAGES.

Name.	*No. of Innings.*	*Not Out.*	*Runs.*	*Two Highest Scores.*	*Average.*
Capt. Shine ..	4	0	232	75 and 67	58
Sergt. Sutcliffe ..	6	2	178	100 ,, 29	44·5
Capt. Mayhew ..	20	4	533	63 ,, 58	33·3
Capt. Hobbs ..	8	1	186	66 ,, 40	26·5
Col. Quill ..	19	4	261	45 ,, 31	17·4
Lieut. Stopford ..	14	1	211	61 ,, 47	16·2
Major Wray ..	14	2	174	34 ,, 26	14·5
Pte. Gwyn ..	20	3	242	35 ,, 33	14·2
Capt. Tupman ..	19	1	213	34 ,, 32	11·8
Capt. Clark ..	16	0	180	70 ,, 19	11·2
Pte Bayliss ..	17	4	145	45 ,, 26	11·1
Sergt. Murphy ..	14	1	140	35 ,, 27	10·7
Major Mercer ..	21	2	194	23 ,, 22	10·2
Sergt. McGinley ..	6	1	37	27 ,, 9	7·4
Pte. Coburn ..	11	4	35	15 ,, 9	7

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Name.	*Overs.*	*Runs.*	*Wickets.*	*Average.*
Sergt. Sutcliffe	107	303	35	8·6
Capt. Hobbs	152	479	36	13·3
Pte. Coburn	221	787	59	13·23
Col. Quill	89	331	19	17·4
Sergt. Mc. Ginley	51	208	11	18 9
Capt. Shine	66	174	8	21·7
Sergt. Murphy	134	521	23	22·6

Matches,—*Won* 9, *Lost* 7, *Drawn* 6.

Hockey.

GOSPORT.

The Officers' Hockey Team have been doing very well in the U.S. League, and in the first round have secured 7 points, and have only the R.M.A. to meet. This will be a great fight, as they also have 7 points.

Up to date the Hockey Team has played the eleven matches with following results :—

Versus—	*Result*	*Goals For*	*Against*
H.M.S. *Vernon*	Won	2	1
R.A. (U.S. League)	Won	8	3
H.M.S. *Vernon* (U.S. League) ..	Won	5	3
Fareham	Draw	4	4
Southsea	Lost	2	3
H.M.S. *Excellent*	Draw	1	1
H.M.S. *Excellent* (U.S. League) ..	Won	2	1
R.N. College (U.S. League) ..	Draw	0	0
Seafield Park College	Draw	1	1
Southampton	Lost	9	1
Gosport	Won	6	0

The Team has usually been chosen from the following :—Captains Blumberg, Shine, Kitcat and Chichester ; and Lieutenants Jones, Goldsmith, Huskisson, Barber, Garnier, Green-Armytage, Field, Home, and Dr. Sheward.

Officers' Foreign Service Roster.

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Majors Bernard, C. L. Gordon, E. C. B. Roe, H. S. N. White.

Junior Majors and Captains, R.M.L.I.—

Captain H. C. Evans, Major E. G. Lywood, Captains E. M. Ommaney, U.O., *Vulcan*, E. H. Bochett-Pugh, U.O., *Drake*, A. E. Rombulow-Pearse, B. J. D. Walthall.

Lieutenants, R.M.L.I.—

Lieutenants Tootell, J. G. Wilson (under orders), B. C. Gardiner U.O., *Revenge*,, Sinclair, E. C. Hare, P. D. Green-Armytage.

Football.

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

WE are at present hardly doing as well as we expected, but the fact of having to meet the R.M.A. three times during the last fortnight has told against us. Results to date :—

NAVAL DEPOT *v.* R.M.L.I.—This United Service League Match was played on the Men's Ground on November 12th, and after a keenly contested game resulted in a win for the Naval Depot by 1 goal to nil.

R.M.A. *v.* R.M.L.I. (2ND ROUND, HANTS JUNIOR)—This Cup Tie was played at Forton on November 15th and resulted in a draw, 1 all, after extra time had been played.

R.M.L.I. *v.* 35 COY., R.G.A.—This United Service League Match was played at Forton on November 19th, and after a very pleasant game resulted in a draw, neither side scoring.

R.M.A. *v.* R.M.L.I.—This replayed Cup-Tie was played at Eastney on November 22nd. The score at half-time was 1—1, and led us to expect something, but alas, for the hopes of the Red's supporters, the R.M.A. managed to score 2 goals in the second half and ran out winners by 3 goals to 1. It was a game struggle throughout, and on the day's play the sides were pretty evenly matched.

R.M.A. *v.* R.M.L.I.—This United Service League Match was played at Forton on November 26th and again the Blues were victorious, this time by 4 goals to 1. The ground was in a wretched condition, and the goal-keeper could not stand or attempt to stop any sort of shot, however easy.

COMPANY CUP COMPETITION.

B *v.* A, draw 1 - 1. E *v.* F, draw 4—4.

League Tables to date :—

UNITED SERVICE LEAGUE.

Played.	*Won.*	*Lost.*	*Drawn.*	*Points.*
7	3	2	2	8
Played.	*Won.*	*Lost.*	*Drawn.*	*Points.*
6	3	2	1	7

R.M.A. Record to December 1st :—

PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE.

Played.	*Won.*	*Lost.*	*Drawn.*	*Goals For.*	*Goals Against.*	*Points.*
5	5	0	0	17	3	10

UNITED SERVICE LEAGUE.

Played.	*Won.*	*Lost.*	*Drawn.*	*Goals For.*	*Goals Against.*	*Points.*
7	6	1	3	27	3	12

R.M.L.I. PLYMOUTH DIVISION.

This Season's team is a stronger side than we have had for some years. The team was started too late to enter for the Devon League, but has been entered for the Senior Cup Competition, and, provided the men are not sent to sea, we are not without the hope of winning the trophy. Fixtures have been arranged with most of the leading clubs in the district, and although the first three matches ended disastrously for us, (no less than 13 goals being recorded against us in these games) our record up to date is a very satisfactory one.

Matches played, 12. *Won*, 7. *Lost*, 5. *Goals :—For*, 25. *Against*, 2.

E. H. TAYLOR, Corpl.

R.M.L.I. PLYMOUTH XV. *v.* KELLY COLLEGE, TAVISTOCK.

This Rugby football match took place on November 13th at Tavistock. Kelly College had not previously lost a match. In the first half play was fairly even, but in the second half superior combination outside resulted in a decisive win for the Marines. Lieuts. Weller, Brewer, Teague (3) and Dr. Jones scored for the Marines, and Proom (2) for the School. The R.M.L.I. won by 3 goals, 3 tries to a goal and a try.

Entertainments.

ROYAL MARINE DRAMATIC CLUB AND MINSTREL TROUPE, CHATHAM.—An entertainment was given at the Public Hall, New Brompton, on November 24th and 25th, in aid of the relatives of those who were killed or injured in the late Tram Car accident here:—

PART I.

1. OPENING CHORUS	"Down South" ..	The Troupe.
2. LAUGHING SONG	.. .. ..	Sergeant B. King.
3. SONG ..	"Mignonette" ..	Pte. Smith.
4. SONG (Comic)..	"Oh! be Careful"	Sergeant Hartley.
5. SONG ..	"Joe and Me" ..	Pte. Bolden.
6. SONG ..	"Dinah, de moon am shinin'"	Corpl. Howes.
7. QUARTETTE	"Happy Little Niggers"	The Four Piccannies.
8. SONG (Comic)	.. .. ..	Pte. Robinson
9. SONG (Selected)	.. .. ..	Cooper Beeston R.N.
10. SONG (Comic)	"That's where she sits all day"	Pte. Marshall

PART II.

1. SELECTION ..	.. ..	Violin Band.
	(Corporal Kemp, Corporal Saville and Boys of Royal Marine School).	
2. SONG ..	"Girly, Girly," ..	Pte. Robinson.
3. STUMP SPEECH	.. .. ..	Pte. Marshall

The whole concluded with a COMIC DRAMA, entitled:—

"THE SPITALFIELDS WEAVER."

CASTE OF CHARACTERS:—

Mr. Brown (A Retired Spitalfields Weaver)	Armourer-Sergt. A. E. BABBINGTON.
Simmons (his Friend)..	Sergt. B. KING.
Mr. Darville (Cousin to Adelle) ..	Lance-Sergt. SYKES.
Dawson (Majordomo to Mr. Brown) ..	Pte. PENDERED.
Adelle (Mrs. Brown)	Miss VIOLET LEIGH.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Most of the artistes were encored, Private Boulden and Corporal Stokes being greatly in demand. In the Comic Drama the characters of Adelle and Simmons were correctly pourtrayed by Miss Leigh and Sergeant King. The Club has been but recently formed, and are most fortunate in acquiring the services of the most talented amateur lady performer I have had the pleasure of seeing for a good while, namely, Miss Violet Leigh. With that acquisition I am sure there is a good future in store for the Club. Owing to the rain the audience was not so large as could be desired.

DEPOT R.M. CHESS CLUB.—Under the presidency of the Colonel Commandant this Club has commenced its winter practices. It has undergone complete reorganization, and now meets weekly in the Court Martial Room. The Rev. H. S. Wansbrough, B.A., R.N., captains the team, which is strongly supported by the officers. Any corps club or member of the corps wishing to engage in a correspondence game will be gladly entertained. Communications should be sent either to the Captain or Secretary (Lance-Sergt. H. H. Harley).

A very successful entertainment was held at the Theatre, Forton Barracks, on Wednesday, November 12th, which attracted a large number of people, who spent a very pleasant evening. The programme was a popular one, and was contributed by the Divisional Band—Corporal E. Mann, Corporal Herbert, H.R.R.; Lance-Corporal Prior, Privates Hurley, Bell and Corpes, and Miss A. Smith. The amusing farce, "Whitebat at Greenwich," was produced by Sergeants Underhay, A. G. Colverson and Beard; Misses E. Smith and L. Mould, all of whom ably conducted their parts.

The Lament of the Subaltern Ordered to Sea.

A Life on the ocean wave
Is not the life for me,
I'd rather stay upon the shore
Than tempt the briny sea.

I greatly dread the pitching,
And the rolling of the tide,
The awful lurch of the driven ship
Is a shock to my inside.

A long farewell to England
Is always hard to say;
But the parting's a great deal worse
When one sails on a stormy day.

And meals are far from pleasant,
One cannot eat indeed,
When everything returns again
Its waste of time to feed.

I shall miss the frequent dances,
The Matinées delight,
There will be no ping-pong parties
When the shore is out of sight.

I've been taught to drill in barracks,
I've passed in A and B,
But I did not think then of instructing men
On a slippery deck at sea.

A life on the ocean wave
Is exceedingly nice to sing,
But a life on the hard dry land for me
When it comes to the actual thing.

A BAD SAILOR.

Correspondence.

To the Editor "Globe and Laurel."

H.M.Y. *Osborne*.

Sir,—I noticed in your last issue that N.C.O's were giving records of their Detachments, Badges, Medals, &c. This ship will take a lot of beating in that line.

Detachment 17.	Badges, 54.	Average, 3.17
G.C.M., 7		.41
Other Medals		.35

This, I think, is a better average than any other so far given.

Yours truly,
H. R. H

Sir,—Would you be good enough to inform me through the medium of the "Globe and Laurel" whether Chaplains were appointed to the 1739-48 Establishment of the Marines. They were appointed to the three previous Establishments.

Yours faithfully,
A. G. KEALY [Chaplain, R.N.]

[Can any of our readers answer this question, please? Ed.]

Sir,—Just a line, thinking perhaps it might interest some of your readers of the "Globe and Laurel" Magazine to know that having settled down in my native county I was asked to drill the children at the neighbouring country schools hereabout, which I willingly did. There is a drill book, by the Educational Department, to go by, and it smacks very considerably (a part of it) of the Old Physical Drill, 5th Section, about '90 or '91 I think, when there was a great bursting of kerseys and buttons by the old hands at Forton, where at early morning drill every one had to attend, not even excluding the pioneers. But putting joking on one side, it is surprising what zeal these country children put into their work, and glory in the drill half hour. It would be interesting to know if any others of the old corps are engaged in this very small, but exceedingly interesting occupation.

I am, yours, &c.,
F. HALE, Sergt. R.M.L.I. ("Reserve.")

Births.

ACKERMAN—On Nov. 3rd, the wife of Sergt. F. E. Ackerman, of a son.

HOLLOMBY—On Nov. 25th, at Forton, the wife of Corpl. E. A. Hollomby, R.M.L.I., of a son.

HOMER—On Nov. 9th, at Fort Cumberland, Eastney Barracks, Portsmouth, the wife of Capt. J. L. Homer, R.M.A., of a daughter.

HUMPHREY—On Oct. 22nd, the wife of Sergt. E. J. Humphrey, of a son.

HURST—On Oct. 17th, the wife of Sergt. W. J. Hurst, of a daughter.

MORRIS—On Oct. 7th, the wife of Corpl. E. J. Morris, of a daughter.

WAKEFIELD—On Oct. 23rd, at 53, Emma Place, Stonehouse, Devon, Annie, the wife of Sergt. J. Wakefield, R.M.L.I., of a son.

Marriages.

ALLEN—GRANT—At St. Mary's, Southampton, Pte. W. Allen to Miss E. C. Grant.

ANDERSON—DAVIES—On Nov. 8th, at the Church of the Redeemer, Calgary, Alberta, N.W.T., Canada, by the Very Rev. Dean Paget, D.D., Herbert Anderson, of Llanganinen Ranche, Millarville, to Ethel Emily, second daughter of Lieut.-Colonel Davies, late R.M., of Ashchurch Grove, Ravenscourt Park, W. No cards. (By cable.)

BUDD—GRITTON—On Nov. 4th, at St. Andrew's, West Kensington, William Hopewell, youngest son of the late Major F. E. Budd, R.M.L.I., to Elizabeth Anne, youngest daughter of the late Major F. B. Gritton, R.M.L.I.

CARROLL—HARPER—On Oct. 20th, Pte. A. H. H. Carroll to Miss E. J. Harper.

CAYFORD—O'DONEL—At St. George's, Portsea, Pte. J. A. Cayford to Miss M. N. P. O'Donel.

CRONK—SWAN—On Oct. 8th, Pte. W. G. Cronk to Miss E. L. Swan.

EDBROOKE—MAUGHAN—At Parish Church, Alverstoke, Pte. J. Edbrooke to Mrs. C. A. Maughan.

GOODEY—WHITMORE—At Parish Church, St. Stephen's, Silly Hill, Worcester, Pte. F. B. Goodey to Miss Matilda Whitmore.

HERBERT—BURR—On Oct. 25th, Pte. F. W. Herbert to Miss A. E. Burr.

HOCKADEY—HARRIS—On Oct. 29th, at St. George's Church, Deal, Pte. J. N. Hockadey to Miss M. M. Harris.

KIMBER—MAHONEY—On Oct. 14th, at St. James's, Portsea, Sergt. A. Kimber to Miss E. B. Mahoney.

LEITCH—DAVIDSON—On Nov. 14th, at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Lochee, by the Rev. J. C. Cater, Rector, James Peddie Leitch, late of Calcutta, to Louisa Marjory Davidson, second daughter of William Davidson, recruiting sergeant, Dundee.

MORGAN—LONG—On Nov. 4th, at St. George's Church, Portsea, Gr. G. Morgan to Miss M. E. J. Long.

OVENS—WATHEN At Register Office, Portsmouth, Pte. J. J. Ovens to Mrs. J. Wathen.

PHILIPS—BOR—On Nov. 5th, at Abbey Leix, Queen's County, by the Rev. A. E. Bor, B.D., brother of the bride, assisted by the Rev. J. Montgomery Browne, M.A., Frederyck, second son of the late Capt. E. W. Philips, of Rhual, Mold, Flintshire, to Louisa Charlotte, youngest child of the late Rev. J. H. Bor, M.A., formerly Rector of Raymunterdoney and Dunlewey, Co Donegal.

PRATT—KNIGHT—At Parish Church, St. Mark's, Portsmouth, Pte. H. C. Pratt to Miss E. Knight.

PRICE—TAYLOR—On Oct. 16th, at Register Office, Portsea, Corpl. G. Price to Miss B. A. Taylor.

PURSE—POTTER—At St. James's, Portsea, Corpl. F. J. Purse to Miss F. R. Potter.

RICHARDSON—ROBERTS—On Oct. 19th, at St. James's, Portsea, Gr. J. F. L. Richardson to Miss E. L. Roberts.

SIME—DAVIDSON - On July 16th, at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Lochee, by the Rev. J. C. Cater, Charles Sime, dentist, to Annie Gertrude, eldest daughter of Colour-Sergt. W. Davidson, R.M.L.I., Dundee.

WEIGHTMAN—CLARKE—At Parish Church, East Stonehouse, Lance-Sergt. C. H. Weightman to Miss M. E. Clarke.

Deaths.

CHAPMAN—On Nov. 21st, at Commandant's House, Forton Barracks, Gosport, suddenly, after three days' illness, Gertrude Emily, dearly loved daughter of Colonel A. E. Chapman, R.M.L.I.

CHARLES—On Nov. 18th, at the R.N. Hospital, Plymouth, Pte. Charles, Plymouth Division.

DAWSON—On Nov. 12th, at the R.N. Hospital, Plymouth, Pte. Dawson, Plymouth Division.

KELLY—On Oct. 26th, on board H.M.S. *Vengeance*, at Malta, O Co. Gr. James Kelly, R.M.A.

WALL—On Nov. 11th, on board H.M.S. *Implacable*, at Genoa, Corpl. A. Wall, R.M.A.

SHERIFF—On Nov. 7th, at R.N. Hospital, Haslar, L Co. Gr. W. Sheriff, R.M.A.

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Cr.-Sergt. J. Murphy	0	1	6
Col. Gritton.. ..	0	1	6
Lieut.-Col. Lambert	0	1	6
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