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St Vincent.

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Editorial.

ANOTHER year has passed over the head of our Corps paper, and we are glad to say a most successful one financially, as will be seen from the balance-sheet which we publish this month. Our balance credit has risen from £143 5s. 1d. in 1901, to £220 19s. 6d., a result most gratifying, as now we feel that the paper can stand on its own basis. It is greatly due to the support we have received from ships, and we would specially mention small ships, 3rd class cruisers and gunboats being in many instances our most regular adherents. We hope that 1903 will prove as successful, and in wishing our readers the best of luck in the new year, we trust they will still continue to give us their valuable help in stories, anecdotes, and corps news generally.

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The past year has been a most eventful one in the history of the British Empire. The illness and coronation of His Most Gracious Majesty, and the conclusion of the longed-for peace in South Africa, will long render the year 1902 memorable in our annals.

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In all the ceremonials connected with these events our corps has borne no unimportant part, and though we have had no expeditions to chronicle, yet the work and training have been carried on under new conditions, as for the first time the old traditions of drill have been cast aside and a new method of training adopted. During this year also great modifications have been introduced in uniform and equipment, and the abolition of the valise was hailed with unmixed delight by all ranks.

There are rumours of great changes impending, and a scheme for the education and training of naval and marine officers has been published, details of which are given in another column.

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The following official telegram was issued from Sandringham on Saturday, December 20th, 1902:—

York Cottage, Sandringham, Saturday.

H.R.H. the Princess of Wales gave birth to a son this evening at 7.35. Both mother and son are doing well.

(Signed) JOHN WILLIAMS, M.D.
ALAN REEVE MANBY, M.D.

On behalf of the corps, we beg to offer our congratulations to our Colonel-in-Chief.

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We propose to re-publish this year the corps almanac that last appeared in 1894. Since then so many new events have occurred that it will have to be greatly remodelled, and we shall be very grateful for assistance from our readers, particularly as to the days of the month of the different engagements, and the strength of detachments engaged.

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Capt. E. H. Bockett-Pugh and Lieuts. W. B. C. Higgs and B. J. Weller, R.M.L.I., will be the officers to embark in H.M.S. *Drake* on commissioning.

Lieut. B. C. Gardiner, R.M.L.I., has embarked in H.M.S. *Revenge*, and Lieut. E. J. Huskisson in H.M.S. *Hogue*.

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Capt. G. J. Mullins, R.M.L.I., has been appointed Instructor of Musketry at the Depot, R.M., in succession to Major G. A. Cox, R.M.L.I., advanced to Senior Majors' List.

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The under-mentioned officers passed an examination in modern languages, held by the Civil Service Commissioners, in October last:—Lieut. H. F. P. Rees, R.M.L.I. (French, 641 marks, qualified to be Interpreter); 2nd Lieut. R. W. Hutton, R.M.A. (German, 503 marks, passed).

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Barrack-Master and Brevet Lieut.-Col. E. E. Pyne, R.M.L.I., has been placed on the Retired List at his own request, under the provisions of Orders-in-Council of 22nd February, 1870, and 5th February, 1872, dated 6th December, 1902.

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Major and Brevet Lieut.-Col. S. P. Peile, C.B., R.M.L.I., is placed on half-pay on appointment as Barrack-Master at the Chatham Division, dated 6th December, 1902.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of Clr.-Sergt. J. Cheetham, R.M.L.I., being lent to the Royal Irish Fusiliers with a view to his being subsequently appointed Sergeant-Major of that battalion.

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The Lords Commissioners of H.M. Treasury have signified their concurrence in the recommendation of the Lords of the Admiralty that Capts. C. E. Collard and F. A. Nelson, R.M.L.I., be exempt from any deduction from their retired pay on account of their seconded service with the Transvaal Volunteers.

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Capt. J. L. Homer, R.M.A., has embarked in H.M.S. *Hannibal*, and Capt. A. E. Rombulow-Pearse, R.M.L.I., in H.M.S. *Cambridge*.

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An exchange of positions on the Foreign Service Roster has been sanctioned between Lieuts. P. Sandilands and P. D. Green-Armytage, R.M.L.I.

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Unattached List for Indian Staff Corps—Lieut. F. S. Lindesay, R.M.L.I., to be Second Lieutenant.—*War Office Gazette*, 19th Dec.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the following promotions in the R.M.L.I :—Capt. J. B. Pym, seconded for service in the Army Ordnance Department, to be Major on the establishment, *vice* Peile to half-pay on appointment as Barrack-Master, and appointed to the Portsmouth Division, dated 6th December, 1902. Capt. H. C. Evans, R.M.L.I., is absorbed in the establishment of Captains, *vice* Pym promoted, dated 6th Dec., 1902. Major J. Hoskyns-Abrahall, R.M.L.I., to be advanced to the Senior Majors' List and appointed to the Plymouth Division, dated 6th December, 1902.

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An exchange of ships and sea time has been sanctioned between the under-mentioned officers :—Capt. E. M. C. Ommanney, R.M.L.I., under orders for H.M.S. *Vulcan*, and Capt. J. C. Deed, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Minotaur*. In consequence of the above, Capt. Ommanney has embarked in H.M.S. *Minotaur*, and Capt. Deed in S.S. *Tabor*, in charge of details for the Mediterranean, after which he will relieve Capt. G. I. Anderson, R.M.L.I., in H.M.S. *Vulcan*.

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Capt. S. F. Heard, R.M.L.I., has been seconded for service in the Army Pay Department, dated 13th December, 1902. There will be no promotion to the rank of Captain in this instance on account of the absorption of the supernumerary Captain borne in lieu of Major J. Bernard, R.M.L.I., who recently returned to the corps from extra Regimental employment.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the following promotions, etc., in the R.M.A. :—Capt. G. L. Raikes to be Captain with seniority of 3rd May, 1902, *vice* Barnes, seconded. Lieut. A. F. Simson, serving in H.M.S. *Gibraltar*, to be Captain *vice* Foulis, seconded, dated 18th July, 1902. The promotion of Captain Simson is contingent on his passing the prescribed examination within nine months from the date of his disembarkation to Headquarters.

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The under-mentioned officers, R.M.L.I., will embark in the following ships on the dates specified :—Lieut. J. C. J. Teague in H.M.S. *Mars*, on the 4th Jan., 1903, to relieve Lieut. H. B. Inman. Capt. F. J. W. Harvey in H.M.S. *Royal Sovereign*, on the 6th January, 1903, to relieve Capt. R. Cator. Lieut. W. Sinclair, R.M.L.I., will be the officer for H.M.S. *Dido*, and Lieut. W. W. Godfrey for H.M.S. *Venus*.

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It is notified for information that the under-mentioned officers, R.M.L.I., are to be detached to Woolwich on the 1st Jan., 1903, for a course of Military Equitation, reporting themselves at the Royal Artillery Riding Establishment :—Captains F. I. W. Cartwright, F. H. H. Hall, H. N. H. Houghton, A. G. C. Milner, and H. C. Benett, and Lieuts. F. W. Horne and C. V. Martin.

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It is to be noted for information that, with uniform, the Coronation Medal should be worn after the Queen's Jubilee Commemoration Medal, and before British War Medals.

We would again beg our readers to forward their subscriptions, etc., addressed to The Editors, "Globe & Laurel," Forton Barracks, Gosport, and not to individuals by name, as it is likely to lead to loss and delay.

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We would remind our readers that copies of Major Drury's "Petrified Eye" are still on sale. As perhaps is known, the profits on the sale were very kindly given by Major Drury to our paper.

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We have received a copy of "Modern Warfare," by "Ubique." The work is beautifully got up, and illustrated with excellent maps and plans. The first chapters are devoted to a description of the three arms of the British service, and it then proceeds to show the mobilisation of a British Army Corps and a Cavalry Division for the preservation of the neutrality of Belgium against the Germans. The succeeding chapters deal with the various actions, and all the principles of strategy, tactics, fortification and administration are most clearly illustrated in so simple and practical a manner that even civilian readers should have no difficulty in following the whole scheme of operations.

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The D.A.G., R.M., has given the following directions as to the wearing of swords by officers :—The sword belt is to continue to be worn outside the tunic and frock coat, as at present. Swords, when undrawn, are not to be hooked up except by officers carrying the colours; they are to be carried in the left hand when on the march. When swords are drawn, the scabbards are to be hooked up by dismouuted officers in accordance with para. 1973 (11) of the King's Regulations for the Army.

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War Office, Dec. 12th. Militia. Royal Garrison Artillery (Militia). The Forfar and Kincardine.—Capt. G. E. Barnes, Royal Marine Artillery, to be Adjutant, vice Major G. M. Campbell, whose tenure has expired.

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At the monthly sale of medals by Messrs. Glendenning in London, on December 18th, the silver war medal with one clasp, inscribed "Virginie, 19th May, 1808," awarded for the capture of the Dutch frigate "Guelderland" to 2nd Lieut. P. McIntyre, R.M., sold for £17 10s. The war medal with clasp for Syria and silver Turkish medal given to Captain George Griffin, R.M., fetched £4 5s. The Crimean medal with clasp of Balaklava to R. Buckley, R.M., realised £1 11s. South African (Boer) medals with two clasps went for 7s., and with three for 10s., but the China medal, clasp for Relief of Pekin, and silver enamelled badge, presented by the Borough of Portsmouth to the Naval Brigade, brought £4 4s., and a group of two medals (H.M.S. *Terrible*) South Africa, with clasp for Natal and China, 1900, Relief of Pekin, went for £3 12s. 6d.

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At a recent sale of medals in London, a medal given for the defence of the Legations in Pekin, sold for £18 10s.

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Captain Sir John C. R. Colomb, K.C.M.G., M.P., R.M.A., presided on 10th December, at the Royal United Service Institute, Whitehall, when a paper was read entitled "A new scheme for the protection of commerce in war time."

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Colonel W. Hutcheson Poe, C.B., R.M.L.I., has been proposed as one of the landowner's representatives by Lord Mayo, on Lord Dunraven's Land Conference Committee.

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Prettyjohn's Medals.—The following subscriptions have been received up to 24th December :—

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	113	10	1
Lieutenant Panton	0	10	0
,, Arbuthnot	0	10	0
Colonel Peile, C.B.	0	10	0
	£115	0	1

A. E. Rombulow-Pearse,
Captain R.M.L.I.

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The following telegram was forwarded by D.A.G., Royal Marines, to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on the occasion of the birth of his fourth son :—"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Sandringham. The Corps of Royal Marines respectfully offer hearty congratulations to their Colonel-in-Chief.—Royal Marines, London." To which H.R.H. was pleased to reply as follows :—"Royal Marines, London. My warmest thanks to the Corps for their kind congratulations.—George."

Foreign News.

MEDITERRANEAN SQUADRON,

H.M.S. *Vindictive.*
18th December, 1902.

Dear Mr. EDITOR,

Having seen results in your valuable paper of Prize-Firing done by this Fleet, perhaps you would like to know the result of our Marines' Guns' Crew, 1902. The gun is a 6in. Q.F, on a P 11 mounting, mounted on the quarter-deck. They secured the first prize by 11 rounds, 11 hits. Captain, Corpl. Muncey, 7 rounds, 7 hits, in the first minute; 2nd Captain, Pte. Armstrong, 4 rounds, 4 hits, in the second minute. We should have made a better result but we lost some valuable time in changing rounds.

Yours truly,
E. H. CATCHPOLE, R.M.L.I.

GUNS' CREW.

1. Corpl. Muncey (Ch. Div.)
2. Pte. Armstrong (Po. Div.)
3. Pte. Rose (Ch. Div.)
4. Pte. Shilton (Ch. Div.)
5. Pte. Catchpole (Po. Div.)
6. Pte. Smith (Ch, Div.)
7. Pte. Farmer (Po. Div.)
8. Pte. Jelly (Ch. Div.)

CORFU.

H.M.S. *Vengeance,*
December 16th.

Prize Firing H.M.S. *Vengeance.*

Perhaps the following notes may be of interest to your readers. We did our annual prize firing last month with the following result. The best 6in., was a seaman's who scored 11 rounds, 11 hits. The second a marines' who scored 12 rounds, 10 hits, and who undoubtedly would have made 12 hits, had not the sight, which is rather "free," dropped owing to the jar of firing and caused the last two rounds to drop short, although they were splendidly placed for direction. Appended are the names of the crew :—

Gunner Lewis Moore C. of G,, 6 rounds, 6 hits.
,, A. Hardwick No. 2. 6 rounds, 4 hits.
,, A. C. Attwood ,, 3.
,, John New ,, 4.
,, E. Knight ,, 5.
,, E. Horsham ,, 6.
Private W. Bruce ,, 7.
Gunner E. Day ,, 8.

The detachment is rather at a disadvantage, owing to our only manning three 6in. Guns, and not a single 3 or 12 pounder, but we were the second best "group" in the ship and next year hope to be the best.

X. I.

MARTINIQUE.

An expedition to capture the Barbadoes from France entered the bay of Fort Royal, Martinico, on January 15th., 1759, and the following day a battery of seven guns at Negro Point, having been silenced by the *Bristol* and *Ripon*, was seized by the Marines from those ships, who scaled the rocks and hoisted the British Flag.

As the cannon could not be brought sufficiently near the town, the expedition sailed to Basseterre, Guadeloupe, where the Marines were landed and cleared the trenches of Militia during the bombardment, the town surrendering next day.

On Feb., 13th. Fort Louis on the other side of the Island was attached, and here after a fierce cannonade the Marines under Major Campbell, with some companies of the Royal Highland Regiment, were landed with great difficulty. Finding their ammunition was destroyed, they attacked the enemy at the point of the bayonet, and after a severe struggle captured the Fort with all the batteries. The Commodore receiving information of the arrival of a French Squadron of eight ships-of-the-line, the Army was left to its own energies, and the Marines returned to their respective ships. As their numbers were much reduced a detachment of troops was added to their strength.
—*Nicholas' Historical Record of the R.M. Forces.*

Items of Corps History and Our Badges.

THE ANCHOR,

WORN in 1775 with a wreath of oak leaves on the caps of the Grenadier companies—probably worn before that date.

THE LION AND CROWN.

3rd April, 1797.—"The breast-plates to be square with the Lion and Crown."

THE LAUREL

Has been borne since 1802 in memory of the captnre of Belleisle, 7th June, 1761.

"ROYAL."

29th April, 1802.—"His Majesty (George III.) has been graciously pleased to signify his commands, that in consideration of the very meritorious services of the Marines during the late war, the Corps shall in future be styled 'The Royal Marines.'"

The facings which had been white were then changed to blue.

"G.R." THE GLOBE. "GIBRALTAR." "PER MARE PER TERRAM."

On the 26th September, 1827, H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence (afterwards King William IV.) when presenting Colours to the Chatham Division said: "His Majesty has selected for the Royal Marines a Device to which their achievements have entitled them, and which, by his permission, I this day present to you—a badge which you have so hardly and honourably earned. From the difficulty of selecting any particular places to inscribe on these standards, your Sovereign has been pleased to adopt 'The Great Globe itself' as the most proper and distinctive badge. He has also directed that his own name (George IV.) shall be added to that peculiar badge, The Anchor, which is your distinctive bearing, in order that it may be known hereafter that George the Fourth had conferred on you the honourable and well-earned badge this day presented to you. The Motto, peculiarly your own 'Per Mare, per Terram,' has been allowed to remain, and surmounting the entire is the word 'Gibraltar,' in commemoration of the important national services you performed there."

"LIGHT INFANTRY." THE BUGLE.

2nd February, 1855.—"Her Majesty has been pleased to command that the Corps of Royal Marines shall in future be designated 'Corps of Royal Marines, Light Infantry.'"

THE PRINCE OF WALES' PLUME.

5th July, 1876.—"In pursuance of the commands of Her Majesty the Queen, the Band of the Portsmouth Division of Royal Marines are to wear the Prince of Wales' Plume in their caps to commemorate their attendance upon His Royal Highness during hls voyage to India and back."

THE WHITE ROSE.

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 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.—February 6th, 1902.

A DISTINGUISHED HONOUR.

The Corps has the distinguished honour of being allowed to march through the City of London with Colours flying, Bayonets fixed, and Bands playing, the Trained Bands of the City of London having probably furnished a large portion of recruits for the Duke of York and Albany's Maritime Regiment of Foot when it was raised in 1664.

PRECEDENCE.

Our present Precedence was established in 1820.—"His Majesty has been graciously pleased to command that the Royal Marines, when acting with Troops of the Line, shall take their station next to the 49th Regiment" (now the Royal Berkshire Regiment).

Home Notes

EASTNEY.

THE technical classes formed recently for the purpose of affording N.C.O.'s and Men an opportuntty of learning some trade while serving, and so preparing them to a certain extent to compete with civilian labour after leaving the service, have made good headway, upwards of 70 men having joined the bootmaking, painting, plumbing, and armourers' classes. The results have so far been most creditable to the men.

The Officers gave their second "Matinée" on 15th December, and thanks to a fine afternoon the attendance of their friends was more numerous than at the first.

The usual vocal and instrumental concert promoted by members of the Sergeants' Mess, in aid of the local Christmas charities, was given in the Theatre on 9th December, and realised upwards of £30. Besides the usual local and regimental talent, Mr. G. Washington Allen and several others gave their services most kindly.

More men than ever seem to have gone on furlough this Christmas; perhaps the additional 2d. a day, paid with arrears from 1st April last, the previous week, had something to say to this and may help to stimulate recruiting.

GOSPORT.

Notwirhstanding the number of men on furlough, Christmas Day in Forton Barracks was enjoyed very much by the men who were left behind. The Colonel-Commandant, with other officers and ladies of the Division, visited the rooms after the return of the men from Church, and were greeted on all sides with placards wishing them all a very "Happy Christmas." The well-decorated rooms called forth much admiration from the many people who visited the barracks during the day. The Drummers' Room, as usual, was well worth the visit, but I think that G Company, 39 Room, under the superintendency (during the Christmas leave) of Lce.-Corpl. Noble, deserves mentioning for the manner in which it was decorated. In addition to the usual decorations (which were by no means simple) there was a "side show" constructed so as to meet the visitor's eye on entering the room. On the outside was a placard on which blazed forth in large letters "Ruined"; inside was depicted a dummy representing a man on the downward path with a bottle in his hand and a dagger on the table, and strewn about the table and floor were the cards which had helped to bring about his ruin. It was plainly a story needing no words. This caused much amusement to the children who visited the rooms and who, I am afraid, accounted for a large quantity of the plum-pudding, etc., that was got rid of during the day. An excellent photograph was taken of the room by Messrs. Lawrence and Doyle of Southsea.—A.E.I.

We lose early this month another well-known figure from Forton Barracks, namely, Colour-Sergeant E. Rogers, R.M.L.I., who is retiring on pension after 21 years' service. His departure will be regretted by all ranks with whom he has been brought in contact during the three years he has performed the onerous duties of Superintendent "Grocery Canteen." His affability and cheerful disposition made him many friends, and it was the cause of great satisfaction to all that he was promoted to Colour-Sergeant on December 12th, 1902, which proved a very useful Christmas Box to him. We are sure all his comrades at Forton will join with us in wishing him all prosperity on his return to civil life, and good health and long life to enjoy his pension.

PLYMOUTH.

Christmas has come and gone, it passed off very quietly. The Colonel-Commandant, accompanied by many officers and ladies, made the usual tour of the barrack-rooms, which were tastefully decorated. A larger number of men than usual appear to have been in barracks this Christmas.

Major Ormsby-Johnson delivered the first of the series of Garrison lectures this season, at the Gymnasium, Devonport. He took as his subject: "Organization of Volunteers in three lines."

Private H. Dawson, whose name was mentioned in the "Globe and Laurel" last month in the obituary column, met with his death under peculiar circumstances. He was out scouting on a field-day and it appears that in getting over a barbed-wire fence he cut his hand, and blood-poisoning ensued. He had only recently joined from the Depôt, and was very popular among his comrades.

The Divisional Theatre is closed until after the Christmas holidays.

Royal Marine Schools.

PLYMOUTH.

THE Annual Distribution of Prizes to the scholars of the Royal Marine Schools, Stonehouse, took place in the Barrack Theatre on Tuesday, December 23rd. Those present included Col.-Commandant A. D. Corbet, C.B., Mrs. Corbet and the Misses Corbet Col.-Second-Commandant C. G. Gordon (President of the School Committee), Mrs. Gordon and the Misses Gordon, Rev. T. Austin, M.A. (chaplain), and Mrs. Austin, Mr. W. T. Goss (head master), and Miss E. Hawke (head mistress). Mrs. Corbet distributed the prizes.

An entertainment by scholars of both schools followed. Master Brookes sang "The King's Own," all the boys hastily singing the refrain, and the senior girls prettily rendered the action song, "White Sails." A dozen small boys capitally gave "What Game's best for Playing," a composition with an amusing nodding chorus, and a musical drill by the senior girls was also heartily applauded. One of the most amusing items was "The Minstrel Boys," in which a dozen boys paraded with musical instruments, and the juuior girls formed a pretty Maypole dance, with song. A magic lantern entertainment was afterwards given, and, after fhe singing of the National Anthem, each child received a bun, oronge, and packet of sweets.

The entertainment was repeated the following evening for the members of the Mothers' Union, who had previously been entertained to tea.

INFANTS' SCHOOL.

As a conclusion to the Annual Distribution of Prizes to the scholars of the Royal Marine Schools, Stonehouse, the infants department had a Christmas-tree. Those present included Mrs. Corbet, Col. Second-Commandant C G. Gordon (President of the School Committee), Mrs. and the Misses Gordon, Rev. T. Austin, M.A. (chaplain), Mr. Derrick (Scripture reader), Miss Westaway (head mistress), and Mr. W. T. Goss. Colonel Gordon wished them all a merry season, and called for three cheers for Mrs. Corbet. The children heartily responded, and also gave cheers for the Colonel-Commandant and Col. and Mrs. Gordon. At the close each child received a bun, an orange, and a packet of sweets.

DIVISIONAL SCHOOL, FORTON.

The annual presentation of prizes to the boys and girls of the Forton Divisional Schools, took place in the Theatre on Tuesday afternoon, 23rd December, 1902.

Previous to the presentation by Mrs. Roche, an entertaiument was given by the elder scholars. The efforts of all who took part were very successful. Songs by W. White and T. Marshall were very much appreciated, and the drill by the girls was a great feature. At the close of the entertainment the school report from the Chaplain of the Fleet was read by the schoolmaster, and the children were congratulated on the success they had attained.

After Mrs. Roche had kindly presented the prizes, the children dismissed, after being each given a bun and an orange.

31 days.

JANUARY, 1903.

1	Thur.	Island of Curaçoa Captured 1807
2	Frid.	H.R H. George, Frederick, Ernest, Albert, Duke of York appointed, First Colonel-in-Chief Royal Marines, 1901. Captain John Griffith of the Admiral's Regiment, knighted at Windsor, 1665
3	Sat.	Hong-Kong, China, 1859. (*a*)
4	**Sun.**	*Blanch* and *Pique*, 1795.
5	Mon.	Canton, Capture or the Treasury and Governor Yey, 1858. (*a*)
6	Tues.	Boats of *Bacchante* capture 5 Gun Brigs, Coast of Calabria, 1813.
7	Wed.	Chuenpee, 1841.
8	Thur.	Major Darrell appointed Governor of Sheerness, third Dutch War, 1672. Shek Tsin, 1859. (*a*)
9	Frid.	
10	Sat.	Rangoon River, 1852.
11	**Sun.**	Trincomalee, 1782. Ruapekapeka, New Zealand, 1846.
12	Mon.	Point Pitre, 2nd Batt. present at, 1815
13	Tues.	Nyumoxa, South Africa, 1878.
14	Wed,	Taking of Cayenne, 1809.
15	Thur.	Attack on Curaçoa, 1804. Capture of Martinique, 1759 O-in C, 1870, for retirement modified by O-in-C, 1878,
16	Frid.	Lord Torrington's 1st Regt. of Marines raised, 1690. Rodney's Action off St. Vincent, 1780.
17	Sat.	The Earl of Pembroke's 2nd Regt. of Marines raised, 1690. Storming Batteries at Baie Mahut, Guadaloupe, 1810. (*b*) Abu-Klea 1885. (*c*) Commandants first wear Staff Uniform, 1870. Knapsacks and Cross Belts abolished and Valise with Equipment adopted 1870.
18	**Sun.**	Half-Pay first granted to Officers, 1697
19	Mon.	Gubat, 1885. (*c*) First issue of the Enfield Rifle converted to Snider Breech-loader, 1867.
20	Tues.	
21	Wed.	Rothalma, Perak, 1876. Metemmeh, 1885, (*c*)
22	Thur.	Inyezina : Zulu War, 1879
23	Frid.	
24	Sat.	*Richmond* and *Felecité* off the Hague, 1761. Capture of Redoubts on Morne Tortenson, Martinique, 1762. (*d*) Fort at Ekowe, South Africa, commenced 1879. (*e*) Round Forage Cap abolished, and Glengarry Cap made uniform, 1870.
25	**Sun.**	Attack on Bassterre, Gaudaloupe, 1758.
26	Mon.	A Company of Marine Artillery raised at New York, 1780. Hong-Kong taken possession of 1841. Marines land at Port Jackson, now Sydney, Australia, 1st Garrison, 1788. (*f*)
27	Tues.	Capture of *Lynx*, 1807.
28	Wed.	Capt. Sir J. Griffith of the Admiral's Regt., appointed Captain and Keeper of Gravesend, West Tilbury, 1665.
29	Thur.	
30	Frid.	Bornmassie, Ashantee, captured 1874, (*g*) 45 Rank and File, 2 wounded. Marines capture red umbrella (afterwards sent to H.M. the Queen) and Esemquati.
31	Sat.	Capture of Fort Piscadero, Curaçoa, 1804, (*h*) Amoaful, Ashantee, 1874. (*g*)

(*a*) Seven Officers and 109 men R.M.A., and 35 Officers and 663 Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the Light Infantry formed part of a force of about 1900, which attacked and captured the Batteries, Bridge, and Heights of Shek-Tsin, eight miles from Canton. The R.M.A. were under Lieut.-Colonel Schomberg, with Lieuts. Williams and Crease; the Light Infantry under Colonel Holloway, (afterwards General Sir T. Holloway, K.C.B.,) with Brevet-Major Ellis, Brigade-Major and Lieut. G O. Evans, A.D.C.; the 1st Battalion under Colonel Lemon, with Brevet-Major R. Parke as Major, and Lieut. Hawkey, Adjutant; the 2nd Battalion under Lieut.-Colonel Hocker, with Captain Symonds as Major, and Lieut. Maskery, Adjutant. The Marine Officers on the General Staff were Lieut.-Colonel J. O, Travers, A.Q M.C.., Major T. V. Cooke, D.A.Q.M.G., Major Morrisson, D.A.A G., and Lieut. J. Cobb, Acting D.A.Q.M.G. (*b*) Lieut. Shillibeer in command of Royal Marines, 30 Rank and File. (*c*) Captain Poe, in command of Royal Marines Camel Corps forming (part of Guards Camel Regt), 3 Officers, 95 Rank and File. Uniform Grey Jackets, (Red Kersey for best), Bedford Cords, Putties, Stained Belts and Helmets (see page 75, Vol. I., *G. & L.*). (*d*) Two Battalions, 450 Rank and File each. (*e*) Lieut. Dowding (specially promoted), in command of Royal Marines. (*f*) Major R. Moss, 18 Officers, 24 Sergeants and Corporals, 8 Drummers, 160 Privates (see page 67, Vol. I., *G. & L.*) (*g*) Lieut. Nicholls in command and 199 Rank and File. (*h*) Lieut. Crosbie (specially promoted), in command of Royal Marines. 70 Rank and File, 7 wounded,

My Barrack Room Court Martial.

By "BROM."

"WE'LL try 'im to-night, me noble 'eroes, an' you can take your hunkey-dorum I shall be the judge; ye can settle it among yer who'll be the other beaks, an' we'll have three on the bench, but any bloke as wants to be judge, 'ceptin me, had better hop out."

"'Taint usurel to try a crutie afore 'e's been 'ere free munfs, an' I for wun aint 'greeable."

"Shut up, ye stinking loonatic! if he goes out he'll blue it, an' there wont be a chanst for any of us."

"We sharn't 'ave a better oppertunity as the stripey's on guard, 'an the ole buff-sticks are soakin' in the canteen. So 'ands up fer them as wants 'im tried!"

"Right yer are boys, now we'll get ready."

"I shall be prisener's friend," said one.

"An' I shall be counsel for the prosercution," said another.

This very edifying conversation took place among a group of recruits close to me. I didn't take very much notice, I only knew someone had to be tried by barrack room court martial, and as I didn't think it was my turn, I didn't care. I was soon to be undeceived.

"Outside all you rats as aint got yer numbers dry, an' all you 'cruits as aint been tried!"

I rose to leave with the rest, but found myself in the grasp of three or four of the older recruits.

I struck out, not quite realising that the show was meant for me. I didn't think it was my turn, and said so.

"Don't be a young hass," said one of my escort, (he was a decent fellow—I had already taken a liking to him), "take it quiet and 'taint so bad, but if you strike out there'll be hell to pay, as they means to try ye to-night whether ye likes it or not."

I realised I was no match for them, and as opposition would be worse than useless, went quietly.

We were rapidly hustled outside the door into the passage. In language more forcible than polite, those who were turned out were advised to go away and play. They did.

"Haul out yer handkercher, we're goin' to block up yer peepers," I took it out, and was blindfolded.

My friend said, "yer lucky to 'ave a hank'cher 'relse we should a used the washin'-up rag." I shuddered.

In a very short time the door was opened, and a voice sald in his very best tragedy, "march in the pris'ner!" I was immediately marched or hustled in.

In recollecting this incident in my early career in the service it seems absurd of me now to remember that I was in an awful funk. I didn't like the blindfolding or the mystery. What was going to happen to me? I'd have given something to have been a hundred miles away; go through it I felt I must, but that didn't help me much.

They did not keep me long in suspense.

"Pris'ner, ye are brought afore this noble court to answer to a serious charge," said a voice I recognized to be the one who said he should be "judge." "We are agreed that you shall see this grand 'sembly, so let him 'ave his bloomin eyesight."

They took the bandage off my eyes. I looked around me and felt very queer.

In front of me were two barrack room tables placed across the centre of the room, on the top of them was a stool, the whole was draped in bed-rugs which came down to the floor, I was standing on a rug immediately in front. Seated on the form were three recruits enveloped in rugs, their faces were nearly hidden so that I could not recognize them. I thought of the Inquisition and felt sick. On either side of the tables were three or four recruits also enveloped in rugs fastened round them with bed straps. Perfect silence reigned. I stood alone.

I can laugh at it now, but I can assure you it felt beastly real then.

"What's the charge against this 'ere pris'ner, Mister Prosercutor?" said the man who sat in the centre.

"Yer Honner," said the prosecutor, I charges him wi' havin' more money than any other poor devil in this 'ere room, not standin' anybody a whet, or shinin the cans."

"Are ye guilty or not?"

I was in too big a funk to reply.

"Mister Prosecutor, bring up yer witnesses, an' I shall expect em' to know all about it."

"They do, yer honner. First witness, Patrick Murphy, now on yer oath, tell ther honners what yer knows, the 'ole truth or anything else as'll convict the pris'ner, swelp you bob, an' kiss this four-poun' loaf."

I looked and saw the witness was a recruit who slept in the next bed to mine.

"'Twas dinner-time to-day yer 'anner, as I saw the darlin'—I mane the pris'ner—bedad an' he's a gintleman!"

"Stick to yer everdense, ye idiot," roared the prosecutor.

"Well, gintlemen, 'e receaved a litther an' wid me own blessed eyes I saw a Post Office Ordher, an' he 'asn't stood me a whet."

It now dawned on me what they were up to; I was considerably relieved. I had that day received a Post Office Order for a sovereign.

"Strike me lucky, is that right, pris'ner? If ye got it on yer, hand it up," said the judge.

I took it out of my pocket and handed it up. I knew it was safe, for I hadn't signed it.

"Why, it's fer a bloomin' thickun," said the judge. The bench was greatly excited, One of them evidently recognized that the Order was no good unsigned, so it was handed back to me.

"I declare the pris'ner Guilty!" said the judge.

This was too much for the counsel for the defence, who struck in with:—"Strike me if this aint the rottenest attempt at a court-martial as ever I was at. I'm counsel for the defence an I'll have my say, or I'll give the blessed show away."

"Order! order!" "Chuck him out!" "Down 'im!"

My counsel stood his ground.

"Have yer say ye flat-footed himage, an' get it over quick, or the old buff-sticks 'll be up from the canteen an' bust the 'hole bilin'—

"Gen'elmen of this 'ere court," began my counsel, "what I've got to say is this, an' I will say it:—Larst night the pris'ner was seen out with the landlady's sister, of the "Four Hoss Shoes," an' as everybody knows she's my girl, I want the full benefit of the law."

One of the judges said, "As he aint spent the money that's got nuthin' to do with the case, an' you'd better look arter yer own girl."

I thought it a queer line of defence, and commenced to say so.

"Silence!" roared the judge, "an' I'll pass sentence. Pris'ner, afore that fool interrupted me, I told yer as 'ow yer was guilty, an' the sentence of this 'ere court is that you drinks out o' the tin dish."

The large circular tin dish was brought filled to the brim with cold clean water. I congratulated myself, and raised it by the handles to my lips. At that moment the judge said -

"I also sentence you to fall."

The rug on which I was standing was suddenly pulled from under my feet, I fell backwards, the water going over me.

I considered I got off very cheap, and the next day at dinner stood a pint of beer round, or in barrack room lingo "shined the cans."

The Royal Marines Memorial.

7, Whitehall Place, S.W., 31st Dec., 1902.

Subscriptions received during December:—

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Officers at R.N. College, Greenwich ..		4 10 0
,, Portsmouth Division ..		2 2 6
		6 12 6
Additional sums promised ..	5 0 0	
Previously acknowledged ..	1368 17 1	
		1373 17 1
		£1380 9 7

About £10 more is required.

Messrs. Mowlen & Co., of Westminster, are now engaged in putting in the foundations, 6 feet of concrete

Unless a severe frost should set in, it is hoped the monument will be erected and ready for unveiling by the end of February.

G. T. Onslow, Col. R.M.L.I., Hon. Sec. & Treas

New Naval Scheme of Training.

[*As no doubt our readers are anxious to get early news of this new scheme, we publish extracts from the "Daily Telegraph" of December 25th, 1902, and the "N. and M. Record" of January 1st, 1903. We regret we are unable to obtain the official account at present, but hope to do so next month.*—ED.]

AS First Lord of the Admiralty, the Earl of Selborne has prepared a most important memorandum setting forth the changes which it is proposed to make in the entry, training, and employment of officers and men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines. The essential features of the scheme may be thus summarised:

Every officer in future, whether he is to become an executive, engineer, or Royal Marine, will go through a common system of training, largely mechanical, from twelve or thirteen, lasting seven years.

Consequently—

Engineers will gain experience in controlling men, in watch-keeping on deck, and in gunnery and torpedo work, while they will also have increased pay and combatant rank.

Executive officers will have a good working knowledge of marine engineering and of applied science.

Royal Marine officers will be more useful afloat in consequence of their early acquired mechanical and seamanlike knowledge, and they also are to have their pay augmented.

Sixty warrant officers—men risen from the lower deck—will be given lieutenants' commissions.

Of late years the age at which cadets have joined the Britannia has been gradually raised to a maximum of 15½ years, and the course has been reduced to a period of only fifteen months. It was hoped that the public schools would find it advantageous to devote special attention to the preparation of lads for service as executive officers, but the experiment has not been successful. Naval engineers have hitherto joined the Engineering College at Keyham at from 14½ to 16½ years, and have, consequently, had no sea training, and have lacked the essential preparation for the command of men; while Royal Marine officers, entering the corps at sixteen to eighteen years of age, have made no acquaintance with the conditions of life afloat until they have gone through their military course, and have been equally unfit with the engineers to take an adequate share in the executive and other work on board a man-of-war. Of the Royal Marine and executive officers it is also true that, while the matérial of the Navy has changed, the the old wooden walls have given place to modern steel ships, crammed with machinery, they have been afforded no opportunities of acquiring an adequate knowledge of even the rudiments of mechanics.

Preserving the "Naval Character."

The problem of bringing these officers into sympathy wfth their environment has been beset with difficulty and danger, for the Board of Admiralty has been conscious of the supreme importance of preserving to the naval officer his unmistakable naval character. To quote Lord Selborne:

This character is developed from the early training in responsibility, the powers of self-reliance thereby engendered, and the essential unity of the Service. Notwithstanding the fact that during the transition period the system of naval education has been the subject of much criticism, the character of the naval officer has remained unimpaired, and character is of more value than knowledge. Now, however, as always, the highest type of naval officer is that wherein great professional knowledge is added to force of character. The danger within the Navy itself is lest insufficient importance should be attached to the results of study, and lest the value of what is called the practical character should be placed higher than it deserves.

The strength which its unity gives to the Service can hardly be overestimated, yet in respect to this very matter a strangely anomalous condition of affairs exists. The executive, the engineer, and the marine officers are all necessary for the efficiency of the Fleet; they all have to serve side by side throughout their career; their unity of sentiment is essential to the welfare of the Navy; yet they all enter the Service under different regulations, and they have nothing in common in their early training. The result is, that the executive officer, unless he is a gunnery or torpedo specialist, has been taught but a limited amount of engineering, although the ship on which he serves is one huge box of engines; that the engineer officer has never had any training in executive duties; that from lack of early sea training the marine officer is compelled solely against his will to remain comparatively idle on board ship when everyone else is full of work; and that the spirit of unity has not yet been carried to its full development.

Details of the New Scheme.

With a full consciousness of the responsibility resting upon them, and after careful thought, the Lords Commissioners have decided on changes "far-reaching and in some respects sweeping," but they urge that "the scheme which necessitates them is framed in pursuance of a definite policy, is planned on clear lines, is designed to deal with the problem as a whole, and is throughout conceived in a spirit of veneration for all that is best and highest in the traditions of the Service."

In future, therefore, each of the three great departments will have the same system of supply, the same system of entry, and the same system of training. The scheme provides—

All officers for the executive and engineer branches of the Navy and for the Royal Marines shall enter the Service as naval cadets under exactly the same conditions, between the ages of twelve and thirteen;

That these cadets shall all be trained on exactly the same system until they shall have passed for the rank of sub-lieutenant between the ages of nineteen and twenty;

That at about the age of twenty these sub-lieutenants shall be distributed between the three branches of the Service which are essential to the fighting efficiency of the Fleet—the executive, the engineer, and the Marine.

The result aimed at is, to a certain point, community of knowledge and lifelong community of sentiment. Tne only machinery which can produce this result is early companionship and community of instruction.

Entry and Training.

It is considered, the First Lord says, that entry at the early age of 12—13 is necessary if the cadets are by the age of 20 to receive that increased professional education which is required to qualify them to become commissioned officers; and it is not considered that it would be compatible with the welfare of the service if they were to become commissioned officers at any materially later age.

Appointments to naval cadetships will be made by limited competition after nomination. In the nomination of candidates, preference, others being equal, will be given to those boys whose parents or guardians declare for them that they are prepared to enter any one of the three branches of the Service at the termination of their probationary period of service afloat.

The nominations will be made three times a year, six weeks before the date fixed for the examination of candidates. The examinations will be held at the end of March, July, and November, and the appointments will date from the 15th May, 15th September, 15th January following, respectively, as under the old scheme. The first examination will be held in July, 1903.

The Common Basis of Training.

The new course of preliminary training, when the foundations of a sea career will be laid, will be thus divided up:

Britannia, or its successor, the Royal Naval College ..	4 years.
At sea as midshipmen (for sea training and further instruction in mechanics and other applied sciences, and marine engineering)	3 years.
At Greenwich College, as sub-lieutenants (for mathematics, navigation, and pilotage)	3 months.
At Portsmouth Naval College (for gunnery, torpedo, and engineering)	6 months.

Every future officer, executive, Marine, and engineer, will go through this course, and he will be transformed from the thoughtless schoolboy into the young seaman, scientist, gunner, torpedoist, engineer, and soldier, and the foundation will have been laid for the special studies to which he will thenceforward devote his time

As this common training is the essential feature of the new scheme, it may be well to set out the particulars in full:

Cadets will remain under instruction at the Royal Naval College for four years before going to sea, and they will all receive similar instruction, which will comprise an extension of the Britannia course, including elementary instruction in physics and marine engineering, with the

use of tools and machines in connection therewith. The object of this course will be to give them a good grounding in the subjects necessary to their profession, and at the same time such a general education as will enable them to grasp the theory of their future subjects of study, whichever branch they may eventually join.

Three Years' Sea Experience.

At the end of this period the cadets will go to sea and become midshipmen (Britannnia time counting, as at present). Special attention will then be paid to their instruction in mechanics and the other applied sciences, and to marine engineering. The instruction of the midshipmen in seamanship will be given as at present by an executive officer deputed by the captain; otherwise it will, under the general responsibility of the captain, be supervised by the engineer, gunnery, marine, navigating, and torpedo lieutenants of their respective ships; they will be examined annually as to their progress in seamanship, navigation and pilotage, gunnery, torpedo work, and engineering, all set papers being as at present sent from the Admiralty; and at the end of three years every midshipman who has passed the qualifying standard at the last annual examination and the final examination in seamanship before a board of three captains or commanders (constituted as at present) will become an acting sub-lieutenant and return to England. These acting sub-lieutenants will then go to the college at Greewich for a three months' course of mathematics and navigation and pilotage, followed by an examination, and afterwards to Portsmouth for a six months' course in gunnery, torpedo, and engineering, at the close of which they will be examined, receive their classification, 1, 2, 3 in each subject, and on passing out be confirmed in the rank of sub-lieutenant

Before the period arrives at which the first batch of cadets under the new system have to go to sea, the board will have considered very carefully and will have decided whether they be sent for the whole three years as midshipmen to battleships and cruisers, ordinarily commissioned, or whether the first part of this period shall be passed in specially commissioned trainiag ships. It is quite decided that at whatever period they are posted to ordinarily commissioned battleships and cruisers compulsory school on board these ships shall cease.

When the young officers, aged nineteen to twenty, have passed out of the college at Portsmouth as sub-lieutenants, and have gained their classification tn the different subjects of the examination, their careers for the first time will begin to diverge, and they will be posted to the executive or to the engineer branch of the Navy or the Royal Marines.

Choice of Career—Executive, Engineer, or Marine.

As far as possible each officer will be allowed to choose which branch he will join, but this must be subject to the proviso that all branches are satisfactorily filled. No sub-lieutenant will be compelled to join a branch for which he did not enter as a boy when applying for a nomination, but in giving nominations for competition for entranoe to the Britannia preference will (other things being equal) be given to those boys whose parents or guardians declare for them that they will be ready to enter either of the three branches of the Service. The Board of Admiralty will thus have in reserve a means of remedying a surplus of deficiency in either of the three branches, and of insuring that every branch receives a due proportion of the most capable officers.

Up to this point the young officers' characters have been formed in one school, and all these sub-lieutenants have received as the foundation of their professional education that common knowledge which all alike require. Henceforward their education must be differentiated to make them fit to perform those specialised duties which are the product of modern science.

Special Courses of Study.

The foundation of the cadets' careers having been thus laid on a sure, broad basis, they will be divided among the several branches, some being selected as executive officers, some as engineers, and some as Royal Marines, and will undergo special courses of study.

Royal Marines.

After his final examination as sub-lieutenant, along with the future executive and engineer officer, the young Royal Marine officer will receive his special military training during the next two years partly at the College at Greenwich and partly at the head-quarters of divisions or the depot; the training of all these officers will be extended so as to correspond more closely to the training now received by the young officers of the Royal Marine Artillery; and after this two years' training the young marine officer will receive the rank and pay of lieutenant of marines so as to put him financially on an equality with the executive sub-lieutenant.

As in the case of the executive lieutenants, specially good officers will qualify as gunnery and torpedo lieutenants, provided they have kept watch at sea for one year, have passed the test examination for qualifying for gunnery and torpedo lieutenants, and been specially selected and recommended. For the purposes of promotion and seniority in the corps all these officers will be on one list, and not divided into two lists as now is the case with the officers of the Royal Marine Artillery and Royal Marine Light Infantry.

The future marine officers, whether posted to the R.M.A. or R.M.L.I, will all be on one list for seniority and promotion in the corps. All marine officers (up to and including the rank of captain of marines) will be available for keeping watch at sea and for general executive duties.

Naval.	Marine.
Lieutenant.	Lieutenant over 2 years.
Commander.	Captain.
Captain under 3 years.	Major.
	Lieutenant-colonel.

Ashore the Royal Marine and naval officers will take command over one another, according to their seniority in their corresponding ranks. The pay of Royal Marine and naval officers afloat will be equalised. The object to be aimed at is that there may be the same proportion of employment in the higher ranks and the same proportionate flow of promotion for the officers of the Royal Marines as for those of the executive and engineer branches of the Navy.

Henceforward the efficient military and marine officer will exist as of old, but with this difference—that from the very outset of his career as such he will be competent to take a much fuller part in the handling and fighting of his ship than his present training has permitted.

The result of the new system of training will be that whereas "the cadet now takes 4½ years to become an acting sub-lieutenant, under the new system he will become fitted for the general services of the Fleet in seven years, while the Engineer and Royal Marine officer will require about two years more for their special professional instruction." The new system will be introduced in Midsummer, 1903, and for a time there will be double entries—under the old and new schemes—for 2½ years in the case of the existing type of cadet, six years for the Royal Marine Light Infantry, and five years for the Royal Marine Artillery and the engineer students so as to bridge over the necessary interregnum. The younger cadets will be trained in this period at Osborne.

The Present Marine Officers.

What, again will be the fate of the existing officers of the Royal Marines? "The comparative non-utilisation of thc services of the marine officer on board ship," it is pointed out, "has long been a matter of regret on the part of successive First Lords and successive Boards of Admiralty; but his want of early sea training and his want of knowledge of the general duties of the ship when first embarked have hitherto rendered the young marine subaltern unable to take any responble part either in the general work or in the navigation of the ship. The sole reason, therefore, of the comparative non-utilisation of the Marine officers' services on board ship has been his purely military training. This condition of affairs has naturally been discouraging in the extreme to the young Marine officer himself, and it has been detrimental to the Navy, which has found itself deprived, in respect of many important matters, of the services of a valuable officer."

The new scheme will alter all this, and meantime—

It has been decided that the present marine officers shall be made available in gunnery and torpedo duties, in harbour work such as officer of the guard, and generally in taking a more active part in the duties of the ship.

They will, moreover, be held eligible for equal consideration with naval officers for employment in Admiralty Departments, such as the Department of the Director of Naval Ordnance and the Naval Ordinance Store Department, and as members of the Ordnance Committee. They are already, to the great advantage of the Service,

largely utilised in the Naval Intelligence Department and generally in connection with the inteiligence work of the Fleet. Their employment in this sphere of work will continue to be developed, and it is also thought that a much felt want in respect of the supply of interpreters may be remedied by holding out inducements and giving facilities to the present Marine officers to qualify as such.

It has been suggested to the Board that the present would be an opportune moment for the amalgamation of the Royal Marine Artillery and the Royal Marine Light Infantry. The Board, however, feel that in the case of a corps with the old traditions of the Royal Marines great respect must be paid to sentiment, wherever it does not clash with a reform essential to the good of the Service. This is not so in this case, and the question of future amalgamation will be left to solve itself in the expectation that the general opinion of the corps will be found to harmonise with the logic of hard facts. As the future marine officers will all be on one list, and as their gunnery training will be as far as possible assimilated to the present training of the artillery officers, and as the future gunnery and torpedo-lieutenants of the corps will correspond as specialists to the present artillery officers, the future impediments in the way of amalgamation would seem to consist mainly in the name and in the colour of the uniform. As regards the uniform, time will solve the problem, but as regards name I cannot imagine one more universally honoured than that of the Royal Marines.

The great difficulty which has always confronted the Board of Admiralty in respect to this famous corps has been that of finding a sufficient amount of employment and employment of a sufficiently interesting and engrossing character for the general officers. This difficulty has arisen from the fact that the Royal Marines, owing to their special history, have not been able to enjoy the advantages and opportunities of employment in the higher ranks, either of officers of the Navy or of the Army. They have not been able to enjoy the advantages of corresponding officers of the Navy because they have never had the training to command ships, squadrons, or fleets. They have not been able to enjoy the opportunities of corresponding officers in the army because they have not formed part of that army, and the War Office has regarded the officers of the army as having the first claim upon it for employment. Time has wrought many changes in the conditions of service both in the Royal Navy and in the Royal Marines, and the current of events has set the Royal Marines more towards the navy than towards the army. The Royal Navy is indispensable to the Royal Marines, and the Royal Marines are indispensable to the Royal Navy, and I hope that the officers both of the navy and of the marines will realise more and more in the future that the Royal Marines and the Royal Navy are but two great parts of the one sea service on which this country depends.

If at any future time an even closer union between the Navy and the Marines becomes possible than that now contemplated it will be necessary that the Royal Marines should come wholly under the Naval Discipline Act (amended to meet the case) and cease to be partly governed under the Army Act.

Increased Pay for Engineer and Marine Officers.

In an Admiralty circular letter, explaining the new proposals in somewhat more detail than given by Lord Selborne, particulars are given of the increased scales of pay for engineer and Royal Marine officers:

Marine Officers.—Future.

Rank.	Pay per Diem. s.	d.
Lieutenant	10	0
After 4 years in rank	11	0
Captain	12	0
After 1 year in rank	13	0
After 5 years in rank	15	0
Major	20	0
After 2 years in rank	22	0
After 4 years in rank	24	0
After 6 years in rank	26	0
Lieutenant-Colonel	30	0
After 2 years in rank	33	0
After 4 years in rank	36	0

Colonels 2nd Commandant will receive pay of rank and an additional allowance sf 5s. per diem.

Colonels Commandant will receive pay at present rates, with an additional allowance of 12s. a day.

Existing Officers.

Rank.	Artillery. Pay per Diem. s.	d.	Infantry. Pay per Diem. s.	d.
Lieutenant	6	4	5	11
After 3 years	7	5	7	0
Captain	12	1	11	7
After 1 year	12	7	12	1
After 5 years	13	1	12	7
After 8 years	14	7	14	1
Major	16	1	15	7
After 2 years	17	6	17	6
After 4 years	18	0	18	0
After 6 years . ..	18	6	18	6
Lieutenant-Colonel ..	21	0	21	0
After 2 years	21	9	21	9
After 4 years	22	6	22	6

Colonels 2nd Commandant will receive pay of rank and an additional allowance of 5s. per diem.

Colonels Commandant will receive pay at present rates, with an additional allowance of 12s. a day,

As regards the scales of pay, it will be observed that the commandants Royal Marines will receive 12s. a day, corresponding to the command money of captains commanding naval establishments on shore, and the second commandants will receive 5s. a day.

Anecdotes

THE GREEN MARINES.

I shall never forget my first experience of a Marine's life on board a man-of-war. We were a very green detachment told off to form part of a crew taking a certain ship from Portsmouth to Chatham. Fire stations seem to be the only essential evolution for a trip of this sort. All hands aft; the usual ditty is spun about 1st part of starboard, manning A pump, 2nd part another, etc., and the fire bell rings. *Most* rushed off to their respective stations, but, as usual, a large remainder were *lost*. An old lance-corporal of the *flunkeys* came to our rescue, and shouted "Follow me," and started off at a steady double around the upper deck. "Now then, steady old strain, don't get excited—left, right—beautiful—now keep that step—round again!" Of course the first lieutenant soon spotted us, and quickly put a stop to our little caper. But, needless to say, our gallant commander, the lance-corporal, although not exactly sober, was missing. — J. W. (H.M.S. *Canopus*).

Answers to Correspondents.

Kingston (*Vindictive*).—Thanks for letter and enclosure. Glad to hear of success in prize-firing.

An Old Marine.—R. Marine Artillery at Eastney. The R.M.L.I. Divisions are—1, Chatham; 2, Portsmouth, quartered in Forton Barracks, Gosport; 3, Plymouth, quartered in R.M. Barracks, Stonehouse, Plymouth. There is also the Depot, Royal Marines, at Deal, Kent.

C. W. G. Hill.—It was really an oversight that the *Victory* was put in, due to the printers not letting us know there was not enough copy. Your story came to hand all right, and we are hoping to publish it shortly, and will be glad of any stories you care to send. We regret it was not acknowledged in last month's number, which had to be brought out under a great stress of work.

W. R. Bury.—You can obtain these books at Messrs. Charpentier and Co., 46, High Street, Portsmouth; but as you are in London, any bookseller would obtain them for you.

G. E. Waring.—The fact of having passed for 2nd Captain of Gun does not of itself qualify for the appointment of Paid Lce.-Corporal.

"Brom."—Thanks very much for stories. We use one, as you see, and hope to use the others in succeeding months.

B. Tucker.—The notice you refer to was sent from the division concerned, and we inserted it as it was. As nothing was sent from yours, we very much regret your case was overlooked.

Balance Sheet, 1902.

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1901	2	1	8½
Receipts by sale of Paper, and Postage	305	5	4
Transferred from Reserve Fund	20	0	0
Total	£327	6	4½

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Messrs. Charpentier & Co. (Printing and Publishing)	234	18	2
Postage Account	61	13	2
Office Expenses (Stationery, Wrappers, etc.) ..	7	16	3
Wages	12	7	6
Waterage	0	13	6
Xmas Box to Clerks, Postmen, etc.	0	13	0
Refund for returned copies	0	2	5
Cheque Book	0	2	0
	318	6	0
Balance Credit	9	0	4½
Total	£327	6	4½

RESERVE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1901	141	3	6½
By Advertisements inserted in *Globe and Laurel* ..	87	5	5
By sale of Volumes	1	9	6
Donations	14	6	11
Total	£244	5	2½

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Illustrations inserted in Paper (W. F. Sedgwick and *Western Mail*, Ltd.)	10	1	7
Binding, Indexing, etc. 25 copies Vol. VIII. ..	2	4	6
Transferred to General Fund	20	0	0
	32	6	1
Balance Credit	211	19	1½
Total	£244	5	2½

Examined and found correct.
(Signed) W. J. PAWSEY,
Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lieut., R.M.L.I.,
18th December, 1902.

(Signed) H. E. BLUMBERG,
Captain and Adjutant, R.M.L.I.,
Treasurer, *Globe and Laurel*,
16th December, 1902.

Saved by a Maltese Poodle.

"TALKING about 'Blue Peters,'" remarked Pte. Crawler, as we sat around the guard room fire one night, waiting for the Sub. to pay his last visit, "I should not have had mine presented to me last Sunday morning if it had not been for my chum Frazer and a Maltese Poodle." "Let's have the yarn 'old snail,'" we cried, for Crawler was of a somewhat retiring disposition, and it was rarely his voice was heard when yarns were floating about.

"About a month before my last ship paid off," commenced Crawler, knocking the ashes out of his pipe on the clean stool and glancing at the Sergeant of the Guard to see if he was looking, "we received orders to leave Malta one morning and proceed on a short cruise just to give us a final rub up in general evolutions. Leave was granted the night before we left until eleven o'clock, and I went ashore just to have a last run round.

"Unfortunately I met some old ships of mine who had joined the Royal Garrison Regiment which had recently arrived in Malta.

"Of course we could not let such an event go by without celebrating it, and we had a most glorious time. On parting I found that I had 'celebrated' a little too much, for, altho' the spirit was willing to return on board, my legs refused duty.

"However, after a struggle I reached the top of St. Lorenzo Steps, but in trying to walk down I slipped and fell. I have a dim recollection of trying to get up, then all went blank, and I remembered no more until I was aroused next morning by a friendly Maltee cab driver, who, strange to say, had picked me up and carried me into his house close by, where I had slept the night."

"What's the time?" I asked, as soon as I was sufficiently aroused to understand I was breaking my leave and the ship sailed at six that morning. "Just gone six," replied my Maltee friend.

Hastily thanking him I rushed out, jumped into a boat and in a few moments was making my way to Bighi, where the ship was lying.

As we rounded the Naval Hospital I saw to my dismay the old "Temme" was already under weigh.

"Go on, Jose," I shouted to the boatman, "half-a-crown if you catch her." "All right Joe," he replied, "this racing boat, me best boatman in Malta," and the way he made the boat travel I almost believe he was speaking the truth.

I waved my cap to attract attention, but no notice was taken, and I began to think that my three badges were getting shaky, for the Skipper had threatened to deal severely with anyone missing the ship through leave-breaking.

On getting nearer I saw my chum Frazer was sentry on the life buoy, and close to him was standing a Maltese poodle named Cruiser, belonging to the Captain's wife.

Frazer was anxiously watching the race, but I could see he did not have much hope of my getting on board. Suddenly his eye rested on the poodle by his side, and after a hasty glance round the quarter deck he gave "Cruiser" a kick and sent him headlong into the water.

He then raised the alarm, and on discovering his wife's favourite struggling in the water the Captain stopped the engines.

I at once grasped the situation, and told Jose to make for the dog. Just as we were within a few yards of the poodle he gave a howl and sank. I off belt and dived into the water, and managed to seize Cruiser just in time. A couple of minutes after I was standing on the quarter deck with the dripping poodle in my arms.

The Skipper was so pleased to have his dog back that he let me off with a caution, and the next time we arrived in Malta I got a new rig out, the other clothes being damaged "whilst on duty." And perhaps I might add that Frazer took my "tot" for the remainder of the commission.

R. D. H.

Royal Marines' Rifle Association.

FOREIGN STATIONS COMPETITION.

THE CHANNEL.

The Match for the Badge for the Channel Squadron was completed at the Gibraltar Range in three days. There were 120 entries, all whom competed. Every ship had an opportunity of competing.

The following are the first 10 in order of merit :—

	NAME	SHIP	POINTS.	PRIZE.
1.	Gnr, N. Hamilton, R.M.A.	*Magnificent*	88	Jewel
2.	Gnr. W. H. Akers,, R.M.A.	*Magnificent*	79	8/-
3.	Col.-Srgt. A.Whistler, R.M.L.I.	*Majestic*	75	5/6
4.	Sergt. Hoy, R.M.L.I.	*Mars*	73	2/6
5.	Gnr. Wheeler	*Prinee George*	71	—
6,	Lnce.-Sergt. Towers	*Prince George*	71	—
7.	Gnr. T. Dain	*Jupiter*	69	—
8.	Gnr. E. Blackstock	*Jupiter*	69	—
9.	Gnr. F. Harris	*Majestic*	69	—
10.	Bomb. H. W. Brown	*Prince George*	68	—

Correspondence.

King Edward VI. School,
Bath,
10th December, 1902.

Sir,—In reply to Sergt. F. Hale, in this month's *Globe and Laurel*, I am pleased to say that I had the pleasure of drilling the boys of Weymouth House School, in this city, during the year 1899, and I found them very eager to learn. In 1900, I formed a Cadet Corps in connection with this school, a portion of which went to Salisbury Plain in 1900, and Aldershot in 1901. This year we were unavoidably absent. Their shooting will compare very favourably with any trained Volunteer, the highest score obtained at musketry this year was 173 points out of a possible 196 (Lee-Enfield rifle), I thinks this speaks well of what a school-boy may do with a careful training ; their ages are between 14 and 17 years, uniform kharki, and they are attached to the 1st V.B. P.A.S.L.I.

I remain, yours truly,
F. HOLLOWAY,
Late Color-Sergeant, R.M.L.I. (Po. Div.).

Football.

[*The following notes taken from the "Football Mail" may prove of interest to our readers.*—ED.]

THE R.M.L.I. has undergone many vicissitudes, and the exigencies of the service have been the chief reason of their failure in the local football arena. They have no sooner got together a decent side than a "draft"—not a blank one—has pulled them to pieces. This season their luck has changed, and let me hope that the team that has done so well up to the present may remain in barracks until the curtain is rung down in April.

Of course the "star" artiste on the side is "Jock" White, and he is fairly idolised by his comrades and friends. As the centre forward he is a capital pivot, and looks after the wings splendidly. But the front rank is not "a one man show," for the two wingers, McGuire and Dickson, can travel fast, centre accurately, and are very clean withal. The weakest spot in the side are the "halves," who are given to wandering all over the shop—in fact, in one match (versus R.A. Hilsea) I had a difficulty to find them.

At back they are well served by Rennie and Reynolds, and although the former is undoubtedly slower than formerly, he is not one jot less reliable. Who knows but what we may yet hear the Red Marine Band practising "See the Conquering Hero Comes," in anticipation of one of the football trophies resting at Forton.

In my last notes I wrote at length concerning the Blue Marines and Cup ties. They have yet to do themselves credit in this respect, and the opportunity will be afforded on January 10th, when they will re-play their Hants Junior tie, versus the Naval Depot. In League circles the Blues are likely to repeat last year's splendid performance, as a comparison of the following figures in the Portsmouth League prove.

		P	W	L	D	Goals F	Goals A	Pts.
1901	..	7	5	0	2	22	1	12
1902	..	6	6	0	0	23	3	12

Whatever may be the cause of their Cup failures, their League fixtures are something to be proud of. They have had the good fortune to practically retain the same players as last year, and herein is the secret of their success.

Their officers are keen on the game, and about a dozen turn out each week to urge the men on to victory. But I should just like to whisper the fact that although they are on top of both the Portsmouth and Service Leagues they must not take things easily, or they may rue it when too late.

The R.M.A. once more delighted their supporters by severely trouncing Fareham at Eastney on Saturday. At all points the Blues were the better side ; but their forwards were not so well together as I should wish. They passed frequently, but it was seldom that it was a forward pass. The Blues' halves played a sterling game, and it was rarely the backs were called on. The redeeming feature on the Fareham side was the combination on the left wing, Clark and Bolitho giving their opponents plenty to do ; but Coghlan was practically starved on the other wing.

R.M.L.I. *v.* 4th COY, R.G.A.—(PORTS. LEAGUE).—This Match was played on the U.S. Ground on Dec. 3rd. and resulted in a win for the R.M.L.I. by three goals to two.

R.M.L.I. *v.* HANTS REGT.—(PORTS. LEAGUE).—This Match was played at Forton on Dec. 10th. and after a pleasantly-contested game resulted in a win for the Reds by a goal to nil.

R.M.L.I. *v.* RYDE.—(PORTS. LEAGUE).—This Match was played at Forton on Dec. 6th. and resulted in a draw 2 - 2. This was a very stubbornly contested match both sides striving hard for victory ; this seemed assured for Ryde, as they held the lead until a few minutes from time, when the Marines were awarded a penalty from which Rennie (surefoot) scored and the game resulted as above.

Through the Christmas furlough we have been delayed with our Cup Tie in the Second Round Portsmouth Cup, but we meet *Excellent's* on Jan. 17th. at Whale Island and the winners have the honour (*sic*) of playing Portsmouth Reserves ; as the furlough expires on the 8th inst. we have a very short time to lick the team into shape again after the Christmas Festivities, but we hope to give the "Cordites" a good game.

COMPANY CUP COMPETITION.

E beat F after a drawn game by four goals to three.

Draw for the Semi-Finals resulted as follows ;—

A *v.* B | D *v.* E

The Blues have unfortunately been knocked out of the Army Cup so all our hopes are concentrated on the Chatham Divisional Team who scored a meritorious victory over the Provisional Battalion a short time back in the same Competition.

HE SANG IT.

(*From an old MS.*)

In the early sixties of the last century a Marine who had an impediment in his speech was serving on board H.M.S. *Edgar*, flagship of the Channel Fleet, and while under way a goat belonging to the Admiral fell overboard from the gangway. The Marine ran to report the accident to the officer of the watch, who was on the quarter-deck, but was so agitated that he could not speak a word. The officer, seeing what was the matter, raised his hand, and said quietly "Sing it, my man." The Marine immediately struck up –

The Admiral's goat is overboard,
Is overboard, is overboard.
The Admiral's goat is overboard,
Heave to, or he will be drowned.

The Editor begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions, etc., with many thanks, received up to January 1st, 1903.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Col. G. T. Onslow, C.B.	1	0	0	*Britannia* ..	0	3	10
Hood ..	1	0	0	*Glory* ..	0	10	1
Sparrow ..	0	3	0	*Blanche* ..	0	5	0
Rinaldo ..	0	7	6	*Pembroke* ..	1	5	0
Mr. W. Watts ..	0	0	9	*Anson* ..	0	7	3
Bellona ..	0	5	6	Commissioner Farr ..	0	1	6
Recreation Room, Forton	0	3	0	Major Herring ..	0	1	6
Major Blaxland ..	0	1	6	Colonel Beechey ..	0	1	6
Mr. E. Hughes ..	0	1	6	Sergeant J. Hine ..	0	1	6
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Major Hale ..	0	1	6	Pte. J. Parker ..	0	1	6
Mr. Huntingford ..	0	1	6	Mr. Roan ..	0	1	6
Sergt. J. F. May ..	0	1	6	*Formidable* ..	0	10	1
Officers' Mess, Forton	1	6	0	Mr. J. Young ..	0	1	6
Sergeant Edge ..	0	1	6	Mr. W. H. Bartlett ..	0	1	6
Illustrious ..	2	5	0	Mr. T. Fitzpatrick ..	0	1	6
Hannibal ..	0	18	11	*Australia* ..	0	6	6
Excellent ..	0	6	0	Corpl. J. H, Banyard	0	1	6
Sergts.' Mess, Forton	0	2	1	Mr. H. R. Howard ..	0	1	6
Canteens, Forton ..	0	1	10	Mrs. Pamplin ..	0	1	6
Corpl Symmons ..	0	5	0	Miss E. Heritage ..	0	1	6
Lieut.-Col. Partridge	0	1	6	Sergt. R. M. Evans ..	0	3	0
Agincourt ..	0	5	0	Mr. W. Clunies ..	0	1	6
Sergt. F. Hale ..	0	1	6	Sergt.-Major Luff ..	0	1	6
Mr. R. Eustace ..	0	1	6	Major Dalby ..	0	2	6
Mrs Percy ..	0	1	6	Col.-Sgt. R. A. Trowbridge	0	1	6
Major-Gen. Byam ..	0	1	6	Mr. A. Clark ..	0	1	6
Prince George ..	1	4	1½	Miss C. E. Harris ..	0	1	6
Mr. Muller ..	0	1	6	Mr. G. J. Collins ..	0	1	6
Major A. C. Smyth ..	0	2	6	Mr. J. C. Walter ..	0	1	6
Empress of India ..	0	3	2½	Sergt.-Inst. T. H. Raddall	0	1	6
Minotaur ..	0	9	0	Mrs. Featherstone ..	0	1	6
Boscawen ..	0	10	0	Mr. A. W. Beecher ..	0	1	6
Juno ..	0	6	9	,, J. Veale ..	0	1	6
Victoria & Albert ..	0	4	6	,, R. Watson ..	0	1	6
Drum-Major Burns ..	0	2	3	,, H. Turner ..	0	2	6
Major-Gen. Heasty ..	0	3	0	,, J. Jones ..	0	1	6
Trooper Preston ..	0	2	0	Sergt.-Inst. W. Pilton	0	1	6
Mr. G. Sampson ..	0	1	6	Mr. A. Webber ..	0	1	6
Captain Mascall ..	0	1	6	Lt.-Col. H. S. Bourchier	0	1	6
Pomone ..	0	18	0	Mr. T. White ..	0	1	6
Camperdown ..	0	11	4	Major J. H. Parry ..	0	2	6
Major-Gen. J. W. Scott	0	1	6	Col. C. W. Carlyon ..	0	1	6
Sergeant Cornish ..	0	1	6	Mr. J. Tomlin ..	0	1	6
Vulcan ..	0	16	5	Capt. McIlwaine ..	0	1	6

Births.

SMITH—On Dec. 15th, at Chatham, the wife of Pte. A. Smith, of a son.

RUDD—On Dec. 24th, at Chatham, the wife of Sergt. J. Rudd, of a son.

BURTON—On Oct. 23rd, the wife of Sergt. F. Burton, of a son.

ERRIDGE—On Nov. 21st, the wife of Cpl. Erridge, of a son.

Marriages

OMMANNEY—CLARKE—On Dec. 13th, at St. George's, Stonehouse, Plymouth, by the Rev. T. Austin, M.A., R.N., Chaplin to the Royal Marines, Plymouth, assisted by the Rev. B. B. Liptrott, M.A., Vicar of St. George's, Captain Edmund Manaton Carpenter Ommanney, Royal Marines Light Infantry, son of the late E. W. Ommanney, Esq., to Edith Alice, second daughter of Dr. H. Clarke, Simon's Town, Cape Colony.

GOSSET—DALLEY—On Dec. 22nd, at St. Matthew's Church, Ealing, by the Rev. H. Douglas, M.A., Henry Bittlestone Bute Gosset, only son of Daniel Wright Gosset, Esq., of 39, Mount Park Crescent, Ealing, to May Annie, daughter of Major Dalley, R.M.L.I., of Tregoe, Freeland Road, Ealing.

REYNOLDS—TRELEAVEN—At Register Office, Alverstoke, Cpl. F. Reynolds to Kate Matilda Treleaven.

GARDNER—BENNETT—At St. Matthew's, Gosport, Pte. A. Gardner to Elizabeth Bennett.

WHALE—MEADES—At St. George's Church, Portsea, Cpl. A. E. Whale to Amelia Meades.

BULLEN—FOSTER—At St. James' Church, Portsea, Pte. W. Bullen to Frances Emma Foster.

HOCK—HARRUP At St. John's Church, Forton, Pte. R. W. Hook to Emily Henrietta Harrup.

READ—KELLY—On Nov. 22nd, at St. Nicholas Church, Plumstead, Lce.-Sergt. E. G Read, R.M.A. to Miss E. Kelly.

TREADGOLD—ROPER—On Nov. 27th, at St. James' Church, Portsea, Musn. H. Treadgold, R.M.A. to Miss E. Roper.

BROWN—HAMMOND—On Dec. 3rd, at All Saints', Portsea, Gnr. R. A. Brown, R.M.A. to Miss S. Hammond.

MOORE—LUXTON—On Dec. 10th, at Parish Church, Portsea, Sgt. W. H. Moore, R.M.A. to Miss A. Luxton.

COLLINS—BRADSHAW—On Nov. 8th, at Stratford, Sergt. E. Collins to Hannah Charlotte Belinda Bradshaw.

LEWRY—ADAMS—On Dec. 22nd, at Rainham, Bug. W. T. Lewry to Alice Ann Adams.

KING—PARSONS—On Dec. 24th, at Chatham, Sergt. B. King to Rose Ellen Parsons.

PAGE—MARTIN—On Dec. 22nd, at St. Andrew's Church, Deal, Sergt. H. Page to Florence Martin.

Deaths.

LARKINS—On Nov. 25th, Charles Larkins, late Cr.-Sergt. R.M.L.I., of 58, Ringstead Road, Catford, S E , and 30, Bush Lane, E.C.

CROSS—On Dec. 6th, at his residence in Harringay, Frederick Cross, late Barrick Sergt. Royal Marines, and Paymaster's Sergeant, Wiltshire Militia.

In Memoriam.

In loving memory of our mother, Emily Harrison, aged 50, relict of Col. Robert Seppings Harrison, R.M L.I., who departed this life Dec. 18th, 1895.

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

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Editorial.

WE fear we have misled some of our readers, by saying we intended to publish an almanac; we do not intend to publish any separate almanac, but simply to republish each month the Calendar that last appeared in 1894. This Calendar was the work of Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. Armstrong, R.M.L.I. (retired), and he devoted great trouble and time to its production and all the events up to that date were verified by him. The present Editors are endeavouring to bring it up to date, as so many momentous events have occurred during the last 10 years, in consequence they would be most grateful for any help from Officers, N.C.O's and Men who have taken part in operations of recent years, specifying particularly actual dates, numbers, and names of Officers and N.C.O's in command. They would be particularly grateful for eye witness accounts of any actions mentioned in the Calendar. As the Calendar has to be prepared some little time beforehand, early information would be most acceptable.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to award the Greenwich Hospital Pension of £50 a year in the vacancy created by the death of Capt. and Hon. Lieut.-Col G. Webb, R.M.L.I. (retired), on the 10th Nov., 1902, to Capt. and Hon. Lieut.-Col. H. Howett (retired list), R.M.A.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the undermentioned Officers being selected for the appointment of Intelligence Officers as noted against their respective names: Capt. J. E. Crowther, R.M.L.I., at Gibraltar; Capt. R. O. Paterson, R.M.A., at Malta. Capt. Crowther has been directed to join H.M.S. *Victory* for Instruction in Pigeon Work.

It has been notified that Capt. M. P. A. Hankey, R.M.A., has been awarded a Certificate as Interpreter, First Class, in Modern Greek.

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Lieut. A. G. Troup, R.M.A., has been appointed Assistant Instructor of Gunnery at the R.M. Artillery Division, *vice* Capt. E. W. Harding, R.M.A., dated 9th January, 1903.

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Lieut. W. E. T. Christie, R.M.L.I., has been seconded for service in the Army Service Corps from the 2nd January, 1903, with the rank of Captain on probation.

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Lieut. F. S. Lindesay, R.M.L.I., is appointed 2nd Lieutenant, unattached list, for Indian Staff Corps (now Indian Army), dated 6th December, 1902.

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Capt. J. D. N. Wyley, R.M.A., has been allowed to retire from H.M. Service at his own request, dated 21st January, 1903.

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Capt. F. L. Dibblee, R.M.A., has been appointed for temporary services in the Naval Intelligence Department, *vice* Capt. H. J. Crocker, R.M.L.I., who has resigned his appointment.

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The following Officers will embark in H.M.S. *Russell* on commissioning, the 19th February, 1903: Capt. H. C. Evans, R.M.L.I., and Lieut. W. L. Huntingford, R.M.A.

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Lieut. H. S. Barr, R.M.A., has embarked in H.M.S. *Revenge*; Lieut. T. A. MacN. Bourchier, R.M.A., and Lieut. V. H. S. Jones, R.M.L.I., in H.M.S. *Magnificent*; Lieuts. G. J. Tredennick and P. W. von B. Malcolm, R.M.L.I., in H.M.S. *Jupiter*; and Lieut. F. S. Wilson, R.M.L.I., in H.M.S. *Prince George*.

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Capt. E. S. Mairis, R.M.L.I., will relieve Capt. J. E. Crowther, R.M.L.I., in H.M.S. *Benbow*; Capt. C. T. Fisher, R.M.A., will relieve Capt. R. O. Paterson, R.M.A., in H.M.S. *Illustrious*.

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Capt. M. H. Marshman, R.M.L.I., is to embark in H.M.S. *Hogue*, to relieve Capt. F. L. H. Strong, R.M.L.I.; Capt. H. J. Crocker's name having been noted for service on the China Station in consequence of his qualification as Interpreter in the Chinese language.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Mr. G. H. Kendle, who competed at the recent examination for admission to the Royal Military Academy, being selected to receive a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the R.M.A., from the 1st January, 1903, and he has been directed to join the R.N. College on the 31st inst.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the appointment of Capt. F. H. N. Pym, R.M.A., in the Army Ordnance Department being extended to seven years from the date of his first appointment (1st April, 1899), with a view to his permanent retention therein, under the provisions of Articles 396 A. and B of the Royal Pay Warrant, 1900.

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On the re-organisation of the Volunteer Force in the Transvaal, South Africa, Capt. C. E. Collard, R.M.L.I., has been appointed D.A.A.G. for Musketry on the permanent staff, with the local rank of Major, dated 12th December, 1902; and Capt. F. A. Nelson, R.M.L.I., has been appointed Adjutant of the Transvaal Light Infantry Volunteers, dated 12th December, 1902.

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War Office Gazettes:—Royal Military Academy—Major and Brevet Lieut.-Col. A. Paris, Royal Marine Artillery, to be a Professor, *vice* Lieut.-Col. J. F. Daniell, Royal Marine Light Infantry, who has vacated that appointment.

Unattached List, Indian Staff Corps—The appointment of Lieut. F. S. Lindesay, Royal Marine Light Infantry, bears date December 6th, 1902, and not as stated in the *Gazette* of December 19th, 1902.

23rd January, Army Service Corps—Lieut. W. E. T. Christie, Royal Marine Light Infantry, to be transferred on probation, with the temporary rank of Captain.

Staff—Capt. and Brevet-Major G. H. F. Wingate, the Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment), to be a Superintendent of Gymnasia, *vice* Capt. N. A. W. Scott, Royal Marines, who has vacated that appointment.

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STEWART.—Edward William Stewart, late of Belgrave Villas, Lee, Kent, a Civil Servant in the Admiralty, died at Lee, aforesaid, on the 25th April, 1880.—Any person or persons claiming to be his Next-of-Kin or interested in his estate, are requested to apply to us, the undersigned. The said Edward William Stewart was the son of Edward Hobbs Stewart* and Jane Stewart, late of Mount Stewart, Cornwall, and of the Island of Jersey.

Dated this 5th day of January, 1903.

THOMPSON, MILLIKEN, & MATTINGLY,
61, Carey Street, Lincoln's Inn, London, Solicitors.

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The report of the Irish Land Conference, of which Colonel W. Hutcheson Poë, C.B., R.M., is a member, was published in the *Times* on 5th January.

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Major-General W. P. Wright, D.A.G., R.M., attended the meeting of the Committee of the Royal Naval Fund on the 14th January.

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The undermentioned officers have been transferred to the Army Pay Department, on probation, under the provisions of Article 411 of the Royal Warrant for Pay, etc.:—Capt. E. S. Coke, R.M.L.I., serving at the Depot, R.M., and Capt. F. L. H. Strong, R.M.L.I., serving in H.M.S. *Hogue*. These officers are to join the following Pay Offices as soon as possible:—Capt. Coke, Army Pay Office at Devonport, and Capt. Strong, Army Pay Office at Woolwich.

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Lieut. R. V. T. Ford (serving at the Island Ascension) to be Captain in lieu of Major and Brevet Lieut.-Colonel A. Paris, extra Regimentally employed, dated 1st January, 1903. This promotion is conditional on Captain Ford passing the prescribed examination for that rank within nine months after disembarking from H.M.S. *Monarch*.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the undermentioned gentlemen, who qualified at the recent examination for admission to the Royal Military College, being appointed 2nd Lieutenants in the R.M.L.I. from 1st January, 1902:—R. D. H. Lough, J. P. Nind, A. W. Grierson, G. H. F. Abraham, and L. J. Innes, the latter receiving the Corps Commission for the year 1902.

* Captain E. H. Stewart was on half-pay, Royal Marines, for many years.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the Service Commission in the R.M.L.I. for the year, 1903, being granted to Mr. H. S. G. Bird (son of the late Col.-Commandant F. V. G. Bird, R.M.L.I.) provided he qualifies in the examination for Sandhurst in June or November next, and is found medically fit.

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The following circular letter has been promulgated:—

My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are of opinion that the services of Officers of the Royal Marines embarked in H.M. ships, might with advantage be utilised in connection with the general routine work on board, to a greater extent than is at present the practice.

The duties mentioned below suggest themselves to their Lordships as those which might most usefully be undertaken by Officers of the Royal Marine Artillery and Royal Marine Light Infantry, when their services can be spared from their work in connection with the Marine Detachment, of which they form part:—

1. Assisting the Gunnery Lieutenant generally as regards guns, small arms, physical drills, and gymnastics; and in charge of a division of guns, at quarters, whether manned by Seamen or Marines.
2. Officer of the guard when the duty is not of a nature requiring a Naval Officer.
3. Officer in charge of parties landed for work on shore, also in charge of picquets and patrols (according to rank required).
4. Wireless telegraphy under the Torpedo Lieutenant when one is borne; and in charge (after instruction) in ships which carry a Marine Officer but no Torpedo Officer.
5. Submarine mining under Torpedo Lieutenant (after a course of instruction).
6. Marking at Target practice.
7. Intelligence Officer to keep N.I.D. Reports up to date, and to observe and to point out any new matter affecting them.
8. In case of Junior Marine Officers, attendance at all drills with their men.

My Lords while pointing out the ways in which a more extended use may be made of the services of Officers of the Royal Marines embarked on board ship, do not desire to lay down any hard and fast rules as to the actual duties for which they shall be detailed. It is their Lordships' intention that the manner and extent of the employment of these Officers on work in connection with the ship's routine shall be left entirely to the discretion of the Commanding Officer.

Items of Corps History and Badges.

IN continuation of last month's article. "The Royal Marine Artillery was first established by Order-in-Council of 18th August, 1804, the officers being taken from the general list of the corps. Order-in-Council, 21st March, 1862, established the present organisation and divided the officers into two separate and distinct lists for promotion under the designation of the Royal Marine Artillery and the Royal Marine Light Infantry."

PRECEDENCE.

Army Order No. 16 of 1st January, 1882, states: "The Royal Marine Artillery will take precedence as Artillery, and when paraded with other troops will take the left of the Royal Artillery; the Royal Marine Light Infantry will rank next after the Princess Charlotte of Wales' (Berkshire) Regiment." (N.B.—This Regiment is now Royal, and was created so for its services in the Soudan, 1885, where it was very closely connected with our battalions.)

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His late Royal Highness Prince Alfred, Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (Duke of Edinburgh), was appointed Honorary Colonel of the Royal Marines.

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On 2nd January, 1901, H.R.H. Prince George Frederick of Wales, K.G., was appointed Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Marines.

No. 39 ROOM, FORTON BARRACKS. DECORATED AT CHRISTMAS.

Superintendent—Lance-Corpl. Noble.

Home Notes

EASTNEY.

Technical classes in shoemaking, painting, glazing, ironworking, and for first-class school certificates, are being formed to commence early this month after the furlough season has finished.

On January 20th an amateur performance of Hawtrey's intensely amusing and ever entertaining comedy "The Private Secretary," was given by officers and ladies of the Regiment and their friends, in the Theatre. It was an unqualified success, and great credit is due to the management and to all who took part.

PROGRAMME.

Mr. Marsland, M.F.H. ..	Captain Dibblee.
Harry Marsland (his nephew) ..	Lieut. Troup.
Mr. Cattermole	Major Kappey.
Douglas Cattermole (his nephew) ..	Major Cox.
Rev. Robert Spalding ..	Major Hire.
Mr. Sydney Gibson (tailor, Bond Street) ..	Doctor Elmes.
John (a servant)	Mr. Godfray.
Knox (a writ server)	Mr. Crick.
Gardener	Mr. Morgan.
Edith Marsland (daughter to Mr. Marsland)	Mrs. Troup.
Eva Webster (her friend and companion) ..	Miss Wilson.
Mrs. Stead (Douglas's landlady) ..	Miss O'Keefe.
Miss Ashford	Mrs. Cox.
Act 1 .. .. .. Douglas Cattermole's Lodgings.	*Found.*
Act 2 .. .. .. Mr. Marsland's Country House.	*Full cry.*
Act 3 .. .. .. Mr. Marsland's Country House.	*Run to earth.*

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC—

Overture ..	"Zampa" ..	*Herold.*
Selection ..	"Kitty Grey" ..	*Barrett.*
(*a*)	Extract from Peer Gynt Suite "Solvejg's Leid"	*Grieg.*
(*b*)	Characteristic piece "Traumbild"	*Von Blon.*

God Save the King.

Major Kappey, as the irresistibly comic impersonation of the valuble and irascible Mr. Cattermole fairly brought down the house and kept the audience in continuous peals of merriment, while Major Hire as the harassed and much belaboured "Rev. Robert Spalding," was a complete success, as he resignedly wandered through the labyrinth of misunderstandings which brought him to a haven at last. Major Cox, a delightfully cool and nonchalant impersonation of Douglas Cattermole, was quite beyond reproach, his flirting with the young ladies making a very pretty scene, while Captain Dibblee and Lieut. Troup ably sustained the parts of Mr. and Harry Marsland respectively, as did Dr. Elmes that of the would-be society tailor, Gibson. Of the ladies all were excellent, the delightfully natural gaiety of Edith Marsland and Eva Webster being most captivating.

The usual weekly performances at the theatre by the N.C.O.'s and men have recommenced with the original play, "A Bird in the Hand," and the hilarious farce "Freezing a Mother-in-Law."

On January 23rd the members of the Sergeant's Mess gave a very pleasant Soiree in the lecture room. Sergt.-Major J. Squires presided over a large attendance who thoroughly enjoyed the Sergeants' hospitality and dancing was merrily kept going till about 3 a.m. the following morning.

GOSPORT.

The month has been an exceedingly gay and busy one. Every one returned from leave on 8th January, and work began again in earnest on the 9th. On the 14th and 15th there were amateur theatricals at the theatre, an account of which will be found in another column. They were most enjoyable and successful, and we believe a very substantial sum has been handed over to the Divisional charities.

On the 16th the bachelor officers entertained the married ladies of the Division at dinner in the mess. 52 sat down, and it was voted a great success.

On the 27th the ladies of the Division gave a dance in the theatre which was most tastefully decorated under their superintendence, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

A variety entertainment and farce was produced on the 28th, when Col.-Sergt. Warner and Col.-Sergt. Bowman made a reappearance on the stage, which we hope to see repeated.

The Sergeants' mess annual smoking concert came off on the 29th, and was as successful as usual, than which no higher praise can be awarded.

The football team has met with one or two defeats but still keeps a good position in the league.

The officers' hockey team is still keeping up well in the U S. League, having now defeated the R.M.A. 2 goals to 0, and drawn with H.M.S. *Vernon* 1 goal all.

On the 28th, field firing by half battalions took place at Browndown, and the percentage of hits was very good. A small position was attacked by two companies on each occasion. The right half battalion made 11 per cent. of hits, and the left half battalion 7 per cent.

PLYMOUTH.

It is most unusual to hear a bugle sound after the one at 10.15 p.m., but on the night of the 25th (and on a Sunday night, too), at about 11.30, the weird notes of the fire bugle sounded on the parade. The peaceful silence of the night was thus disturbed, and in about five minutes some 600 men had fallen in under the drill shed, as a steady, drizzly rain falling had made the parade a swamp. The cause of this was that a fire had broken out on the premises of Messrs. Bickle in the G.W.R. docks in rear of barracks, and immediately below the gun battery and stables. The men were quickly on the scene, and in addition to finding pickets, were employed in manning hoses and assisting in removing timber, etc., from the neighbourhood to isolate the fire. However, the fire had got too strong a hold and the building, as well as that of Mr. Jewson, was completely gutted. Some two companies stood by the stables and battery, pouring water on the roof of the latter. Fortunately, owing to the wet night and the wind blowing in the opposite direction, these buildings escaped. It was nearly two o'clock when the close sounded and the men were sent back to barracks, but up to 7.30 a.m. the fire company furnished pickets, and all next day the boats' crew were employed in pouring water on the still burning buildings. The cause of the fire and the amount of damage done had not transpired up to the time of writing.

The officers' mess is gradually acquiring a valuable collection of relics more or less connected with the history of the Corps. The entrance hall is decorated with trophies from all quarters of the globe, reminding one of the hard fights in China, Egypt, and elsewhere. To Lieut.-Col. Johnstone is due the credit of the arrangement of these trophies in so picturesque and interesting a style. The late Colour-Sergt. Prettyjohn's V.C. and medals are in the ante-room, and Capt. Portlock-Dadson, formerly of the Corps, has kindly promised to present a further collection of medals, gained by members of the Corps. Capt. Nelson has also presented a "Vierkluer" or Boer flag which he obtained at Johannesburg. In addition to the trophies of war, there are many of peace, but too numerous to mention here.

The Smuggled Whisky.

A TRUE STORY.

GOING on shore, Kocky? Yes. Well, you might call in the Recreation Room and bring off that bottle of Lime Juice for me, it is all ready to bring off, as I left instructions on shore for Mr. White to send it off by the Postman, but I suppose he has forgotten it. Oh, all right, Harry. I am not coming off until the last boat, if that will do? Oh, yes, that will do, you might slip it into my hammock if I am asleep, as I may want it in the morning watch. Yes, all right, Harry,

This was the conversation that took place between me (then a Corporal) and Lce.-Cpl. H——, on board H.M.S. P——, then at Simon's Bay, S.A. I then went on shore and joined in the usual game of skittles and euchre, after which I called in the recreation room for the bottle of lime juice, which was duly received by me wrapped in paper, so, of course, put it in the great coat pocket and went on board. It being the routine at that time for all N.C.O.'s to report themselves to the Officer of the watch, of course, I goes on the Q.D. and reports as usual, "Come on board, Sir," very good, Corporal, says the Officer of the watch (who, by the way, was a W.O), don't forget to have the half deck and flats ready for the Captain's rounds in the morning, all deck cloths up, and don't forget the ringbolts on the half deck outside the Captain's cabin door. During this bit of conversation I noticed a few movements about the gangway that appeared to me as rather suspicious, and I was in the act of going forward when the voice of the Sergt.-Major called out, "Fall in on the quarter-deck." I went aft and "fell in" on the quarter-deck, and the S.-M. went to the officer of the watch and said: Sir, I report this Corporal for smuggling inboard a bottle of whisky, he has it there in his coat pocket. I beg your pardon, Sir, says I. Keep silence, says the Sergt.-Major. But I—— Keep silence, will you, roared the S.M. I sincerely hope this is not true, Corporal, says the Officer. Give me that bottle, says the S.M. But it's not —— Give it to me this instant, or I'll have it taken from you. There, Sir, I told you so, look at that, this thing has been going on for some time in this ship, and I have only just found out who it is that brings it on board and sets half of my detachment in a state of drunkenness. But it is not whisky, Sir, says I. Now, Corporal, what is the use of you denying it, here it is, "Kinahan's Double L. Whisky." I certainly thought you had more sense than to do a thing like this. But I distinctly state that it is not whisky, Sir. Now what is the use you saying that, that won't get you off, you know, says the officer. But, Sir, will you allow me to suggest that you open the bottle and taste it, says I. Now you know very well that I have been a total abstainer all my life, and that I would not taste it. Well, Sergt-Major, I am very sorry for this young N.C.O. but he should know better by this time, so you had better take charge of the bottle as you will want it for evidence. But, Sir, I protested, I still say it is not whisky, and if you will not taste it you will at least smell it. Well, as you still say it is not whisky I will have it uncorked and try it, says the officer. Corporal of the watch, send the messenger down to the pantry for a corkscrew and a glass.

I suppose he will be placed under open arrest, sir, till the morning, says the Sergt.-Major. Wait a minute, S.-M., till we have seen what the contents of the bottle says.

The Corporal of the watch appeared with a corkscrew and glass, the cork was soon drawn,

Well it certainly do not smell like whisky, Sergt.-Major, so I think I will try the taste.

Officer of Watch pours out about half a gill, and to the S.-M.'s surprise drinks the lot, then broke into a hearty laugh, looks at the Sergt.-Maj. and says, "case dismissed," here is your bottle, Corporal, you may go now. Ha-ha-ha.

Give me that bottle, says the Sergt.-Major, Not me, says I. Sergt.-Major leave the Corporal alone, I have dismissed the case, that is quite sufficient, says the officer, I then went on the mess deck where I found Lce.-Cpl. H—— awake. I slipped the bottle into his hammock. What is the matter, Kocky, says he, I heard you were on the quarter-deck about smuggling some whisky inboard. Yes, says I, and the whisky I smuggled inboard was your bottle of lime juice. Then the voice of the Sergt.-Major was heard saying: By Heavens, you have had me this time, Corporal K——, I will bet you are not a Corporal when you leave this ship. Now I wonder how he knew that, for he was right, as I left that ship a few months after, a private.

Anecdotes

MILITARY TRAINING.—Officer (having had quite enough of it for one morning, has been giving the men a rest by piling arms)—"Tell the men to fall in, Sergeant!" Sergeant (bursting with authority and pride)—"Shall they fall in on their arms, sir." Officer—"No, on their feet, of course."—*Suffolk Gazette.*

28 days.

FEBRUARY, 1903.

1	**Sun.**	Bocquah (*1*) Ashantee, 1874.
2	Mon.	Title of "Light Infantry" granted 1855 (*2*)
3	Tues.	Monte Video (stormed), 1807. Kurrachee captured, 1839.
4	Wed.	Coomassie (*1*) Ashantee, 1874.
5	Thur.	Martinique, 1762. Percussion Arms adopted, Flint Locks returned, 1841.
6	Frid.	Off St. Domingo (Sir. J. Duckworth), 1806.*
7	Sat.	Plymouth Division, Officers and Men subscribe a week's pay to Government towards war expenses, 1798.
8	**Sun.**	Coatee adopted and corresponding changes in uniform, 1823. *Arrow* and *Acheron* protect convoy, 1805.*
9	Mon.	Pagaham-Mew, Burmah, captured, 1826.
10	Tues.	*Horatio* captured *Junon* 1809 *
11	Wed,	Naval Officers as Colonels discontinued, 1837.
12	Thur.	
13	Frid.	Capture of Fort Lewis, Guadaloupe, 1759.* (*3*) *San Fiorenzo* captured *Psyche*, 1803.*
14	Sat.	Battle of Cape St. Vincent, 1797.
15	**Sun.**	Marines landed in Canea, Crete, 1897.
16	Mon.	First issue of White Duck Tunics for hot climates, 1863.
17	Tues.	Eupatoria, 1654. Capture of Fort at Chandepore, Indian Mutiny, 1858.
18	Wed.	Home and Foreign Service Rosters formed on present plan, 1834. *Alexander* and *Success* captured *Genereux* and transports, 1800. Capture of Benin City, 1897, (*4*). Battle of Paardeberg, 1900, (*5*).
19	Thur.	Passage of Dardanelles (Duckworth), 1807, and capture of Fort Pesquies, 1807, (*8*). *Phœbe* cap, *Africaine*, 1801.* Amboyna captured, 1790.
20	Frid.	Battle of Phoolpore, Indian Mutiny, 1858.
21	Sat.	Saba on the Gambia, 1861. Maories defeated at Ta Awaneuba and Rangia Whia, 1864. Brass River, Sacrifice Island, 1895, (*6*)
22	**Sun.**	Off Venice, 1812. Order-in-Council raising two Regiments of Marines, 1694, William III. Order-in-Council introducing compulsory retirement, 1870.
23	Mon.	*Leander* re-captured *Cleopatra* and took *Ville de Milan*, 1805. Gambia, 1894. (7).
24	Tues.	Surrender of Martinique, 1809.*
25	Wed.	*Eurotas* captured *Clorinde*, 1814.*
26	Thur.	Wangtong, China. 1841. Gambia, 1894. (*9*)
27	Frid.	Whampoa, China, 1841. Surrender of Cronje at Paardeberg. 1900. (*10*)
28	Sat.	*Monmouth* captured *Foudroyant*, 1758. Existing Marine Regiments transferred from War Office to Admiralty, 1747—George II. Commandants first wear Cocked Hate; 2nd Commandants, 3 Gold Lace Bands round the Shacko; Light Infantry Officers, Green Plume, and Artillery White Plume in Shackos. *Sybille* captured *La Forte*, 1799. Port Hamilton evacuated, 1787.

29.—El Teb, 1884. (*11*)

(*1*)—Lieut. (now Maj.-Gen.) Crosbie in command with 70 Rank and File. (*2*)—See page 85, Vol. 1., *G & L*. (*3*)—Major Campbell's large detachment. (*4*) - Major Roche (now Col. 2nd Comdt. D.S.O.) and detachments. (*5*)—Majors Urmston and Marchant and about 160 men. (*6*)—Major Denny (now Brevet Lt.-Col. retired) and detachments. (7)—Lieut. H.W.R. Hervey (killed) and detachment. (*8*)—Lieut. Ed. Nicolls. (*9*)—Major (now Col.-Comdt.) Corbet, C.B., and 50 men. (*10*)—Majors Urmston and Marchant and about 160 men. (*11*)—380 Royal Marines, Artillery and Light Infantry, under Col. (now General) Sir H. Tuson, K.C.B. (4 Killed and 20 wounded).

* Actions for which the Naval War Medal or Clasp was given.

ERRATUM.—In last month's calendar, Jan. 3rd. should read:—"Mong-Kong, 1869," and on 30th. and 31st. the reference letter is wrong, "Lieut. Crosbie was in command Bornmassie and Amoaful, whilst Lieut. Nicholls was in command at Fort Piscadero."

We should be much obliged to any of our readers who will kindly send us accounts of events mentioned in the Almanac, and also for any corrections in or additions to the above.—*Ed. G. & L.*

The Half-Sovereign Joke.

By "BROM."

"HULLO! What's going on at the front gate?"

About half-a-dozen of us were chatting in front of the Sergeants' Mess, the front gate was about 303 yards away. I looked and saw a lot of recruits congregating at the gate, it was evening and getting dusk.

Thinking it was a row of some sort, we hastened over. Recruits are queer animals when a diversion is going on, we hurried to disperse them.

In an opposite direction the Sergeant-Major was also hurrying towards the men. We arrived together.

Our Sergeant-Major was a grand old soldier, but to the recruits he he was quite an unknown quality, was very just, but could'nt possibly please everybody.

"What's the matter here?" he enquired on arrival.

The usual man in the crowd volunteered. "Somebody's lost a half-sovereign, Sir,"

"Ha!" said the Sergeant-Major. "This must be taken in hand immediately, it will soon be dark."

Seeing us arrive, he continued, "Step this way you non-commissioned officers and clear a circle. One of you go as quick as you can to my quarters, fetch a broom and some candles!"

I hurried away for the articles, on returning I found the crowd had increased, and that a circle had been formed around the spot. The Sergeant-Major was in the centre.

We lit the candles, struck boxes of matches, got on our hands and knees, scratched, swept, and I'm afraid I swore, but all to no purpose.

The Sergeant-Major being in charge, and certainly the busiest of us all, we kept on and could'nt object.

The running comments among the men, as they arrived on the scene were delicious, but most of their remarks were quite unfit to repeat.

"'Evins," said one, "I believe the old Major's got the rats!"

"Gar on, carn't yer see e'es a holdin' a prayer meetin'."

Just then I must have moved forward with a sort of hop.

"Strikes me there 'a practisin' fer a hanimal race at the Sports an' our Stripey's goin' to be a kangaroo."

I'm afraid that man alluded to me. It did not improve my temper.

"Chuck it you bloomin' idiots, carn't yer see there a practisin' the new fiser'kel drill, an' givin' us a torchlight exherbition."

"Shut up yer fools or yer'll get run in. Don't yer know that a bloke's lost harf a thick 'un."

The last remark seemed to remind the Sergeant-Major of something.

"Where's the man that lost the money?" he said.

Someone on the outside of the crowd said, "Here he is. Sir!"

"Whereabouts do you think you lost the half sovereign my man?"

"I didn't say I'd lost a half sovereign, Sir. I was only trying to find one!"

General collapse amongst us, a huge laugh among the crowd and a general stampede.

Knowing we had been fools enough already, we didn't attempt to find the man, but left. The Sergeant-Major saying "Well I'm hanged."

Correspondence.

H.M.S. *Cruiser*,
Malta,
3rd January, 1903.

Sir,—Might I suggest a means of getting a few more pounds towards the Royal Marines' Memorial Fund, which I think would be appreciated very much by members of the corps who are not likely ever to see the "Memorial" proper, by having photographs of the same printed and sold at a moderate price.

Yours,
C. A.

"Guns, Gunners, and Gunnery."

Scene: Fort Knobkerry, Bally-Kilroot. Quarterly Firing of B.-K.V. Artillery.

The 17·35 "Howitzer-Pom-Maxim" has just been loaded with common shell, breached closed, &c., and everything is already for firing, when Sergt. Donohue (in charge) is suddenly called away by his Battery Commander.

No. 1 (Gunner Muldoon) therefore takes charge, and remarks: "Shure, there's no raison to shtop the foirin' lads, take hould of the kay No. 2; now's me chanst to foind the 'muzzle velocity' of this new fangled shooting shtick." He then clambers on to the chase and sits straddle-legged on the extreme end, watches for the exit of the projectile and gives the order "Foire."

No. 2 fires; the recoil of the gun leaves Muldoon riding on the projectile in the direction of H—— (heaven or horizon) at the rate of greased lightning.

On hearing the report the Battery Commander rushes up, exclaiming: "Who the dickens gave you orders to fire, and where the blazes has No. 1 gone to?"

No. 2 (Gunner Doolan) replies: "Shure, I don't know, sor, but if he comes back as quick as he went away; faith, he wont be long sor.

(Officer calls for smelling salts and sees visions of court martial.)

LCE.-SERGT. A. G. KING.

St. Vincent.

ON February 13th, Admiral Sir John Jervis, with only 15 sail-of-the-line was steering towards Cadiz, when the "Minèrve," flying the broad pendant of Commodore Nelson, brought intelligence that the Spanish Fleet of 27 ships and 12 frigates had been seen in the mouth of the Straits.

On February 14th several ships were discovered through the haze, and by 11 a.m. the Spaniards were seen with the wind on the quarter, trying to effect a junction with six ships to leeward, who, close-hauled, were trying to join their main body.

The British Admiral formed his Fleet in "line astern" of the "Victory," and moved between the two divisions of the enemy, who reinforced their lee line with three ships.

The Spanish Vice-Admiral steered to cut the British line ahead of the "Victory," but the latter being too rapid in her advance, he was compelled to go about, and was raked while in stays.

After a four hours' general action, as 11 fresh ships were seen approaching, the British ships took four prizes in tow, and sailed away, having lost only 73 killed and 227 wounded. The Captain's fore top-mast was the only spar lost.

In this action the Marines lost 2 Officers and 6 Men killed, and 21 Men wounded.

Nicholas' Historical Record of the R.M. Forces, James' Naval History.

Obituary.

MAJOR William Lawrence Sayer, on retired full pay, R.M.L.I., died 26th January, at Athassel, Glenageary, Co. Dublin, age 88.

A son of the late Captain George Sayer, R.N., of Sandwich, Kent. He entered the service as 2nd Lieut., 14th Nov., 1834, became 1st Lieut. 6th Nov., 1840; Captain, 9th March, 1849; and retired on full pay with the honorary rank of Major, 2nd Feb., 1857.

He served in the Syrian campaign of 1840–41 (war medal with clasp, and Turkish medal), with the expeditions to the Baltic in 1854–55, and with the R.M. Battalion serving in co-operation with the French army at the siege and capture of Bomarsund (medal).

He married 25th June, 1842, Henrietta, daughter of the late T. Slight, Esq., of Portsmouth; she died 7th April, 1891, aged 80.

Entertainments.

CHATHAM ROYAL MARINE DIVISIONAL SCHOOLS.

The Annual Christmas Treat and Prize Distribution was held in the "Globe Theatre" on Tuesday, December 23rd, 1902. The theatre was packed to its utmost capacity by the children and their parents. A capital programme was provided and the youngsters acquitted themselves most creditably. As usual, the little ones were most tastefully dressed by their mothers and, without exception, looked charming in their various characters. The girls, under the tuition of Miss Littlejohns and her staff, had learnt a Christmas Cantata, entitled "A Bundle of Sticks," which they rendered in an able manner, much to the delight of those fortunate enough to witness it. The boys sang four part songs, accompanied by some of the newly-formed orchestral class, under the tuition of Corpl. Kemp, School Assistant, and also gave a spirited exhibition of their Physical Drill and Dumb Bell Exercises, under Lnc.-Sergt. Stubbs, Senior School Assistant. The infants, who were trained by Miss Brand, were charming in the "Rainbow Song" and the "Nursery Rhymes Tableaux." (These items were so much enjoyed that they were repeated on the occasion of the Division's Mothers' Meeting, January 12th, 1903.)

After the performances by the children, Col. Commandant R. P. Coffin, R.M.L.I., gave a most practical and encouraging address. He congratulated the teachers and children on the excellent reports received, both from the Chaplain of the Fleet and the Board of Education, and acknowledged that the success achieved was owing in a great measure to the excellence of the attendance, which reflected great credit on the parents. The prizes, which were numerous and valuable, were then distributed by Mrs. Coffin, who had a kind word for each of the winners and a word of encouragement to those who had not been successful this time. The Col. Commandant very kindly supplemented the prize list by giving two special money prizes to the best girl and boy in the school, Ellen Fergusson and Arthur Webber were the fortunate recipients—the latter has just been successful in passing into H.M. Dockyard as shipwright apprentice, having obtained the 34th place on the list.

Hearty cheers were given to Mrs. Coffin for her kindness in distributing the prizes and also to the Col. Commandant for all his kindness to the children. The children then sat down to a capital tea, to which they did ample justice, and then broke up for their Christmas holidays. Among those present were the following: Col. Evans, R.M.L.I. (President of School Committee), Rev. F. Flynn, R.N. (Chaplain R.M. Barracks), Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Flynn and Mrs. Cotter.

PROGRAMME.

Part I.—Miscellaneous.

1.—Song	"Sports of Childhood"	By the Boys.
2.—Action Song	"The Rainbow Song"	,, Infants.
3.—Physical Drill and Dumb-bell Exercises		,, Boys.
4.—Tableaux (Nursery Rhymes, up to date)		,, Infants.
5.—Hunting Song (From Der Freischütz)		,, Boys.

Part II.—A Christmas Cantata. Entitled—

"Bundle of Sticks" .. .. By the Girls.

Characters—

Aunt Rachel	N. Pocock
Molly	M. Ringland
Santa Claus	E. Webdale

Part III.

1.—Colonel Commandant's Remarks.
2.—Distribution of Prizes by Mrs. Coffin.

Part IV.– Children's Tea.

God Save the King.

Dismissal.—Each child received a Consolation Bag at the Door on leaving.

THEATRICALS AT FORTON.

Extremely successful performances were given on 14th and 15th January at the Royal Marine Light Infantry Theatre, Forton, the proceeds of which were devoted to divisional charities. The bill consisted of the pretty little piece in one act called "Barbara" and the effective dramatic cantata "Trial by Jury," written and composed by J. S. Gilbert and the late Sir Arthur Sullivan. In the former play all the characters had been most satisfactorily allotted, and too much praise cannot be meted out to Mrs. Herbert Blake, who took the part of Barbara. This lady, on whom the brunt of the work fell, pourtrayed in an ideal manner the heroine of the piece, and won her audience by her appearance and bearing. She was ably seconded by Miss O'Keefe, who adds to her advantages a very considerable knowledge of stage-craft. The two male parts were also in able hands—Messrs. Toby Blake and Kyffin. A more even performance is seldom seen in private theatricals.

With regard to the second part of the programme, a really excellent rendering was given of Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta. The piece, by the way, was produced as long ago as 1878, and is now only occasionally given. That versatile medico—Dr. Kyffin—took the part of the learned judge, and proved a worthy pupil of Rutland Barrington. His "business" was excellent, and the well-known "Judge's Song" was deservedly encored. The management was fortunate in having the assistance of Miss Ralph, who added to the laurels she has so frequently gathered on the Portsmouth side of the harbour. This lady not only possesses a voice which combines strength and sweetness, but her acting is of a high order. Dr. Sheward. R.N., represented the defendant, and he can be congratulated on rising to the occasion in a part which is fraught with many difficulties. Captain J. H. Lambert, R.M.L.I., as counsel for plaintiff, exhibited unexpected vocal talent, and gave great satisfaction in the part The Usher (Captain Coxon, A.P.D.) who was very much in evidence, gave a delightful piece of character-acting, and much assisted the action of piece. Special praise must be reserved for the bridesmaids and jurymen. The former, headed by Miss Blake, created a most favourable impression on the audience, and the similar effect on the officials of the court caused no surprise. Captain Kitcat, R.M.L.I., was foreman of the Jury, and he and his fellow occupants of the box are much to be congratulated on their appearance, and the manner in which they discharged their duties. The choruses showed evidence of patient practice, and the whole production reflects the greatest credit on Capt. Kitcat and Dr. Kyffin, who were chiefly responsible for it.

The success of the operetta was naturally much enhanced by the accompaniment of the band of the Division, conducted by Lieut. G. Miller, M.V.O., R.M.L.I.

PROGRAMME.

"BARBARA." Characters—

Mr. Finnicum	Mr. Kyffin.
Cecil	Mr. T. Blake.
Barbara	Mrs. H. Blake.
Lilie	Miss O'Keefe.

Scene—Sitting Room.

The new and original dramatic cantata, "TRIAL BY JURY," written by W. S. Gilbert and composed by Sir Arthur Sullivan, will be produced by special permission of Mrs. Helen D'Oyly Carte.

Characters—

The Learned Judge	Mr. J. Kyffin.
The Council for Plaintiff	Capt. J. H. Lambert, R.M.L.I.
The Defendant	Dr. Sheward, R.N.
The Usher	Capt. Coxon, A.P.D.
The Associate	Mr. Spriggs, R.N.
The Foreman of the Jury	Mr. Peel, R.M.L.I.
The Plaintiff	Miss Ralph.
The 1st Bridesmaid	Miss M. Blake.

Chorus—Jurymen: Mr. Barton, Mr. Barker, R.M.L.I., Messrs. T. Blake, Burton, R.M.L.I., Clutterbuck, R.M.L.I., Goldsmith, R.M.L.I., Jones, R.M.L.I., Lieut. H. J. de W. Kitcat, R.N., Capt. A. de W. Kitcat, R.M.L.I., Mr. Morrison, Mr. Stevens, R.E. Bridesmaids: Mrs. H. Blake, Mrs. Fryer, Misses Holt, Jones, A. Miller, Morris, Papillon.

Spectators at the trial: Mrs. Andrews, The Misses Hordern, Miss R. Papillon, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Cruickshank.

Scene—Court of Justice.

The Old Soldier prepared the Dinner.

"NOW then, youngster, if ye got nuthin' to do, just make yerself useful an' peel them there unyins while I gets on with the duff."

I started to peel "them there unyins" as he called them, but didn't finish them.

How new and strange everything seemed to me, almost as I would imagine it would be if I had suddenly found myself, were it possible, in another world where English was spoken.

I had taken Her Majesty's shilling about a week before and had only been at the Depot a day or two.

I had been at the stores for some of my uniform, being dismissed rather early, was back in my barrack room about 9 o'clock, where I found the old soldier—whose name I afterwards learnt was Druxfield—preparing the dinner. It was so new to me, I stood watching him. He made the remark which opens this story. We were alone—the other men went out at drill or something.

He was making two huge meat pies that were to feed about 30 hungry young fellows, I felt intensely interested. No flimsy sausage-roll pastry about those pies—good, solid, satisfying crust about two inches thick. In fact, I soon learnt, the thicker the better. We were all young with good healthy appetites, and the mess-money, I found, didn't run to duff every day.

"Keep yer eyes a purlin, an' watch 'ow I makes this 'ere duff an' gets ready these pies, ye'll pick up summat as ill be useful to yer; why, when the're brought up smoking 'ot from the cook'ouse they'll be fit for dinner in the hofficers' mess, an' I'll tell ye sumthin' else: when I was in my last ship on the Chinee station, I was Ward Room Officers' cook fer weeks. When we went out they took a Gibberaltar Rock scorpion."

"What's that?" I said.

"Well, youngster, ye 'ave got a lot to learn, and as yer number ain't dry yet, yer can't be expected to know much, but if you'll stick to me, an' mine's a full pot when the canteen opens, I'll put ye up to a lot of wrinkles if ye'll come down, while I'm enjoying the drink, suppose ye got some money?" he added.

I remarked that I had, and promised the drink.

"Stick a bit o' chuck" said he, handing me a bit of bread on the point of the knife, "and that'll stop them there unyins from makin' ye weep." It did and thought wrinkle number one.

"Well," he continued, a rock scorpion is a chap wat's dragged up at Gibberaltar, an' ain't got no other come from. There's always a lot on 'em there aloafing about ready fer ennything from coalin' ship to cuttin' yer throat, an' as I was a sayin' they took one o' these chaps when we were at the Rock outward bound, as Ward Room Officer's cook; but as 'e was so stinkin' dirty, they soon kicked 'm out o' the job, an' I cooked for 'em until they picked up a Chinee man - they all seems to be born cooks or anything. If ye'll take speshul notis, I'll teach ye 'ow to cook, an' some day ye might, if yer lucky, pick up sum sich a job yerself, praps when ye ain't expectin' it."

Having heard that the "scorpion" lost his job through being dirty, I took a little more interest in Druxford. He certainly didn't look very clean. What I could see of his hands for wet flour appeared a dirty brown. I shuddered and thought of my dinner, I was already getting hungry. I reflected, and comforted myself with the thought that perhaps as he had knocked about the world a great deal, it might be their natural colour. Tried to take no further notice of him as far as cleanliness went, and continued peeling onions.

In anticipation of the pot of beer, Druxfield became communicative, and assured me as a personal favour that he would polish up my pouch for fourpence. Sixpence, he said, is the usual price that the old soldiers charge. I afterwards found out that they did—sixpence for two. "And," continued he, "I notice as 'ow ye ain't managed to get yer boots black yet, them brown boots wants a lot o' blackin', but tell ye in strict confidens, if ye gets a raw tater an' rubs well over it, the blackin' 'ill take." I afterwards found this quite right, but was no confidence, everybody did it.

He was now rolling out the pastry on the table, which bye the way was beautifully clean. Happening to glance at his face in answer to some remark, I was horrified to discover a drop accumulating at the end of his nose, which happened to be a long, sharp one. The moisture looked serious, I began to realise if he didn't hurry up with that "duff" as he called it, it would drop before he finished. I remarked that it was getting late. "Plenty o' time," he replied. He seemed to take a fiendish delight in turning, folding, and rolling the pastry, remarking "the more ye rolls it, the better it be."

The drop was getting larger and larger, I couldn't keep my eyes off it. I reflected, shall I tell him. Perhaps if I did he would brush it off with his hand, and the thought of that made me feel qualmish; he might resent my interference. I waited.

Ha! Nearly. No—still there. I was positively fascinated as I watched his every movement.

Shall I call his attention to something the other end of the room, so that it might fall there.

No; I decided it was too late, for the slightest movement of his head now, I felt sure would do it.

When it did fall—I had given up hope now, and felt sure it would—how would a lucky accident cause it to fall clear? How much depended just then on just a turn of his head—a meal for me at dinner time, or

If it fell on the "duff" should I give him away to the others, or keep my own counsel? Surely this suspense cannot last much longer.

Ha! down at last, right in the middle of the dough; immediately he folded it over and commenced rolling.

"You dirty beast!" I shouted.

"What! What! What did ye say?"

I explained as well as I could what happened.

"Never heard sich a thing in all me life. Why, ye lying young scoundrel, fer two pins I'd go for the Sergeant and 'ave yer put in the guard room fer insolence and interfering. Such a charge agen me never heard on, diden' I tell yer I was a Ward Room Officers' cook and that was afore ye was ketched."

I cleared out of the room, he didn't get his pot. I spent the money in bread and cheese for dinner, kept my own counsel, and vowed I would never watch him prepare a dinner again.

B.R.O.M.

A Fact.

Scene—A.S. Riding School, Woolwich.

Pte. K——g of the Po. D., R.M., is qualifying in Transport duty (otherwise equitation). The rough-riding corporal has given the order to "cross stirrups" and "tr-r-r-ot." Pte. K. of the Po. D., does not seem to be at ease. Corporal shouts: "Now then, Joey, the pommel of that saddle wasn't made to hang on to."

Pte. K.: "No, and the stirrups weren't made to hang round the bally horse's neck."

Cause:—

R.R. Corpl.: "Tr-r-r-ot out! canter! pace on the leader!"

Effect:—

A "Royal Marine wallowing in the tan."

A.G.

Prize Firing, 1902.

We publish in a tabulated form the results of last year's Prize Firing, as far as regards Royal Marine Guns' Crews, as they have reached us. It is necessarily incomplete, but perhaps ships that have omitted to send results will now send them in.

Ship.	*Gun.*	*Order of Merit in Ship.*	*Results.*		*Name of Captain and 2nd Captain of Guns.*	*Remarks.*
			Rounds fired.	*Hits.*		
H.M.S. *Ocean* ..	6-inch Q.F.	1st (equal)	15	14	*Gunner Skein (1) Gunner Bromfield	*Best Shot of Navy, 9 rounds, 9 hits in 1 minute.
	6-inch Q.F.	2nd	14	12	Corporal W. Harper Gunner Care	
H.M.S. *Albion* ..	6-inch Q.F.	1st	10	10	Lce.-Sergt. W. Berry, R.M.A. Private Hamilton, R.M.L.I.	
	6-inch Q.F.	3rd	11	7	Sergeant Green, R.M.A. Pte. G. Houghton, R.M.L.I.	
H.M.S. *Goliath* ..	6-inch Q.F.	1st (equal)	13	12	Sergeant Waldron, R.M.A. Gunner Steele, R.M.A.	
	6-inch Q.F.	2nd	13	10	Bombardier West, R.M.A. Gunner Leuillette, R.M.A.	
H.M.S. *Hood* ..	Starboard after 6-inch Q.F. Casemate	1st	11	11	Sergeant Salmon, R.M.A. Bombardier Parrot, R.M.A.	
H.M.S. *Hood* ..	6-pounder Q.F.	1st	18	11	Gunner Elsdown, R.M.A. Gunner Guff, R.M.A.	
H.M.S. *Glory* ..	6-inch Q.F.	3rd	15	9	Bombardier Macdonald Bombardier Patmore	
H.M.S. *Grafton* ..	Starboard after 6-inch Q.F. Casemate	1st	10	6	Sergeant Bowers, R.M.A. (1) Not known (2)	
H.M.S. *Grafton* ..	Port after 6-inch Q.F. Casemate	2nd (equal)	9	6	Acting-Bomb. Goodram (1) Not known (2)	
H.M.S. *Gladiator* ..	6-inch Q.F.	1st	7	5	*Lce.-Sgt. Cameron, R.M.L.I. (1) Not known (2)	*5 rounds, 5 hits.
H.M.S. *Vindictive* ..	6-inch Q.F. (P. 11 Mounting)	1st	11	11	Corpl. Muncey, R.M.L.I. (1) Pte. Armstrong, R.M.L.I. (2)	
H.M.S. *Talbot* ..	6-inch Q.F.	1st	12	8	Not known	Old Pattern Mechanism.
H.M.S. *Repulse* ..	6-inch Q.F.	1st	9	7	Sergeant Holdway, R.M.A. Bomb. Sterling, R.M.A.	Old Pattern Mechanism.
H.M.S. *Vengeance* ..	6-inch Q.F.	2nd	12	10	Gunner Lewis Moore, R.M.A. Gunner A. Hardwick, R.M.A.	
H.M.S. *Naiad* ..	Poop. 6-inch Q.F.	1st	11	8	L.-Sgt. W. Coomber, R.M.L.I. Corporal P. E. A. Smith	

R.M.A. Football, 1902-3.

UP TO JANUARY 17TH, INCLUSIVE.

Record :—

	P	W	L	D	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Portsmouth League ..	7	7	0	0	28	4	14
U.S. League, I.	9	8	0	1	36	3	16
U.S. League, II.	8	5	1	2	17	7	11

Have lost the 3 cups entered for, viz :—

Army Cup, 1st Round—to R.A. by 2 goals after drawn game.

Hants Junior Cup, 3rd Round—to Naval Depot by 4 goals to 2 after drawn game.

Portsmouth Senior League, 1st round to "Excellents" by 2 goals to 1 after drawn game.

(Hoping to win the 3 League Matches as was done last season by R.M.A.)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD UP TO SAME TIME.

Portsmouth League ..	8	6	2	0	25	1	14
U.S. League, I.	2	2	0	0	8	0	4
U.S. League, II.	6	4	1	1	13	7	9

Royal Marines' Rifle Association.

R.M.R.A. CAMP AT ASH, 1903.

It is proposed to provide camp accommodation for those competitors who desire it.

Further notice as to this will be given later on in the year.

NEW R.M.R.A. OFFICE.

The office of the R.M.R.A. has been transferred to Depot, Royal Marines, Walmer.

R.M.R.A. Balance Sheet.

RECEIPTS.

Jan. 1st, 1902.	£	s.	d.
By Balance brought forward	67	19	0
,, Sale of XX. Cards	4	0	3
,, ,, Collard Cup Cards	1	1	0
,, United Service and Whitehead Entries ..	2	10	0
,, Divisional and Depot Subscriptions	100	0	0
,, Life Members joined during year	8	0	0
,, Amount of individual and various subscriptions	85	2	3
,, Surplus	0	5	10
,, Interest, Savings Bank	0	2	8
	£269	1	0

EXPENDITURE.

Jan. 1st, 1902.	£	s.	d.
To Postage and Travelling Expenses, (Honorary Secretary)	13	2	
,, Travelling Expenses, (Committee)	10	4	
,, Expenses at Ash and Bisley	111	18	
,, Stationery, Printing, etc.	37	9	
,, Money Prizes	34	7	
,, National Rifle Association	8	9	
,, Jewels, Badges, etc.	25	4	
,, Cheque Book	0	4	
,, Amount in Savings Bank	£35	5	0
,, Cash in Hand	0	1	9
,, Interest, Savings Bank	0	2	8
	35	9	5
Less Bank Overdraft	7	7	6
Balance Credit			
	28	1	11
	£269	1	0

I hereby certify that there are no outstanding accounts, and that the Balance credit consists of £28 1s. 11d. (twenty eight pounds, one shilling, and eleven pence), composed as specified

(*Signed*) W. J. LANGFORD, Major, (*r.*) R.M.R.A.,
Hon. Secretary.

Audited and found correct,

(*Signed*) L. MACLURCAN, Major, R.M.L.I.

Essence of Ammunition.

Now, Class, pay attention and listen now, don't forget,
And we shall find out if you've learnt your Ammunition yet;
But anything you do not understand or want to know,
Don't hesitate about it men, but quickly tell me so.

GUNPOWDER.

Saltpetre, Charcoal, Sulphur, now are those ingredients three
Which goes to make Gunpowder, as in the books you'll see,
75, 15 & 10, are parts in black put down,
73. 18 & 5, also comprises brown,
And don't forget they're classed in three and also how they're named,
You'll find they call them in the books, "Prismatic," "Pebble," "Grained,"

CORDITE.

Cordite is Nitro-Glycerine, Guncotton and Vaseline,
Proportions 58, 37 & 51, the difference can be seen,
They mix it up like gelatine and press it hard likewise,
And forcing through small circular holes form cords of various size.
Cordite is nearly smokeless, burning slow, hard to ignite,
Rifle fine grain 2, is used to set it well alight.

CARTRIDGES.

For safety, convenience and quickness to load, the powder is placed in a bag,
And to stand wear and tear and consume in the bore it must not be any old rag.
Silk cloth is the stuff they consider the best, No. 1, No. 2, No. 3
And the charges they're for we can tell later on, or else in the books you can see.
Then we have red shaloon used for different things, also a cartridge as well,
And last comes Dowlas & Collar Cloth too, but used to make bags for the shell.

CHARGES.

Charges are now known as Full, Reduced, Practice, Saluting and blank you can tell,
And the weight of the Gun and the nature and size, when you pass out you'll have to know well,
They are made up in Quarters, in Eights, and in Halves, according to size also weight,
And whenever a charge is withdrawn from a Gun, throw it overboard, don't hesitate,
And never use Cordite for firing Blank, 'tis unsuitable in every Gun
There's a cartridge made up for that special use, so bear that in mind every one.

MAGAZINES.

In modern ships a Magazine is built of steel all through,
No wooden lining now is used, the same as they used to do,
There's Handing in most of them, in others not required,
And every quarter Magazines are flooded, if desired.
But where there are no Handing Rooms, but flat or passage there,
The men must still observe the same precaution, skill and care.

SHELL ROOMS.

Next comes Shell Rooms built as tanks with everything complete,
And fitted up with bags and racks to stow projectiles neat;
There's tramway, bollards, lifting bands and also bolts as well,
And in some Shell Rooms endless whips to hoist up bags of shell
And fuses, rockets, implements and gaschecks, fireworks too,
But when you're using lifting bolts, take care they don't unscrew.

HANDING ROOM.

Now scales, weights and measures in the Handing Rooms below,
With shoes for Magazines are stowed and bung luting also,
And in the upper Handing Rooms our wadmilltilts are there,
With powder whips and cartridge bags, but they are reckoned spare,
But leave your knives and everything that might perhaps cause fire,
And when you enter the Magazine the shoes you will require.

NIGHT SIGNAL BOX.

3 Signal rockets packed away in cylinders of tin,
4 Signal lights with cylinders of course to place them in,
A box of short quill friction tubes where 25 are stowed,
12 Very's lights, red, green, and white, with pistol there to load,
And 60 rounds of rifle blank with pouch to stow them neat,
But don't forget 2 long lights, which makes the box complete.

J. MARSHALL

(*To be continued*).

Temperance Work at the Depot.

To the Editor of *The Globe and Laurel.*

Dear Sir,—I enclose a table of our Temperance Work at the Depot. The immense good of this part of the work I hear of from all sides, verbally and by letters. The Committee of the Royal Naval Scripture Readers Society (to which I belong) are trying to raise a Million Shilling Fund to put its finances (which are rather low) on a firm basis. As I have been in the Depot over twenty-one years, all in the Corps, with very few exceptions, have passed through it, and many have been benefited by my labours and advice, so that I feel sure many would show their gratitude in giving their mite to the fund. If they would send it to the Secretary of the Society, Colonel M. H. Farquharson, R.M.L.I. (retired), 112, St. Martin's Lane, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C., or to any of the Readers at Head-quarters, or myself, 82, Blenheim Road, Deal, I am sure they would be pleased to receive and acknowledge such.

Your humble servant,

G. Coan,

January 24th, 1903. R.N. Scripture Reader, R.M. Depot.

P.S.—Kindest remembrances to all in the Corps

ROYAL MARINE DEPOT, WALMER.

Rise and progress of the Royal Navy Temperance Society:—

	Pledges Taken		Pledges Taken		Pledges Taken
1885	162	1891	789	1897	1069
1886	293	1892	957	1898	993
1887	336	1893	1232	1899	653
1888	356	1894	905	1900	810
1889	1190	1895	600	1901	1274
1890	870	1896	1017	1902	905

G. Coan,

R.N. Scripture Reader. Total 14,411

Answers to Correspondents.

H.C.M.—The question you mention is agitating several minds. We, ourselves, imagine it means 27/5. Thanks for congratulations.

Major Dalby.—We much regret that such a mistake should have occurred, but we took it exactly as it was in the cutting sent us. We thought at the time there was a mistake in the spelling, but did not like to alter it. We always acknowledge subscriptions in the columns of the paper, as our staff is not big enough to acknowledge each one separately.

G. E. Wood—1. Not unless claimed by an elder brother, then with the sanction of both C.O.'s. 2. If he re-enlists in the Army within six months after discharge by purchase, a part of the money is returned viz., if under five years' service, half; over five and under 10, one-third over 10 years, nil.

The Editor begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions, etc., with many thanks—Received up to Jan. 30th, 1903:

	£	s.	d.
Sergt. J. Ward	0	1	6
Mr. T. Power	0	1	6
Mr. G. H. Webb	0	1	6
Mr. W. Strong	0	1	6
London	0	12	6
Col. Nash	0	1	6
Mr. C. Monk	0	1	6
Mr. G. F. Winter	0	1	6
Col. Travers	0	1	6
Mrs. Kelly	0	1	6
Mr. J. W. Merrison	0	1	6
Sergt. Roper	0	1	6
Col. Wroot	0	1	6
E. O. Lilleycrap, Esq.	0	1	6
Sergt. Wright	0	2	3
Mrs. S. Smith	0	1	6
Duke of Wellington	2	0	0
Mr. E. Rogers	0	1	6
Rec. Room, Forton	0	3	0
Devastation	0	9	0
Canteens, Forton	0	1	4
Revenge	0	15	0
Mr. A. M. Evans	0	1	6
Officers' Mess, Forton	1	5	0
Mrs. Pudley	0	0	9
Mrs. Leveson	0	1	6
Mrs. Petley	0	1	6
Mrs. E. Ewens	0	0	9
Mr. J. B. Tyrrell	0	1	6
Mr. Durham	0	1	6
Sans Pariel	0	7	3
Mr. Lee	0	1	6
Cæsar	0	17	0
Cambridge	0	13	6
Maj.-Gen. W. P. Wright	0	2	0
Magnificent	0	7	11
Severn	0	7	3
Royal Sovereign	0	14	1
Miss Styles	0	1	6
Col. J. Cobb	0	1	6
Clr.-Sergt. Driver	0	1	6
Mr. Attwell	0	1	6
Mr. G. R. Kendle	0	1	6
Mr. Rennie	0	1	6
Mr. J. Hunt	0	1	6
Mr. East	0	1	6
Mr. W. T. Pearce	0	4	6
Mr. W. Sartin	0	1	6
Vulcan	0	19	0
Irresistible	1	0	0
Indefatigable	0	3	6
Ariadne	0	17	0
Ascension Library	0	9	0
Lt.-Col. Hamilton	0	5	0
Lt.-Col. Durnford	0	2	6
R.M., Chatham	5	4	5
Officers, Chatham	3	7	6
R.M. Depot	2	14	11
Major W Willis	0	2	0
Pte. Dingwall	0	1	6
Lt.-Col. Money, C.B.	0	5	0
Sergt. Statham	0	1	6
Pegasus	0	12	0
R.M.A., Eastney	2	5	4
Lt.-Gen. A. French, C.B.	0	3	6
Col. Carrington	0	1	6
Galatea	0	8	3
Mrs. E. Frisbee	0	1	6
Capt. Mackay	0	1	6
Wildfire	0	5	0
Mr. G. E. Plumstead	0	2	0
Mr. T. Chaplin	0	1	6
Sergt.-Major Mearles	0	15	0
Monarch	0	8	2
Capt. R. H. J. Meister	0	5	0
Lt.-Col, Everitt	0	1	6
Mr. Willy	0	1	6
Mr. A. Reville	0	1	6
Lce.-Sergt. Lowth	0	5	0
Mars	0	7	8
Rev. A. G. Kealy, R.N.	0	1	6
Victory	0	4	0
Drum-Major Burns	0	1	11
Sergeants' Mess, Forton	0	2	3
Sergt. F. A. Simmonds	0	1	6
Major Lane	0	1	6
Andromeda	0	5	5½
Capt. Portlock-Dadson, J.P.	0	1	6
Canopus	1	1	9
Major Bernard, (Vol,)	0	2	6
Mr. Vernon (Advt.)	6	9	2
Sergt. Spurrell	0	1	6
Col. Triscott	0	1	6
Charybdis	0	6	0
Corpl. Winsor	0	1	6
Mr. G. E. Wood	0	1	6
Pte. G. Randall	0	3	0
Pallas	0	6	6
Clr.-Sergt. J. Smith	0	1	6
Mr. A. Thompson	0	1	6
Mr. C. Riggs	0	1	6
Mr. H. Green	0	1	6

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Births.

HILL—On the 29th December, at 24, St. Ronan's-avenue, Southsea, the wife of the Rev. Arthur P. Hill, R.N., Chaplain of the R.M.A. Division, Eastney, of a daughter.

TUPMAN—On the 14th January, at 6, Delta-villas, Walmer, the wife of Captain J. A. Tupman, Royal Marines, of a son.

BLACKMAN—At 24, Johnstone-terrace, Devonport, the wife of Corpl. Blackman, of a daughter.

TAYLOR—At Forton, on November 8th, 1902, the wife of Corpl. D. S. Taylor, R.M.L.I., of a son.

EATON—At Forton, on December 20th, 1902, the wife of Lce.-Corpl. S. Eaton, R.M.L.I., of a daughter.

ALLEN—On 9th January, at Chatham, the wife of Pte. S. Allen, of a daughter.

PINK—At Chatham, the wife of Sergt. A. W. Pink, of a son.

LYONS—On the 5th January. the wife of Lce.-Corpl. H. J. Lyons. of a son.

Marriages.

WRIGHT—STONE—At Parish Church, Portsea, 21st Dec., 1902, Gnr. A. W. Wright, R.M.A., to Miss F. H. Stone.

COOK—WILLIAM—At Parish Church, Felixstow, 25th Dec., 1902, Pte. J. W. Cook, R.M.A., to Miss L. Williams.

BURDEN—LUFF—At St. James', Portsea, 13th Dec., 1902, Mr. F. Burden, R.M.A., to Miss H. Luff.

MAY—MCCUMISKEY—At Parish Church, Portsea, 20th Dec., 1902, Gnr. T. S. May, R.M.A., to Miss E. H. McCumiskey.

WOOTTEN—STONE—At St. Saviour's, Bath, 25th Dec., 1902, Gnr. D. E. Wootten, R.M.A., to Miss L. Stone.

BULLARD—HEATH—At Stephen's, Wandsworth, 25th Dec., 1902, Act.-Br. D. Bullard, R.M.A., to Miss E. Heath.

ASTON—HOBBS—At St. James', Portsea, 29th Dec., 1902, Gnr. W. H. Aston, R.M.A., to Miss A. R. Rose.

STAMBOROUGH—HEMBEST—At St. James', Poole, Dorset, 31st Dec., 1902, Musn. J. Stamborough. R.M.A., to Miss H. Hembest.

NORRIS—MORLEY—At St. Mark's, Swindon, 27th Dec., 1902, Corpl. L. Norris, R.M.A., to Miss E. Morley.

GORDON—MCCARTHY—On January 15th, at the Roman Catholic Church, Bantry, by the Rev. J. Coakley, Lance-Sergt. James Gordon, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. Collingwood, to Margaret (Maggie) McCarthy, of New-street, Bantry.

ALEXANDER—POPE—At Parish Church, Portsea, 20th Dec., 1902, Gnr. C. J. Alexander R.M.A., to Miss E. R. Pope.

DRISCOLL—HORNE—At Parish Church, Worplesdon, 25th Dec., 1902, Corpl. W. U. Driscoll, R.M.A., to Miss C. Horne.

WILDERSPIN—STUBBS—At Wesleyan Church, Albert Road, Portsmouth, 27th Dec., 1902, Gr. W. A. Wilderspin, R.M.A., to Miss S. E. Stubbs.

SPARKES—WEBB—On the 26th Dec., 1902, at the Baptist Church, Deal, Sergt. R. Sparkes to E. M. Webb.

DARKE—LEES—On the 26th Dec., 1902, at St. George's Church, Deal, Pte. W. C. Darke to Miss C. A. Lees.

MUSSELWHITE—UNDERWOOD—On the 26th Dec., at St. Thomas's Church, Stepney, Lce.-Sergt. Musselwhite to Miss M. L. Underwood.

SMALL—HERBERT—On the 25th Dec., 1902, at the Parish Church, Walmer, Pte. P. Small to Miss B. Herbert.

BURGE—READ—On the 3rd Jan., 1902, at Parish Church, Deal, Pte. S. Burge to Miss M. A. Read.

FEATHERSTONE—POLLARD—On the 7th Jan., 1902, at the Parish Church, Walmer, Pte. J. Featherstone to Miss K. P. Pollard.

BROOKING—O'DONOGHUE—On the 7th Jan., 1902, at Parish Church Northlew, Sergt. S. S. Brooking to Miss M. O'Donoghue.

JAMES—ROBERTSON—At Collegiate Church of St. Paul, Valetta, Malta Sgt. R. J. James, R.M.L.I., to Jessie Hunter Robertson.

LUNNER—KEARNO—At St. James' Church, Portsea, Corpl. J. F Lunner, R.M.L.I., to Kate Eliza Kearno.

CRAIG—MUNDELL—At Parish Church, Portsea, Pte. J. G. Craig R.M.L.I., to Louisa Mundell.

MCLOUGHLIN—JEROME—At Parish Church, Portsea, Pte. J. F McLoughlin, R.M.L I., to Annie Elizabeth Jerome.

Deaths.

GRIGGS—On the 23rd Dec., 1902, whilst serving on *Northampton*, Pte W. J. S. Griggs.

HARRISON—On 14th Jan., at Chatham, infant son of Clr.-Sergt. F. I Harrison.

GEORGE—On board *Resolution*, 5th Dec., 1902, C. Co. Gnr. L. F George, R.M.A.

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Editorial.

BY a strange coincidence the two senior officers of the Corps passed away within a few days of one another. Gen. George Lambrick, K.S.F., J.P., having died on Jan. 30th, being the oldest commissioned officer, dating 14th March, 1834; and on the 26th of January the next senior officer, Major William Lawrence Sayer (Long Sayer), who received his commission as 2nd Lieutenant 14th November, 1834, died in Ireland, both of them being in their 89th year.

Major-General Foote now becomes the father of the Corps, dating from 1st August, 1837; 1st Lieut. Henry Drury dates from 19th Oct., 1837; Major H. H. McCarthy from 30th January, 1838; Colonel Menzies from 21st August, 1838; and Colonel Blyth, K.L.H., from 18th December, 1838. These are all that joined the service before 1840.

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We would draw attention of officers to the Rules for the Royal Marines Dinner Club, which will be found on another page of this issue. The Club has been formed to carry on the Annual Corps Dinner on a firmer footing than in the past. It is hoped that it will be the means of bringing together in the future a still larger gathering of officers, both on the retired and active lists, and ex-officers of the Corps now serving in the Army, than have assembled at the annual dinner of late years, and that as many will join as can.

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We publish a letter from Lieut.-Gen. French, R.M.A., with which we are heartily in sympathy, and we hope that our readers will be able to give some help. We shall be glad to take charge of any parcels and forward them as suggested.

Capt. L. O. Wilson, D.S.O., R.M.L.I., has turned over from H.M.S. *Australia* to H.M.S. *Duke of Wellington* to relieve Capt. R. H. Morgan, R.M.L.I., on the date of H.M.S. *Venus* commissioning, without disembarking to Headquarters.

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Lieut. J. G. Horne, R.M.L.I., has been granted permission to accompany Admiral Sir F. G. D. Bedford, K.C.B., to Western Australia, as his A.D.C., during his term of office as Governor of that Colony.

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Major and Bt.-Lt.-Col. E. R. M. Crooke, R.M.A. (retired), has been retained in the appointment of Recruiting Staff Officer, Edingurgh, till the 10th of April, 1906, when he attains the age of 58 years, on the understanding that he is liable to be transferred to another district at their Lordships discretion.

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It is notified that Lieut. L. Norcock, R.M.L.I., passed for the appointment of Adjutant at the examination recently held at the R.M. Barracks, Plymouth.

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Capt. B. J. D. Walthall, R.M.L.I., is placed on the "Retired List," on account of medical unfitness, dating from the 17th November, 1902.

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Capt. F. A. Nelson, R.M.L.I., has been allowed to resign his appointment with the Transvaal Volunteers, and has reverted to the Corps from the Seconded List as from the 8th January, 1903, inclusive. Capt. Nelson is appointed to the Plymouth Division, and is to be borne as Supernumerary to the Establishment until absorbed.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the appointment of the undermentioned Lieutenants R.M. to the Flagships of the Mediterranean and Channel Squadrons as Gymnastic Instructors, and of receiving allowance as Inspectors from the date of their appointment:—Lieut. A. E. Syson, R.M.L.I., serving in H.M.S. *Wildfire* to H.M.S. *Bulwark*; Lieut. E. H. Barr, R.M.A., serving in H.M.S. *Revenge* to H.M.S. *Majestic*.

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Their Lordships have further approved of the following appointments:—Lieut. O. C. H. Harrington, R.M.A., serving in H.M.S. *Caesar* to *Ascension*, to relieve Capt. R. V. F. Ford, R.M.A., to take passage in H.M.S. *Wye* about April next.

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Lieut. E. P. H. Pardoe, R.M.L.I., to be transferred to H.M.S. *Caesar* from H.M.S. *Bulwark*.

Lieut. A. G. B. Bourne, R.M.A., to be transferred to H.M.S. *Revenge* from H.M.S. *Majestic*, to complete 12 months afloat.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have decided to introduce a system of entering boys as "Boy Artificers," with the object of training them in the reserve, for the rating of "Engine Room Artificers, R.N." 25 boys will be selected from the sons of Naval and Marine Warrant Officers, Chief Petty Officers, Colour-Sergeants, R.M., and Skilled Artisans of the Dockyard, not below the rank of Chargeman.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the undermentioned 2nd Lieutenants, R.M.A., being advanced to the rank of Lieutenant, from the 1st of July, 1901, according to the Order of Merit in which they passed the combined College, Gunnery, and Torpedo Examinations, viz.:—A. S. Cantrell, J. B. Chancellor, A. D. B. Godfray, and G. H. Jollye.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the following routine promotion in the R.M.A.:—Lieut. F. C. Kendle, serving in H.M.S. *Canopus*, to be Captain, *vice* Wyley (retired), dated 21st Jan., 1903. The promotion of the above-named Officer is conditional on his passing in Artillery for the rank of Captain within nine months from the date he disembarks to Headquarters.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Major L. C. Peters, R.M.L.I., serving in H.M.S. *Gibraltar*, being allowed to retire from H.M. Service at his own request from the 1st February, 1903, under the provisions of para. 12 of Her late Majesty's Order-in-Council of the 29th November, 1881.

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Consequent on the above, their Lordships have approved of the following promotion and appointment in the R.M.L.I.:—Capt. R. N. Bendyshe to be Major, *vice* Peters (retired), and appointed to the Chatham Division, dated 1st February, 1903.

Capt. F. M. B. Hobbs to be Superintendent of Gymnasia at the "Depôt" R.M., *vice* Major E. E. Chown, who is advanced to the Senior Majors' List and appointed to the Plymouth Division, dated 1st February, 1903. Capt. Hobbs wtll vacate the appointment of Superintendent of Gymnasia on attaining two years seniority as Major, if the period of appointment has not then expired.

Major Chown is to remain at the Depôt for duty.

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Capt. F. A. Nelson, R.M.L.I., from Supernumerary is absorbed in the Establishment of Captains, *vice* Bendyshe promoted, dated 1st February, 1903.

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Major J. Bernard, R.M.L.I., is to relieve Major L. C. Peters, R.M.L.I. (retired), and Lieut. G. Matthew, R.M.A., is to relieve Capt. A. F. Simson, R.M.A. (recently promoted), in H.M.S. *Gibraltar*.

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Lt.-Col. A. St. L. Burrowes, R.M.L.I. (retired), has been retained in his present appointment as Recruiting Staff Officer at Bristol till the 5th of December, 1905, when he reaches the age limit for the appointment.

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Capt. and Bt.-Major L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., R.M.L.I., presented himself for re-survey on the 22nd of December, 1902, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, in view of the Medical Report, have been pleased to grant a continuance of his Pension for Wounds for another year, to date from 24th June, 1902.

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It has been notified that the undermentioned officers passed a satisfactory examination at Plymouth on the 27th January, 1903, in subjects (*a*) and (*b*) for promotion—Lieuts. G. Harrison, H. B. Inman, and R. K. C. Nutt, R.M.L.I.

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Lieut. P. Sandilands will relieve Lieut. A. E. Syson in H.M.S. *Wildfire* on the 28th February, 1903.

It has been notified that the "Cape Colony" Clasp cannot be awarded in combination with that for "Natal."

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Major R. W. Heathcote, R.M.L.I. (retired), has been retained in his appointment as Recruiting Staff Officer at Southampton until the 1st of October next.

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2nd Lieut. J. J. Bramble, R.M.L.I., the First Officer in Order of Merit in passing out of the R.N. College, has been awarded a sword.

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Lce.-Sergt. S. S. J. Gilder, of the Portsmouth Division, has been selected for the appointment of First Clerk in the Q.M's Department at Chatham Division.

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An exchange of ships and sea time has been sanctioned between Capt. C. H. Hoskyns-Abrahall, R.M.L.I., serving in H.M.S. *Wildfire*, and Capt. N. F. E. G. Sampson-Way, R.M.L.I., under orders to embark in H.M.S. *Hyacinth*.

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Capt. F. E. C. B. Chichester, R.M.L.I., has been appointed to the Adjutancy of the 4th Volunteer Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment. Capt. Chichester's appointment will be subject to the following conditions:—

(*a*) That he qualifies at Hythe before being gazetted.

(*b*) That he obtains a Signalling Certificate within six months of being gazetted.

(*c*) That he passes for Major on the first available opportunity.

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War Office Gazette, February 24th.—Royal Military College. The undermentioned Instructor to be Commander of a Company of Gentlemen Cadets: Major L. Conway-Gordon, R.M.A.

The King has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotions to the undermentioned officers in recognition of their services during the operations in South Africa:—

Reserve of Officers: Major Henry Octavian Perceval Wright (retired full pay, R.M.L.I.,) to be Lieutenant-Colonel.

For Service elsewhere than South Africa.—Reserve of Officers: Captain to be Major—Francis Elwyn Bunbury Eagle (retired R.M.L.I.).

Retired Pay: Quartermasters and Honorary Captains to be Honorary Majors—Francis Powell, late R.M.L.I.

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In a recent catalogue of war medals for sale in London, there was included:—"Naval War Medal with one clasp for Boat Service, 4th June, 1805, awarded to 2nd Lieut. Joseph Douglas, R.M., for the capture of the *Confiance* in Muras Bay." Lieut. Douglas joined a line regiment with which he served in the Peninsula, earning the medal and clasps, and died as a Military Knight at Windsor. On enquiry through his Nephew, Capt. Richard J. H. Douglas, R.M.L.I., it was ascertained that the original medals belonging to Capt. Joseph Douglas were still in the possession of his son; that for sale being a medal with the name engraved, and the sale was stopped by the auctioneer. The instances of an officer receiving both the Army and Naval war medals were of course very rare. Capt. Richard Douglas has the medal awarded to his father, the late Capt. Richard Douglas, R.N., with clasps for Trafalgar and Martinique.

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An examination for three Rotely scholarships, open to sons of officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, not below wardroom rank, will be held at the Royal Naval School, Eltham, on Wednesday, March 25th, and following days. The scholarships are of the value of £20 a year each, and are tenable for a period not exceeding five years. Candidates must be between 10 and 15 years of age. Applications for nominations must be made to the Secretary of the Admiralty (Greenwich Hospital Department), 28, Spring Gardens, S.W., not later than March 18th. These scholarships were founded under the will of the late Miss Rotely, daughter of Lieut. Lewis Rotely, R.M., who was wounded while serving on the *Victory* at the battle of Trafalgar.

Capt. the Hon. F. A. Percy Wood (on half pay), R.M.L.I., who died 3rd November, 1865, aged 39, was invalided to England in 1863, suffering severely from the effects of exposure, hardships and fatigue endured in the bush during the campaign against the Ashantees. He commanded our allies, consisting of various friendly tribes of the Gold Coast Country, numbering about 17,000 men. He did what it is supposed no other man in the Colony could have done. Without the aid of another white man, he commanded that large body of natives, kept order and discipline among them, and was universally respected and obeyed by the Kings and Chiefs in the camp.

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Capt. F. C. Edwards, R.M.L.I., on return to the Corps from the seconded list, is appointed to the Plymouth Division, dated 17th Feb., 1903.

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The following 2nd Lieutenants, R.M.L.I., have been posted to Divisions as stated, and they will be promoted to rank of Lieutenant as from 1st January, provided they pass the examination at the end of their Gunnery course (which commences 30th March). Their seniority depending upon the marks obtained in it, added to those already obtained:—J. J. Bramble, Portsmouth; J. H. de M. H. Knight, Plymouth; H. C. Pope, Plymouth; H. Fawcett, Plymouth; C. H. Malden, Chatham; F. B. Anderson, Plymouth; M. K. Gray, Plymouth; T. A. V. Wright, Portsmouth; R. W. J. Laing, Portsmouth; M. H. Stewart, Chatham; G. P. Oppenheim, Chatham; F. J. Brett, Chatham; C. G. Farquharson, Portsmouth; S. H. Carus-Wilson, Chatham; G. A. Ilbert, Chatham.

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We congratulate Lieut. B. A. Hill, R.M.A., on gaining his International Cap for Rugby Football. He played for England *v.* Ireland, at Dublin, on February 21st.

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We hear that Lieut. F. B. A. Lawrie, R.M.L.I., has gone up with the Kano Expedition, so we hope to have an account of it soon.

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A valued correspondent has suggested that we should give obituary notices of retired members of the Corps of all ranks. We should be glad to do so if we could; can our readers help us?

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We learn that Mr. E. Jackson, late Sergt., R.M.L.I. (Chatham), has been selected Bath Master of the West End Bath Club, Greenock, out of 154 applicants.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of 2nd Lieut. M. H. Stewart, R.M.L.I., being allowed to resign his Commission in the R.M.L.I., at his own request, dated 12th February, 1903.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Major D. Mercer, R.M.L.I., being appointed Deputy-Assistant-Adjutant-General, Royal Marine Forces, from the 13th March, 1903, inclusive, *vice* Major and Bt.-Lt.-Col. Bor, C.M.G., R.M.A., whose period of staff service expires on the 12th.

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Band-Sergt. T. Read, R.M.L.I., of the Plymouth Division, has been noted for the appointment of Chief Bandmaster of the *Britannia*, and later for the new Training College for Cadets at Dartmouth.

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Cr.-Sergt. Young, late R.M.L.I., for some years in charge of the Marine Detachment of the *Britannia* at Dartmouth, is leaving that town for Chelsea Barracks to take up an appointment there for Messrs. Dickenson, War Office Contractors.

The Royal Marines Memorial.

The memorial is now in course of being erected, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., Colonel-in-Chief the Royal Marines, has signified his gracious pleasure to perform the ceremony of unveiling, on Saturday, April 25th next, at 3.30 p.m.

Further particulars regarding the arrangements for the ceremony will be published in the *Globe & Laurel* in the April number.

The Corps' Dinner Fund.

IN the year 1893, Rules were drawn up for the regulation of the Corps' Dinner Fund.

The present accounts of the Fund show a balance of £56 os. 2d. but, unfortunately, they are not sufficiently in detail to show how this has been accumulated, or to what extent the dinners might have been cheapened to subscribers, an accurate list of whom is not forthcoming, in fact, there is no information showing what officers of the active list are subscribers, and only meagre information regarding other officers.

Judging by the balance sheets for a series of eight years (not continuous) the average cost of the dinner, including incidental expenses, band, printing, postage, etc., has been between £1 15s. od. and £1 16s. od. per head of those dining; the hotel charge for dinner and wine, alone, being £1 10s. od., while the sum charged to subscribers has generally been 25/- plus 5/- subscription, and to non-subscribers 35/-, the balance being paid out of the funds, derived from subscriptions of those who subscribed but did not dine.

There is no trace in the accounts of any one having been called upon to pay up back subscriptions, though a few have done so. Those who have subscribed for the year they dined only, have been charged the same as those who have been regular subscribers for many years, while both paid only 5/- less than a non-subscriber.

If a correct record of subscribers had been kept, the sum they were charged for their dinner should have been considerably less than that paid by a non-snbscriber.

At the annual dinner of other Corps, etc., having a dinner club, the annual subscription is 5/- or 10/- strictly enforced, and members are charged 12/6 or 7/6 respectively for their dinner. Non-subscribers paying at least £2 2s. od., any member behind in his subscription either paying up for back years or being deemed a non-subscriber.

The reasons why so few officers are regular subscribers to our dinner fund appears to be:—(1) The small difference between the charge to subscribers and non-subscribers for the dinner. (2) The price charged is too severe a tax when the expenses entailed, rail journey—especially from distant points, putting up in London for the night, etc., are added, especially to men who have subscribed regularly but have been prevented hitherto from dining.

In the Rules no mention is made of how the Committee of Management is chosen. Representatives of Divisions are presumably nominated by the officers of Divisions, The remainder, including the Honorary Secretary, seems always to have been selected simply because they happen to reside in or near London, but by whom chosen there are neither rules or minutes of meetings to show. Residence in London neeed not be essential. The principal business, such as passing new rules or any alteration of rules and auditing of accounts, could be transacted at a meeting held on the day of the annual dinner, preliminaries being conducted by correspondence, details connected with the actual dinner being left to a small sub-committee and the Honorary Secretary, who, it would be convenient, should be resident in London.

Opinions have been freely expressed of late years by many officers, both on the retired and active lists, that some change was desirable, and several suggestions made to improve matters.

The most practicable of all proposals received by the Honorary Secretary, were in January last submitted for discussion and opinion to each Division and to those members of the Committee not representing Divisions, together with a draft of rules adapted for carrying out what appeared to be the best of these proposals.

On February 19th, the Committee met in London and took the various proposals and rules into consideration, with the result that they decided to form a Dinner Club on a system which will ensure that in future any member who subscribes regularly, but is unable to attend a dinner every year, will, when he does dine, derive benefit by a reduction in the charge for his dinner, from the fact that he is an annual subscriber.

These rules, and a resolution to empower the Committee to use the balance of the Corps Dinner Fund as a nucleus for the funds of the Dinner Club, will be brought before a general meeting, on April 25th, for confirmation.

The following are the rules, which have been drawn up and approved by the Committee, and will come into force from March 1st this year as a tentative measure.

THE ROYAL MARINES' DINNER CLUB.

Object.—The object of the Club is to hold an annual gathering of the officers on active list and retired list and other ex-officers of the Corps, by means of an annual dinner.

RULES.

1.—*Title.*—The club to be called "The Royal Marines Dinner Club."

2.—*Qualification for Membership.*—All officers of the active and retired lists, and all ex-officers of the Royal Marines, are eligible for membership. Chaplains and medical officers while attached to divisions are eligible to become members while so attached, and the committee shall have power to offer to any such officers, on ceasing to be attached, the privilege of becoming members of the Club, under the same rules as other officers.

3 (*a*).—*Rate of Subscription.*—The annual subscription is 5/- a year, payable by April 1st for the current year. Subscriptions need not be continuous, but no subscription paid later than April 1st shall be considered valid for calculating the sum to be paid for that year's dinner under rule 5 (*b*).

3 (*b*).—*Penalty for failing to pay subscriptions for over three years.*—Any member who fails to pay his subscription for more than three consecutive years shall cease to be a member of the Club, and shall forfeit any back subscriptions standing to his credit, but shall be able to rejoin, at any time, as a new member.

4.—*Payment of Subscriptions.*—Subscriptions of officers at Divisions and Depot to be collected by divisional representatives and forwarded to the Honorary Secretary, together with nominal list, before April 1st of each year. Other officers to forward their subscriptions direct to the Honorary Secretary, who will acknowledge receipt of same. (Officers are especially reminded that a great deal of trouble will be spared to themselves and to the Honorary Secretary if they will give an order to their bankers to pay into Messrs. Cox & Co. their subscriptions on the 1st of January in every year. A form for this purpose is attached to each copy of the Rules).

5. (*a*)—*Limit to cost of Dinner.*—The total cost to each member for dinner is not to exceed thirty shillings, to be paid before hand. The Committee to fix this date and the actual amount.

5 (*b*).—*Credit of former subscriptions in calculating sum to be paid by individuals.*—Every member shall be credited, in calculating the amount he is to pay for the dinner, with the full value of subscription paid since 1st April preceding the last occasion of his dining. Should the amount of subscriptions so paid exceed the charge for the dinner when he dines, the excess shall remain to the credit of the subscriber, and be deducted from the charge for his on the next occasion of his dining.

5 (*c*).—Officers who are not members shall pay £2 whenever they dine.

6.—*Debtor and Creditor Account to be kept for each Member.*—The Honorary Secretary shall keep a debtor and creditor account of every officer who has ever subscribed or dined as a member of the Club.

7.—*Appropriation of Funds.*—The Committee shall devote towards the general expenses or diminishing the cost of the dinner, in any year, such money as may accrue from interest on capital and the subscriptions of the members who dine.

8.—*Dinner to be held annually in London.*—A dinner to be held annually in London, on a date to be fixed by the Committee. Time, date and place to be notified to the members by the Honorary Secretary, and published in the leading London papers and *The Globe & Laurel.*

9.—*Members to be informed of the charge for dinner.*—On receiving a notification from a member of his wish to dine, the Honorary Secretary shall inform him of the amount due, either directly or through representatives of Divisions. A member, to whom the notice is sent direct, will be informed, in his notice, of the amount that he will be liable to pay if he dines.

10.—*Money received for dinner to be forfeited under seven days notice given of withdrawal.*—Any officer having notified his intention to dine shall be debited with the price charged for the dinner that year, unless he gives notice of withdrawal seven clear days before the dinner. Exceptional cases to be considered and decided upon by the Committee.

11.—*Committee & Composition.*—The management shall be conducted by a General Committee composed as follows:—Four retired officers; two officers (one of whom to be a General officer) on the active list not serving at a Division; one representative of each Division and the Depot. Only members are eligible for Committee or to vote at General Meetings.

Vacancies, how to be filled.—Vacancies on the Committee, except of representatives of Divisions, to be filled by election at a General Meeting of the Club.

12.—*Working Committee.*—The General Committee shall select four of their number as a Working Committee, and one of their number or any other officer of the Corps as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, who will thereby become, *ex-officio*, a member of the Committee. The Working Committee to be charged with all detailed arrangements for the dinner, fixing the price, etc. Three to form a quorum.

13.—*Meetings of General Committee.*—A meeting of the General Committee to be held in London, on the day of the annual dinner, when the accounts of the past year shall be audited, and any other business transacted, seven to form a quorum.

14.—*General Meetings.*—A General Meeting of the members of the Club shall be held in London, on the day of the Annual Dinner, whenever it may be necessary, for the purpose of considering new rules, amending existing rules, and election of members, other than representatives of Divisions, to fill vacancies on the General Committee, and any other business.

15.—*Proposals of New Rules, etc.*—Any proposals for new rules, revision and amendment of existing rules, or any other matters, are to be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary, at least one month before the date of the Annual Dinner and General Meeting.

The Annual Dinner will take place on Saturday next, April 25th, at 7-45 p.m., at the Whitehall Rooms, Hotel Metropole, S.W. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief of the Corps, has signified his intention to be present and will preside. The charge for dinner this year is 25/-, in addition to the annual subscription of 5/-, to be paid before April 11th next, to the Honorary Secretary; the charge for officers, who are not members, is £2, under rule 5 (*c*).

The first Annual Meeting of members of the Club will be held on Saturday, April 15th, at the Whitehall Rooms, at 12 noon, to confirm or, if required, amend the rules, elect the permanent committee, and other business.

Officers at home are requested to inform the Honorary Secretary, either direct, or through the representatives of Divisions, whether they wish to join the Club, by April 1st next, and officers abroad at their earliest convenience.—G. T. ONSLOW, Colonel, R.M.L.I.,

7, Whitehall Place, S.W. Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Correspondence.

24th February, 1903.

Dear Sirs,

Some of the officers of the Corps are endeavouring to make the N.C.O.'s Mess Room at Malta more comfortable for them, and I have been asked to send out to them any spare books I may have done with.

Do you not think that if you made an appeal to officers of the Corps, in the *Globe & Laurel* many would send contributions of novels, books of reference, &c.?

I would suggest that any contributions of books shoud be sent to the Editors of "G & L.," and by this means a good supply might be got. When a sufficient number to fill a case has been collected, they could be sent out from Portsmouth in a man of war addressed to H.M.S. *Hibernia*, Malta, for N.C.O.'s Mess Room. A few from many people would make a good number.

Trusting you may be able to lend your help in this matter,

Believe me, yours very truly,

A. FRENCH, Lieut.-General.

To the Editors of the *Globe & Laurel.*

31 days.

MARCH, 1903.

1	**Sun.**	*Hirondelle* and *Glatton* cut out Turkish Corvette, 1807.
2	Mon.	Fort Belwa, Indian Mutiny, 1858.
3	Tues.	Surrender of Marie-Galante, Guadaloupe, 1808.
4	Wed.	Skirmish and repulse of 500 Dutch and French before Fort Republique, Curaçoa, 1804. *(1)*
5	Thur.	Barossa, and operations the day after, 1811. Amorha, Indian Mutiny, 1858.
6	Frid.	Pay Captains contingent granted, 1826.
7	Sat.	Boats of *Inconstant* cut out a ship at Gorée, and recapture the place, 1804. Poplar Grove, South Africa, 1900. *(2)*
8	**Sun.**	1st Capture of Banda-Neira, 1796. *San Fiorenzo* captured *Piedmontaise*, 1808.*
9	Mon.	Defence of Gibraltar, 1705. Relief of Kandaros, Crete, 1897. *(13)*
10	Tues.	Affair at Ametzagana, Carlist War. *(3)* R. M. Battalion.
11	Wed.	Cross Belts first worn, 1772.
12	Thur.	Conclusion of Kaffir War, 1853. Soujak Bay, Crimea, 1855.
13	Frid.	Aboukir, Egypt, 1801. *(4)* Tamaai, 1884. *(5)* Soujak Kali, Crimea, 1855. Off Lissa, 1811. *Lively* captured *Tourtelle*, 1795* *London* and *Amazon* captured *Marengo* and *Poule*, 1806.*
14	Sat.	Action with French Fleet and capture of two sail of the line (Hotham), 1795.* Marcoa Fort, China, 1841.
15	**Sun.**	Saizon, China, 1842. Occupation of Bloemfontein, South Africa, 1900. *(12)*
16	Mon.	Martinique, 1794.* Defence of Acre (commenced) 1799. Hernani, (2) Carlist War, 1837.
17	Tues.	Martinique, Destruction of Batteries at Port Speregui, 1796.* N.C.O.'s to wear chevrons on right arm only, 1881
18	Wed.	*Telegragh* captured *L'Hirondelle*, 1799.*
19	Thur.	*Æolus* captured *Mignone*, 1759. Order-in-Council conferring Brevet Rank according to length of service, 1883.
20	Frid.	Hasheen, Egypt, 1885. *(6)*
21	Sat.	Order-in-Council separate formation of R.M.A., 1862. Order-in-Council with reference to Hon. Rank of Paymaster, &c., 1890.
22	**Sun.**	Santa Maura, 1810. *(7)* Tofrek, Egypt, 1885. *(6)*
23	Mon.	Undress frock coat and leather scabbards abolished. Patrol Jackets and Steel Scabbards, uniform, 1867.
24	Tues.	Attack on Square of Guards and Marines on March to Suakim, 1885. *(6)*
25	Wed.	Carthagena, 1741. *(9)* Bushire, Persia, 1839. Woolwich Division abolished, 1869.
26	Thur.	Garrison of Anholt repulse the Danes, 1811.* *(8)* *Pique* captures *Phœton* and *Voltiquer*, 1806.*
27	Frid.	*Hebrus* and *Etoile*, off La Hogue, 1814.*
28	Sat.	*Phœbe* and *Cherub* captured *Essex* and *Essex Junior* (Americans), 1814.*
29	**Sun.**	Forton Barracks first occupied by Corps, 1848.
30	Mon.	Cole Mill, 1st Battn., R.M., 1814. *(10)* Position in Line after 49th Regiment, General Order, Horse Guards, 1820.
31	Tues.	*Scorpion*, &c, at Vlie Roads, *1804.** Old Barracks at Portsmouth handed over to Ordnance Department, 1848

(1)—Lieutenant, afterwards Sir Edward Nicholls, and 199 Rank and File. *(2)*—Major Urmston and Detach. *(3)*—Colonel afterwards Sir John Owen, and Battalion, 450 Rank and File. (See page 99, Vol. I., *G. & L.*) (4)—Colonel Smith and Battalion, 600 Rank and File. *(5)*—Colonel, now Major-General Tuson, R.M.A., and Battalion R.M.A. and R.M.L.I. *(5)*—Colonel Ozzard and Battalion, 500 Rank and File. *(6)*—Colonel Ozzard and Battalion, 500 Rank and File. (7)—Captain Snowe and 240 Rank and File. (See page 98, Vol. I., *G. & L.*) *(8)*—Captain R. Torrens and 381 Rank and File. (See page 34, Vol. I., *G. & L.*) *(9)*—Eight Regiments of Marines engaged. *(10)*—Brevet-Major Lynch and Detach., 1st Battalion. *(12)*—Major Peile and 160 Men. *(13)*—24 Royal Marines.

* Actions for which the Naval War Medal or Clasps were granted in 1847.

ERRATUM.—Feb. 17th.—(for 1654 *read* 1854.) Feb. 19th., Amboyna—(for 1790 *read* 1796). Feb. 28th., Evacuation of Port Hamilton—(for 1787 *read* 1887).

ADDENDA.—20th Jan.," 1788, arrival of First Expedition of Convicts in Botany Bay: *escort*—Major Ross, 4 Captains, 12 Lieutenants, 12 Sergeants, 12 Corporals, 8 Drummers, 160 Privates, Adjutant and Quarter-Master Royal Marines. 25th Jan., 1788, Captain Phillip, R.N., and party of Marines landed at Port Jackson (now Sydney) Australia.

We should be much obliged to any of our readers who will kindly send us accounts of events mentioned in the Almanac, and also for any corrections in or additions to the above.—*Ed. G. & L.*

Little Pets.

By TOPED REDROB.

Private O'Shaughnessy had just been sent to the hills for the benefit of his health. Not that he was downright bad, but between Mooltan and Sialkot he had spent five hot years, and his military medical adviser, one morning when O'S. reported "sick," marked his sheet "Change to the Hills."

So O'S went up to Chanbattia.

He hated having to leave the regiment: the details at the Hill Station included no one he knew, but a canteen was there, and this, coupled with the fact that the liquor was good, kept O'S from developing melancholia for a time.

Now it had been like religion for O'S to have his siesta every afternoon when on the plains, and he did not intend that the exigencies of life at the hills should interfere with the even tenour of his habits in this respect. Thus, after a good dinner and a generous measure of liquor, he withdrew, as was his wont, to the bungalow for a nap.

Poor O'S! He was, as they always say in sensational novels, doomed to disappointment.

An edict had gone forth from the Commandant's office that every man might keep a pet. This was done with the wise object of giving the "invalids" something to occupy their minds. So while one went butterfly-dodging down the khuds, another kept young parrots: another a minah: one a monkey: and several a mongoose each (this is put in this way to obviate the necessity of writing the plural of mongoose).

These animals were at times fed regularly by their owners, at other times they were not; then they fed on each other and their numbers suffered depreciation.

What with the screeching of the parrots and the whistling of the minah; the cawing of a colony of crows and the chatter-chatter of the monkey chasing the mon—it has to come—gooses, O'S could not get a wink of sleep. And this went on for days and days.

In the quiet of night—that is between the feeding time of nocturnal insects—O'S thought out this matter in his mind. How could he rid the bungalow of the beastly pests? He knew he would be punished if he killed them—he did one day feed the parrots and left the feeding sticks in their throats accidentally. Still there were the other pets: besides, the parrot fancier bought some more parrots, and as these were fresh and lively, they made more noise than ever did the absent ones.

O'S was now nearly at his wits end. At last a bright idea struck him. *He* would have a pet too, and it should not be one of your insignificant pets either, O'S went down to the native bazaar, gave a mild Hindoo one anna and a few kicks, and borrowed the biggest and dirtiest water-buffalo he had. Once you see a water-buffalo you will ever remember it. It has the pleasing habit, after a meal, of getting up to its neck in mud. The sweetness or otherwise of the mud does not matter. The natives get milk from the animals. This by the way.

O'S led his pet into the bungalow and tied it to his charpoy. Then there arose a few mild objections on the part of the other inmates, but O'S was a big man and he let them know that he *would* have a pet, and would defend it against all comers.

They tried hard to persuade him to put it outside the bungalow that night, but he said they knew very well that "the thigers would ate the poor baste."

Next morning the corporal in charge of the bungalow sent O'S with a file to hospital for observation, and he was so vehement in his declarations regarding his sanity, that his medical history sheet was now marked "England for change."

Thus it came about that O'S left the Murree Hills, its pets and worries for ever. He now helps his father on the farm in Kerry, and in the pleasant and cool summer evenings as he is driving home the sweet Kerry cows, he often thinks of his pet and the hot and noisy bungalow in far Chanbattia.

Home Notes

CHATHAM.

A good number of hockey matches have so far been played by the Division this winter, and victories have preponderated over defeats. With all the members available, the team has been fairly strong, but it has not always been easy to get up a team composed entirely of officers. In our matches with the Depot each side won one game, and amongst our victories was the match against the Royal Engineers. Altogether, out of twelve matches seven have been won. Lieutenant Montgomery, as at cricket, has been the mainstay of the team. He has been playing for Kent several times this season.

A familiar figure has just disappeared from the Division in the person of Private W. Sheppard, for thirty years a tailor here. He died a few days ago after a short illness, and was buried on the 28th February. There can be but few officers and men who did not know him by sight. Enlisting in 1871 he was discharged to pension with five badges in 1892. He was away for two years and re-enlisted in 1894. With his portly form and genial face he must have been well known to all, and his skill as a gardener has been in evidence for many years past at the Divisional Flower Show, where he invariably won a large number of prizes.

GOSPORT.

The month has been very uneventful, football and hockey having been the chief subjects to attract attention. Our football team has been getting on fairly well, and an account of their doings will be found in another column. At hockey, the officers' team have done very well, and have now tied with H.M.S. *Excellent* for the head of the U.S. League, 16 points each. The deciding match is to be played off on the 5th March.

Our results for the last month have been:—

January 31st, beat Southampton 3–1.
February 4th, beat R.M.A. (U.S.L.), 3–0.
February 5th, beat H.M.S. *Mars*, 8–3.
February 14th, lost to Southsea, 4–2.
February 17th, drew with R.N. College (U.S.L.), 1–1.
February 20th, drew with H.M.S. *Excellent* (U.S.L.), 1–1.

On 3rd February the Gosport and Fareham Beagles met at Brown down, when we had the usual annual breakfast, followed by some very good runs.

On 18th February, a matineé musicale was given in the officers' mess.

PLYMOUTH.

The officers gave a small dance in their mess room on the 26th January. Some 200 invitations accepted, and dancing was carried on from 9 p.m. until about 1 a.m. A stand up supper was provided in the library and breakfast rooms, and the remainder of the mess was prettily decorated and arranged for sitting out.

The warrant officers and sergeants hold their annual ball in the Stonehouse Town Hall on the 6th March, while on the 2nd the junior N.C.O.'s have a ball at the Foresters' Arms in the Octagon, Plymouth.

Major Clavell, assisted by several officers and some ladies, has arranged for some amateur theatricals in the Divisional Theatre on the 24th February. The piece to be played is "A Pair of Spectacles," by Sydney Grundy, an account of which appears in another column.

HOCKEY MATCHES.

11th February, R.M.L.I. *v.* Royal Artillery, won 3 goals to 2.
14th February, R.M.L.I. *v.* Plymouth, lost 4 goals to 2.
18th February, R.M.L.I. *v.* R.N.E. College, drawn 2 goals each.
21st February, R.M.L.I. *v.* R.N. Barracks, drawn 4 goals each.

OVERHEARD AT BROWNDOWN.—Sergeant Instructor: "Now, No. 5, what distance do you think it is to C butts?" No. 5: About 650. S.I.: "About 650, eh? Well, yes. What do you say, No. 4?" No. 4: "Well, when we was aht 'ere the other day with the Field Training Party they took it with the '*fermometer*,' and made it 550. Sergeant."

Royal Marines' Rifle Association.

THE Committee have great pleasure in announcing that Major J. Bernard, R.M.L.I., has presented a Cup to the Association, which is to be competed for under conditions approaching as nearly as possible to those of Active Service.

The thanks of the Association are due to Major Bernard for this Cup and for the practical conditions which he has laid down for competing for it.

The conditions under which this Cup will be competed for will probably be printed in the April *Globe & Laurel*.

The 16th meeting of the Committee of the above was held at Forton Barracks on January 12th, 1903. There were present Lieut.-Col. C. G. Brittan (presiding), Lieut.-Col. J. R. H. Oldfield, R.M.L.I., Major H. G. Cotterill, R.M.L.I., Major R. J. Saumarez, R.M.L.I., Captain J. L. Homer, R.M.A., Captain H. Oldfield, R.M.A., Captain A. W. Wylde, R.M.L.I., Captain G. J. Mullins, R.M.L.I., Lieut. R. F. C. Foster, R.M.A., and Major W. J. Langford, hon. sec. and treasurer.

The minutes of the 15th meeting were read and confirmed.

The annual accounts were laid before the meeting, duly audited, and were passed.

It was proposed by Major Cotterill, seconded by Lieut.-Col. Oldfield, that Captain G. J. H. Mullins be appointed hon. sec. and treasurer *vice* Major W. J. Langford resigned.

The thanks of the Committee were given to Major W. J. Langford on his resignation as hon. sec. and treasurer for the work he has done during his term of office.

Consequent on the additional charges made on the funds of the Royal Marines' Rifle Association by the competition for the "Prince of Wales" Cup and the employment of Royal Marine markers, &c., at Ash, where a Royal Marine camp was formed (thus placing the Royal Marines' Rifle Association on the same footing as the Army Rifle Association, an arrangement which was found to be a great improvement on that previously adopted), and also the proposed new competition ("Field Firing"), for which a cup has been promised by an anonymous donor, it was suggested with reference to Rule 9 (a) that the Commandants of the Divisions and the Depot be asked to increase their subscriptions to the R.M.R.A. from £20 to £30 annually. If this be approved the Committee would be enabled to dispense with any team entrance fees for any of the competitions.

With reference to the new Field Firing Competition, for which a cup has been offered by an anonymous donor, the Committee, having read the report of the sub-committee, is of opinion that, having regard to the present state of the finances of the Association, it would not be feasible to carry out the competition otherwise than locally, in consequence of the considerable expense which would be involved by assembling the teams at any one centre, and hence they propose for this year (1) that this competition should be carried out at each Division and the Depot on the lines laid down in the attached rules, under the supervision of one chief umpire, to be appointed by the Committee; and (2) it was proposed by Major Cotterill, seconded by Major Saumarez, and carried, that Lieut.-Col. J. R. H. Oldfield, R.M.L.I., be appointed chief umpire for 1903.

Proposed by Major Cotterill, seconded by Captain Oldfield, and carried, that Lieut.-Col. J. R. H. Oldfield, R.M.L.I., and Captain J. L. Homer, R.M.A., be asked to remain on the Committee.

Proposed by Major Saumarez, seconded by Captain Oldfield, and carried, that with reference to Rule 6 (1) Major H. G. Cotterill be Captain of the Royal Marine team for 1903.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Herewith an account of the winter general meeting of the N.R.A., which was held on Feb. 4th at the Royal United Service Institute, with Sir H. Fletcher, M.P., in the chair.

The following were the principal items of interest:—

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has been pleased to become a Vice-President of the Association.

The Palma Trophy, which was competed for and won by an English team at the Dominion Rifle Meeting in the autumn of 1902, will be competed for this year at Bisley on Saturday, July 11th, the date on which the Methuen Cup will be shot for.

The Bisley meeting of 1902 was a most successful one, the number of entries exceeding those of any previous year, and the N.R.A. were able to put a substantial sum to their capital account.

The dimensions of the targets have been altered as follows:—1st class targets reduced from 12 to 10 feet in width; 2nd class targets have the diameter of inner increased to 32 inches and of magpie to 48 inches. On the Stickledown Range the number of targets are being increased from 25 to 50, the labour thus entailed being largely carried out by Reservists.

The offices of the N.R.A. have been moved to Bisley, and no Town office now remains. The council of the Royal United Service Institute have promised a room for committee and general meetings.

Sir H. Fletcher announced his retirement from active work on the council, and intimated that the council had nominated Lord Cheylesmore as his successor as chairman of the N.R.A.

A vote of thanks to the retiring chairman terminated the meeting.

—— JOHN L. HOMER.

EAST INDIES STATION SILVER BADGE COMPETITION.

Colaba and Trincomali rifle ranges; Naval regulation marking and scoring.

	Name	*Ship*	*Pts.*
1.	Pte. L Bevis ..	H.M.S. *Highflyer* ..	.. 76, Badge & 10 Rupees
2.	Sergt. A. Cornish ..	,, ,,	.. 72, 5 Rupees
3.	Pte. A. Mercer ..	,, ,,	.. 71, 3 Rupees
4.	Sergt. H. Clarke ..	,, ,,	.. 70
5.	Sergt. R. Sinnott ..	,, ,,	.. 69
6.	Pte. W. Smith ..	,, ,,	.. 68
7.	Pte. H. Genge ..	,, ,,	.. 68
8.	Pte. H. Winterhalder	,, *Perseus*	.. 67
9.	Pte. J. Weeds ..	,, *Highflyer*	.. 67
10.	Pte. A. Wilcocks ..	,, ,,	.. 67

Ships competing, *Highflyer*, *Magdala*, *Fox*, and *Perseus*

Anecdotes

AN Irishman's description of making a "cannon": Make a long hole and pour brass round it.—*Donegal's Own.*

AT the present time there is a lot of dredging going on in Sliema Harbour, and on a "dghaisa man" being asked what it was for, he replied in proper "Maltese English," "To make more water, sar."

NOT HOME-KILLED.—An English resident at Shanghai, having made a good dinner from a tasty but unrecognised dish, called his cook, Wun Hoo, and congratulated him on the excellent meal. "I hope you didn't kill one of those dogs to provide the soup?" jestingly remarked his daughter, referring, of course, to the pariahs which haunt Chinese streets. Wun Hoo made a solemn gesture of dissent. "No killee dawg, missee," he explained, "him alleddy dead when I pickee up!"—*Suffolk Gazette.*

ILLUSTRATED.—Mr. Booker T. Washington, the well-known negro preacher, recently told a gathering of darkies that one of the great faults of his race was a disposition to exhibit knowledge in any and all circumstances, and that, until the negro learned not to display his vanity, he was useless in any confidential capacity. By way of illustration he told a story which, he said, might be or might not be apocryphal, but which was good enough to be true. A certain general had been told that the soldiers of a negro regiment in his command were very lax when on sentry duty, and showed a fondness for passing doubtful persons through the lines just to indulge their power to do so. To ascertain if this were so, he muffled himself one night in a cloak and tried to get past a black sentry. After the "Who goes there?" the "A friend," and the "Advance, friend, and give the countersign," had been exchanged, the general replied "Roxbury!" "No, sah!" was the polite but firm response. "Medford!" "No, sah!" "Charleston!" he next tried. "No, sah! No, sah!" said the negro determinedly. Then he added, "Now, seea heah, yo' can go fru th' whole joggrafy, but General —— he done say that nobody can get pas' me wifout sayin' 'Cambridge!'"—*Donegal's Own.*

Foreign News.

WITH THE KING'S AFRICAN RIFLES.

Kericho, Lumbwa New Post,
British East Africa,
1st January, 1903.

Sir,—A few lines from our garrison many miles from civilization, stating the strange scenes.

My first station after returning from leave, was Baringo, a station situate about 500 miles from the coast and 45′ N. of the equator, on Lake Baringo. Our garrison here consists of Soudanese soldiers, a civil officer, and myself.

The game exists in abundance—elephants, rhino, pertersi, zebra, and all sorts of small buck. These animals being very seldom hunted are naturally tame. Our zareba is situate on top of a precipitous hill, and it is a common thing to see a herd of zebra or buck stroll round the base of the hill and gaze at us with astonishment, and, moreover, allow us to descend the hill and walk amongst them, stroking the glossy manes of the zebra, who seem absolutely tame. This is due to Sir H. Johnston, who brought out the existing game regulations, which, needless to say, we strictly enforce. These said regulations prevent the slaughter of these beautiful animals.

Lake Baringo is swarming with hippo. and crocodiles, and one can witness here a sight unique—that is at 12 noon, when at least 10,000 crocodiles line the river Molo banks (a river flowing into the lake), basking in the sun, and in many instances forming large piles like hay-stacks, which extend for miles. But one great strange feature is that they very seldom attack a human being. During my stay in those regions for six months, only one man was bitten. I have often bathed, and shot hippo. in the lake. The natives fish there also, standing waist deep in the water for hours. It is a most singular thing, but a fact, that these crocodiles are not man-eaters; but in the rivers not many miles from the spot, it is extremely dangerous to stand near the river banks, because the crocodile with one sweep of his tail will put you in the water and snap you up in a second. Lions and leopards abound in large numbers. A most singular affray occurred here between a lion and a hippo. The lion waylaid the hippo. at night, springing on his back, but mistook his prey. His body was found in the morning bitten in two by the hippo.

The natives are Kamasai, Wa Suk, and Turkano.

The Kamasai are a branch of the Masai race, very treacherous, cultivate very little, and live, like the Masai, on blood and milk. They barter for beads, and beyond a small covering of sheep skin, they are absolutely naked.

The Wa Suk. A very strange race, and have extremely strange ideas. These natives also live on blood and milk, never cultivate, and roam about the country with large herds of cattle, shifting their camps often so as to find fresh pasture. These men are also naked. They wear their ancestors' hair—*i.e.*, on the death of a person his next-of-kin cuts off all his hair, plasters it, and knits it to his own, forming a long sort of bag hanging down his back. This process is still handed down, and has been for generations. They also attach a piece of cane at the back of their heads, and bringing it to the front, weight it with a heavy knob at the end. They look exactly like a clown in a circus. They besmear themselves with castor oil and clay.

The Turkano. A race of giants, who inhabit the country about 80 miles north of Baringo. They nearly all stand 6 feet 8 inches in height, and are a splendid specimen of the human race. They are bitter enemies with all the neighbouring tribes, but no doubt as the country is opened up peace and tranquility will prevail.

Owing to acts of aggression on the part of a tribe in this part of the country, I find myself about 30 miles south of the equator, in charge of the garrison here, living in a strong stockade, surrounded by a very warlike race, the Wa Lumbwa. Although almost on the equator, the climate is beautiful, and like an English spring. The elevation is 7,500 feet above the level of the sea. The race are pure savages, but extremely good-looking and of fine physique. They are armed with spears and bows and arrows, and have very few rifles, but are desperate, and certainly brave. It is a most pleasing fact to note that arms and ammunition are unobtainable, thanks to the stringent Custom regulations, both in the British, German, and Congo Free State territories. These war-like warriors are now perfectly peaceful, and, with a little tact, I trust they will remain so, until they reach a further stage of civilization.

The Uganda Railway continues to grow strong, and has brought civilization with it. European stores and food are almost as cheap as in England.—JAMES ELLISON, Colr.-Sergt. R.M.L.I.

CONSTANTINOPLE.

H.M.S. *Scout*,
Feb. 3, 1903.

To the Editor "Globe and Laurel."

Sir,—It may be of interest to you to know that H.M.S. *Scout* held a very successful farewell concert here lately, under the patronage of His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir Henry Woods Pasha, K.C.V.O., Mr. Spencer Eddy (1st Sec. American Legation), Capt. E. F. A. Gaunt, R.N. (H.M.S. *Scout*), and British residents of Constantinople.

The programme consisted of varieties by Messrs. J. Butcher, J. Howl, J. Allen, P. Wicks, B. Ellis, and J. E. Gilders, R.M.L.I. The second part consisted of a farce, entitled "The further adventures of Captain Skittles, U.S.A.," in four scenes, written and arranged by Pte. J. E. Gilders. The characters of "Captain Skittles"—J. Butcher, C.P.O.; Old Brilliant, Pte. J. E. Gilders; deserters, Messrs. Wicks and Ellis, A.B.'s; and other characters by W. Howl, L.S., J. Allen, P.O.2, and A. Mann, A.B.—were exceedingly well portrayed. Messrs. Butcher, C.P.O., and J. E. Gilders, R.M.L.I., as eccentrics are wonderfully funny. The very enjoyable evening came to a close at 12.15 a.m. with "The King."

It is to be hoped that the *Scout*, who is now two months over her time, will soon be in old Pompey once more.—CHAS. READE.

We have received a copy of the *Wei-hai-wei Gazette* of 19th Jan., 1903, price 10 cents. It is a single sheet of foolscap, hectographed off, and is published daily. We learn that Acting-Bombr. J. Lyon, R.M.A., is "Fighting Editor." We extract the following bit of information, that will be of interest to members of the corps:—

"A rather interesting event took place at the R.M. Barracks here yesterday, when medals for the operations of 1900 were presented to the majority of the men of the island detachment. Before presenting the medals, Capt. T. W. P. Dyer, R.M.A., officer commanding the detachment, in a few words expressed the great pleasure it gave him to have the honour of performing the presentation, more especially as most of the men had served under his command for over two years."

ASCENSION.

January, 1903.

We have been quite full of excitement since I last wrote. In the first place, we completed our musketry course in November, and have done a good deal better than last season, as this year we produced fifteen marksmen against only six last. The general average of the detachment was 133·98, which is not bad when the range is taken into consideration. Our other excitements have been cricket matches and the annual visit of the flagship for inspection purposes. H.M.S. *Thistle*, *Partridge*, *Blanche*, and the C.S. *Amber* have all visited us lately, the cable ship staying six weeks. Below are the scores in some of the cricket matches played. The score of the match with the flagship has unfortunately been mislaid, but we narrowly escaped a bad beating, the call of time being our salvation. Gunr. Corkishley, R.M.A., made 51 for us in this game, and as will be seen by the scores below, has been batting most consistently lately. It would pay the cricket authorities at Eastney to keep an eye on him when he returns home, as he is a useful bowler as well as a bat. The match ended in a draw; our fielding was very bad indeed. With reference to the correspondence about G.C. Badges of detachments serving afloat, which has been going on in the "Globe and Laurel," this detachment consists of 143 rank and file, of whom 136 have G.C. Badges, a percentage (unless my arithmetic is as bad as that of some other correspondents of the "G. & L.") of 95·11 with G.C. Badges. The actual number of Badges is 299, but we still remain calm.

Scores of cricket matches :—

26th Nov., Ascension v. H.M.S. *Thistle* and C.S. *Amber*.—Ascension, 210 for 9 wickets (Capt. Thoroton 67) ; Ships, 78.

29th Nov., Ascension v. H.M.S. *Thistle* and C.S. *Amber* (return match).—Ascension, 74 (Gunr. Corkishley 26) ; Ships, 74 (Lieut. Houseman, R.N., 30 not out).

Officers of Island and Ship v N.C.O.s and Men.—First match was another tie, each side scoring 64 (for the Men, Gunr. Corkishley made 41 not out). Second match, Officers 147 for seven wickets (Lieut. Ford, R.M.A., 33 not out, Capt. Thoroton 32) ; N.C.O.s and Men, 60.

Ascension v. H.M.S. *Blanche* and C.S. *Amber*.—Ascension, 85 (Capt. Thoroton 20) ; Ships, 52 (Mr. Smythe, E.T.C., 25).

Ascension 2nd XI. v. H.M.S. *Blanche*.—Ascension. 53 (Lieut. Ford, R.M.A., 23) ; H.M.S. *Blanche*, 62.

Entertainments.

In aid of the Nursing Fund of the Soldiers and Saliors Families' Association a dramatic entertainment was given at the Royal Marine Barracks, Stonehouse, on 24th February. Mr. Sidney Grundy's comedy, "A Pair of Spectacles," was capitally presented to a good audience, who greatly enjoyed the performance throughout. All the parts were most ably sustained. Benjamin Goldfinch was faithfully impersonated by Major R. K. W. Clavell. The difficult character of Gregory Goldfinch was in the capable hands of Captain and Staff Officer A. H. Barbazon, whilst Lieut. Cheeseman gave a characteristic representation of Benjamin's son, Percy Goldsmith. Mrs. Clavell delightfully pourtrayed Mrs. Goldfinch, and Mrs. James was a charming Lucy Lorimer. Miss Exham certainly made the most of Charlotte, the domestic, who has comparatively little to do on the stage, and she ably seconded Lieut. Sinclair, on whom devolved the duties of the stately butler, Joyce. Lieut. Risk made a capital Dick Goldfinch. Gregory's son, who never met trouble half-way. Capt. E. M. Lees and Lieut. Sinclair also did well in the respective parts of Mr. Lorimer and the decrepit shoemaker, Bartholomew. The divisional band played selections during the intervals, under the direction of Lance-Corpl. Flood.

R.M.L.I Sergeants' Dinner.

The Annual Dinner of the Sergeants' Mess of the Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., was held in the well-appointed Mess Room at Forton Barracks, on Thursday, January 29th, 1903, and was a most enjoyable affair. A company numbering about 160 sat down to dinner and included all the Sergeants in Barracks and some from the harbour ships.

Sergeant-Major Mearles presided, supported by Sergeant-Major Hill of the Naval Depot, Sergeant-Major Squires, R.M.A., and representatives from the G.P.O.'s Mess, of H.M.S. Excellent. Sergeant-Major MacLachlan was in the vice-chair. At the Smoking Concert which followed, nearly all the Officers were present, including Colonel-Commandant A. E. Chapman, Lieut.-Cols. E. L. McCausland, J. R. H. Oldfield and P. Hearle, Major A. E. Marchant, C.B., Captain and Adjutant Blumberg, several of the Junior Officers, and Fleet-Surgeon W. R. White, C.B. R.N., the Rev. J. W. Wilby, (Chaplain), and the Rev. S. A. Shone, LL.D. The proceedings were of a very hearty and interesting character, There was no lack of contributors to the harmony, which was interspersed with a few toasts. Sergt.-Major W. Mearles proposed the loyal toast, and in a few general remarks said that, that was the first time they had the opportunity of expressing their pleasure in public, at the recovery of the King from his illness (Hear, hear). Then there had been that magnificent Durbar in Delhi, and the proclamation of the King as the "Emperor of India." That event they trusted would cement the Empire in a closer band of unity than before. He was also glad the South African War happily ended, and that, while a good many of their comrades fell in that campaign, those who were wounded, had now recovered (Applause). The toast was honoured with enthusiasm.

Sergeant-Major Maclachan proposed the Colonel-in-Chief, (the Prince of Wales) the Colonel Commandant, and the Officers of the Division. He was sure they were all deeply sensible of the great honour conferred upon the Corps in having the Heir Apparent, as Colonel, and that they would also like to congratulate him on having added to his quiverful. They hoped that when the Princes arrived at a mature age, that some of them would become connected with the Corps. What the Corps would be in the future seemed a problem almost as great as what it had been in the past, and was at the present time (laughter). They were all pleased to see so many Officers present, it illustrated what a lively interest they had in the Corps, and how desirous they were to advance the interest and welfare of all ranks, (Applause). The toast having been accorded musical honours—

Colonel Commandant A. E. Chapman who was received with cheers, replied. He assured the company that the Colonel-in-Chief, took a real interest in the Corps, and proceeding, thanked them for their kindness. He was glad to see that members of the Corps interested themselves in all kinds of sport. He was sorry to know that before their next gathering they would lose a great many Colour-Sergeants, etc , and one or two Senior Officers. They would all regret that fact, but they wished them all good luck. He urged that their places would be filled by men equally as enthusiastic and efficient, and so keep up the reputation, and high standard the corps had attained, (Applause).

The programme was contributed to by Colonel-Commandant A. E. Chapman, Lieut. Peel, Mr. Mitchell (Superintending Clerk), Colour-Sergeant Nurse, Sergeants Holland, Ledingham, Smith, Williams, Read, Colverson, and Mr. Thornton, (late Sergeant R.M.A.) who provided a recitation of his own composition recounting the war history of the Corps. A portion of the band under Sergeant Springall played selections during the evening.

The arrangements both for dinner, and smoker, were carried out by the "Games Committee," of which Colour-Sergeant Harrison is the president, and much of the success of the evening were due to the excellent manner in which they performed their duties.

Medals.

The following is a list of the Medals recently presented to the Officers' Mess of the Plymouth Division by Captain Portlock-Dadson, late Royal Body Guard, and R.M.L.I.

Captain Dadson has further promised to endeavour to obtain the presentation of Medals from other sources—an example which we trust may be followed by others—for it would seem an eminently desirable method of disposing of such "relics," by those who have no direct heirs to inherit or prize them.

It would be hard to find fitter custodians for such badges of distinction than the successors of those who won them.

MEDALS.	CLASPS.	RECIPIENT.
*Baltic, 1854-55	—	Lieut.-Col. F. Lean, H.M.S. *Duke of Wellington*
*Baltic, 1854-55	—	J. M. Hamilton
*China, 1842	—	Colonel Rodney Allen
China, *(no date)*	Canton	B. Thorn, R.M.
Crimea	Inkerman Sebastopol	7th Co. Robert Burnett, R.M.
Turkish	—	
Egypt	Tofrek	Pte. P. Logan, R.M.L.I.
Khedive's Bronze Star	Suakim, 1885	
Indian General Service	Perak	Pte. R. Neal, R.M., H.M.S. *Charybdis*
South African, General	1879	Pte. S. Collins, R.M., H.M.S. *Shah*
*Naval (General) War	Syria	John Smith (afterwards) Sergt. R.M.A. H.M.S. *Pique*
Turkish, for St. Jean d'Acre. *(Copper)*	—	

* On these medals the ratings were not given and nothing to distinguish R.M. from R.N., except in the case of Officers.

Hammock No. 52 (Red).

H.M.S. *Smasher* was *en fete*. The *Smashers* did not hold any records for big gun shooting, neither was their wardroom table graced by silver cups and trophies, but in the art of decorating they came second to none. On this occasion a special effort had been made to make their quarter deck more artistic than ever, for the Captain was holding a dance. In addition to fairy lamps that gleamed softly from between large ferns (kindly lent by the ship's bumboatman) and the usual hangings of bunting, cosy "sit out" seats for two were placed between the ferns, and when covered with flags made a finishing touch to a somewhat charming picture, if we can speak thus of a battleship's Q.D.

Perhaps it may be as well to add that the hammock nettings and bins had been emptied to make up the above cosy seats. But who would dream that underneath those beautiful coverings Jack and Joe's bedding quietly reposed.

It was an open secret on board that the dance was given in honour of a certain rich widow hailing from America, and rumours were floating about that the Skipper and her were going to enter St. John's Church, Valetta, shortly as two persons, and leave the building as one. In other words they were going to be "spliced" The Captain's valet had enlightened us on the subject and, moreover, explained that Mrs. Snape (the widow) was rolling in dollars, and when the wedding came off the lower deck was going to have a rare spread, washed down by unlimited beer. With the prospect of such a feed coming off, to say nothing of the beer, we watched the skipper's love affair with deep interest, and even let our hammocks go without a murmer. For what was losing a few hours sleep compared to a good feed! But Private Stapes, Royal Marines, did not share that opinion, and his face was as black as the ace of spades as he stood at the break of quarter deck watching the dancers gaily tripping up and down. "I reckon its a blessed fraud," he growled, "here I've been chasing blooming soldiers all day, from Calara Gate to St. Paul's Bay, got the middle watch to-night and can't 'turn in' because my hammock is turned into a 'sit upon' for females." "Whereabout's is yours, Mick?" asked his chum Wings, who had been listening to his tale of woe. "Why just at the end here," answered Stapes, "you can see the number sticking out from under that Yankee flag." "No. 52, red; is that yours?" questioned Wings. Stapes nodded a reply and drew back under the shadow of the after bridge, for at that moment the Captain and the widow approached, and seating themselves on the top of No. 52 red hammock began to talk.

The subject of their conversation was "Infectious Diseases" and it was a well known fact that the widow would go miles out of her way rather than pass a hospital. Once she would not come aboard because she had heard there was a slight case of measles on the *Smasher*. "Oh, no," replied the captain to a question she had just asked, "we have had no cases of fever on here for months. "I am very glad to hear it," said Mrs. Snape, "for you know how very nervous I am about such things." In the meanwhile, Private Stapes, who had been listening to this—somewhat out of place—conversation, smiled grimly to himself, and muttered something about having his own back. A few moments after the captain's presence was required elsewhere, and the widow was left alone. Stapes seized his opportunity. Keeping in the shade as much as possible, he stepped on to the quarter-deck and softly approached the fair widow. "I beg your pardon, mum," said he, speaking in a low cautious tone, "I would not sit on there, if I were you." "Whatever do you mean?" exclaimed Mrs. S., jumping up, "What are you talking about?" "Well, its like this," answered Stapes, "You are sitting on my hammock," and lifting up the corner of the Yankee flag displayed a pile of dirty looking hammocks to the astonished gaze of the widow. "This is mine," continued the marine, pointing to a particularly dirty one with No. 52 in red figures on it, "and, do you know, I have been laid up with typhoid, and only got up last week out of this hammock." "Good Heavens!" cried the widow, "do you mean to say you used that hammock?" "Yes, marm," answered Stapes, "and I asked the Captain to have it disinfected, but he said that people who were afraid of catching a bit of fever ought not to be allowed to live."

During the time Stapes was delivering this little story the widow's face had turned a sort of pea green colour, and she looked like fainting. "Do you mean to say," she gasped, "Captain Fresher told you that?" "Yes, it's a fact, marm," answered the marine, who felt that he ma as well be hung for a sheep as a lamb, "and my chum, Wings, ca tell—" Whatever his chum, Wings, had to tell the widow did not wa to hear, but rushed across to the gangway. "I want my boat a once," she said to the officer of the watch. At that moment th Captain appeared on deck and saw, to his astonishment, his lady-lov standing in the gangway. "How dare you come near me?" sh exclaimed, as the gallant officer approached to ascertain the reason fo her strange conduct. "What do you mean?" asked the bewildere skipper. "What do I mean?" echoed Mrs. Snape, "I mean you ar no gentleman to sit there just now and tell me you had had no feve cases on board, when all the time I was sitting on a hot-bed o typhoid." "No, sir," she added, as the Captain was about to speak "I don't want to hear another word and I shall never come near yo or your ship any more." Then lifting up her dress she quickl descended the ladder and got into her boat. By a sort of impulse th music had stopped and the guests gathered around wondering wha the matter was between their host and his lady love. A few words o apology from the Captain, and the party broke up.

"Well," murmured Pte. Stapes, as he stood on the mess table t hang up his head clew, "I did not think I was going to raise the win like that, but, however, I shan't be done out of my beauty sleep afte all."

R.D.H.

Musketry Training of the Plymouth Div.

R.M.L.I., FOR THE YEAR 1902.

The total number exercised was 738, consisting of 287 old soldier and 451 recruits. Figure of merit 120, as against 116 in 1901. Th best shooting detachment for the year was the 8th commanded by Captain Grattan, R.M.L.I.; figure of merit 130. The N.C. officers o this detachment awarded good shooting badges were Sergts. Lyndo Griffiths, and Authers. The best shot for the year was Col.-Serg Channon with 194 points.

The Judging Distance prizes were awarded as follows: Col.-Serg Channon, 55 points, £1 10s. 10d.; Col.-Sergt. Burridge, 46 points 18s. 6d.; and Sergt. Collins, 36 points, 12s. 4d.

In the annual revolver course there were exercised 24 officers and warrant officers and staff-sergeants. The average for the former is 5 and for the latter 64. The best shot amongst the officers was Lieut Christie with 81 points, and amongst the W.O.'s and Staff-Sergts was Sergt.-Major Jolley with 81 points.

A REMINISCENCE OF DAYS GONE BY.—In 1840 or 1841 examina tions for commissions in the Royal Marine Corps were first com menced in the Royal Naval College, Portsmouth, and early in 184 thirteen cadets were sent to study on board H.M.S. *Excellent* in Ports mouth. These cadets were put in the care of a very good fellow Andrew Roger Savage, a First Lieutenant in the Royal Marine Artillery. Some time in the summer of 1841 it happened that Prince Albert, the Queen's Consort, came to Portsmouth, and as H.R.H wished to go on board the gunnery ship *Excellent*, it was arranged by Capt. Sir Thomas Hardinge that the guard of honour should b formed by the cadets, under Lieut. Savage. The old three-decker wa very low between-decks, and as the guard of honour was drawn up i front of the entry port it was quite impossible to have the usua salute carried out in full. To meet this difficulty the cadets were cautioned that when the Prince entered and the order "Present Arms was given, they should at *once* carry the musket at the present, t obviate the chances of the bayonet sticking into the deck above, bu one of the cadets forgot the caution, and at the order "Present Arms up went his musket, which forced the point of the bayonet hard in the deck above, and there he tugged with arms and body with all h was worth, until he extracted the point. Of course the Prince took no notice of the affair, but we afterwards had a good laugh at the Cade who made the slip.

Football.

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

R.M.A. v. R.M.L.I. (Portsmouth League).—This match was played at Forton on 7th Feb., and after a splendidly contested game resulted in a draw—two all. The Reds held the upper hand throughout, and should have won, but close on time the Blues were awarded two penalties, and the game ended as above.

H.M.S. *Excellent* v. R.M.L.I (Portsmouth League).—This match was played at Forton, and resulted in a win for the Cordites by a goal to nil.

Fareham v. R.M.L.I. (Portsmouth League).—This match was played at Forton on Feb. 21st in a gale of wind, and after a pleasant game resulted in a win for the Marines by two goals to nil.

Naval Depot v. R.M.L.I.—Played at Forton on March 4th, and resulted in a win for the Depot by two goals to nil.

Company Cup.—Semi-finals: E beat D; A beat B. Final on March 13th. Kick-off 3 p.m.

G. B. N.

Obituary.

General George Lambrick, K.S F., J.P., the Father of the Corps, on retired full pay, R.M.L.I., died 30th January, at Sunnymead, Cheddar, in his 98th year. The son of the late Comdr. John Lambrick, R.N., he was born in 1814, and entered the service as 2nd Lieut. 14th March, 1834; become 1st Lieut. 2nd March, 1840; Captain 1st October, 1848; Brevet-Major 15th June, 1860; Lieut.-Colonel 13th September, 1860; Brevet-Colonel, 28th November, 1864; Colonel 2nd Comdt. 11th March, 1863; Col.-Comdt. 1st Div., 10th November, 1866; Major-General 6th March, 1861; Major-Gen. R.M., 1st April, 1870; Lieut.-General 1st October, 1877; General 25th December, 1877; retiring on full pay 4th June, 1879.

He served with the R.M. Battalion, and was present during the whole of the active operations under General Sir de Lacy Evans on the North Coast of Spain, in the years 1836-37 to the conclusion of the war; at the passage of the Uremea and the capture of the Carlist lines, 28th May. 1836; attack on the fortified village of Alza by the Carlists 6th June; the repulse of Evans before Irun and Fuenterrabia 10th July—wounded on 12th July and mentioned in despatches; repulse of the Carlist attack on the right bank of the Uremea, 1st October; operations on the right and left banks of the Uremea, 10th to 15th March, 1837, and capture of the Carlist lines. Battle of Hernani, 16th March, defeat and flight of the Anglo-Spanish army. The Bayonne "Telegraph" stated "the only force which held its position was a small battalion of British Royal Marines." General Evans reported "repulsing a force four times its number," and in the words of Lord Minto, "with its characteristic steadiness and gallantry it protected the retreat of the Queen's Army." At the surrender of Irun and Fuenterrabia to General Evans; capture of Hernani by the Spanish Army and allies under Field-Marshal Espartero; taking of the enemy's lines on the river Orio by General O'Donnell; subsequent surprise and flight of the Spaniards and massacre of the remains of the British Legion, 600 officers and men, who without arms had thrown themselves into a church in the village of Andoain. Lieut. Lambrick on one occasion rescued Private S. Wadsworth, R.M., from under fire of a Carlist picquet. He was awarded the 1st Class (Military Division) of the order of San Fernando, but consequent on the regulation then in force, requiring a large fee, he did not apply for permission to wear it in England. Served on the coast of Syria, 1840-41. Was in command of the military guard on the convict ship *Cadet* when on fire. The official report states "When the ship was on fire, 5th August, 1844, off St. Paul in the Southern Ocean, its speedy extinction was mainly attributable to the cool, active, intrepid conduct of the Royal Marines." Was appointed Justice of the Peace for New South Wales. Served as second in command of the R.M. Battalion employed on special service in Mexico, Vera Cruz, 1861-62. Was Aide-de-Camp to the Queen from November, 1864, to March, 1870. Originated the scheme of weekly payments to the soldier, 1870-71, *vide* minute of the L.C. of the Admiralty, 17th February, 1870.

He married—first—Miss Dillon, daughter of the late Lieutenant Dillon, Royal Navy, and—afterwards (11th January, 1860)—Matilda Ann Elizabeth, eldest daughter of General Sir Charles Menzies, K.C B.. K.H., K.T.S., and Knight of the Order of Charles the Third, of the R.M. Artillery, by whom (who died 8th March, 1898) he had sons—the Rev. George Menzies Lambrick and the Rev. Chas. Menzies Lambrick.

Births.

Clark—On Jan. 4th, at Forton, the wife of Corpl. L. Clark, R.M.L.I., of a son.

Kappey—On 31st Jan., at Hamilton Lodge, Hamilton Road, Southsea, the wife of Captain M. A. B. Kappey, Indian Staff Corps (now Indian Army) of a daughter. Indian papers please copy.

Talbot—On 23rd Feb , at Eastney Barracks, Portsmouth, the wife of Major H. Lynch Talbot, R.M.A., of a son.

Marriages.

Radwall—Taylor - At St. Michael's Church, on Feb., 3rd, 1903, by the vicar, Prebendary Denison, Arthur Radnall, Esq., of Clifton, Watford, to Ethel Nina, youngest daughter of Major James D'Esterre Taylor, late of R.M.L.I., and granddaughter of the late Captain Richard Taylor, R.N., of Kinsale and Rock Abbey, co. Limerick.

Holmes—Farrow—At the Baptist Church, Deal, on 25th Feb, 1903, Pte. F. Holmes to Bessie Farrow.

Starling—Bullock—At New Brompton, on 1st Feb., Pte. W. J. Starling to Emily Bullock.

Rogers—Moore—At Parish Church, Portsea, on 1st Jan., 1903, Pte. T. W. Rogers to Ethel Eliza, Hetty, Moore.

Wareham—Windebank - At Parish Church, Portsea, on Jan. 31st, 1903, Pte. W, T. Wareham to Ellen Mary Windebank.

Coombs—Trivett—At Parish Church, Alverstoke, on 24th Jan. 1903, Pte. J. Coombs to Alice Trivett.

Northcott—Gibbs—At Abbey Church, Sheppy, on 17th Feb. 1903, Pte. J. Northcott to Annie Gibbs.

Deaths.

Lambrick—On the 30th Jan., at Sunnymead, Cheddar, General George Lambrick, R.M.L.I. (retired), in his 89th year.

Thelwall—On the 31st Jan., at Great Berkhampstead, Mary E. D. Thelwall, of heart failure following influenza, beloved wife of Lieut.-Col. E. D. Thewall, late R.M.A., only daughter of the late Rev. T. Norris Williams, Treffos, Anglesey, in her 59th year.

Vanstone—At Plymouth, on Jan. 30th, the dearly-beloved wife of Pte. A. E. L. Vanstone, R.M.L.I , aged 36.

Short—At R.N. Hospital, at Haslar, on Feb. 21st, 1903, O Coy. Gnr. J. D. Short, R.M.A.

Murdock—At R.N. Hospital, Haslar, on 22nd Feb., 1903, K Coy. Act. Br. G. Murdock, R.M.A.

Downs—On 22nd Feb. in Melville Hospital, Pte. J. E. Downes.

Farr—On 13th Feb. in Melville Hospital, Pte. G. W. Farr.

Sheppard—On 21st Feb. in Melville Hospital, Pte. W. Sheppard.

Longley—On Feb. 22, infant son of Sergt. C. W. Longley, at Chatham

Owen—On 29th Dec., Pte. M. Owen, serving in Fantome, (Ch. Div.)

Clark—On Jan. 23rd, at Forton, Reginald, infant son of Corpl. and Mrs. Clark, age 17 days.

Russell—On Feb. 3rd., at R.N. Hospital, A Coy. 2349, Pte. J. C. Russell.

In Memoriam.

In loving memory of Edwina Anna, widow of John Hill Williams, of Blackheath, and daughter of the late General Sir Edward Nicholls, K.C.B., R.M., who died 27th Feb., 1902.

Answers to Correspondents.

BROM.—Many thanks for Story, which we hope to use shortly. We are trying to find time to answer your letter, and hope to do so shortly; but it has to be fitted in the intervals of official duties, and we find it difficult at times.

IMPLACABLE.—Thanks for results, but we are prevented from publishing them now.

DORIS. -Thanks for results, but see above.

R.D.H.—Thanks for story, which we hope to use.

H. E. FRYER.—Thanks for contribution, which we hope to use later.

Q.M.S. J. SCOTT.—Thanks for story, which we use.

J. H, THOMPSON.—Many thanks for your good wishes and kind expressions

DIDO BEAUMONT.—Thanks for story, which we keep at present.

The Editor begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following Subscriptions, etc., with many thanks. Received up to Feb 27th., 1903.

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Ocean	1	16	6	*Grafton* ..	1	13	0
Lieut. E. L. Gerrard		1	6	*Repulse* ..		10	3
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Editorial.

WE are glad to be able to state that our circulation is steadily going up, and now reaches nearly 5,300 copies. We thank all our readers for their kind support, and hope that several new ships lately commissioned will send their orders in soon.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to appoint Major L. T. Pease, R.M.A., serving in H.M.S. *Revenge*, to be an additional Naval Member of the Ordnance Committee. This appointment has been dated 20th February, 1903, is during pleasure, and is subject to any alteration in the constitution or work of the Committee which may hereafter be decided upon.

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Major and Bt.-Lieut.-Col. G. G. Aston, C.B., R.M.A., will embark in H.M.S. *Revenge* to relieve Major Pease.

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Capt. L. W. Miller, R.M.L.I., is seconded for service as Adjutant of Auxiliary Forces, dated 3rd February, 1903.

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It is notified for general information that His Majesty's Levees will, until further notice, be held at Buckingham Palace instead of St. James' as heretofore.

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The undermentioned Officers have passed in H.M.S. *Vernon* course of instruction in Wireless Telegraphy:—Capt. G. L. Raikes, R.M.A., Lieut. C. G. G. Crawley, R.M.A., Lieut. St. G. F. G. Caulfield, R.M.A., and Lieut. C. Williams, R.M.L.I.

Capt. H. F. Mackay, R.M.A., to be Adjutant of the Highland R.G.A. (Vols.), *vice* Capt. A. F. E. Stiffe, R.A., whose tenure has expired, dated 4th March, 1903.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Capt. A. S. Morse being allowed to resign his Commission in the R.M.L.I., dated 4th March, 1903. There will be no promotion of a Lieutenant to the rank of Captain in this instance on account of the recent return to the Corps of Capt. J. Marchant, R.M.L.I., from the Seconded List.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Major E. S. D. Crowther (half-pay), R.M.L.I., being placed on the Retired List from the 13th March, 1903, inclusive, on account of medical unfitness for further service, under the provisions of Order-in-Council of 30th November, 1882. Their Lordships further approve of this Officer being allowed to remain in New Zealand in accordance with his request.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Lieut. A. W. G. Ridings, R.M.A., serving in H.M.S. *Ocean*, being promoted to the rank of Captain in the R.M.A., from the 9th February, 1903, inclusive, *vice* Mackay, seconded. This promotion is conditional on Capt. Ridings passing in Artillery within nine months from the date he disembarks from H.M.S. *Ocean*.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of an application from Mr. M. H. Stewart that the resignation of his Commission as 2nd Lieutenant, R.M.L.I., be cancelled. In consequence of the above, 2nd Lieut. Stewart has been directed to report himself at Chatham Headquarters without delay, and he is to proceed to H.M.S. *Excellent* for a course of Gunnery Instruction with the remainder of his class on the 30th March.

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Capt. F. C. Edwards, R.M.L.I., on return to the Corps from the Seconded List, is absorbed in the establishment, *vice* Miller seconded, dated 17th February, 1903.

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Capt. J. Marchant, R.M.L.I., on return to the Corps from the Seconded List, to be borne as supernumerary to the establishment, commencing 24th February, 1903, and is absorbed in the establishment, *vice* Morse, resigned Commission, dated 4th March, 1903.

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The undermentioned Officers to be held in readiness to embark for passage to the ships noted against their names:—Lieut. C. D. O'Harmer, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Katoomba*, to relieve Lieut. W. P.

Arbuthnot, R.M.L.I.; Lieut. E. C. B. Hare, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Terror*, to relieve Lieut. E. F. Trew, R.M.L.I.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the following routine promotion and appointment in the R.M.L.I.:—Capt. H. D. Palmer, seconded for service in the Egyptian Army, to be Major on the establishment, *vice* Mercer, supernumerary, dated 13th March, 1903. Major Palmer is appointed to the Plymouth Division.

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Capt. T. R. Godfrey to be Staff Officer at the Depôt, R.M., *vice* Mercer appointed D.A.A.G. R.M. Forces, dated 13th March, 1903. There will be no promotion to the rank of Captain, *vice* Palmer, in consequence of the return to the Corps of an Officer from extra regimental employment within three months. Capt. Godfrey will vacate the appointment of Staff Officer on attaining two years seniority as Major, if the period of his employment be not previously expired.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the appointment of Major and Bt.-Lieut.-Col. B. A. Milne, R.M.A. (retired), as Recruiting Staff Officer at Exeter, being extended for one year from the 30th June, 1903.

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Capt. T. H. Griffiths, R.M.L.I., has been invalided home from H.M.S. *Hibernia* on account of Mediterranean fever, and is taking passage in H.M.S. *Maine*, which will probably arrive at Portsmouth on the 31st March. Capt. H. A. H. Jones, R.M.L.I., will be held in readiness to embark for passage to H.M.S. *Hibernia* to replace Capt. Griffiths.

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It has been notified that Capt. A. H. French and Lieut. C. B. Mullins, R.M.L.I., passed an examination in subjects *a* and *b* for promotion at Malta.

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It has been notified that Mr. Bell, Assistant Civil Engineer, will take over the charge of the Works Department at Forton, *vice* Mr. Barton, on the 31st March, 1903.

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Capt. H. C. Bennett, R.M.L.I., has embarked in H.M.S. *Renown* to relieve Capt. N. F. Trotman, R.M.A., who has been nominated for the appointment of Adjutant of the Royal Jersey Artillery Militia.

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Capt. T. O. H. Lees, R.M.L.I., will embark in H.M.S. *Vivid* to relieve Capt. E. K. Story, R.M.L.I., on the 2nd April, 1903.

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We congratulate Lieut. B. A. Hill, R.M.A., on being again included in the English International Rugby Team that played against Scotland.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Paymaster and Major W. J. Gaitskell, R.M.A., being granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel from the 24th March, 1903, inclusive, under Order-in-Council of 18th July, 1898.

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The undermentioned Officers and N.C. Officer qualified at the Examination of the 210th Party at the School of Musketry, Hythe, on the 18th March:—Capt. F. E. C. B. Chichester (1st in order of merit) and Lieut. G. R. S. Hickson (2nd), R.M.L.I.; Capt. J. H. Jones (7th), R.M.A.; Distinguished: Capt. J. D. H. Shaw and Lieut. A. F. Salkfield, R.M.A., and Sergt. T. York, R.M.L.I. The D.A.G., R.M., has much gratification in calling attention to the high places taken by Capt. Chichester, Lieut. Hickson and Capt. Jones

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The Prince of Wales presided at the Annual Meeting of the Royal Naval Fund at the Royal United Service Institution on the 25th March, when Major-General W. P. Wright, Colonel W. T. Adair and Major D. Mercer were among those present. His Royal Highness said he desired to add his thanks to those of the Committee and to General Wright for all the care he had taken in arranging the distribution of the money collected for the relief of the sufferers by the loss of His Majesty's cutter *Active*.

Officers' Foreign Service Roster.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to direct that the following changes, relative to the employment of Majors, R.M., are to take place from the 1st April, 1903:—

The distinction at present existing between "Senior" and "Junior" Major to be abolished.

All Majors (Artillery and Light Infantry) to be placed on one roster for embarkation; Officers for the Senior Flagships being selected.

Officers hereafter appointed to the Regimental Staff to be required to relinquish their appointments on attaining two years seniority as Majors, if their period of service has not previously expired.

Majors of over two years seniority to be employed at Headquarters in supervising groups of Companies without relieving the Majors and Captains in command thereof, of their duties or responsibilities.

Majors of under two years seniority to command Companies if not employed on the Staff or otherwise.

With reference to para. 3, and G.S.O. para. 198, the Majors' Roster has been prepared by placing upon it all officers at present serving in the order in which they would have been brought on to it had it been existing when the present senior Major in the Corps was promoted. Each officer has been credited with the whole of the Foreign Service time made in the rank of Major, without deduction on disembarkation.

With reference to para. 3 above, and by Admiralty Letter of 21st March, 1903, and Table D, Admiralty Circular, letter No. 140, N $\frac{17395}{1902}$ of 19th Dec., 1902. Officers at present serving on the Regimental Staff will vacate their appointments as under:

(*a*) The following Officers, viz: Captains Oldfield, Dobree, and Cottingham, R.M.A., Captains Evelegh, Godfrey, Stroud, Hobbs, Lambert, and Mullins, R.M.L.I.

(i.) On expiration of 5 years from date of appointment, or—

(ii.) On attaining 2 years' seniority as Major, whichever shall first occur.

(*b*) In the case of the Officers named below:

(i.) On expiration of 5 years from date of appointment, or—

(ii.) On the date when under existing regulations they would have succeeded to the Senior Majors' List, or—

(iii.) The following dates:

Major Slessor, 19th Sept., 1903; Major Cox, 6th Feb., 1904; Major Parsons, 12th Dec., 1904; Major Saumarez, 7th Oct., 1905; Major Luard, 16th May, 1906; Major Eady, 31st May, 1906; Captain Brabazon, 4th June, 1906; Major Bendyshe, 22nd August, 1906; whichever shall first occur.

On the same principle, Majors who are afloat or on Foreign Service are to be credited with all Foreign Service time made in that rank up to 31st March, 1903, as under:

	yrs.	days		yrs.	days
Luke ..	4	106	Campbell ..	1	161
Scott ..	3	208	Shubrick ..	1	94
Clarke ..	3	197	Byne ..	1	81
Willis ..	3	115	Holman ..		350
Urmston ..	2	275	Matthews ..		350
Hoskyns-Abrahall	2	164	Aston ..		277
Cumming ..	2	114	Connolly ..		145
Kappey ..	2	3	Vincent ..		131
Field ..	1	309	Bernard ..		38
Goddard ..	1	280	Palmer ..		19

These Officers, like all others disembarked after 1st April, 1903, will be subject to conditions of G.S.O., Art. 224.

Majors, R.M.A. and R.M.L.I.

Major E. P. Brittan, R.M.A., U.O.; Major C. L. Gordon, R.M.L.I. Major E. C. B. Roe, R.M.L.I.; Major H. S. N. White, R.M.L.I. Major C. E. Curtoys, R.M.L.I.; Major C. N. Trotman, R.M.L.I

Chat. 15. PRIVATE C. SMITH, R.M.L.I.

Rejoined the Corps on 23rd August, 1861, and was discharged to pension from the Depot on 24th February, 1903, after 41½ years' service.

Our photograph was taken by Sergt. Worters, R.M.L.I.

The Royal Marines' Dinner Club.

THE Annual Dinner will take place on Saturday, April 25th next, at 7.45 p.m., at the Whitehall Rooms, Hotel Metropole, S.W., on which date the Memorial to those who fell in South Africa and China will be unveiled.

H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief of the Corps, has been pleased to intimate his intention to be present, and will preside.

The charge for Dinner this year is 25s., in addition to the Annual Subscription of 5s., to be paid before April 15th next to the Hon. Secretary.

The charge for officers who are not members is £2, under Rule 5 (*c*).

It is requested that names of officers intending to dine may be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary by April 15th.

The first Annual Meeting of Members of the Club will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at the Whitehall Rooms, at 12 noon, to confirm, or, if required, amend the Rules and elect the permanent Committee.

Officers wishing to bring forward any amendments are requested to communicate with the Hon. Secretary, enclosing proposed amendments and the name of a seconder, by April 18th.

G. T. Onslow, Colonel, R.M.L.I.,
7, Whitehall Place, S.W. Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

We regret that a misprint occurred in the announcement of the Corps Dinner in last month's issue. The First Annual Meeting of Members of the Dinner Club will take place on April 25th, at 12 noon, and not on 15th as there stated.

The Royal Marines Memorial.

THE Memorial will be unveiled on Saturday, April 25th, next, by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Marines, at 3.30 p.m.

Enclosures will be found for the convenience of spectators.

In order to cover expense it will be necessary to issue tickets at a small charge, as far as space will admit, for friends of officers. This charge will be notified later.

No charge will be made to officers who have subscribed to the Memorial, for themselves.

All Officers, N.C. Officers, and Men of the Corps in uniform will be admitted to the enclosures without tickets. Retired officers not in uniform, and pensioned or other ex-N.C.O.'s and men will require tickets.

Applications for tickets for friends and for individuals not in uniform, should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary by Tuesday, 14th inst., either direct or through representatives of Divisions.

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

The second Trench Gascoigne Prize at the Royal United Service Institution was awarded to Major Percy E. F. Hobbs, of the Army Service Corps, and formerly R.M.L.I. Certain alterations in the by-laws having been agreed to, Col. Holden read the report of the referees for the Military Prize Essay, 1902, and announced that the winner of the Gold Medal and First Prize was Major Astley Terry, of the Army Service Corps, and of the Second Prize of 30 Guineas, Major P. E. F. Hobbs, Army Service Corps, Chief Instructor of the Army Service Corps School of Instruction, Aldershot. Major Terry was not present, but Major Hobbs received his prize from the Chairman, who congratulated him on his success.

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A Memorial Tablet to the late Capt. H. W. H. Beyts, R.M.A., who was killed in action at Taku Arsenal, North China, during Admiral Seymour's attempted relief of the Legations in June, 1900, has been erected in St. Paul's School, London, by the Officers of the *Centurion*. The balance from the subscriptions received has been sent to the Seamen's and Marines' Orphan Fund.

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Prettyjohn's Medals.—The following subscriptions have been received up till March 24th:—

	£	s.	d.
Already acknowledged	115	0	1
Lieut. Lampen	1	0	0
Lieut. Toulmin	0	10	0
Plymouth Division	1	5	0
	£117	15	1

A. E. Rombulow Pearse, Captain R.M.L.I.

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The Navy Estimates have been published, but no alterations that affect the Corps are announced; beyond the fact that a medal for big gun shooting is to be given to the best shot in each ship, and that Royal Marines are eligible for it.

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At the monthly sale of medals in London, by Messrs. Glendining, on the 20th March, the Crimean medal with three clasps for Balaclava, Sebastopol and Azoff, fetched £2 8s.; the Egyptian medal with three bars for Tofrek, Suakin, 1885, and Alexandria, an extremely rare combination of bars, with the Bronze Star, awarded to Bugler W. J. Rudd, R.M., went for £2; and the William IV. Naval medal for long service and good conduct, given to Sergeant-Major Richard Seymour, R.M., for 24 years service, was sold for £1 9s., now a very rare medal.

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At the monthly sale of war medals by Messrs. Debenham & Storr, on 27th March, the Crimean medal with two clasps for Balaclava and Sebastopol, awarded to Pte. W. Betts, R.M., sold for 11s., and the Ashanti medal, 1873-4, awarded to Pte. J. Worrall, fetched 15s.

Home Notes

GOSPORT.

The month has been very busy and full of entertainments. As will be seen in another column, the Members of the Sergeants' Mess gave their Annual Ball on March 6th, which was most successful, and the Theatre looked very pretty with the decorations.

The Junior N.C.O's also gave their Annual Dance on the 13th, which was much enjoyed.

The Final Tie for the Company Cup was played between "A" and "E" Companies on Saturday, 14th, but after a very hard game and half-an-hour's extra play the result was a draw of two goals each, so that the tie will have to be played again.

The Officers Hockey Team were unfortunate in losing the United Service League, as they tied with H.M.S. *Excellent* in points and so had to play a deciding game, the team was unluckily very weak and we got a most decisive thrashing.

On the 24th the Regimental Bayonet Competitions were brought off, and the contests were very close and exciting, the first prize being eventually won by Pte. A. C. Budd, and the 2nd by Pte. R. Cruden. In the Bayonet Combat Team, "E" Company beat "A" Company. This contest had to be fought out to the bitter end, the scores being 4 all, so that the leaders had to fight, and they scored one each before Corpl. Russell made the winning hit for "E" Company.

About 20 of the Band are to embark in the Royal Yacht for the King's Cruise in the Mediterranean, so that we shall be without music for some time; but no doubt they will have a pleasant time in the sunny south.

On March 11th the Officers gave a *Matinée Musicale* in their Mess, which was well attended.

As the ss. *Morning* has communicated with the *Discovery* in the Antarctic Ocean, we hope we shall have some good news of our two comrades, Lce.-Corpls. Blissett and Scott, R.M.L.I.

Col. Johnstone, C.B., has arranged a most interesting series of Lectures for Officers, which are given in the Field Training Room every Saturday morning, so far the following have been given:—"Advanced and Rear Guards as applied to Naval Brigades on Shore," by Lieut.-Col. Johnstone, C.B.; "Examples of the Maxims of War," Lieut.-Col. Oldfield; "The Royal Marines in South Africa," Major Marchant, C.B.; "Autumn Manœuvres," Capt. Blumberg; and "Transport in South Africa," Capt. Hutchison.

PLYMOUTH.

The handsome cup presented by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Marines, to be competed for annually at the R.M.R.A. Meeting, was presented on parade on Saturday, the 21st inst., by the Colonel Commandant to its first winner, Lieut. H. S. Lloyd of this division. Col. Corbet, in handing over the cup, addressed the battalion, hoping that soon in this division we should see some of the medals for best shots in gunnery which it was proposed to give. He also pointed out that it was not the one marksman, but the many that won the battle, and added that if it should not be Lieut. Lloyd who would again win the cup, still it was to be hoped that it would continue to find a resting place in this division.

The Divisional Competition for prizes offered by the Military Tournament Committee was held on the Parade on Wednesday, 18th inst. There were eight prizes of 10/- awarded for the Bayonet *v.* Bayonet; one of 10/- for the Sword *v.* Sword; and one of 10/- for the Foil *v.* Foil Competitions.

Since the end of January we have been in the unfortunate position of having no rifle range. Tregantle ranges which we have lately been using were required by the military authorities, there being now, besides the R.M.L.I., four regiments in garrison, instead of only the 5th P.B. disbanded. However, we are to have the same facilities for shooting club shoots as last year, viz., with the Garrison Rifle Club, and on the Batten range. This is all very well for individual target practices, but affords no practice for team shoots.

St. Lucia.

ON April 27th, 1796, a British squadron and several transports arrived off St. Lucia, at that time belonging to the French, and a large body of troops, 800 Seamen and 320 Marines were landed to co-operate in the intended attack on Morne Fortunée.

Morne Chabot, the first post attacked, was carried on the 28th, with the loss of 13 killed and 49 wounded, but the attempt on the batteries near the grand *cul-de-sac* on May 3rd, and on the post of Vigie on the night of the 17th, although conducted with the greatest bravery, were both unsuccessful, and was attended with a loss of 12 killed, 56 wounded and 34 missing at the first of these assaults, and 1 Officer killed, 114 Men wounded and 65 missing at the latter. After a few attacks of outposts the enemy retired to the Fortress of Morne Fortunée, and having obtained a suspension of arms, the garrison, amounting to 2,000 men, marched out with the honours of war and laid down their arms. The total loss sustained in the reduction of this valuable colony amounted to 66 killed, 378 wounded and 122 missing.

The Marines of the Squadron assisted in these operations, and their promptitude and gallantry was acknowledged by Lieut.-General Sir Ralph Abercromby in the handsomest terms.

Extract from GENERAL ORDERS *of May 27th.*

"It will afford the Commander-in-Chief the greatest satisfaction to be able to lay before His Majesty the eminent services which have on this occasion been performed by the Royal Navy, and Admiral Sir H. C. Christian will confer a particular obligation on Lieut.-General Sir Ralph Abercromby and the Army at large, if he will communicate to the Royal Navy . . . and to the Corps of Marines, the obligation which they consider themselves under to them."

Nicholas' Historical Record of R.M. Forces.
Gillespie Historical Review of R.M. Corps.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of the Globe & Laurel.

CRIMEAN REMINISCENCES.

Your story respecting the Sergt.-Major, Corporal, and the Smuggled Whiskey, recalled to my mind an incident on the heights of Balaclava with the Sergt.-Major of the 1st Battalion. From unknown causes I was in the black books of Acting Sergt.-Major Smith, and could not do anything right. I was releasing sentries one dark cold frosty morning at 4 a.m. I took it upon myself to leave four of the relief on the top of the hill, taking the other two men on to the advanced post in the Ravine and Sand Bag Battery. This post was a double one. On my return to the hill top, my relief had disappeared, and after a time I found them in charge of the S.-M. "*Look here, Corporal, if you cannot do your duty as a Corporal you shall do it as a Private.*" "Yes, sir," I said, and ordered the relief to close up, quick march. S.-M. in a passion, "I say halt and listen to me, sir." "Yes, sir," after a long argument and instructions to march the whole relief to the bottom in a proper manner. "Sir, I said, that's impossible, it's steep and only one man can go at a time, it's dangerous for the men; several have fallen and hurt themselves in the night time." S.-M., "You dare to argue this point with me, I shall have you reduced." All this and much more in presence of the men.

The S.-M. would not allow me to explain. I reported the case to the Sergeant of the Guard, he was in a terrible way, and said I would get into trouble. I said, "No, Sergeant, you know I meet the General at 2 a.m." and he said it was the proper way to leave the spare men so that they could see the post and the guard room. You see they have made me a prisoner until you returned, or I should have succeeded in passing every one. "Do you know me?" "Yes, Sir Colin."

I quickly sent the Sergeant of the Guard to visit the double post and they intercepted the General trying to get through again.

Sergt.-Major Smith made his report, but we never heard a word about it, at 11 a.m. he was reported on the sick list.

And Oh! what a surprise, Corporal Terrall, who had been Acting Sergeant for over twelve months, was installed as Acting Sergeant Major of the 1st Battalion, on the Heights of Balaclava. I have often wondered what became of Sergeant Terrall, and how he fared on getting home. If he had been in the Highland Brigade there is not the least doubt he would have been given a commission.

I am, yours, &c.,

CRIMEAN VETERAN

30 days.

APRIL, 1903.

1	Wed.	*Isis* captured *Oriflamme*, 1761. *Amelia* and Batteries Aix Roads, 1809. Application of Officers of Marines to share in Prize Money, 1708. Abolition of distinction between Senior and Junior Majors, 1903. Increase of pay, 2d. a day, to all N.C.O.'s and Men, 1902. Increase of pay to Officers, 1903.
2	Thur.	Battle of Copenhagen, 1801.* Gingehlovo, South Africa, 1879. (*4*)
3	Frid.	Tamaai, (*5*) Egypt, 1885. Relief of Ekowe, South Africa, 1879. (*4*) First Mutiny Act passed, 1689.
4	Sat.	Dabulmanzi's Kraal, South Africa, 1879.
5	**Sun.**	Capture of Carical, East Indies, 1760, (*1*) Martaban, Burmah, 1852. Order-in-Council for Establishment of Corps under Admiralty, Chatham, Portsmouth and Plymouth Divisions, 1755. *Amethyst* captured *Niemen*, 1809.*
6	Mon.	Defence of Alicant, 1708.
7	Tues.	Sortie from Acre, 1779,* death of Major Oldfield. (*2*)
8	Wed.	*Diamond*, &c., in Caen River, 1798.
9	Thur.	Storming the lines of St. Lazar, Carthagena, 1741. (*3*) South America.
10	Frid.	Barcelona, 1786. *Astrea* captured *Glorie*, 1795.*
11	Sat.	Basque Roads, 1809.* Capri, 1806. Single Breasted Tunics uniform, 1856, Officers.
12	**Sun.**	Off Dominique, (Lord Rodney's action), 1782. Mutiny of 8th West India Regiment quelled by Marines, and detachment 68th Regiment at Dominique, 1802. Colonels 2nd Commandant established 1832.
13	Mon.	
14	Tues.	
15	Wed.	Tobago, 1793. (*6*)
16	Thur.	Cullodon, 1745. 5th Regiment of Marines.
17	Frid.	Rangoon, conclusion of War, 1852. Jhamowlee, Indian Mutiny, 1858. *Sirius* captured *Bergère*, 1806.* Changes in uniform of Officers, 1902. Frock coats and waist sashes re-introduced. F.S. caps and buff belts abolished. Old pattern cuff for R.M.L.I. introduced.
18	Sat.	Lexington, 1775. (*7*) New Providence, 1783.
19	**Sun.**	Concord, 1775. (*7*)
20	Mon.	Outer Batteries, Sebastopol, 1854. *Indefatigable* captured *Virginie*, 1796.*
21	Tues.	*Mars* captured *L'Hercule*, 1798.* Single Breasted Tunics for N.C.O.'s and men, uniform 1856.
22	Wed.	Bombardment of Odessa, 1854. Martini-Henry Rifle taken into use, 1875.
23	Thur.	Expedition to Belleisle. (*8*) Capture of heights of Sancon and march on Palais, 1761. Off Guernsey, Sir J. B. Warren's action, 1794.
24	Frid.	*Grasshopper* at Faro, 1808.*
25	Sat.	Action at Puchawas, Indian Mutiny, 1858. Prome occupied, 1825.
26	**Sun.**	*Irresistible* and *Emerald* captured two Spanish Frigates, 1797.
27	Mon.	St. Lucia, 1796. (*10*)
28	Tues.	French town, Chesapeak (*9*) captured 1813.* Boats of *Orpheus* captured Letter of Marque at Whampoa, 1813.*
29	Wed.	Title of "Royal" granted to Corps, 1802. Capture of Fort and village of Nuggur, Indian Mutiny, 1851. Tauranga (Gate Pah), New Zealand, 1864.
30	Thur.	Surinam captured, 1804. *Rivoli* captured *Melpoméne* off Ischia, 1815.

(*1*)—Major Monson and 300 Rank and File. (*2*)—Major Oldfield in command (See page 110, Vol. I., *G. & L.* (*3*)—1000 Marines present. (*4*)—Captain, now Colonel-Commandant J. Philips, C.B., and Detachments. Lieut. (now Maj.-Gen.) Dowling was in command of detachment in fort. (*5*)—Lieut.-Colonel now Colonel-Commandant N. F. Way, C.B., and Battalion of 500 Rank and File. (*6*)—Major Bright and Detachment. (*7*) Major Pitcairne and Grenadiers of Battalion. (*8*)—Colonel Mackenzie and two Battalions of 500 Rank and File. (*9*)—Captain Wybourn and Captain Carter and 150 Rank and File. (*10*)—320 Marines.

* Actions for which the Naval War Medal or Clasp was granted.

We should be much obliged to any of our readers who will kindly send us accounts of events mentioned in the Almanac, and also for any corrections in or additions to the above.—*Ed. G. & L.*

Royal Marines' Rifle Association.

THE ACTIVE SERVICE CUP,

AN INTER-DIVISIONAL TEAM COMPETITION.

PRIZES.—The Challenge Cup, presented by Major J. Bernard, R.M.L.I., and £8 10s. to the winning team, with £4 5s. to the second team, from the funds of the Association.

ENTRANCE FEE.—Nil.

TEAM.—One team from each Division and the Depot consisting of one officer as half company commander who will not fire or usurp in any way the function of the Section Commander. One Sergeant as Section Leader, musketry staff included. Sixteen rank and file, not to include more than one Corporal (or Lance-Sergt., paid or unpaid), or Bombardier and one Lance-Corporal or Acting-Bombardier. No N.C. officer, gunner, or private holding an appointment specified in para. 545, G.S.O., R.M., is eligible to compete. The Half Company Commander will hand in to the Chief Umpire, before the commencement of the march, a certificate signed by his Commanding Officer stating that the whole of the team are eligible under this rule.

DISTANCE.—Extreme range not more than 1000 yards.

NUMBER OF SHOTS.—Unlimited, within the number of rounds carried by the team.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS.—(1) The match will, this year (1903) be fired by each team on its own range. (2) A march of 4½ miles in one hour immediately before firing; no halting allowed, no doubling allowed in first half hour. Penalties—(a) For each minute or part thereof over time in the march deduct four points; (b) Any member of the team absent when the officer in charge reports to the Chief Umpire at the conclusion of the march, cannot subsequently join his team. (3) Targets will be head targets (of German pattern) of life size and painted. They will be placed singly by the Chief Umpire in partially concealed positions such as would be adopted by an enemy in the field. (4) The special idea will be handed to the officer by the chief umpire before the commencement of the march. On arrival at the point marking the termination of the march, the Chief Umpire will indicate to the officer the objective and the frontage available (for safety reasons), the actual course of the team may, if necessary, be marked by flags. The section will be extended by its commander, and the men will occupy firing positions. The Chief Umpire directs firing to commence and at the expiration of 1½ minutes he whistles the "Cease Fire." Any member of a team firing after the "Chief Umpire's whistle "Cease Fire" loses two points for each shot. The men will then be ordered to unload by their Section Commander (for safety). When the Chief Umpire is satisfied, he indicates to the Half Company Commander that he may move to the next firing position, which is always to be at the "double." (5) Each hit to count one point. (6) Service sights only may be used. (7) Dress for Section Leader and rank and file—Serge Tunics, field service caps, leggings, rifle and sling, two braces, two pouches, waistbelt, frog, sidearms, filled water bottle, haversack containing one pair uniform socks, one pair canvas shoes (both to be in good condition), 90 rounds S.A.A. in the pouches, 10 rounds S.A.A. in the magazine. Officers' dress—Sam Browne belt with both braces, revolver pouch with ten rounds S.A.A., rifle and sling, field service cap, filled water bottle, haversack, leggings, field glasses. (8) The Committee have appointed Lieut.-Colonel J. R. H. Oldfield, R.M.L.I., as the Chief Umpire for this competition for 1903.

NOTE.—The conditions may be modified or extended by the Chief Umpire as he may consider necessary. His ruling on any point is final.

REGISTERS—SPECIAL.—To be provided by the Honorary Secretary, Royal Marines Rifle Association.

PLACE, DATE, AND TIME.—To be arranged locally by the chief Umpire for 1903.

For the Committee,

G. H. J. MULLINS, Captain, R.M.L.I.,
Hon. Sec., R.M.R.A.

FOREIGN STATIONS COMPETITION.

AUSTRALIAN STATION.

Owing to the fact that very few ships of this squadron were together in 1902, the competition for the Badge was not held till early this year, when the winner of the 1901 Badge secured that for 1902.

Scores as under—

Lance-Corpl. F. Gooderson	R.M.L.I.	H.M.S.	*Katoomba*	89
Gunner A. Acarnley	R.M.A.	,,	*Royal Arthur*	87
Sergt. W. H. French	R.M.L.I.	,,	*Pylades*	86
,, W. F. Haeger	,,	,,	*Royal Arthur*	84
,, C. Jewell	,,	,,	*Phœbe*	82
Gunner G. Scott	R.M.A.	,,	*Royal Arthur*	78
,, A. L. Turner	,,	,,	*Royal Arthur*	76
Sergt. N. King	R.M.L.I.	,,	*Royal Arthur*	75

PRINCE OF WALES' CUP.

Last year the Prince of Wales presented a large challenge cup to the Royal Marines Rifle Association for competition amongst all ranks of the Royal Marines serving ashore and afloat. The first competition took place at Aldershot last year, and the Plymouth Division, of which His Royal Highness is Colonel-in-Chief, is to be congratulated on being able to claim the first winner of the cup in the person of Lieut. H. S. Lloyd, assistant instructor of gunnery. The trophy, which is held by the highest individual scorer in ten rounds, each at 600 and 800 yards, for twelve months, is a large double-handled silver cup with the inscription "The Prince of Wales' Cup. Challenge cup presented to the Royal Marines' Rifle Association by His Royal Highness George, Prince of Wales, K.G., Colonel-in-Chief to the Corps, 1902." The feathers are engraved on the lid. A medal and £5 go to the winner of the Cup.

The ceremony of presentation was performed by Col.-Commandant A. D. Corbet, C.B., at the Royal Marine Barracks, Stonehouse, on 1st March, in the presence of the divisional officers in barracks and the battalion. Having just returned from a route march, the battalion, commanded by Lieut.-Colonel J. W. Robyns, was formed up on the parade, and the handsome trophy was placed on a pedestal in front.

The following telegram has been received from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Marines, in reply to one sent by Colonel Commandant A. D. Corbet, C.B., and officers of the Plymouth Division, informing him of the presentation to Lieut. H. S. Lloyd, the first winner of the challenge cup given by His Highness to the Royal Marines for the best individual shot :—

"Prince of Wales very pleased to receive your telegram. His Royal Highness congratulates Lieut. Lloyd on being the first to have his name inscribed on the cup.—(Signed) Godfrey Fausset, Equerry."

Football.

PORTSMOUTH.

R.N. DEPOT *v.* R.M.L.I. (U.S. League).—Played at Forton on March 4th, and after a very pleasant game resulted in a win for the Depot by 2 goals to *nil*.

FINAL COMPANY CUP.—"E" *v.* "A."—This was played in the Barrack Field on March 13th, and resulted in a draw, 2 all; extra time was played, but no definite conclusion was arrived at, so the match will probably be replayed early in April. The match was very interesting, creating a tremendous amount of enthusiasm, and some good football was witnessed. We had the pleasure of seeing some of the old divisional team in the persons of Capt. Hutchison and Private Ribbons, and they appeared in as good form as ever, and we venture to predict that they will help the team next season. The Col. Commandant was present and would have presented the cup had either team have won.

RIFLE DEPOT *v.* R.M.L.I.—Played at Forton, and resulted in a win for the R.M.L.I. by 6 goals to 1.

We have a few more matches to play. Ryde on Easter Monday; Gosport Athletic in the Portsmouth League and R.M.A.; 6th Company, *Excellents'*, in the U.S. League.

Ptes. Robson and Dickson, two old members of the team, have been invalided; we hope to be able to play a benefit match for Robson, who is unable to follow any employment.

G. B. N.

Disembarkation of a Force in presence of the Enemy.

This Lecture was given by Lt.-Col. Daniell, R.M.L.I., at Plymouth, on 10th February.

THE subject on which I have to lecture to-day is a very large one: the transport of a force over seas and its landing in an enemy's country is an operation which has been a familiar one in the history of the British Empire, and history abounds in instances of this kind. The difficulty is not in lack of material but rather in its abundance, to know what to reject and what to select as typical and instructive instances.

I have for example a table drawn up by Capt. Markham, of R.M. Artillery, containing no less than 226 examples of operations of this nature during the last 150 years, a table which might be further amplified by the experience of the last few years, but I do not propose to weary you by innumerable instances, but rather to deal with the subject in a general way, and in the discussion to follow my lecture the personal experience of officers present will, no doubt, bring to light points of practical interest and clothe the dry bones of history with flesh and sinews, and make them of practical value. I want to try then to put before you the main principles of the operation, illustrating them as far as I am able by the experience of what has proved successful, or unsuccessful, in the past, and I would avoid, as far as I can, tedious statistics and figures. The latter are necessary to the individual officer who has to plan out the landing of any particular force in any particular locality, but in dealing with this or any other subject in a broad sense, I think a lecturer does well to keep as clear of masses of figures and complicated time tables as possible.

I have, however, if any one cares to see it after the lecture, some valuable notes as to the actual times of disembarkation of a Division, lent to me by Capt. Stewart, of the Liverpool Regiment, lately one of the instructors in my branch at Woolwich, and taken from notes from the lecture of the Professor on Staff Duties at the Staff College.

When I began to look up the matter of this lecture I came across the record of an expeditionary force, of which it is hard to say whether the landing was or was not strictly in the presence of the enemy, but as the incident is not without a touch of humour, and is also instructive in a negative way from the entire neglect of the rules of the game, I hope it will not prove wearisome if I briefly describe it.

In 1797 an expedition was prepared at Brest, and a lightly equipped force of 1050 men, under Tate, were to be landed in England in or near Cardigan Bay.

Another expedition under Hoche, with 15,000 men and 43 transports, was to co-operate, but this force was delayed by contrary winds, and Tate with three frigates arrived off Fishguard, and proceeded to land. The moment the expedition was sighted the country side turned out *en masse*, beacons were lighted and the military and peasantry assembled. There were only 750 in all, but they were reinforced by the warlike women of those parts, who were especially blood-thirsty and eager to repel the foreign invader. The force succeeded in landing, but the frigate put to sea in an alarm of a vessel in the offing, and Tate with his 1050 invaders were left between the devil and the deep sea; he surrendered unconditionally on the beach, and the military force found its principal occupation in protecting the invaders from being torn to pieces by the civil, or in this case the uncivil, population, actively aided by the amazons of the West Country. I do not quote this with the object of drawing any strategical lesson, as of course the expedition was badly conceived, badly equipped, and badly carried out, but it is interesting, I think, as being the last attempt at an invasion of our shores, and it certainly does illustrate the difficulty of landing in the face of an hostile population, to say nothing of an organised resistance.

But to return to a more serious consideration of the subject we will assume that a force properly equipped and organised has been duly mobilized and is in the high seas *en route* to the theatre of war; there is one point that I think should be carefully borne in mind, if the force is moving altogether with transports and escort of ships the control of the whole should be clearly and definitely put in the hands of the senior naval officer from port to port.

In the recent Spanish-American War the neglect of this precaution led to dfficulties. The following quotation from Roosevelt's Rough Riders is significant:—

"We had a good deal of trouble with the transports because they were not under the control of the Navy."

Unity of purpose and co-ordination is most essential, and if there is anything in the nature of dual control the success of the undertaking is imperilled.

The first point then that I would press is that the flotilla should be definitely under the control of the senior naval officer who commands the ships of the escort, or of some naval officer detailed by him. Next, and it is an important point, it is obvious that no attempt can be made to land troops on an enemy's coast either in face of opposition or unopposed if the enemy possesses a Navy, or can conclude an alliance with a Power possessing a Navy, unless the attacking Power has a thorough command of the sea.

This expression, "command of the sea," is a very wide and far-reaching one, and means not only sufficient naval strength to convoy the transports safely over the seas without interference and consequent delay, but also sufficient strength to ward off and frustrate any attempts to interfere with the difficult and complicated task of actually getting the troops on shore, and it requires naval strength sufficient for these purposes:—

(1). To convoy transports.

(2). To cover the landing and possibly to undertake serious bombardment.

(3). To engage and beat an enemy's fleet, it may be at a considerable distance from the actual scene of disembarkation.

It depends upon a variety of considerations, of which the actual number of ships is only one, though the main one, others being the geographical situation of the Power making the attack, as regards coaling stations, naval bases, and cable communications. We all know and readily appreciate the importance and value of good lines of communication in land operations, but I think, perhaps, we hardly realise that to an insular Power like Great Britain, the lines of communication over the high seas are not less well defined than the roads and railways over land, are of equal strategic importance, and demand every whit as much thought, care and attention. Imagine how infinitely complicated our task in the late war would have been had the Boers been a naval Power, or had they been in alliance with a naval Power.

As lines of communication over the seas are long, highly vulnerable, and on their safety depends the success of every expeditionary force, be it large or small, be it a punitive expedition simply, or a serious and protracted military operation, I suppose without undue self-congratulation we may take it for granted that at present Great Britain is the only Power that has such a command of the sea as we have indicated to be necessary.

Passing on a step farther, we will assume that our transports and escort are safely over the sea, and that the ocean highways from which interruption may come, are duly watched and patrolled by cruisers, while the fleet is on the alert to move speedily to any spot from which interference with the disembarkation of the expeditionary force by naval action could come.

The spot chosen for the landing will usually depend upon strategic considerations, it may be, and frequently has been, at a fortified harbour, or it may be at a place undefended by works.

In the former case the operation becomes more difficult and demands more naval strength than in the latter, but in either case much the same procedure is required in the early stages.

Reconnaissance.

(1). A most thorough and searching reconnaissance must be made, both from a naval and military point of view. Much of the information required will doubtless have been compiled and recorded by the Intelligence Department in time of peace, but still much remains to be done on the spot. I think I am not wrong in saying that previous to the bombardment of Alexandria, in 1882, there was a good deal we did not know about the armament of the forts, and I am well

acquainted with an officer who, in the guise of a pedlar, succeeded in supplementing our information. Again, in 1854, though we knew something about the Crimea, the expeditionary force were ignorant as to the state of Sevastopol and the number of its defenders, and the fleet had to remain at anchor at their rendezvous while the principal officers, naval and military, French and English, steamed along the coast to select a suitable landing place. The landing took place in the open bay of Eupatoria, the transports being moored to one-third of a mile and upwards from the shore, 326 boats and 24 horse flats were used, and 14,200 men and two Batteries of Artillery were landed within six hours. The beach was suitable for unloading boats.

From a naval point of view for the reconnaissance a sheltered bay is preferable to an open beach, and a regular harbour to either, as there is always a danger that the fleet may have to put to sea, unless they have a good anchorage, in bad weather, and the Army be left high and dry; or communication may be cut off.

This has happened more than once; to give an example: In 1798 an expedition was landed to destroy sluice gates at Slykens, near Ostend. During the disembarkation the weather became too bad to allow more men to land, 1,400 men were ashore and the sluice gates were destroyed, but the men were entirely cut off from the ships by the weather, and next morning, after a sharp fight, were compelled to surrender.

Deep water inshore is also necessary to allow of boats getting close in. The rise and fall of the tide is an important factor to be considered, and the presence of wharves, piers, or the possibility of constructing them when once some men are ashore must also be considered. In Zula Bay (Abyssinian Expedition) and at Ismalia (Egypt, 1882) everything had to be brought in small craft, but some jetties existed and others were made. Suakin and Trinkitat had land-locked harbours, but all large vessels had to moor at that distance from the shore.

Sea space for anchorage is also important. Large vessels anchored require 400 yards in which to swing, if moored rather less, so in a front of 1½ miles about seven transports could be anchored or nine moored. From a military point of view the reconnaissance must embrace all the points with which we are so familiar.

If the position which covers the landing place is occupied, it will be necessary to ascertain the exact extent, the position of the flanks, and their protection, natural or artificial, because a flank attack of some sort is absolutely certain to be necessary before the defenders can be dislodged. The nature and position of the lines of communication, road, river, or rail leading inland, and what facilities there are either at the exact spot or somewhere in the immediate neighbourhood for furnishing a secure base, remembering that in the chain of communication, *the link*, viz: that between the fleet and transports and the first force on shore, will be at any rate for the first day or two *the* link of the greatest importance. It must be strong, as strong as ever possible precaution can make it, for failure here means disaster. The reconnaissance should be entrusted to specially selected officers, as it is of the highest importance, and I venture to think that in peace time we might perhaps pay more attention to coast reconnaissances for practice, and if such an arrangement were possible they should be carried out by naval and military officers together. I believe that the R.E. at the S.M.E., Chatham, in their reconnaissance course on joining do execute a coast reconnaissance, and I know at the Staff College we did something in this line beyond Colchester, but I think it is a subject to which very many officers have perhaps given little attention.

In this connection I should like to point out the desirability of all officers making themselves acquainted with the 'Caw-Signs' used for Admiralty Charts, as well as those used for the Ordnance Maps. It is done, I believe, in the Royal Garrison Artillery, as it necessarily comes in in coast defence.

Reconnaissance of a coast with a view to landing is quite a special branch of reconnaissance and does not come by the light of nature, it demands a considerable knowledge of various things which are not much of every-day occurrence in an officer's ordinary experience, and is a difficult matter. For example we will take the case of a force wishing to land near Portsmouth, unless the reconnaissance on shore had on the east thoroughly dealt with the intricacies of Langston Harbour and its extensive mud flats and tortuous creeks, or in the west with the similar state of affairs in and about Fareham Creek, a landing force might very easily find itself hopelessly cut off, powerless for action, and in danger of being altogether wiped out. Good maps will of course tell you much, but the best map, I think you will all agree, never tells you exactly all you want to know.

A striking instance of the necessity of careful reconnaissance on all points is furnished by the disastrous expedition in 1807 to recover Buenos Ayres. A force of 9 Battalions, 2½ Cavalry Regiments, by far the largest portion without horses, and 16 Field Guns, 7,822 rank and file in all were landed on June 28th and 29th at Ensenada de Barragon, about 30 miles below Buenos Ayres, to march on the city, where it was believed the inhabitants would prove friendly. Buenos Ayres had a garrison of 6,000, and a population of 70,000, it was unfortified but the streets were barricaded. The march was delayed by swamps and the weather, and the force arrived at Buenos Ayres on July 2nd.

Our portion was misled by a guide and the force entered the city in several columns.

The inhabitants did not prove friendly, quite the contrary, the columns were isolated in the streets, the result was disastrous and they had to surrender. It is not an incident which we can regard with pride, but it brings out into clear relief the necessity of *good reconnaissance, correct operation*, and a well conceived and organized plan for all landing operations.

May I then emphasise as much as I can this point, *a thoroughly efficient reconnaissance by land and sea.*

If I seem to lay too great stress on this I must plead in defence that I have for the past five years been teaching "Reconnaissance" at the Royal Military Academy, and it becomes a second nature, like King Charles' head in Mr. Dicks' celebrated memoir, "it keeps on coming in," but with this difference, that it is doubtless relevant in the highest degree to every military operation.

(*To be continued*).

"To be Shot."

THE death of General Lambrick recalls to my mind a gruesome yarn told by an old comrade of mine—one Dick Rawlinson, a Preston lad.

Dick was with the Spanish Brigade of Marines, and the late General Lambrick was at that time a Subaltern.

The first time I heard this yarn, it was "on guard" in the Woolwich Dockyard, and the Marines were great story tellers in those days, having very few books.

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"Now, Dick, let us have your yarn first."

"Well, boys, I was sentenced to be shot."

"O, Dick, draw it mild."

"Never mind those Cockneys, go on Dick."

"Well, boys, no lies—it don't pay. You see, I was only what was called a Johnny-raw when I went out with the Battalion to Spain, for the purpose of putting down the Carlists. We had a very hard time of it; boots worn out, clothing in rags and tatters, often hungry and cold. After about three months' fighting, we came to a tier of hills on which was an old castle; this we occupied and put into a state of defence as quick as possible. The hills beyond the castle came to an abrupt ending, by a deep chasm, as if the hill had been split in two, and a river at the bottom of the cliffs. At some places the cliffs were quite a mile apart, and at others only forty yards, and twenty at some places. There was no sign of a road or a bridge over the hill. About three miles to our left the hills dropped down and there was a road and a ford across the river here.

"Two posts for double sentries were selected, and an extra picque in charge of a Sergeant patrolled. About a week after we had been camped on the heights, I was told off for duty on one of the double

posts. My chum was Dan Dawson. The extra patrol that night was in charge of the then Acting-Sergt.-Major ——, who visited each post every half-hour after dark. After 8 p.m. no patrol came, and we both felt very anxious. So Dan suggested that one of us should go down to the corner and see if the patrol was about. Soon after he had left me I heard rustling in the bushes and grass, but could not see anything, so I moved close up to a bush and kept very quiet. I heard the bushes move again, but I thought it was some dogs or pigs we had seen during the day; but my heart went thump, thump, and I wished Dawson was back again. I waited about ten minutes listening for Dan to return, he did not; so at last I went on down the path cautiously, until I arrived at the corner, and there was Dan lying down with his head nearly cut off. My knees trembled. What was it? I could not speak, but I fired my musket at something in the bushes and gave a yell, and started running for dear life for the reserve guard. I looked once behind me, and saw someone following, so I put on an extra spurt, and fell down at the reserve guard's tents. I was unable to speak for some minutes. The officer of the guard was Lieutenant Lambrick. After I had told him, he sent for the Colonel, and they made up a strong picquet, placing me in front of it to shew them the way to Dan Dawson. On our way back to my post, we found the Sergeant-Major and his whole patrol killed and hacked about most dreadfully, and then we found Dan and one Spaniard killed; he had Dan's musket and a long knife. All the men's gun's were gone, but there were traces of men up to the water of the ford.

"I was put on the same post again, but with the understanding that I should be shot for cowardice the next morning. Lieutenant Lambrick came with the picquet to visit the post several times, and had a long talk with me, and said he would do what he could for me. So the Colonel next day said he would see what the General said about it. I would be either shot or flogged.

"The next night I was put on the same post by order and you can fancy we had to keep a good look out. About ten p.m. that night whilst looking up between the two cliffs at the sky, I noticed about three miles away at the very highest point, something kept passing from one side to the other like birds flying, and after watching it for a long time I called the officer's attention to it. 'Yes,' he says, 'it's very strange. How long is it since you noticed it?' 'About two hours; you see that star in line with the chasm, sir, as soon as it came in sight I saw those things moving about, that is about two hours.'

"The Colonel was sent for, but he could not make anything out. 'Oh, he says, 'it's that man who ran away last night from his post, I begin to think he's fooling us, for I can't see anything.' Lieutenant Lambrick says 'Oh, yes, Colonel, I can see something quite plain. Do you think it's men passing over from one cliff to the other, although they look small from here.' 'Dick, says my mate, 'I'm afraid you're in for it. Old Owen's in a big rage, but the Lieutenant says you are right, and they are going to send out some natives to find out if there is anything.'

"The same thing was kept up the next night. The next day the news came that about 5,000 Carlists had crossed over and were going to attack our position that night. So everything was made ready for them, and about three a.m. they came four to one. The Joe's were given great praise for giving them a good beating. Lieut. Lambrick was in the thick of it, and we buried about a thousand of the Don Carlist's men and some of our own. It was reported that the Marines were the only men who did not retreat, and Lieut. Lambrick said it was on account of my very good look out that they found out that the enemy was crossing over from one height to the other during the night, and the sentence to be shot was cancelled.

"I was kept at the post where Dawson, the Sergt.-Major and his patrol was murdered, until we left the place."

"Sentry go—fall in the first relief."

"Dick, you may tell such yarns to the Marines, but not to the Horse Artillery, if you do the Horses will kick you out."

Dick Rawlinson's yarn.

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This is a true yarn and Dick was the only man who escaped from the picquet.—Yours truly, W. TURNER, late Colr.-Sergt.

Entertainments.

ROYAL MARINE BALL AT STONEHOUSE.

The warrant-officers, staff-sergeants and sergeants of the Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I., held their annual ball at the Town Hall, Stonehouse, on March 6th. The decorations were on a lavish scale. Flags, plants, and palms, lent by Mr. John Lockie, M.P., were ranged round the hall, with fairy lamps. On either side of the platform drums were piled, and an interesting addition to the flags, palms, &c., was a collection of rifles from the period of the old flintlock to the Menlicher repeating weapon. Two Maxim guns from the Longroom Battery also formed an attraction. Over 600 invitations, including those to the senior non-commissioned officers of the regiments stationed in the Three Towns, had been sent out. Among those present were Col.-Commandant A. D. Corbet, C.B., and Mrs. Corbet, Col.-Second-Commandant C. G. Gordon and Mrs Gordon. Mr. John Lockie, M.P., and Miss. Lockie, Capt. and Staff Officer A. H. and Mrs. Brabazon, Capt. and Adjt. E. H. and Mrs. Morres, Lieut.-Col. J. W. Robyns, Capt. E. J. Stroud, Lieut. and Mrs. Harmar, Lieuts. Norcock. Jerram, Sinclair, Risk, Knight, Pope, Fawcett, Anderson, Grey, and Harrison, Sergt.-Majors S. Perry, T. Jolley, and Aggett, Superintending Clerk J. Davidson, and Schoolmaster W. T. Goss. Dancing was kept up until an early hour, music being provided by a portion of the divisional band. The arrangements were carried out by a committee.

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION SERGEANT'S BALL.

The annual ball given by the sergeants of the Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., was held at the Theatre, Forton Barracks, on Friday, March 6th. About 400 invitations had been issued and most of them were accepted. The officers of the Division were present in large numbers and included Lieut.-Cols. McCausland, Brittan, and Hearle, Major Marchant, C.B., Capts. Hutchinson and Lambert, Capt. and Adjt. H. E. Blumberg, Surgeon White, C.B, R.N., and several of the younger officers. The theatre had been tastefully decorated by Colr.-Sergt. Harrison and Sergts. Wells and Sperring. A portion of the Divisional band supplied the music for the usual number of dances, which lasted from 9 o'clock till the early hours of the morning. The M.C.'s were Colr.-Sergts. Noakes and Harrison, Sergts. Wells, Reid, Smith, and Sperring, and the arrangements were made by Colr.-Sergt. Harrison (President of the Games Committee), and a large committee.

The annual ball of the Junior N.C.O.'s, Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., was held in the theatre, Forton Barracks, on Friday, March 13th, the company numbering over 300 and including several officers of the Division and representatives from all the regiments stationed in the garrison. The music was provided by the Divisional band and dancing was kept up till the early hours of the morning and resulted in a very pleasant evening for all. Corpl. C. J. Cole discharged the duties of Secretary and Corpls. Haynes and Botterill, Lce.-Corpls. Noble and Blackmore were the M.C.'s.

A very successful entertainment was held at the Theatre, Forton Barracks on Wednesday, March 11th, which attracted a large number of people, who spent a very pleasant evening. The programme was a very popular one and was contribnted to by the Divisional band, Mr. J. Reynolds, Musician Hutty, Ptes. Seel and Parrett, Miss E. Eames, Miss Ivy Jones, and Lance-Corpl. Miller. A very amusing farce, entitled "Dandelion's Dodges," was produced by Colr.-Sergts. Bowman and Warner, Corpl. P. D. Crawley, Lance-Corpl. H. Bell, Mrs. Warner, and Miss L. Mould, and it is enough to say that the acting was of a first-class order, everyone conducting their parts admirably.

BILLIARDS—R.M.A. v. R.M.L.I.

A very pleasant evening was spent at Eastney on March 10th, when the "Blues" entertained their rivals from Forton to a billiard match, the "Blues" winning by 95 points, each team winning four games. The finest game of the evening was between Gunner Mac Kiernin, and Mus. W. H. Williams, the former winning by 5. Mac Kiernin made a very good break of 38, although somewhat lucky, when 15, while Williams made a faultless 32. After the match both teams were entertained in the Library, which concluded a very enjoyable evening.

A First Shot at Big Game.

AS a boy, I was greatly impressed with accounts of the excitement and pleasure afforded by the pursuit of Game in Africa; and at last, after many years longing, I found myself in a part of that continent where game still abounds. Leaving my camp early one morning, accompanied by three natives, I started out for my first shot at big game. I carried a single falling block ·303, and entrusted one of the natives (who professed himself a hunter) with my double ·500 express. The country in this neighbourhood presented a dreary appearance, the grass and bush having been so recently burnt as to leave places still smoking. What with the hot sun overhead and the dust-laden breeze from the charred grass, the going soon began to tell on my strength, as I had but recently recovered from a sharp attack of malaria contracted on the West Coast. However, my spirits were suddenly revived by an exclamation of "N'yama" from one of the natives. Looking in the direction in which he pointed, I discovered a large herd of animals, about half-a-mile away. By means of my glasses I saw that they were zebra, and a grand sight they were. There must have been at least a hundred of them. Never having shot anything larger than a hare I was very keen on trying a stalk, but was restrained by my hunter who said, "No good, Baas," whether he meant that the zebra were no good or the stalk impossible, I know not, but I took his advice, and turning my back reluctantly on so fine a sight we started off in another direction. The burnt grass, where we now marched over, was evidently caused by a fire some weeks before, and bright green blades of young grass were springing up through the deposit of gray ash. Numerous tracks could be seen about the greener patches, impressed on this layer of ashes. Suddenly my hunter pointed to some rather large impressions, and in that peculiar tone which natives adopt when nearing game, whispered "M'peeva." I just knew enough of the language to know that "M'piva" meant water-buck, an antelope, whose head I coveted more than any other at that time. However, nothing could be seen within range of my glasses, and I turned to my natives for suggestions. After much examining of tracks and argument, they pointed to a far distant green-looking oasis on this bare burnt ground. We now set off in this direction, and the contents of my water bottle having already gone I felt very thirsty and hot, and badly needed some sight of game to keep me going. At last we reached the place where my boys assured me the waterbuck must be; and certainly from my study of books on African sport, it was an ideal spot. A lake about half-a-mile long and sixty yards wide was straight in front of us, and dense grass fringed the banks. Carefully peering into likely looking spots, we had examined the near side of the lagoon when I called a halt and we all sat on an ant heap, under the shade of a neighbouring palm, to take much needed stand ease. We must have been sitting thus for at least ten minutes, when my hunter suddenly touched my shoulder, and pointing to the opposite side of the pool, whispered once more the magic word "M'piva."

Not eighty yards from us and staring at us in an unconcerned way were three cow waterbuck, and pretty beasts they looked with their shaggy coats and beautiful heads. They appeared not in the least alarmed, and even approached close to the bank to get a better view of us. I was just about to take a shot at the nearest when I saw the tips of some horns advancing through the long grass towards the does, which were in view of us. A few moments later a fine bull emerged from the cover and walked out into the open. He at once directed his gaze towards us, but apparently did not take any alarm. Aiming at the point of his shoulder as he stood three quarters turned to us, I endeavoured to take a steady aim, but I was so shaky with excitement that the heavy rifle seemed to wander all over him; on pressing the trigger, the recoil caused me to slide down the ant-hill, and on scrambling up again, nothing was to be seen. I turned anxiously to my boys and could see by their gestures that I had made a successful shot, I now tried to persuade them to cross the lagoon to ascertain the result of my shot, but this they flatly refused to do. I afterwards found that they had every reason for not complying with my request, as the next day I saw an enormous crocodile in this very pool. We accordingly all went round to the other side, though the going was anything but pleasant, through swamps and long grass. Arriving at the spot I was delighted to see my buck lying stone-dead. I at once set to work to skin his head and neck, and his stuffed hea is now opposite me as I write. The meat was all carried back camp and eaten by my boys with apparent relish. I have shot man sorts of antelope since, but none have afforded me the keen enjoyme as this, my first, did. The way back to camp seemed now quite eas going, and it was with pride I shewed my trophy to my fellow sport man (an old hand at big game.) He smiled approvingly and talke about waterbuck with thirty-inch horns, but said that those of min though not long, were at least symmetrical.

H. E. FRYER, Surgeon, R.N
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Anecdotes.

MRS. MALAPROP'S RIVAL.

Mrs Malaprop will have to look to her laurels if we hear many mo remarks like the following The subject under discussion was the ad vantage of the typewriter over ordinary penmanship.

"There is one thing," remarked the Rival, "the typewriter is eve so much more 'eligible'"

On another occasion the Rival was giving an account of a trip fro Yokohama to Timbuctoo, or somewhere else foreign: "Yes," he sai "when we were three days out we passed a 'dialect,' but the skipp said he hadn't time to take it in tow."

Another time he was complaining of the wear and tear of his boot "Look at these I've got on," he said, "only been in wear thre months; I've had 'em soled once and clumped twice, and now the won't stand 'renoverating' any more."

But it is on the subject of musical instruments that he excels Someone was remarking on the beauties of the violin and how grace fully an accomplished lady plays it: "Yes," he said, "the violin allright, but I reckon, for a girl, you can't beat one of them 'auto graphs.'"

"Talking of dogs," said the Colonel, "A friend of mine has Gordon setter. She's the most sympathetic dog I ever heard of. Sh has the maternal instinct so strong that she has brought up a litte not her own."

"I've known of such cases," said a hearer. "There was a hen ha a chicken. The hen died and the chicken was in sore distress. This dog took pity on it and brought up the chicken." "Yes," said anothe listener, "that's curious, but it is not uncommon."

"And now," continued the Colonel solemnly, "that chicken barks."

(*Donegals Own.*)

Overheard recently at one of the R.M. Divisions: "I say, Tankey going out for a walk." "No, only taking "Jock's" bike (Parade roller out for exercise."

Shooting.

A Shooting Match took place on Saturday, 21st February, 1903, i the Gymnasium, Portsea, between teams representing the R.M.A Cadet Corps and St. George's C.L. Brigade. The following were the scores:—

R.M.A. CADET CORPS.		*H.P.S. 30.*	ST. GEORGE'S C.L. BRIGADE.		
Sergt. V. Squires	..	23	Mr. F. Lawrence	..	2
Cadet W. H. Carter	..	20	,, Bowes	.. ..	2
Mr. Roberts	.. ..	19	,, Adams	.. ..	2
Cadet F. Laney	.. ..	17	,, Bridle	.. .. ..	2
,, W. B. Marsh	..	16	,, Holding	.. ..	2
Bombr. P. Hopkins	..	15	,, Cochrane	.. ..	2
Cadet T. A. Webber	..	15	,, Farmer	.. ..	2
Sergt. R. J. Watson	..	14	,, Callaway	.. ..	1
Bombr. Hy. Kerwin	..	14	,, Smith	.. ..	1
Sergt. G. Grieg	..	10	,, Alcock	.. ..	
	Total	163		Total	20

St. George's C.L. Brigade won by 44 points.

The Return Match took place at Eastney on Saturday, 20th February, when the R.M.A. Cadets won by 11 points. Scores :—

R.M.A. Cadet Corps.			St. George's C.L. Brigade.		
		H.P.S. 24.			
Cadet W. B. Marsh	..	20	Mr. Alcock	.. ..	19
Sergt. R. J. Watson	..	19	,, J. Adams	.. ..	17
Cadet F. E. Carter	..	19	,, Lawrence	.. ..	16
Sergt. V. Squires	..	17	,, Smith	.. ..	15
Cadet W. H. Carter	..	17	,, Callaway	.. ..	15
Bombr. Hy. Kerwin	..	14	,, Bridle	.. ..	14
,, P. Hopkins	..	14	,, M. Adams	.. ..	13
Cadet F. Laney ..	..	13	,, Sparshott	.. ..	12
,, T. A. Webber	..	10	,, Holding	.. ..	11
	Total	143		Total	132

The average age of the R.M.A. Cadets was 12½ years.

EASTNEY.

The result of Musketry Training, 1902-3 :—

Trained Men.

No.	Marksmen.	2nd Class	Figure of Merit.
1063	364	699	138 / 17

Best Squad 141 / 22 — Best Shot, Gnr. Miles, 201

Recruits.

No.	1st Class	2nd Class	Figure of Merit.
387	347	40	377 / 35

Best Squad — — Best Shot, Pte. Boulton, 477

Gnr. Miles shot for the Coburg Cup last year, and is still eligible.

Judging Distance.

Sergt. Claves, 50. Sergt. Birch, 49. Sergt. Denham, 44.

Revolver.

Officers, 69. Best Shot, Capt. Homer, 92.
W.O. and N.C.O.'s, 64 Best Shot, Q.-M.-S. Ede, 88.

The Annual Winter Rifle Meeting took place in the Morris Tube Gallery between November 17th, 1902, and February 9th, 1903, each event lasting a week.

Programme.

(*A1*) 200 yards, standing and kneeling. Open to recruits who had not passed "Table A."

(*A*) 200 yards, standing and kneeling. Open to recruits under 3 years' service, not winners of spoons.

(*B*) 200 yards, standing and kneeling. All comers.

(*A1*) 500 yards, sitting and lying. Classes A1, A and B, as before. Entrance nil. Unlimited entries. Ammunition 1½d. per 7 rounds. Service marking.

(*C*) Vanishing Target. 7 rounds. Open to recruits under 3 years' service.

(*D*) Vanishing Target. 7 rounds. Open to all comers.

(*E*) Running Man. 7 rounds. Open to recruits.

(*F*) Running Man. 7 rounds. Open to all comers.

(*G*) Sharpshooting Competition. Two blackened corks placed on sticks represent opponents. Competitors fall in opposite cork at the order. At signal "Go" both make ready and fire at cork (any position) until a cork is hit, when successful competitor passes into next round. If neither cork is hit at the end of one minute, both drop out.

Winners of Range Prizes.

(*A1*) 200 yards, standing.—Ptes. Frederick, 23; Watson, 23; Merralls, 23; Carroll, 22; Goodridge, 22.

200 yards, kneeling.—Ptes. Watson, 25; Gosling, 25; Jonita, 24; Fredrick, 24; Goodridge, 23.

500 yards, sitting.—Ptes. Fredrick, 24; Merralls, 24; Goodridge, 23; Durrant, 22; Carroll, 21.

500 yards, lying.—Ptes. Robertson, 25; Durrant, 24; Kimber, 22; Fredrick, 22; Smith, 22.

(*A*) 200 yards, standing.—Gnrs. Hillman, 27; Cowdray, 22; West, 22; Wingfield, 22.

200 yards, kneeling.—Gnrs. Hillman, 27; Lammas, 26; West, 23; Ormisher, 22.

500 yards, sitting.—Gnrs. Hillman, 26; West, 24; Davlin, 24; Lammas, 24; Stock, 24.

500 yards, lying.—Gnrs. Lammas, 28; Hillman, 26; Cowdray, 26.

(*A1*) 600 yards, lying.—Ptes. Kimber, 26; Fredrick, 25; Hines, 24; Morrow, 23; Kempsell, 23; Goodridge, 23; Durrant, 21; Barkwill, 21; Henderson, 20; Sadler, 20.

(*A*) 600 yards, lying.—Gnrs. Hillman, 26; Hauton, 25; West, 23; Rawlings, 23; Lammas, 21.

(*B*) 200 yards, standing.—Lce.-Sergts. Pottinger, 27; Hutchings, 26; Sergts. Lawrence, 26; Beddar, 26; Chell, 26; Gasson, 26; Birch, 26.

200 yards, kneeling.—Sergts. Chell, 28; Beddar, 27; Lawrence, 27; Q.-M.-S. Prior, 27; Gnrs. Englefield, 26; Bridgewater, 26; Lce.-Sergt. Hutchings, 26; Sergt.-Major Foley, 26; Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger, 26.

500 yards, sitting—Sergts. Beddow, 28; Gasson, 27; Gnr. Rimmer, 27; Sergt. Major Foley, 26; Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger, 26; Sergt. Lawrence, 26; Gnrs. Englefield, 26; Bridgwater, 25.

500 yards, lying.—Sergts. Pottinger, 28; Beddow, 28; Gnrs. Powell, 27; Rimmer, 27; Bridgwater, 27; Sergt. Stevens, 27; Lce.-Sergt. Hutchings, 26; Sergts. Gasson, 26; Birch, 26; Sergt.-Major Foley, 26; Sergt. Chell, 26; Gnr. Englefield, 26; Sergt. Lawrence, 26.

600 yards, lying.—Sergt. Beddow, 28; Lce.-Sergt. Hutchings, 28; Sergt. Gasson, 28; Gnr. Bridgwater, 27; Sergt. Lawrence, 27; Gnr. Englefield, 26; Sergt Birch, 26.

Aggregates.

(*B*) Sergt. Beddow 137, winner of spoon, average 27·4, possible 28.
(*A*) Gnr. Hillman 132, ,, purse, ,, 26·4, ,, ,,
(*A1*) Pte. Fredrick 118, ,, purse, ,, 23·6, ,, ,,

Winners—Vanishing Target.

(*C*) Ptes. Legg, 6 hits; Harris, 6; Hendry, 5; Gnr. Rumsey, 4; Ptes. Shirley, 4; Peffers, 4; Martin, 4; O'Malley, 3; Crowther, 3; Gnr. Stanton, 3; Pte. Boardman, 3.

(*D*) Pte. Goodridge, 7 hits; Gnr. Rimmer, 7; Pte. Kimber, 7; Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger, 7; Gnr. Bridgewater, 7; Bombr. Fee, 7; Pte. Fredrick, 7.

Running Man.

(*E*) Pte. Moss, 6 hits; Gnr. Wingfield, 6; Ptes. Fowler, 6; Meyrick, 6; Wooldridge, 5; Henderson, 5; Gnr. Tutty, 4; Ptes. Higson, 4; Ainsworth, 4; Cleall, 4; Hales, 4; McCormack, 11.

(*F*) Lce.-Sergt. Hutchings, 7 hits; Gnrs. Powell, 6; Bridgewater, 6; Rimmer, 6; Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger, 6; Gnrs. Englefield, 6; Rumsey, 5; Ptes. Shirley, 5; Kimber, 4; Boardman, 4.

Sharpshooting.

(*G*) 1st.—Pte. Ainsworth. 2nd.—Gnr. Nagle. 3rd.—Gnr. Fowler, Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger. 4th.—Gnrs. Sylvester, Bridgwater, Pte. Greest, Gnr. Robinson.

Musketry Training (Portsmouth Division) for 1902.

Total number completed Table "B," 1,017.
Figure of Merit, 126.
Percentage of Hits, Field Practices, 26.
Average in Miscellaneous Practices, 11.

Best Company for the year, "O" Detachment, commanded by Major A. E. Marchant, C.B., with Figure of Merit, $\frac{138}{36}$.

Best Individual Score for the year was made by Lce.-Corpl. Thos. Lea, 216 points.

13 Recruit Officers, Figure of Merit, $\frac{125}{56}$.

Revolver.

Officers—No. Exercised, 23; Figure of Merit, 62.
W.O's and S. Sergeants, 10; Figure of Merit, 62.

R. J. Wigginton, Q.M.S.I.

Births.

UREN—On March 9th, the wife of Lce.-Sergt. Uren, of a son.

WRAY—On March 7th, at Walmer Cottage, Walmer, the wife of Brevet-Major Wray, R.M.L.I., of a son.

TOLLEY—On March 23rd, at Forton, the wife of Pte. W. Tolley, R.M.L.I., of a daughter.

JONES—On March 10th, the wife of Sergt. H. M. Jones, R.M.L.I., of a son.

SAMPSON-WAY—On March 7th, at 11, Elliot-street, The Hoe, Plymouth, the wife of Captain Sampson-Way, R.M.L.I., of a son.

SHEWEN—On the 23rd March, at Waldack, Ashburton-road, Southsea, the wife of Lieut.-Col. Mansel Shewen, Indian Army, of a son.

Marriages.

FARLEY—APSEY—At St. Peter's, Portsea, 24th January, 1903, Gnr. W. A. Farley, R.M.A., to Miss F. G. Apsey.

YOUNG—COPE—At St. James', Portsea, 21st February, 1903, Gnr. C. Young, R.M.A., to Miss J. Cope.

WOOLLEY—RIDDETT—At Parish Church, Emsworth, 12th February, 1903, Bombr. J. A. Woolley, R.M.A., to Miss F. E. Riddett.

YOUNG—LOSCOMBE—At Registry Office, Portsea, 29th January, 1903, Lce.-Sergt. H. F. Young, R.M.A., to Miss E. E. Loscombe.

WORSFOLD—BERRY—At Registry Office. Portsea, 2nd February, 1903, Gnr. H. Worsfold, R.M.A., to Miss A. J. Berry.

EATWELL—EVANS—At St. James', Portsea, 8th March, 1903, Gnr. A. W. Eatwell, R.M.A., to Miss E. Evans.

RUFF—PICKERING—At Registry Office, Portsea, 2nd February, 1903, Bombr. J. A. Ruff, R.M.A., to Miss A. M. Pickering.

HURN—BURNS—On the 4th March, at the Parish Church, Deal, Sergt. G. T. Hurn to Miss E. A. Burns.

BATE—KERR—On Thursday, the 19th March, at St. Mary's, Islington, by the Rev. Horace Patterson, Captain Francis W. Bate, eldest son of the late Major J. J. Bate, R.M.L.I., to Helen M. Talbot Kerr, youngest daughter of the late Captain Kenneth Schomberg Kerr, R.N. South Africa and New Zealand papers, please copy.

HAZLERIGG—McCHEANE—On the 17th March, with the sanction of the Bishop of London, at the Church of the Annunciation, Bryanston-street, by the Rev. A. McCheane (brother of the bride), assisted by the Rev. and Honrble. Canon Brodrick, Master of St. Cross, Winchester, and the Rev. W. R. Pascoe, Thomas, eldest surviving son of General T. M. Hazlerigg, late R.A., to Edith Violet, only daughter of the late Lieut.-Col. W. H. McCheane, R.M.L.I., and of Mrs. McCheane.

Deaths.

MARKS—On the 2nd March, Maude Jane, daughter of Clr.-Sergt. T. W. Marks, aged 1 year 9 months.

COLE—At Ebley, whilst on leave, Pte. G. N. Cole.

SEE—At Forton, on February 2nd, George Henry, infant son of Sergt. G. and Mrs. See, aged 13½ months.

HARRISON—At Forton, on March 11th, Dorothy Ada, daughter of Clr.-Sergt. and Mrs. Harrison, aged 7 years.

HALLAM—On board H.M.S. *London*, 15th February, 1903, M Co. Gnr. J. F. Hallam, R.M.A.

HAYBALL—On board H.M.S. *Anson*, 12th March, 1903, M Co. Gnr. G. Hayball, R.M.A.

LUTTS—Pte. T. Lutts, R.M.L.I. (*Duke of Wellington*).

Answers to Correspondents.

B.R.D.M.—Thanks for story, we are trying to find time to write to you, but must plead pressure of work.

MR. GEORGE—We are considering your consideration, and hope to be able to do something.

COL. ONSLOW—Many thanks for books, safely received, which we hope to be able to send out shortly.

CORPL. KELLY—Thanks for story.

MR. MERRISAN—Thanks for anecdote.

The Editor begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions, etc., with many thanks. Received up to March 28th—

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Editorial.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has graciously notified to the Deputy-Adjutant-General that he was very much pleased with everything connected with Saturday's function.

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The great event of the past month has been the Unveiling of the Royal Marines Memorial, in London, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., Colonel-in-Chief, on the 25th April, a full account of which we give in another column. We were exceedingly fortunate to have a magnificent day for it, and the whole ceremonial was most brilliant, and carried out without any hitch. We feel sure we are but voicing the feelings of the Corps in stating how greatly we feel the honour bestowed on us by His Royal Highness for his kindness and sympathy, and also in expressing the thanks of the Corps to the Committee who have carried out the Memorial to its conclusion, and especially to the energetic Secretary, Col. Onslow, C.B., R.M.L.I. The Memorial itself is very fine, the attitude of the figures is graceful yet full of strength and dignity, and the whole forms a fitting representation of the Corps in the Metropolis. We are sure the whole Corps will feel a great feeling of gratitude to the Sculptor, Capt. Adrian Jones, for the splendid manner in which he has carried out the whole work.

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Many people having expressed a wish for photographs of the Memorial, we are requested by the Hon. Secretary of the Memorial Committee to give notice that photographs are in course of preparation of the Memorial itself, of the Inscription with list of names, and of the Bas-Reliefs. It is proposed to sell copies at a low rate at the several Canteens, profits being added to the Memorial Funds. Information as to price and when the photographs can be obtained will be issued later.

Major E. P. Brittan, R.M.A., embarked in H.M.S. *Majestic*, on the succession to the Command of the Channel Squadron by Vice-Admiral the Rt. Hon. Lord Charles W. D. Beresford, C.B., R.N., on the 17th April.

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The following extract is taken from the *London Gazette*, dated 27th March, 1903: Lieut. J. G. Horne, R.M.L.I., is placed on Half-Pay on appointment as A.D.C. to the Governor of Western Australia, dated 26th February, 1903.

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Capt. G. L. Raikes, Lieuts. C. G. G. Crawley, St. G. F. G. Caulfield, R.M.A., and Lieut. C. Williams, R.M.L.I., passed a qualifying course in Wireless Telegraphy on the 20th March, 1903.

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The undermentioned Officers were detached to Hythe on the 21st April for a Course of Instruction at the School of Musketry: Capt. H. N. H. Houghton, R.M.L.I., Lieuts. G. W. Lushington, R.M.A., G. L. F. Shewell and C. Williams, R.M.L.I.

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Lieut. G. Harrison, R.M.L.I., will be the Officer to embark in H.M.S. *Hermes* on that ship commissioning.

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It has been notified that Capt. J. B. Finlaison, R.M.L.I., has requested permission to resign his appointment as Officer in Charge of Danger Buildings, Waltham Abbey, and that the Secretary of State for War has granted his application. He will therefore return to duty under the Admiralty as soon as his successor has been appointed. Capt. Finlaison will be attached to the Chatham Division, and will be borne as Supernumerary until absorbed.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Major L. T. Pease, R.M.A., being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel by Brevet, from the 10th April, 1903, inclusive, under Order-in-Council of 19th March, 1883.

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Lieut. J. E. L. Wilton, R.M.L.I., has embarked in H.M.S. *Monarch*.

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The King's Commands have been received for the celebration of His Majesty's Official Birthday at all Naval Stations within the waters of Great Britain and Ireland on the 26th June this year, and until further orders, and on all Foreign Stations on the 9th November this year, and until further orders.

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Lieuts. H. de L. Willis, C. G. Billing and S. A. Stoddart, R.M.L.I., passed a satisfactory examination at Chatham on the 23rd March in subjects *a* and *b* for promotion.

Major R. F. Percy, R.M.L.I., Temporary Half-Pay List, having been re-surveyed and found medically unfit for further active service, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of his being placed on the Retired List, under the provisions of Para. 13 (a) of Order-in-Council of 29th November, 1881, from the 6th February, 1903, inclusive.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Captain J. Marchant, R.M.L.I., being transferred to the Army Pay Department, on probation, under the provisions of Article 411 of the Royal Warrant for Pay, etc.

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An exchange of Divisions has been sanctioned between the undermentioned Officers: Major W. S. S. Harvest, R.M.L.I., Plymouth Division, and Major C. N. Trotman, R.M.L.I., Chatham Division.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the formation of a Cadet Corps at the Depot, Royal Marines, similar to that formed at the Royal Marine Artillery Headquarters, Eastney. Their Lordships also sanction an annual allowance of 3,000 rounds of Lee-Metford, and 10,000 rounds of Morris Tube ammunition so long as the numbers remain approximately the same as at present.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Capt. P. W. Simmons, R.M.L.I., being allowed to undergo a special course of instruction at the Ordnance College, commencing May 1st, 1903, *vide* Army Order No. 64 of April, 1903. Capt. Simmons has been directed to join the Ordnance College on the 1st May accordingly.

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The undermentioned Officers have been selected for the course of Gymnastic Instruction commencing at Aldershot on the 1st May, and arrangements will be made for the disembarkation of those serving afloat in sufficient time to join the class: Lieut. W. A. Jolly, R.M.A., H.M.S. *Royal Oak*; Lieut. H. Blount, R.M.A., H.M.S. *Repulse*; Lieut. J. Bush, R.M.L.I., Headquarters; Lieut. A. A. Cordner, R.M.L.I., Headquarters; Lieut. H. C. Atkinson, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Implacable*; Lieut. J. M. Smith, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Mersey*; Lieut. G. H. Morgan, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Edinburgh*; Lieut. C. E. S. Wright, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Cæsar*. The undermentioned Officers (and Attendants) are to be held in readiness to embark in the ships noted, to replace those selected for the course of instruction above referred to: Lieut. H. R. Twiss, R.M.A., H.M.S. *Repulse*; Lieut. C. G. G. Crawley, R.M.A., H.M.S. *Royal Oak*; Lieut. G. H. H. Prynne, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Implacable*; Lieut. R. S. Gibson, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Cæsar*; Lieut. E. Tootell, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Mersey*; Lieut. P. D. Green-Armytage, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Edinburgh*; Lieut. G. Harrison, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Hermes*.

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[Owing to want of space, the continuation of Col. Daniel's Lecture is postponed till next month—*Editors, G. & L.*]

ROYAL MARINE MEMORIAL.

Whilst everyone appears to be well pleased with the Memorial so far, it is very generally admitted that more should be done to make it quite perfect.

Owing to the confined space available for the names of officers and men recorded, and the flinty nature of Portland stone, the lettering is small and not deep enough, it is considered that they would be more lasting and give a better appearance to the whole if the names were recorded on a bronze tablet let into the front panel.

The back of the Memorial is at present without bas-relief or lettering. His Royal Highness has suggested that it would be most appropriate, this being the only memorial to Marines *alone* in London, that the names of the great actions by sea and land in which our Corps has been engaged should be inscribed as an everlasting record, with space left, as H.R.H. himself said, for actions to come on these vacant panels.

The reason why there are these empty spaces is that until January last it was supposed that the Monument would be placed close to the Admiralty, where the back would not be seen.

These additions require more funds, for which the Committee feel they can confidently appeal.

As soon as possible the Committee will obtain estimates and plans, but in the meantime the Hon. Secretary wishes to state that he would be glad to receive promises of subscriptions.

Unveiling of the Royal Marines Memorial by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

ON Saturday, April 25th, in perfect weather—bright sunshine and no east winds to mar the ceremony—the memorial subscribed for by all ranks of the Corps, both on the active lists and retired, was unveiled by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief the Royal Marines.

Owing to the confined space available, it was impossible to accommodate more than a limited number of spectators within convenient distance, both for seeing and hearing, of the monument itself, but some 400 friends of officers, N.C. officers and rank and file, and 6 pensioners of the Corps were provided with standing room in small enclosures, in addition to many distinguished guests.

In the Mall on the side nearest Carlton House Terrace was drawn up the guard of honour of 100 men, all South African or China warriors, drawn in small numbers from the four divisions, Artillery and Light Infantry, with the band and King's colour of the Chatham Division. The officers being Major Marchant, C.B., in command, Captain Raikes, R.M.A., Lieutenant Rooney and Lieut. Richmond (carrying the colour).

Punctually at 3.30 p.m., His Royal Highness, accompanied by the Princess, arrived and was received with a Royal salute. Their Royal Highnesses, who were accompanied by Captain Viscount Crichton, D.S.O., Equerry, Lieut.-Colonel J. H. Bor, C.M.G., R.M.A., extra Equerry, and Lady Eva Dugdale in attendance on the Princess, were met by Lieut.-General A. French, C.B., R.M.A., (Chairman of the Memorial Committee), Major-General W. P. Wright, D.A.G., and Mrs. Wright Lord Selborne (First Lord of the Admiralty), and Lady Selborne, and the members of the Committee.

H.R.H. then proceeded to inspect the guard of honour, accompanied by General Wright, Lord Selborne, and (by special request of H.R.H. Field-Marshal Lord Roberts, the Princess remaining in conversation with Mrs. Wright, Lady Selborne, and General French.

The inspection completed, a move was made to a platform erected at the base of the memorial, which was hidden from view by a Union Jack and white ensign.

At the entrance to the passage between the enclosures, a bouquet composed of yellow and red roses mingled with blue forget-me-nots and tied with red, yellow, and blue ribbons (the Corps colours), was presented to the Princess by Miss A. Onslow, youngest daughter of the Honorary Secretary of the Committee.

Their Royal Highnesses with General French now took their stand on the platform.

General French, addressing the Prince of Wales, said:—

"May it please your Royal Highness,

"The Officers, N.C. Officers, Gunners and Privates of the Royal Marines, are deeply grateful to your Royal Highness for graciously consenting to be present to-day to unveil this Memorial to those of their comrades who fell in South Africa and China during the late wars, adding one more to the already numerous gracious acts tending to show the deep interest taken in the Corps which has the honor of claiming you as its Commander-in-Chief.

"When it was decided to inaugurate a Memorial to our late comrades, various suggestions were brought forward, but after mature consideration it was resolved that as the Corps of Royal Marines was not represented by any monument in the Metropolis, a suitable statue should be erected in a prominent position in London. By this means a large number of the population of the Kingdom would be made cognizant of the deeds performed by that Corps, and the citizens of London would be reminded of the devotion of a force which had its origin in the trained bands of the City.

"The Corps of Royal Marines forms an important part of His Majesty's Navy. Their motto is '*Per Mare Per Terram*,' ('by sea and by land'), and for over two centuries they have taken part in most, if not in all the glorious victories gained by the Royal Navy at sea, and may I add, Sir, with distinction; witness, for instance, the word 'Gibraltar' inscribed on their badge.

"The Badge of the Corps is the Globe surrounded by a wreath

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laurel leaves, and was conferred on them by His Majesty King George IV. On September 26th, 1827, in presenting Colours to the Portsmouth Division of Marines, H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence said: 'His Majesty has selected for the Royal Marines a device to which their achievements have entitled them and which by his permission I this day present to you, a badge which you have so hardly and honorably earned From the difficulty of selecting any particular places to inscribe on these standards, your Sovereign has been pleased to select 'The Great Globe itself' as the most proper and distinctive badge.'

"Also in many of our wars on land, both great and small, the Corps has been represented, sometimes in conjunction with Naval Brigades, at other times acting as a land force under the command of a British General.

"During the late war in South Africa the force of Marines engaged there was comparatively small, and employed as part of the different Naval Brigades landed to co-operate with the Army, under Sir Redvers Buller and Lord Methuen, and later on with the main column under our distinguished Commander-in-Chief, Lord Roberts.

"On one side of this Monument is depicted the action at Graspan, where side by side with their comrades, the seamen of the Royal Navy, they stormed that rugged hill, there gaining the highest meed of praise from that gallant soldier, Lord Methuen.

"It is also with pardonable pride that we remember the handful of our comrades who were fortunately in the Legation at Pekin, to so successfully withstand the repeated attacks of the Chinese.

"On the other side of the monument is represented the repulse of one of those attacks.

"Of the three Officers, Royal Marines, at the Legation at the commencement of the siege, one was killed and both the others wounded, consequently, on the occasion depicted, the men were under the command of Captain Myers, of the United States Marine Corps, and were led to victory by one of our gallant cousins from the other side of the Atlantic.

"History records the services of the Corps in its pages, but when to past history is added the chronicle of deeds done in South Africa and China, the names of those enumerated on the Memorial, which Your Royal Highness has graciously consented to unveil to-day, will not be forgotten."

At the termination of the speech, H.R.H. with the assistance of Mr. Adrian Jones, released the cords which held the Ensigns in place, and with scarcely a moment's pause, the whole Monument was exposed to view, eliciting loud cheers, not only from the privileged spectators in the enclosures, but from a large crowd in the Park outside.

As the Ensigns fell from the Monument, the Guard came to the slope and the Band played a short piece arranged by Lieut. Wright, Bandmaster, combining a verse of the Hymn "When our heads are bowed in Woe," with the Last Post, which was most impressive as heard by those standing round the monument.

The Prince of Wales, standing in front of the Memorial, said:

"General French,—As Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Marines, it gives me great pleasure to come here to-day to take part in this interesting ceremony, and I am very much pleased that so many representatives of the different Divisions of the Royal Marines are present. I am sure we must all experience mixed feelings on such an occasion as this. While we deeply regret that we are the poorer for the loss of those comrades to whose memory we are assembled here to do honour, at the same time I think we are justified in feeling both pride and satisfaction that we are adding their names to the already glorious roll of fame of our Corps (cheers). This memorial has had from the first my heartiest sympathy (cheers), and more especially the proposal that it should occupy some prominent position in the capital of the Empire (cheers). The site chosen seems to me to be particularly suitable, for as our motto implies that the Marines serve afloat and on shore, it is only right that this memorial should stand in close proximity to the buildings of the Admiralty and of the Horse Guards, the historic headquarters of the Army (cheers). I should like to congratulate the sculptor, Mr. Adrian Jones, on the choice of his subject, and on the able manner in which he has carried out the work of this beautiful statue (cheers). I venture to think that there are few Corps whose annals will record deeds nobler than those achieved on the slopes of Graspan and in the grounds of the British Legation at Pekin (cheers), for, as you, General French, have reminded us, in the former case the Marines, standing shoulder to shoulder with their comrades, the Bluejackets, bravely carried the position in the face of a withering fire, with a loss of nearly half their number; and, in the latter, how the gallantry and indomitable pluck of a handful of Marines successfully maintained the arduous struggle in those long and anxious days at Pekin (cheers). I am sure we are all glad that Major Halliday, who there won the Victoria Cross, should be with us to day (loud cheers). I wish to thank you all for the kind reception which you have given the Princess and myself, and to express once more the gratification which it has given me to take part in this ceremony. We Marines greatly appreciate the presence of so many distinguished officers of both Services whom I see before me to-day, and who by their presence prove to us the interest they take in our Corps" (cheers).

Their Royal Highnesses then proceeded to inspect the monument, and after conversing with the several distinguished persons present, first the members of the committee, and afterwards the officers who had commanded units in South Africa and China respectively, were formally introduced by General French, as was also Mr. Adrian Jones, to whom H.R. Highness expressed his warm appreciation of his work, and to whom the committee owe a great debt of gratitude for the admirable manner in which he has carried out their wishes, and provided the Corps with what has been described by critics well versed in art, as one of the best Monuments in London.

The introduction over, Their Royal Highnesses returned to their carriage and departed under Royal Salute and the louds cheers of spectators.

In addition to a large number of officers of the Corps, the following distinguished persons were present by invitation of the Committee:—The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Selborne; Admiral The Lord Walter T. Kerr, G.C.B.; Admiral Sir John Arbuthnot Fisher, G.C.B.; Rear-Admiral W. H. May, M.V.O.: Rear-Admiral John Durnford, C.B., D.S.O.; Mr. H. O. Arnold Foster, M.P.; Sir Richard A. Awdry, K.C.B.; The Venerable Arch Deacon W. Stewart Harris (Chaplain of the Fleet): Captain H.S.H. Prince Louis of Battenberg. G.C.B., etc., R.N.; Colonel Sir Thales Pease, K.C.B.; J. B. Westcott, Esq., H.M. Office of Works, etc.; The Rt. Hon. Austin Chamberlain, M.P.; The Rt. Hon. Field Marshal Lord Roberts, V.C., K.G., etc.; Lieut. Carlyon Bellairs, R.N.; T. Graham Jackson, R.A.; Captain J. Jellicoe, C.B.; Captain The Hon. H. Tyrwhitt, R.N.; Maj.-General Oliphant and Col. Ricardo, C.S. Officer Home District; Lieut.-General Sir T. Kelly-Kenny, Adjutant-General; Rt. Hon. Lord George Hamilton; Rt. Hon. C. T. Ritchie; Commander B. G. Godfrey Faussett; Maj.-General Sir E. Turner, Inspector-General Auxiliary Forces; Captain Bayley, C.B., R.N.; A.D.C. to Commander-in-Chief. Also friends of Captains Strouts, Robertson, Doig, Lloyd, Senior. And the following Naval Attachés:—Captain Coeper, Germany; Commander Joseph Ritter Von Schwarz, Austria; Captain Chikakata Tamaii, Japan; Captain R. Clover, U.S. America.

The Members of the Committee who had the honour of being presented to H.R.H., in addition to Generals French and Wright, were:—Sir J. C. M. Colomb, K.C.M.G., M.P.; Major-General Sir Joseph Philips, K.C.B.; Major-General G. F. Blake; Colonel W. Campbell, A.D.C., R.M.A.; Lieut.-Colonel Parkyns Hearle; Lieut.-Col. A. E. Horniblow; Major D. Mercier; Major H. G. Cotterill; with the Hon. Sec., Col. G. T. Onslow, C.B., and the following officers who commanded units in South Africa and China: China—Lieut.-Colonel J. R. Johnstone, C.B., Lieut.-Colonel E. V. Luke, C.B., Brevet-Major L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., Brevet-Major E. Wray; South Africa—Lieut.-Colonel S. P. Peile, C.B., Brevet-Colonel A. G. B. Urmston, Major A. E. Marchant, C.B.

In addition to the N.C.O.'s and men comprising the guard of honour, the following N.C.O.'s, who had seen service in South Africa and China, were present on duty at the enclosures: Colr.-Sergts. R. Boyd, R.M.A., Sergeant-Major, South Africa; Colr.-Sergt. M. P. Hart, R.M.L.I., Sergeant-Major, China; Colr.-Sergt. J. Murphy, R.M.L.I., Senior N.C.O., Pekin Legation; Sergt. E. Roper, R.M.L.I., severely wounded China, also served in S. Africa; Colr.-Sergt. G. Wheeler, R.M.L.I., South Africa; Colr.-Sergt. W. Jackson, South Africa; Sergt. J. R. Duthie, China.

For the benefit of the great number of our readers who as yet have

had no opportunity of seeing the Memorial, we append a description of the monument and its origin.

At the end of 1900, after the termination of the war in China, and when all the Marines who had been landed with the Naval Brigade in South Africa had returned to their ships, a wish was generally expressed by officers and men of the Corps that the memory of their comrades who had fallen in the two campaigns should be publicly perpetuated. A Committee of officers was appointed, and the opinions of the several Divisions obtained as to which form the memorial should take. Various schemes were discussed, and it was decided to erect a memorial in some prominent position in London. Subscription lists were opened, confined entirely to officers and men of the Corps, serving or retired, and to their immediate relatives. On account of the close connection between the Corps and the City—the first Marine Regiments raised by Charles II. under the Order-in-Council of October 28th, 1664, having been mainly recruited from the trained bands of London—application for a site was, in the first instance, addressed to the City Corporation; but, unfortunately, the civic authorities were unable to offer a sufficiently prominent position, where the Memorial would have been easily seen by the general public. His Majesty's Office of Works was then approached, with the result that the site on which the monument stands—once suggested for the statue of James II.—was kindly placed at the disposal of the Committee. The design for the bronze figures, panels, and sculptured work was entrusted to Captain Adrian Jones, of Chelsea, and ultimately Mr. T. Graham Jackson, R.A., was invited to prepare a design for the pedestal.

A more suitable position for such a Memorial could scarcely have been found. It stands in the centre of the triangular green sward known as the Cambridge Enclosure, situate on the Westerly side of the new Admiralty Buildings, fronting on the North the imposing properties in Carlton House-terrace, and seen on the South from the Horse Guards Parade. All who see the Memorial will recognize how well the two artists have done their work. A graceful and well-proportioned pedestal of Portland stone bears the full-sized figures of two Marines. One has just received a severe wound, and has fallen. His comrade is standing over the prostrate body, raising rifle to shoulder in the grim determination to defend and avenge. The scene, simple as it is in accompanying detail, is one of singular realism, and the sculpture will be regarded as an important addition to the finest public memorials of the Metropolis. On the front face of the pedestal, worked in bronze, is the badge of the Corps, consisting of the globe, encircled by laurel leaves, and the motto of the Marines, *Per Mare Per Terram*. Below is the inscription, "Erected by the officers and men, past and present, of the Corps of the Royal Marines, in memory of their comrades who lost their lives in South Africa and China, 1899-1900." The names of the members of the Corps who died in the two campaigns are given in separate lists, those left in South Africa numbering 25, and those who were killed in China, 45.

The Royal Marines' Dinner Club.

THE First General Meeting of the Club was held on April 25th at the Hotel Metropole, a fair number of Officers, including many on the retired list, being present.

On the motion of General Scafe, Major-General Sir Joseph Philips, K.C.B., was voted to the chair.

The Hon. Secretary having explained the reasons and steps taken for the formation of the Club.

The motion was put and carried unanimously that a Dinner Club should be formed on the principles laid down in the provisional rules which had previously been circulated throughout the Corps.

The meeting then proceeded to discuss each rule in detail, which, with some amendments, were approved.

Election of Committee followed, in accordance with rule 11, viz.:—Retired Officers: Major-General Sir Joseph Philips, K.C.B., Colonel Somers Lewis, C.B., Lieut.-Col. J. Leyland Needham, Lieut.-Colonel C. G. B. Dick. Unattached Officers: Major-General G. F. Pengelley, R.M.A., Captain W. Dixon, R.M.A. (N.I.D.).

The following Officers having signified their consent were elected Trustees of the Funds of the Club: General C. H. Scafe, R.M.L.I., Lieut.-Col. H. Gritton, Lieut.-Col. C. G. B. Dick.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner was held in the evening at the Whitehall Rooms, Hotel Metropole, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales presiding. One hundred officers were present. The Band of the Chatham Division attended, under Lieut. J. Wright, Bandmaster.

The names of those present were as follows:—

Colonel-in-Chief H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, K.G., &c.

Col. W. T. Adair, Lieut. J. C. Adams, Capt. H. G. B. Armstrong, Lieut.-Col. A. St. L. Burrows, Maj.-Gen. G. F. Blake, Lieut.-Col. F. R. Beechey, Maj. R. D. Beith, Maj. E. P. Brittan, Lieut.-Col. J. H. Bor, C.M.G., Col. F. D. Bridge, A.D.C., Col. A. D. Corbet C.B., Gen. G. H. T. Colwell, C.B., Capt. E. R. Cottingham, Col. A. E. Chapman, Col. W. Campbell, A.D.C., Maj.-Gen. A. B. Crosbie, Sir John Colomb, K.C.M.G., M.P., Maj. H. G. Cotterill, Capt. J. A. M. A. Clark, Lieut.-Col. G. C. B. Dick, Lieut. J. F. Dimmer, Maj. H. D. Drake, Maj.-Gen. T. W. Dowding, Capt. W. Dixon, Col. T. J. P. Evans, Lieut.-Col. W. I. Eastman, Lieut.-Gen. C. S. F. Fagan, Capt. H. D. Farquharson, Lieut.-Gen. A. French, C.B., Capt. J. B. Finlaison, Gen. Sir James Graham, K.C.B., Lieut.-Col. H. Gritton, Lieut.-Col. A. Gatliff, Maj. L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., Capt. F. M. Hobbs, Lieut.-Col. P. Hearle, Capt. H. M. Howard, Capt. M. P. A. Hankey, Capt. J. Nicoll Harrison, Capt. R. Hopwood, Gen. Sir H. S. Jones, K.C.B., Maj.-Gen. R. B. Kirchhoffer, Lieut.-Col. J. R. Johnstone, C.B., Lieut.-Col. H. B. Isaacson, Maj. F. G. Kappey, Capt. J. H. Lambert, Major F. W. Luard, Col. A. S. Le Quesne, Lieut.-Col. E. V. Luke, C.B., Col. Somers Lewis, C.B., Lieut. T. B. A. Leahy, Maj. C. G. Matson, Capt. R. H. S. Meister, Maj.-Gen. J. M. Moody, Capt. G. J. H. Mullins, Capt. E. H. Morres, Capt. W. F. McIlwraine, Col. F. H. Mountsteven, C.M.G., Maj. A. E. Marchant, C.B., Maj. J. Murphy, Lieut.-Col. W. T. Miller, Lieut.-Col. H. C. Money, C.B., Gen. G. Mairis, Maj. R. A. Marriott, D.S.O., Maj. D. Mercer, Lieut.-Col. J. L. Needham, Lieut.-Col. W. C. Nicholls, Col. G. T. Onslow, C.B., Maj. A. Orford, Capt. H. Oldfield, Maj. C. McN. Parsons, Lieut.-Col. L. T. Pease, Maj.-Gen. Sir J. Philips, K.C.B., Maj. W. M. Pritchett, Capt. W. H. Pryce-Browne, Lieut.-Col. S. P. Peile, C.B., Maj. F. Powell, Capt. W. Powell, Lieut.-Col. A. Paris, Capt. F. H. N. Pym, Capt. J. M. Rose, Lieut. G. C. Rooney, Maj. S. G. Rodway, Col. T. de M. Roche, D.S.O., Capt. G. V. Robinson, Lieut. G. L. F. Shewell, Capt. N. F. G. Sampson-Way, Capt. F. J. Saunders, D.S.O., Maj. H. Slessor, Lieut.-Gen. C. H. Scafe, Maj.-Gen. H. St. G. Schomberg, C.B., Maj. C. Trotman, Gen. Sir H. B. Tuson, K.C.B., Lieut.-Col. A. G. Tatham, Lieut.-Col. A. B. Urmston, Maj. F. White, D.S.O., Capt. L. O. Wilson, D.S.O., Maj. R. J. Waldron, Maj.-Gen. W. P. Wright, Maj. E. Wray.

The King at Malta.

The greatest interest in King Edward's visit is being displayed here. The Maltese are intensely enthusiastic, and if their decorations, triumphal arches, etc, may be taken as an index of the popular feeling their attachment to King and Empire must be deep seated and sincere. His Majesty arrived here at about 10 a.m. on the morning of the 16th ult. on board the Royal yacht, escorted by several battleships and cruisers. After the formal visits of the Governor and Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty landed at the Custom House and proceeded by the principal thoroughfares—which were lined by bluejackets and Marines of the fleet—to the Governor's Palace. The Sovereign's landing was accompanied by the customary observances. The flash and rattle of arms, the roar of guns, the blare of bugles—all these we expected, but what we did not expect was the discordant clang of the Church bells. Speak it with bated breath—*every Church bell in Malta was rung*. To the reader who has been "up the Straits" this simple statement will doubtless convey the full horror of the situation, for mere words fail and the ink freezes in the nib.

His Majesty's time is fully occupied—gala night, a water carnival to which each ship in the fleet has contributed a model of various types of ships, ancient and modern, levees, and reviews, such as would astonish the simple Maltese and perhaps convey to him some shadowy idea of the wealth and power of that Monarchy to which he owes allegiance. His Majesty will leave Malta on Monday, proceeding to Naples, where he may receive a more pretentious, but certainly not more cordial welcome than he received in the little Island of Malta.

31 days.

MAY, 1903.

1	Frid.	Capture of Guadaloupe, 1759 First number of *Globe and Laurel* published 1892,
2	Sat.	Defeat of Sortie from Palais (*Belleisle*), 1761. (*1*) Capture of Fort Lewis, Senegal, 1758. (*2*)
3	**Sun.**	Defeat of French Fleet by Anson, 1747. Havre de Grace Chesapeake Bay, 1758. * (*8*)
4	Mon.	Destruction of French 14 -Gun Brig at Parenza, 1811.* George Town, 1813.*
5	Tues.	The four Regiments of Marines (1689) disbanded, 1699. Vet River, S. Africa, 1900 (*10*)
6	Wed.	*Speedy* captured *Gamo*, 1801.* Oswego, 2nd Battalion, R.M., 1814. (*3*)
7	Thur.	Date of first order issued to the Plymouth Division under the Admiralty, 1755. Defence of Island of St. Marcouf, Normandy, Marine Garrison attacked by 8,000 troops, 1798.
8	Frid.	*Scylla* captured *Cannoniere*, 1811.
9	Sat.	Funeral of Napoleon Bonaparte at St. Helena, attended by Royal Marines, 1821.
10	**Sun.**	Batteries of Languelia, 1812. (*4*) Green Plume abolished and Green Ball adopted in Officers' Shackos, 1866. Shackos made of cloth. Zand River, S. Africa, 1900. (*10*)
11	Mon.	A new uniform ordered for the Corps by George III. Capture of Capri, 1806.
12	Tues.	Surrender of Charlestown, 1780.
13	Wed.	Capture of Redoubts of Palais, (*Belleisle*), 1761. (*5*)
14	Thur.	
15	Frid.	*Mercury* bombarded Roti, 1809.
16	Sat.	Batteries open on Palais (*Belleisle*), 1761. (*5*)
17	**Sun.**	*Thetis* and *Hussar* fight four French ships and capture two, 1795.*
18	Mon.	Capture of Island of Anholt, 1809. (7) Irun, Carlist War, 1837. Mourning first worn above the elbow, 1826.
19	Tues.	Redoubt Kaleh, Crimea, 1854.
20	Wed.	Eckness, Baltic, 1854. The Marines at Boston form a second Battalion, 1775.
21	Thur.	*Hermione*, Spanish treasure ship captured, Privates' prize money, £484 each, 1762. Siege of Bastia, 1794. First capture of Peiho Forts and passage of River forced, 1858. Siege of Acre by the French raised, 1799.
22	Frid.	*Northumberland* destroys two French frigates, 1812.
23	Sat.	Capture of 14 Dutch gunboats off Java, 1811.
24	**Sun.**	Her Majesty Queen Victoria born 1819.
25	Mon.	Action on advance on Canton, 1841. Escape Creek, Canton, 1857. Penal settlement formed at Hobart Town, Tasmania, 1804,
26	Tues.	Battle of Solebay, 1672. St. Lucia captured, 1796. (*10*) Attack on Tung Kown and war junks, Canton, 1857. Kertch and Yenekali, 1855.
27	Wed.	Escape Creek, 1857. Four pay Captains to each Division established in December, 1803, abolished 1834.
28	Thur.	Attack on Suakim repulsed, 1884.
29	Frid.	Rescue of a Company of 37th Madras Regiment before Canton, and first time percussion muskets were used in action, 1841. *Carysfort* and *Castor*, 1794.*
30	Sat.	*Hydra*, &c., destroyed *Confiante*, 1798. Surrender of Johannesburg, S. Africa, 1900. (*12*)
31	**Sun.**	Siege of Diamond Rock commences 1805.

(*1*)—Captain Hepburn and his Company. (*2*)—Major Mason and 200 Rank and File. (*3*)—Lieut.-Colonel Malcolm in command (see page 123, Vol. I., *G. & L.*) (*4*)—Captain Rea and 250 Rank and File defeat a French force by a bayonet charge, and capture a four gun battery (see page 123, Vol. I., *G. & L.*) (*5*)—Captain Carruthers and 200 Rank and File. (*6*)—Colonel Mackenzie and Battalion, 1000 Rank and File. (*7*)—Lieutenant E. Nicolls, (afterwards Sir E. Nicolls, K.C.B.), and 120 Rank and File. (*8*)—Captains Wybourn and Carter, and 150 Rank and File. (*9*)—Lieut.-Colonel Collins, Governor, 3 Officers, 3 Sergeants, 3 Corporals and 39 Privates. (*10*)—Major Peele and 80 men.—320 Rank and File. (*12*)—Major Peele and 70 men.—Clasp awarded to S. African War Medal. * Actions for which the Naval War Medal or Clasp was granted.

ERRATA. *7th April*—For "1779" read "1799." *10th April*—For "*Glorie*" read "*Gloire*." *11th April*—"Basque Roads."—The operations for which the medal was awarded in 1847 were for the period between the 25th February and 29th April. In addition to the 19 men-of-war, 2 bomb vessels, 8 fire ships and 3 "explosion vessels" were equipped. These latter were of a *most destructive* nature, each containing 1500 barrels of gunpowder started into puncheons up-headed, and secured together by cables passed round them and jammed together with wedges, having moistened sand rammed down between them, and on the top of this mass of gunpowder lay more than 300 live shells and many thousand hand-grenades! *24th April*–After "*Grasshopper*" add "*Rapid*." Destruction of Spanish armed vessels and gunboats.—S. JOHN TOMBS, Major, R.M.A.

We should be much obliged to any of our readers who will kindly send us accounts of events mentioned in the Almanac, and also for any corrections in or additions to the above.—*Ed. G. & L.*

Shooting.

MALTA.

The following are the results of the Pembroke Rifle Meeting, held early in April. It will be seen that the Royal Marines have fairly held their own, but failed to win the United Service Trophy against the superior shooting of the Navy and Army. The Eight representing the Corps with their scores, are as follows :—

Captain—Lieut. R. H. Darwall, R.M.L.I.

	200	500	600	Total
Sergt. Lock	30	33	28	91
Sergt. Mansbridge ..	25	33	31	89
Clr.-Sergt. Symons ..	32	26	30	88
Lieut. Lane-Poole ..	32	31	25	88
Clr.-Sergt. Burgis ..	33	33	22	88
Sergt.-Major Luff ..	28	27	29	84
Capt. Muller	28	24	31	83
Sergt. Sommers	28	29	23	80
	236	236	219	691

Average .. 86·3.

Army .. 713, 1st. Royal Marines .. 691, 3rd.
Navy .. 702, 2nd. Militia .. .. 626, 4th.

The Simonds Cup for Sergeants' Messes was again won by the King's Royal Rifles, with an average of 90.

Fleet Challenge Cup.

Royal Marine Team, *Hibernia*,—the Cup and £5 os. od.

Attack Challenge Cup.

Royal Marine Team, *Hibernia*,—the Cup and £10 10s. od.

Maxim Machine Gun Competition.

Royal Marine Team, *London*,—£5 os. od.

First Day—200 Yards.

Soldiers and Seamen :—	£	s.	d.
Venerable, Pte. Young .. .. 33 ..	1	5	0
Gladiator, Pte. Hicks .. .. 33 ..	1	0	0
Hibernia, Pte. Watts .. .. 32 ..	0	15	0
Bulwark, Gnr. Conhead .. .. 32 ..	0	15	0
Bacchante, Bomb. Nixon .. .. 32 ..	0	10	0
Victorious, Gnr. Looker .. .. 32 ..	0	10	0
Vengeance, Gnr. Beagley .. .. 31 ..	0	7	6
Victorious, Pte. Clarke .. .. 30 ..	0	7	6
Hibernia, Pte. Moore .. .. 30 ..	0	5	0
Gladiator, Pte. Dormer .. .. 30 ..	0	5	0
Illustrious, Gnr. Higman .. .. 30 ..	0	5	0
Irresistible, Pte. Daniells .. .. 30 ..	0	5	0
Gladiator, Pte. Dabbs .. .. 30 ..	0	5	0
Victorious, Pte. Hardman .. .. 29 ..	0	5	0
Hibernia, Pte. Newman .. .. 29 ..	0	5	0
Implacable, Bomb. Palmer .. .. 29 ..	0	5	0
Bulwark, Gnr. Powell .. .. 29 ..	0	5	0
Repulse, Gnr. Chandler .. .. 29 ..	0	5	0
Victorious, Pte. Bennett .. .. 29 ..	0	5	0
Gladiator, Lce.-Corpl. Gould .. .. 29 ..	0	5	0
Illustrious, Pte. Askew .. .. 21 ..	0	5	0
Sergeants and Petty Officers :—			
Hibernia, Sergt. Lock .. .. 34 ..	2	0	0
,, Clr.-Sergt. Burgis .. .. 33 ..	0	15	0
,, Sergt.-Major Luff .. .. 33 ..	0	12	6
,, Sergt. Sommers .. .. 33 ..	0	10	0
Illustrious, Sergt. Foley .. .. 32 ..	0	5	0
R.M. Regiment, Sergt.-Major Quinlan 31 ..	0	5	0

Second Day—500 Yards.

Soldiers and Seamen :—	£	s.	d.
Victorious, Pte. Clarke .. .. 35 ..	2	10	0
and Cup for highest score made in Matches counting for Malta Championship.			
Hibernia, Pte. Moore .. .. 32 ..	0	10	0
,, Pte Boniface .. .. 30 ..	0	7	6
Bacchante, Gnr. Blow .. .. 30 ..	0	7	6
Bulwark, Pte. Tebbut .. .. 30 ..	0	7	6
Gladiator, Pte. Dabbs .. .. 29 ..	0	7	6
Victorious, Pte. Riffer .. .. 29 ..	0	5	0
Irresistible, Pte. Browne .. .. 29 ..	0	5	0
London, Gnr. McGowan .. .. 29 ..	0	5	0
Vengeance, Gnr. Beagley .. .. 29 ..	0	5	0
Soldiers and Seamen :—			
Victorious, Gnr. Looker .. .. 29 ..	0	5	0
Implacable, Pte. Hinton .. .. 28 ..	0	5	0
Victorious, Pte. Collins .. .. 28 ..	0	5	0
London, Gnr. Lynes .. .. 28 ..	0	5	0
Victorious, Lce.-Corpl. Mills .. .. 28 ..	0	5	0
Venerable, Gnr. Taylor .. .. 25 ..	0	2	6
Sergeants and Petty Officers :—			
London, Sergt. Parrott .. .. 34 ..	3	0	0
Hibernia, C.P.O. Sullivan .. .. 34 ..	2	0	0
,, Clr.-Sergt. Symons .. 32 ..	1	0	0
Gladiator, Sergt. Mansbridge .. .. 32 ..	0	15	0
Hibernia, Sergt. Sommers .. .. 32 ..	0	15	0
Formidable, Sergt. Morris .. .. 31 ..	0	15	0
Illustrious, Sergt. Foley .. .. 31 ..	0	10	0
Hibernia, Clr.-Sergt. Burgis .. .. 31 ..	0	10	0
Irresistible, Clr.-Sergt. Austin .. 29 ..	0	5	0
Hibernia, Sergt.-Major Luff .. .. 29 ..	0	5	0
Officers :—			
Repulse, Capt. Muller .. .. 32 ..	2	0	0

Third Day—600 Yards.

Soldiers and Seamen :—	£	s.	d.
Formidable, Gnr. Streeter .. .. 31 ..	1	15	0
London, Gnr. Lynes .. .. 31 ..	1	0	0
Hibernia, Pte. Moore .. .. 26 ..	0	7	6
,, Pte. Watts .. .. 26 ..	0	7	6
Gladiator, Pte. Dabbs .. .. 26 ..	0	7	6
Victorious, Lce.-Corpl. Mills .. .. 25 ..	0	5	0
Venerable, Gnr. Brown .. .. 25 ..	0	5	0
Illustrious, Gnr. Hayman .. .. 25 ..	0	5	0
Irresistible, Pte. Browne .. .. 25 ..	0	5	0
Implacable, Gnr. Palmer .. .. 24 ..	0	5	0
Repulse, Pte. Swan .. .. 24 ..	0	5	0
Sergeants and Petty Officers :—			
Hibernia, Sergt.-Major Luff .. .. 32 ..	3	0	0
,, Clr.-Sergt. Symons .. .. 29 ..	0	15	0
,, Sergt. Lock .. .. 28 ..	0	10	0
Gladiator, Sergt. Mansbridge .. .. 27 ..	0	5	0
Hibernia, Clr.-Sergt. Burgis .. .. 27 ..	0	5	0
Officers :—			
Implacable, Lieut. Lane-Poole .. 29 ..	3	0	0
Young Soldiers and Seamen :—			
Illustrious, Pte. Askew .. .. 26 ..	1	0	0
Cæsar, Gnr. Newman .. .. 17 ..	0	2	6

Messrs. Simonds' Prizes.

For highest aggregates at 200, 500, and 600 yards, in matches counting for Malta Championship.

	£	s.	d.
Hibernia, Sert.-Major Luff .. .. 94 ..	2	0	0
,, Sergt. Lock .. .. 91 ..	0	10	0
,, Clr.-Sergt. Burgis .. .. 91 ..	0	10	0

The Naval Chief of Staff's Prize

Presented by Captain the Hon. S. C. J. Colville, R.A., C.V.O., C.B., for the highest aggregate score made by a competition belonging to the Royal Navy or Royal Marines, in matches counting for the Malta Championship.

Hibernia, Sergt.-Major Luff .. .. 94 .. Cup

Malta Championship.

R.E., Corpl. Clinch ..	140 ..	Cup and Bronze Medal	
K.R.R., Corpl. Johnson ..	137 ..	..	£2 os. od.
Hibernia, Sergt. Lock ..	136 ..	..	£1 10s. od.

Hibernia, Lieut. Grace, R.N., 134; Pte. Moore, 132. *Repulse*, Capt. Muller, 130. *Gladiator*, Sergt. Mansbridge, 128. *Hibernia*, Sergt.-Major Luff, 128; Clr.-Sergt. Symons, 128; Clr.-Sergt. Burgis, 12

Capt. Portlock-Dadson has again evinced practical interest in the Collection of Medals at the Plymouth Division, by presenting the additional ones, viz., the Ashantee War Medal, 1873–74, Private Worrell, R.M.; and the William IV. Long Service Medal, Sergeant-Major Richard Seymour, R.M., 24 years. The latter is a rare medal, having been granted between the years 1831–1848, when it was superseded by the present Long Service and Good Conduct Medal; it was suspended by a dark blue ribbon, without the white edges of the present ribbon.

Foreign News.

ASCENSION.

Life here jogs on much as usual; and though, as we have at last seen an outward-bound mail call here, we ought to be excited, there have been hitherto no demonstrations. There is one bit of news we have heard that sounds almost too good to be true—it it, that the *Wye*, after many years service, is going to be paid off. Those of the readers of the "G. & L." who have taken passage in her will understand that we are rather anxious to know whether this is a fact or not. The outward-bound mail calling here brings us within 14 days of England, so we can scarcely be called "far away Ascension" any more.

The new rifle range with Jefferies targets is completed, and it is to be hoped that there will be a great improvement in musketry this year.

This has been a great season for turtle, no fewer than 199 having been turned up to date, more than for many years past.

Captain Ford, R.M.A., will shortly be leaving us on promotion, he has completed two years service here, and his departure will materially weaken our cricket team, which also loses several members by "next *Wye*." We have had the *Thistle* and *Thrush* in, and the former, as usual, played much cricket. The officers of the ship and island played the men twice and got handsomely beaten, Pte. Portsmouth making 67 on one occasion. Those of your readers who have served at Ascension may be interested to know that the cricket pitch has been relaid and seems to play better than ever.

That the inspection of the R.M. Detachment serving here, which took place last December, was satisfactory, has been shown in a most pleasant manner, by the receipt of a letter from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to the Commander-in-Chief of the Cape Station, which was read to the detachment on parade. Their Lordships desire that the Commander-in-Chief would "express to Captain Thornton, R.M.L.I., and those under his command their satisfaction at receiving so favourable a report."

Our badges continue to increase and multiply. We have only five men now without them—when we get down to one he will probably be put in the museum.

Have any readers of the "G. & L." ever tried eating sweet potato tops? We have just discovered here that they are edible, and so added another vegetable to our scanty list. They taste (and look) when cooked like young spinach. The credit of the discovery here belongs to Gunner Warrington, R.M.A., the cow-man, but it is believed that the dish is in common use at the Cape. Could any one tell us if this is the case?

CHINA STATION.

10th March, 1903.

Some time has elapsed since you heard from the Far East. Perhaps we are selfish and look forward to the issue of the "G. & L." to hear the news from home, while we send little or none in return. We doubt whether it interests your readers at home to hear of the movements of ships and ordinary routine, which goes on the same all the world over, and, therefore, enclose a few items of news which concern our own corps more closely.

The new drill has been gradually introduced during the last six months or so. Ceremonial, of course, is not much affected, and we were glad that the battalion (under Major Goddard), at the King's birthday parade in November last, of the troops and naval brigades of ships at Hong Kong, kept up their reputation. The following is a cutting from the Hong Kong daily press:—"On the whole, the march past was accomplished with great precision and credit to all concerned. The Marines, as usual, were well to the front in the matter of smartness, but where all were so good it is almost invidious to make comparisons."

About this time the *Glory* (flag) was at Woosung, and there was some excitement caused by the orders sent to Hong Kong for all ships to complete with expeditionary stores, and to be ready for sea at a moment's notice. This was due to the unsatisfactory punishment meted out to the Chinese officials responsible for the murder of the two missionaries up the Yangtse. The matter was soon settled by the British authorities, and peace again reigns supreme.

It was not possible to send a complete return of last year's prize firing of the cruisers on the station. The names of the captain and 2nd captain of gun of the 6-in Q F. in the *Talbot* which took first prize, are Sergt. T. Gormby, R.M.L.I., and Sergt. G. Underhill, R.M.L.I., respectively. This was not given in last February's "G. and L."

There has been interest shown in rifle shooting generally, where opportunity offered. The results of the several competitions in connection with the R.M.R.A. Jewel will be sent soon. Enclosed are two most interesting matches between the Royal Marines from ships at Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Rifle Association: a third is still to come to complete the rubber. The R.M. teams vary according to the ships in harbour.

Rifle Match, November, 1902. Royal Marines *v.* Hong Kong Rifle Association.

ROYAL MARINES.

Name		Ship	200	500	600	Total
Private Buckenham	R.M.L.I.	*Cressy*	31	34	28	93
Bombr. Crockford	R.M.A.	*Albion*	30	30	32	92
Colr.-Sergt. Pritchard	R.M.L.I.	*Cressy*	34	30	27	91
Sergt.-Inst. Davis	,,	Mus. Staff	37	34	29	90
Sergt.-Inst. Griffiths	,,	,,	31	30	29	90
Colr.-Sergt. Cross	,,	,,	31	29	29	89
Private Collier	,,	*Cressy*	33	29	26	88
Bombr. Leuilette	R.M.A.	*Ocean*	28	28	27	33
		Total	245	244	227	716
		Average	30·6	30·5	28·4	89·5

Captain of Team, Capt. Jones, R.M.L.I. Counted out—Private Matthews, R.M.L.I., *Cressy*, 76; Lance-Corpl. Targest, R.M.L.I., *Blenheim*, 73.

HONG KONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Name	200	500	600	Total
J. E. Crocker	31	35	31	97
J. Parker	29	34	30	93
J. Marshall	32	28	31	91
C. Marshall	32	29	30	91
Capt. Angus, R.E. ..	30	32	26	88
E. J. Jeffery	32	25	25	82
Sapper Robertson, R.E. ..	29	30	23	82
Sapper McEwen, R.E. ..	29	31	21	81
Total	244	244	217	705
Average	30·5	30·5	27·1	88·1

Captain of Team, Mr. Northcote, H.K.R. Assn. Counted out—R. Stewart, 77; W. Pitt, 74.

Royal Marines won by 11 points.

Rifle Match, January, 1903. Royal Marines *v.* Hong Kong Rifle Association.

ROYAL MARINES.

Name		Ship	200	500	600	Total
Clr.-Sergt. F. S. Cross	R.M.L.I.	Mus. Staff	30	33	31	94
Sergt. W. Myers	,,	*Eclipse*	29	35	28	92
Capt. W. T. C. Jones	,,	*Cressy*	29	30	30	89
Bombr. Macdonald	R.M.A.	*Tamar*	29	32	27	88
Bombr. Leuilette	,,	*Ocean*	30	31	25	86
Sergt.-Inst. Griffiths	R.M.L.I.	Mus. Staff	31	32	23	86
Bombr. Crockford	R.M.A.	*Albion*	32	32	19	83
Sergt.-Davies	R.M.L.I.	Mus. Staff	30	19	14	63
		Total	240	244	197	681
		Average				85·1

Captain of Team, Capt. Jones, R.M.L.I.

HONG KONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Name	200	500	600	Total
Mr. Crocker	29	32	31	92
Mr. Parkes	30	33	28	91
Mr. Stackwood ..	29	27	32	88
Mr. McEwen	26	30	30	86
Mr. Angus	33	29	24	86
Mr. Pidgeon	27	30	29	86
Mr. Robertson	32	26	26	84
Mr. Pitt	27	26	20	73
Total	233	233	220	686
Average				85·7

Captain of Team, Mr. Northcote, H.K.R.A.

H.K.R.A. won by 5 points.

A monthly sweepstake has been introduced for R.M. which has been well supported.

Matches between detachments have been frequent, and it is hoped there will be many more this year.

The Royal Naval Rifle Meeting was held at Hong Kong on the 5th, 6th, and 7th March. The weather was misty and damp, but the meeting was a great success and the number of entries were far beyond expectation, nearly the whole fleet being at Hong Kong. There were the usual up the range Bisley shoots for individual championship, but the events were based generally on service conditions, especially regarding rapid aiming. The competitors were in three classes, according to rank, no distinction being made as to the different branches of the Service, except in the team shooting. The three team events were won by Royal Marines. The following summary will give an idea of the prizes won by the Corps.

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS.

Nature of Prize	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Total in Meeting ..	27	27	27	27	27	26
Won by R.M. ..	10	15	9	11	11	9

TEAM COMPETITIONS.

(I.) Teams of 8 advance 220 to 120 yards, 5 rounds, 1 round every 20 yards. Targets (Naval) vanishing, appear 5 secs., disappear 15 secs. 1st, *Cressy's* Marines; 2nd, *Cressy's* Marines; 3rd, *Glory's* Seamen; thirty-seven teams entered.

(II.) Teams of 4, 600, 400, and 200 yards, 5 rounds at each distance; Service targets, appear 8 secs. at 600 yards, 5 secs. at 400 and 200 yards. 1st, *Cressy's* Marines; 2nd, *Blenheim's* Marines; 3rd, *Eclipse's* Seamen; sixty-five teams entered.

(III.) Teams of 4. Plate competition at 200 yards. Fired in heats. 1st, *Glory's* Marines; 2nd, *Argonaut's* Seamen; 3rd, *Cressy's* Marines; 4th, *Eclipse's* Seamen; seventy teams entered.

Total prizes, $760.00. Total won by Royal Marines, $389.00.

Royal Marines' Rifle Association.

Programmes.—Programmes for this year have been issued as far as possible to those entitled to them. The Hon. Sec., Depot, R.M., Deal, will be glad to forward a copy to anyone who subscribed last year and has not been sent one, on the receipt of a postcard, stating their address.

Owing to several ships paying off, it has been impossible to forward copies to several N.C.O.'s and men who subscribed 1/- or upwards.

The Hon. Sec. regrets that the first batch of programmes were sent out insufficiently stamped, and hopes that the Subscribers concerned will forgive him the annoyance thus caused them.

Notices.—Attention is called to the Notices in the Programme.

Active Service Cup.—With reference to the Rules for this Cup published in the "G. & L." for April, under Team, the following should be corrected: One Sergeant as Section Leader, Musketry Staff excluded; not included, as originally published.

Subscriptions.—The Hon. Sec., Depot, R.M., Deal, would be glad to receive the subscriptions for 1903 at as early a date as possible.

Committee.—Owing to an oversight, the name of Major (*r*) W. J. Langford, R.M.L.I., was omitted from the list of the Committee in this year's programme.

XX. Cards.—Cards will not be accepted unless they are entered in ink or indelible pencil.

FOREIGN STATIONS COMPETITION.

CHINA STATION, 1902.

1.	Private Edward Evans (Ply.)	*Tamar*	95
2.	Sergeant W. V. Kent (Ch.)	*Arethusa*	91
3.	Lance-Corporal F. C. Targett (Ch.)	*Blenheim*	90
4.	Private J. T. Buckenham (Po.)	*Cressy*	86
5.	Private R. Hathaway (Ch.)	*Arethusa*	85
6.	Bombardier Macdonald, R.M.A.	*Glory*	83
7.	Private G. Mathews (Po.)	*Cressy*	83
8.	Private G. Soan (Ch.)	*Blenheim*	83
9.	Private E. L. Vaughan (Po.)	*Cressy*	82
10.	W. C. Sisley (Ch.)	*Arethusa*	82

TEAM COMPETITION.

First, H.M.S. *Tamar* .. 65 hits.—260 points
Second, H.M.S. *Cressy* .. 64 hits, 256 points
Third, Island Guard .. 58 „ 232 „

Home Notes

EASTNEY.

IN accordance with the expressed scheme of decorating the panels of the Officers' Mess Room with copies of well known paintings relating to the History of the Corps, Mr. J. Edward Goodall, R.B.A., was commissioned by the Officers to paint a full size copy of George Chambers' celebrated picture, "The Bombardment of Algiers" by the English Fleet, under Lord Exmouth, 27th August, 1816. This copy, a striking reproduction of the original, was hung in the south-west panel of the Mess Room early last month, and has been much admired.

Surgeon Parish, R.N., after being attached to us for two years, and had medical charge of the women and children, was entertained by the Officers at a Farewell Dinner on Friday, 3rd April.

On the following Monday the Junior N.C.O's Dance Club held a Soiree in the Recreation Room Buildings from 8 p.m. to 3.30 a.m., the management being in the hands of Corpl. Middleton and Bombardiers Osborne, Woolley and Ricks, while Corporal Worboys was Hon. Sec. The Juniors were just as keen in seeing their guests enjoy themselves as the Seniors had been the previous Friday, and if happy faces are any criterion of pleasure, they had their reward.

The Theatre was closed for the season on April 7th with the Burlesque Extravaganza "Robin Hood." Miss Seymour in the *title role*, Gunner H. Hewitt as "Richard the First," and Sergeant T. J. Kerr as "Friar Michael" (afterwards "Friar Tuck"), fully keeping up their reputations. We congratulate the management on probably the most successful season in its history.

The New Church, we believe, is to be built at the West-End of the Drill Field, between the Officers' Mess and the Sick House. Many Members of the old Corps will regret that the site on which the present wooden structure stands is not to be utilized for the new Church.

ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY SERGEANTS' MESS.—The Annual Dinner of the Past and Present Members of the Sergeants' Mess will be held on Saturday, 27th June, at Eastney Barracks. The Committee will be glad if Honorary Members who have not received an invitation will communicate with the President.

GOSPORT.

Nothing very startling has taken place this month in this place. We sent a contingent of 1 Officer, 1 Sergeant and 25 Men to the Guard of Honour for the Unveiling of the Royal Marines Memorial, and 50 N.C.O's and Men went up as spectators, besides numerous Officers.

The Company Cup was eventually won by "E" Company, after a very hard struggle, finally defeating "A" Company. On the first occasion of playing it was still a draw after extra time had been played. On thiso ccasion it was a draw (no score) at the call of time, so it was decided to play an extra half-hour, and "E" Company just notched one goal. Unfortunately, White, "A" Company's tower of strength, was injured.

Shooting practice has commenced, and a Company Cup, to be shot for by teams of four young soldiers at the bi-weekly shoots, has been started. The two best scores during the month to count; in the event of a tie it will be shot for at the Annual Rifle Meeting.

Cricket has started, but the weather has been too bad for much enthusiasm.

PLYMOUTH.

On Thursday, the 26th March, the Officers entertained at Dinner in their Mess the late Commander-in-Chief of the Western Port, Lord Charles Scott, who was succeeded a day later by Sir Edward Seymour. The latter will be entertained in a smilar manner on the 30th April.

H.M. Royal Yacht *Osborne*, with H.R.H. Princess Victoria of England, anchored in Bampool on the 23rd and left again on the 25th.

On the 23rd April the Officers held a Matinee in their Mess Room.

The Cricket Season commences on the 4th May with a match against the Royal Warwickshire Regiment A programme of some 24 matches has been arranged for the ensuing season.

On the 28th and 29th, Amateur Theatricals, under the management of Capt. E. H. Haig, R.E., will be given in the Divisional Theatre. The piece selected is to be "His Excellency the Governor." Mrs. Gordon and Captain Brabazon are taking parts. The performances are in aid of the Garrison Cricket Club.

Obituary.

General Edward Lee Rose, Royal Marine Light Infantry, died 10th April, at Exmouth, age 61. He was born 8th December, 1841, a son of the late Commander Edward Rose, R.N. He entered the Service as 2nd Lieut. 14th April, 1859; became 1st Lieut., 22nd December, 1860; Captain, 24th January, 1874; Major, 1st July, 1881; Lieut.-Colonel, 1st February, 1886; Brevet-Colonel, 1st February, 1890; Colonel 2nd Commandant, 23rd March, 1892; Colonel-Commandant, 8th September, 1895; Major-General, 31st January, 1898; Lieut.-General, 12th December, 1901; and General, 23rd April, 1902. He served with the R.M. Battalion at the defence of Suakin, and in command of the Royal Marines in forts Carysfort and Euryalus, during the operations in the Eastern Soudan, 1884–5 (medal and Khedive's bronze star). He commanded the garrison in Plymouth on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee, 1897, and received the medal. He married, 27th June, 1871, Blanche Sophia, 2nd daughter of T. King, Esq., of the Manor House, North Huish, Devon, and secondly, on 15th October, 1895, Miss Theresa Guest Scott.

The funeral took place at Crediton, the body having been conveyed from Exmouth to Trenavin, the residence of Mr. H. M. Body, at Crediton, whence the cortege started for Crediton Churchyard. The chief mourners were :—Mrs. Lee Rose (widow), Major and Mrs. Pym (daughter and son-in-law), Rev. J. N. Dyer Hurdon and Mrs. Hurdon (sister and brother-in-law), Mr. H. M. and Mrs. Body, Mrs McDermot, Lieut. G. T. and C. M. Body (nephews), Maj.-Gen. R. B. Kirchhoffer, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Don, Nurse Dunsford, and Col.-Commandant A. D. Corbet, C.B. (Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I.) The body was enclosed in an elm shell, encased in a polished oak coffin. The inscription read :—"Edward Lee Rose, died 10th April, 1903, aged 61 years." The coffin, covered with the Union Jack and several exquisite floral tokens, was borne by eight colour-sergeants from the Plymouth Division of the Royal Marines, of which the deceased was colonel-commandant in 1895. They were Colr.-Sergts. Shapland, Burridge, Robertson, Davison, Everest, Wood, Cobb, and Cook. Sergt.-Majors S. Perry and T. Jolley were also present. A service was held in Crediton Church, conducted by the vicar (Rev. W. M. Smith-Dorrien). As the procession entered the church the organist (Mr. C. W. Clark) played "O, Rest in the Lord." The surpliced choir sang the hymns "Now the labourer's task is o'er" and "On the Resurrection Morning," and Psalm xxxix, and Chopin's "Funeral March" was played as the coffin was carried from the church. The committal sentences were read by Rev. J. N. Dyer Hurdon (brother-in-law). Amongst others present were Col.-Sec.-Commandant C. G. Gordon, Lieut.-Col. J. F. Daniell, Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lieut. O. G. Bush, and Superintending Clerk J. Davidson (Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I.), Col. W. G. Armstrong, Col. Denny, Rev. T. Middlemore Whithard (Exmouth), Major W. M. Pritchett, Messrs. W. Pope and B. H. Hill, ex-Clr.-Sergt. Pippen and Mr. Thomas Harwood, who served in the Royal Marines for 21 years, commencing in 1853, and acted as servant to deceased when he was a lieutenant on Ascension Island. Wreaths were sent by the widow, Mr. and Mrs. Body, Capt. and Mrs. Henriques, Dr. and Mrs. McDermot, Major and Mrs. Pym, Capt. and Mrs. Cumberlege, Capt. and Mrs. Exham, Mr. and Mrs. Harper, Rev. and Mrs. J. N. Dyer Hurden, Lieuts. G. T. and K. M. Body, Mrs. and Miss Edgecumbe Edwards, Mr. Cock, Mr. and Mrs. Backhouse, the Misses Salmon, Mrs. R. C. Leah and Mrs. K. L. Mullins, Mr. and Mrs. Don, Rev. and Mrs. Stephenson, and Nurse Dunsford.

There were also floral tokens from the officers, Plymouth Divison, Royal Marines, "In remembrance of many kindnesses"; from the members of the Sergeants' Mess, Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I., "With kind remembrances."; "With sincere sympathy, from the Colonel-Commandant and Officers, R.M.L.I., Chatham Division"; and "With deep sympathy from the Colonel-Commandant and Officers, R.M.L.I., Gosport."

Royal Military Tournament.

CHATHAM.

Regimental Competitions in connection with the Royal Military Tournament, 1903:

These events took place on the parade on Monday, March 23rd. Capt. and Adjt. A. E. Bewes undertook the duties of referee, while Capt. Hall and Sergt.-Major Medlon acted as judges. The following were the successful competitors.

Bayonet v. Bayonet.—1st prize, Lce.-Corpl. G. S. Tucker, £1; 2nd, Pte. E. Negas, 15/-; 3rd, Corpl. D. O'Connor, 10/6; 4th, Sergt. Orgar, 7/6; Ptes. Sharpe, Tull, and Hibbard, 4/- each.

Foil v. Foil.—1st prize, Sergt. P. S. Orgar, 15/-; 2nd, Serg. J. Raby, 5/-.

Sabre v. Sabre.—1st prize, Sergt. J. Raby, 15/-; 2nd, Corpl. D. O'Connor, 5/-.

The fighting on the whole was extremely good, most of the winners being members of the Divisional combat team, and they are certainly to be congratulated on the excellent form displayed.

WOOLWICH AND THAMES DISTRICT.

The District Tournament was held at Woolwich on Wednesday, 18th April. Chatham Division was ably represented, as the following results will show :

Bayonet v. Bayonet. - 1st prize, Corpl. D. O'Connor, R.M.L.I.; 2nd, Sergt. J. Packer, R.M.L.I.

Bayonet Combat Teams.—1st prize, Chatham Division, R.M.L.I.

Novices' Competition.—1st prize, Lce.-Corpl. Tucker, R.M.L.I.

Foil v. Foil—2nd Sergt. J. Raby, R.M.L.I.

Corpl. O'Connor, who is the leader of the bayonet team, proved himself a first-class hand with the bayonet. The team also did some very good work and proved much too strong for their opponents. They will appear again at the Agricultural Hall, and if they keep up their present form until the time comes, they should be hard to beat.

At the South Eastern District Tournament on the 8th April, the following events were won by the Depot, R.M. :

Foil v. Foil.—1st prize, Bronze Medal and £2, Lce.-Sergt. Marshall.

Sabre v. Sabre.—Prize, Bronze Medal and £2, Cr.-Sergt. Hickman.

Bayonet Combat.—Prize, Cash, £4 10s., Depot, R.M.L.I.

Bayonet v. Bayonet.—1st prize, £2, Pte. Bland.

At the Southern District Tournament, the Bayonet Combat Team Competition was won by the Royal Marine Artillery, the R.M.L.I. being second.

At the Western District Military Tournament, the results as far as they have reached us are :

Tug of War.—120 stone Larger Unit Competition, R.M.L.I. (Sergt. Beer) 1st prize. Catch Weights Larger Unit Competition, R.M.L.I. (Sergt. Beer) 1st prize. Catch Weights Smaller Unit Competition, Royal Marines, H.M.S. *Empress of India* (Bdr. Bateman), 1st prize.

Names of team of H.M.S. *Empress of India*, Gnrs. H. C. Stubbs, J. Morgan, F. Aggett, J. C. Brown, A. E. Talbot, H. Banks, G. C. Meredith, R.M.A., Ptes. A. E. Harding, R. W. Simpson, P. Strain, R.M.L.I.

R.M.A. Football Season, 1902-03.

The R.M.A. finished the Football Season, April 15th, having won the U.S. League I. Division Cup and Medals, the Portsmouth Leagues Cup and Medals, and were Runners up in Division II. U.S. League, for which they receive medals. Record of games played :

U. S. League I.—

		Goals.			Goals.
R.A. Hilsea ..	Won	2—1	Naval Depot ..	Won	3—0
Naval Depot ..	Lost	0—1	35th Co. R.A. ..	Won	4—1
R.M.L.I. ..	Won	4—1	Excellent ..	Won	2—1
Excellent ..	Won	3—0	R.M.L.I. ..	Won	1—0
35th Co. R.A. ..	Won	6—0	R.A. Hilsea ..	Won	3—1

Portsmouth League.—

R.M.L.I.	Won	2—0	Gosport Athletic	Drawn	2—2
Gosport	Won	6—1	Excellent	Won	1—0
Naval Depot	Won	2—1	Fareham	Drawn	2—2
Gosport Athletic	Won	2—1	Naval Depot	Won	1—0
Gosport	Won	5—0	Excellent	Won	3—2
R.M.L.I.	Drawn	2—2	Fareham	Won	6—0
Ryde	Drawn	0—0	Ryde	Won	5—1

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For Agst.	Points
U.S.L. I. ..	10	9	1	—	28—6	18
,, II. ..	16	12	2	2	45—9	26
Ports. League ..	14	10	0	4	39—12	24

The U.S.L. Cups and Medals were presented by Mrs. Talbot, wife of Major H. L. Talbot, R.M.A., to the Teams, at Fratton Park, on the 20th April, during the interval of Charity Match, Army *v.* Navy, in which three of the R.M.A. 1st team were playing for the Navy.

Entertainments.

FANCY DRESS BALL AT EASTNEY.

ON April 3rd, the Gymnasium and Theatre were a gay and festive scene, on the occasion of the Annual Ball given by the members of the Sergeants' Mess. Fancy or evening dress was obligatory, and Sergeant-Major Squires presided over what was possibly the most amusing, and probably the prettiest, scene the Gymnasium has witnessed. The decorations, principally of bunting and foliage plants, were on an elaborate scale, while the gallery was occupied by a portion of the Band and many of the Sergeants' non-dancing friends. A covered way led to the Theatre, where a supper was provided for 400 guests, who greatly appreciated all the arrangements made for their comfort and amusement. The Colonel Commanding (Colonel Leefe), Lieut.-Cols. Eastman and Gaitskell, Fleet-Surgeon Jeans, Major Hire, the Adjutant and Mrs. McCarthy, Captain and Mrs. Shaw, Surgeon and Mrs. Parish, Quartermaster and Mrs. Sparrow, and several other officers arrived about ten o'clock and joined heartily in the various dances. Several of the fancy costumes were ably carried out: Mrs. Gardiner as a classic in "red cap and gown" was footing it lightly in close proximity to "John Chinaman" (Sergt. Warham), whose humorous sallies and twinkling eye were ably supported by a bright little Geisha from Japan (Mrs. Compton), while the "Coster" (Sergt. Mead) plied his trade not far from sweet "Forget-me-not" (Mrs. Hanlon), whose graceful petals were blooming in spite of the arctic weather outside. Our old friend, Mrs. Pinwell, looked well as "Mary Queen of Scots," and was closely attended by some gay young cavaliers, Sergt. Henry (Sir Walter Raleigh), Sergt. Hills (Duke of Marlborough), and Q.M.S. Scott. Mrs. Sergeant-Major Jones was a charming "Sweet Violets," whilst amongst the unmarried ladies Miss Bradshaw (Mercia), Miss Hartnell (Little Red Riding Hood), Miss Gibbs (a Gitana), and Miss A. Peters (Ice Queen), attracted perhaps most attention. Others picturesquely garbed were Mrs. Warham, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Chas. Miller, Mrs. Hern, and Misses Hampton, Ellis, Hemmett, Squires, Hawkins, Watts, and Cope. Much credit for the success of the ball is due to Colr.-Sergt. Boffey and Sergt. Warham, the M.C.'s, assisted by Q.M.S. Richards, Bk.-Sergt. Emmerson, Colr.-Sergt. Stringer, and Sergt. Graystone.

CHATHAM.

The Annual Ball of the Sergeants was held on 17th April, in the Garrison Gymnasium. About 400 accepted invitations. The hall was decorated on a lavish scale by the committee, the use made of flags and banners showing considerable taste. On the balcony was displayed the motto of the Corps, "per mare, per terram"; the crest of the Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief of the Corps, occupied the centre, flanked by the words "Graspan," "Pekin," "Gibraltar," various devices made of bayonets, piled arms and drums, and a couple of maxims helped to display the ingenuity of those responsible for the decorative work. Places were set apart for an open buffet and a bar, and the music was supplied by a portion of the band of the division, under the conductorship of Corpl. Akhurst. The floor was in excellent condition for dancing, which was kept up until the early hours of the morning. Admiral and Mrs. Craigie, Major and Mrs. Bendyshe, Captain and Mrs. Parker, Captain and Mrs. Dalton, and Capt. Hall, Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Major Powell, were amongst the officers present. All the arrangements were perfect, the managing committee being Sergt.-Major F. Medlon, Brk.-Sergt. J. Dunks, Q.M.S. F. Hawes, Colr.-Sergt. A. H. Deane, Colr.-Sergt. G. Mohr, Sergt. J. Milliken, Sergt. A. E. Biggs, Lce.-Sergt. J. S. Dickie.

GOSPORT.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT, FORTON.—On Wednesday evening, April 1st, the Royal Marine Theatre was crowded by an appreciative audience to witness an Entertainment by the Boys attending the Divisional Schools. Owing to the great interest taken in the boys' football, both by N.C.O's connected with the school and those otherwise employed, Colonel A. E. Chapman had kindly allowed the use of the theatre, the proceeds to form a Sports Fund for the boys.

Sergt. Watts, Senior School Assistant, was responsible for the physical drill and free gymnastics of 12 youngsters who, smartly dressed in white shirts with the Corps crest attached, carried out their exercises with a precision that reflected the greatest credit on themselves and their instructor.

A selection by the School Band, which has attained a high degree of excellence under the supervision of Corpl. Botterill (School Assistant), was loudly applauded, and a piccolo solo by Charles Bradnam was quite a feature of the evening.

Mr. Leese took charge of the singing, which consisted of part-songs and glees by sixty boys, and songs by himself, T. Marshall and W. White. The boys all sang their various pieces with great care and feeling, and the song by T. Marshall was especially popular.

Recitations by C. Evans, C. Selway, and a very little boy (F. Casey) were enthusiastically received.

A Flag display to wind up, in which every boy had a national flag, while several others dressed in a fitting costume marched to the accompaniment of the "Red, White and Blue," brought out a pleasing spectacle, which was encored again and again.

The programme concluded by a performance of "Box and Cox," by Clr.-Sergts. Warner and Bowman, and Mrs. Warner, which created a fund of amusement.

A Smoking Concert was held in the Sergeants Mess Room on Tuesday, April 7th, Sergt.-Major Mearles occupied the chair. A very good programme was arranged by Clr.-Sergt. Harrison (President of the Games' Committee). A portion of the Divisional Band, under Sergt. Bradman, gave several selections, and six buglers, under Drum-Major Burns, gave a flute selection, which was well received. Songs were rendered by Clr.-Sergt. Child, Sergts. Ledingham, Reed, Holland, Colverson, Williams and others, and a very pleasant evening was spent by all.

In aid of the Funds of the Seafield Gymnastic Club, an Entertainment was held in the Newtown School Room on Tuesday evening, April 14th, and there was a large attendance, including the Rev. W. E. Colchester (Curate-in-Charge of Christ Church) and the Rev. F. J. Elliott. This club has for some years past been doing excellent work among the youth of Newtown. In Mr. Clark it has an enterprising Hon. Sec., and in Barrack-Srgt. Cole, R.M.L.I., an indefatigable instructor, who has had under his training a large number of the young men of the parish. How much they have benefitted by his instruction was obvious by the feats of the present members on the parallel bar, horizontal bar, and other healthy physical exercises. They went through their work very neatly and were deservedly encored. In addition to these features, the programme was a particularly attractive one Private Parrett was an amusing comedian, the instrumental selections by Miss M. Cole (pianoforte), Miss E. Cole (violin), Mr. L. Southgate (bones), Lc.-Corpl. Prior (banjo), Corporal Phillips (zither) and Master Brice (piccolo) were acceptable items. The vocalists were the Rev. W. E. Colchester, Sergt. Handford, and Masters T. and F. Cole. The farce, "A Breach of Promise Case in Dark Town," brought a successful evening to a close.

PLYMOUTH.

ROYAL MARINE THEATRE.—The Committee of the Royal Marine Dramatic Company on Tuesday presented an exceptionally high-class Entertainment in aid of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Family Association, and a crowded house must have materially added to the funds of such a deserving object. The Entertainment commenced with a two-act comedy, "Checkmate," in which Colour-Sergeant J. H. Parsons and Miss Muriel St. Clair caused roars of laughter with their excellent low comedy, and Sergt. A. Davis and Miss Phyllis Gordon cleverly presented the quieter humour of their parts. Sergts. H. Martin and G. Comley, Pte. W. E. Daley (a capital waiter), Corpl. H. Moores, and Clr.-Sergt. H. L. and Miss F. Smith satisfactorily impersonated the other smaller characters. Among the splendid array of talent which provided the musical part of the evening's programme, the St. Andrew's Quartette was undeniably first favourites. Their reputation caused a hearty reception on their appearance, and the whole of their varied repertoire was highly appreciated and enjoyed, and loudly applauded. Mr. Wills Vinson (the alto), in addition as a soloist, sang with great feeling and purity of voice, while Mr. Harry Smith sang "The Veteran" finely. A very pretty item was the singing of little Miss Dorothy Perry (daughter of Sergt.-Major Perry, R.M.L.I.,) who for her sweet voice and natural style, well deserved the encore

demanded. Mr. and Mrs. G. Stamford, in their refined and humorous contributions, received special recognition, whilst Mr. L. Rowland was very funny indeed, and sang his comic songs excellently, his "make up" being decidedly good. Mr. Hartopp performed many neat conjuring tricks, and caused much amusement by a very finished ventriloquial turn. Miss Nicholson used her pleasing voice with good effect; Signor Ramagnano executed a difficult harp solo with great skill; and Private W. E. Daley sang a couple of comic songs in first-class style. A whistle and concertina duet by Messrs. Raymond and Wyatt was a huge success. Mr. J. N. Pearse and an orchestra under Corporal J. Brown furnished accompaniments; Colour-Sergt. H. L. Smith acted as stage-manager and M.C.; and the other members of the committee responsible for such an entirely successful show were: Sergeant-Major Perry (hon. treasurer), Sergt. Digby (hon. secretary), Sergt. Rush (promptor), and Major and Paymaster R. K. W. N. Clavell (in charge of the R.M. Theatre).—From *Western Independent*.

N.B.—The entire takings were £19. 2s. 9d., and deducting the expenses, £6. 15s. 9d, leaves the substantial sum of £12. 7s. to be handed over to the Secretary of the Nursing Branch of the S.S.F.A.

On Tuesday and Thursday, the 24th and 26th March, a play entitled "Misguided," written by Mr. F. W. Hopkins, late Colr.-Sergt., R.M.L.I., was produced in the Divisional Theatre, Plymouth. The author, who was enthusiastically received, played the principal part, that of Fred. Templeton, a magnanimous bachelor, who endeavoured to set the hero, Harry Mayton, right in the eyes of the world, even at the expense of losing his promised bride. Colr. Sergt. Hopkins, it will be remembered, is the author of several plays, which have from time to time been produced in this theatre, and this play is by no means the least of his productions, and interpreted by a strong cast would prove a draw. Colr.-Sergt. Smith and Private Duly provided the comic elements which relieved the more serious parts. Sergt. Digby as Professor Knowall was clever, and Sergt. Martin made the most of a delightful part as Henry Melrose.

CAST.

Henry Melrose, of Melrose House .. .. Sergt. H. Martin.
Alfonso Belmont, proprietor "Sun" Music Hall Clr.-Sgt. H. I. Smith.
Jasper Slyme, a gentleman with a Mission .. Sergt. T. H. Turner.
Harry Mayton, M.D., a Lunacy Specialist Q.M.S. J. J. Warner.
Prof. Solomon Knowall, his friend and Astronomer Sergt. S. W. Digby.
Jack Clinton, in love with Madge .. .. Sergt. A. Davis.
Fred Templeton, his friend .. .. .. Mr. F. W. Hopkins, late Clr.-Sergt., R.M.L.I.
Goliath Mite, Porter at "The Retreat" .. Pte. W. E. P. Daley.
Darby, a Detective .. .. Sergt. S. H. Paynter.
Thomas, Footman at Melrose House .. .. Sergt. T. Sanger.
Mrs. Melrose, a patient at "The Retreat" .. Mrs. F. Cavendish.
Madge, his daughter .. .. Miss Phyllis Gordon.
Jenny Jenkins, her maid, future Mrs. Mite Miss Muriel St. Clair.
Mabel Denmore, nurse at "The Retreat" .. Miss Florence Smith.

ACT I.

Scene I. .. .. Apartment in the House of Mr. Melrose.
Scene II. .. .. On the outskirts of the Town.
Scene III. .. .. Grounds of "The Retreat."

ACT II.

Apartment in the House of Mr. Melrose.

ACT III.

Grounds of "The Retreat."

ACT IV.

Scene I. .. .. Grounds of "The Retreat."
Scene II. .. .. On the outskirts of the Town.
Scene III. .. .. .. Exterior of House of Mr. Melrose.

SERGEANTS' MESS SMOKING CONCERT.—The second Smoking Concert of the season was held in the Divisional Theatre on Friday, the 3rd of April. The Theatre was used on this occasion in preference to the Mess Room, which could not afford sufficient accommodation for all those wishing to attend, the previous concert having been extremely popular and much appreciated.

There was a large attendance of the Officers of the Division, and the various regimental units were well represented. There was also a fair sprinkling of the Royal Navy and civilian friends of the Members of the Mess.

Sergt.-Major S. W. Perry was in the chair, supported by Sergt.-Major T. Jolley.

Owing to the large number of "turns" waiting to "come on" the duties of stage manager were exceptionally difficult, but Clr.-Sergt. H. L. Smith, with his usual tact and urbanity, was successful in preventing friction, and in making the concert run smoothly from beginning to end.

The Concert opened at 7 p.m., and was continued uninterruptedly until 2 a.m.

The very funny Farce, "Leave it to Me," was presented as the first item on the programme, and proved to be a good "ice-breaker," causing much laughter and preparing the guests for the good things to come.

FARCE—"LEAVE IT TO ME."

Mr. Easy .. .. Clr.-Sergt. H. L. Smith
Adolphus Courtley .. .. .. Q.M.S. F. H. H. Chapman
Joe Sprouts .. .. Pte. W. E. Daley
Mr. Quince .. .. .. Clr.-Sergt. J. H. Parsons, R.F.R.
Amelia Easy .. .. Miss Florence Smith
Susan Muggins .. .. Miss Muriel St. Clair

There were altogether 46 items on the programme, and it would be difficult to individualise where all were so good, but perhaps the following deserve special notice: The Seltons (comedy jugglers), Cruikshank (unique speciality), Kitty Bell (chic comedienne and dainty dancer) and Frank Seeley (excentric comedian), all from the New Palace Theatre (by kind permission of Messrs. Livemore Bros., and the Manager, Mr. F. A. Burland); Miss Blanche Marion (serio comic) and Little Nora (child character comedienne), her excellent renderings being repeatedly encored, from the Grand Theatre (by kind permission of Mr. C. F. Williams, and the Manager, Mr. Wilfred Franks); Mr. A. W. H. Hortopp (ventriloquism), Mr. L. Rowland (comic), Mr. Gordon Stamford (musical sketch), Messrs. Williams and Wyatt (whistle and concertina solos and duetts), Professor Johns, F.O.S. (conjuring), Corpl. Wellington (violin solo), Messrs White and Watson, (Humorous Duettists), Pte. Daley (comic), Sergt. C. J. Pike ('cello and cornet solos), Sergt.-Inst. from R.M.A. (club swinging), Mr. A. Tyrrell (comic), etc., etc., all local performers. Mr. J. N. Pearce was an excellent pianist, whilst the R.M. Theatre Orchestra, under the conductorship of Corpl. J. J. Brown, contributed greatly to the entertainment. Committee: Clr.-Sergt. Jno. Wood (president); Sergts. H. Beere, H. Bulley, W. Vincent, W. E. Gregory, Q.M.S. J. J. Warner, Clr.-Sergt. A. E. Shapland, Clr.-Sergt. H. L. Smith, Clr.-Sergt. J. J. Moyse; Sergt. Arthur Hurford (Secretary).

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Births.

BLAKE—On April 8th, at 14, Cranley Gardens, South Kensington, the wife of Major-General G. F. Blake, Royal Marines, of a son.

PHILLIPPS—On April 5th, at The Moat, Ipswich, the wife of Captain Picton Phillipps, Royal Marine Artillery, of a son.

WARD On April 6th, the wife of Sergt. Ward, of a son.

PORTER—At Forton, on April 3rd, the wife of Sergt. F. Porter, R.M.L.I., of a son.

Marriages.

CRESSWELL—PYM—On April 18th, at St. Mary's Church, Reading, by the Rev. Henry Westall, Vicar of St. Cuthbert's, Earl's Court, assisted by the Rev. W. Neville, Vicar of the parish, and the Rev. W. E. P. Hogg, Assistant Priest, St. Barnabas, Oxford, Harry Bulkeley Cresswell, eldest son of the late Henry Louis Cresswell, Secretary to the Post Office in Scotland, previously of Dublin, to Ethel Frances Celia, third daughter of the late General Edward Lawes Pym, Royal Marine Light Infantry, and Mrs. Pym, of 13, Bath Road, Reading.

MAY—PYM—On April 18th, at St. John's Church, Hankow, China, Robert Albert May, Imperial Maritime Customs, eldest son of Nevile May, Imperial Maritime Customs, China, to Cecil Janet Innes, youngest daughter of the late General Edward Lawes Pym, R.M.L.I., and Mrs. Pym, of 13, Bath Road, Reading.

CREIGHTON—BEARD—On April 11th, at the Parish Church, Deal, Sergt. F. E. Creighton, to Miss E. A. Beard.

SPOONER-GARR—On April 24th, at the Parish Church, Deal, Pte. W. Spooner to Miss E. R. Garr.

FRANCE—HARRISON—On March 27th, 1903, at St. James' Church, Portsea, Gnr. W. H. France to Miss E. Harrison.

CHANDLER—GAST—On April 4th, 1903, at St. James' Church, Portsea, Gnr. F. Chandler, R.M.A., to Miss E. Gast.

CALLOWAY—DAY—On April 13th, at St. Bartholomew's, Church, Gnr. H. C. B. Calloway, R.M A., to Miss L. R. Day.

DORRELL—STACEY—On April 13th, 1903, at St. Bartholomew's Church, Southsea, Gnr. J. Dorrell, R.M.A., to Miss E. Stacey.

HAMILTON—WARR—On April 18th, 1903, at St, Bartholomew's Church, Southsea, Bugler G. H. Hamilton to Miss L. G. Warr.

WHITTINGHAM—BULL—On 13th April, 1903, at Parish Church, Ryde, Pte. J. Whittingham to Grace Bull.

METCALF—CROSSLAND—On 13th April, 1903, at St. John's Church, Forton, Corpl. C. H. Metcalf to Miss M. A. Crossland.

BULLARD—BISHOP—On April 4th, 1903, at Parish Church, Southbroom, Wilts, Pte. T. O. Bullard to Miss M. J. Bishop.

TOVEY—ABBAT—On April 11th, 1903, at Register Office, Alverstoke, Pte. A. C. Tovey to Miss S. M. Abbat.

Deaths.

ROSE—On April 10th, at Exmouth, General Edward Lee Rose, Royal Marine Light Infantry, aged 61.

SKUES—On April 7th, 1903, at Mackenzie Cottage, Hastings Road, West Ealing, Georgina Mary, daughter of the late Lieut. George Skues, R.M.L.I.

RICHARDS—On April 18th, at 8, Channel View Terrace, Plymouth, Lilie, the beloved wife of Q.M.S. J. T. Richards, R.M.L.I., aged 30 years.

HALL—On April 1st, 1903, on board H.M.S. *Duke of Wellington*, Gnr. E. Hall, R.M.A.

In Memoriam.

BUXTON—In fond remembrance of William Buxton, late Sergeant of the Royal Marine Artillery, who died April 6th, 1899. Never forgotten.

HADDLETON—In loving memory of Walter Henry Haddleton, Retired Warrant Officer, Royal Marines, who passed away suddenly on March 30th, 1900.

The Editor begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following papers with many thanks:—

The Royal Navy List; "The United Service Magazine"; "The Household Brigade Magazine"; "The Tiger and the Rose"; "The A.S.C. Journal"; "The St. George's Gazette"; "The Green Howards Gazette"; "The H.L.I. Chronicle"; "The Thin Red Line"; "The London Scottish Regimental Magazine"; "The Regiment"; "The Oakleaf"; "The Suffolk Gazette"; "The Bugle"; "The Sapper"; "The United Service Gazette"; "The Gordonian"; "The Donegal's Own"; "Army and Navy Gazette," &c.

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Editorial.

WE have been much gratified at the success gained by our issue of last month, as evidenced by the sale of copies. Our readers have evidently appreciated the excellent plate of the Unveiling of the Memorial that we were enabled to publish. We have already disposed of 5,600 copies, in place of our usual 5,200, and we still have 100 copies in hand, should any of our readers wish to obtain extra copies.

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We publish this month a picture of the medals belonging to the late Col.-Sergt. Prettyjohn, V.C., that have been purchased by subscriptions and placed in the Officers' Mess at Plymouth.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the following promotions in the R.M.L.I, 1903,—

Lieut.-Gen. C. H. Scafe to be General, *vice* Rose, deceased.

Major.-Gen. W. P. Wright, D.A.G., R.M., to be Lieut.-General, Supernumerary to the establishment, *vice* Scafe, promoted.

Major-Gen. A. B. Crosbie to be Lieut.-General, *vice* Wright, Supernumerary.

Col.-Commandant R. P. Coffin to be Major-General, *vice* Crosbie, promoted.

Col. 2nd-Commandant C. G. Gordon to be Col.-Commandant, *vice* Coffin, promoted.

Lieut.-Col. A. F. Gatliff to be Col. 2nd-Commandant, Plymouth Division, *vice* Gordon promoted.

Major F. White, D.S.O., to be Lieut.-Col., *vice* Gatliff, promoted, and appointed to Chatham Division.

Captain A. H. Brabazon to be Major, *vice* White, promoted, and appointed to Plymouth Division.

There will be no promotion to the rank of Captain in this instance, on account of the recent return to the Corps of an Officer from the Seconded List.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the following promotions and appointments in the R.M.L.I.—

Captain G. C. Rooney to be Captain, with seniority of 13th March, 1903, *vice* Palmer, promoted.

Lieut. C. F. O. Graham, serving with the West African Frontier Force, to be Captain on the Seconded List, *vice* Coke, seconded. Dated 29th April, 1903.

Lieut. G. Carpenter to be Captain, *vice* Graham seconded, and appointed to the Chatham Division. Dated 29th April, 1903.

Lieut. J. A. F. Cuffe to be Captain, *vice* Strong seconded, and appointed to the Plymouth Division. Dated 29th April, 1903.

Lieut. F. B. A. Lawrie, serving with the West African Frontier Force, to be Captain on the Seconded List, *vice* Evelegh promoted. Dated 1st May, 1903.

Lieut. B. R. de W. O. Sullivan to be Captain, *vice* Lawrie seconded, and appointed to the Plymouth Division. Dated 1st May, 1903.

The promotion of Lieut. Carpenter is conditional on his having passed the necessary examination in Military Law, to qualify him for promotion, which took place last month.

The promotion of Lieut. Lawrie is conditional on his passing, within nine months of his return to the Corps, the examination in Tactics necessary to qualify him for promotion.

Lieut. G. R. S. Hickson to be Assistant Instructor of Musketry at the Portsmouth Division, *vice* Cuffe promoted. Dated 29th April, 1903.

Lieut. H. H. Stockley to be Superintendent of Swimming Instruction at the Depot, R.M., *vice* O'Sullivan promoted. Dated 1st May, 1903.

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Lieut. C. Williams will embark in H.M.S. *Northampton*, on completion of his course of instruction in Musketry at Hythe, to replace Lieut. Stockley.

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The undermentioned Officers will embark in the ships specified on the arrival of the Channel Fleet—Captain E. W. Harding, R.M.A., in H.M.S. *Prince George*, June 11th; Lieut. F. G. Tanqueray-Willaume, R.M.A., in H.M.S. *Hannibal*, June 3rd; Lieut. C. V. Martin, R.M.L.I., in H.M.S. *Majestic*, June 3rd.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Lieut.-Col. and Brevet-Col. A. L. S. Burrowes, R.M.A., being placed on a Supplementary Half-Pay List on completion of six years' service in the substantive rank of Lieut.-Colonel, under the provisions of Orders-in-Council of 29th November, 1881, and 18th May, respectively. Dated 21st May, 1903.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Ch. 3131 Sergt. F. Waters, being promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer, from the 1st June, 1903, inclusive, on appointment as Superintending Clerk in the Paymaster's Office, Chatham Division, *vice* Crowe, whose application to retire at the end of May, 1903, has been sanctioned.

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Their Lordships have also approved of the following promotion in the R.M.A.—Major and Brevet-Col. J. H. Bor, C.M.G., R M.A., to be Lieut.-Colonel, *vice* Burrowes. Dated 21st May, 1903.

There will be no promotion to the rank of Major in this instance, on account of the recent return to Eastney of Major and Brevet Lieut.-Col. J. H. Bor, C.M.G., from the Supernumerary List, on vacating the appointment of D.A.A.G., R.M.

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Captain G. M. Heriot, Lieuts. F. W. Home and C. S. Hazeon, R.M.L.I., will be the Officers for H.M.S. *Leviathan* on commissioning.

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Their Lordships have also approved of the Good Service Pension of £150 a year, vacant in consequence of the promotion of Col. Coffin, being awarded to Col.-Com. A. D. Corbett, C.B., R.M.L.I.

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The undermentioned Officers will embark in H.M S. *Exmouth* on that ship commissioning—Capt. C. H. Hoskyns-Abrahall, R.M L.I., and Lieut. J. E. Van der Kiste, R.M.A.

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The undermentioned Officers, R M.L.I., will embark in the ships specified—Captain A. G. C. Milner in H.M.S. *Duke of Wellington*, to relieve Captain L. O. Wilson, D.S.O.; Lieut. H. W. Miles in H.M.S. *Minerva* to relieve Lieut. R. N. White.; Lieut A Peel in H.M.S. *Sutlej*, to relieve Lieut. R. Gordon.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to nominate Lieut. C. G. Bird, R.M.L.I., serving in H.M.S. *Cressy*, for the usual appointment to the Indian Army, placed at their disposal for Officers, R.M.

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Major C. L. Gordon, R.M.L.I., has embarked in H.M.S. *Duke of Wellington* to relieve Major C. Field, R.M.L.I.

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The undermentioned Officers were detached to Hythe on the 2nd June, to commence a course of instruction at the School of Musketry —Captains F. J. W. Cartwright, R.M.L.I., and A. F. Simson, R.M.A.; Lieuts. H. Ozanne and R. D. Ormsby, R.M.L.I.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Major G. L. Beaumont, R.M.L.I., being allowed to retire at his own request. Dated 1st May, 1903.

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Their Lordships have further been pleased to approve of the following routine promotions in the R.M.L.I., dated 1st May, 1903.

Captain E. G. Evelegh to be Major, *vice* Beaumont retired, and appointed to the Portsmouth Division.

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An exchange of appointments has been approved between the undermentioned Officers—Col. 2nd-Commandant H. C, Eagles, Depot, R.M., and Col. 2nd-Commandant A. F. Gatliff, Plymouth Division.

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Captain J. B. Finlaison, R.M.L.I., on return to the Corps from the Seconded List, is absorbed in the establishment of Captains, *vice* Brabazon promoted. Dated 14th April, 1903.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the appointment of Capt. L. O. Wilson, D.S.O., R.M.L.I., as A.D.C. to Vice-Admiral Sir H. H. Rawson, K.C.B., Governor of New South Wales, and of his being placed on half-pay from the date of embarkation.

This vacancy will not be filled up in view of the early return to the Corps of an Officer from the Seconded List.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Lieut. T. B. A. Leahy, R.M.A., being promoted to the rank of Captain, *vice* Homfray, seconded. Dated 9th April, 1903.

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Lieuts. F. G. Crick, H. E. W. Iremonger, and H. G. Morgan, R.M.A., passed a satisfactory examination in subjects (*a*) and (*b*) for promotion, the 11th May, 1903.

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At the monthly sale of medals by Messrs. Glendenning, in London, on the 5th and 6th May, a fine specimen of the China Medal, 1900, with clasp for Relief of Pekin, awarded to a Private, R.M., who served on H.M.S. *Orlando*, fetched £3. A group of three medals awarded to James Wall, R.M., and subsequently of 2nd Somerset Lt. Infantry, viz., Crimea with clasps for Balaklava and Sebastopol, Turkish Crimea, and Burma, 1885-87, realized £1 8s.; the Crimea Medal with clasps for Azoff and Sebastopool, to George Trollope, R.M., was sold for £1 1s.; while for Egyptian Medals, one bar "El Teb," to E. Harran, R.M., and one bar "Tamai," to J. Bond, R.M., went for £1 5s. each; two bars for the Nile and "Abu Klea," to I. Webb, was sold for 12/-; and a group of three—one bar "El Teb-Tamai," the Khedive Star, and good conduct medal to R. J. Richings, R.M., for 17/.

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Captains N. F. Trotman, R.M.A., and F. E. C. B. Chichester, R.M.L.I., are seconded for service as Adjutants of Auxiliary Forces.

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Captain Portlock-Dadson has again kindly sent a contribution to the collection of medals being formed in the Officers' Mess at the Plymouth Division. The particulars of the medals are—1.—Egypt, with clasps for "Abu Klea" and the Nile, 1884–85, awarded to Pte. I. Webb, R.M.L.I. 2.—Egypt, with clasp for "El Teb-Tamai," Khedive's Star, Long Service and Good Conduct (Navy), awarded to Pte. R. I. Ritchings, R.M.L.I. 3.—Ashantee 1896 Star, granted to Military Forces only.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the following appointments (and promotion) to the Staff of the School of Music—

Major H. Slessor, R.M.A., to be Commandant. Dated 20th March, 1903.

Superintending Clerk J. M. Mitchell, R.M.L.I., to be Quarter Master and Acting Adjutant, with the Honorary rank of Lieutenant. Dated 20th May, 1903.

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It has been decided that for the future the Channel *Squadron* is to be known and described as the Channel *Fleet*.

Royal Marines Memorial.

PHOTOGRAPHS of the R.M. Memorial will be on sale at the several Canteens, or can be obtained from the Hon. Sec., R.M. Memorial Committee, by June 6th.

PRICES:

(1)	Mounted, Common Card	1s. 3d. each
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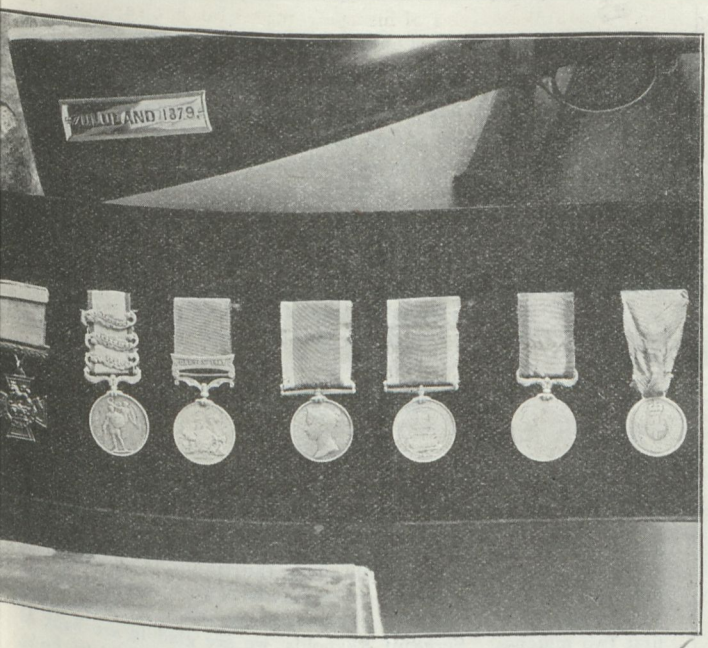


COL.-SERGT. PRETTYJOHN'S MEDALS.

Presented to the Officers' Mess, Plymouth Division, Royal Marines, by the Officers of the R.M.L.I. on the Retired and Active List.

Photograph by Captain F. T. Bridges, R.M.L.I.

Reading from left to right they are—Victoria Cross; Crimea (English); China; Naval Long Service and Good Conduct (for distinguished service in the field; Naval Long Service and Good Conduct; Crimea (Turkish); Crimea (Sardinian).

The Medals are arranged in a handsome case presented by Colonel B. T. C. Hamilton (late R.M.L.I.)

Royal Military Tournament.

THE Corps has been well represented this year at the Royal Military Tournament at Islington.

The R.M.A. Tug-of-War Teams, both light weights and heavy weights, defeated all comers, the former with ease. The heavy weights, after a very severe struggle in the finals, being defeated in the first pull by a magnificent and massive team from the R.A. Staff, the superior training of the R.M.A. telling in the succeeding pulls.

In Bayonet Fighting the R.M.A. Team nearly sustained defeat by the Depot in the semi-finals, owing to a tie. The Competition had to be decided by a fight between the leaders. In the finals this team scored an easy victory over the Chatham Division, R.M.L.I. The first three places being secured by Royal Marines, viz., R.M.A., 1; Chatham Division, R.M.L.I., 2; Depot, R.M., 3.

There have been many individual successes gained by the Corps, details of which will be furnished by other correspondents.

A Gun Mounting and Dismounting "Display" was again furnished by the R.M.A. A 5-inch gun, with Vavasour mounting, being brought into the arena on a waggon, a temporary gyn rigged, the carriage and gun removed from the waggon, gun mounted and fired, dismounted, gun carriage and two tons replaced on the waggon. The whole display occupying on the average about 6½ minutes from entry to exit, an extremely smart performance, which never throughout the Tournament failed to elicit hearty applause from the large audience which have this year filled the hall—besides winning praise from His Majesty the King, from our Colonel-in-Chief, and from many distinguished visitors of both Services, notably officers of high rank in the Royal Artillery. The permission to fire a charge when the gun was mounted, which was withheld last year, gave far better effect, and brought home to the audience the fact that the gun was really in working order, ready for effective action.

For the first time in the annals of the R.M.L.I. a display has been given at each performance by a Recruit Squad from the Gymnasium at the Depot, which has met with great approval from the public and in the press, in addition to special recognition from His Majesty and the Prince of Wales. The latter before leaving the Hall sent for Capt. Hobbs and expressed his great pleasure at the entertainment, desiring that he would convey to the Recruits and their Instructors his appreciation of the display. The men average six months service and 18 years of age, and show, as was said by a high authority in Army Gymnastics, what can be done by good training, and keenness on the part of the men themselves. The Display consisted of part of the regular R.M. Depot Gymnastic Course, viz., free gymnastics, vaulting and jumping the horse, surmounting obstacles with arms, and climbing ropes, &c. The squad were not picked in any manner except so far that a few who commenced the course were weeded out, having gone sick, &c., and that no men likely to be drafted to Divisions during the period of training and the time the squad was required at Islington were included. The men belong to the Infantry Squad under Sergeant J. Harverson, to whom great credit is due for their general training and behaviour. While for gymnastic training Captain Hobbs, Superintendent of Gymnasia, Q.M.S.-Instructor J. Young, and Sergeants Wadley and Bell are responsible for the high efficiency of the squad. It should not be forgotten that the fact that it has been possible to produce a Recruit Squad fit to appear at what may be called with reason the National Tournament in lieu of the usual display by the Trained Gymnasts from the Army School at Aldershot, who were unable to appear this year, is dûe to the excellent system in vogue at the Gymnasium, R.M. Depot, and the initiative of Major C. E. Chown, R.M.L.I., the late Superintendent.

RESULTS AS FOLLOWS:—

Bayonet Combat.—In the first round the R.M.A. beat 1st Suffolk Regiment, and beat them fairly quickly, 7—1. The R.M.L.I. defeated the 1st Batt. Grenadier Guards.

In the 2nd round the R.M.A. beat the Depot, Royal Marines, and a most exciting tussle ensued, the score being 4—4; on the leaders fighting off the R.M.A. proved victorious.

In the final the R.M.A. beat the R.M.L.I., Chatham, 7—1.

R.M.A. Team.—Q.M.S. Jones, trainer; Corpl. Rose, Bomb. Lally, leaders Team: Gunners O'Voy, Rosenthal, Randall, Nichol, Moffatt, Marsh, Worsfold, Spencer. Readymen: Gunners Harris, Gerrard.

Corpl. Rose led the team up to within a week from Tournament, but duty called him to the *Excellent*, and his place was ably filled by Bomb. Lally.

This is the third year running the R.M.A. have won the Cup and thus become entitled to retain it. A small cup was presented (in addition) to the R.M.A. by the Tournament Committee for three years in succession.

Tug-of-War. Catch Weights—1st Round: R.M.A. beat V Battery, R.H.A.

2nd Round: R.M.A. beat 2nd Batt. Norfolk Regiment.

Final: R.M.A. beat A Division District Staff, R.A., Woolwich.

Team.—Coach: Sergt.-Major Jones; E Co., Gnr. Richards, N Co., Gnr. Cordell, I Co., Gnr. Atchison, I Co., Gnr. Walters, H Co., Bomb. Smith, F Co., Bomb. Sylvester, L Co., Act.-Bomb. Robiers, A Co., Gnr. Knox, P Co., Gnr. Ramsay, F Co., Gnr. Fisher. Readymen: E Co., Corpl. Welchman, A Co., Gnr. Howes.

Light Weights.—The light weight team seemed to have pretty well their own way, several good pulls took place, but in each case the result was 2 love

In the Army *v.* Auxiliary Forces, the Champion Regular Team met the Champion Auxiliary Team, *i.e.*, the R.M.A. met and defeated the 12th Middlesex Volunteers by 2 love.

1st Round: R.M.A. beat Bridging Batt., R.E.

2nd Round: R.M.A. beat Training Batt., R.E.

Final: R.M.A. beat King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Team.—Coach: Lce.-Sergt. Russell; I Co., Gnr. Prince, N Co., Gnr. Vickery, M Co., Gnr. Carter, M Co., Gnr. Jorden, A Co., Gnr. Wooldridge, A Co., Gnr. Coates, Q Co., Gnr. Winter, Q Co., Gnr. Coffey, Q Co., Gnr. Haywood, P Co., Gnr. Ridley. Readymen: O Co., Gnr. Hogg, Q Co., Gnr. Allen.

Bayonet v. Bayonet.—2nd Prize, Sergt. Riddell, R.M.L.I.; 3rd Prize, Clr.-Sergt. Hickman, R.M.L.I., 4th Prize, Corpl. O'Connor, R.M.L.I.

Fencing.—4th Prize, Sergt. Marshall, R.M.L.I.

Bayonet Combat.—1st Prize, R.M.A.; 2nd Prize R.M.L.I., (Chat.)

Tug-of-War. Catch Weights.—R.M.A.; *110 Stone*—R.M.A.; *Regulars v. Auxiliary*—R.M.A.

National Antarctic Expedition.

(s.s. "DISCOVERY.")

(Letter to Col. A. E. Chapman, R.M.L.I, from Lce.-Corpl. Blissett, who with Lce.-Corpl. Scott, both of the Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., are serving on s.s. "Discovery.")

Long. 167° 07″ 04′ East,
Lat. 77° 49′ 00′ South,
24/2/1903.

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of writing to you a few lines on this expedition, of which Scott and myself have the honour to belong, as the only representatives of our Corps. We join in congratulating you on your appointment as Colonel-Commandant of the Portsmouth Division, and hope you will remain in command until we reach England in the *Discovery*. Captain Scott left the ship with two other officers and 19 dogs for the southern trip, and got away in fine style, the dogs towing about 2,000-lbs. (about three months' provisions). He returned after 94 days' absence without a dog left alive and one officer unfit for manual labour, having broken a blood vessel, otherwise they are apparently in good health.

He reached the highest southern latitude that we know of—Mr. Borchgrevinck, c/o of the *Southern Cross*. Sir G. Newnes' expedition, 1898-1900, reached 78° 45″ S. Captain Scott reached 82° 17′ S. and found very high land and evidence pointing to the fact that the great ice barrier is afloat, and other valuable notes, photographs, and sketches. Dr. Wilson, who is the naturalist and artist of the expedition, obtained the sketches, and on the whole it is a most satisfactory journey. Mr. Armitage had a trip, lasting seven weeks, to the west, "Victoria Land," and got valuable magnetic and meteorological observations. Scott (R.M.) formed one of this trip, and was commended on his general behaviour and cheerful manner. Lieut. Royds, R.N., has made several journeys to Cape Crozier, about 50 miles to the east. He planted despatches for the guidance of the *Morning*, relief ship, and on his last trip in October, 1902, I was one of a party of those sent to obtain specimen of Emperor Penguin's young, and to study their habits, and also visit the mail pole and see it alright and add another despatch. We all three had snow-blindness when we arrived there, and on going down to the sea—ice from off the barrier over hummocks 100 feet in height (roughly)—we had to go roped together with alpine rope, and also carried an ice-axe each and crampons on our feet. But after several stumbles and falling down small crevasses we got safely down. I had the exceptional stroke of good luck to find the egg, which is the only one ever secured up to the time we left civilization; of course the German or Swedish expedition may also have obtained one or more.

No doubt you have heard of the fatal accident to C. Bonner, A.B., R.N., on our leaving Lyttelton. I regret to say we have lost another seaman, G. T. Vince, A.B., R.N., by drowning. He slipped down a snow slope and over an ice cliff 150 feet in height into the sea below, which was then (March) not frozen over, and was seen no more. Five others of the party of seven narrowly escaped the same fate by managing to stop themselves on the edge only; they had the advantage of Vince in having on leather boots, he had fur. C. Hare, who is in the ward room pantry with Scott and I, and who is a New Zealander, set off back to change his fur boots for leather ones, got lost, as it was blowing a blizzard, and a great amount of drift snow made it absolutely impossible to see more than six feet in front of you, and at times less. He went through a rather novel experience, though an unenviable one, by falling down through sheer exhaustion and sleeping for over 30 hours in a temperature of minus 6 degrees F. Three of the party of seven being unable to assist or to find the remainder, made for the ship, and as luck would have it, struck her by guess work. A search party was at once ordered out and found the officer in charge of the party and two men, but could find no trace of the other two, Hare and Vince. Hare came back alone and well on the morning of the second day, none the worse, except very hungry.

On our return to England, Scott and I intend to present the Corps with a seal's head (Weddeli) and a skin of an Adelie penguin, if we can obtain permission to do so from the Societies. Captain Scott has given us the opportunity of obtaining both penguin and seal's hea I hope that there will be no trouble of obtaining permission when get home, and that you will accept them for the Corps. We are present ice-bound for five miles (geographical) to the north, but hop to get free before the end of next month (March); if we fail it mea another winter here, which no one will really like, although fully pr pared to stop if necessary. The ship's company is now to be reduc by nine of the crew being discharged and sent home by the *Morni* relief ship, thus we shall be 37 all told after her departure.

In conclusion, Scott and I are pleased to remain in representati of the Corps.

Believe me to be, your obedient servant,
A. H. Blissitt, Lce.-Corpl., R.M.L.I.

Home Notes

EASTNEY.

It has now been finally decided that the new Church will be bu on the northern boundary of the Drill Field in Henderson Roa about a dozen of the allotment gardens will be taken for t purpose and to provide a suitable Church Parade Ground.

Cricket prospects are favourable among the recruits, there are sever promising players who, with practice, may be of great assistance to t Regimental Eleven, which has commenced the season by winning t first two matches. Sergeant Reynolds, we are glad to see back headquarters; besides being as useful as ever behind the sticks, he just now, in great form with the bat.

GOSPORT.

The weather has been beautifully fine lately and cricket has been full swing, the Officers, Sergeants, and Junior N.C.O.'s and Me Clubs all having had matches. The piece of ground that has be levelled last winter, at the east end of the field, has been most success and we are now able to have four lawn tennis courts and three croq lawns.

An attempt is being made to raise a Cadet Corps in the Divis similar to those at Eastney and the Depot, and has been most warm received, and offers of help have come in from every side. A meeti was held in the Theatre under the presidency of Colonel-Comman Chapman, when the idea was carried unanimously and general prop sitions laid down. We are now waiting for official sanction. In furth ance of the proposal a lecture on "China and Japan," illustrated the most exquisite lime-light views, was given in the Theatre, on Wed nesday 27th instant, by the Rev. T. Chalk, which was very interest and we hope financial results may be satisfactory.

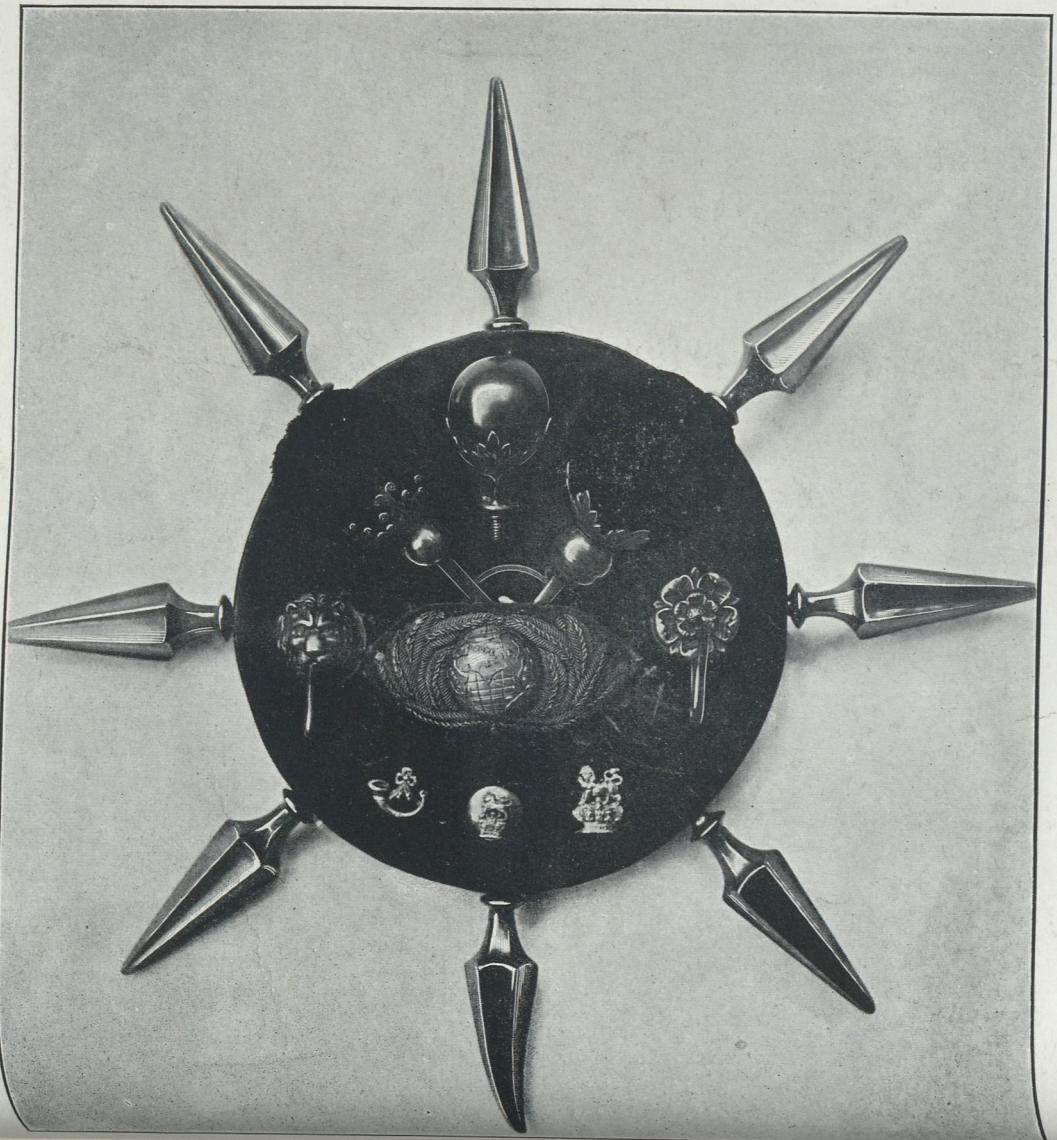
Our shooting team has been most successful, having already defea the R.M.A. and H.M.S. *Excellent*, and we are all looking forward them repeating their successes at Ash, and the Browndown meeti which is to be revived this year.

PLYMOUTH.

The cricket season has commenced very successfully. Four matc have been won and four drawn, all of which can be considered to h been drawn in our favour, excepting perhaps the R.N. match, which anybody's. Some big scores have been knocked up, notably the for one wicket, against the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. Co Coke and Little making 144 and 63 respectively before the latter out. This is a record for the Mount Wise ground. The tail of team have not had many opportunities for making large scores, a the Corps got first innings, it so frequently has to declare in order try and obtain a victory. Captain Coke's 144 not out is the lar individual score, but Dr. Jones has made three centuries and L D'Oyly one. Dr. Jones has made over 600 runs in all matches alre this season, and he is equally valuable as a bowler to us.

The N.C.O.'s and Men's Club has not been quite so success They have one loss against four wins. The North Lancashire m having won by 135 runs, as a set off to the heavy defeat referred above.

The shooting team have opened the year with a success, defeating five points the strong Hatherleigh Co. of the 4th V.B. Devons, in s of the ex-Queen's Prizeman, Sergt. Ward, having made 98 for the hi



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Past and Present Badges, etc., of the Corps of Royal Marines.

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30 days.

JUNE, 1903.

1	Mon.	Queen Anne's Order in Council for 6 Regiments of Marines to be raised, 1702. Lord Howe's victory, 1794. (*1*)* *Shannon* and *Chesapeake*, 1813.* Capture of Battery at Citat, 1812. Fatshan Creek, 1857.
2	Tues.	Capitulation by the French of Diamond Rock, 1805.
3	Wed.	White Cloud Mountain, China, 1858. (*2*)
4	Thur.	Storming and capture of Fort Muros, 1805. (*12*) Pegu captured 1852. Coast of Finland blockaded 1855.
5	Frid.	Pangorah, Batavia, 1811, (*3*) Occupation of Pretoria, South Africa, 1900. (*22*)
6	Sat.	Alza, Carlist War, 1836. Gheiske, Sea of Azoff, 1855.
7	**Sun.**	"Belleisle," 1761. (*4*) Laurel wreath granted for this service.
8	Mon.	*Unicorn* and *Santa Margaritta* defeat and capture 2 out of 3 French ships, 1796.*
9	Tues.	Ranee-Cote, Indian Mutiny, 1858. *Mosquito* captured *Privateer*, 1795.* *Southampton* captured *Utile*, 1796.*
10	Wed.	Attacks on Suakim repulsed, 1884.
11	Thur.	Boats of *Renown*, &c., cut out *Nochette*, &c., 1800, Diamond Hill, South Africa, 1900. (*23*)
12	Frid.	First capture of Louisbourg, 1745. Boats of *Narcissus* captured U. S. Schooner *Surveyor*, 1813. First engagement of Seymour's Expedition. (*24*)
13	Sat.	*Dryad* captured *Proserpine*, 1796.* Off Cabarita Point (Sir J. Saumarez), 1801.* Elmina, Ashantee, 1875.
14	**Sun.**	Marines at Quiberon from June to December, 1795.
15	Mon.	Relief of Chiau-meu, Peking, 1900. (*13*)
16	Tues.	Woosung, China, 1842.
17	Wed.	Bunker's Hill, 1775. (*6*) *Romney* captured *Sibylle*, 1794.* Fleet under Cornwallis retreat before superior French Fleet, 1795. Present Colors presented to Plymouth Division, 1858. Capture of Taku Forts, China, 1900. (*16*) Capitulation of Louisburg, 1745.
18	Thur.	Narva Battery, Baltic, 1855. Action at Hurryah, Indian Mutiny, 1858. *Nymphe* captured *Cléopâtre*, 1793.*
19	Frid.	Capture of Russian Batteries at Hango, 1809. Commencement of Siege. Capture of Military College, Tientsin, 1900. (*17*)
20	Sat.	Fort of Roshensalm destroyed, 1755.
21	**Sun.**	Capture of Fort Lequertio and destruction of Batteries, North coast of Spain, 1812. Commencement of Siege of Legations, Peking, 1900. (*14*) Battle of Peitsang, China, 1900. J R.T. 200 Marines.
22	Mon.	Myezane, South Africa, 1879. Capture of Hsiku Arsenal, China, 1900. (*18*) Presentation of Colours to Chatham Division by H.R H. The Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, K G., 1896.
23	Tues.	Off L'Orient (Bridport's Victory), 1795. Relief of Tientsin China, 1900. (*19*)
24	Wed.	Petrouski Forts silenced by *Vesuvius*, 1855. Sortie from Peking Legations, 1900. (*15*)
25	Thur.	Hampton, 1st and 2nd Battalions, Royal Marines. Two stand of Colors taken, 1813. (7) Peiho, China, 1859. (*8*) Relief of Admiral Seymour's Column, China, 1900, (*20*)
26	Frid.	West Gate, Canton, 1858. Capture of Italian Gunboat, *Volpe*, 1808. (*10*)
27	Sat.	Buenos Ayres capitulated 1806. (*9*) Action at Alassio, 1812. (*11*) Pukitakaneri, New Zealand, 1860. Capture of Pei-Yang Arsenal, China, 1900 (*21*).
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29	**Sun.**	Groa, 1810.* (*13*) Gulf of Trieste.
30	Mon.	*Pique* and *Jason* captured *Seine*. 1798.
	Tues.	Second capture of Tobago, 1803. Battle of Beachy Bead, 1690. (Edye's History).

(*1*)—The 2nd Queen's and 29th Regiments were also serving as Marines in this action. (*2*)—Colonel Holloway and Battalion R.M.L.I. (*3*)—Captain White with detachment R.M. 2nd detachment 14th Regiment. (*4*)—Colonel Mackenzie and two Battalions of Marines. (*5*)—Colonel Festing, R.M.A., and Battalion. (*6*)—Major Pitcairne and two Battalions. (*7*)—Lieut.-Colonel Williams and two Battalions. (*8*)—Colonel T. Lemon and Battalion. (*9*)—Major Alexander McKenzie and Battalion of 340 Rank and File. (*10*)—Captain E. Nicolls, Royal Marines. (*11*)—Captain J. Owen (afterwards Sir J. Owen and D.A.G.) and 180 Rank and File, bayonet charge and defeat of portion of 52nd French Regiment. (*12*)—Lieuts. T. Moore and J. Brattle with detachment, defeat and make prisoners a strong party of the 81st French Infantry. (*13*)—Major Halliday (now V.C.) and 25 R.M.L.I. (*14*)—Capts. Strouts, Halliday, and Wray, and 76 R.M.L.I. (*15*)—Major Halliday awarded Victoria Cross. (*16*)— (*17*)—Major (now Lieut.-Col. and C.B.) Luke, and 150 Marines. (*18*)—Major (now Lieut -Col. and C. B.) J. R. Johnstone and 180 Marines. (*19*)—Major Luke and 150 men. (*20*)—Major Luke and 150 men. (*21*)—Major Johnstone and 300 Marines. (*22*)—Major Peile and 70 men with 4·7 gun. (*23*)—Major Peile and 60 men. *Actions for which the Naval War Medal or Clasps were given. (*24*)—Major Johnstone, 16 Marines *v.* 2000 Boxers.

ERRATA.—

Medal granted for each of the undermentioned :

1st May, 1810—Fort taken at Jacotal by boats of "*Nereide*."* *2nd May*, 1813—Marines under Capt. Michael Ennis blow up Battery at Morgion and capture 6 laden vessels.* *3rd May*, 1810—Capture of "*Sparviere*" by *Spartan* under Japhet Brenton.* *4th May*, 1811—After "*Farenza*, 1811" add "*By boats of Belle Ponte and Alceste under Lieut. McCurdy.*" *5th May*, 1798—Isle of S. Marcon.* *7th May*, 1808—"*Redwing*" destroys seven armed vessels. *20th May*, 1811—Off Tamataur—Capture of "*Renommee* and "*Nereide*." *21st May*, 1799—should be *. *22nd May*, 1812—After "*Northumberland*" add "*and Growler*" and *. *24th May*, 1814—Boats of "*Elizabeth*" capture "*L'Aigle*" * *27th May*, 1797—Boats of "*Lively*" and "*Minerve*" cut out "*Mutine*" *. *29th May*, 1794—Capture of "*Brune*" and "*Napoleon*" at Malaga *. *31st May*, 1808—Battery destroyed at Tarifa and 2 vessels captured by "*Redwing*" *.

Disembarkation of a Force in presence of the Enemy.

This Lecture was given by Lt.-Col. Daniell, R.M.L.I., at Plymouth, on 10th February.

(*Continued from page 44*).

WE can now proceed one step farther, and assume that our landing place has been selected from strategical and tactical reasons. As I said before it may be—(1) At or near a defended harbour. (2) On the open beach. In the first case the ships must deal with the works. In days gone by this was frequently possible and was done with great success; but we must remember that the conditions were easier. In the old days with broadside armament a ship, if she once was manœuvred into a good position, could pour in a much heavier weight of metal in a given time than the fort could, but conditions have changed. Coast defence has in the last 25 years, or rather more, advanced by leaps and bounds. Many of you will remember the battle which raged in the early nineties on the subject of *forts* versus *fleets*, and doubtless many have read some of the flood of literature which was poured out at that time, but I think it will be generally agreed now that the balance is in favour of the forts ashore, and I do not think any naval officer will light-heartedly engage good modern permanent defences; so I think we may safely assume that the landing place will, wherever possible, be selected at a distance from permanent works. The bombardment of Alexandria, in 1882, was not remarkably effective as far as destruction of armament and works was concerned, and Alexandria was by no means up to date. We took Gibraltar with the fleet, but I doubt whether any fleet will capture Gibraltar as it is now.

In 1863, the attack by the Federals on the Charleston forts, when carried out by the fleet alone, failed totally, but later in the year, when tried again in conjunction with an attack from the land-side by a disembarked force, it succeeded. When the fleet attacked alone, the forts fired 2,229 shot and shell at the ships, which only fired 139 in reply. Most of the ships were totally or partially disabled in less than an hour, and Admiral Dupont recognised the futility of continuing the action. When the attack was made later on by a landing force, combined with the naval operations, the troops landed in a favourable position and erected batteries which could fire upon the works, and though the operations were gradual and protracted, they succeeded, but they had lasted from July 10th to September 7th.

The Americans, after our bombardment of Alexandria, came to the following conclusion—I quote from Admiral Colomb—"*Having the essential facts of the last engagement between ships and earthworks at hand, it is impossible not to draw one broad inference, that vessels are not yet, and never will be, able to fight on even terms with forts.*"

Recent developments of coast fortification have all been of a nature to emphasise this conclusion. Torpedo destroyers, submarine mines, search lights, have all made the task more difficult, and though no one can say exactly what the result of the latest arrival, the submarine, may be, it can be conjectured that it will convert a difficulty into an impossibility.

If strategic considerations do compel the landing to be in or near a defended harbour, the works must be reduced by a combined naval and military operation before we can proceed at all.

Now let us take the second and more likely case, that is the disembarkation in a spot defended, but not by any permanent works, by a force in position, strengthened doubtless by provisional works, and stiffened by Q.F. and field guns.

This is no easy task, but it is not impossible; it has often been done, and will doubtless be done again. I find in my copy of "Staff Duties" a note I made several years ago, in 1886, which says, "No instance is recorded of a landing having been prevented by troops drawn up on the beach." As far as I know this is still true.

The operation will be a costly one, but if undertaken with due precaution, *careful reconnaissance*, sufficient strength and due naval support, fair weather, and a determined and capable commander, it will succeed. Whether the force will succeed further in moving on the objective is a matter beyond the scope of this paper. That belongs to another story.

We will assume that at the final rendezvous all administrative arrangements have been made, and we are face to face with the spot on which we have to disembark, say, a division. The spot is held by the enemy, and we have got to turn him out and get ashore there. Let me digress for one moment, and take the most modern instance I know, the Americans at Santiago. Daiquiri was the spot selected. There were no facilities for landing, and the fleet was short of boats. The fleet shelled Daiquiri, while other places on the coast were shelled to deceive the enemy; (this will probably almost always have to be done, viz., feints made at places which are not intended as the real point of disembarkation) but the enemy who ought to have been there was not, they had fled before the bombardment began, and the landing, as we know, succeeded. Each man had three days' field rations and 100 rounds of ammunition; horses and mules swam ashore. But, and this is why I quote the incident, President Roosevelt has recorded it as his opinion that 500 resolute men could have prevented the landing.

I do not know that the experience of history will quite bear this out, but even had they done so the Americans would doubtless have tried another place and, covered by feints on different localities, they would have succeeded another day; of this I am very well sure that, having set out to land in Cuba, land they would somewhere, opposition or no opposition.

To return to our expeditionary force. First and foremost the Navy must take the best position available, and simply rain projectiles upon the enemy's position, especially from the lighter guns; they must make existence for him intolerable, but must ever bear in mind the very important fact in all naval war that ships are meant to fight ships, that they are the sole link between the Army and the home or foreign base at this period, and if there is any, even the remotest chance of their being attacked by a hostile naval force, *magazines must not be empty*. This bombardment *may*, under favourable circumstances, compel the enemy to evacuate his position, but our experience of the effect of artillery bombardment of positions in South Africa does not make us sanguine. However, South African conditions do not maintain everywhere, and it is to be hoped that nature will not always be on the side of the defenders to the extent she was in South Africa.

If by good luck *and good shooting* the position is rendered untenable, the ships will then have to look out that the enemy does not return to their position before the landing force can get there. It is more likely, however, that this bombardment will have to be supplemented by the landing of a covering force to attack the position in flank, and here will come in the value of the thorough military reconnaissance. Should this be required, the special troops told off for this purpose would be detailed, and their transports would move up or down the coast, escorted by a small war vessel, and effect their disembarkation separately.

(*To be continued*).

Obituary

LIEUT.-COLONEL GEORGE EDWARD OWEN JACKSON, on retired full pay, Royal Marine Light Infantry, died May 2nd, at Bedford, aged 78. He was the second son of the late Admiral Samuel Jackson, C.B., and brother to the late Commander Charles Keats Jackson, R.N., and the late Ensign Outram Montagu Jackson, 26th Regiment, H. E. I. Co's. S. He entered the service as 2nd Lieut., 27th Dec., 1842; became 1st Lieut., 27th July, 1847; Captain, 1st March, 1855; Brevet-Major, 13th April, 1858; retired on full pay, 23rd May, 1867; Brevet-Lieut.-Col., 8th June, 1867. He was present at the bombardment of Odessa, 22nd April, 1854, and served with the Royal Marine Brigade in the Crimea at the Battle of Balaklava, and during the siege of Sebastopool in 1854-55 (medal with two clasps, 5th class of the Medjidie, and Turkish medal.) Served with the battalion in the China Expedition of 1857-59, including the blockade of the Canton river, and as Major of the 2nd Battalion at the landing before and storming of Canton, 29th Dec., 1857, (for which he received the Brevet rank of Major), and subsequent military occupation. He was also with the Expedition to the North of China, 1860 (medal with two clasps).

He married 11th October, 1855, Rhoda Elizabeth Angell, youngest daughter of the late Joseph Lindon, Esq., of Plymouth.

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"*You silly fool,*
"*And be a Sergeant-Major.*"

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Correspondence.

THE ROYAL MARINE RE-UNION ASSOCIATION.

381, Harrow Road, Paddington, W.,
27th April, 1903.

To the Editor of the Globe & Laurel, Gosport.

Sir,—On the occasion of the unveiling of the Memorial, a fairly large and representative gathering of past and present members of the different Sergeants' Messes was present at the recruiting rendezvous in London.

This re-union proved so enjoyable that it was resolved to promote other such gatherings in the future. To this end the undersigned was deputed (1) to act as Hon. Sec. (pro. tem.,) (2) to ask your kind assistance in making known the project through the medium of the Corps paper.

The initial scheme is:—To hold a dinner annually in London, open to past and present members of the Corps' Sergeants' Messes. Membership, 6s. per annum. Arrangements will be made whereby cheap Railway fares will be obtained for those living at a distance

Any past or present Warrant Officer, Staff-Sergeant, or Sergeant desirous of supporting this scheme is requested to communicate, as soon as convenient with the Hon. Sec., at the above address.

Past members desirous of election on the committee, and having the leisure to serve, please notify.

All further details and notices will appear in the *Globe & Laurel*, and at the Recruiting Rendezvous, London.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
CHAS. G. PARRY.
(late Clr.-Sgt. R.M.L.I.)

It has been proposed to form a Royal Marine Stamp Exchange Club amongst the Officers and N.C.O. serving at Head Quarters, or in ships at Home Ports. Anyone interested in Stamp Collecting can obtain further particulars from Capt. Hutchinson, R.M.L.I., Forton.

Extract from a letter written by Admiral Wolseley, who was at the time a Midshipman on board H.M.S. Bellerophon, when Napoleon surrendered himself to the British.

TAKEN FROM "A MEMOIR OF WILLIAM WOLSELEY, ADMIRAL OF THE RED," BY HIS GRAND-DAUGHTER. *pp.* 176-177.

"The Emperor, accompanied by Captain Maitland, went on board the *Superb* to breakfast with Sir Henry Hotham, according to the invitation of the previous day. Before the Emperor left the ship the whole body of our Marines were drawn up on the quarter-deck to receive him with all due honour as he came out of the cabin. As he passed the Marines and returned their military salute of arms, ever fond of warlike display, he suddenly stopped, his eye brightened, and crossing the deck, he minutely examined the arms and accoutrements of the Marines—and a fine body of men they were—requested the Captain of Marines (Marshall) to put the men through one or two movements, and when they had performed these, he pointed to him to bring them to the charge. In our army the front rank only charges, but, I believe, in the French the second rank keeps poking over the shoulders of the first—as likely to kill their own men as the enemy. Napoleon put aside the bayonet of one of our front rank men, and taking hold of the musket of the second rank man, made a sign to him to point his musket between the two front rank men, asking Captain Marshall at the same time if he did not think that mode of charge preferable to ours. To which the Captain replied that it might be so, but it was generally allowed that our mode of charge had been very effectual. Here the Emperor took a most conscious look at the Captain of Marines, as much as to say "I know that to my cost," and, smilingly, turned to Bertram to whom he observed, "How much might be done with two hundred thousand such fine fellows as these?"

Sent by SURGEON BOWEN, R.N.,
lately attached to Plymouth Div., R.M.L.I.

Shooting.

XX Cards for 1903.

	Division		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total
Lieut. L. Norcock	Ply.	..	89	84				
Sergt. A. G. Goodall	Po.	..	89	93	86			
Sergt. F. Chell	R.M.A.	..	96	91	92	97	84	460
Sergt. W. Gasson	,,	..	85	88	83	85		
Pte. A. Sartin	Depot	..	85	87				
Sergt. J. G. Bell	Po.	..	92					
Sergt. Thomas Mee	Ply.	..	84	72				
Lieut. W. H. Stopford	Depot	..	90	83	83			
Q.M. & Hon.Maj. S. G. Rodway	R.M.A.		89	84	96			
Sergt. D. Beddow	R.M.A.	..	94	91	92	93		
Lce.-Sergt. R. S. Pottinger	,,	..	96	89	97	93		
Lce.-Sergt. W. R. Willcock	Po.	..	84	86	96			
Clr.-Sergt. E. Tims	R.M.A.	..	88	92				
Lce.-Sergt. W. Hutchings	,,	..	90	99	94	97		
Sergt. A. H. Macer	Ply.	..	74					
Sergt. H. Stevens	R.M.A.	..	79					
Q.-M.-S. E. W. Prior	,,	..	92	91	85	96	92	456
Capt. G. J. Mullins	Depot	..	89	88	79			
Pte. F. B. Goodey	Po.	..	90	88	89			
Lce.-Corpl. Thos. Lea	,,	..	95	95	95			
Sergt. F. J. Wingfield	,,	..	95	95	97			
Sergt. R. D. Hale	,,	..	95	89	83			
Q.-M.-S.I. R. J. Wiggington	,,	..	95	96	84			
Sergt. H. E. Sparks	,,	..	97	91	91			
Sergt. G. Stapleton	,,	..	72					
Sergt. E. F. Godsell	R.M.A.	..	78					
Sergt. S. W. Hayes	Depot	..	87	92	97			
Sergt. T. N. L. Hallford	,,	..	85	84				
Sergt. W. G. T. Bounds	,,	..	85	93				
Sergt.-Major D. J. Foley	R.M.A.	..	92	99	95			
Q.-M.-S.-I. F. Ede	,,	..	85	90				
Pte. T. Bradburn	Po.	..	79	89				
Pte. W. F. Lord	Depot.	..	92	84				
Sergt. C. Littleworth	,,	..	96	91				
Dr.-Major G. Elliott	,,	..	90	89				
Sergt. C. J. Challes	,,	..	84	74				
Lieut. E. Wright	R.M.A.	..	83					
Sergt. W. H. Sanders	Po.	..	87	85				
Sergt. A. Height	R.M.A.	..	91	92	98			
Lieut. G. C. Woodcock	,,	..	92	85				
Corpl. J. W. Flynn	,,	..	96	81				
Sergt. S. T. Mathieson	,,	..	89					
Lieut.-Col. W. J. Eastman	,,	..	94	89	93	93		
Capt. G. L. Raikes	,,	..	81					
Sergt. W. H. Allen	Ch.	..	91					
Q.-M.-S. J. Hammond	,,	..	83					
Capt. Wm. Esson	Po.	..	92					
Pte. J. G. Ball	,,	..	91					
Prost.-Sergt. J. Lawrence	Ply.	..	74					
Q.-M.-S.-I. J. Warner	,,	..	84					
Sgt.-Maj. E. J. Sullivan	Depot	..	96					
Sergt. E. J. Humphery	,,	..	88					
Sergt. W. Lovell	,,	..	93					
Sergt. W. Colwell	,,	..	87					
Sergt. W. J. Clarke	,,	..	86					

Collard Cup Cards for 1903.

	Division		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Capt. G. L. Raikes	R.M.A.	..	118	127	107	119	127	
Sergt.-Major D. F. Foley	,,	..	120	120	131	113	125	
Q.-M.-S.-I. F. Ede	,,	..	111	134	116	*	*	116
Q.-M.-S. E. W. Prior	,,	..	87	107				
Sergt. D. Beddow	,,	..	126	98	130	138		
Sergt. F. Chell	,,	..	100					
Sergt. E. S. Goodsell	,,	..	81					
Lieut. G. C. Woodcock	,,	..	120	91	98			
Sergt. J. H. Fallace	Depot	..	103					
Capt. A. W. Wylde	,,	..	91	85				
Sergt. A. G. Goodall	Po.	..	120	100	104			
Major E. Wray	Depot	..	109					
Lieut. R. F. C. Foster	R.M.A.	..	86	94				
Sergt.-Major C. Hill	Po.	..	141	121	128			
Clr.-Sergt. A. E. Shapland	Ply.	..	100					
Armr.-Sergt. A. E. Hermon	,,	..	112					
Q.-M.-S.-I. J. F. Richards	,,	..	132					
Sergt.-Major F. Jolley	,,	..	105					
Prost.-Sergt. J. Lawrence	,,	..	95					
Sergt. W. H. Sanders	Po.	..	125					
Major E. E. Chown	Depot	..	97					
Lieut. W. H. Stopford	,,	..	104					
Sergt. S. W. Hayes	,,	..	108					

* *These two Cards have not been received.*

H.M.S. "Black Prince" Rifle Shooting Club.

Result of Competition which took place on April 28th, in connection with the above. Six marines competed out of a total of 24, ships company, including all ratings. Naval regulation marking and shooting.

Seven rounds at 200 yards :—

1st Prize	£1 5s. 0d.	.. 24 points	..	Lce.-Sergt. D. Ha
2nd ,,	£1 0s. 0d.	.. 23 ,,	..	Pte. R. Cantrill
4th ,,	£0 10s. 0d.	.. 22 ,,	..	Pte. T. R. Jones

Cantrill tied with P.O. Fitzgerald but in the shoot-off won.

Result of match between Musketry Staff Depot, R.M. *v.* Deal and Sandwich Rifle Clubs, fired at Sandwich 28th May, 1903.

Musketry Staff Depot, R.M.	Total	Deal and Sandwich Rifle Club	To
Clr.-Sergt. Channon ..	95	Mr. Stennett ..	..
Sergt. Bounds ..	93	Lieut. Napier ..	..
Sergt. Hallford ..	93	Mr. Catt ..	..
Sergt. Liston ..	93	Mr. Holman ..	..
Sergt. Linington ..	91	Mr. Clark ..	..
Capt. Mullins ..	90	Mr. W. Noble ..	..
Sergt. Lovell ..	89	Mr. Turk ..	..
Sergt. Hayes ..	88	Dr. Hulke ..	..
Pte. Lord ..	88	Lieut. Pearson ..	..
Sergt. Littleworth ..	87	Mr. E. Noble ..	..
Total	907		Total 7
Average 90·70		Average 78·90	

Result of team shoot fired at Milton 27th May, 1903 :—

Sergts'. Mess Depot, R. Marines.	Total	Sergts'. Mess, Ch. Div., R.M.L.	To
Dr.-Major Elliott ..	96	Sergt. Geater ..	..
Sergt. Linington ..	94	Clr.-Sergt. Bullen ..	..
Sergt. Hayes ..	91	Sergt. Curtin ..	..
Sergt. Littleworth ..	89	Q.M.S. Hammond ..	..
Sergt. Humphrey ..	89	Sergt. Willsher ..	..
Sergt.-Major Sullivan ..	87	Sergt. Allen ..	..
Sergt. W. J. Clarke ..	87	Sergt. Webb ..	..
Sergt. Bounds ..	86	Sergt. Mugridge ..	..
Sergt.-Hallford ..	86	Q.-M.-S. Batten ..	..
W.O. Bailey ..	85	Clr..Sergt. Mohr ..	..
Total	890		Total 8
Average 89·00		Average 84·10	

Counted out :—

Sergt. Liston ..	81	Sergt. Catlin ..	..
Q.-M.-S. Sherhod ..	71	Sergt. Milliken ..	..

MALTA.

The Competition for the "Canteen Revolver Cup," introduced in 1902, has again been won by the *Hibernia*, with the handsome majority of 134 points over the second team. Moral for remainder : *Fire more Marines !*

The scores are appended :—

H.M.S. *Hibernia*.

	20	*50*	*Ttl.*
Clr.-Sergt. G. England ..	62	57	119
C.P.O. C. Sullivan ..	57	55	112
Pte. H. Moore ..	58	53	111
Pte. J. Clarke ..	58	52	110
Clr.-Sergt. E. G. Burgis ..	54	54	108
P.O.1 J. Cooper ..	43	61	104
P.O.1 J. Woods ..	44	60	104
Sergt. E. Lock ..	48	47	95
	424	439	863

Other scores :—

H.M.S. *London* ..	729	H.M.S. *Formidable* ..	..
,, *Illustrious* ..	694	,, *Bulwark* ..	..
,, *Venerable* ..	693	,, *Aboukir* ..	..
,, *Gladiator* ..	647		

Eighteen ships entered.

Result of match fired at Kingsdown, between Sergts.' Mess Depot Royal Marines *v.* Sergts.' Mess, R.M.L.I., Chatham Division.

Sergts.' Mess, Depot, R. Marines.

	Total
Sergt. Linington ..	93
Sergt.-Major Sullivan ..	93
Sergt. Bounds ..	92
Sergt. Hallford ..	91
Sergt W. J. Clarke ..	91
W.O. Bailey ..	87
Sergt. Hayes ..	87
Dr.-Major Elliott ..	87
Sergt. Littleworth ..	86
Sergt. Humphrey ..	85
	Total 892

Average 89·20

Sergts.' Mess, R.M.L.I., Ch. Div.

	Total
Q.-M.-S. Batten ..	90
Sergt. Allen ..	86
Q.-M.-S. Hammond ..	83
Q.-M.-S. Bullen ..	83
Sergt. Mugridge ..	82
Sergt. Geater ..	82
Sergt. Willsher ..	81
Sergt. Curtin ..	80
Clr.-Sergt. Mohr ..	79
Clr.-Sergt. Braybrooke ..	78
	Total 824

Average 82·40

Counted out :—

Sergt. Colwell ..	83
Q.-M.-S. Sherhod ..	81
Sergt. Catlin ..	75
Sergt. Shaw ..	61

Result of team match between Musketry Staff, R.M. Depot *v.* Remainder of R.M. Depot, fired at Kingsdown 22nd May, 1903.

Musketry Staff.

	Total
Sergt. Hayes ..	97
Sergt. Hallford ..	93
Sergt. Lovell ..	93
Sergt. Bounds ..	93
Sergt. Linington ..	92
Sergt. Littleworth ..	91
Sergt. Humphrey ..	88
Sergt. Fouracre ..	88
Sergt. Liston ..	87
Pte. Lord ..	84
Lieut. Stopford ..	83
Sergt. Challess ..	74
	Total 1063

Average 88·58

Remainder of R.M. Depot.

	Total
Sergt.-Major Sullivan ..	96
Sergt. Fallace ..	90
Q.-M.-S. Clark ..	90
Dr.-Major Elliott ..	89
Pte. Sartin ..	87
Sergt. Colwell ..	87
Sergt. W. J. Clarke ..	86
Sergt. Turner ..	92
Q.-M.-S. Sherhod ..	81
Clr.-Sergt. Brailey ..	81
Corpl. Newnham ..	81
Major Chown ..	76
	Total 1026

Average 85·50

Result of shooting match between Musketry Staff *v.* Remainder of R.M. Depot, 15th May, 1903, resulting in a win by the former by 24 points.

Musketry Staff.

	Total
Sergt. Littleworth ..	101
Sergt. Hayes ..	92
Sergt. Linington ..	92
Capt. Mullins ..	91
Sergt. Bounds ..	90
Sergt. Hallford ..	88
Sergt. Norman ..	85
Sergt. Humphrey ..	84
Pte. Lord ..	82
Sergt. Fouracre ..	80
Sergt. Liston ..	78
Sergt. Lovell ..	67
	Total 1030

Average 85·83

Remainder of R.M. Depot.

	Total
Sergt. W. J. Clarke ..	90
Sergt.-Major Sullivan ..	90
Pte. Sartin ..	89
Clr.-Sergt. Brailey ..	88
Q.-M.-S. Sherhod ..	87
Corpl. Newnham ..	86
Sergt. Colwell ..	85
W.O. Bailey ..	84
Dr.-Major Elliott ..	80
Q.-M.-S. Clark ..	78
Major Chown ..	75
Sergt. Turner ..	74
	Total 1006

Average 83·83

CHINA STATION.

Record score made by Sergt.-Instr. T. Davies, R.M.L.I., 31st March, 1903.

Distance	S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
200 yards	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	35
500 ,,	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	35
600 ,,	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	35
									Grand Total 105

The above score was made by Sergt.-Instr. of Musketry T. Davies, R.M.L.I., at practice (Bisley Rules) with the Range Staff at Hong Kong, and was forwarded to me through Clr.-Sergt. T. S. Cross, R.M.L.I. I regret that no details as to weather, etc., are to hand. It would be interesting to know how many times this record has been accomplished with a service rifle, either in competition or practice.

Sergt. Davies has shot most consistently in China, and seldom makes below 90. When shooting in January last for a Royal Marine Team *v.* the Hong Kong Rifle Association, he made the low score of 63. This was due to his rifle, which had been in use a number of years and had fired considerably over the specified number of rounds; it suddenly showed a marked defect, which made accurate shooting impossible. As this low score will probably have appeared in an account of the match in the *G. & L.*, I mention this in order to show that there is nothing in the nature of a fluke in his recent performance. Its value as a record would be far less if made by an unreliable shot.

W.T.C.J.

Result of Rifle Match. R.M.A. *v.* H.M.S. *Excellent.* Fired at Tipnor, 9th May. R.M.A. won by 26 points.

R.M.A.	Total	H.M.S. *Excellent*	Total
Lieut. and Q.-M. Baker ..	97	C.P.O. Figg ..	92
Q.-M.-S. Deacon ..	96	C.P.O. Scopes ..	91
Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger ..	96	P.O.1 Pratt ..	91
Sergt.-Inst. Beddow ..	94	P.O.1 Bristow ..	89
Q.-M.-S. Ede ..	92	C.P.O. Fulcher ..	89
Q.-M.-S. Prior ..	90	Ch. Gnr. Pratt ..	88
Major and Q.M. Rodway ..	89	P.O 1 Fant ..	87
Lieut.-Col. Eastman ..	87	P.O.1 Farley ..	86
Sergt. Chell ..	84	W.O. Harrison ..	85
Lce.-Sergt. Hutchings ..	81	C.P.O. Manning ..	82
	Total 906		Total 880

Average 90·60 Average 88·

Result of Rifle Match. R.M.A. *v.* H.M.S. *Excellent.* Fired at Fort Cumberland, 20th May, 1903. R.M.A. won by 32 points.

R.M.A.	Total	H.M.S. *Excellent.*	Total
Sergt.-Major Foley ..	99	C.P.O. Figg ..	94
Lieut. Baker ..	97	P.O.1 Bristow ..	92
Lce.-Sergt. Hutchings ..	94	C.P.O. Manning ..	92
Sergt. Height ..	92	P.O.1 Farley ..	91
Sergt. Beddow ..	92	C.P.O. Scopes ..	89
Sergt. Chell ..	91	Ch. Gnr. Pratt ..	88
Q.-M.-S. Deacon ..	91	W.O. Harrison ..	87
Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger ..	89	C.P.O. Fulcher ..	86
Lieut.-Col. Eastman ..	89	P.O.1 Pratt ..	85
Major and Q.-M. Rodway	84	P O.1 Fant ..	82
	Total 918		Total 886

Average 91·80 Average 88·60

Result of Rifle Match. R.M.A. *v.* Cambridge University Rifle Corps. Fired simultaneously at Fort Cumberland and Cambridge, 21st May, 1903. R.M.A. won by 59 points.

R.M.A.	Total	Cambridge U.R.C.	Total
Lieut. and Q.M. Baker ..	99	Lce.-Corpl. Drayton ..	95
Sergt. Height ..	98	Sergt. Hubbard ..	95
Lce.-Sergt. Hutchings ..	97	Pte. Nash-Wortham ..	91
Q.-M.-S. Deacon ..	97	Capt. Bray ..	90
Major and Q.-M. Rodway ..	96	Corpl. Radice ..	88
Sergt.-Major Foley ..	95	Corpl. Green ..	87
Sergt. Beddow ..	93	Pte. Cants ..	82
Q.-M.-S. Prior ..	92	Pte. Lattey ..	80
	Total 767		Total 708

Average 95·8 Average 88·5

R.M.L.I. *v.* H.M.S. *Excellent.*

Following are scores in a match at Tipnor on Monday, 25th, won by the R.M.L.I. After the match full justice was done to a cold repast provided by the *Excellent* team. Friendly speeches were delivered by Mr. Pratt, R.N., and Q.-M.-S. Wiggington, R.M.L.I :—

R.M.L.I.	Total	H.M.S. *Excellent.*	Total
Q.-M.-S. Wiggington ..	93	P.O.1 Payne ..	90
Lce.-Corpl. Lea ..	92	P.O.1 Farley ..	88
Mr. Goodey ..	87	C.P.O. Manning ..	87
Sergt. Sparks ..	86	P.O.1 Bristow ..	86
Lce.-Sergt. Willcock ..	83	C.P.O. Scopes ..	86
Sergt. Wingfield ..	83	Mr. Pratt ..	82
Sergt. Sanders ..	83	P.O.1 Nettley ..	82
Sergt. Hale ..	82	C.P.O. Figg ..	81

Average 86·12 Average 85·12

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

A rifle match between teams of the R.M.A. and R.M.L I. took place at Eastney, the visitors winning by 12 points. Scores :—

R.M.L.I,	Total	R.M.A.	Total
Q.-M.-S. R. J. Wigginton ..	96	Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger .	97
Lce.-Sergt. W. J. Willcock	96	Q.-M.-S. Deacon ..	94
Lce.-Corpl. Lea ..	95	Sergt.-Major Foley ..	92
Sergt. F. J. Wingfield ..	95	Sergt. Beddow ..	91
Sergt. H. E. Sparks ..	91	Sergt. Baker ..	91
Sergt. R. D. Hale ..	89	Sergt. Chell ..	91
Pte. F. B. Goodey ..	88	Q.-M.-S. Prior ..	85
Sergt. W. H. Sanders ..	87	Q.-M.-S. Ede ..	85
	Grand Total 737		Grand Total 725

Entertainments.

PLYMOUTH DIVISION.

THEATRICALS.

"His Excellency The Governor" was performed at the R.M. Theatre, on the 28th and 29th April, before a large audience from the fleet and garrison. Captain Haig, R.E. acted as stage manager, and his labours were well rewarded by the excellence of the staging and scenery and the high standard of merit of the performers. He also played the rôle of Mr. Baverstock, the Governor's private secretary, and equally in manner, make up, and facial expression, played his part throughout in a manner which drew enthusiastic applause from an appreciative audience. Captain Brabazon, R.M.L.I., as "His Excellency the Governor," divided between the anxieties of his administrative duties and the greater anxiety of having three love affairs on hand at one time, sustained his part with great success, and shewed himself to be an accomplished actor. Mrs. Wentworth Bolingbroke, the sister of the Colonial Secretary, a lady of dignified presence and old time manner was played by Mrs. Gordon, who missed no points of a very humorous part, and was rewarded by the ready appreciation of the audience. Miss Johnston, who had the difficult rôle of Stella de Gex, shewed herself to be well at home on the stage and entered into the character of the vivacious Stella with much spirit, while Mrs. Mitford made a charming Ethel Carlton. Lieutenant Edwards, R.A., in the rôle of Captain Carew, A.D.C. to His Excellency the Governor, performed the part to perfection. Lt. Alington, R.N., as Colonial Secretary, drawn away from the narrow paths of Blue Books and Statistics by the attractions of Stella, played his part with great success. The other characters were well represented by Officers of the garrison.

The performance was altogether excellent and it is to be hoped will achieve its purpose of paying off a debt on the Garrison Cricket Club, and that we may shortly have another opportunity of seeing the Actors and Actresses who gave us so much pleasure.

The ladies were presented with bouquets on Monday evening, by the gentlemen of the company, at a full dress rehearsal attended by the N.C.O.'s and Men of the division; and on the 29th bouquets were given by the Officers of the R.A. and R.M.L.I.

The bouquets were provided by Messrs. Williams & Son, Plymouth; and the orders and decorations worn by His Excellency were kindly lent by Mr. Nelson, Union Street, Plymouth.

DEPOT.

A most successful entertainment, on behalf of the Depot Cadet Corps, took place in the Theatre, on the 28th April. The programme consisted of 17 items, among which were several songs, a song and dance, bassoon solo, and a concertina solo The gymnasium staff gave a display of chair tricks, and a squad of the Cadet Corps, under Cadet-Sergt. Nicholson, performed the physical drill with a precision and smartness that called forth the applause of the spectators. This is the third concert in connection with the Cadet Corps, and nearly £50 has been obtained in aid of the funds.

A Boxing entertainment, arranged by Capt. Hobbs, took place on the evening of the 5th May. There were 9 events amongst which the principal were 2 five round contests. The winners of events were:—

Old Soldiers' Heavy weights—Pte. Powsland.
Recruits Middle weights—Pte J. Robson.
Private under 9 stone—Pte. W. Foster.
Five round contest—Lce.-Sergt. Philips, R.M.L.I., *v.* Pte. J. Ingrim, R.W. Kent Regt.—Pte. Ingrim.
Old Soldiers' Middle weights—Pte. S. Cope.
N.C.O's Light weights—Lce.-Sergt. Sutcliffe.
Recruits and Buglers under 10 stone—Bugler Bryan.
Five round contest—Lce.-Sgt. C. J. Watts *v.* Pte. J. Hackshaw—Lce.-Sergt. Watts.

Cricket prospects are fairly satisfactory as regards batting, but bowlers are not to be found. As will be seen from the scores our batsmen are doing well, and could we find one or two good bowlers our team should be able to give a satisfactory account of themselves.

The Transvaal Bisley.

A year has not yet passed since peace in South Africa was proclaimed, but already the country has so settled down that a most successful Rifle Meeting has been held on the Volunteer Rifle Ranges, Boozsins, near Johannesberg, from April 13th to 18th, under the auspices of the Transvaal Rifle Association, which we believe owes its conception in great measure to Captain C. E. Collard, R.M.L.I., local Major and D.A.A.G. for Musketry, Transvaal Volunteers.

The meeting, with good reason, judging by the programme and accounts of the matches given by *The Transvaal Leader*, is called the "Transvaal Bisley." Shooting-men, Briton and Boer alike, from all parts of South Africa, assembled and contested in friendly rivalry for prizes amounting to over £2,000, besides many Cups, etc. Men, who but a short time ago, were shooting at each other from the shelter of convenient kopjes, peacefully tried their skill at the familiar targets of Bisley pattern

That Captain Collard has lost none of his skill in rifle-shooting is shown by the fact that he was placed second in The Merchant's Cup, with only one short of highest possible, losing first place on a tie shoot; 24th with 414 out of 440 points in the Grand Aggregate; and second in Revolver Right Hand, deliberate; third in Left Hand, and Right and Left Hand continuous shooting, respectively, besides being well placed in other competitions.

At the conclusion of the Meeting the Prizes were distributed by Lady Lyttleton, wife of the General Officer Commanding in South Africa, Lieut -General The Hon. N. G. Lyttleton, K.C.B., who made a brief speech in which he eulogised the services of Major Collard.

In notes on the Meeting, *The Transvaal Leader* says:—"A final word of congratulation to Major Collard, the able and energetic secretary and organizer. He has worthily earned his meed of praise. The brilliant, and indeed extraordinary, success of the meeting—the first of its kind in the Transvaal—is some reward for his months of hard work. It was a gratuitous service on his part, the labour of love of an enthusiastic rifleman, and to him the credit.

Cricket.

OFFICERS *v.* N.C.O.'s AND MEN.

Played at Eastney, 12th and 13th May.

N.C.O. OFICERS AND MEN.

	1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*	
Sergt Reynolds, c Harding, b Jollye	15	not out	5	
Private Aves, c and b Jollye	12	b Gaitskell	11	
Gunner Rosenthal, c and b Cautrell	54	b Foster	0	
Private G. Oakes, b Jollye	4	lbw, b Foster	3	
Gunner McKiernin, b Cautrell	11	c Cautrell, b Gaitskell	1	
Sergt. Kelly, b Gaitskell	28	c Foster, b Gaitskell	0	
Gunner Gibbons, not out	47	b Foster	15	
Private W. Oakes, b Gaitskell	0	b Foster	8	
Corpl. Richard, c Harding, b Gaitskell	5	b Foster	2	
Private Guthrie, b Harding	0	b Foster	8	
Sergt. Gaubert, b Jollye	1	b Gaitskell	1	
Extras	26	Extras	2	
Total	203	Total	56	

OFFICERS.

Lieut. Foster, run out	0	c Reynolds, b Gaubert	12
Lieut. Cautrell, c Guthrie, b Kelly	12	b Gaubert	0
Capt. Harding, hit wkt., b Kelly	0	st Reynolds, b Kelly	1
Colonel Tatham, c Reynolds, b Kelly	12	b Gaubert	2
Lieut. Jollye, b Gaubert	23	st Reynolds, b McKiernin	29
Surgeon Smith, b Gaubert	23	b Gaubert	10
Lieut. Morgan, hit wkt., b McKiernin	7	b Gaubert	3
Colonel Gaitskell, b Gaubert	1	run out	1
Lieut. Wright, b Goubert	0	b Rosenthal	9
,, Chancellor, st Reynolds, b McKiernin	1	not out	12
,, Tremonger, not out	0	b Kelly	12
Fxtras	6		
Total	89	Total	90

R.M.A. *v.* RIFLE DEPOT.

Played at U.S.R.G., Portsmouth, 21st May. R.M.A., 166; Depot, 118.

R.M.A. *v.* A.S.C.

Played at U.S.R.G., Portsmouth, 23rd May. R.M.A. (4 wickets), 316; A.S.C., 70.

OFFICERS *v.* N.C.O.'s & MEN, CHATHAM.

The cricket season here at this Division opened on the 2nd May, Officers *v.* N.C.O.'s and Men. The former, going in to bat first, compiled 135—Lieut. Montgomery, Capts. Morgan and Parker, were the chief scorers. On the men going in, they only managed to compile 30 against the bowling of Capts. Finlaison and Morgan. Private Williams was the only one who showed any form. Score:—

OFFICERS.		N.C.O's. AND MEN.	
Capt. Parker, b Went	17	Pte. Williams, b Finlaison	13
,, Hall, c Easten, b Went	1	,, Masters, b Finlaison	2
,, Finlaison, b Went	7	Sergt. Pratt, c Montgomery, b Morgan	1
Lieut. Montgomery, c Masters, b Pratt	63	Sergt. Waters, b Morgan	0
Lieut. Richmond, c Masters, b Easton	7	Pte. Wynne, b Finlaison	0
,, Eagles, b Pratt	5	,, Easton, b Finlaison	0
Capt. Morgan, c Easton, b Millikan	18	,, Coombes, b Morgan	4
Lieut. Welch, b Williams	0	Sergt. Millikan, b Morgan	0
Lieut. Hickson, b Pratt	0	Pte. Sharp, c Eagles, b Morgan	5
,, Stoddart, not out	0	Corpl. Shaw, not out	5
,, Shelton, run out	0	Pte. Walker, st Parker	0
Extras	17		
Total	135	Total	30

R.M.L.I., CHATHAM, *v.* 5TH FUSILIERS.

The R.M.L.I. won the toss and elected to bat. At luncheon time the score stood at 73 for 5, Richmond being bowled last ball for a well played 33. On resuming, however, owing to a fine display of hitting by Capt. Morgan, who was well supported by the remaining batsmen, the total rose to 207, which appeared none too much against the formidable batting side of our opponents. On the Fusiliers taking the wicket, although they played a good game, the bowling of Capts. Finlaison and Waller, backed up by some very good fielding, proved too much for them, and they were all dismissed for 148 with ten minutes to spare.

OFFICERS *v.* SERGEANTS.

Played at Forton on 8th May, resulting in a win for the Officers by 11 runs.

OFFICERS.		SERGEANTS.	
Dr. Sheward, b Reynolds	16	Col.-Sergt. Warner, c and b Field	13
Lieut. Goldsmith, b Fuller	2	Sergt. Smith, b Field	0
Lieut. Garnier, b Reynolds	18	,, Reynolds, b Field	2
Lieut. Clutterbuck, c and b Reynolds	0	,, Durham, b Goldsmith	29
Capt. Hutchison, c and b Reynolds	11	,, Sperring, b Field	0
Major Beith, c & b Reynolds	0	,, Fuller, b Goldsmith	3
Lieut. Field, lbw, b Reynolds	8	,, Drawbridge, c Hutchison, b Goldsmith	0
Capt. Drake-Brockman, c and b Reynolds	2	,, Wells, not out	14
Major Marchant, not out	4	,, Newman, c Sutton, b Goldsmith	1
Lieut. Barker, b Reynolds	7	,, Staples, b Garnier	0
Lieut. Burton, b Reynolds	5	,, Hicks, b Goldsmith	1
Extras	4	Extras	2
Total	76	Total	65

R.M.L.I. *v.* H.M.S. *VERNON*.

Played at Forton on 9th May, and won by 137 runs. R.M.L.I., 197; H.M.S. *Vernon*, 60.

R.M.L.I *v.* ROYAL NAVY.

Played on the U.S. Ground and won by the Marines by 47 runs. R.M.L.I., 190; R.N., 143.

R.M.L.I. *v.* COL. MOORES' XI.

Played at Forton on 23rd May, and won by an innings and 22 runs. R.M.L.I., 129; Col. Moores' XI., 107.

OFFICERS *v.* JUNIOR N.C.O.'s & MEN.

Played at Forton, 13th May, resulting in a win for the Junior N.C.O.'s and Men by 16 runs.

JUNIOR N.C.O.'S AND MEN.		OFFICERS.	
Pte. Sellex, b Goldsmith	1	Dr. Sheward, b Jackson	0
,, Fry, b Field	7	Lieut. Garnier, b Colborn	18
,, Noble, c and b Beith	58	,, Goldsmith, c Ottignon, b Colborn	0
,, Ottignon, b Goldsmith	20	,, Field, c Colborn, b Jackson	16
Corpl. Russell, c Field, b Clutterbuck	11	Capt. Hutchison, not out	22
Corpl. McCann, b Clutterbuck	0	Major Beith, b Ottignon	12
,, Jones, b Clutterbuck	0	Capt. Drake Brochman, b Jackson	1
,, Colborn, b Field	10	Lieut. Clutterbuck, b Ottignon	11
,, Williams, not out	6	Major Marchant, b Ottignon	6
,, Hill, b Beith	0	Lieut. Barker, b Ottignon	1
,, Jackson, b Garnier	4	,, Burton, run out	0
Extras	4	Extras	8
Total	121	Total	95

R.M.L.I. (PLY. DIV.) *v.* 2ND ROYAL WARWICK REGT.

Played at Mount Wise on May 4th and won easily by the R.M.L.I. by 77 runs. R.M.L.I., 180; 2nd Royal Warwick Regt., 83.

Dr. Jones took 7 wickets at a cost of 36 runs, Capt. Little 1 for 36, and Capt. Coke 1 for 9.

R.M.L.I. *v.* LAUNCESTON.

Played on a somewhat sodden wicket, and won by the R.M.L.I. by 15 runs. R.M.L.I., 93; Launceston, 78.

ROYAL MARINES *v.* D.C.L.I.

At Mount Wise. With only seven wickets down, the Marines won by 103 runs. R.M.L.I., 279; D.C.L.I., 173.

ROYAL MARINES *v.* LOYAL NORTH LANCS. DEGT.

R.M.L.I., 245 for 6 wkts. (innings declared closed); L.N Lancs. Regt., 171 for 9 wickets.

R.M.L.I. *v.* N.C.O'S. AND MEN.

Played on the Brickfields, and easily won by the Officers.

N.C.O'S. AND MEN.	*1st Innings.*		*2nd Innings.*	
Pte. Emmerson, c Maxwell, b Coles	0	lbw, b Coke	5	
,, Phyllis, c D'Oyly, b Jones	5	not out	43	
,, Ferris, b Jones	21	b Jones	9	
,, Law, b Jones	12	b Jones	12	
,, Willis, not out	9	b Jones	0	
Sergt. Digby, b Jones	14	b Jones	15	
Pte. Hustler, c Robyns, b Jones	2	c Cohe, b Maxwell	0	
Musician Higgs, c Risk, b Jones	0	not out	0	
Pte. Dewse, c Gordon, b Risk	9			
,, McCree, b Risk	0			
,, Farrington, b Gordon	0			
Extras	4	Extras	7	
Total	76	Total (for 6 wkt.)	91	

OFFICERS.	
Dr. Jones, c Law, b Hustler	65
Lieut. Brewer, b Emmerson	4
Capt. Coke, st Ferris, b Dewse	16
Lieut. Gordon, b Emmerson	2
Capt. Coles, run out	14
Lieut. Maxwell, b Emmerson	0
Lieut. D'Oyly, c Law, b Hustler	16
Lieut.-Col Robyns, c Willis, b Hustler	18
Lieut. Oxaune, b Farrington	10
Lieut. Risk, not out	2
Major Eady, hurt, did not bat	0
Extras	4
Total	151

LOYAL NORTH LANCASHIRE REGT. *v.* ROYAL MARINES.

At Mount Wise. The Marines gained a hollow victory. Score:—

R.M.L.I.—Capt. Little, c McMahon, b Garner, 63; Capt. Coke, not out, 144. Total (for 1 wkt.) 211. Innings declared closed. Lancs. Regiment, 140.

ROYAL MARINES *v.* ROYAL NAVY.

At Mount Wise, Devonport.

ROYAL MARINES.		ROYAL NAVY.	
Capt. Coke, c Chapman, b Urmston ..	26	Comdr. Doughty, b Jones ..	0
Dr. Jones, b Wormell ..	90	Dr. Miller, c Bentley, b Coke	33
Capt. Coles, run out ..	5	Lieut. Escombe, b Bentley ..	94
Sergt. Bentley, lbw, b Urmston	7	Lieut. Maxwell, b Bentley ..	60
Lieut. D'Oyly, not out ..	100	Mr. Wormell, b Gordon ..	0
Lieut. Sinclair, b Wormell ..	8	Lieut. Bird, c and b Bentley	13
Lieut. Brewer, b Fox ..	3	Lieut. Fox, c D'Oyly, b Gordon	2
Col. Robyns, b Fox ..	10	Lieut.-Col. Urmston, not out	4
Major Eady, st Chapman, b Mrmston	9	Mr. Gillespie and P.O. Chapman did not bat	
Lieut. Gordon, not out ..	9		
Extras ..	6	Extras ..	14
*Total (for 8 wkts.)	273	Total (for 6 wkts)	220

*Innings declared closed. Lieut. Rick did not bat.

ROYAL MARINES *v.* REST OF GARRISON.

At Mount Wise, Devenport.

REST OF GARRISON.		ROYAL MARINES.	
Capt. Key, lbw, b Little ..	13	Capt. Coke, b Bally ..	69
Lieut. Ward, b Bentley ..	15	,, Little, b Herbert ..	31
,, Bally, b Cnke ..	71	,, Coles, c Lynch, b Colville ..	2
Drr. Martin, b Little ..	23	Lieut. D'Oyley, c Ker, b Herbert	41
Capt. Blount, st Brewer, b Coke	2	Sergt. Bentley, not out ..	8
,, Herbert, c Bayliss, b Coles	30	Col. Robyns, Major Eady, Lieuts. Brewer, Gordon, and Risk, and Pte. Bayliss did not bat	
Lieut. Lynch, c Brewer, b Coke	9		
,, Maxwell, not out ..	24		
Capt. Colville, c Bayliss, b Little	0		
Capt. Johnson, c & b Bentley	13		
Lieut. Pearson, b Bentley ..	6		
Extras	28	Extras	14
Total ..	234	Total (for 4 wkts)	165

DEPOT.

May 6th, RECRUITS S. & E. BARRACKS *v.* RECRUITS N. BARRACKS.—S. and E. total, 206 (Pte. Richardson 72, Pte. Buckley 23); North, 67.

May 9th, CAPT. TUPMAN AND 15 RECRUITS. *v.* OFFICERS.—Capt. Tupman's team, 90 (Capt. Tupman 20, Pte. Richardson 19); Officers, 68.

May 13th, SERGT. SUTCLIFFE & 18 RECRUITS *v.* DEPOT.—Sergt. Sutcliffe's team 48; Depot 150 (Sergt. Sykes 54, Captain Tupman 18, Sergt. Page 18 not out).

May 23rd, DEPOT *v.* SERGTS.—Depot 217 (Lieut.-Col. Quill 39, Capt. Godfrey 27, Pte. Leslie 24); Sergts. 80 (Sergt. Page 25).

May 27, DEPOT *v* OFFICERS.—Depot 103 for 3 wkts. (Pte. Richardson 52 not out, Pte. Leslie 18 not out); Officers 311 for 7 wkts, declared (Lt. Stopford 93, Lieut.-Col. Quill 60 retired, Capt. Godfrey 48, Capt. Tupman 26, Sergt. Gibsou 25 not out).

Births.

HANNA—On April 24th, at Victoria Cottage, Little Coxwell, the wife of Corpl. James Hanna, 1st Vol. Batt. Royal Berks. Regt., late Clr.-Sergt., Chatham Division, R.M.L.I., of a daughter.

MACER—On May 5th, at 143, Embankment-road, Plymouth, the wife of Sergt. A. H. Macer, R.M.L.I., of a daughter.

GABRIEL On 13th May, at Chatham, the wife of Sergt. G. H. Gabriel, of a daughter.

SIMPSON—On 10th April, at Chatham, the wife of Sergt. R. Simpson, of a daughter.

MILLIKEN—On 24th April, at Chatham, the wife of Sergt. J. Milliken, of a son.

MILSTEAD—On 17th April, at Chatham, the wife of Musn. W. Milstead, of a son.

DAVIS—On 15th May, at Chatham, the wife of Musn. R. L. Davis, of a son.

Marriages.

CREASE—TYRWHITT-DRAKE—On the 16th April, at Victoria, British Columbia, by Rev. W. D. Barber, Arthur D. Crease, youngest son of brother to Gen. Crease, Sir Henry P. Crease, to Helen Louise, youngest daughter of the Honble. M. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

MORRISON—BASHFORD—On 23rd May, at St. Stephen's Church, Gloucester road, S.W., by the Rev. Herbert Bashford, Capt. Charles E. McIvon Morrison, late of the Royal Body Guard and R.M.L.I., to Elinor Constance. only child of Col. W. Bashford, of High Firs, Liss, Hants.

FERGIE—FISHER—On 9th May, at Chatham, Sergt. A. R. Fergie to Emily Fisher.

FORD—LEE On 21st March, at High Halstow, Corpl. R. H. Ford to Eliza Ann Lee.

BOYS—DAVIDSON—At the Parish Church, Alverstoke, on March 28th, Pte. N. J. Boys, R.M.L.I., to Mrs. Elizabeth Davidson.

Deaths.

PHILIPS—On May 24th, at 33, Promenade, Cheltenham, Admiral Alexander Philips, eldest son of the late Lieut.-Gen. John Alexander Philips, R.M.L.I., aged 74.

JACKSON—On the 2nd May, at 12, Landsdowne-road, Bedford, Lieut.-Col. George Edward Owen Jackson, late R.M.L.I., in his 79th year.

ALLEN—On 20th May, at R.M.A. Infirmary, Sergt. R. J. Allen, (Master Shoemaker), R.M.A.

BUNN—On 14th May, at Buckland, Alfred Bunn, late Clr.-Sergt. R.M.A., (one of the survivors of H.M.S. *Victoria*).

BAND—On 29th March, at Deal, Ada Annie, the dearly-beloved wife of Sergt. Wm. A. Band, R.M.L I., aged 22 years.

BAKER—On 2nd May, at Chatham, infant son of Pte. F. G. Baker.

ELLIOTT—On 9th May, at Chatham, infant son of Clr.-Sergt. H. Elliott.

IN MEMORIAM.

JAMES—In loving memory of William Colville James, Lieutenant, half-pay, Royal Marines. At rest 12th May, 1895.

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Editorial.

LIEUT.-COL. J. F. Daniell, R.M.L.I., has been appointed to the Admiralty, for service in the Naval Intelligence Department, from 19th June.

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Lieut. C. L. Hall, R.M.L.I., has been promoted to the rank of Captain, *vice* Wilson, dated 28th May, 1903, and is appointed to the Portsmouth Division. This promotion is conditional on Capt. Hall passing the prescribed examination within nine months from date of disembarkation from H.M.S. *Amphion*.

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Capt. L. O. Wilson, D.S.O., is placed on half-pay on appointment as A.D.C. to the Governor of New South Wales, dated 28th May, 1903.

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Qr.-Master and Hon. Major J. White, R.M.L.I., has been placed on the Retired List on account of age, under the provisions of Order-in-Council of 29th Nov., 1881, dated 18th June, 1903.

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Qr.-Master and Hon. Lieut. R. W. Diggon to be 1st Qr.-Master at the Chatham Division, in succession to Qr.-Master and Hon. Major White, retired, dated 18th June, 1903.

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Qr.-Master and Hon. Lieut. W. S. Blackman, R.M.L.I., is to proceed to the Chatham Division to take over the duties of 2nd Qr.-Master, *vice* Diggon.

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Sergt.-Major W. Mearles, R.M.L.I., to be Qr.-Master, with the Honorary Rank of Lieutenant, *vice* White, retired, dated 18th June, 1903. He is appointed to the Depot R.M., *vice* Blackman.

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Qr.-Master and Hon. Lieut. W. J. Pawsey, R.M.L.I., to have the Honorary Rank of Major, dated 18th June, 1903.

Qr.-Mstr.-Sergt. F. H. Chapman (Ply.) has been promoted to the Rank of Warrant Officer on appointment as Superintending Clerk, Paymaster's Office, Portsmouth Division, *vice* Mitchell, dated 20th June.

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Major G. L. Beaumont, R.M.L.I. (retired), has been appointed Recruiting Staff Officer and Assistant to the Inspector of Marine Recruiting, *vice* Hon. Major J. Murphy, R.M.L.I. (retired), who has been appointed Clerk at R.N. Hospital, Haslar, dated 26th July, 1903.

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Capt. F. J. Saunders, D.S.O., R.M.L.I., has embarked in H.M.S. *Anson*, *vice* Capt. and Bt.-Major W. A. Grant, R.M.L.I.

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Combined Training, Parts VI.–IX., has been published, and issued to those concerned. These parts include the old "Regulations for Encampments," and there are numerous changes.

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Mrs. M. E. Keen (Widow of the late Drum-Major E. S. Keen) has been appointed Certificated Assistant Teacher in the Infants' Department of the R.M. Schools, Forton, at a salary of £44 per annum, from 1st June, 1903.

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Lieut. St. G. F. G. Caulfield, R.M.A., has embarked in H.M.S. *Hood*.

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The following Officers and N.C.O's qualified at Hythe with the 212th party. The D.A.G., R.M., desires to express his satisfaction at finding that all the Officers are "distinguished," and that Sergt. Morey, and Lce.-Sergt. Horsburgh have taken such good places (distinguished). Capt. H. N. H. Houghton, R.M.L.I., 7th; Capt. G. W. Lushington, R.M.A., 12th; Lieut. G. L. T. Shewell, R.M.L.I., 8th; Lieut. C. Williams, R.M.L.I., 6th; (Po.) Sergt. G. B. Morey, 4th; (Po.) Sergt. A. Stanbridge, 29th; and Lce.-Sergt. W. B. Horsburgh, R.M.A., 2nd.

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The following appointments and promotions have been made to the Staff of the School of Music (at present located in the R.M.A. Barracks at Eastney):—

Major H. Slessor, R.M.A., to be Commandant, dated 20th May, 1903.

Superintending Clerk, J. M. Mitchell, R.M.L.I., to be Quarter-Master and Acting Adjutant, with the Honorary Rank of Lieutenant, dated 20th May, 1903.

The War Office has been requested to arrange for the transfer of Bandmaster E. C. Stretton, 1st Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment, to the Royal Marines, and have been asked that telegraphic instructions may be sent for his return home from India in order to take up the appointment of Musical Director at the School of Music.

Capt. F. H. Griffiths, R.M.L.I., has embarked in H.M.S. *Edgar*, *vice* Capt. W. N. E. Smith, R.M.L.I.

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The following Army Order 93 has been published for information and guidance:—"Salutes by soldiers will be returned by all officers present, and not by the senior only."

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Capt. W. B. Harkness, R.M.A., has been appointed Staff Officer at Eastney, *vice* Major H. Slessor, R.M.A., appointed Commandant of the School of Music, dated 20th May, 1903.

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Major E. G. Lywood, R.M.L.I., will be held in readiness to embark for passage to H.M.S. *Venerable*, to relieve Capt. Harkness. On this occasion, as there are no Majors of less than two years seniority above Major Lywood on the roster who are credited with one or more tours, no officers will be "turned."

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The undermentioned 2nd Lieutenants, R.M.L.I., have been advanced to the Rank of Lieutenant, from 1st January, 1903:—J. J. Bramble, J. H. de M. H. Knight, M. K. Gray, H. C. Pope, C. H. Malden, H. Fawcett, F. B. Anderson, T. A. V. Wright, R. W. J. Laing, M. H. Stewart, F. J. Brett, C. G. Farquharson, and S. H. Carres-Wilson.

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Second Lieut. G. A. Ilbert having failed to pass the prescribed Examination in Naval Gunnery, their Lordships are unable to approve of his further retention in the Corps. His name will therefore be removed from the list of Officers, R.M.L.I., from 14th June.

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His Majesty the King has commanded that Officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines are not permitted by His Majesty to appear in their Uniforms at Fancy Dress Balls. By the term "Uniform" is meant the dress prescribed by the existing regulations in force, and that it is not intended to debar Officers from wearing at Fancy Dress Balls uniform of obsolete pattern, which may be correctly described as Fancy Dress.

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At the Sale of Medals in London on 27th May, by Messrs. Glendining & Co., the Egyptian Medal, with three bars for El Teb-Tamaai, Suakin, 1885, and Tofrek, awarded to Pte. W. Smith, R.M., a rare combination, sold for £2; and an Egyptian Medal, with the scarce single bar for Tamaai, awarded to Pte. S. Harris, fetched £1 7s. The West African Medal for Ashantee, with clasp for Coomassie, awarded to J. Stephen, R.M., sold for 17s. 6d.

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Capts. Philip John Miles and Alexander Henry Dennys, formerly of R.M.L.I., were promoted to the rank of Major in the Indian Army, in the *Gazette* of 29th May.

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War Office Gazette, 23rd June, Army Service Corps. Capt. J. L. Jesse is seconded for service with the Indian Army.

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Hearty congratulations to Colonel-2nd-Commandant T. J. P. Evans, R.M.L.I., and Col. J. B. Woon, Indian Army, (late Royal Marines), on their well-earned C.B., awarded in the Birthday Honour List.

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The *London Gazette* states that on the representation of the First Lord of the Admiralty the following extract of a letter from the Governor of St. Helena, dated August 19th, 1901, is to be considered as a "mention in dispatches."—"I take this opportunity of bringing to notice the excellent work done, during my absence, by Lt.-Col. T. J. P. Evans, R.M.L.I.

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Miss S. Portlock-Dadson, younger daughter of Capt. W. Portlock-Dadson, has been awarded the Coronation Medal for service on that occasion with the Ambulance Brigade of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

The Queen has made a munificent gift of Five Thousand Pounds out of Her Majesty's War Fund towards the extension of the scheme, initiated by Col. Sir James Gildea in 1899, for providing self-contained Apartments *free* for the Widows and Daughters of Officers on the same system as those granted by the King at Hampton Court and Kensington Palaces. A suitable site has been obtained at Wimbledon, and building will be proceeded with as sufficient funds are forthcoming. There are at the present time 40 candidates waiting election, in addition to the 12 ladies already temporarily provided for. Contributions will be gratefully received by Col. Sir James Gildea, at 23, Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, S.W.

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An interesting ceremony took place at Forton on Sunday, June 14th, when the first stained-glass window in the new St. John's Church was unveiled and dedicated. The window has been given by Mrs. Doig, in memory of her son, Capt. R. O. M. Doig, R.M.L.I., who died of fever contracted on active service in China in 1900. The ceremony was performed during Parade Service. After an impressive and sympathetic address by the Vicar of the Parish—Canon Stephenson—the Churchwardens, Col. Commandant Chapman (who represented the Corps of Royal Marines), and the Clergy proceeded to the window. The introductory sentences and prayer were recited by the Chaplain and the Choir. Col. Chapman, after a few appropriate words, then unveiled the window. Canon Stephenson recited the words and prayer of dedication, and the service ended with the hymn, "Brief life is here our portion," and the benediction. The window, which is the first of a series purposed to represent the Apostles and teachers of the Christian Church, has been designed by Mr. Kempe, of London. The figure is that of St. John the Evangelist—the Patron Saint of the Church—and is of great beauty in its dignified simplicity and nobleness.

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The Ninth Annual Dinner of the Royal Hibernian Military School "Old Boys" Association will be held at the Holborn Restaurant on July 15th. The visit of His Majesty the King to Dublin promises to be an event of great importance to this old school, as His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught has been pleased to ask His Majesty to present new colours during his visit. This event would make for the school the unique distinction of receiving two sets of colours from the same Sovereign. The Hon. Sec., at 5, New Inn Yard, Curtain Road, E.C., will be pleased to hear from any Old Boys wishing to attend the Dinner.

Home Notes

EASTNEY.

THE D.A.G., Lieut.-Gen. W. P. Wright, R.M.L.I., made his Annual Inspection at Eastney, on the 22nd, 23rd, and 25th ult. Fine weather, always such a help on these occasions, favoured him throughout, and the Barracks generally, brightened up by the sunshine, looked their best. The D.A.G. and Major Mercer dined with the officers on the latter date.

On 9th and 11th ult. two performances of Dion Boucicault's Irish Drama "The Colleen Bawn" were given by the regimental dramatic company, in aid of the Union Jack Club, about to be built near Waterloo Station. Musician D. Barnes appeared in the caste and took the part of "Danny Mann." It is now some fifteen years since he was a regular member of the theatrical company.

On 10th ult. the Officers entertained upwards of 400 of their friends and members of the garrison at a Ball in the Mess. Unfortunately, as is so often the case at Eastney, it was a wet night, and our guests were not able to make full use of the capacious sitting out rooms which had been provided by covering in the front of the Mess. However this did not detract from their pleasure, and the Ball was generally voted a success.

GOSPORT.

So far this has been a very busy month for all concerned, as the inspection by the D.A.G., Royal Marines, took place on 19th, 20th, and 24th June. On the 19th the marching order parade was held in the Drill Shed, as it was raining so heavily; the rain continued all

MEMBERS OF THE SERGEANTS' MESS, PORTSMOUTH DIVISION, R.M.L.I., SERVING AT HEAD QUARTERS, WHO WILL BE DISCHARGED TO PENSION DURING 1903.

Back Row—Lce.-Sergt. Brown, Clr.-Sergts. Butcher, Green, Noakes, Peck, Precious, Coe, Walker, and Wolfe.

Second Row—Clr.-Sergt. Harrison, Sergt. Howard, Cook-Sergt. Broster, Clr.-Sergts. Box, Child, Couzens, Sergt. Kenchington, Clr.-Sergts. Tuffin and Bowman.

Front Row—Q.M.S. Taylor, Sergt.-Major (now Qr.-Mr. & Hon. Lieut.) Mearles, Capt. & Adjt. Blumberg, Colonel Com. Chapman, Lt. & Qr.-Mr. Blacker, Sergt.-Major McLachlan, and Q.M.S. McKenzie.

The majority of these N.C.O's. curiously enough belonged, when recruits, to the same squad, of which Qr.-Mr. & Hon. Lieut. Blacker was the Instructor.

day, so that the afternoon was devoted to officers. On Saturday, 20th, drill took place in Grange Field, and we were fortunate in having a fine morning, not too hot. The Gunnery inspection took place on Wednesday, 24th, and we hope it all went off satisfactory.

On the 26th there was a large turn out for the King's Birthday parade on Southsea Common. We sent over eight companies of about 600 all ranks. The G.O.C. was particularly pleased with the whole performance.

On the 23rd there passed away at Haslar, after a long illness, E. S. Keen, for 15 years Drum-Major of this Division, deeply regretted by all those who knew him. He was buried at Ann's Hill Cemetery on Saturday, June 27th, the funeral being attended by many officers and other members of the Corps, as well as by the buglers, who had been his special charge. His coffin was borne to the grave by six Sergeants (ex-buglers) who had all owed their early training to him.

On Sunday, 14th Iune, a memorial window to Capt. Doig, R.M.L.I. was unveiled in St. John's Church, at the parade service. An account will be found in another column.

The Division are very pleased at carrying off the Revolver Cup for the first time; and we offer our congratulations to Sergt. W. H. Sanders for also winning the "Collard" Cup.

The Divisional Sports takes place on the 30th inst., and we all hope for fine weather, and no repetition of last year's downpour.

The series of lectures arranged by Lt.-Col. Johnstone, C.B., have been concluded for the season with the following. We hope he will continue the series next month—

21st March—"Scouting and Reconnaissance suitable to a Naval Brigade." Lt.-Col. Johnstone, C.B.

4th April—"A System of Signalling for Royal Marines." Captain Houghton.

18th April—"Capture and Defence of Hsiku Arsenal, China, 1900." Lt.-Col. Johnstone, C.B.

2nd May—"Value of Parade Training" Capt. & Adjt. Blumberg.

9th May—"Some Notes on Army Orders of 1902." Major C. L Gordon.

19th May—"Training versus Drill." Lt.-Col. Johnstone, C.B.

How Bloodthirsty—Commander-in-Chief (on battlefield to aide-de-camp):—"What is that large body of men occupying the hill on our left?" A.D.C.: "Those, sir, are kodak fiends." C.I C.; "And the black mass of men I see well in front of me?" A.D.C.: "Operators for the biograph." C.I.C.: "And the battalion on our right with curiously formed guns?" A.D.C.: "Gramaphone and phonograph experts with their respective machines to take records of the battle, the roar of the guns, bugle calls, cries of the wounded, etc." C.I.C.: "'Tis well, let the battle begin."

Royal Marines' Rifle Association.

REPORT OF ASH MEETING.

THE 17th Committee Meeting was held at the R M. Recruiting Office, London, at 2.30 p.m , on the 19th June, 1903. Present: Col. T. J. P. Evans, R.M.L.I. (Chairman), Col. G. T. Onslow, C.B., R.M.L.I., Major (*r*) W. J. Langford, R.M.L.I., Capt. J. L. Homer, R.M.A., Capt. G. J. H. Mullins, R.M L.I., Lieut. H. Channer, R.M.L.I, Lieut. R. F. C. Foster, R.M A.

The following business was transacted:—

I.—The Minutes of the 16th Meeting were read by the Secretary and passed.

II.—The XX. for 1903 was settled. The Committee added to the XX. the following:—Capt. J. L. Homer, R.M.A., Capt. C. E. Collard, R.M.L.I., Qr.-Mstr. and Hon. Lieut. A. Baker, R.M.A., Sergt.-Major C. Hill, R.M.L.I.

III.—The X. for the "Collard Cup," 1903, was settled.

IV.—The Conditions for the "Active Service Cup," which have been published since the last Committee Meeting, were approved.

V.—It was proposed by Col. Evans, seconded by Col. Onslow, and carried, "That the Captain of the Team be given discretion this year (1903) to reduce the number of shoots for the VIII. in the event of their being no chance of completing six shoots."

VI.—Proposed by Capt. Homer, seconded by Major Langford, and carried, "That the name of the 'Foreign Stations' Competitions' be altered to 'Fleets' and Squadrons' Competitions.'"

VII.—Proposed by Lieut. Channer, seconded by Col. Evans, and carried, "That the Cruiser Squadron and the Home Fleet be added to the list of those Fleets and Squadrons to which the Association presents an annual Badge and £1 1s."

VIII.—Proposed by Capt. Homer, seconded by Lieut. Channer, and carried, "That the same 2nd and 3rd Prizes for Coburg Cup Young Soldiers, as were given last year, be given this year by the Association."

IX.—The Committee would be glad to receive suggestions for a Competition to be fired annually between the Coburg Cup Young Soldiers.

THE "TWENTY" COMPETITION, 1903.

Order of Merit	Rank and Name	Division	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total
1	Sergt.-Major E. J. Sullivan	Depot	96	96	89	95	100	476
2	Sergt.-Major D. J. Foley	R.M.A.	92	99	95	93	93	472
,,	Sergt. A. Height	,,	91	92	98	96	95	472
4	Lce.-Sergt. R. S. Pottinger	,,	96	89	97	93	96	471
,,	Lce.-Sergt. W. Hutchings	,,	90	99	94	97	91	471
,,	Sergt. F. J. Wingfield	Po.	95	95	97	91	93	471
7	Lce.-Corpl. T. Lea	,,	95	95	95	87	95	467
8	Sergt. D. Beddow	R.M.A.	94	91	92	93	94	464
,,	Sergt. H. E. Sparks	Po.	97	91	91	91	94	464
10	Sergt. C. Littleworth	Depot	96	91	94	94	88	463
,,	Dr.-Major G. Elliott	,,	90	89	91	93	100	463
12	Bombr. H. S. Fee	R.M.A.	92	89	92	94	95	462
13	Q.M. & Hn. Mjr. S. G. Rodway,	,,	89	84	96	96	96	461
14	Sergt. F. Chell	,,	96	91	92	97	84	460
,,	Lieut.-Col. W. I. Eastman	,,	94	89	93	93	91	460
16	Sergt. T. N. L. Hallford	Depot	85	84	101	96	92	458
17	Q.M.S.I. F. Ede	R.M.A.	85	90	96	86	100	457
,,	Sergt. E. J. Humphrey	Depot	88	90	94	91	94	457
19	Q.M.S. E. W. Prior	R.M.A.	92	91	85	96	92	456
20	Pte. W. F. Lord	Depot	92	84	96	84	98	454

Added to the XX. by the Committee:—

Capt. J. L. Homer, R.M.A. — Q.M. & Hon. Lt. A. Baker, R.M.A.
Capt. C. E. Collard, R.M.L.I. — Sergt.-Major C. Hill, R.M.L.I.

Other Scores:—

Order of Merit	Rank and Name	Division	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total
21	Sergt. A. G. Goodall	Po.	89	93	86	98	87	453
,,	Sergt. W. Linnington	Depot	92	92	90	90	89	453
23	Lieut. G. C. Woodcock	R.M.A.	92	85	91	93	91	452
24	Q.M.S.I. R. J. Wiggington	Po.	95	96	84	89	87	451
,,	Sergt. S. W. Hayes	Depot	87	92	97	83	92	451
26	Sergt. W. G. T. Bounds	,,	85	93	94	90	88	450
,,	Capt. W. Esson	Po.	92	91	89	84	94	450
28	Lieut. W. H. Stopford	Depot	90	83	83	98	95	449
,,	Pte. J. G. Ball	Po.	91	87	92	90	89	449
30	Pte. F. B. Goodey	,,	90	88	89	92	89	448
31	Sergt. W. Lovell	Depot	93	87	92	89	85	446
32	Sergt. J. G. Bell	Po.	92	84	89	88	91	444
33	Corpl. J. W. Flynn	R.M.A.	96	81	82	97	86	442
34	Sergt. G. L. Geater	Chat.	87	90	80	96	98	441
35	Clr.-Sergt. E. Channon	Depot	81	93	88	90	87	439
36	Sergt. R. D. Hale	Po.	95	89	83	85	86	438
,,	Sergt. W. H. Sanders	,,	87	85	87	87	92	438
,,	Sergt. S. T. Mathieson	R.M.A.	89	91	82	84	92	438
39	Capt. G. J. H. Mullins	Depot	89	88	79	89	87	432
,,	Lieut H. S. Lloyd	Ply.	93	92	94	76	77	432
41	Sergt. W. J. Clark	Depot	86	85	91	93	76	431
42	Sergt. W. H. Allen	Chat.	91	85	91	86	77	430
43	Pte. A. Sartin	Depot	85	87	83	81	92	428
44	Sergt. T. Mee	Ply.	84	72	87	88	88	419
45	Pro.-Sergt. J. Lawrence	,,	74	85	73	83	80	395

By Order of the Committee,

G. J. H. MULLINS, CAPTAIN R.M.L.I.,
Hon. Sec. R.M.R.A.

XX. SHOOT, 1903.—24th and 25th JUNE.

Order of Merit	Rank and Name	Division	Shoots 1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Total
1	†Capt. J. L. Homer	R.M.A.	94	90	99	89	92	98	562
2	§Capt. C. E. Collard	Po.	96	93	96	95	86	90	556
3	‡Sergt. F. Chell	R.M.A.	95	95	96	85	92	90	553
4	Lce.-Corpl. T. Lea	Po.	86	94	90	95	88	96	549
,,	Sergt. C. Littleworth	Depot	95	94	90	86	88	96	549
,,	Sergt.-Major E. J. Sullivan	,,	93	95	92	91	87	91	549
7	Sergt. F. J. Wingfield	Po.	97	91	93	88	87	91	547
8	Major S. G. Rodway	R.M.A.	94	92	86	93	88	93	546
,,	Dr.-Major G. Elliott	Depot	95	95	91	80	94	91	546
10	Sergt. D. Beddow	R.M.A.	95	94	93	90	83	88	543
11	Sergt. H. E. Sparks	Po.	94	93	91	84	92	87	541
12	Bombr. H. S. Fee	R.M.A.	85	94	95	92	89	84	539
13	Sergt.-Major D. J. Foley	,,	92	91	90	87	87	91	538
14	Lce.-Sergt. W. Hutchings	,,	89	90	78	93	90	96	536
,,	Sergt. T. N. L. Hallford	Depot	92	86	87	88	93	90	536
16	Sergt. A. Height	R.M.A.	81	88	91	85	95	93	533
17	Sergt. E. J. Humphrey	Depot	92	88	89	84	90	84	527
18	Sergt.-Major C. Hill	Po.	88	78	94	86	91	83	520
19	Lce.-Sergt. R. S. Pottinger,	R.M.A.	85	90	86	84	84	84	513
20	Q.M.S. F. Ede	,,	78	92	82	75	91	85	503
21	Pte. W. F. Lord	Depot	80	82	80	85	90	83	500
22	Lieut.-Col. W. J. Eastman,	R.M.A.	81	80	85	76	81	81	484

† Winner of Gold Medal. § Winner of Silver Medal.
‡ Winner of Bronze Medal and N.R.A. Silver Medal.

We congratulate Capt. Homer on winning the Gold Medal for the second time, Capt. Collard on winning the Silver Medal for the third time, and Sergt. Chell, R.M.A., on gaining the Bronze Medal. The Silver N.R.A. Medal should, strictly speaking, have gone to Capt. Collard, but, as he had won one in Natal, he resigned his claim and Sergt. Chell was awarded it.

The first X. on the list form the X. from whom the VIII. for Bisley will be selected.

On 24th the light was not too good and the wind blew from the left with rather varying strength.

In the fourth shoot on 25th there was a light fishtail wind and the sun kept dodging in and out.

In the fifth and sixth shoots there was more wind, generally from the right rear, and the sun was sometimes on view and sometimes not.

"COBURG CUP," 1903.

The shoot for this cup took place at Ash, on Friday, 26th June. The weather was fine and hot, with a fairly strong right wind. At 200 yards the Depot team led by one point, the R.M.A. being second, and Portsmouth two points behind the R.M.A. After firing at 500 yards the Portsmouth team led by two points, the R.M.A. and Depot teams being second with equal scores. With the wind blowing strong it was anybody's match, and as it turned out a most exciting finish was witnessed. The Portsmouth team, especially the recruits, fell off considerably at 600 yards, and consequently it was left to the R.M.A. and Depot teams to fight for the cup. Both teams made 231, and thus brought their totals up to 721. The two teams thus tieing, and consequently the destination of the cup had to be settled by taking the scores of the two teams at each distance, commencing with the longest

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31 days.

JULY, 1903.

1	Wed.	The Lord High Admiral's Regiment, styled the Duke of York and Albany's Regiment of Foot, altered to the Duke's or H.R.H.'s Regiment, 1672 (Edye's History). White helmets for hot climates made uniform, 1879.
2	Thur.	Defeat of the Dutch assault on Landguard Fort by Major Dorrell (Admiral's Regiment) 1667. Cutting out Convoy in Bay of Bourneuf, 1880.
3	Frid.	Presentation of colours to Plymouth Division, 1896, by H.R.H. the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.
4	Sat.	Boats of *Melpomene* and French settee, 1806. (*1*)
5	**Sun.**	Parliament thanks Corps for services, 1814. Chusan, China, 1840. Band of Portsmouth Division granted Prince of Wales' Plume in memory of going to India with His Royal Highness.
6	Mon.	Sir E. Hughes' action with the French, 1782. Castro (Peninsula), 1812. Red bands to Officers' forage caps re-introduced, 1880.
7	Tues.	Capture of Gunboats at Hango Head, 1809.*
8	Wed.	*Dart* and others capture *Desirée*, 1800.*
9	Thur.	Lieut. W. Graham, Marines, promoted to a troop in 4th Dragoons for gallantry in action, 1744. Prome captured, 1852.
10	Frid.	Capture of Hi Qwan Su Arsenal, China, 1900.* (*5*)
11	Sat.	Capture of an armed ship at Port D'Ango, 1808.*
		Siege and Surrender of St. Elmo, Naples, 1799. (*2*) Fontarabia Carlist War, Royal Marine Battalion, 1836. Bombardment of Alexandria, 1882.
12	**Sun.**	Dieppe burnt, 1694. Havana, 1762. Saumarez action with French and Spanish fleet off Gibraltar, 1801.* Attack on La Vandour, 1804. Occupation of the Island of Cyprus, 1879.
13	Mon.	Capture of Fort St. Lewis, Senegal, 1809. Capture of Cette in Languedoc, 1710. (*3*) Viborg, Baltic, 1855.
14	Tues.	Capture of Adge, Langedoc, 1710. (*3*) Capture of native city, Tientsin, China, 1900.* (*6*)
15	Wed.	*Lion* and four Spanish frigates, one captured, 1798.*
16	Thur.	Cutting out of *Cæsar*, 1806.*
17	Frid.	Ras-el-Teen occupied, 1882.*
18	Sat.	*Alomène* and boats capture two Spanish vessels, 1799.
19	**Sun.**	*Blanch* captured *Guerriere*, 1806.* The appointment of D.A.G. and A.A.G., R.M., established by Order in Council, 1825.
20	Mon.	Leonard's Town, United States, 1814. (*4*)
21	Tues.	Chin Keang Foo, China, 1842. Fredericksham, Baltic, 1855.
22	Wed.	Cutting out of *Cheverette*, 1801.* Off Cape Finisterre, (Sir R. Calder's action), 1805.
23	Thur.	Hair Powder discontinued, 1795.
24	Frid.	Capture of Gibraltar, 1704. Leggings first made uniform, 1860.
25	Sat.	Capture of Russian Gunboats in Apso Roads, 1809.*
26	**Sun.**	Bombardment of Havre, 1694. Second capture of Louisbourg with the islands of St. John and Cape Breton, 1758.
27	Mon.	Taking the Fort at Bremerle, Cuxhaven, 1809.*
28	Tues.	Expedition to the Scheldt, 1809, to September 4th.
29	Wed.	Siege and capture of Capua, Naples, 1799. (*2*)
30	Thur.	Capture of Fort Marrack, Java, 1811.* Enfield rifle issued, short for N.C.O.'s, long for Rank and File, 1857. Death of H.R.H. the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, 1st Hon. Colonel of Royal Marines, 1900.
31	Frid.	Boats of *Procoris* destroy six gunboats off Java, 1811.

(*1*)—Sergt. Milligan, R.M., behaved with great gallantry and received £40 from the Patriotic Fund. (*2*)—Lieut.-Colonel Strickland and Battalion. 800 Rank and File. (*3*)—300 Rank and File. (*4*)—3rd Battalion, Royal Marines, and Provisional Battalion. (*5*)—Major Johnstone and Marines. (*6*)—Major Luke and Marines. * Actions for which the Naval War Medal or Clasp was given.

ERRATA.—

June 23rd, (*19*)—Should read: Capt. Mullins, R.M.L.I., and 100 men, instead of Major Luke and 150 men. Capture of Taku Forts should be * as Clasp was granted.

We should be much obliged to any of our readers who will kindly send us accounts of events mentioned in the Almanac, and also for any corrections in or additions to the above.—*Ed. G. & L.*

distance, and it was found that at 600 yards they had also tied, but at 500 yards the R.M.A. scored one more point than the Depot, and thus won the cup. Both teams are to be congratulated on their good shooting. The prize of £1, given to the Recruit who makes the highest score was won by (Chatham) Pte. F. Knock, with the excellent score of 98, which included one outer. (Chatham) Pte. C. W. Orbell, 94, took the second prize of 13s. (Portsmouth) Pte. J. Ormesher, 93, took the third prize of 7s. The Chatham Recruits had the excellent average of 89·7, and the Depot Recruits, coached by Sergt. Hayes, averaged 88·75. Pte. Ballard of the Depot team unfortunately put a bull on the wrong target at 500 yards, but somewhat condoned his mistake by making a possible at 600 yards.

First—Royal Marine Artillery.

Rank and Name	200	500	600	Total
Q.M. and Hon. Lieut. A. Baker ..	33	33	30	96
Q.M.S. F. G. Deacon	32	33	31	96
Capt. J. L. Homer	33	29	29	91
Gnr. J. E. Frederick ..	33	27	31	91
Sergt. F. Chell	31	27	30	88
Lieut. A. Cantrell	28	31	29	88
Gnr. H. J. Carter	32	28	27	87
Gnr. G. H. Goodridge ..	30	30	24	84
Total ..	252	238	231	721
Average ..	31·5	29·75	28·88	90·12

Second—Depot Royal Marines.

Drum-Major G. Elliott	35	32	29	96
Sergt.-Major E. J. Sullivan ..	32	32	30	94
Pte. P. Owzman	30	30	32	92
Pte. H. C. Gammon	32	28	29	89
Sergt. T. N. L. Hallford	33	30	26	89
Pte. F. Suller	31	31	26	88
Sergt. C. Littleworth	34	29	24	87
Pte. F. T. Ballard	26	25	35	86
Total ..	253	237	231	721
Average ..	31·62	29·62	28·88	90·12

Third—Portsmouth Division.

Pte. J. Ormesher	32	33	28	93
Sergt. H. E. Sparks	29	31	32	92
Capt. C. E. Collard	33	31	28	92
Lce.-Corpl. T. Lea	33	32	26	91
Sergt. F. J. Wingfield	33	32	24	89
Pte. J. G. Ball	35	29	21	85
Pte. F. E. Goodridge	23	30	27	80
Pte. T. Armstrong	32	24	24	80
Total ..	250	242	210	702
Average ..	31·25	30·25	26·25	87·75

Fourth—Chatham Division.

Pte. F. Knock	33	31	34	98
Pte. C. W. Orbell	30	32	32	94
Sergt. G. E. Geater	33	30	30	93
Pte. W. J. Kilby	32	33	26	91
Sergt. C. Catlin	32	29	24	85
Sergt. W. H. Allen	30	25	23	78
Corpl. H. G. Mugridge	26	28	22	76
Sergt. C. D. Willsher	29	17	22	68
Total ..	245	225	213	683
Average ..	30·62	28·12	26·62	85·37

Fifth—Plymouth Division.

Q.M.S. J. F. Richards	33	34	31	98
Lieut. H. S. Lloyd	30	31	29	90
Amr.-Sergt. A. E. Hermon	34	30	22	86
Sergt. S. Hellier	30	32	21	83
Lieut. E. G. Cheesman	30	23	25	78
Pte. J. Cowell	30	24	20	74
Lce.-Sergt. W. G. Wakeham	28	22	21	71
Pte. J. Crompton	23	25	20	68
Total ..	238	221	189	648
Average ..	29·75	27·62	23·62	81·00

Young Soldiers Prizes.

First Prize ..	£1 0 0 ..	Pte. F. Knock, Chatham ..	98
Second Prize ..	0 13 0 ..	Pte. C. W. Orbell, Chatham ..	94
Third Prize ..	0 7 0 ..	Pte. J. Ormesher, Portsmouth ..	93

"PRINCE OF WALES' CUP," 1903.

Order of Merit	Rank and Name	Division	600	800	Total
1	Drum-Major G. Elliott	Depot	46	44	90
2	Sergeant C. Littleworth	,,	48	41	89
3	Qrtr.-Mstr. and Lieut. A. Baker	R.M.A.	46	42	88
4	Private W. F. Lord	Depot	42	45	87
,,	Sergeant A. Height	R.M.A.	47	40	87
6	Sergeant S. T. Mathieson	,,	42	44	86
7	Qrtr.-Mstr. & Mjr. S. G. Rodway	,,	39	46	85
,,	Sergeant S. W. Hayes	Depot	42	43	85
9	Qr.-Mr.-Sgt.-In R. J. Wigginton,	Portsmouth	37	47	84
,,	Lieutenant H S. Lloyd	Plymouth	38	46	84
,,	Sergeant W. H. Allen	Chatham	39	45	84
,,	Captain C. E. Collard	Portsmouth	42	42	84
,,	Sergeant T. N. L. Hallford	Depot	44	40	84

Much better scoring than last year and many more competitors.

G. H. MULLINS, CAPTAIN R.M.L.I.,
Hon. Sec. R.M.R.A.

The Royal Marine Camp at Ash.

THE first to arrive at the scene of the Royal Marine camping ground were the Portsmouth contingent of Markers and Register-keepers, who arrived at 1 p.m., Tuesday, 23rd June. The ground allotted for the camp was No. 1 Camping Ground, situated between No. 3 and No. 4 Ranges. On arrival, those who wisely had brought sandwiches with them, proceeded to satisfy the pangs of hunger, the remainder tightening their belts and looking on with envy. On the arrival of Major Cotterill, R.M.L.I., and the waggons from Messrs. Simonds & Co. and Messrs. Dickinson, with the marquees, etc., everyone set to work with a will to pitch the camp. Three large marquees were produced from the waggons, and without any waste of time a dry canteen, wet canteen, and a large dining-tent was rigged up. About 3 p.m. the gunners from Eastney were seen on the top of an adjacent hillock, taking a slight rest after their walk from the station. However, they soon started in, pitching the Officers' Mess and sleeping-tents, and then everyone set to work rigging up the bell tents for the men.

By 5 o'clock the camp was pitched, and by this time Quarter-Master and Hon. Major Pawsey, ably assisted by Colr.-Sergt. Peck and his staff, had got a meat tea laid out, together with a pint of beer for everyone, which, after all the hard work on an empty stomach, was very welcome. At 7.30 p.m. the men had supper, and by 10 p.m. lights were out and silence reigned.

Next morning at 5.30 the old, and familiar to a good many of us, sound of "Show a leg! Show a leg!" was heard, as Sergt. Hale, R.M.L.I., who made a most efficient Camp-Sergt.-Major, and also took the place of the bugler, alas! conspicuous by his absence, went round rousing the camp. Meat breakfast at 7, and then to work on the Range. Hot dinner at 2 p.m. and the day's work was done. Practically, the same routine was observed on the following days, and on Saturday morning tents were struck, and by 1.45 p.m. (firing did not finish till noon) the men were on their way to the station.

We could not have had better weather, as the sun shone brilliantly each day, and there was no rain. A vote of thanks is due to Quarter-Master Hon. Major Pawsey for the excellent arrangements he made for the comfort of the officers and men. Everyone voted the feeding arrangements as excellent, even though they did get a bit tired of corned beef for breakfast.

Major Cotterill and the Hon. Sec., R.M.R.A., Capt. G. J. H. Mullins, R.M.L.I., are to be congratulated on the great success of the meeting, the arrangements for which were excellent. The Hon. Sec. when not at work on the Range was generally to be seen sitting on the Officers' wine-chest at a beautifully-constructed camp writing-desk (rumour says of his own design) doling out sums of money, and jotting down figures as though his life depended on it, and once, I believe, he was seen running round the camp searching for an unfortunate competitor who evidently had got more than he was entitled to; this, I need hardly say, was the only time during the meeting when he was *not* popular.

The "Revolver Cup" was won by the Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I. and the "Collard Cup" by Sergt. W. H. Sanders, R.M.L.I., Portsmouth Division. The "Officers' Cup" was won by the Plymouth Division; we hope to give details next month.

A Voyage to S. Africa in Search of Health and Employment.

Written by P. Gilroy, who has recently been invalided as a Lance-Sergeant from the Plymouth Division, and addressed to Sergt.-Major Perry, R.M.L.I.

The Voyage—Las Palmas—Arrival at Cape Town—First Impressions of the Town—East London—An Agent and His Ways—Up Country—Bailey Station—Advantages of Government Employment.

BAILEY STATION,
CAPE GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS,
13th April, 1903.

DEAR SIR,

JUST a few lines to say that I have got to the end of my journey safely, after various adventures and misadventures *en route*. I will not go into too much detail, but will try to give you a rough outline of what you come across on a 7,000 mile trip in search of health. As I told you before I left, my wife and self were granted passages in the *Staffordshire*, and so far as the passage itself is concerned all I need say is that all on board were messed similar to what the men are in most military barracks, the cooking was nearly as good as Navy cooking, the result was that although the men had little cause for complaint, it came rather hard to the women and children; even to the last day they never got used to it, they only ate so much as hunger compelled them to. Those who had money supplemented their rations from the canteen. My canteen bill cost me £2 8s. for the 19 days. The sleeping accommodation for the men was hammock and two blankets, for the women a compartment similar to a Naval sick bay.

We started from Southampton at 4 p m. on March 3rd, and for the next three days we got the tail end of that gale which gave the H.M.S. *Resolution* such a knocking about a week previous. We agreed later that the best thing we could do was for all hands to try and forget those three days as quickly as possible, but, however, we got through that lot, and on the Thursday about half of the female passengers appeared at the first meal, which had been fetched from the galley since sailing on the previous Tuesday. By Saturday I think everyone had been on the upper deck, though it was very evident they were but slightly interested in the scenery.

On the Sunday after leaving England we got to Las Palmas, which was a welcome break in the monotony of the voyage. While there, there was the usual excitement of a Spanish port, Britishers yelling and swearing, and buying oranges, etc., and incidentally being robbed at the same time; and Spaniards (or, as we used to dub them in the Channel Fleet, Spaniolas) screaming, gesticulating, pushing, and salaamjossing for all they were worth. We only stopped there two hours, and then we once more got under way ploughing towards the Southern Cross.

By this time the passengers began to take a little interest in each other's existence, and to know who else was on board besides themselves. I found that we had on board roughly 1,200, of which 900 were troops, small detachments from 20 different corps. In the after part of the ship were the married quarters, in which there were 21 women and 48 children, and just fancy, I was the only solitary husband. I never had such a family before and I sincerely hope I never will again. Some of the women were soldiers' wives, others were going out as Army Schoolmistresses, all of their husbands either were in the service or had been. Of the 21, only in one instance did I know of two coming from the same corps, so you will see we were a very cosmopolitan crowd.

During the trip from Las Palmas to Cape Town, three concerts were held, one on St. Patrick's Day being organised by the Leinsters, in which several officers, ship's and military, took part. Sports were also held, including several boxing contests. After we got settled down on board I got several opportunities of conversing with some of the crew, and also some of the "Indulgence Passengers." I felt sorry Major Drury could not get a few hours with them, they were just the sort of stuff to manufacture a half-a-dozen first-class novels out of. The two I got most interested in were—first—a sailor who had at different times been—a British Naval Reserveman, a Yankee Marine and a blue-jacket in one of the South American Navies, where revolutions were the order of the day. In the South African War he left a ship on which he was employed and joined an irregular mounted corps, which, from the yarns he told of its members, must have been very irregular indeed. The other individual who attracted my notice was a Swede, who, at the commencement of the war, fought on the Boer side, later, got taken prisoner and sent to St. Helena After being detained there for some time he was sent back to S A., where he joined the National Scouts, so that he had the advantage of taking part in the fighting on both sides. After serving some time in the N. Scouts he served in the Intelligence Department at Johannesburg. On conclusion of the war he went to England, but did not stay long, like most South Africans, he did not seem to be much taken up with England as a place to live in, which is not difficult when you see the free and easy life of the people out here. However, I must get on before I use up all the paper. We got to Cape Town safely, and I found I had two days to wait for the mail boat so I secured quarters with a friend in the suburbs (Woodstock).

My first impressions of Cape Town are not very complimentary to that famous city, it seemed at the first glance from the Docks to be made up of a mixture of niggers, cabs, locomotives, railways, soldiers, traction engines, and all apparently in a hopeless muddle. We had a nice shower previous to landing, which changed the clouds of dust into inches of mud on the road.

From Cape Town we got under way once more in the mail boat for E. London. The weather was very good and the accommodation excellent, and our transport experience made us truly thankful to find ourselves enjoying life once more At E. London we were hoisted out of the liner in large baskets and lowered into the tug alongside.

On getting ashore we made for the Customs, and met a gent who volunteered to relieve us of the worry of looking after our luggage for the modest sum (for S.A.) of 7/6. I was glad to get rid of the stuff so I agreed to the terms, after I had carefully noted the address of the individual. It was a lucky thought to do so, for when I got to the station to proceed up country the luggage was minus, but after some correspondence and a friendly visit from the police, he despatched it two days later. I don't know if he knocked the boxes about to get his own back, but the contents certainly looked as if they had been very severely handled. I forgot to mention I lost one box at Cape Town, but after writing some half-dozen letters about it I have succeeded in tracing it at last.

On arrival at Bailey I received a Colonial welcome from the Station Master, who happens to be a friend of mine, and after a day's rest I asked about the prospect of getting employment. He told me it was not exactly the best time to come as there had been a big rush from home on the war ending, however, I sent in my application and copies of my certificates, and was very pleased next day to get an appointment as foreman, the pay whilst learning the duties is 6/- per day, and when finally appointed 7/6 per day. The work is responsible, as you have complete control of a station, two miles of railway, including two sidings, and a goods station, besides acting as occasion requires in the several capacities of signalman, telegraphist, postmaster, collector of customs, etc., etc.

The railways are run by the Government, and there are numerous advantages of being in its employ, such as free quarters, medical attendance for family, uniform, which is a substantial advantage where rent is £6 per month for a cottage, doctors, £1 1s. a visit, and other things at corresponding prices. There is also a system by which railway men get their provisions at prices about 10 per cent. over home prices, while at the local stores the tariff is from 80 per cent. upwards over home prices (example: tin of condensed milk—railway, 6½d.; store, 10d.)

I have a lot more I could say, but I must knock off because the paper is full. I may have more to say on the war and other things connected with S.A. at a later date.

P. GILROY.

A LONG JOURNEY IN A SHORT TIME—Pat: "Can you tell me, Barney, why it is that the police van is the fastest conveyance in the whole world?" Barney: "Troth, Pat, I could not." Pat: "Well, it's because it will take you so far in ten minutes that sometimes you take ten years to get back again."

Disembarkation of a Force in presence of the Enemy.

This Lecture was given by Lt.-Col. Daniell, R.M.L.I., at Plymouth, on 10th February.

(*Continued from page 66*).

We can return to the main expeditionary force and see what the detail of their procedure will be.

In the Egyptian war of 1882, a force of 19,148 men, with 5,908 horses, were conveyed in 47 steamers with a gross tonnage of about 140,000. An Army Corps would require about 250,000 tons gross.

It is not possible to state the exact number of transports required as it depends on their tonnage. The basis for the calculation for a voyage to any part of the world is 2½ tons per man, 7 tons per horse or mule; this includes arms, ammunition, stores, provisions, and forage for three months, 1st line transport. No tents or 2nd line transport.

A division will require about 32 transports and a large number of boats, some of them of special design for carrying horses and guns. Unless piers or wharves are available steamboats cannot be used for conveying men, but they will certainly be used for towing the troop boats. In the Persian Expedition in 1856, landing was delayed through insufficiency of boats, especially for horses and R.A. We expected to find Arab boats, but they were not there, and it took us three days and two nights to disembark 9,500 men and 1,500 animals. The transports which will not draw less than 20 feet of water, will be anchored probably in two or three lines, having in view the space of beach available and the necessity of landing on as broad a front as possible so that the troops may readily come to fighting formation, bearing in mind seven transports will want about 1½ miles. The orders for landing will have been communicated to the officers concerned some time before, (*e.g.* the orders for landing in the Crimea were issued on August 31st, though the actual landing did not take place till September 14) thus all concerned have an opportunity of making themselves thoroughly acquainted with the details. This is important, for in a difficult and dangerous operation of this kind the less time spent the better when it is once begun, and all unnecessary delay should be carefully guarded against. The boat guns of the fleet mounted in the bows of the boats will be useful in keeping down the fire of the enemy on shore, as they can be placed in position where larger vessels cannot go. The landing of the troops will be undertaken on a flood, and not on an ebb tide.

In preparing to approach the shore, the pulling boats will be loaded as far as they could be with troops, and I think we cannot reckon upon many more than 50 to a boat. (Admiral Mends, who planned and superintended the landing in the Crimea, recommended that when the disembarkation is likely to be resisted, not more than 40 men should be put in the boats.) It has been said that a boat which would hold 100 bluejackets, will take 80 Marines, and 60 soldiers. The boats will be formed in column of five or six, connected together with tow ropes, and each column will be towed by a steamboat, with a machine or Q.F. gun in the bows. The columns must be formed at sufficient interval so that when the boats draw up into line abreast there will be ample room for the boats to use their own oars and pull in between the towing boats. Admiral Colomb gives 12 yards as the allowance for each boat, so two columns of five boats each might steam in at about 60 yards apart. The columns will probably be received with a heavy fire unless the covering party operating from the flank has drawn the enemy's attention, and the guns of the fleet and flanking fire of ships and boats properly posted must be continued to the last moment possible, till their fire is masked by the landing troops. The columns must move as rapidly as possible, and as soon as the water was getting too shallow, the steamboats will cast off by signal and the boats, under oars, will make a dash for the shore. The transports will have been so anchored that the first troops required to land will be in the inshore line; if the first party gets ashore all right the other trips will present less difficulty, as the enemy should be having a very bad time, pounded by guns, attacked in flank and in front, he will not be able to give much attention to the boats of the second and third trips. In the *first* party there will be probably only infantry and light guns, Naval guns with seamen-gunners and Marines, which can be handled readily in landing and moved by drag ropes; we cannot hope to have the horses of the R.F.A. ashore immediately.

A party of Royal Engineers should be in the first landing trip, to superintend the formation of cover for the force and enable them to hold on to the accidents of the ground. When once the men are ashore, the fire of the ships guns cannot help them much as it will be masked by our own men, but under favourable circumstances flanking fire can be kept up.

This raises a very grave question, but one beyond the limits of this paper, a question which the late war has brought forward, viz., how are we to manage in the future to determine the exact time when Artillery fire becomes as dangerous to friends as foes; it is important that the Infantry should have the support of the Artillery as long as possible, but there does come a moment when the commander of a battalion will feel happier if the shrapnel of his own side are not bursting in his immediate vicinity. With the first party should also go artificers, with planks and spars, to erect wharves and jetties where horses and guns can be landed. Horses and mules will cheerfully swim ashore under favourable circumstances (they did in Cuba), but they will not swim to the sound of the guns, and the enemy's position must be captured and held before we can get our animals ashore in this way. The force ashore, the problem becomes an ordinary tactical one of attack of a defended position, and presents no special features; or rather the special features differ with each different position, and the tactical situation must be dealt with *ex re nata*. Remembering always, that at this stage of the proceedings it is of the most vital importance to ensure communications with the base, and to hold them fast, the base being the ships. This receives an interesting illustration from an example I want to quote later on; the attack on the island of Anholt.

Stores, etc., will naturally be put on shore as soon as possible when once the troops have secured their position; cavalry should get ashore as soon as they can, but if the sea voyage has been a long one the horses will not be in a condition to dash into the interior of the country for a day or two.

What is very likely to happen will be that the spot selected for the landing will not be the spot which it is intended to make the base, considerations of effecting a landing away from permanent works which have caused the landing to be at some place of small importance, and a more important harbour or town may have to be occupied as the real base of operations. This was the case in the capture of Minorca 1781—Egypt, 1801—the French in Algiers in 1830. The great change of base in Egypt, 1882, from Alexandra to Ismailia hardly comes under this category.

Should this be necessary, the question resolves itself into a combined naval and military operation for the capture of a defended harbour, the army operating by land, and the navy by sea against the coast defences. In such a case, though the operation may be lengthy, history appears to teach that victory will be in the hands of a Power which has command of the sea, and that granted this condition success is almost certain.

And now I propose to quote briefly two instances, both, perhaps, rather ancient history, and it is true that conditions have changed since then, but the broad principles of war do not change; modern inventions alter tactics, and introduce factors sometimes to the advantage of attack, sometimes to the advantage of the defence, steam, electricity, torpedoes, mines, improved fire-arms, improved defences, and an enormous advance in artillery have altered conditions of warfare, but striking a general balance between one side and the other, the question is relatively the same; we come down to the elementary fact that A occupies a certain position which B wishes to occupy, and that B has to turn A out. The lessons of the past are the only guide to the future now as ever, and the study of military history of the past, even to the days of the Carthaginian Fleets and the Roman Legions has nothing of its value.

The Island of Anholt in the Cattegat had been captured in 1809, in 1811 was held by a Garrison of 350 Marines and 31 Marine Artillery, the Marines were commanded by Capt. Torrens, and Capt. Mason, R.N., was Governor of the Island. In March, 1811, it was attacked by the Danes; the numbers vary in different authorities, but the Da

official account, which gives the least number, puts them at 1,000 soldiers and 200 seamen. They were conveyed in 12 transports, escorted by 12 gunboats, with 24 and 18-pounders, and four brass howitzers, and landed, unseen and unopposed, at 4 a.m., in darkness and fog, about four miles to the west of the Fort, which was the Headquarters of the Garrison. The alarm was given—the Garrison turned out with four howitzers, and the Danes were found to be ashore and to be out-flanking the little garrison. We had to retreat and the Danes advanced, but subsequently matters were restored as our batteries opened fire and the Danes were again driven to the beach. At daybreak the gun boats opened fire and we signalled for assistance to two small ships of war, a 32 gun Frigate and a 16 gun Brig, which were on the north of the island. They came round and the Danish gun boats moved off. In the meantime we had repulsed the attack on land on the north side with heavy loss, and the attackers, with no means of retreat and their advance impossible, surrendered unconditionally. When the gun boats moved, the attackers on the south side were in a similar position and also surrendered. Some of the Danes who had got away to the west succeeded in re-embarking. Thus, though the landing was successful the expedition was a complete failure, because we retained local command of the sea.

At the landing in Egypt in 1801, 150 boats were used, each carried 50 men, exclusive of the crew. Boats were at 50 feet apart. At 2 a.m. signal was made for boats to repair to their respective ships, and at 3.30 a.m. they proceeded to their rendezvous, viz., three armed vessels in line, out of fire from the shore, where they formed up and awaited orders. At 9 a.m. the signal was given, and the boats, with 5,500 men and 10 guns, but no horses, advanced rapidly on a front of about a mile. The field guns were carried in the launches, and were ashore and in action as soon as the Infantry. The smaller war vessels stood in to cover the landing, and opened fire on the shore batteries. The French allowed the boats to approach within easy range and then opened fire. Several boats were sunk, but the landing was successful, and the French were driven from their position and lost eight guns. I ought to say that the operation of disembarking had previously been well practised in Marmorice Harbour, and that at Aboukir it was delayed for five days by bad weather. The force arrived on the 2nd of March, but did not disembark till the 8th.

The French had about 2,500 men in position and had guns well posted, while Aboukir Castle also opened a galling fire. 1,000 blue-jackets were landed and dragged the guns up the heights, losing 22 killed, and seven officers, 63 men wounded. Our total losses were 124 killed, 585 wounded, 38 missing. The French loss was stated at 400 killed and badly wounded.

Once ashore the force moved to Alexandria, as a port for the base, a distance of 13 miles.

It was a fine feat of arms, and what man has done, man can do.

Time does not allow of more examples, though many interesting ones might be quoted, I have perhaps kept you too long already. In conclusion I would like to say that while I have gathered information where I could, I have largely made use of a paper by the late Admiral Colomb, and of an Essay written for the R.U.S.I. Gold Medal Competition by Capt. Rose, R.M. Artillery, which he kindly placed at my disposal, and from which I have obtained much information.

Royal Marine Rifle Meeting.

THE annual rifle meeting of the Chatham Division of the Royal Marine Light Infantry was held at Milton rifle ranges on 16th and 17th June, when a large number of competitors took part in the different matches. On the first day the programme was confined to the team firing events, while the individual competitions were reserved for Wednesday. Excellent arrangements were made by the committee, which consisted of the following;—Lieut.-Col. H. C. Money, C.B., Major C. Mc N. Parsons, Capt. W. W. Frankis, Capt. and Adjutant A. E. Bewes, Capt. C. W. R. Dalton, Lieut. H. W. Channer, Sergt.-Maj. T. Kelly, Clr.-Sergt. G. Mohr, Clr.-Sergt. H. Braybrooke, Sergt. C. Catlin, Corpl. G. Mugridge, and Pte. H. Howe.

The weather on Tuesday was far more favourable than appeared probable at one time. In the morning several heavy showers descended, but happily the sky cleared later, and the competitions in the afternoon were fired under capital conditions so far as light and wind were concerned On the second day the light was good, but at times the wind was tricky, while the latter stage of the matches was considerably interfered with by a heavy storm, which necessitated the abandonment of two competitions. A large number of officers were present each day. Music was provided by the Band of the Division, under 2nd-Lieut. J. Wright.

SCOUTS' COMPETITION.

1	H Company,	Sergt. Allen,	leader
2	A ,,	Sergt. Stubbs.	
3	E ,,	Sergt. Catlin.	
4	F ,,	Clr.-Sergt. Braybrooke.	
5	A ,,	Sergt. Moxham.	
6	F ,,	Sergt. Curtin.	

RAPID INDEPENDENT COMPETITION.

3 Prizes:—1 at £1 15s., 1 at £1 4s. 6d., and 1 at 17s. 6d.; total, £3 17s. Target—moving figure of a man; distance—200 yards; number of rounds—as many as possible fired in one minute; target to be moved laterally from right to left, and *vice versa*; team—to consist of 6 men under a leader, who will also fire; position—any position under cover, men to be extended opposite their targets; section making highest number of hits to be winners.

1	Gravesend Company,	Sergt. Willsher ..	36 points.
2	C Company,	Corpl. Field	34 ,,
3	B ,,	Corpl. Tarry	31 ,,

BRINSMEAD COMPETITION.

11 Prizes;—1 at £3, 1 at £2 2s., 1 at £1 10s., 1 at £1 4s., 1 at 18s., and 3 at 6s.; total £8 8s. Position—lying down at 600 yards, afterwards kneeling or standing. Open to teams of 6, of which not more than 2 were non-commissioned officers, and not less than 2 were young soldiers with less than 2 years' service on August 1st, 1903. The conditions were the same as for the Brinsmead Challenge Shield at the N.R.A. meeting.

1	Gravesend Company,	Sergt. Willsher ..	14	points.
2	F Company,	Colr.-Sergt. Braybrooke ..	10	,,
3	F ,,	Sergt. Allen	10	,,
4	A ,,	Sergt. Stubbs	9	,,
5	E ,,	Sergt. Catlin	8	,,
6	B ,,	Sergt. Palmer	8	,,
7	D ,,	Sergt. Spicer	8	,,
8	C ,,	Corpl. Field	7	,,

SECOND DAY.

30 Prizes:—1 at £1, 1 at 10s, 2 at 7s. 6d., 6 at 5s., 10 at 3s., and 10 at 2s. 6d. 7 rounds at 200 yards. Position—any military. Warrant Officers, Staff-Sergts., Sergts., and Lce.-Sergts. Bisley rules.

PRIZE WINNERS:—

33, Q.M.S.I. J. Battin; 32, Sergt. C. Catlin; 31, Clr.-Sergt. Braybrooke, Q.M.S.I. F. Crozier, Sergt. W. H. Allen; 30, Sergt. G. J. Webb; 29, Clr.-Sergt. G. Mohr, Sergts. G. Kent, B. King; 28, Q.M.S. J. Hammond, Sergts. Pamplin, W. Palmer, A. W. Pink, A. T. Hodgkins, F. J. Johnson; 27, Sergts. G. Geater, J. Hibbard, F. G. Spicer, Sergt.-Major T. Kelly, Sergts. F. Curtin, W. Hurst, Q.M.S.I. Hawes, Lce.-Sergt. F. Kemp; 26, Sergts. E. Mugridge, J. J. Clay, Clr.-Sergt. E. Booker, Sergts. F. Cash, W. Prior.

37 Prizes:—1 at £1, 1 at 10s., 4 at 7s. 6d., 6 at 5s., 10 at 3s., and 15 at 2s. 7 rounds at 200 yards. Position—any military. Rank and File. Service conditions.

PRIZE WINNERS:—

28, Pte. F. Knock; 27, Ptes. M. Deedy, W. G. Aitkenhead, J. Cornell; 26, Ptes. J. C. Higgin, C. W. Orbell, J. Gaskin, Lce.-Corpl. J. Edwards, Ptes. H. Williams, G. Pettit, J. Horne; 25, Ptes. H. Couburn, F. West, W. Kilby, C. Fitch, S. H. Smith, Lce.-Corpl. A. Rainey, Ptes. H. C. Bunce, C. Walker, W. Possee, J. Tosley, J. C. Payne, H. B. Turdon, G. Robinson, W. Braslen; 24, Pte. F. C. Kirk, Lce.-Corpl. F. Kemp, Ptes. A. Thrush, R. W. Brown, A. G. Lark, Corpl. P. E. Clarke, Ptes. F. C. Taylor, W. Buths, G. W. Bell, J. Dulton, W. Bosher, Corpl. H. Sigston.

Prizes as at 200 yards. 7 rounds at 500 yards. W.O.'s, Staff-Sergts., Sergts., & Lce.-Sergts. Position—any military. Bisley rules.

PRIZE WINNERS:—

34, Sergt. M. Curtin; 33, Sergt. E. C. Mugridge; 32, Clr.-Sergt. E. Booker; 31, Clr.-Sergt. G. Mohr; 30, Q.M.S.I. J. Battin, Sergt.-Major T. Kelly, Sergts. W. F. Pamplin, G. Geater; 29, Sergts. G. Webb, C. Willsher, School-Master H. E. Keightley, Q.M.S.I. F. Crozier; 28, Q.M.S. J. Hammond, Sergts. H. F. Clarke, J. Milliken, Moxham, Widowson, C. Catlin; 27, Sergts. C. R. Pope, Spicer, C. Milles, Clr.-Sergt. Hayward; 25, Bk.-Sergt. J. Dunk, Q.M.S.I. Hawes, Sergts. F. Cash, T. Bull, Rudd, Kent, Clr.-Sergt. Harrison, Sergt. Page.

Prizes as at 200 yards. 7 rounds at 500 yards. Rank and File. Position—any military. Service conditions.

PRIZE WINNERS:—

26, Pte. F. Knock; 25, Lce.-Corpl. Edwards, Ptes. C. H. Orbell, A. Jeffrey, T. Aitkenhead, A. W. Taylor, G. E. Morehead, G. Attride, W. Tasker; 24, Lce.-Corpl. F. Kemp, Ptes. C. Gaskin, C. Newstead, W. J. Deedy, W. Trilby. Corpl. W. E. Webber, Ptes. W. Buths, F. West, W. Possee, Mangham, F. Hodgson; 23, Corpls. Barrett, J. W. Stancer, Ptes. F. Underwood. B. O'Brien, C. Fitch, Corpl. S. G. Sparkes, Pte. W. H. Miller, Corpl. H. G. Mugridge, Ptes. W. Taylor, C. Andrews, T. Thrush, Lce.-Corpls. J. Pearce, J. Cutts, Corpl. P. E. Clarke, Ptes. W. Macey, E. Bell.

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5 Prizes:—1 at 25s., 1 at 15s., 1 at 10s., 2 at 5s. 7 rounds at 600 yards by the 20 competitors making the highest score at 200 and 500 yards, amalgamated. Warrant Officers, Sergts. and Lce.-Sergts. Total scores at 200, 500 and 600 yards:—

Sergt. M. Curtin	.. ..	88 points.
Sergt. G. Geater	.. ..	86 ,,
Sergt. G. J. Webb	.. ..	84 ,,
Clr.-Sergt. J. Mohr	.. ..	84 ,,
Sergt. E. C. Mugridge	..	82 ,,

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5 Prizes:—1 at 25s., 1 at 15s., 1 at 10s., and 2 at 5s. 7 rounds at 600 yards by the 20 highest competitors at 200 and 500 yards, amalgamated. Rank and File. Total scores at 200, 500 and 600 yards:—

Pte. F. Knock	.. ..	78 points.
Pte. W. G. Aitkenhead	..	73 ,,
Pte. E. W. Orbell	.. ..	70 ,,
Pte. C. Fitch	.. ..	69 ,,
Pte. W. G. Possee	.. ..	69 ,,

OFFICERS' MATCH.

7 rounds at 200, 500, and 600 yards. Position—any military.

Capt. F. E. Chichester	77 points.
Capt. and Adjt. A. E. Bewes	77 ,,

On shooting off the tie, Capt. Chichester won.

REVOLVER MATCH.

10 Prizes:—1st, Revolver presented by Col. Adair, and 1 at £1, 1 at 15s., 3 at 10s., and 4 at 5s. Open to Members of Revolver Club. 12 rounds at 20 yards, and 12 rounds at 50 yards.

Sergt. G. E. Geater	.. ..	118 points.
Sergt. W. H. Allen	.. ..	112 ,,
Clr.-Sergt. Braybrooke	..	112 ,,
Major Mc N. Parsons	..	108 ,,
Capt. F. E. Chichester	..	94 ,,
Sergt. Curtin	.. .. ..	88 ,,
Sergt. Mugridge	.. ..	87 ,,
Q.M.S. Battin	.. ..	72 ,,
Sergt. Moxham	.. ..	67 ,,
Lieut. Eagles	.. ..	61 ,,

The Ladies' competition and the competition for the Wives of Warrant Officers, Staff, Clr.-Sergts. and Sergts., did not take place owing to heavy rain.

Shooting.

THAMES DISTRICT RIFLE MEETING.

THE Thames District Annual Rifle Meeting was opened at Milton Rifle Ranges, Gravesend, on 23rd June, when the proceedings were principally confined to the team competitions. The weather proved favourable, with the exception that the wind was treacherous. Excellent arrangements were made by the committee of which Major-Gen. Sir R. C. Hart, V.C., is president, and Maj. C. M'N. Parsons, R.M.L.I., is Hon. Secretary. The programme comprised 27 matches. The following results were announced—

All Comers, 200 yards—4, Sergt. Catlin, R.M., 34.

Officers, Warrant and Petty Officers, and Sergeants, 200 yards—3, Clr.-Sergt. Braybrooke, R.M., 33.

The above meeting was continued at Milton Rifle Ranges, on 24th June, when the weather, though dull, was fairly favourable for shooting. The results announced were as follows—

Warren Rifle Challenge Shield. Open to teams of six, representing companies of units (including Royal Navy, Militia, and Volunteers). 200, 500, and 600 yards. 1, R.M.L.I., Gravesend Co., 430 points; 2, Sheerness School of Gunnery, 405; 3, B Co., Training Bn., R.E., 398.

The South-Eastern Railway Company Challenge Cup. Open to teams of ten rank and file and one non-commissioned officer: at head and shoulder disappearing targets, 300 yards. 1, Sheerness School of Gunnery, 39; 2, R.M.L.I., Gravesend, 36; 3, 59th Field Co., R.E., 35.

Officers, Warrant and Petty Officers and Sergeants, Rifle, 500 yards—5, Clr.-Sergt. Braybrooke, R.M., 33.

Warde Challenge Shield. Running and sectional firing match, three volleys at 500 yards and four at 400 yards. 1, Sheerness School of Gunnery (2nd Watch) 28; 2, Sheerness School of Gunnery (1st Watch) 27; 3, H Co., R.M.L.I., Chatham, 22.

Splendid weather favoured the closing stage of the Thames District Rifle Meeting at Milton Rifle Ranges, near Gravesend, and some good shooting was again witnessed. The principal interest was centred in the Scouts' Competition for the challenge cup presented by the Naval School of Gunnery, Sheerness, and in the competition for the Borough of Chatham Diamond Jubilee Championship Challenge Cup, presented by the Mayor and Corporation of Chatham. The results were as follows—

The Scouts' Competition. Open to teams of four, rank and file, under a leader who did not fire. 1, Royal Marines, Gravesend, C Co., Royal Marines; 3, School of Gunnery, Sheerness.

The Borough of Chatham Diamond Jubilee Challenge Cup. The competitors who made the highest aggregate scores at 200, 500, and 600 yards, fired ten shots at 800 yards, the scores being added to the previous aggregate; regulation targets. 1, Petty Officer Hart, 133; 2, Clr.-Sergt. Braybrooke, R.M., 128, The winner put on 5 points at 800 yards.

All Comers, 600 yards. 3, Sergt. Catlin, R.M., 32.

Officers, Warrant and Petty Officers and Sergeants, 600 yards—Capt. Chichester, R.M.L.I., 33.

Rank and File & Seamen, 600 yards. 5, Crpl. Muggridge, R.M., and

The Ladies' Prizes were won by Miss Dooner, 24, and Miss Thomas, 23. Bisley targets, 200 yards.

ROYAL MARINES MEDITERRANEAN BADGE COMPETITION, 1903.

1st Prize: Jewel and £1. Sergt. Tildesley, R.M.A., H.M.S. *Renown*, 200 yards, 28; 500 yards, 34; 600 yards, 30. Total 92.

2nd Prize: £1. Gunner T. Heasman, H.M.S. *Ramillies*, 200 yards, 29; 500 yards, 30; 600 yards, 31. Total 90.

Order of Merit	Names.	Score	£ s. d.
3rd ..	Sergt. Collins, R.M.L.I. (*Hermione*) ..	89 ..	
4th ..	Lieut. Huntingford, R.M.A. ..	88 ..	
5th ..	Capt. French, R.M.L.I.	86 ..	0
6th ..	Sergt. Morris, R.M.L.I. (*Formidable*)	86 ..	0
7th ..	Pte. Moore, R.M.L.I. (*Hibernia*) ..	85 ..	0
8th ..	Pte. Broom, R.M.L.I. (*Aboukir*) ..	84 ..	0
9th ..	Sergt. Sampson, R.M.L.I. (*Hibernia*)	83 ..	0
10th ..	Clr.-Sergt. Burgis, R.M.L.I. (*Hibernia*)	83 ..	0
11th ..	Sergt. Lock, (*Hibernia*)	83 ..	0
12th ..	Pte. Norton, R.M.L.I. (*Diana*) ..	83 ..	

R. H. DARWALL, Lieut. R.M.L.I., Instructor of Musketry.

Result of Rifle Match. R.M.A. *v.* School of Musketry. Fired simultaneously at Fort Cumberland and Hythe, June 4th. School of Musketry won by 36 points. Totals—R.M.A., 906, average 90·6; School of Musketry, 942, average 94·2.

RIFLE SHOOTING AT TREVOL.

A triangular match took place at Trevol in fine weather, and the conditions were very favourable to high scoring, and the Cambridge team, captained by Mr. Nesling, gunner, made the excellent average of 94·6 points. Scores—R.M.L.I,, 902 : *Cambridge*, 946,

Result of Rifle Match. R.M.A. *v.* H.M.S. *Excellent* (1st Round Southern District League). Fired at Eastney. R.M.A. won by 60 points. Totals—R.M.A., 735, average 91·8 ; H.M.S. *Excellent*, 675, average 84·3

Cricket.

R.M.A. *v.* R.N.

Played at U.S.R.G., Portsmouth, 28th May.

R.M.A.

	1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*	
Lieut. Lushington, c Tuck, b Nicholas	3	b Shine	12
Gnr. Russell, c & b Waistell	27	b Waistell	40
Lieut. Cautrell, b Shine	23	b Waistell	20
Pte. Aves, b Waistell	1	c Shine, b Waistell	0
Lieut. Foster, b Waistell	9	c Donaldson, b Shine	3
Lieut. Jollye, b Shine	0	c Shine, b Waistell	4
Pte. Oakes, lbw, b Shine	12	b Waistell	6
Surgeon Smith, c Shine, b Waistell	6	b Waistell	0
Lieut. Morgan, b Shine	2	c Bentinck, b Shine	8
Sergt. Gaubert, b Waistell	0	run out	0
Lieut. Chancellor, not out	1	not out	14
Extras	8		
Total	92	Total	107

R.N.

	1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*	
Surgeon Tuck, lbw, b Gaubert	1	lbw, b Gaubert	1
Surgeon Sheward, b Gaubert	9		
Capt. Anson, b Foster	0		
Capt. Shine, R.M., c Morgan, b Gaubert	43	not out	46
Commr. Nicholas, c Lushington, b Foster	2		
Lt.-Surg. Browne, c Chancellor, b Gaubert	2		
Commr. Bentinck, c Gaubert, b Jollye	6	not out	53
Lieut. Donaldson, lbw, b Gaubert	7		
Commr. Savory, c Cautrell, b Jollye	2		
Lieut. Johnson, not out	1	b Gaubert	15
Lieut. Waistell, b Gaubert	2		
Extras	1	Extras	7
Total	76	Total	127

R.M.A. *v.* HAMPSHIRE ROVERS.

Played at Eastney, 1st June.

HAMPSHIRE ROVERS.		R.M.A.	
Mr. M. Foster, run out	15	Sergt. Reynolds, c Brutton, b Strong	1
Mr. D. Mercer, c Reynolds, b Gaubert	26	Pte. Aves, c Brutton, b Strong	5
Capt. Thurston, c Aves, b Lushington	26	Lieut. Cautrell, b Thurston	1
Mr. Hewetson, c Gaubert, b Cautrell	9	Gnr. Russell, run out	7
Capt. Strong, c & b Cautrell	3	Lieut. Lushington, c Risien b Strong	2
Mr. S. Scott, c Foster, b Gaubert	30	Lieut. Foster, c Brutton, b Risien	50
Capt. Massie, not out	17	Pte. Oakes, c Hewetson, b Risien	27
Mr. S. Brutton, c Cautrell, b Foster	22	Sergt. Kelly, run out	2
Capt. Anson, b Gaubert	0	Lieut. Morgan, b Thurston	8
Mr. F. Risien, c Morgan, b Foster	4	Surgeon Smith, b Risien	13
Lieut.-Surg. Browne, c Reynolds, b Foster	5	Sergt. Gaubert, not out	3
Extras	12	Extras	15
Total	169	Total	134

R.M.A. *v.* R.A.

Played at U.S.R.G., Portsmouth, June 9th and 10th, and lost by 102 runs on the 1st innings. R.A., 232 (Lieut. Foster, 8 wickets for 65 runs and 76 for 4 wickets); R.M.A., 130 (Sergt. Reynolds, 27, Lieut. Foster, 26) and 218 (Lieut Foster, 86, Sergt. Reynolds, 50).

H.M.S. *BRITANNIA v.* ROYAL MARINES.

At Dartmouth. There was some heavy scoring in this match. Batting first, the ship declared at 253, with 2 wickets in hand. Lieut. Wood, in a hard-hit 117, was at home all round the wicket. His chief hits were fourteen 4's and eight 3's. Dr. Jones took 4 wickets for 89. For the Royal Marines, Dr. Jones practically saved the game. Going in first he was fifth out just passing the century. His hits included thirteen 4's. Lord took one wicket for 65, Beal one for 59, and Dr. Bobardt one for 21. The second wicket put on 120 runs.

H.M.S. BRITANNIA.		R.M.L.I.	
Lieut, de Burgh, b Jones	4	Dr. Jones, lbw, b Lord	102
Dr. Bobardt, c & b Jones	15	Lieut. Gordon, b Beal	1
Cadet Rogers, b Jones	3	Lieut. Pope, run out	32
Cadet Sparling, b Jones	7	Sergt. Bentley, run out	1
Lieut. Wood, not out	117	Lieut. Brewer, b Bobardt	0
Lord, c Bentley, b Pye	6	Lieut. Fawcett, not out	16
Cadet Cull, b Bentley	0	Col. Robyns, not out	6
Cadet Beal, b Fawcett	34	Major Eady, Lieut. Knight, Lieut. Risk, and Pte. Pye did not bat.	
Cadet Spence, c & b Knight	24		
Cadet Ling, not out	17		
Cadet Spooner did not bat			
Extras	26	Extras	12
*Total (for 8 wkts.)	253	Total (for 5 wkts.)	170

*Innings declared closed.

ROYAL MARINES *v.* R.N. BARRACKS.

At Mount Wise, Devonport, in bright weather, the Royal Marines met the Royal Naval Barracks.

ROYAL MARINES.		R.N. BARRACKS.	
Capt. Coke, c Tamblyn, b Fox	6	Lieut. Leggett, b Coke	48
Dr. Jones, c Urmston, b Fox	27	P.O. Chapman, lbw, b Jones	26
Lieut. R. Gordon, b Tamblyn	5	Lieut Hambly, c Jones, b Coke	17
Lieut. E. Pope, c Butt, b Fox	19	Dr. Rees, run out	1
Sergt. T. Bentley, c Maxwell b Fox	15	Lieut. Escombe, b Jones	111
Lieut. A. Fawcett, b Tamblyn	0	Mr. Butt, b Jones	2
Col. J. W. Robyns, lbw, b Tamblyn	9	Lieut. Maxwell, not out	51
Lieut. H. R. Brewer, not out	14	Col Urmston, Lieut. Fox, Mr. W. Jinkin, and P O. Tamblyn did not bat.	
Major F. W. Eady, c Urmston, b Tamblyn	0		
Lieut. J. H. Knight, lbw, b Tamblyn	10		
Lieut. P. E. Risk, b Maxwell	8		
Extras	7	Extras	15
Total	120	Total (for 6 wkts.)	271

PLYMOUTH & MANNAMEAD COLLEGE *v.* R.M.

At Mount Wise, on a good wicket, and was watched by a large crowd.

COLLEGE.		ROYAL MARINES.	
H Blackwell, b Little	53	Capt. E. S. Coke, run out	1
H. B. J. Pocock, b Little	7	Capt. A. G. Little, b Critch	20
Critch (pro.) lbw, b Jones	23	Dr. M. P. Jones, c & b H. M. Blackwell	113
R. Barber, run out	7	Private Bayliss, b Critch	0
H. M. Blackwell, l b w, b Little	18	Lieut. A. R. Maxwell, b H. M. Blackwell	10
H. Sargent, b Little	5	Lieut. R. Gordon, c H. M. Blackwell, b Critch	9
M. E. White, st Robyns, b Coke	7	Col. J. W. Robyns, b H. M. Blackwell	4
G. A. Thomas, b Little	1	Lieut. H. G. Pope, c Barber, b H. M. Blackwell	25
P. D. Stuart, not out	1	Lieut. H. Fawcett, not out	14
D, Paige, b Little	4	Pte. Willis, b H. M. Blackwell	3
T. F. Coke, b Little	1	Pte. Ferris, b H. M. Blackwell	0
Extras	35	Extras	27
Total	162	Total	226

NAVAL AND MARINE VOLUNTEERS—The First Lord of the Admiralty has appointed the undermentioned noblemen and gentlemen as "The Admiralty Volunteer Committee," to organize and raise the Naval and Marine Volunteers, authorized by Parliament in the "Naval Forces Act, 1903," which has just secured the Royal assent—

Chairman—C. E. H. Chadwyck-Healey, Esq., K.C. (late Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers). Members—The Marquis of Ailsa (late R.N.A.V.) the Marquis of Graham, the Hon. T. A. Brassey (late R.N A.V.) Sir James Bell, Rear-Admiral C. J. Norcock (Admiralty expert representative), Colonel A. F. Gatliff, R.M.L.I. (Admiralty expert representative), J. H. Goodenough Taylor, Esq. (late R.N.A.V.) B. Fossett Lock, Esq. (late R.N.A.V.), Major H. Langdon, Mersey Division, Submarine Miners (late R.N.A.V.) Secretary—V. F. Tanbman-Goldie, Esq., Barrister-at-law.

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Lieut.-Colonel G. G. Aston, C.B., R.M.A., was in command of the Royal Marines at the review held by Their Majesties the King and Queen, on the Fifteen Acres, Dublin, on 23rd July. *The Times* says, "The Royal Marines (Blue and Red) are as good as any men on the field."

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On the arrival of His Majesty the King at Holyhead, on the 20th July, a guard of honour of Royal Marine Artillery was mounted on the jetty, under command of Major Gunning M. Campbell, R.M.A.

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A guard of honour of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, with band, under the command of Brevet-Major L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., was mounted at Monkstown Church, on the arrival of Their Majesties the King and Queen in Dublin, on the 21st July.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the promotion of Q.M.S.I. of Infantry J. Battin, R.M.L.I., to warrant rank on appointment as Sergt.-Major at the Portsmouth Division, *vice* Mearles promoted, dated 18th June, 1903.

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Captain J. B. Finlaison, R.M.L.I., and Lieut. G. W. Lushington, R.M.A., will be the Officers to embark in H.M.S. *Montague*, on that ship commissioning.

Captain W. H. Pryce-Brown and Lieut. C. Field, R.M.L.I., for H.M.S. *Kent*.

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Orders have been received for Captain J. Grover, R.M.L.I., to embark in H.M.S. *Montague* for passage to H.M.S. *Formidable*, to replace Captain F. W. Lumsden, R M.A., their Lordships having approved of the latter officer being relieved as a special case, on completion of three years' sea service, in view of his previous service in H.M.S. *Resolution*. It is not however to be considered as a principle that Officers, R.M., should be relieved after three years afloat.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have decided that the first broken premium of £37 10s., which has become available in respect of the financial year 1901-02, under the terms of Order-in-Council of 28th March, 1903, shall be awarded to Major H. H. Roberts, R.M.A. (retired), Recruiting Staff Officer, York, whose results are considered to be the most satisfactory during that period.

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The following Second-Lieutenants, R.M.L.I., having completed their course at Greenwich, have been posted to Divisions as noted. They will be promoted to rank of Lieutenant, as from the 1st July, provided they pass the examination at the termination of the Gunnery course, their seniority depending upon the marks they obtain in it, added to those given in reports—

C. F. Kilner	Portsmouth	W. T. de L. Clark	Plymouth
G. R. H. Maitland-Addison	,,	G. P. Lathbury	Portsmouth
		H. G. Grant	Chatham
C. A. Tennyson	Plymouth	J. C. Farmer	,,
J. M. Palmer	,,	E. Gillespie	,,
R. Shelton	Portsmouth	J. W. Seigne	,,

A Royal Inspection.

THE twenty-third of July, 1903, will ever be a proud and pleasant memory to those who had the honour of being present at the Inspection by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Marine Forces of the third, or Plymouth Division of the ancient and historic corps. In fact, the occasion is unique in the annals of the old Sea Regiment, for, as far as we can ascertain, no Prince of Wales has ever before set foot in Stonehouse Barracks, associated though the Corps has ever been with all that is memorable and stately in the military and naval pagentry of the Empire's history.

But as we are here more concerned with giving a true and reliable account of the day's proceedings, so far as they concerned *ourselves*, we will begin by remarking that so punctual was our Royal Colonel-in-Chief, who was accompanied by Admiral Seymour, O.M., C. in C. of the Western Port, that he set foot on parade some five minutes or so before the hour named in orders. However, Colonel Commandant A. D. Corbett, C.B., was ready for him, while Lieut.-General W. P. Wright, Deputy-Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, and Lieut.-General Sir W. Butler, commanding Western District, were present to accompany the Royal Inspecting Officer in his close examination of the *personnel*. And as the Colours of the Division were lowered in salute to our Royal Chief, there was time to look round and examine critically the *mise en scéne*. The whole of the west and south sides of the great quadrangle were gay with the dainty summer toilets of lady visitors and the uniforms of naval and military officers. Over the Pay Offices and the arcade of the Commandant's Office were rows of seats for ticketed guests, while the north and east sides of the square were thronged with friends invited by the non-commissioned officers and men of the division. Last, but not perhaps *least*, the sun shone brightly, and served the purpose of rapidly drying the hitherto damp parade ground, for 'Jupiter Pluvius,' the Patron Saint of Plymouth, had been strongly in evidence during the night and early morning.

Then came the March Past, performed in capital style and admirable time, to wind up with an Advance in Review Order, which was as pretty a display of ceremonial drill as could be wished for, framed as were the troops in the gay and festive fringe of well-dressed spectators. Next in order on the programme was the presentation of officers to their Royal Colonel-in-Chief, beginning with the Staff Officer of the Division, and next in order the long line of other members of the Staff, drawn up in single rank under the Vane tower. Then, much to the delight of the many friends of that well-known veteran officer, Col. Elliott, C.B., C.M.G., late R.M.L.I., this old and tried soldier was presented by General Wright to the Heir to the Throne, and spent some time in conversation with our new Chief. Next, Mr. Pippett, late Colour-Sergeant of the Corps and Division, and well known for his pedestrian feats, was introduced to H.R.H. and was most graciously received, an event which no doubt will ever mark the day and hour in the memory of this veteran.

Then came a visit to the Sergeants' Mess, which, though specially decorated *without*, was in no sense so revolutionised as to fittings and the like as to disguise the evidences of the daily life led there, which had made that institution a *real* home for the members and one of the main features of the barrack economy. Then came the Royal visit to the Barrack Rooms, where the Prince caused some amusement by insisting upon an examination and inspection of the under surface of a barrack room table, which, it is hardly necessary to say, was as clean as could be both over and under. "Joey" was not thus to be caught napping. The Men's Recreation Room next claimed the attention of the Colonel-in-Chief and suite, and here the Prince lingered for some time, asking many questions relative to the institution, it's use by the members, the numbers of subscribers and the like, while the works of art which adorn the walls, the portraits of past and gone warriors, also occupied and seemed to absorb his attention. Next, the gramaphone, a new purchase out of the funds of the institution, was brought into use, and the Prince chatted pleasantly while the instrument rattled out "Hearts of Oak." After this the Drummers' Rooms were inspected, and then before leaving, and after the dismissal of the battalion, an adjournment to the Officers' Mess and the hearty toasting of the Royal Colonel brought a memorable visit and inspection to a close.

INSPECTION OF THE ROYAL MARINE LIGHT INFANTRY, PLYMOUTH DIVISION BY H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., ETC., ETC., AND THE D.A.G., R.M., ON THE 23RD JULY, 1903

To sum up; the Prince, our new Chief, found us at home, saw our mode of life, proved the stalwart manhood and soldierly bearing of our men, and must have carried away with him a very faithful impression of what a Division of Royal Marines is on its own barrack square, as well as when broken up into the innumerable components of the Fleet in being as he has seen us, when he flew Pennant or Flag of his rank afloat. To say that the visit and inspection was a success is a mere truism. He whom we met to honour won all hearts by his geniality and *bonhomie*, and has set a precedent in Royal Inspections, which we most fervently hope may be followed at other Divisions of the Corps. And so with the last echoes of the Royal salutes from the great fleet in the Sound echoing in our ears, as the leviathans and the forts bid God-speed to the Royal travellers, we lay down the pen with a sigh, lest the occasion may never repeat itself—at least for us.

Their Royal Highnesses left for London on Friday, the 24th. Crossing over to the Victualling Yard from Mount Edgcumbe, they drove up Durnford Street to Devonport (L. & S.W.R.) Station. When passing the Barrack gates, the men of the Division turned out and cheered, the guard also falling in and presenting arms outside the arch. Their Royal Highnesses told Col. Corbett at the station that they were greatly pleased with these incidents.

Prettyjohn's Medals.

The Subscription List is now closed; the following is the Statement of Accounts:—

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions already acknowledged ..	117	15	1	Purchase of Medals	120	0	0
Officers' Mess, Plymouth Division ..	3	15	8½	Stationery and Postage	1	10	9½
	£121	10	9½		£121	10	9½

A. E. Rombulow-Pearse, Captain, R.M.L.I.

Bladensburg—1814.

The following extracts from a despatch of Rear-Admiral G. Cockburn are taken from "James' Naval Occurrences."

H.M. Sloop *Manly*,—Off Nottingham, Patusceus, 27th August, 1814.

Sir,

In conformity, therefore, with the wishes of the General, I instantly sent orders for our Marine and Naval forces at Pig Point to be forthwith moved over to Mount Calvert, and for the Marine Artillery and a proportion of the Seamen, to be there landed, and with the utmost expedition to join the Army, which I also most readily agreed to accompany.

The Major-General (Ross) then made his dispositions, and arranged that Capt. Robyns, with the Marines of the ships, should retain possession of Upper Marlborough, and that the Marine Artillery and Seamen should follow the Army to the ground it was to occupy for the night. The Army then moved on and bivouacked before dark about five miles nearer Washington.

In the night . . . . . the Marine Artillery under Captain Harrison joined us.

At daylight, on the morning of the 24th, the Major-General again put the Army in motion, directing his march upon Bladensburg; on reaching which place, with the advance brigade, the enemy was observed drawn up in force on a rising ground beyond the town, and by the fire he soon opened on us as we entered the place gave us to understand he was well protected by Artillery. General Ross, however, did not hesitate in immediately advancing to attack him, although our troops were almost exhausted with the fatigue of the march they had just made, and but a small proportion of our little army had yet got up. This dashing measure was, however, I am happy to add, crowned with the success it merited; for in spite of the galling fire of the enemy, our troops advanced steadily on both his flanks and in his front, and as soon as they arrived on even ground with him he fled in every direction, leaving behind him ten pieces of cannon and a considerable number of killed and wounded. Some other prisoners were also taken, though not many owing to the swiftness with which the enemy went off and the fatigue our Army had undergone.

The Seamen with the guns were, to their great mortification, with the rear division during this short, but decisive action. Those, however, attached to the rocket brigade were in the battle, and remarked with much pleasure the precision with which the rockets were thrown by them, under the direction of First-Lieutenant Lawrence, of the Marine Artillery.

The company of Marines I have on so many occasions had cause to mention to you, commanded by First-Lieutenant Stephens, was also in the action, as were the Colonial Marines, under the temporary command of Capt. Reed, of the 6th West India Regt. (these companies being attached to the light brigade); they respectively behaved with their accustomed zeal and bravery. . . . . .

(Signed) G. Cockburn, Rear-Admiral.

Vice-Admiral the Hon. Sir A. Cochrane, K.C.B.

The force under Major-General Ross consisted of three brigades. The first brigade, commanded by Col. Brooke, consisted of 4th and 44th Regts.; the second brigade, commanded by Col. Patterson, consisted of 21st Regt., the 2nd battalion of Marines, and the ship Marines, under Capt. Robyns; the third brigade, commanded by Col. Thornton, was composed of the light companies of the 4th, 21st, and 44th Regts., one company of Marine Skirmishers, a detachment of Colonial Marines, also of Royal Artillery, with two 3-pounders and a howitzer, and a party of Seamen and Engineers with rockets. After this battle the force advanced and captured Washington in the evening, the navy yard and several ships building then being destroyed by fire.

The loss suffered by the Marines was as follows:—One Colonial Marine killed, two Sergeants and three Colonial Marines wounded.

"Sweet Lavender" at the Globe Theatre, Chatham.

With the military, theatricals are a favourite means of raising funds for deserving objects. The Chatham Division Royal Marines are no exception to the rule, and from time to time the Divisional Charities have benefitted considerably by successful performances by amateurs in the Globe Theatre—a convenient building erected in the rear of the officers' quarters. With the idea of further assisting the funds of these excellent benevolent institutions, Arthur W. Pinero's popular domestic drama, "Sweet Lavender," was successfully produced by the officers and their friends before large and fashionable audiences, at the Theatre, on the 29th and 30th May.

Under the direction of Mr. G. R. S. Hickson, R.M.L.I., who made an efficient stage manager, the mounting of the piece was excellent, the arrangements throughout being most satisfactory. The characters were well distributed, and considering that the whole of the artists were amateurs, there was in no single instance cause for hostile comment. The ladies, in particular, were exceedingly clever in the portrayal of their respective parts. Miss W. Arbuthnot merited unqualified praise for her rendering of the important part of "Lavender." The varying phases of trustful love, doubt, and anguish were artistically pourtrayed, and repeated applause testified to her success. Mrs. T. J. Phenrys Evans was sincere and earnest in her acting of "Ruth Rolt," while as "Mrs. Gillfillian" Mrs. Ernest Prall was a delightful character, being both emphatic and effective. Her daughter "Minnie" was safe in the hands of Miss E. Arbuthnot, who created a good deal of popularity for herself by her brightness and vivacity. Capt. G. Carpenter gave a capital impersonation of "Mr. Geoffery Wedderburn." "Clement Hale," his adopted son, was enacted with abundance of force by Mr. G. R. S. Hickson. Capt. W. H. Pryce-Browne filled the part of "Dick Phenyl" with humour that was eminently successful. Mr. A. D. Welch gave special emphasis to the delineation of "Horace Bream" (the young American), and was very successful in the use of the "Yankee twang," to which he had apparently given careful study. "Dr. Delaney" (a fashionable physician) had a suitable exponent in Capt. F. H. H. Hall. Mr. C. E. C. Eagles was well-placed as "Mr. Maw" (solicitor), while as "Mr. Bulger" (hairdresser), Mr. R. C. S. Waller left nothing to be desired.

During the intervals between the acts choice selections of music were performed by the orchestral band of the Royal Marines, under Mr. J. Wright.

31 days.

AUGUST, 1903.

1	Sat.	The 1st and 2nd Regiments of Marines, 1690, amalgamated, and three others added thereto, 1698. Battle of the Nile, 1798.* Adjutants' commissions abolished, 1868.
2	**Sun.**	Yocomico, United States, 3rd Batt., 1814. Surrender of Cagliari, 1708. Occupation of Suez, 1882.
3	Mon.	Potomac, United States, 3rd Battalion, 1814. 2nd Captains established and 2nd Lieutenants abolished, 1867.
4	Tues.	Gaieta, Naples, surrendered 1799. (*5*)
5	Wed.	Doggerbank, 1781. Mallaha, Egypt, 1882. Peit Sang, China, 1900. (*11*)
6	Thur.	*Hydra* at Begur, 1708.* Yangstun, China, 1900. (*11*)
7	Frid.	Caan River, United States, 3rd Battalion, 1814. Pumwani, E. Coast of Africa, 1893.* (*12*)
8	Sat.	Attack on Pondicherry commences, 1747. (*6*) Battle of Myzenburg, Cape of Good Hope, 1795. (*8*)
9	**Sun.**	Siege of Gibraltar, 1783. Bombardment of Sveaborg, 1855. Shacko abolished, Helmet adopted, 1878.
10	Mon.	Calvi, 1793. *Phœnix* and *Didon*, 1805.* Welterveeden Java, 1811.* Bomarsund, Baltic, 1854. White drill tunics for hot climates uniform, 1875.
11	Tues.	Nam Tow, China, 1858. (*10*)
12	Wed.	Siege of Barcelona, 1705. (*1*)
13	Thur.	Sirmish near Fort Mex, Egypt, 1882.
14	Frid.	Machias, North America, 1777. N.C.O.'s first wear Cheverons. Shoulder Knots discontinued, 1882. Relief of Legations, Peking, 1900. (*11*)
15	Sat.	Aland Isles, Baltic, 1854. Kagosima, Japan, 1864. Order-in-Council, formation of Woolwich Division, 1805. Coatee abolished. Tunics (double breasted) became uniform 1855.
16	**Sun.**	Surrender of Flushing after bombardment, 1809. Mess entrances fixed by regulation, 1823. Peit Sang Cathedral, Peking, 1900. (*11*)
17	Mon.	*Seahorse*, etc., destroy shipping in the Potomac, 1814.* Attack on M'barur's stronghold, E. Coast of Africa, 1895. (*13*)
18	Tues.	Boscawen's victory off Lagos, 1759. Cassis, 1813. (*4*) Order-in-Council, formation of Artillery Companies, 1804.
19	Wed.	Macao, China, 1850. Two deep formation first adopted, 1782.
20	Thur.	*Seine* captures *Vengeance* (French), 1800.* Occupation of Port Said, 1882.
21	Frid.	Taku Forts, China, 1860.* (*9*)
22	Sat.	Long Island, North America, 1776. Presentation of Colours to Portsmouth Division by H.M. Queen Victoria at Osborne, I. of W., 1894.
23	**Sun.**	Heights of Bladensburgh, United States. Washington, 1814, two Battalions. Canton captured, 1839. *Arethusa* and *Pomone*, 1806.
24	Mon.	Amoy, China, 1841. Tel-el-Mahuta, Egypt, 1882. (*7*)
25	Tues.	Capture of Alicant, 1706. Java, 1811.* (*3*) Masameh, Egypt, 1882. (*7*) Woolwich Division established, 1805.
26	Wed.	Defence of Cadiz, 1812. Sir S. Hood and Russian Fleet, 1808.* Seizure of Kassassin Lock, 1882. (*7*) Belfast, S. Africa, 1900.* (*14*)
27	Thur.	Battle of Algiers, 1816.* Belfast, S. Africa, 1900.*
28	Frid.	Kassassin, Egypt (1st affair), 1882. (*7*)
29	Sat.	Capture of *Madura* by the *Sir Francis Drake* and consorts, 1811.
30	**Sun.**	Fort Veer Walcheren, 1809. (*2*) The rank of Captain-Lieutenant, 1803, abolished. Order-in-Council, dated 18th September.
31	Mon.	Samanap, 1811. (*3*) Petropaulovski, bombardment, 1854.

(*1*)—Large force under Prince Louise of Hesse. (*2*)—Battalion under Captain F. Liardet, 706 rank and file. (*3*)—Battalion under Captains F. Liardet and R. Bunce. (*4*)—Captain T. Sherman and 280 rank and file. (*5*)—Lieut.-Col. Strickland and Battalion. (*6*)—800 rank and file. (*7*)—Colonel H. S. Jones and Battalion R.M.L.I. and R.M.A. (*8*)—Major Hill and Battalion. (*9*)—Colonel Gascoigne and Battalion, R.M.L.I. (*10*)—Bt.-Major Foote, Captain Slaughter, 1st Lieut. Bazalgette Inglis Savage, R.M.A., 2nd Lieut. Woodforde, Asst.-Surgeon Blake, and Captain T. V. Cooke, D.A.Q.M.G. on General Staff. Total casualties—2 officers and 2 men killed, 2 officers and 12 men wounded. *Coup-de-soleil* 14. (*11*)—Lieut.-Col. Luke and 300 Marines. (*12*)—Sergt. (now Sergeant-Major) Battin, R.M.L.I., and detachment. (*13*)—Major (now Lieut.-Col.) R. Denny and detachments. (M'weli on rim of medal). (*14*) Major Marchant and 60 men with 4·7 gun. * Actions for which the Naval War Medal or Clasp was given.

We should be much obliged to any of our readers who will kindly send us accounts of events mentioned in the Almanac, and also for any corrections in or additions to the above.—*Ed. G. & L.*

A Spanish Bull Fight.

TO many of our readers a bull fight will prove no novelty, but to those to whom the sunny Mediterranean is still an unknown quantity a brief description may be of interest.

The particular fight here described was given at Cartagena in honour of His Majesty the King of Spain, who witnessed the entire performance. The arena, or bull ring, is of that form rendered familiar to us by the sketches of the Roman Colosseum, viz., a circular building, round the inner circumference of which rises tier upon tier of galleries, so arranged that all present may have a clear and uninterrupted view. The proceedings were opened by the procession of Matadors, Toreadors, Picadors, and Peonês. The Matador is the principal figure of interest in the fight, as it is to him the final conflict with His Majesty the Bull falls. The Picadors are mounted, and are armed with a long lance-like weapon with a point sufficiently keen and long to inflict a goading, but not a vital wound. The Toreadors and Peonês are on foot, the former carrying a red cloak with which he infuriates an already maddened animal by waving it in front of its eyes, whilst the Peonês, for some inexplicable reason, goad him still further by sticking him with banderillos—short harpoon-headed implements, which once inserted in the bull's neck are not easily shaken out.

The procession over, the arena is cleared and the spectators settle down with an air of suppressed excitement. The ladies, who compose quite a half of the audience, languidly wave their gaudily-painted fans, whilst the men converse in staccato-like undertones, as if fearful of distracting attention from the fascinating ring. A flourish of trumpets and in gallop the Picadors mounted on what by courtesy are described as "horses," but what in reality are poor worn-out spiritless "crocks" of a pronounced gridiron type. Each steed is bandaged over one eye, and the Picador in attacking brings his fiery charger "blind side on" to the bull. The Toreadors and Peonês follow and take up their positions. The band plays a smart salute, two folding doors in the arena swing smartly open, and with irresistible power the bull charges into the arena. A mighty cheer greets him, and he immediately becomes the cynosure of all eyes. He has stopped almost in the centre of the ring, and as he stands with lowered head sweeping majestically to and fro one may admire his splendid proportions. He is five years old and untamed. His massive head is adorned with a pair of gracefully curving horns tapering to a fine point. His fore-quarters and flanks are bunched with muscle, eloquently speaking of power, whilst the slim wiry legs denote speed. He is evidently at a loss, as he has just emerged from a darkened cage into a bright sea of sunlight, with waves of human faces and strange irritating bright colours. But his ordeal commences with the wary advance of one of the Peonês, who flashes his red cloak in front of the bewildered animal, which makes a furious charge at the maddening thing, only to find it gone—the nimble Peonê has vaulted out of the arena. But others are there, and by skilful movements they gradually draw the bull's attention to one of the Picadors. His Majesty stops and apparently notes the horse, but totally disregards its rider, who with lance poised is waiting his opportunity to deal a blow and draw first blood. The bull advances slowly and again bolts. There is a swift movement of the Picador and a loud resounding bellow from the bull, and a thin stream of blood flowing over the glossy hide shows where the barb has gone home. He lowers his head and, with resistless force, charges the hapless horse, into whose body the cruel horns are thrust fully home. The Picador is unseated by the sheer force of impact, but he runs quickly out of danger leaving his charger to the mercy of the bull, which quickly leaves its victim a rended, disembowelled wreck. The Picadors again engage the bull's attention, with the result that three more horses are sacrificed furiously. A trumpet sounds and the horses, able enough, are led out of the arena. The Peonês now advance singly, and with commendable skill and celerity implant eight banderillos in the bull's neck, leaving the animal in an evident and quite pardonable state of perplexity.

The Matador, gaily clad in a dress of glittering gold and multi-coloured silk, now advances, and making his obesiance to His Majesty the King, swears upon his long bright sword that either he or the bull alone shall leave the ring alive. In the right hand the Matador carries his sword and in the left a piece of bright red cloth. He advances fearlessly towards the bull waving the distracting cloth. The animal charges recklessly, but the cloth is cleverly snatched out of reach, and again and again is this repeated until the bull, completely puzzled, pauses. And the pause is fatal. Whilst he hesitates with lowered head the Matador, with swift unerring aim, plunges his sword up to the hilt straight between the shoulder blades. The stroke, so swiftly accomplished, is acclaimed with deafening cheers from the excited populace, whilst the bull has not yet realised his death blow. But in a few seconds a heart rending bellow, accompanied by a furious charge, announces that the end is nigh. The Matador, certain of the victory, smilingly addresses the doomed animal, coaxing it to further efforts. And the indomitable spirit of the bull carries him on until a distressing coughing, during which he literally showers up his life's blood, lays him low. A merciful stroke from the knife ends his agonies, and amidst the enthusiastic cheering the spectators he, together with his victims, is hauled ignominiously from the arena to make way for a repetition of a similar scene.

J. C.

Foreign News.

ASCENSION.

The Annual Sports were held here on Ascension Day, 21st May. The following are the prizes which were won by Marines:—

220 yards flat, for Gnrs. and Ptes.—1st, Pte. Fuller (Po.); 2nd, Pte. Costello (Ply.); 3rd, Pte. R. J. Smith (Ch.)

220 yards for P.O.'s and N.C.O.'s.—1st, Sergt. New (Ch.)

Putting the Shot—1st. Gnr. Warrington (20 feet ½ inch); 2nd, Gnr. Harris; 3rd, Pte. F. Dean (Po.).

440 yards flat, all comers—1st, Sergt. New (Ch.); 2nd, Pte. Fuller (Po.); 3rd, Pte. Turner (Ch.)

High Jump—1st, Pte. Bymand (Ch.).

Hurdle Race—1st, Sergt. New (Ch.); 2nd, Pte. Fuller (Po.); 3rd, Pte. Bymand (Ch.)

Walking Race, 1 mile—1st, Pte. Palfrey (Ply.); 2nd, Pte. Allen (Ch.); 3rd, Pte. Turner (Ch.).

100 yards, flat, Marines of all ranks—1st, Pte. Costello (Ply.); 2nd, Sergt. New (Ch.); 3rd, Pte. Hayward (Po.).

Throwing the Cricket Ball—1st, Pte. Costello (Ply.); 2nd, Pte. Smith (Ch.).

Veterans' Race—1st, Clr.-Sergt. Mingay, R.M.A.; 2nd, Pte. Bridge (Po.); 3rd, Pte. Palfrey (Ply.).

Half mile, all comers—1st, Sergt. New (Ch.).

Donkey Race—1st, Pte. Palfrey (Ply.); costume prize, Corpl. Kelly, R.M.A.

Obstacle Race—1st, Pte. Tarner (Ch.); 2nd, Pte. Hayward (Po.).

Tilting the Bucket—Pte. Hayward and Gnr. Cameron.

Tug of War—1st, Mountain Detachment, Sergt. New; 2nd, left half Company, Corpl. Kelly.

Consolation Race—1st, Pte. Plant; 2nd, Pte. James; 3rd, Pte. Kenward; 4th, Pte. Hewitt.

The Tug of War was open to half Company teams of the Garrison Detachment, one team from the Mountain Detachment, and one team from all Naval ratings. The Mountain team were a very heavy lot and had been well trained.

At the conclusion of the sports the prizes were kindly given away by Mrs. McAlpine, wife of the Captain in charge.

We have the *Wye* and *Dwarf* in at present, and a cricket match was played on 30th May against the combined ships and the detachment that is going home from here in the *Wye*. Score—

Ships.		Island.	
Pte. Ashcroft, c Thoroton, b Portsmouth	1	Sergt. Taylor run out	
Surg. Vickers, c Coldccott, b Fuller	0	Gnr. Corbishley, b Harrington	
Pte. Costello, c Corbishley, b Portsmouth	14	Rev. D. Brooks, b Harrington	
Lt. Broster, R.N., b Portsmouth	3	Mr. Gardner, b Harrington	
Lieut. Harrington, R.M.A., b Portsmouth	0	Capt. Thoroton, c Ford, b Costello	
Capt. Ford, R.M.A., b Fuller	37	Pte. Portsmouth, c Ryan, b Window	
P.O. Window, lbw b Corbishley	0	Lieut. Pasley, R.N., c Vickers, b Window	
P.O. Brooks, c Edwards, b Portsmouth	5	Pte. Pepper run out	
— Snell, b Gardner	10	Gnr. Edwards, not out	
Pte. Evans run out	1	Mr. Coldccott not out	
Pte. Ryan not out	0	Pte. Fuller did not bat	
Byes, etc.	10	Byes, etc.	
Total	80	Total for 8 wickets	

R.M.A. Sergeants' Dinner

THE Sergeants' Mess of the Royal Marine Artillery gave their Annual Dinner and Smoking Concert at Eastney Barracks, on Saturday, June 27th, when some 120 past members of the mess were entertained in sumptuous style. The veterans had come from all parts of the country to attend the function, and among the guests were representatives of the R.M.L.I., 2nd Middlesex Artillery, 13th Middlesex Queen's Westminster Rifle Volunteers, 20th Middlesex Artists Volunteers, 3rd Volunteer Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment. The dinner was held in the large drill shed, and an adjournment was subsequently made to the theatre, where Sergeant-Major Squires presided, and among those present were Colonel-Com. W. P. Campbell, A.D.C., Lieut.-Colonel Nicholls, Major Brittan, Captain McCarthy (Adjutant), Captain Raikes, Lieut. Wright, the Mayor of Portsmouth (Sir W. T. Dupree), and Alderman A. L. Emanuel (the ex-Mayor).

A capital programme was carried out, comprising violoncello solos by Sergeant Baxter, a banjo solo by Musician Howe, a clarionet solo by Band-Sergeant Holding, recitations by Mr. G. Washington Allen and Sergeant Pritchard, of the Queen's Westminsters, and songs by Sergt. Kerr, Messrs. E. J. Dainton, E. H. May, E. Owen, and G. Herbert. Selections were also given by the band, under Band-Sergeant Holding.

The loyal toast was duly honoured, and Sergt.-Major Jones proposed "H.R.H. the Colonel-in-Chief, Commandant, and Officers," remarking that they were pleased to see in the press the promotion of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, their Colonel-in-Chief, to flag rank, and the success of Captain Homer in winning the gold jewel at the Ash Rifle Meeting (Applause). Colonel Campbell responded.

Mr. Gibson proposed "The Mayor and Corporation of Portsmouth," which was cordially drunk. The Mayor suitably replied.

The health of the veterans was submitted by the President, who, referring to the shooting prestige of the corps, related how in 1847, the R.M.A. won the premier shooting honours in the Navy, the men accociated with that achievement being Sergeant Rayner and Acting-Bombardiers Stratton and Webb. The shooting was as good in the old days as now.

Ex-Sergeant-Major Wilson, a grey bearded veteran, rose to respond. He voiced the feeling of all his old companions of the Sergeants' Mess when he thanked the company for the way in which their health had been drunk, and also the opportunity which had again been afforded them of meeting together. He felt a particular interest in that gathering, because it was inaugurated by him when Sergeant-Major, in 1866. They first invited old comrades living near Portsmouth, but after a while they set aside funds which enabled them to bring together annually the old members of the mess from all parts of the country (Applause). The veterans thanked the members of the mess with all their hearts for the invitation, and the present members would in time learn to feel the same appreciation of that gathering, which would bring them together to see their old comrades, and re-visit the places where they spent the best days of their lives. It gave them inestimable pleasure. It was very gratifying to the veterans to see the improved conditions under which members of the corps served, and that fine theatre, in which they met, recalled their first attempts in theatricals in 1861, at Fort Cumberland, when they first had to get the guns fore and aft, and then lift them to the sides of the fort. As for their actors, he recalled Sergeants Edwards and Brown, and their "leading lady" was Bandsman Husband (laughter). Major Bridgeford was the scenic artist. He knew one old veteran of the corps, at Bristol, who joined the corps over fifty years ago, and took part in the China War of 1842, so he was "no chicken" now. (laughter) He wished all the members of the mess good health and promotion for everyone (laughter and applause).

Mr. Mann proposed the health of the members of the mess, and on behalf of and through the kindness of the Mayor, presented to the members a volume of the records of old Portsmouth, bearing the following inscription—"The Mayor of Portsmouth, Sir William Dupree, presents his compliments to the members of the Sergeants' Mess, R.M.A., and requests their acceptance of this volume, containing a copy of the borough records." June 27th, 1903. The presentation was suitably acknowledged by the Chairman when replying to the toast.

Other toasts followed, and credit is due to the committee, of which Q.M.S Richards was president, and Sergeant Roberts secretary, for the admirable arrangements made for the comfort of the guests.

Home Notes

EASTNEY.

THE Annual R.M.A. Officers' Dinner will be held at the Mess, on Friday, 14th August. It is somewhat later than usual, but it is the earliest date on which we were certain of obtaining the Regimental Band, which has been embarked in H.M. Yacht *Victoria and Albert* for the recent Irish cruise. It is to be hoped that there will be a large muster of "Old Boys." It was with the idea of annually bringing "Past and Present" together that the dinner was instituted some years ago, but the attendance of "Old Boys" of recent years has not been encouraging, and we should much regret to find this annual meeting become a thing of the past for want of support on the part of the old hands.

The Naval School of Music made its entry into the service at these Head Quarters last month. Major H. Slessor, R.M.A. is the Commandant, Mr. Mitchell, R.M.L.I., the Quartermaster and Acting-Adjutant, and Mr. Stretton, late of the York and Lancaster Regt. the Musical Director. Men are already under training, and we shall soon hope to see improvement both in the appearance and in the musical capabilities of Naval Bands.

GOSPORT.

The month has been signalised by the visit of the U.S. Squadron to Portsmouth, and the various festivities that took place in connection with it. As far as we were concerned, our interest chiefly lay in the Dinner and Smoking Concert to the Members of the United States Marine Corps serving in the Squadron. About 70 N.C.O's and Men accepted our invitation. They landed at the Clarence Victualling Yard, and were played up to Barracks by the Drum and Fife Band, arriving rather late, about 7.40 p.m. On their arrival about 160 sat down to dinner in the Theatre, which had been tastefully decorated with flags by Clr.-Sergt. Harrison and many willing assistants. The chair was taken by Sergt.-Major J. MacLachlan, and after dinner the following toasts were proposed and received with acclamation, "The King," "The President of the United States," and "Our Guests, the United States Marines." After dinner we settled down to enjoy a Smoking Concert, the programme of which was as follows:—Song (comic), Sergt. Colverson, R.M.L.I.; Song, Miss Hetty Eames; Song (comic), Lce.-Sergt. J. Mann, R.M.L.I.; Recitation, Mr. Washington Allen; Song, Mr. N. Warn; Song, Pte. J. Passett, R.M.L.I.; Recitation, Mr. Washington Allen; Song, Mr. F. Hooper. The drum and fife band (in the absence of the band) played selections, and some quartett pieces on the fifes.

The Col. Commandant and Officers had meanwhile been entertaining the Officers of the United States Marine Corps. Unfortunately, owing to duties in London, only one was able to be present, but several Officers of the R.M. Artillery accepted the invitation, and they also kindly lent us their band. After the dinner the Officers came to the Theatre, when the Commandant made a few remarks to welcome the visitors, which were suitably acknowledged by 2nd Lieut. Egan, U.S. Marine Corps, after which the proceedings concluded by all present singing "Auld Lang Syne," and the band played "Yankee Doodle" and "God save the King." Our guests returned to the Clarence Yard, being played down by the drum and fife band.

On the 4th July the Officers gave a dance in the Mess, at which about 300 were present. The terrace having been canvassed in, and decorated with flags and lit with fairy lights, made an ideal sitting out place. Dancing took place in the Mess Room, and everyone said that the floor was the best they had ever danced on. Supper was served in the Smoking Room and Library, which were decorated, one with pink roses and shades, the other with yellow roses and shades, and looked very pretty; our best thanks are due to Mrs. Brittan who so kindly arranged the flowers. The guests, to the number of 300, were

received by Mrs. Roche, in the absence of Mrs. Chapman owing to indisposition, and the Col. Commandant was also unable to be present owing to an accident at the sports a few days before that had laid him up. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly, and we saw no one sitting out for want of partners. The arrangements were most thoroughly and successfully carried out under the Committee, of which Lt.-Col. Brittan was the head and, may we say it, the principal worker.

The mobilisation for Naval Manœuvres, so long expected, took place on 21st July, and we escaped very easily, as only four officers and about 150 men were requisitioned for the ships. As, however, they had all to be fitted with foreign service helmets and clothing, it required a little more time than usual.

The Sergeants' Outing to Earls Court took place on Thursday, 2nd July, when about 130 members and friends left Gosport at 9.5 a.m., arriving in London at 11.40 a.m. Luncheon was served at 1.15, and tea at 4.45 p.m., in the Western Garden Restaurant. In the afternoon the whole of the party attended the spectacle, "Fighting the Flames." In the evening the greater part attended theatres, &c. Returning from Waterloo at 12.25, Gosport was reached at 3 a.m., thus ending another enjoyable day. The arrangements were carried out by Clr.-Sergt. Harrison, President of the Games' Committee.

"G" Company Outing.—During the splendid weather that we have been favoured with during the past month, "outings" have been the order of the day. Following on the Sergeants' Outing, particulars of which will be seen elsewhere, "G" Company held an Outing, the first of its kind, on Saturday, July 25th, when they proceeded to Chichester by "brake." Leaving Portsmouth Hard at 10 a.m. in two four-horse brakes, they drove to Cosham, where a temporary halt was made for refreshments; then on to Emsworth, where the horses were rested for half-an-hour; then to Chichester, where the company sat down to a substantial dinner at the White Horse Hotel, which was tastefully arranged by Mr. Holmes. Everybody did ample justice to the good things provided, and toasts were proposed and drank to: The Captain and Officers of "G" Company; Clr.-Sergt. W. Warner (who was unavoidably absent); Lce.-Corpl. S. H. Hopkins (who organised the outing); the Absent Members of the Company, &c. These were received with enthusiasm. A move was then made to visit all the ancient and interesting places connected with that old historical city (including the Cathedral), which proved both instructive and interesting. Thus was the time beguiled till 4 p.m., when a move was made to Westbourne, arriving there at 6 p.m., where a meat tea had been provided at the Lamb Hotel, and, needless to say, the appetites sharpened by the pleasant drive, the good things provided disappeared in an alarming manner. After tea various amusements were indulged in, finishing up with a smoking concert, after which a move was made for home. The weather, which had been all that could be desired, now broke up, and rain fell in torrents, but notwithstanding all this Portsmouth was reached at 10 p.m., and a very enjoyable day brought to a close.

Correspondence.

THE following most interesting letters have been received, and are published in the hopes that the proposals they contain will meet the approval of Officers and all ranks of the Corps. We should be most happy to receive suggestions on this point, as our present idea is to publish a tactical scheme in one month's issue, and to give the correct solution the following month; competitions could perhaps be arranged later on. Our present difficulty is to get someone to set the schemes, as the present Editor does not feel equal to the task. Will Officers kindly help and give the benefit of their knowledge and experience?

H.M.S. *Venerable*, Mediterranean Fleet,
June 11th, 1903.

Dear Sir,

During the spring about twenty Marine Officers on this station have worked out tactical schemes. We all bought copies of "Burde's Problems in Applied Tactics," and used its maps. The Brigade-Major at Malta was good enough to write out correct orders for various schemes, and I have sent round copies of schemes and orders to the others once a fortnight. Some of the schemes have been of a general nature, *i.e.*, attack, convoy, outpost, &c.; others on expeditions, like to be specially useful to Marine Officers, such as raids in search provisions, attack and defence of harbours used as temporary bases harbours in which ships are being repaired by the new "repairing ships" (Assistance), &c.

I cannot but think that Officers at Head Quarters and on other stations would be glad to get practice, working such schemes of which a knowledge would be most useful, not only to officers who may some day be so fortunate as to command detached forces, or to be advisers to Senior Naval Officers in charge of Naval Brigades, but also to officers who are about to qualify for promotion.

Before the War the *Broad Arrow* instituted a scheme competition. Would it be possible for the *Globe and Laurel* to help us in the same way? It might be done either as a competition or for practice only, as seemed best. The difficulty would be to find qualified officers who were good natured enough to correct the schemes, but perhaps some would be willing to take a quarter or half-year each, if the *Globe and Laurel* would spare space for the schemes and for the correct orders. It would be necessary for the paper to publish a map about once a quarter, but I do not think that these would cost much, since so many are used for examinations for the Army and at Greenwich.

In a competition, consideration could easily be allowed to officers on distant stations as to the dates by which answers must reach home.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) H. B. Harkness.

Dear Sir, H.M.S. *Russell*, June 11th, 190

. . . . I met Harkness to-day . . . . and I should be one too pleased to second his proposal. I think it would be a splendid idea, and I feel sure you could easily persuade someone with weight behind them to set and correct schemes. As regards the good they would do I can only quote my own personal experience; I used to do those set just before the War in the *Broad Arrow*, and benefitted very considerably. We are working them out here among ourselves, thanks to Harkness' energy. . . . .

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) H. C. E.

Shooting.

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

The R.M.A. met the R.M.L.I. Rifle team from Gosport, in a rifle match at Browndown, on Wednesday afternoon, July 8th, which ended in a win for the R.M.A. by 23 points. Some good scores were made. After a very enjoyable match the R.M.L.I. entertained the winners. Scores—

R.M.A.		R.M.L.I.	
Sergt. Beddow	100	Lance-Corpl. Lea	..
Major and Q.M. Rodway	98	Private Ball	..
Lieut. and Q.M. Baker	97	Q.M.S. Wiggington	..
Sergeant Chell	93	Sergeant Goodall	..
Q.M.S. Deacon	93	Sergeant Wingfield	..
Sergt.-Major Foley	92	Sergeant Bell	..
Lance-Sergt. Pottinger	89	Sergeant Sparks	..
Q.M.S. Prior	89	Private Goodey	..
Total	751	Total	..
Average 93·7		Average 91.	

R.M.L.I. *v.* 2nd V.B. Hants Regt.

Fired at Browndown, Saturday, July 4th.

R.M.L.I.		2nd V.B. Hants Regt.	
Sergeant Wingfield	96	Private Davis	..
Q.M.S. Wiggington	95	Clr.-Sergt. Moger	..
Private Ball	94	Sergeant Dawes	..
Captain Esson	91	Private Morant	..
Lance-Corpl. Lea	90	Corporal Rogers	..
Sergeant Bell	90	Major Abraham	..
Sergeant Goodall	89	Sergeant Harvey	..
Sergeant Sparkes	87	Sergeant Pettit	..
Total	732	Total	..
Average 91·5.		Average 85·6.	

The Marines won by 47 points.

S.E. DISTRICT RIFLE MEETING.

The above Meeting took place on June 30th and the four following days at Lydd under exceptional good conditions in the way of weather, &c., and the R.M. Depot was well represented in nearly every individual competition. Prize List:—

First Day.—Warrant Officers and Sergeants, 200 Yards.—Sergt. Hallford, 34, 30/–; Sergt. Littleworth, 33, Drum-Major Elliott, 32, 15/- each; Sergt.-Major Sullivan, Q.M.S.I. Channon, and Sergt. Colwell, 31, 10/- each; Sergt. Hayes, 31, 5/–.

Rank and File, 200 Yards.—Lce -Sergt. Newham, 31, 10/–; Ptes. Norman, 30, Sartin and Gammon, 29, 5/- each.

All Comers, 200 Yards.—Sergt.-Major Sullivan, 34, 40/–; Sergts. Humphrey and Colwell, 34, 20/- each; Q.M.S I. Channon, Sergts. Littleworth, Hallford and Hayes, 33, 10/- each.

Second Day.—Warrant Officers and Sergeants, 500 Yards.—Sergt.-Major Sullivan, Sergts. Littleworth and Hayes, 34, 15/- each; Q.M.S.I. Channon, 34, 10/–; Sergts. Humphrey and Clarke, 33, 5/- each; Drum-Major Elliott, 32, 5/–.

Rank and File, 500 Yards.—Pte. Lord, 34, 1st prize £3; Pte. Kelly, 32, 10/–; Lce.-Sergt. Newham, and Pte. Sartin, 30, 5/- each; Ptes. Ouzman, 29, and Mallett, 28, 5/- each.

All Comers, 500 Yards.—Sergt. Colwell, 34, 20/–; Sergts. Humphrey and Clarke, 33, 10/- each; Q.M.S.I. Channon, and Sergt. Littleworth, 33, 8/9 each; Sergt.-Major Sullivan, Sergts. Hallford and Hayes, 33, 5/- each.

Third Day.—Warrant Officers and Sergeants, 600 Yards.—Sergt. Littleworth, 33, 20/–; Sergt.-Major Sullivan, Q.M.S. Sherhod, and Drum-Major Elliott, 29, 5/- each.

Rank and File, 600 Yards.—Pte. Kelly, 30, 12/6; Pte. Sartin, 30, 26, 5/- each.

All Comers, 600 Yards.—Q.M.S.I. Channon, and Pte. Sartin, 33, Sergts. Colwell and Hayes, 32, 10/- each; Sergt.-Major Sullivan, Drum-Major Elliott, Sergts. Littleworth and Clarke, 31, 5/- each.

School of Musketry Cup (Special Conditions).—Sergt. Colwell, 9, 10/–; Sergt. Humphrey, 6, 5/–.

S.E. District Challenge Cup (Team Competition at 200, 500, and 600 Yards).—R.M. Depot, 4th score, 688 points. Won by 1st V.B. Royal Sussex, with a score of 711. (One of the Members of winning team was Mr. Bartlett, an old Member of the Corps, Portsmouth Division.)

Fourth Day.—Lydd Cup, 800 Yards.—Sergt. Hayes, 48, 1st prize, the Challenge Cup and £4; Sergt.-Major Sullivan, 44, 10/–; Sergt. Hallford, 41, Q.M.S.I. Channon, and Sergt. Humphrey, 39, Sergt. Colwell, 38, 5/- each.

Fifth Day.—Hythe Town Challenge Cup (Aggregate at 800 Yards).

1st Series—Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants.—Sergt. Littleworth, 165, 3rd prize £2; Sergt.-Major Sullivan, and Drum-Major Elliott, 160, 20/- each.

2nd Series—Rank and File.—Lce.-Sergt. Newham, 156, 1st prize £2.

In the above Match the R.M. Depot was well represented, eight competing in the first series, and about the same number in the second; of whom six were recruits with about nine months' service.

Revolver, 50 Yards.—Sergt. Hayes, 31, 15/–.

Revolver Aggregate.—Sergt. Hayes, 242, 2nd prize £1.

General's Cup, 200 Yards (Vanishing Target).—Drum-Major Elliott, 4, 8/–; Sergts. Littleworth, Colwell and Hayes, 3, 2/11 each.

LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS AND SCORES DURING THE WESTERN DISTRICT RIFLE MEETING, 1903.

Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I.

200 Yards, All Ranks. Marksmen.—Sergt. S. Hellier, score 33, prize £1; Sergt. A. Macer, 33, 15/–; Q.M.S. J. F. Richards, 31, 7/6; Arm.-Sergt. A. E. Hermon, 31, 7/6; Prov.-Sergt. J. Lawrence, 31, 5/–. *2nd Class Shots.*—Sergt. W. Gregory, 32, £1; Lce -Sergt. J. Coldrick, 29, 7/6; Lce.-Sergt. E. Letherton, 28, 4/–. *4th Class Shots.*—Lance-Corpl. P. Sherburn, 26, 5/–.

500 Yards Combined.—Q.M.S. J. F. Richards, score 32, prize 10/–; Sergt. T. Mee, 32, 5/–; Sergt.-Major T. Jolly, 31, 5/–.

600 Yards Combined.—Q.M.S. J. J. Warner, 30, £1 5s.; Sergt. S. Hellier, 29, £1 5s.; Lance.-Sergt. J. Coldrick, 27, 5/–.

200 Yards Combined.—Sergt. T. Mee, 32, 10/–; Arm.-Serg. A. E. Hermon, 32, 10/–; Sergt.-Major T. Jolly, 32, 10/–.

500 Yards, All Ranks. Marksmen.—Arm.-Sergt. A. E. Hermon, 32, 15/–; Sergt. P. Hellier, 31, 15/–; Sergt. T. Mee, 29, 5/–. *2nd Class Shots.*—Sergt. W. Gregory, 30, 15/–; Lance-Sergt. J. Coldrick, 28, 10/–. *4th Class Shots*—Lce.-Corpl. P. Sherburn, 22, 5/–.

600 Yards, All Ranks. Marksmen.—Q.M.S. J. F. Richards, 30, 15/–; Arm.-Sergt. A. E. Hermon, 29, 7/6; Sergt. A. Macer, 22, 5/–; Q.M.S. J. J. Warner, 28, 5/–. *2nd Class Shots.*—Lce.-Sergt. J. Coldrick, 28, 15/–; Sergt. W. Gregory, 26, 7/6. *4th Class Shots.*—Lance-Corpl. P. Sherburn, 19, 5/–.

500 Yards, All Comers.—Q.M.S. J. F. Richards, 34, 15/–; Arm.-Sergt. A. E. Hermon, 33, 12/6; Lieut. Lloyd, 32, 6/–.

600 Yards, All Comers.—Sergt.-Major T. Jolly, 31, 10/–; Arm.-Sgt. A. E. Hermon, 29, 7/6; Lieut. Lloyd, 22, 6/–; Q.M.S J. J. Warner, 29, 4/–.

800 Yards, All Comers.—Sergt. T. Mee, 33, 15/–; Prov.-Sergt. J. Lawrence, 32, 7/6; Q.M.S. J. F. Richards, 32, 6/–; Arm.-Sergt. A. E. Hermon, 32, 6/–; Sergt.-Major 32, 5/-.

Inter-Company Team Match.—G Co., R.M.L.I., 1st Prize, £2 10s.; B Co, R.M.L.I., 2nd Prize, £1 10s. Captains of teams as follows: G Co., Corpl. McBride; B Co., Sergt J. Payne.

Western District Rifle Meeting Championship.—Lieut. Lloyd, aggregate 227, prize Bronze Medal and £1.

Naval and Military Record Challenge Cup—R.M.L.I. 1st Prize, Cup and £4 10s. Names of team—Sergt. J. Payne, Lance-Sergt. W. G. Wakeham, Corpl. D. A. Moores, Ptes. Applegate, G. A. Smith, Stallard, Cowell, Davies, Compton, Murray, A. D. Withers.

Prize Winners R.M.L.I. H.M.S. Vivid. Match 15, 600 Yards.—Pte. Godfrey, score 29, prize £1; Lance-Corpl. Edginton, 28, 15/-; Corpl. Staughton, 27, 10/–. *Match 18, 600 Yards, All Comers.*—Corpl. Staughton, 30, 7/6.

ROYAL MARINES AT BISLEY.

The Brinsmead Shield and £12 was won by H.M.S. *Excellent*, total hits 31. The R.M.A. coming 4th with 25, £3. R.M.L.I. Portsmouth Division 6th with 25, £3.

R.M.A. team: Sergt.-Major Foley, Sergts. Height, Mathieson, Beddow and Hutchings and Lance-Sergt. Pottinger.

R.M.L.I.: Sergts. Wingfield, Sanders, Goodall, Lance-Corpl. Lea, Ptes. Goodey and Ball.

In the United Service match, the Royal Marines were 3rd with 766.

Team:—		*200*	*500*	*600*	*Total*
Major Rodway	R.M.A.	33	30	33	96
Capt. Collard	R.M.L.I.	35	32	31	98
Lieut. Baker	R.M.A.	34	30	32	96
Sgt.-Maj. Sullivan	R.M.L.I.	31	32	30	93
Drum-Mjr. Elliott	,,	33	31	31	96
Sergt. Wingfield	,,	33	33	28	94
Lance-Corpl. Lea	,,	34	31	31	96
Sergt. Beddow	R.M.A.	33	32	32	97
				Total	766

Revolver, deliberate 20 yds.—Capt. Collard, R.M.L.I., £1, 2nd, 41.

Eley Revolver, Capt. Collard, R.M.L.I., 1st, £2.

The Alexandra.—Sergt. Littleworth, R.M.L.I., 67, £5; Sergt. S. W. Hayes, 66, £5.

Wingrove S.R., ten shots at 800 yards.—Capt. Collard, 49, £2.

Morris Tube, seven shots at 200 yards.—Sergt. Height, R.M.A., 33, £1; Sergt. Gates, R.M.L.I., 33, £1.

Harmsworth, ten shots at 900 yds.—Segt. Hayes, R.M.L.I., 45, £1.

Wantage Rapid Firing Disappearing Target, 8 shots at 200 yards.—Lieut. Lloyd, R.M.L.I., 23, £4 4s.

London & South Western Railway, seven shots 200 yards and 500 yards.—Sergt. Littleworth, R.M.L.I., 69, £1.

Greener (miniature rifle), ten shots at 100 yards.—Lieut. Lloyd, R.M.L.I., 57, £1.

Cricket in Honolulu.

Dear Sir,—The enclosed account of a cricket match played at Honolulu between the cruisers *Amphion* and *Amphitrite* and the local Honolulu team, seems such a quaint description of our national game, that it may amuse some of your readers. Very little cricket is played here, as the Americans prefer baseball—hence the amusing attempt of the sporting correspondent of the "Honolulu Advertiser" to give a graphic description of the game to those who were not able to view the match.—Yours, etc., F.T.P.

In the first place they put up a tent to serve the refreshments in. Then they purvey the refreshments—oh, various. These refreshments all go in the tent—all but some. The balance goes out under a tree, where it has been found that the keg keeps cooler in heated weather, you know. Next they stretch a bit of green carpet along the ground, and at their end of this they set up three little sticks about two feet long or so, with two other small sticks nicely balanced to rest on the top of the three. Then two young gentlemen in natty white flannels strap a couple of chest protectors on their legs, take each a bat that looks as though it had been cut out of rather a heavy door, and stand in front of the sticks, while another young gentlemen in white flannels stands behind one of these and still another makes a windmill kind of movement with his arm and throws a hard ball with a considerable degree of force at the young gentleman behind whom the other young gentleman is standing. If he hits the young gentleman's bat, then the two that have been holding the bats run the length of the carpet, a sort of pussy-wants-a-corner proposition, and if he hits the little sticks and knocks the top ones off, then the young gentleman he has thrown at is out. There are a lot of other young gentlemen in white flannels grouped about in picturesque attitudes, whose duty it is to chase the ball, but they don't do much. They don't have to. And that is cricket. Nobody does much—excepting possibly the young gentlemen who serve the refreshments and the ladies who kindly volunteer to make the tea.

It was said by experts to be record cricket that they played on the Makiki grounds yesterday afternoon, and the sailormen from the *Amphitrite* and the *Amphion* showed that they were so much more than a match for Honolulu, that the Home boys will have to revise their entire estimate of themselves in the sporting way. They have been beaten at football badly, and now the men-of-war have come ashore also and beaten them at cricket. And it was done so easily. Three men did it, in fact. Those three showed by ther skill that they could play the game anywhere in the world. It was said about the refreshment booth, to be sure, that the bowling on both sides was rather weak, and so it may have been, but there never was such a score piled up in Hoholulu as the British made yesterday—and one man, Lieutenant P. H. Irvine, made the most of it. He could not be bowled out. In fact, the *Amphitrite-Amphion* score was 232 runs, with only one wicket down, and at that they did not play out their time. They could not. They had not the heart to be so cruel to the poor landsmen. They threw down their bats while they still had ten minutes to play, so as to give the other fellows some chance for their lives, and all adjourned to the refreshment booth, where the ladies made tea and tried to hearten their sons and brothers and things. It was no good. Big Anderson went in bravely, presently, when Honolulu's innings came, and knocked the ball here and there, and ran back and forth along the green carpet, and did everything that a good cricketer may to save a losing cause, but he could only make 98 runs. Then he grew weary, uncovered his wicket by dropping his bat at a critical moment, and was stumped out by the watchful sailor behind him. And it was all off, Jordan and Harvey were bowled out, and the wickets were drawn with 167, all Honolulu could show to the good. The score:—

AMPHITRITE-AMPHION.		HONOLULUS.	
P. H. Irvine, not out	126	R. Anderson, st Waters, b Oxlade	98
C. H. Hall, b Catton	10	R. A. Jordan, b Davenport	20
B. E. Waters, not out	71	J. W. Harvey, b Meadon	39
V. de Paris, did not bat	0	A. T. Miles, b Meadon	4
E. H. Meadon ,,	0	A. St. C. Piianaia, b Oxlade	1
C. W. Howard ,,	0	H. McK. Harrison, not out	1
I. Oxlade ,,	0	R. O. Curzon, c Meadon	1
W. E. Gedge ,,	0	Hatfield, not out	1
R. C. Davenport ,,	0	H. E. Picker, did not bat	0
P. T. H. Beamish ,,	0	L. Poole ,,	0
J. B. Stevenson ,,	0	Brown ,,	0
Extras	25	Extras	2
Total	232	Total	167

Letter to the Editor.

R.M. Sergeants' Mess, Malta,
24th July, 19

Sir,

In the name of Members of the Sergeants' Mess, I beg to thank senders of the Books forwarded by you in a case per H.M.S. *Leviath*

Although there are but few of us left here at present, I am sure splendid addition to our Reading Room will be greatly appreciated all during the long winter evenings to come.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
E. Luff, S.M., Presid

R.M.L.J. Sports.

THE Annual Sports of the Portsmouth Division of the R.M.L. one of the most popular of outdoor gatherings at Gosport, w held on Tuesday afternoon, June 30th, in the drill field oppos Forton Barracks. There was the usual large attendance, the offic having as their guests a large number of friends. All found plenty engage their attention in the capital succession of interesting even while the band of the division, under Lieut. G. Miller, Mus. Ba added materially to the enjoyment of the proceedings with a go selection of popular music. The meeting was admirably organis and carried out by the following officials: *Committee*—Lieut.-Colon McCausland (President), Majors Lywood, Evelegh, Pawsey, Capta and Adjutant Blumberg, Captain Hutchison, Lieuts. Clutterbuc Snepp, Garnier, Sergt.-Major McLachlan, Quartermaster-Serg Taylor, Boxwell, Beagley, Barrack-Sergt. Cole, Q.M.S.I. McKenzi Clift, Wigginton, Colour-Sergt. Noakes, and Sergt. Sanders; *starters*— Captain and Adjutant Blumberg, Lieut. Garnier, Q.M.S.I. Clift, a Barrack-Sergt. Cole; *judges*—Majors Lywood, Pawsey, Capta Hutchison, Lieuts. Clutterbuck, Q.M.S.I. McKenzie, Wigginto Colour-Sergt. Noakes, and Sergt. Sanders; *handicappers*—Capta Hutchison, Lieut. Snepp, Q.M.S.'s Taylor and Boxwell; *clerk of t course*—Q.M.S. Beagley. The races and results were:

100 *yards flat Race*—1, Sergt. Newman; 2, Lce.-Sergt. Reynolds 3, Corporal Bomford; 4, Corporal Russell. Won easily.

120 *yards flat Race for Bandsmen*—Handicap one yard for each ye over 12 years' service. 1, Farthing; 2, Lovett; 3, Dykes.

220 *yards flat handicap for Buglers over* 15—1, Precious; 2, Po 3, Pomeroy.

Ditto under 15—1, Milne; 2, Holness; 3, Lawrence; 4, Martin.

High Jump—1, Corporal Henning, height, 4ft. 10in.; 2, Privat Carney; 3, Private Powell.

100 *yards flat Race for Officers' Servants*—1, Private Kidd; 2, Privat Dean; 3, Private Noble; 4, Private Clarke.

Tilting the Bucket—1, Kidd and Nevard; 2, Hamilton and Hopkins 3, Traves and Primmer.

120 *yards Handicap for old Soldiers with over* 16 *years' service pension. Half a yard for every year over* 16 *years' service*—1, Colou Sergt. Noakes; 2, Lance-Sergt. Francis; 3, Lance-Sergt. Sperrin 4, Staff-Sergt. Wigginton.

Ditto Rank and File—1, Private Stevens; 2, Corporal Hennis 3, Musician Farthing; 4, Private Rees.

Pick-a-back Race, 100 *yards; change horses and mounts at 50 ya Both Competitors to be in sacks with arms free*—1, Corporal Hend and Musician Lovett; 2, Lance-Corporals Hopkins and Hamilto 3, Buglers Bartlett and Smith.

Quarter mile flat Race, rank and file—1, Corporal Jones; 2, Privat Ferguson; 3, Corporal Bomford. In the straight for home Jo passed Ferguson, who had led from the start, and reached the tape few feet ahead of the second man.

Ditto for Members of the Sergeants' Mess—Four started, 1, Lce.-Se Reynolds; 2, Sergt. Newman; 3, Sergt. Sanders. Won comfortably

Sack Race—There were so many entries that the event had to decided in four heats—1, Corporal Jones; 2, Musician Lovett; Private Kidd; 4, Privates Nevard and Hill (dead heat).

120 *yards Hurdle Race for Buglers and Privates* (*eight flights*)—Decided in heats, first in each heat to compete in final—1, Private Powell; 2, Lance-Corporal Quilliam; 3, Private Porton.

Ditto Non-Commissioned Officers - 1, Sergeant Newman; 2, Sergeant Sanders; 3, Corpl. Henning; 4, Corpl. Russell; 5, Corpl. Bomford.

Tug-of-War for Companies—D Company beat A Company.

Mile Bicycle Race—Four started, and three finished.—1, Private Simpson; 2, Private Cooper; 3, Private Banks. Simpson was early in difficulties through losing his pedal, but he continued gamely and won with ease.

Half mile flat Race, open to the Division—1, Lce.-Sergt. Reynolds, 2, Private Stevens; 3, Private Ferguson; 4, Private Hayler. Won by six feet.

220 *yards flat Handicap for Boys of the School Band*—1, Clifton; 2, White; 3, Bradnam; 4, Costello.

220 *yards flat Handicap for Officers. Two yards for every years' service*—1, Captain Hutchison; 2, Major Marchant, C.B.; 3, Captain and Adjutant Blumberg; 4, Captain Houghton. Inches only separated first and second. Colonel Commandant A. E. Chapman also started, but had to give up before the course was completed.

Aunt Sally Race—Company teams of six men (any number of teams per company) to run about 100 yards over some hurdles to knock down six pins with throwing sticks, and back to starting point; winners to be judged on time. 1, E Co.; 2, A Co.

200 *yards flat Race for Boys of the Division*—1, Child; 2, Beagley.

Ditto for Girls—1, L. Snow; 2, Holloway.

Mop Tournament—The men to enter by pairs, one to carry the other pick-a-back; the rider to be armed with mops coloured with flour or soot. Rider first dismounted loses. Competition, two pairs at a time —1, Privates Greentree and Greer; 2, Privates Osborne and Tynan 3, Privates Underwood and Martin.

75 *yards flat Race for Boys and Girls of the Division, under* 10—Girls 1, M. Milne; 2, M. Maxwell; 3, M. Bracken; 4, M. Leese. Boys: 1, Bowman; 2, Davis; 3, Gunn; 4, Burnett.

Mile flat Race (*open*)—Five started, but one withdrew before the expiration of the first round. Three only remained on the second round. 1, Sergt. Moore, Rifle Brigade; 2, Bomb. Walker, R.G.A.; 3, Private Stevens, R.M.L.I. Moore assumed the lead at the start and kept it, although Walker made a fine spurt in the last lap, and rapidly gained on the leader.

Officers' Whistling Race—1, Lieut. Goldsmith; 2, Major Marchant, C.B. Each competitor had to select a lady, run fifty feet, and return with a sealed envelope containing a line of printed music. The lady had to whistle the tune to the competitor, whose duty it was to write the name of the song on the envelope and return it to the judge.

120 *yards R.M.L.I. Pensioners' Race* - 1, Franklin; 2, Cole; 3, D. Fleming; 4, Terry.

Tent Race for Squads of eight men (*Col -Comdt.'s prize*).—Five teams competed. The men were in the tents which were closed. On reveille sounding they had to turn out, pull down the tent, pack it, run 40 feet, and re-erect the tent. 1, Corporal Primmer's team, 40 points; 2, Sergt. White's team, 37; 3, Corpl. Bomford's team, 35.

150 *yards flat Race for Children of Officers, Army and Navy*—Boys: 1, Chapman; 2, McCausland; 3, Evelegh; 4, Sandilands; 5, Kennedy. Girls: 1, Miss Chandler; 2, Miss Welby, 3, Miss Drake Brockman; 4, Miss Kealy; 5, Miss K. Warren; 6, Miss S. Christie.

Obstacle Race—Thirty-six started. 1, Sergt. Sanders; 2, Corporal Bomford; 3, Private Cam; 4, Private Sellar; 5, Corpl. Russell.

Consolation Race—1, Private Kerry; 2, Private Davidson; 3 Private Reid.

Tug-of-War, Officers—Seniors v. Juniors. The first-named won.

Sack Fight—Sacks to be adjusted as in sack race; ring 40 feet in diameter. Competitors were placed equidistant apart round 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; any man falling or being forced out of the ring was out of the competition. 1, Pte. Warren; 2, Pte. Penn; 3, Pte. Cam.

The prize presented by the Staff-Officer and Adjutant for the Competitor making the greatest number of points in certain events was equally divided between Sgt. H. Newman and Lce.-Sgt. J. Reynolds.

The prizes were afterwards distributed by Mrs. Roche, wife of Colonel Second Commandant Roche.

Cricket.

R.M.A. *v.* HAMPSHIRE ROVERS.—Played at U.S.R.G., Portsmouth, 25th June, and drawn. H. R., 150; R.M.A., 123 for 8 wickets (Capt. Dobreé 30 not out).

R.M.A. *v.* H.M.S. EXCELLENT.—Played at Whale Island, 4th July, and drawn. R.M.A. 288 (Major Brittan 112, Sergt. Reynolds 66, Capt. Harding 40). H.M.S. *Excellent* 156 for 8 wickets.

R.M.A. *v.* STUBBINGTON SCHOOL.—Played at Stubbington and lost by 4 runs, 11th July. R.M.A. 77 (Major Brittan 27, Lieut. Foster, 33). Stubbington School 81 (Sergt. Gaubert took 5 wickets for 29 runs, Lieut. Foster 4 for 28 runs.)

30th May, DEPOT *v.* SOUTH EASTERN COLLEGE.—Depot 97 (Sutcliffe 50, Sergt. Sutcliffe 5 wickets for 27, Pte. Richardson, 4 wickets for 22; S.E. College 68.

3rd June, DEPOT *v.* S. E. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE. Depot 222 (Major Wray 73, Capt. Tupman 33, Capt. Godfrey 32, Pte. Richardson, 23). S.E. College 136 for 7 wickets.

6th June, DEPOT *v.* YORK & LANCS REGT.—Depot 143 (Capt. Hobbs, 34), and 47 for 2 wickets. Sergt. Sutcliffe 6 wickets, Capt. Hobbs 3. York and Lancs 68 and 166.

10th June, DEPOT *v.* ST. LAWRENCE.—Depot 274 (Pte. Richardson 60, Col. Quill 40, Capt. Clark 36, Capt. Godfrey 34. Sergt. Sutcliffe 4 wickets for 33, Capt. Hobbs 4 wickets for 32. St. Lawrence 78 for 9 wickets.

13th June, DEPOT *v.* SOUTH LANCS REGT.—Depot 192 and 168 for 2 wickets (Sergt. Sutcliffe 59 and 89, Capt. Hobbs 28, Major Wray 23, Sergt. Dykes 21, Pte. Richardson 21, Capt. Godfrey 54). Sergt. Sutcliffe 7 wickets for 28, Capt. Hobbs 2 wickets. South Lancs 87.

16th June, DEPOT *v.* KING'S SCHOOL, CANTERBURY.—Depot 122 (Sergt. Sutcliffe 58, Sergt. Murphy 37). Sergt. Sutcliffe 7 wickets for 33. King's School, 62 and 99.

17th June, DEPOT *v.* DEAL AND DISTRICT.—Depot 134 (Pte. Richardson 51). Deal and District 199 for 3 wickets.

22nd June, DEPOT *v.* DOVER COLLEGE.—Depot 153 (Sergt. Sutcliffe 35, Col. Twill 33 retired. Sergt. Sutcliffe, 3 wickets, Capt. Hobbs 2 wickets. Dover College 82 for 6 wickets.

25th June, DEPOT *v.* YORK AND LANCS REGT.—Depot 143 (Sergt Sutcliffe 62, Capt. Godfrey 37. Capt. Hobbs 6 wickets for 33, Sergt. Sutcliffe 4 wkts. York and Lancs 59 and 87 for 9 wickets.

27th June, DEPOT *v.* ROYAL ARTILLERY.—Depot 131 (Sergt. Murphy 68, Colonel Quill 34) Sergt. Sutcliffe 5 wickets for 87 and 3 for 57. Royal Artillery, 177.

DEPOT *v.* SOUTH LANCS REGT.—Depot 123 for 7 wickets (Sutcliffe 46 not out, Major Wray 31). Sergt. Sutcliffe 6 wickets for 23, Capt. Hobbs 4 for 24. South Lancs 50.

DEPOT *v.* S.E. COLLEGE.—Depot 285 for 7 wickets (Capt. Hobbs 66, Sergt. Sutcliffe 52, Lieut. Stopford 49, Major Wray 35 not out, Pte. Richardson 23). Capt. Hobbs 4 wickets for 48, Sergt. Batcliffe 3 wickets. S.E. College 164 for 8 wickets.

4th July, DEPOT *v.* CHATHAM DIVISION.

DEPOT.		CHATHAM DIVISION.	
Col. Quill, c & b Chichester	51	Capt. Little, c Stopford, b Sutcliffe	91
Capt. Clark, b Little	3	Captain Richmond, c Tupman, Sutcliffe	6
Sergt. Sutcliffe, c Little, b Morgan	0	Lieut. Montgomery, b Hobbs	1
Pte. Richardson, lbw, b Morgan	5	Lieut. G. L. Shewell, lbw, b Richardson	16
Capt. Godfrey, b Morgan	28	Capt. Morgan, b Sutcliffe	7
Lieut. Stopford, b Morgan	0	Lieut. Eagles, b Hobbs	6
Capt. Tupman, c Little. b Chichester	32	Capt. Chichester, not out	23
Capt. Hobbs, c Chichester, b Montgomery	1	Pte. Williams, run out	4
Major Wray, b Chichester	5	Lieut. A. L. Williams, b Hobbs	2
Sergt. Murphy, not out	6	Capt. Hall, not out	0
Capt. Edmonds, c Richmond, b Montgomery	0		
Extras	44	Extras	4
Total	175	Total (for 8 wkts)	160

Births.

PORTER—On April 22nd, at Forton, the wife of Lce.-Corpl. E. W. Porter, R.M.L.I., of a daughter.

KING—On July 5th, at Gosport, the wife of Lce.-Sergt. A. G. King, R.M.L.I., of a son.

WILLEY—On July 20th, at 12, Freemantle Road, Gosport, the wife of Lce.-Sergt. Willey, R.M.L.I., of a son.

WOODROFFE - At Forton, on the 8th of July, the wife of Pte. C. Woodroffe, R.M.L.I., of a daughter.

Marriages.

BRINE—SCONCE—On the 22nd July, at Holy Trinity Church, Brook Green, by the Rev. Canon A. White, Captain Arthur Brine, late R.M.L.I., only son of Colonel Brine, of Torquay, late of the Madras Army, to Esther Harriet Amelia, elder daughter of Gideon Colquhoun Sconce, 79, Sinclair Road, W., Barrister-at-Law (Inner Temple), and late Chief Judge of the Presidency, Small Cause Court, Calcutta.

LUKER—BROPHY—At St. Swithun's, Southsea, 29th June, 1903, Gnr. W. Luker, R.M.A., to Miss N. Brophy.

JACKSON—PETTIT—At St. Saviour's, Forest Gate, 1st July, 1903, Br. A. T. Jackson, to Miss L. Pettit.

WILLIS—LEWIS—On the 24th June, 1903, at All Saints', Trinidad, by the Rev. Canon Hombersley, assisted by the Rev. H. A. Ansell, Capt. Richard ffolliott Willis, Royal Marine Light Infantry, only son of Major W. Willis, Inspector H.M. Prisons, Scotland, to Kate Annie, younger daughter of the late Lieutenant and Adjutant Arthur Lewis, 65th Regiment, and Mrs. Lewis, 3, Warrington Gardens, W.

WORSFOLD—STAPLETON—On the 26th June, at St. Mary's Church, Johannesburg, Herbert Mowll, youngest son of the late H. S. Worsfold, Surveyor-General H.M. Customs, London, and Mrs. Worsfold, Rolls Court, Whitfield, to Constance Marion Draffen (Joss), eldest daughter of G. H. Cotton Stapleton, R.N., of The Moorings, St. Margaret's Bay, and eldest grandchild of Col. and Mrs. W. Pitt Draffen, late R.M.A., 64, Lowdnes Square, S.W.

DRAGE—DRAGE—On Tuesday, the 7th July, at St. Etheldreda's Church, Hatfield, Herts, by the Rev. Lord William Cecil, Rector of the parish, assisted by the Rev. Evelyn Drage, Vicar of Pickering, brother of the bride, Captain Gilbert Drage, R.M.L.I., of the Naval Intelligence Department, Admiralty, second son of Major W. H. Drage, to Mildred Frances, only daughter of Charles Drage, M.D.

DOUGLAS-SMITH—BEYTS—On the 8th July, 1903, at St. Jude's Church, South Kensington, by the Rev. W. R. Macray, cousin of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. G. Salwey, Major William Douglas-Smith, Royal Scots Fusiliers, elder son of the late Lieut-Colonel Douglas-Smith, late R.M.L.I., to Kathleen Edith, the younger daughter of G. F. Beyts, District Engineer, E.I. Railway, Allahabad, India.

WOODS—JONES—On the 22nd July, 1903, at St. Mary's Church, Alverstoke, Hants, by the Hon. and Rev. Canon Brodrick, assisted by the Rev. Adam Keir, Rector of the parish, and the Rev. F. G. G. Jellicoe, Vicar of Freemantle, Southampton, Capt. C. R. S. Woods, South Lancashire Regiment, eldest son of Inspector-General H. C. Wood, C.B., C.V.O., to Dorothea, only daughter of General Sir Howard Jones, K.C.B., late Royal Marines.

Deaths.

TRISCOTT—On the 11th inst., at Percy Lodge, Southend, Colonel William Rolt Triscott, late Royal Marine Light Infantry, aged 62, eldest son of the late Captain William Elworthy Triscott, R.N.

LAX—On board H.M.S. *Sans Pareil*, 28th June, 1903, "L" Co., Gnr. Jas. Lax, R.M.A.

WOODROFFE—At Forton, on the 15th of July, Mabel Louisa, beloved daughter of Pte. C. Woodroffe, R.M.L.I., aged 2 years.

She is not dead, but sleeping,
Upon the Father's breast;
Safe in her Saviour's keeping,
Who sees; and knows, what's best.

BARNES—At Mount Vernon Hospital, Hampstead, 11th July, 1903, Musn. A. C. Barnes, R.M.A.

WEST—On 25th June, in Melville Hospital, Pte. W. T. West.

Corps Advertisements.

CHARLES HOBBINS many years at the "Good Old Ship Leopard," Portsea, would like to inform his many friends in the Corps that he is now at the "Castle," Gosport Beach. Eldridge, Pope and Co.'s Dorchester Crystal Ales, Choice Wines and Spirits.

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Editorial.

WE are enabled this month to give a splendid Photograph of the Royal Marines VIII. at Bisley this year, which did so splendidly in the United Service Cup; and though they only attained the third place, yet the shooting this year was abnormal, and our score would have been sufficient to have won it, hands down, in any ordinary year.

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We notice that the ss. *Terra Nova* is to sail this month for the relief of the Antarctic Ship *Discovery*, and we wish them all success and a speedy relief to our comrades Lance-Corporals A. H. Blisset and G. Scott, of the Portsmouth Division R.M.L.I.

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In our last issue we published a letter of thanks from the Sergeants' Mess, at Malta, for a present of books. We have since heard that they were a present to the N.C.O's. Mess from Col. Pocock, V.D., of the Manchester Artillery, who is a very old friend of Lieut.-Gen. A. French, R.M.A. We are sure we are voicing the feelings of the Corps in expressing how much such gifts are appreciated.

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The Corps did remarkably well at the Army Athletic Meeting; the results will be found in another column.

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"Tactical Employment of Naval Artillery," by Rapidan. Published at Offices of *Engineering*, 35, Bedford Street, Strand, W.C. Price 1/6. The above title is given to a most interesting series of articles published in book form and written by Capt. Harding, R.M.A., under the *nom de plume* of Rapidan. The writer deals in a masterly and well thought out style with the different problems of modern naval gunnery. This book has already excited considerable attention in naval circles, where it has been very favourably commented on by several gunnery experts. Officers in charge of quarters will find many useful practical hints contained in it, and a study of the problems discussed will well repay the time spent in its perusal. Modern gunnery training, fire control, fire tactics, range finding, &c., all dealt with in a clear and logical manner, and should do much to enable officers to take a more intelligent interest in naval gunnery. Finally, we heartily congratulate the writer on his excellent little work.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Lieut.-Col. and Bt.-Col. A. L. S. Burrows, R.M.A., special half-pay list, being placed on the retired list on account of age, from the 29th July inclusive, under the provisions of para. 11 of Order-in-Council, dated 29th November, 1881. There will be no promotion in this instance, as Col. Burrowes' vacancy was filled when he was placed on half-pay.

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Col. Burrowes is nominated to succeed Major R. W. Heathcote, R.M.L.I. (retired), as Recruiting Staff Officer, Southampton, in the vacancy which will occur on the 1st of October next.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Mr. E. C. Stretton, Musical Director at the Royal Naval School of Music, being promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer, Royal Marines, with seniority of 20th June, 1903, the date of his transfer to the Corps from the 1st Batt. York and Lancaster Regt.

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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. Lieut. W. E. T. Christie, seconded for service with the Army Service Corps, to be Captain on the seconded list, *vice* Marchant, seconded, dated 25th July, 1903. Lieut. W. H. Stopford to be Captain, *vice* Christie, seconded, dated 25th July, 1903, and appointed to the Chatham Division.

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Lieut. G. L. F. Shewell to be Assistant Instructor of Musketry at the Depot, R.M., *vice* Stopford, promoted, dated 25th July, 1903.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Bandmaster H. Lidiard being promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer, Royal Marines, on appointment as Chief Bandmaster, R.M., dated 22nd July, 1903.

It has been notified that the undermentioned Officers passed a satisfactory examination in subjects *a* and *b*:—Lieuts. A. K. Evans and C. E. C. Eagles, R.M.L.I., C. L. E. Muntz and E. H. Lewin, and Capt. A. T. Schreiber, R.M.A.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the appointment of Capt. H. C. Bennett, R.M.L.I., as Interpreter in French (1st class) of H.M.S. *Renown*.

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The undermentioned Officers are to join H.M.S. *Excellent* for a course of instruction, commencing 1st Sept., with a view to qualifying for Gunnery Instructors:—Capt. F. W. Lumsden, Lieuts. C. A. Bishop and A. F. Salkeld, R.M.A., Capts. A. G. Little and G. C. Rooney, and Lieut. H. Ozanne, R.M.L.I. Application has been made for Lieut. G. C. Woodcock, R.M.A., to be lent from H.M.S. *Royal Oak* to undergo this course. Capt. F. B. A. Lawrie and Lieut. J. R. H. Gattey, R.M.L.I., on leave from the West African Frontier Force, will be temporarily attached to the Portsmouth Division for the purpose of joining the course.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Capt. N. A. W. Scott, R.M.L.I., being appointed Professor of Military Topography, Infantry Drill and Gymnastics, at the Royal Military College of Canada.

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Capt. J. R. Garrett, R.M.L.I., to be held in readiness to embark in H.M.S. *Britannia*, to replace Capt. Scott.

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Lieut. R. K. C. Nutt, R.M.L.I., is to be held in readiness to embark for passage to H.M.S. *Formidable*, to replace Lieut. P. Owen, R.M.L.I., invalided home.

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Lieut. J. Goldsmith, R.M.L.I., will embark in H.M.S. *Hannibal* on return of that ship to a home port, to replace Lieut. A. M. Deakin, R.M.L.I., whose period of service afloat expired on the 20th August.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Major W. P. Drury, R.M.L.I., half-pay list, being placed on the retired list, from the 1st July, 1903, under the provisions of Order-in-Council of the 30th November, 1882, having been found medically unfit for further active service.

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His Majesty the King has presented a magnificent silver trophy to the Royal Dorset Yacht Club for competition at the forthcoming Regatta. It has been designed and manufactured by the King's silversmiths—the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Company, of 112, Regent Street, London, W.—and is a fine specimen of a yachting trophy. The trophy, which is of solid silver, is exquisitely chased.

Correspondence.

29th August, 1933.

Sir,

Lieut.-Colonel W. J. T. Bickford (retired) R.M. Artillery, has forwarded a cutting from an American paper, containing a letter written by his son on the subject of the neglected condition of the graves of men of Royal Marines, who died whilst serving on San Juan Island. A copy is attached.

There may be some officers and men of the Corps who would be glad to contribute a trifle to assist in the manner indicated in the letter, and I shall be glad to forward any contributions, and to acknowledge them in the *Globe & Laurel*.

Yours etc.,

W. T. ADAIR, A.A.G., Royal Marines.

To the Editor of the *Globe & Laurel*.

Extract from the "Seattle Post-Intelligencer," Saturday, July 25th, 1903.

SOLDIERS IN NEGLECTED GRAVES.

Roche Harbour, (Washington Slate, U.S.A.)
July 22nd, 1903.

To the Editor,

Will you permit me, through the medium of your paper, to call the attention of all Englishmen resident in Seattle, more especially those who have connections in the British army, to the fact that on the Island of San Juan, in a spot known as English Camp, there lie buried the remains of a number of soldiers, members of an English military corps, known by the name of the Royal Marine Light Infantry. These men were stationed here years ago when the portion of the boundary line between this part of the United States and Canada was under dispute. With the exception of five tomb stones, which are in a more or less dilapidated condition, all trace of their burial place has been destroyed, and in the course of a few years there will be nothing to mark the last resting place of the mortal remains of these soldier boys. A very few dollars would be all that is necessary to renovate these tombstones and place a fence around them.

Are there any old English soldiers or their friends in Seattle who would help to do this good work? If so, I would ask them to send their contributions to Mr. J. A. MacMillan, of the Tacona and Roach Harbour Lime Company, who will see that all moneys so sent are devoted to the purpose aforementioned.

C. F. BICKFORD.

Army Athletic Meeting.

AUGUST 4TH AND 5TH.

Sack Race—1st, Corpl. J. P. Jones, R.M.L.I.

250 Yards for Privates over 15 Years Service—1st, Pte. Stevens, R.M.L.I.

Obstacle Race for Officers under Instruction at the Gymnasium—3rd, Lieut. J. Bush, R.M.L.I.

Sabre *v.* Sabre—3rd, Sergt. Tyler, R.M.L.I.

Officers, Foil *v.* Foil—1st Capt. F. C. Edwards, R.M.L.I.

Bayonet Combats (Teams)—1st, R.M.A.; 2nd, R.M.L.I. (Depot).

Bayonet *v.* Bayonet—1st, Gnr. Randall, R.M.A.; 3rd, Corpl. O'Connor, R.M.L.I.

Officers, Bayonet *v.* Bayonet—Lieut. Smith, R.M.L.I.

Obstacle Race, N.C.O's. and Men, open to the Army—3rd, Sergt. Rose, R.M.L.I.

Gymnastics, N.C.O's. and Men—1st, Sergt. Rose, R.M.L.I.; 2nd, Sergt. Burton, R.M.L.I.

R. M. R. A.

FLEETS' AND SQUADRONS' COMPETITIONS, 1903.

S.E. Coast of America.—Conditions: Service Targets, 10 rounds at 200, 500, and 600 yards. H.P.S. 120.

Cambrian—Pte. J. Murphy, 91 points, Badge and £1 1s.; Pte. G. Paine, 89; Pte. W. Paisley, 87; Pte. T. O'Connor, 85; Pte. F. Palmer, 83; Lce.-Sergt. W. Pratt, 81; and Pte. H. Channing, 81.

Nymphe—Sergt. J. Eves, 78.

Members of the Corps are reminded that the year is drawing to a close, and that the Hon. Sec., R.M.R.A., Depot R.M., will be glad to acknowledge the receipts of this year's subscriptions from those who have not already sent them in.

A Committee Meeting will be held at the London Recruiting Office at 3 p.m., on Thursday, 10th September.

ROYAL MARINES VIII.

UNITED SERVICE CUP. BISLEY, 1903.

Sergt. J. T. Wingfield (Po.) Sergt. Littleworth (Dep.) Sergt. J. M. Beddow, R.M.A. Q.M.S.I. Ede, R.M.A. Lce.-Corpl. T. Lea (Po.)
Sergt.-Major E. J. Sullivan, (Dep.) Q.M. & Hon. Major Rodway, R.M.A. Q.M.S.I. & Hon. Lt. Baker. Drum-Maj. J. Elliott, (Dep.)
Capt. C. E. Collard. Major H. G. Cotterill, R.M.L.I., (Capt.)

ROYAL MARINES VIII. AT BISLEY. UNITED SERVICE CUP.

Weather conditions right, variable wind, cloudy at first, afterwards bursts of sunshine. The team made a good shoot at 200 yards but fell off at 500 yards. The 600 yards shoot was very good, and came as a welcome relief, after the sad failures at this range in former years. Considering the R.M. VIII. were using Rack Rifles, whilst the Army and Volunteers' teams (only ones in front of us) were provided with the best and most thoroughly tested and sighted rifles procurable, our score is remarkable.

SCORE :—

	200 *yds.*	500 *yds.*	600 *yds.*	*Total.*
Capt. Collard, R.M.L.I.	35	32	31	98
Sergt. Beddow, R.M.A.	34	32	32	97
Major Rodway, R.M.A.	33	30	33	96
Lieut. Baker, R.M.A.	34	30	32	96
Drum-Major Elliott, R.M.L.I.	33	32	31	96
Lance-Corpl. Lea, R.M.L.I.	34	31	31	96
Sergt. Wingfield, R.M.L.I.	33	33	28	94
Sergt.-Major Sullivan, R.M.L.I.	31	32	30	93
				766

Average 95·7.

Home Notes

EASTNEY.

Before our band left the Royal yacht at the termination of the recent Irish cruise, H.M. the King sent for Bandmaster B. S. Green and expressed to him the great pleasure which the band had afforded him and the Queen. His Majesty then presented Mr. Green with a pair of gold sleeve links. On the link of each pair were "E.R." studded with diamonds, under a Royal crown, while on the other two links were the rose, shamrock, and thistle in red, green and white enamel respectively.

The annual R.M.A. rifle meeting took place on the Fort Cumberland glacis on August 11th, 12th, and 13th, and was a great success. Mrs. Campbell kindly presented the prizes at the termination of the Meeting, which was, except on the afternoon of the first day, blessed with delightful weather. Full details of the different events will be found elsewhere.

On August 12th a boys' cricket match took place in the cricket field, between Mrs. Campbell's XI. (composed principally of sons of R.M.A. officers), and Miss Graham's XI. Col. and Mrs. Campbell had kindly invited the parents and friends of the boys playing to watch the match and take tea in the pavilion. An interesting game ended in a win for Miss Graham's XI., who were perhaps a trifle older and bigger than the home team.

On August 14th, the annual R.M.A. officers' dinner was held at the mess and was generally acknowledged to be the most successful meeting since its institution, though we should still like to see it an even larger gathering. The following "old boys" were present: General Sir H. B. Tuson, K.C.B., Lieut.-General A. French, C.B., Major-Generals F. A. Ogle, C.B., F. H. Poore, G. F. Pengelley, and W. G. Tucker, C.B.; Majors H. de la P. Beresford, T. R. Swinburne, and A. T. Down; Staff-Surgeon R. Hill, R.N.

On the same afternoon Colonel and Mrs. Campbell gave a large garden party on the lawn outside the Commandant's House, to which the "old boys" and any of their families who were in the neighbourhood had been invited. It was a very pleasing re-union of past and present, and Mrs. Macnamara, Lady Tuson, and Mrs. Tucker were warmly welcomed by many old friends.

CHATHAM.

On the 30th June, Colonel Gordon and the officers of the Chatham Division gave a very successful ball, the guests numbering about 500. A temporary ball room was built on the parade, and sitting-out accommodation provided by the covered-in terrace and the lower rooms of the married officers' quarters, which open on to it. The night being beautifully fine, advantage was taken of the lawn tennis court at the back of the field officers' houses (where a fountain with gold fish, and seats under the trees, were an attraction), and the parade near the dancing room arranged with tropical ferns, maxim guns, and trophies. The Sergeants kindly lent a portion of their mess for a smoking room and a gentlemen's cloak-room; and supper was served in the officers' mess room, where the tables were made beautiful with the mess plate, and a quantity of roses sent by friends in the neighbourhood. During the excellent supper, cooked on the premises and reflecting great credit upon the chef, a portion of the string band played some pretty selections. Everything went merrily until 4 a.m., when, although bright daylight, many remained to hear "God Save the King." The arrangements were carried out by a Committee, with Lieut.-Col. H. C. Money, C.B., as President.

An artist-proof engraving of the King after Luke Fildes, has been hung in the hall of the officers' mess at Chatham. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales kindly requested His Majesty to sign it, and he most graciously consented. It has been beautifully framed and forms a valuable and much prized addition to the mess, which also possesses an engraving of the late Queen Victoria signed by herself.

The new cricket ground at the top of the lines has given impetus to the cricket of the Division and is much appreciated; notwithstanding many disappointments on account of the weather, we have enjoyed some good matches. A two-days' game against the Free Foresters ended in a victory for the latter by six wickets, but our combined Naval and Marine eleven was not a strong one, as only two of the Navy were available. Six of the opposing team put up in our mess, the rest at the Naval Barracks. We hope to see our guests again when the match is repeated next year. On the 31st July we played against Milgate Park, near Maidstone, the seat of Mr. Walter Fremlin, and won a jolly game by about 15 runs. We lunched at the old house, and in the afternoon our band played a selection which was much appreciated by numbers from the neighbourhood, who arrived for tea and gossip. It was 7 p.m. before we commenced our ten miles drive home through a lovely country, and we felt pleased with ourselves and grateful to our hospitable hosts.

On the 11th August we played at Cobham Park, but lost the match. The ground was very wet and the wicket cut up so badly it had to be moved twice.

The Sergeants' Shooting Club have been doing well, and defeated the R.E., the 1st Oxfordshire L.I., and the 4th Rifle Brigade; they are also to be congratulated upon winning back the Garrison Cup from the Royal Engineers; it has been competed for annually since 1869 and won 14 times by the R.M.L.I. and 15 times by the R.E., which shows the interest and keenness taken in the event. The Carter Cup, instituted in 1886, and fired for annually by individual members of the Sergeants' mess, now disappears from competition, as there was no more room for names It will remain in the Sergeants' mess, but its place is taken by the Coronation Cup, a handsome piece of plate standing 22 inches high with the Globe and Laurel on the lid, and given by Mr. H. J. Brown, who was Mayor of Chatham during the coronation year.

Lieut. Trew is to be congratulated upon a narrow escape. He was Acting Adjutant of a battalion at a field day when his horse bolted, and, jumping a fence, ran between a telegraph pole and its support. The rider was fortunately unhurt, but the animal broke its off hind pastern, and had to be destroyed. It had the reputation of being difficult to hold, and belonged to Captain Bewes, who had just gone away on leave.

Our Commandant is shooting grouse upon his highland property, and from private accounts is having an exceptionally good year. He has not forgotten his mess, and we enjoyed some of the first birds of the season.

PLYMOUTH.

The summer, such as there has been this year, will very soon be of the past. The inspection is over, the mobilised ships are returned and are about to pay off.

The cricket programme is finished, and the Divisional sports, rifle meeting, and flower show are all billed to take place within the next few days. The dates for these are—Sports, August 27th,; Flower Show, August 29th, and Rifle Meeting during the week commencing August 14th.

In connection with the Flower Show the allotments at Millbay, and the windows in the barracks have already been judged and the prizes will be distributed on the conclusion of the exhibition in the drill shed. Full accounts of all these events I hope to forward in time for publication in the next "Globe and Laurel."

Owing to certain unavoidable changes, the cricket team have not continued to follow up the vein of success they found at the commencement of the season, but the result is satisfactory. Dr. Jones has made a century on no less than six occasions, Capt. Coke and Lieut. D'Oyly have also each contributed one. For the N.C.O.'s and Men Musician Higgs has made one century. An account of the season's doings is in preparation.

The photograph of the inspection of the Division by our Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which was published in the "Globe and Laurel," was taken by Mr. Bayly, of Stonehouse, the acknowledgment of which we regret to have omitted at the time.

Mr. C. Lee, late Colour-Sergeant R.M.L.I., Portsmouth Division, has been fortunate enough to secure a position as foreman of works under an Engineering Syndicate in the Transvaal, S.A., at a salary of £420 per annum. We congratulate Mr. Lee on his having attained such a good position, and wish him all good luck.

30 days.

SEPTEMBER, 1903.

1	Tues.	Boscawen's unsuccessful siege of Pondicherry, 1748. Boats of *Bacchante* and *Weazel* capture gunboats, 1812.*
2	Wed.	Stockade carried at Dalla Creek, Burmah, 1824.
3	Thur.	Cheribon, 1811. Petropaulovski, a disastrous failure, 1854. N.C. Officers first wear Chevrons, 1807.
4	Frid.	Capture of Malta, 1800. Valletta occupied by a Battalion of Marines.
5	Sat.	Simonosaki, Japan, 1864. (*3*) Ivica, 1706. Ladybrand, S. Africa, 1900. (*9*)
6	**Sun.**	
7	Mon.	*Phæton* and *Anson* captured Flore, 1798.
8	Tues.	Fall of Sebastopol, 1855. Relief of Bhansi, Indian Mutiny, 1858. Alicant : Capture of Castle, 1705.
9	Wed.	Kassasin, 2nd affair, 1882. (*4*) Monte Orgullo Castle (captured) 1813.
10	Thur.	
11	Frid.	Castle of Latte, St. Malo, 1758. Sortie from Pondicherry repelled, 1748.
12	Sat.	Castle of Gebail, Syria, 1840. Fight before Baltimore, 3rd Battalion, 1814. Breeches discontinued and trousers first worn, 1795.
13	**Sun.**	
14	Mon.	Tel-el-Kebir, 1882. (*4*) Skirmish at Dumooreahgunge, Indian Mutiny, 1858. Bombardment of Gibraltar. 13 Battering Ships destroyed.
15	Tues.	Porto Ferrajo, Elba, 1801 (*5*) relieved after gallant defence for six months by Lieut. Lawrence and Detachment.
16	Wed.	
17	Thur.	Cape of Good Hope captured, 1795. Hair powder abolished, 1812.
18	Frid.	Boats of *Eagle* capture 17 gunboats at Maestro, 1812.* Caiffa captured, 1840. Montjuick (Barcelona) captured 1705. (*1*)
19	Sat.	Capture of Port Mahon, 1708. (*6*) Chang-Kia-Wan, 1860. (*7*) Royal Marine Battalion disembark at Eupatoria, 1854. Defence of Eupatoria, 1854.
20	**Sun.**	
21	Mon.	Boats of *Victory* capture Danish gunboats, 1811.* Tangier, Action with Moors, 1680. A Company of Admiral's Regiment.
22	Tues.	Tung-Chow, 1860. (*7*) Hauteur de la Grasse (Toulon), 1793.
23	Wed.	Seige of Cork, 1690. Landing of English.
24	Thur.	Burmese defeated at Penang, 1824.
25	Frid.	Major Darrell of the Admiral's Regiment appointed Governor of Sheerness, 1670. Tyre captured, 1840. Road and Bridge at Temriouk destroyed, 1855.
26	Sat.	Off Rochfort, Sir S. Hood's squadron captured three French frigates, 1806. Philadelphia, America, 1777. Presentation of Colours to Chatham Division by H.R.H. The Duke of Clarence, 1827. Sidon : Capture, 1840.
27	**Sun.**	
28	Mon.	
29	Tues.	Cork captured, 1690. Pointe du Che, 1810. (*8*)
30	Wed.	Attack on Mittau, Riga, 1812. Uniform of Band changed from blue to scarlet, 1827. Review at Cairo before the Khedive after the campaign, 1882. (*4*)

(*1*)—Death of the Prince of Hesse.
(*3*)—Colonel (now General) Suther, C.B., and Battalion R.M.L.I.
(*4*)—Colonel (now Lieut.-General) H. S. Jones, C.B., and Battalion R.M.L.I. and Companies R.M.A.
(*5*)—Lieut.-Colonel Airey and 449 Rank and File.
(*6*)—Four Regiments of Marines.
(*7*)—Colonel Gascoigne and Battalion, R.M.L.I.
(*8*)—Captain T. Sherman and 133 Rank and File.
(*9*)—Major F. White, D.S.O., in command of small garrison.
* Actions for which the Naval War Medal or Clasp was given.

We should be much obliged to any of our readers who will kindly send us accounts of events mentioned in the Almanac, and also for any corrections in or additions to the above.—*Ed. G. & L.*

DEAL.

At the South Eastern Military Tournament held at Folkestone, the Depot Bayonet Team, under the captainship of Sergt. F. Tyler, carried all before them, as the following results will show: *versus* Royal Sussex Regiment, 16 fights to nil; York and Lancaster, 16 fights to nil; Royal West Kent, 11 fights to 5; winning 43 fights out of a possible 48. The squad of recruits which was present at the Royal Military Tournament also attended and gave a gymnastic display.

At the Army Athletic meeting, Aldershot, the following were successful in winning prizes. Sergt. F. Tyler, 3rd prize, Sabre *v.* Sabre, £1. Bayonet Combat Team, 2nd prize, £2 5s.; team, Sergt. F. Tyler (capt.), Ptes. Bland, McAllister, Bignell, Goss, Wilson, Gregg, Shaul, and Turner. Seven men of the team were recruits.

Obituary.

LIEUT.-COLONEL HOWARD STANLEY THOMPSON, on retired full pay, Royal Marine Light Infantry, died 4th August, at Little Shelford. He was the son of the late James Thompson, Esq., of Macadon, Belfast, and entered the service as Lieut., 6th December, 1867; became Captain 1st July, 1881; Brevet-Major, 6th October, 1888; Major, 28th September, 1889; Lieut.-Colonel, 6th December, 1895, and retired on full pay, 24th September, 1896. He served with the battalion of Royal Marines sent to South Africa for special service in the Zulu war, 1879.

Foreign News.

H.M.S. *Exmouth*, 18th August, 1903.

Sir,—Just a few lines to let you know how we have been getting along since we commissioned at Chatham on the 2nd June, 1903. We left Chatham after our commissioning trial, and had a splendid trip out to Gibraltar, after stopping at Plymouth to have something done to our engines.

After we arrived at Gibraltar we had two cricket matches in which the Marines were not far behind. We have also got a splendid whaler's crew together, who got into training every night whether in harbour or at sea. The whaler's crew pulled their first race at Lagos, against the *Implacable's* and beat them easily. They are now going to have a try to beat the *Irresistible's*. The names of the whaler's crew are: bow, Pte. Cozens; 2nd bow, Gunner McAuly; Gunner Hill, Corpl. Berry, stroke, Gunner Heatley; coxswain, Gunner Poffley, R.M.A.

We have also a shooting club in the ship, which is greatly appreciated by all (both officers and men), and the result has been that some good scores have been made by officers and men at the ranges at Gibraltar.

I now give you the result of the cricket matches played between both Officers and Men, and the Marines against Ship's Company. By the results Sergt. Staples has done well with the ball, the number of wickets he has taken in three matches being 28, which is not bad at all.

MARINES *v.* LOWER DECK.

Marines captained by Capt. Abrahall, and the Lower Deck by Commander Silver. Scores:—

MARINES.

Private Mason, c and b Richard	0
Gunner Clarke, b Fox	7
Corporal Berry, b Fox	0
Sergeant Staples, b Fox	0
Sergeant Gaul, c and b Richards	29
Gunner Parker, b Richards	0
Gunner Poffley, b Richards	5
Lieut. Van der Kiset, b Richards	3
Captain Abrahall, not out	7
Bugler Phillips, b Richards	0
Private Hennessy, b Richards	2
Private Guy, c and b Richards	8
Extras	3
Total ..	64

Lower Deck 23.

R.M.A. Rifle Meeting.

The Annual Rifle Meeting by the permission of the Commandant took place at Fort Cumberland, on August 11th, 12th, and 13th. In the morning of the first day the weather was not so bad, but just before noon rain commenced to fall, accompanied during the afternoon by a gale of wind in which the 500 yards Individual and Revolver Competitions were shot off. The following are the results:

FIRST DAY.

SERIES A.—Restricted to recruits of less than three years' service. Thirty prizes at each range. Seven shots at 200 and 500 yards.—200 yards: Pte. D. Page, 30; Pte. Davies, 30; Pte. Hawes, 30; Pte. Rimmer, 29: Pte. Goodridge, 29; Pte. Boulton, 29; Pte. Frederick, 29; Pte. Wallace, 29; Pte. Berry, 29; Pte. Morris, 28; Pte. Rawlings, 28; Pte. Paice, 28; Pte. Randall, 28; Pte. Almond, 28; Pte. Pearce, 27; Pte. O'Connor, 27; Pte. Davies, 27; Pte. W. F. Oates, 27. 500 yards: Gnr. O'Connor, 31; Gnr. Davis, 24; Gnr. Hawes, 24; Gnr. Morris, 24; Gnr. Kimber, 24; Pte. Fish, 22; Pte. Davey, 21; Pte. Roche, 21; Gnr. Smith, 21; Gnr. Frost, 21; Gnr. Lerwill, 20.

SERIES A.—Restricted to recruits (members of the Shooting Club) who have not passed Table "A." Seven shots at 200. Ten prizes.—Pte. A. J. Watts, 31; Pte. W. S. Coles, 23; Pte. Dainton, 20; Pte. Steel, 20; Pte. Wilson, 20; Pte. Newton, 19; Pte. Allen, 19; Pte. Taylor 19; Pte. Smith, 18; Pte. Grindon, 18.

SERIES B.—Rank and File Handicap.—Seven shots at 200 and 500 yards. Prizes at each range, one of 10s. and 7s. 6d., two of 5s., three of 2s. 6d., five of 2s, ten of 1s.—At 200 yards: Corpl. Remington, 33; Gnr. Dalimore, 32; Gnr. R. G. Glass, 32; Br. Deham, 32; Gnr. Hamilton, 32; Br. Fee, 31; Lce.-Sergt. R. S. Pottinger, 31; Gnr. Sergt. Horsburgh, 31; Gnr. Carter, 31; Br. W. J. Smith, 31; Br. Hamlet, 31; Gnr. W. T. Joyce, 31. 500 yards: Br. Smith, 32; Br. Ray, 30; Gnr. Brame, 30; Sergt. Hutchings, 28; Gnr. Spencer, 28; Br. France, 27; Gnr. Carter, 26; Corpl. Worboys, 26; Gnr. Hale, 26; Br. Jackson, 25; Corpl. Dickerson, 25; Corpl. Southam, 25; Gnr. Burton, 25; Gnr. Moffitt, 25; Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger, 24; Gnr. Broome, 24; Br. Denholm, 24; Corpl. Emery, 24; Br. Fee, 23; Gnr. Bridgwater, 23; Gnr. Rossiter, 23; and Gnr. Spruce, 22, were the other winners.

SERIES C.—W.O.'s and Sergeants' Handicap.—Seven shots at 200 and 500 yards. Prizes at each range, one of 10s., one of 7s. 6d., two of 5s., five of 3s.—200 yards; Q.M.S. Ede, 34; Sergt. Salmon, 34; Sergt Chell, 32; Sergt.-Maj. Foley; Sergt. Birch, 32; Bk.-Sergt. Emmerson, 32; Sergt. Heights, 32; Q M.S. Deacon, 31; Sergt. Beddow, 31. 500 yards: Sergt.-Major Foley, 31; Q.M.S. Deacon, 31; Sergt. Chell, 30; Clr.-Sergt. Tunnis, 30; Clr.-Sergt. Harrison, 30; Sergt. Chatfield, 29: Sergt. Mead, 29; Bk.-Sergt. Emmerson, 29; Sergt Beddow, 28.

SERIES D.—Vanishing figures, disappearing head and shoulders with invisible bull counting three points. The target appeared five times, each for three seconds. Magazine fire at 150 yards. Prizes: one of 15s., two of 10s., two of 7s. 6d., four of 5s., eight of 2s. 6d., 15 of 1s:—Br. Jackson, 14; Sergt. Chell, 14; Lance-Sergt. Bishop, 13; Sergt. Beddow, 13; Corpl. Bimmersley, 13; Sergt. Clowes, 13; Gnr. McDowell, 13; Gnr. Davis, 13; Gnr. Price, 13; Corpl. Southam, 12; Lance-Sergt. Hutchings, 12; Sergt. Stevens, 12; Gnr. Davies, 11; Gnr. Deal, 11; Gnr. Lambert, 11; Gnr. Timbery, 11; Br. Elson, 11; Sergt. Height, 11; Gnr. Oliver, 11; Gnr. Netley, 11; Q.M.S. Burrage, Br. Ray, Sergt. Day, Sergt. Hawkins, Br. Wellman, Sergt.-Major Foley, Corpl. Linsay, Sergt. Pottinger, Gnr. Glass, Corpl. Barlow, Gnr. Brook, Sergt. Bristow, Sergt. Sears, Gnr. Kimber, Sergt. Browning, Pte. Davies, Gnr. Garlick, Gnr. Blanchard, Gnr. Dewlar, and Gnr. Oakley were the other prize-winners.

SERIES E.—Moving target. Khaki figure with invisible bull counting three points, remainder of figure two points. Length of run ten seconds. Distance 150 yards; any position. Prizes as in "D."—Lance-Sergt. Bishop, 15; Sergt. Child, 15; Q.M.S. Deacon, 14; Corpl. Barlow, 14; Gnr. Sedgebeer, 14; Gnr. Netley, 13; Gnr. Treacher, 13; Gnr. Wilson, 13; Gnr. Pearson, 13; Col.-Sergt. Welch, 12; Gnr. Morris, 12; Br. Acheson, 12; Sergt. Lyne, 12; Corpl.

Woolley, 12; Corpl. Emery, 12; Gnr. Skeddon, 12; Br. Smith, 12; Gnr. Frost, 12. Forty-one prizes of 1s.

SERIES F.—Officers' Handicap.—200 yards: Lieut.-Col. Eastman, 34; Major Rodway, 32; Lieut. Foster, 32; Major Hire, 32; Capt. Raikes, 31; Lieut. Cantrill, 30; Lieut. Crick, 30; 2nd Lieut. Hutton, 30; Major Kappey, 29; Major Bishop, 28; Captain Oldfield, 26; Dr. Smith, 24; Lieut. Morgan, 20. 500 yards: Lieut. Hutton, 30; Lieut. Cantrell, 28; Capt. Raikes, 26; Lieut. Foster, 20.

SERIES I.—Service Revolver at 20 yards. Six rounds right and left, single practice:—Sergt. A. Height, 61; Sergt. D. Beddow, 57; Sergt.-Major D. G. Foley, 56; Q.M.S. Ede, 49; Sergt. E. Childs, 48; Sergt. F. Chell, 47; Sergt. W. G. Carlton, 45.

SERIES I.—Officers' Revolver.—Capt. Troup, 50.

SERIES K.—Revolver (open) handicap. Six rounds at 20 yards and 50 yards Gross scores to count for Revolver Cup. Prizes: one of 10s., two of 5s., four of 2s. 6d. Also wins Revolver Cup. Sergt. Chell, 63; Sergt. Bristow, 61; Sergt.-Major Foley, 60; Sergt. Beddow, 53; Sergt. Carlton, 54; Sergt. Mead, 56; Sergt. Hendy, 48.

SECOND DAY.

The conditions were much more favourable. The proceedings commenced with the Championships and finished with the Company Cup Competition. Lieut. Cantrell and Lieut. Hutton qualified for the 1st Stage of the All Ranks Aggregate.

SERIES G.—Recruits Aggregate Championship. Seven rounds at 200, 500, 600 yards.—Prizes: one of 15s., one of 10s., two of 7s. 6d. and five of 5s. Gnr. F. F. Hawes, 78; Gnr. A. Morris, 76; Gnr. W. Davis, 71; Gnr. E. O'Connor, 71; Gnr. Boulton, 69; Gnr. C. Nalmond, 68; Gnr. W. Lerwill, 66; Gnr. G. F. Frost, 66; Gnr. Turner, 60.

SERIES H.—All Ranks Aggregate Championship. Seven rounds at 200, 500, 600 yards. Prizes: one of £1, two of 15s, two of 10s., two of 7s 6d. and five of 5s. Sergeant Chell, 93; Q.M.S. Deacon, 90; Sergt.-Major Foley, 90; Q.M.S. Ede, 89; Sergt. Height, 89; Lance-Sergt. Hutchings, 86; Br. Smith, 85; Sergt. Gasson, 84; Sergt. Mead, 85; Sergt. Beddow, 81; Br. Fee, 81; Sergt. Birch, 80.

SERIES H.—SECOND STAGE.—In the second stage of Series H the prize-winner fired another seven rounds at 600 yards range for the championship. There was only one prize. The contest was productive of considerable excitement, the firing ending in a tie between Sergt. Chell and Q.M.S. Deacon. After firing a sighter and three tie shots, the scores were as follows:—Q.M.S. Deacon, 5, 5, 4, 4; Sergt. Chell, 5, 4, 5, 3. The former thus won by one point on the ordinary competition. The scores were 121 each.

SERIES M.—COMPANY CHALLENGE CUP.—The firing for the possession of the Company Challenge Cup concluded soon after five o'clock, C Company winning it for the third successive year. The scores were as follows:—

	200	*500*	*600*	*Ttl.*		*200*	*500*	*600*	*Ttl.*
C Co. ..	129	120	103	352	H Co. ..	99	106	112	317
O " ..	116	121	110	347	B " ..	112	110	88	310
I " ..	121	120	104	345	K " ..	123	92	92	307
F " ..	126	125	91	342	L " ..	116	106	84	306
P " ..	127	114	88	329	A " ..	120	104	11	305
E " ..	115	111	95	321	G " ..	105	113	77	295
D " ..	115	108	96	319	M " ..	103	102	64	269

The names of the winning team were Q.M.S. Ede, Sergt. Chell, Gnr. Bridgwater, and Gnr. Boulton (recruit).

Prizes were also given for the highest aggregate scores in the firing for the Cup, one of which must be taken by a recruit. Prizes: one of £1 and three of 10s.—1, Sergt. Bristow, 93; Sergt. Height, 93; Gnr. Frederick, (recruit), 91; Gnr. Boulton, (recruit), 91.

THE BEST RECRUITS' AGGREGATE.—Mrs. Oldfield's two prizes for recruits' aggregate in Series M went to Gnrs. J. E. Frederick and F. Boulton.

THIRD DAY.

The third day was fortunately bright and fine and a number of ladies watched the competitions and took part in the Ladies Competition.

SERIES N.—The Commander-in-Chief's Competition. Firing at 200 yards at disappearing khaki figure exposed three seconds. Eight appearances at unknown position. Teams of six, one a leader, four to be rank and file.—Prizes: £3, £1 10s., and two of 15s. Seventeen teams competed. Result:—1, "K" 1st team, with a total of 61 points out of a maximum of 144; 2nd, "B" team, with a score of 58; third and fourth (tie); "C" 1st team and "O" 1st team, 57 points. The other scores were "P," 56: "A1," 52; "G" and "L2," 51; "I1," 49; "O2," "C2," and "F1," 47; "H," 40; "D" and "E1," 37; "L1," 32; "F2," 23.

The winning team was Br. Fee, Sergt. Matheison, Gnr. Green, Gnr. Smith, Corpl. Emery, Gnr. Moss.

SERIES L.—Cadet Corps Competition.—Open to the 20 best shots in R.M.A. Cadet Corps. Seven rounds prone at 100 yards. Service rifles with Bisley targets. Prizes: Memento and 5s.; Memento and 4s.; one of 3s.; one of 2s.; and six of 1s. Result: Frederick Law, 33; Percy Dudley, 33; T. A. Webber, 30; R. J. Watson, 30.

Officers' Scratch Competition.—Highest number of points in 30 seconds.—1, Col. Eastman, 9; 2, Major Bishop, 8; 3, Lieut. Foster, 6.

Ladies' Competition.—Seven rounds at 20 and 50 yards, Morris tube.—1, Mrs. Troup, 51, 49, 100; 2, Mrs. Hill, 50, 47, 97; 3, Mrs. Homer, 50, 46, 96.

SERIES O.—"Tile" Shooting Competition.—To be competed for by teams of four, under a leader, from each company. Leaders not to fire. Each company could send four teams, but not more. Two teams were drawn up 300 yards from the target, and on the word "go" rushed to 200 yards, came to the ready, and commenced firing by order of the sectional leader. On a figure being hit, the opposing team lost a corresponding number, the umpire ordering him to fall out, the leader counting two points, the remainder one point. Any team not striking a figure had to fall out. Time: one minute from the word "go." Prizes, £2 10s.: £1 5s.; two of 12s. 6d.

There were thirty-two teams entered, (sixteen pairs), and great excitement was shown in the interesting and amusing contest. In the semi-final P Coy. knocked out H3, while K2 knocked A1, and O1 knocked out H1. The final contest resulted in K2 securing the first position; H3, second; O1, third; and P Coy., fourth.

The names of the winning team were Br. Fee (leader), Gnr. Moss, Gnr. Knight, Gnr. Green, Gnr. Smith.

H1 and H3 killed all their opponents in two successive runs down.

At the close of the Meeting Mrs. Campbell very kindly gave away the prizes, and handed to Sergt. Chell the R.M.R.A. Bronze Jewel.

WINNERS OF SILVER SPOONS. (Monthly Competitions.)

Senior Club.—Class A.—Q.M.S. Ede, Q.M.S. Prior, Sergt. Beddow, Sergt. Chell, Gnr. Bridgwater. *Class B.*—Gnr. Rimmer, Gnr. Lincoln, Gnr. Fredrick, Lce.-Sergt. Priddy.

Junior Club.—Pte. Ainsworth, Pte. Berry, Pte. Nankirell, Pte. Randell, Pte. Page.

Revolver Club.—Q.M.S. Ede, Sergt. Beddow, Sergt. Height.

ONLY A KID—The Boer commandant who had charge of the British prisoners taken after the battles of Glencoe, Dundee, and Nicholson's Nek, on going his round at midnight on one occasion, was astounded to see a British soldier acting as Boer sentinel over the prisoners. He paced up and down the space of his limited vigilance with his rifle carried in the true sentinel style, and on meeting the amazed commandant, calmly saluted and reported, "All right, sir." In reply to the commandant, "Tommy" gave the following extraordinary explanation. He said: "Well, sir, this here poor little chap" (pointing to the sleeping form of a Boer lad fifteen years old) "was dog tired for want o' sleep arter two nights of dooty. I takes pity on the little chap, an' I says: 'Look 'ere, you're regular done up, you are, that's sartin. You give me your rifle and take a bit o' sleep, an' I'll do sentry-go for you, I will. Honour bright! I won't do nothin' wrong, blow me if I do!' So the little chap went off. It's all right, sir; don't you blame him; he's only a kid!"—*Regiment.*

DEAL.

At the South Eastern Military Tournament held at Folkestone, the Depot Bayonet Team, under the captainship of Sergt. F. Tyler, carried all before them, as the following results will show: *versus* Royal Sussex Regiment, 16 fights to nil; York and Lancaster, 16 fights to nil; Royal West Kent, 11 fights to 5; winning 43 fights out of a possible 48. The squad of recruits which was present at the Royal Military Tournament also attended and gave a gymnastic display.

At the Army Athletic meeting, Aldershot, the following were successful in winning prizes. Sergt. F. Tyler, 3rd prize, Sabre *v.* Sabre, £1. Bayonet Combat Team, 2nd prize, £2 5s.; team, Sergt. F. Tyler (capt.), Ptes. Bland, McAllister, Bignell, Goss, Wilson, Gregg, Shaul, and Turner. Seven men of the team were recruits.

Obituary.

Lieut.-Colonel Howard Stanley Thompson, on retired full pay, Royal Marine Light Infantry, died 4th August, at Little Shelford. He was the son of the late James Thompson, Esq., of Macadon, Belfast, and entered the service as Lieut., 6th December, 1867; became Captain 1st July, 1881; Brevet-Major, 6th October, 1888; Major, 28th September, 1889; Lieut.-Colonel, 6th December, 1895, and retired on full pay, 24th September, 1896. He served with the battalion of Royal Marines sent to South Africa for special service in the Zulu war, 1879.

Foreign News.

H.M.S. *Exmouth*, 18th August, 1903.

Sir,—Just a few lines to let you know how we have been getting along since we commissioned at Chatham on the 2nd June, 1903. We left Chatham after our commissioning trial, and had a splendid trip out to Gibraltar, after stopping at Plymouth to have something done to our engines.

After we arrived at Gibraltar we had two cricket matches in which the Marines were not far behind. We have also got a splendid whaler's crew together, who got into training every night whether in harbour or at sea. The whaler's crew pulled their first race at Lagos, against the *Implacable's* and beat them easily. They are now going to have a try to beat the *Irresistible's*. The names of the whaler's crew are: bow, Pte. Cozens; 2nd bow, Gunner McAuly; Gunner Hill, Corpl. Berry, stroke, Gunner Heatley; coxswain, Gunner Poffley, R.M.A.

We have also a shooting club in the ship, which is greatly appreciated by all (both officers and men), and the result has been that some good scores have been made by officers and men at the ranges at Gibraltar.

I now give you the result of the cricket matches played between both Officers and Men, and the Marines against Ship's Company. By the results Sergt. Staples has done well with the ball, the number of wickets he has taken in three matches being 28, which is not bad at all.

Marines *v.* Lower Deck.

Marines captained by Capt. Abrahall, and the Lower Deck by Commander Silver. Scores:—

MARINES.

Private Mason, c and b Richard	0
Gunner Clarke, b Fox	7
Corporal Berry, b Fox	0
Sergeant Staples, b Fox	0
Sergeant Gaul, c and b Richards	29
Gunner Parker, b Richards	0
Gunner Poffley, b Richards	5
Lieut. Van der Kiset, b Richards	3
Captain Abrahall, not out	7
Bugler Phillips, b Richards	0
Private Hennessy, b Richards	2
Private Guy, c and b Richards	8
Extras	3
Total ..	64

Lower Deck 23.

R.M.A. Rifle Meeting.

The Annual Rifle Meeting by the permission of the Commandant took place at Fort Cumberland, on August 11th, 12th, and 13th. In the morning of the first day the weather was not so bad, but just before noon rain commenced to fall, accompanied during the afternoon by a gale of wind in which the 500 yards Individual and Revolver Competitions were shot off. The following are the results:

FIRST DAY.

Series A.—Restricted to recruits of less than three years' service. Thirty prizes at each range. Seven shots at 200 and 500 yards.—200 yards: Pte. D. Page, 30; Pte. Davies, 30; Pte. Hawes, 30; Pte. Rimmer, 29: Pte. Goodridge, 29; Pte. Boulton, 29; Pte. Frederick, 29; Pte. Wallace, 29; Pte. Berry, 29; Pte. Morris, 28; Pte. Rawlings, 28; Pte. Paice, 28; Pte. Randall, 28; Pte. Almond, 28; Pte. Pearce, 27; Pte. O'Connor, 27; Pte. Davies, 27; Pte. W. F. Oates, 27. 500 yards: Gnr. O'Connor, 31; Gnr. Davis, 24; Gnr. Hawes, 24; Pte. Morris, 24; Gnr. Kimber, 24; Pte. Fish, 22; Pte. Davey, 21; Pte. Roche, 21; Gnr. Smith, 21; Gnr. Frost, 21; Gnr. Lerwill, 20.

Series A.—Restricted to recruits (members of the Shooting Club who have not passed Table "A." Seven shots at 200. Ten prizes.—Pte. A. J. Watts, 31; Pte. W. S. Coles, 23; Pte. Dainton, 20; Pte. Steel, 20; Pte. Wilson, 20; Pte. Newton, 19; Pte. Allen, 19; Pte. Taylor 19; Pte. Smith, 18; Pte. Grindon, 18.

Series B.—Rank and File Handicap.—Seven shots at 200 and 500 yards. Prizes at each range, one of 10s. and 7s. 6d., two of 5s., three of 2s. 6d., five of 2s, ten of 1s.—At 200 yards: Corpl. Remington, 33; Gnr. Dalimore, 32; Gnr. R. G. Glass, 32; Br. Deham, 32; Lce.-Corpl. Hamilton, 32; Br. Fee, 31; Lce.-Sergt. R. S. Pottinger, 31; Gnr. Sergt. Horsburgh, 31; Gnr. Carter, 31; Br. W. J. Smith, 31; Br. Hamlet, 31; Gnr. W. T. Joyce, 31. 500 yards: Br. Smith, 32; Br. Ray, 30; Gnr. Brame, 30; Sergt. Hutchings, 28; Gnr. Spencer, 28; Br. France, 27; Gnr. Carter, 26; Corpl. Worboys, 26; Gnr. Hale, 26; Br. Jackson, 25; Corpl. Dickerson, 25; Corpl. Southam, 25; Gnr. Burton, 25; Gnr. Moffitt, 25; Lce.-Sergt. Pottinger, 24; Gnr. Broome, 24; Br. Denholm, 24; Corpl. Emery, 24; Br. Fee, 23; Gnr. Bridgwater, 23; Gnr. Rossiter, 23; and Gnr. Spruce, 22, were the other winners.

Series C.—W.O.'s and Sergeants' Handicap.—Seven shots at 200 and 500 yards. Prizes at each range, one of 10s., one of 7s. 6d., two of 5s., five of 3s.—200 yards; Q.M.S. Ede, 34; Sergt. Salmon, 34; Sergt Chell, 32; Sergt.-Maj. Foley; Sergt. Birch, 32; Bk.-Sergt. Emmerson, 32; Sergt. Heights, 32; Q M.S. Deacon, 31; Sergt. Beddow, 31. 500 yards: Sergt.-Major Foley, 31; Q.M.S. Deacon, 31; Sergt. Chell, 30; Clr.-Sergt. Tunnis, 30; Clr.-Sergt. Harrison, 30; Sergt. Chatfield, 29: Sergt. Mead, 29; Bk.-Sergt. Emmerson, 29; Sergt Beddow, 28.

Series D.—Vanishing figures, disappearing head and shoulders with invisible bull counting three points. The target appeared five times, each for three seconds. Magazine fire at 150 yards. Prizes: one of 15s., two of 10s., two of 7s. 6d., four of 5s., eight of 2s. 6d., and of 1s:—Br. Jackson, 14; Sergt. Chell, 14; Lance-Sergt. Bishop, 13; Sergt. Beddow, 13; Corpl. Bimmersley, 13; Sergt. Clowes, 13; Gnr. McDowell, 13; Gnr. Davis, 13; Gnr. Price, 13; Corpl. Southam, 12; Lance-Sergt. Hutchings, 12; Sergt. Stevens, 12; Gnr. Davies, 12; Gnr. Deal, 11; Gnr. Lambert, 11; Gnr. Timbery, 11; Br. Elson, 11; Sergt. Height, 11; Gnr. Oliver, 11; Gnr. Netley, 11; Q.M.S. Burrage, Br. Ray, Sergt. Day, Sergt. Hawkins, Br. Wellman, Sergt.-Major Foley, Corpl. Linsay, Sergt. Pottinger, Gnr. Glass, Corpl. Barlow, Gnr. Brook, Sergt. Bristow, Sergt. Sears, Gnr. Kimber, Sergt. Browning, Pte. Davies, Gnr. Garlick, Gnr. Blanchard, Gnr. Dewlar, and Gnr. Oakley were the other prize-winners.

Series E.—Moving target. Khaki figure with invisible bull counting three points, remainder of figure two points. Length of run 15 seconds. Distance 150 yards; any position. Prizes as in "D." Lance-Sergt. Bishop, 15; Sergt. Child, 15; Q.M.S. Deacon, 14; Corpl. Barlow, 14; Gnr. Sedgebeer, 14; Gnr. Netley, 13; Gnr. Treacher, 13; Gnr. Wilson, 13; Gnr. Pearson, 13; Col.-Sergt. Webb, 12; Gnr. Morris, 12; Br. Acheson, 12; Sergt. Lyne, 12;

Woolley, 12; Corpl. Emery, 12; Gnr. Skeddon, 12; Br. Smith, 12; Gnr. Frost, 12. Forty-one prizes of 1s.

SERIES F.—Officers' Handicap.—200 yards: Lieut.-Col. Eastman, 34; Major Rodway, 32; Lieut. Foster, 32; Major Hire, 32; Capt. Raikes, 31; Lieut. Cantrill, 30; Lieut. Crick, 30; 2nd Lieut. Hutton, 30; Major Kappey, 29; Major Bishop, 28; Captain Oldfield, 26; Dr. Smith, 24; Lieut. Morgan, 20. 500 yards: Lieut. Hutton, 30; Lieut. Cantrell, 28; Capt. Raikes, 26; Lieut. Foster, 20.

SERIES I.—Service Revolver at 20 yards. Six rounds right and left, single practice:—Sergt. A. Height, 61; Sergt. D. Beddow, 57; Sergt.-Major D. G. Foley, 56; Q.M.S. Ede, 49; Sergt. E. Childs, 48; Sergt. F. Chell, 47; Sergt. W. G. Carlton, 45.

SERIES I.—Officers' Revolver.—Capt. Troup, 50.

SERIES K.—Revolver (open) handicap. Six rounds at 20 yards and 50 yards Gross scores to count for Revolver Cup. Prizes: one of 10s., two of 5s., four of 2s. 6d. Also wins Revolver Cup. Sergt. Chell, 63; Sergt. Bristow, 61; Sergt.-Major Foley, 60; Sergt. Beddow, 53; Sergt. Carlton, 54; Sergt. Mead, 56; Sergt. Hendy, 48.

SECOND DAY.

The conditions were much more favourable. The proceedings commenced with the Championships and finished with the Company Cup Competition. Lieut. Cantrell and Lieut. Hutton qualified for the 1st Stage of the All Ranks Aggregate.

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SERIES H.—SECOND STAGE.—In the second stage of Series H the prize-winner fired another seven rounds at 600 yards range for the championship. There was only one prize. The contest was productive of considerable excitement, the firing ending in a tie between Sergt. Chell and Q.M.S. Deacon. After firing a sighter and three tie shots, the scores were as follows:—Q.M.S. Deacon, 5, 5, 4, 4; Sergt. Chell, 5, 4, 5, 3. The former thus won by one point on the ordinary competition. The scores were 121 each.

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The winning team was Br. Fee, Sergt. Matheison, Gnr. Green, Gnr. Smith, Corpl. Emery, Gnr. Moss.

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Shooting.

CHATHAM GARRISON CUP.

THE Annual Shoot between the Warrant Officers, Staff Sergts. and Sergts. of the Royal Engineers and Royal Marine Light Infantry for the Chatham Garrison Cup, took place at the Milton Ranges, and resulted in favour of the Royal Marines after a most exciting contest. The weather was good and the match was most interesting, the scoring being remarkably close. At 200 yards the Marines led by 14 points. They increased their lead by one at 500, but lost six at 600, winning by nine points—914 against 905, this being the highest score ever made in the competition. The teams and their friends afterwards took tea in a tent on the ranges; and, later, spent a social hour together before returning to Chatham.—Sergt.-Major Waters, Royal Engineers, handed the cup to the winners, congratulating them upon their fine performance, although expressing regret that his corps should have to part with it after having held it for three years in succession.—In receiving the cup for the Royal Marines, Q.M.S. Hammond expressed appreciation of the kind remarks, and assured them that having won back the cup, the Marines would do their level best to hold it as long, if not longer, than the R.E's. had done.—"The Health of the Winners" was enthusiastically drunk at the call of Sergt.-Major Dean, R.E.; and the toast was suitably responded to.—Songs were given by Q.M.S. Butcher, R.E., Clr.-Sergts. Webb, Galer, Duggett and Braybrooke, and Sergts. Geater and Allen.—The Royal Marines further celebrated the victory on arrival at their mess at Chatham. The scores were:—

ROYAL MARINES.	Tl.	ROYAL ENGINEERS.	Tl.
Clr.-Sergt. Braybrooke	98	C.S.M. Bowery	95
Sergt. Webb	96	Q.M.S. Butcher	94
Sergt. Allen	95	C.S.M. Redpath	92
Sergt. Geater	95	C.S.M. Ascott	92
Sergt Mugridge	93	S.M. Wood	91
Clr.-Sergt. Mohr	90	Sergt. Baker	90
Sergt. Curtin	90	Sergt. Powell	88
Sergt. Pamplin	88	S.M. Bullock	88
Q.M.S. Hammond	86	Sergt. Bannister	88
Q.M.S.I. Crozier	83	Q M.S. Taylor	87
Total	914	Total	905
Average, 91·4.		Average, 90·5.	

R.M.L.I. *v.* SERGEANTS 1ST BATT. OXFORD L.I.

Fired at Milton Rifle Range on 22nd July, 1903.

R.M.L.I.	Tl.	1ST OXFORD L.I.	Tl.
Q.M.S. Crozier	91	B.M. Donnelly	96
Sergt. Mugridge	90	Sergt. Parry	87
Sergt. Catlin	90	Q.M.S. Hyde	84
Sergt. Webb	88	Sergt. Bradbrook	82
Clr.-Sergt. Mohr	87	Clr.-Sergt. Hughes	81
Sergt. Curtin	86	Sergt. Sheppard	78
Sergt. Allen	83	Clr.-Sergt. Smith	76
Sergt. Young	78	Sergt. Jones	72
Total	693	Total	656
Average, 86·6.		Average, 82.	

Won by 37 points.

At the Eastney Ranges, on 21st August, the following teams of Officers, R.M.A. and R.M.L.I., met for a match under snap shooting conditions, and a file competition. The snap shooting was at a khaki bull, with an invisible centre, at 200 yards lying down; magazines charged, time, 30 seconds; and as many rounds as possible were allowed. One competitor got off 11 rounds, but the remainder averaged about six. The first shoot was a tie, and the teams then fired all together, each at their own target, with the result that the R.M.L.I. won, making 42 points against R.M.A. 35.

R.M.L.I.	Tl.	R.M.A.	Tl.
Lt.-Col. J. R. H. Oldfield	9	Mjr. and Qr.-Mr. Rodway	17
Capt. A. de W. Kitcat	12	Lieut. and Qr.-Mr. Baker	10
Capt. H. E. Blumberg	4	Lieut.-Col. Eastman	10
Capt. W. Esson	10	Lieut. A. S. Cantrell	0
Capt. J. R. Garrett	2	Major H. Oldfield	0
Lieut. W. S. Clutterbuck	2	Lieut. F. Kendle	2
Total	39	Total	39
Team	42	Team	35

The tile competition was fired in pairs. Each pair had to run from 300 yards point to 200 yards and then fire; time allowed one minute. Each man had three tries. When tile was hit opposing competitor fell out. Result—R.M.A., 10; R.M.L.I., 3.

R.M.L.I. *v.* SERGEANTS ROYAL ENGINEERS (CHATHAM).

Fired at Milton Rifle Range on 31st July, 1903.

R.M.L.I.	Tl.	ROYAL ENGINEERS.	Tl.
Sergt. Allen	96	Sergt. Ridgewell	
Q.M.S. Hammond	88	Sergt. Powell	
Sergt. Geater	87	Sergt. Jones	
Clr.-Sergt. Braybrooke	87	Q.M.S. Taylor	
Sergt. Mugridge	85	Sergt. Farrow	
Sergt. Curtin	82	Corpl. Cuthbertson	
Sergt. Prior	80	Sergt. Baker	
Sergt. Willsher	78	Sergt. Ford	
Q.M.S. Crozier	77	Sergt. Drake	
Total	760	Total	
Average, 84·4.		Average, 82·8.	

Won by 14 points.

R.M.L.I. *v.* 4TH BATT. RIFLE BRIGADE.

Fired at Milton Range on 5th August, 1903.

R.M.L.I.	Tl.	RIFLE BRIGADE.	Tl.
Sergt. Pamplin	94	Sergt. White	
Sergt. Curtin	90	Sergt.-Major Mitchell	
Sergt. Geater	87	Clr.-Sergt. Barrett	
Sergt. Mugridge	87	Sergt. Jelley	
Q.M.S. Hammond	86	Q.M.S. Worthing	
Clr.-Sergt. Braybrooke	85	Clr.-Sergt. Brown	
Sergt. Allen	83	Sergt. Curtis	
Clr.-Sergt. Mohr	83	Sergt. Skinner	
Total	695	Total	
Average, 86·7.		Average, 70·4.	

R.M.L.I. won by 131 points.

PRIZE WINNERS, 10th DETACHMENT, 1903.

Sergt. C. Catlin	251	Pte. R. W. C. Brown (Ply.)	
Pte. J. E. Barnes	239	Pte. W. G. Jacklings	
Pte. A. Coombes	235	Pte. T. Alexander	

R.M.L.I. *v.* DETACHMENT 2ND V.B. DEVONS.

Fired at Tavistock, 15th August, 1903. Wind—gusty; light changeable.

R.M.L.I.	Tl.	DET. 2ND V B. DEVONS.	Tl.
Sergt. Payne	92	Sergt. Martin	
Lieut. Lloyd	89	Sergt.-Inst. Spurway	
Pro.-Sergt. Lawrence	89	Lieut. Spooner	
Sergt. Mee	89	Pte. Simpson	
Lieut. Norcock	84	Major Fox	
Sergt.-Major Jolley	83	Pte. Collacott	
Armr.-Sergt. Hermon	82	Sergt. Williams	
Q.M.S. Richards	80	Corpl. Collacott	
Total	688	Total	
Average, 86.		Average, 71.	

R.M.L.I. won by 120 points.

ROYAL MARINE'S DILEMMA.—A Royal Marine Light Infantryman serving on the Mediterranean Squadron, who is nearly 20 stone in weight and very largely built, seems entitled to sympathy. Kits being of uniform size, there is no uniform to fit him. On May 1st last, when the Marines were ordered to muster in white, he found it impossible to bring about an alliance of button and button-hole, so he went to "divisions" in blue. Thereupon followed an inquest by the officer of the watch and the commander and the captain. They found that the kit was served out to the Marine at Chatham, and that it was quite uniform. As he obviously was not, being unable to get into his clothes, his grog was knocked off for five days in order to "reduce him to the ranks."

FIELD officer going the rounds, to Company-Sergeant, "Sergeant, are those spoons (hall marked) all marked?" Company-Sergeant: "No, sir, they are German silver."

Annual Athletic Sports.

CHATHAM DIVISION.

The annual athletic sports of the Chatham Division were this year held on 29th July on the Chatham Football Ground, Maidstone Road, a place which admirably lends itself to an entertainment of this description. An immense quantity of stores were lent from the S.M.E. and the Dockyard, for the purpose of laying out the ground, these being conveyed up the hill by two traction engines and several trucks, also supplied by the R.E., to whom this Division is always much indebted for the kind assistance it receives on these and many other occasions. To Captain and Adjutant Bewes and the N.C. officers and men who assisted him, is due the excellence of arrangements and decorations of the ground. Lieut.-Colonel Cotter, as President, was also ably assisted by Captain Carpenter, Lieut. Montgomery, Quarter-Master and Hon. Lieut. Diggon, Sergt.-Major Medlon, Q.M. Sergts. Kay and Hawes, Col.-Sergts. Mohr, Baskerfield, and Braybrooke, Sergeants Pink, Cousins, and Rudd. Notwithstanding the doubtful weather, there was a large attendance, the officers' enclosure and grand stand being well filled, while the large stand allotted to the Sergts.' Mess presented a very animated appearance. The Band oi the Division under 2nd Lieut. Wright, was present and contributed largely to the enjoyment, though at times a rival team of negro minstrels armed with a harmonium chimed in with more or less pleasing effect. During the latter part of the sports occasional heavy showers of rain somewhat interrupted the programme, which however was brought to a satisfactory conclusion by the presentation of prizes by Mrs. C. G. Gordon.

The following are the competitors with the names of the prize winners:—

100 Yards Flat Race in heats—Heat I., 1 Corpl. Smith, 2 Pte. Ross; Heat II., 1 Sergt. Orgar, 2 Pte. Wells; Heat III., 1 Sergt. Moss, 2 Sergt. Andrews; Final, 1 Corpl. Smith, 2 Sergt. Orgar, 3 Pte. Wells.

Putting the Shot.—1 Pte. Dunseith, 2 Pte. Meckiff.

Mile Race.—1 Corpl. O'Connor, 2 Pte. Morton, 3 Pte. Taylor.

300 Yards Flat Race, under 15 years.—1 Bugler Jenkins, 2 Bugler Emerson, 3 Buglers Reed and Chalkley dead heat.

300 Yards Flat Race, over 15 but under 18 years.—1 Bugler Pratt, 2 Bugler Hulmes, 3 Bugler Ford.

300 Yards Flat Race, Recruits (never embarked).—Final, 1 Pte. Ross, 2 Pte. Wells, 3 Pte. McBride.

Long Jump.—1 Sergt. Orgar, 2 Pte. Dunseith (dead heat), 3 Pte. Meckiff.

440 Yards Flat Race.—1 Sergt. Orgar, 2 Corpl. Smith, 3, Pte. Wilde.

Tug of War, open to Army and Navy in Garrison.—Only three teams entered—Training Battalion R.E., R.M.L.I. Headquarters, and a casualty team of R.M.A. and R.M.L.I. belonging to other Divisions present at Chatham. R.M.L.I. Headquarter team beat the casualty team, and the Training Battalion R.E. beat the Headquarter team.

300 Yards Flat Race, Veterans over 15 years service. Five yards start for every year over 15 years' service.—1 Sergt. Moss, 2 Sergt. Andrews, 3 Pte. Baker.

Fleet Reserve Race, 300 yards.—1 Pte. Harding, 2 Pte. Hart, 3 Pte. Blunden.

High Jump.—1 Sergt. Orgar, 2 Corpl. Sparkes, 3 Corpl. D. O'Connor.

300 Yards Flat Race, Officers' Servants and Grooms in livery. Three yards' start for every year over 12 years' service.—1 Pte. Potter, 2 Pte. Bell, 3 Pte. Haynes.

300 Yards Flat Race for Company Sergeants. Three yards start for every year over 12 years' service.—1 Col.-Sergt. Braybrooke, 2 Col.-Sergt. Harrison, 3 Col.-Sergt. Watts.

SCHOOL RACES.

Boys in 1 2 and 3 Standards.—1 F. Harvey, 2 P. Griffin, 3 A. Sparkes, 4 L. Williams, 5 A. Griffiths, 6 B. Rawlings, 7 Crooks, 8 Renaway, 9 Stevens.

Remainder of Boys.—1 Calrent, 2 Griffin, 3 Jones, 4 Harney, 5 Gauntlett, 6 Osborne, 7 Owens, 8 Parkes, 9 Willie.

Girls in 1 2 and 3 Standards.—1 D. Nesbit, 2 D. Kay, 3 L. Sayer, 4 E. Ellingham, 5 M. Shaw, 6 J. McDonald, 7 C. Arel, 8 Rawlings, 9, Calvent.

Remainder of Girls.—1 E. Griffiths, 2 E. Justice, 3 A. Still, 4 L. Owens, 5 D. Webber, 6 D. Rushen, 7 F. Marshall, 8 E. Smith, 9 K. King.

Half-Mile Race. - 1 Sergt. Pratt, 2 Corpl. Hollis, 3 Pte. Ross.

Sack Race.—1 Pte. Wild, 2 Lce.-Corpl. Edwards, 3 Pte. Ross.

Obstacle Race open to Army and Navy in Garrison.—1 Pte. Meckiff, Headquarters R.M.L.I.; 2, Leading Seaman Woodward, R.N.; 3, Sergt. Pink, Headquarters R.M.L.I.; 4, Corpl. McCracken, Headquarters R.M.L.I.

One Mile Walking Race.—1 Sergt. Garner, 2 Pte. Tappenden, 3 Pte. Harris.

Obstacle Race.—1 Corpl. O'Connor, 2 Pte. Price, 3 Cpl. McCracken, 4 Corpl. Hollis, 5 Lance-Corpl. Barber, 6 Pte. Sparkes, 7 Pte. Ambler, 8 Lance.-Corpl. Cook.

Tilting the Bucket.—1 Lance-Corpl. Edwards, 2 Corpl. Sparkes, 3 Pte. Robinson.

Race for Officers' Children under 13 (handicap).—Boys, Masters Bendyshe, Cotter, Jacomb, Somner; Girls, Misses Luke, Cotter, Somner, Lindsay.

Mile Race open to Army and Navy in Garrison.—1 Corpl. Williams, 4th Batt. Rifle Brigade; 2, Leading Seamen Woodward (Gunnery School, Sheerness); 3, Rifleman Lidwood, 4th Batt. Rifle Brigade.

Cycle Race, 2 Miles.—1 Corpl. McCracken, 2 Bugler Lance-Corpl. Hobkins.

Company Tug-of-War.—Heats. A beat H, C beat B, F beat E, G beat W, C beat A, and F beat G. Final, F beat C.

Officers' Gymkhana.—1 Lieut. Evans (lady partner, Miss Arbuthnot), 2 Lieut. Hatton (lady partner, Miss Moore).

Free Gymnastics.—A squad gave an exhibition of free gymnastics under the command of Colour-Sergt. A. W. Baskerfield, and evoked great applause for the precision and smartness of their movements.

Bayonet Combat.—Teams, one leader and six rank and file (leader any rank). Military Tournament rules. 1, F Co., Lance-Corpl. Edwards' team; 2, D Co., Lance-Corpl. Scott's team.

Bandsman's Race.—1 Musn. Cooper, 2 Musn. Anderson, 3 Musn. Wormald.

Alarm Race.—Teams to consist of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men; teams to be lying down in tent with equipment off and rifle by side; on the alarm sounding, tents to be lowered and teams to fall in dressed in drill order, double 50 yards, fire three volleys, return and raise tents and fall in outside for inspection. Points will be given for time, neatness of dress, and volley firing. 1, F Co., Lance-Corpl. Edwards leader; 2, E Co., Lance-Corpl. Haines leader.

Consolation Race. Extra event. Prizes given by Col.-Comdt. C. G. Gordon. 1, Pte. Wenman, 2 Bugler Langley, 3 Bugler Meacock.

Company Challenge Shield.—The points allotted to the companies as the result of the competitions at the annual sports were—B 530, D 335, F 270, A 185, E 150, C 145, H 60, G 30; B Co. consequently holds the shield for this year.

AN INCIDENT OF THE VISIT OF THE AMERICAN FLEET.—An officer of Royal Marine Artillery in the new frock coat uniform, riding on top of a Portsmouth electric tram car, is addressed by an American bluejacket. "Say, stranger, are you a seaman gunner?" Officer (after a pause), "Yes." American seamen, "Guess I thought so, 'cos our seamen gunners wear the same badge, a flaming shell."

A SHORT time back a Royal Marine, entering a New York restaurant, found this odd advertisement staring him in the face:

Two cents	..	a square meal
One dollar	..	a mortal gorge.

FORD—POLLARD—On the 19th August, in Kilmeague Church, by the Rev. Geo. Garrett, M.A., Canon of Kildare, grandfather of the bride, asssisted by the Rev. Geo. H. St. P. Garrett, B.D., Vicar of Horwich, Richard Vernon Tredinnick Ford, Captain, Royal Marine Artillery, to Diana, only daughter of Captain Pollard, Royal Navy, and Mrs Pollard, of The Mill, Naas.

HILL—RICHARDSON—At St. Bartholomew's, Southsea, 3rd August, 1903, Gunner C. Hill, R.M.A., to Miss J. Richardson.

HUNT—ALFORD—At Parish Church, Edmonton, 3rd August, 1903, Corpl. W. A. Hunt. R.M.A., to Miss M. Alford.

LEWIS—JONES—At. St. James', Portsea, 12th August, 1903, Sergt. G. Lewis, R.M.A., to Miss E. A. Jones.

BEECHAM—COLLIS -At St. James', Portsea, 11th August, 1903, Gunner A. R. Beecham, R M.A., to Miss E. S. Collis.

HUDSON—CAMP—At St. James', Portsea, 23rd July, 1903, Bombr. T. Hudson, R.M.A., to Miss A. Camp.

WATERTON—WOOLFORD—At St. James', Portsea, 10th August, 1903, Gunner A. Waterton, R.M.A., to Miss A. E. Woolford.

GODWIN—HOLLAND—At Parish Church, Warlingham, 1st August, 1903, Gunner W. F. Godwin, R.M.A., to Miss R. Holland.

OSBORNE—DONNELLY—At St. James', Portsea, 15th August, 1903, Corpl. H. J. Osborne, R.M.A., to Miss K. E. Donnelly.

TROWBRIDGE—TREVETT—At St. Mary's, Westminster, 3rd August, 1903, Gunner H. Trowbridge, R.M.A., to Miss N. Trevett.

ASHBY—BRADLEY—On 6th July, Pte. A. C. Ashby to Miss Frances Bradley.

BRIDGER—WARRINER—On 21st July, Corpl. A. Bridger to Miss Amelia Warriner.

FALKUS—HAWKE—On 25th July, Pte. A. Falkus to Miss Lucy F. Hawke.

HOLLIS—DUNCAN—On 5th July, Corpl. T. Hollis to Miss Annie Duncan.

SMITHERS SUTCLIFFE—On 30th July, Lance-Sergt. H. E. Smithers to Miss Maud Sutcliffe.

WITHERS—CROOKES—On 8th August, Corpl. G. C. Withers to Miss Eliza A. Crookes.

RADCLIFFE—OWEN—On the 12th August, 1903, at the Parish Church, Walmer, Corpl. G. H. Ratcliffe to Miss A. Owen.

PARROTT—CHRISTIE—On the 22nd August, 1903, at the Parish Church, Walmer, Pte. W. J. Parrott to Miss M. E. Christie.

DAVIDSON -PARNELL—On the 3rd August, 1903, at the Parish Church, Alverstoke, Pte. W. J. Davidson to Miss Beatrice Kate Parnell.

EALEY—DIX—On the 4th August, 1903, at the Registry Office, Alverstoke, Pte. E. J. Ealey to Miss Lily Florence Dix.

HARRISON—SIMS—At St. Edmund's Catholic Church, The Avenue, Southampton, Pte. J. Harrison to Miss Stella Winifred Sims.

GIBBONS—BRYANT—On 12th August, 1903, at the Registry Office, Portsmouth, Pte. J. Gibbons to Miss Alice Bryant.

DAY—GREEN—On 15th August, 1903, at Registry Office, Portsmouth, Pte. W. Day to Miss Charlotte Green.

WOOD—PARVIN—At St. Luke's Church, on June 28th, 1903, Victoria Docks, London, Corpl. Chas. Wood, R.M.L.I., to Miss Nellie Parvin.

Deaths.

SMITH—At Haslar Hospital, on May 29th, 1903, Sergt. Arthur E. W. Smith, aged 26. Invalided home from Australia May 24th. "In the midst of life we are in death." Inserted by his sorrowing wife.

THOMPSON—At Kirby Lodge, Little Shelford, Cambridge, on the 4th August, Major and Brevet Lieut.-Col. H. S. Thompson, R.M.L.I. (retired).

RAMAGE—James Ramage, Private (Ply.), 6272, serving in H.M.S. *Redbreast*, accidentally drowned in Bombay Harbour.

BULLEY—On 11th August, 1903, at Newton Abbot, Pte. Owen Bulley.

The Editor begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions, etc., with many thanks. Received up to August 28th:—

	£	s.	d.
Monarch ..	0	12	0
Hannibal ..	0	15	8
Pandora ..	0	6	0
Phœnix ..	0	5	0
Mercury ..	0	2	6
Mrs. Harmar ..	0	1	6
Major Murphy ..	0	1	6
Calliope ..	0	7	5
Beagle ..	0	10	6
Drum-Major Burns	0	5	1
Mr. Corney ..	0	1	0
Rear-Admiral MacLeod	0	1	6
Sergt. Haynes ..	0	1	6
Pte. Hawke ..	0	1	6
Sergt. Tims ..	0	1	6
Repulse ..	0	10	6
Duke of Wellington	1	0	0
Rec. Room, Forton	0	4	0
Canteens, Forton ..	0	1	10
Mr. E. Hartry ..	0	1	3
Mr. C. Lee ..	0	1	6
Mr. S. G. Thompson	0	1	6
Mrs. Sinclair ..	0	1	6
Col. W. T. Adair ..	0	5	0

	£	s.	d.
Pte. Govier ..	0	1	0
Gen. Sir James Graham	0	6	0
Mr. E. Bartlett ..	0	1	6
Pallas ..	0	3	6
Mr. P. Elmes ..	0	1	6
Mr. F. Holloway ..	0	1	6
Officers, Forton ..	1	0	0
Minerva ..	0	2	6
Major F. H. Alexander	0	1	0
Ocean ..	3	17	6
Mr. R. Parkman ..	0	1	6
Cressy ..	0	7	6
Mr. E. Wood ..	0	1	6
Mrs. Bourne ..	0	1	6
Mrs. Dean ..	0	1	6
Mr. W. Soper ..	0	1	6
Sutlej ..	0	6	6
Charybdis ..	0	1	6
Mr. W. Burgis ..	0	1	1
Sergts.' Mess, Forton	0	4	7
Excellent ..	0	2	9
Mr. Vernon (Advt.)	5	9	0
R.M. Canteen, Forton	5	0	0

Corps Advertisements.

CHARLES HOBBINS many years at the "Good Old Ship Leopard," Portsea, would like to inform his many friends in the Corps that he is now at the "Castle," Gosport Beach. Eldridge, Pope and Co.'s Dorchester Crystal Ales, Choice Wines and Spirits.

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.

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Editorial.

THE Editors regret that owing to the pressure of regimental duty this number is unavoidably delayed. They wish also to call attention to the fact that another year is drawing to a close, and that the paper has been several years at Forton, and would like to receive suggestions as to its transfer to another Division.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the following routine promotion in the R.M.L.I.:—Lieut. H. S. H. Richmond to be Captain *vice* Scott, Seconded, and is appointed to the Plymouth Division. Dated 27th Aug., 1903.

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Their Lordships have also approved of Major A. Orford, R.M.A., being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel by Brevet, from the 29th August, 1903, inclusive, under the provisions of Order-in-Council, dated 19th March, 1883.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Captains H. F. McKay, J. M. Rose, and W. B. Harkness, R.M.A., being promoted to the rank of Major by Brevet, from the 1st of Sept., 1903, inclusive, under the provisions of Order-in-Council, dated 19th March, 1903.

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It is notified that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have noted with pleasure the good account Clr.-Sergt. J. F. Ellison, R.M.L.I., has rendered of himself by his services in the East African Protectorate.

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Capt. C. R. W. Dalton, R.M.L.I., is to be held in readiness to embark in H.M.S. *Terror* about the 1st of October to relieve Major J. Hoskyns-Abrahall, R.M.L.I., at Commissioner's House.

Major E. C. B. Roe, R.M.L.I., will embark in H.M.S. *Empress of India* on the 20th Sept. to relieve Capt. and Brevet Major L. S. T. Halliday, *V.C.*, R.M.L.I.

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The D.A.G., R.M., has nominated Clr.-Sergt. G. Stevens, R.M.L.I., for the appointment of Qr.-Mr.-Sergeant at the Portsmouth Division, in a vacancy occurring about the 4th of November next.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Major G. L. Beaumont, R.M.L.I. (retired), Recruiting Staff Officer, London District, being transferred to Belfast on the 1st October to replace Lieut.-Col. C. W. R. Kitching, R.M.L.I. (retired), Recruiting Staff Officer, whose period of appointment will expire on the 30th Sept., and of Major C. G. Matson, R.M.L.I. (retired), being appointed Recruiting Staff Officer to the London District *vice* Beaumont, the latter appointment to be for a period of two years only, subject to extension if desirable. To date from 1st October, 1903.

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Their Lordships have also been pleased to express to Lieut.Col. Kitching their satisfaction at the able manner in which he has carried out his duties.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the undermentioned gentlemen who qualified at the recent examination for admission to the R.M. College being appointed 2nd Lieutenants in the R.M.L.I. from the 1st of Sept., 1903:—A. J. Mellor, C. E. H. Morton, J. H. P. Barcroft, C. H. Coode, M. R. Yeo, J. L. McLaren, H. E. Ravenshaw, C. E. H. Rathborne, and T. L. Hunton.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Lieut. H. B. Inman, R.M.L.I., being transferred from H.M.S. *Spartiate* to H.M.S. *Doris* as soon as convenient, to relieve Lieut. C. B. Andrews, R.M.L.I. in the latter vessel, who has completed his period of service afloat.

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It has been notified that the undermentioned Officers, R.M.L.I., passed a satisfactory examination at Plymouth, on the 24th August, in subjects (*a*) and (*b*) for promotion:—Capts. F. A. Nelson and J. A. F. Cuffe, Lieuts. J T. de S. Washington, C. F. Jerram, E. G. Cheesman, R. Sinclair, C. E. Risk, and H. R. Brewer.

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The following Officers, R.M.L.I., are to be detached to Hythe on the 22nd Sept. to commence a course of instruction at the School of Musketry on the following day:—Capts. H. G. B. Armstrong and G. Carpenter, Lieuts. E. F. Trew and M. C. Festing.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Lieut.-Col. and Brevet Col. A. L. S. Burrowes, R.M.A. (retired), being appointed Recruiting Staff Officer, Southampton District, from the 1st Oct., *vice* Major R. W. Heathcote, R.M.L.I. (retired), whose period of service as Recruiting Staff Officer will expire on the 30th Sept., 1903.

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Lieut. Gillespie, R.M.L.I., has embarked in H.M.S. *Audacious*.

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Major C. E. E. Curtoys, R.M.L.I., is to embark in H.M.S. *Vivid* on the 1st Oct. to relieve Major and Brevet Lieut.-Col. A. G. B. Urmston, R.M.L.I., whose period of service afloat expires on the 30th September.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Major and Brevet Lieut.-Col. E. V. Luke, C.B., R.M.L.I., being retained in H.M.S. *Pembroke* for a further period of one year from the 1st Oct., 1903, as a special case.

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An exchange on the Foreign Service Roster has been sanctioned between the following Officers:—Major H. S. N. White and Major C. E. E. Curtoys, R.M.L.I.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Capt. and Brevet Major W. A. C. Grant, R.M.L.I., being placed on the Retired List at his own request, under the provisions of Order-in-Council of 29th November, 1881, dated 1st Sept., 1903.

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Their Lordships have also been pleased to approve of the following routine promotion in the R.M.L.I.:—Lieut. H. H. F. Stockley to be Captain *vice* Grant, retired, dated 1st Sept., 1903. Capt. Stockley is appointed to the Chatham Division, but will remain at the Depot, R.M., and perform the duties of Superintendent of Swimming Instructor until relieved.

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It has been notified that Lieuts. A. G. Cantrell, J. B. Chancellor, A. D. B. Godfray, and G. H. Jollye, R.M.A., passed a satisfactory examination in subjects *(a)* and *(b)* for promotion, at Portsmouth, on the 3rd Sept., 1903.

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Capt. and Brevet-Major A. H. Hire, R.M.A., will embark in H.M.S. *Sans Pareil*, to replace Capt. R. C. Brown, R.M.A., invalided.

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Capt. F. D. Bridges, R.M.L.I., will embark in H.M.S. *Diadem*, to conduct details R.M. proceeding to, and returning from, the Australian Station.

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Capt. J. A. M. A. Clark, R.M.L.I., and Lieut. F. G. Crick, R.M.A., will be the Officers for H.M.S. *Duncan* on that ship commissioning.

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Capt. A. de W. Kitcat, R.M.L.I., will embark in H.M.S. *Royal Oak*, to relieve Capt. H. J. Coles, R.M.L.I., and Lieut. H. de L. Willis, R.M.L.I., in H.M.S. *Sans Pareil*, to relieve Lieut. E. L. Gerrard, R.M.L.I.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the undermentioned gentlemen, who qualified at the recent examination for admission to the Royal Military Academy, being selected to receive Commissions as 2nd Lieutenants in the R.M.A., from the 1st of Sept., 1903, and they have been directed to join the R.N. College on the 30th Sept., 1903:—E. H. Ward, A. L. Forster, F. S. Richards, F. A. Hamer, and J. M. Tuke.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of (Ply.) Sergt. W. Acock being promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer on appointment as Superintending Clerk in the Paymaster's Office, Plymouth Division, *vice* Davidson deceased.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the Meritorious Service Medal, together with an annuity of £10 per annum, being awarded to William Phillips, late Clr.-Sergeant, R.M.A. Annuity to commence 2nd Sept., 1903.

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Capt. H. N. H. Houghton embarked in H.M.S. *Victory* to attend a course of instruction for Assistant Signalling Instructor.

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The Officers who have completed the course of Gymnastic Instruction which commenced at Aldershot on the 1st May last, have been placed in the following order of merit, and are to be held in readiness for passage to the flagships of the stations noted against their names, on appointment as Inspectors of Gymnasia, in anticipation of their Lordship's approval:—Lieut. H. C. Atkinson, R.M.L.I., Australia; Lieut. W. A. Jolly, R.M.A., N. America and W. Indies; Lieut. [illegible] Bush, R.M.L.I., Pacific; Lieut. J. M. Smith, R.M.L.I., China; Lieut. A. A. Cordner, R.M.L.I., Cruiser Squadron; Lieut. H. Blount, R.M.A., for disposal.

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Lieut. C. H. Morgan, R.M.L.I., will complete the course on the 16th Oct. next.

Lieut. C. E. S. Wright, R.M.L.I., failed to qualify.

Application will be made for Lieut. P. H. Colley, R.M.L.I., who has now completed both courses, to be transferred from H.M.S. *Duke of Wellington* to the flagship on the East Indies Station.

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Lieut. C. H. Morgan, R.M.L.I., will embark in H.M.S. *Duke of Wellington* to relieve Lieut. Colley on that Officer being transferred to the East Indies Station.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Major C. Field, R.M.L.I., being promoted to the rank of Lieut.-Col. by Brevet, from the 24th Sept., 1903, inclusive, under the provisionss of Her late Majesty's Order-in-Council, dated 19th March, 1883.

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Their Lordships have also approved of Lieut. M. F. Bennett, R.M.L.I., being appointed Superintendent of Gunnery Instruction at Depot, R.M., *vice* Stockley, promoted, and of his being sent home from H.M.S. *Vindictive* to take up the appointment.

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Capt. H. H. F. Stockley, R.M.L.I., will remain at the Depot after being relieved for duty, *vice* Capt. Clark ordered to embark.

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Lieut. J. W. Snepp, R.M.L.I., is to be held in readiness to embark for passage to H.M.S. *Vindictive* to replace Lieut. Bennett.

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Lieut. F. M. Vine, R.M.A., having been found physically unfit for further active service, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of his name being removed from the list of Officers, Royal Marines, from the 10th September, 1903, the date of the medical report.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of Capt. and Brevet-Major J. M. Rose, R.M.A., being appointed to H.M.S. *Bulwark* as Intelligence Officer on the Mediterranean station, *vice* Capt. P. Peacock, R.M.A., [illegible] invalided home. Arrangements are being made for Major Rose to be relieved in his appointment at R.M. Academy, and passage to Malta to enable him to embark in *Bulwark*, has been ordered in the P. & O. steamer, *Manila*, leaving London on the 3rd Oct., 1903.

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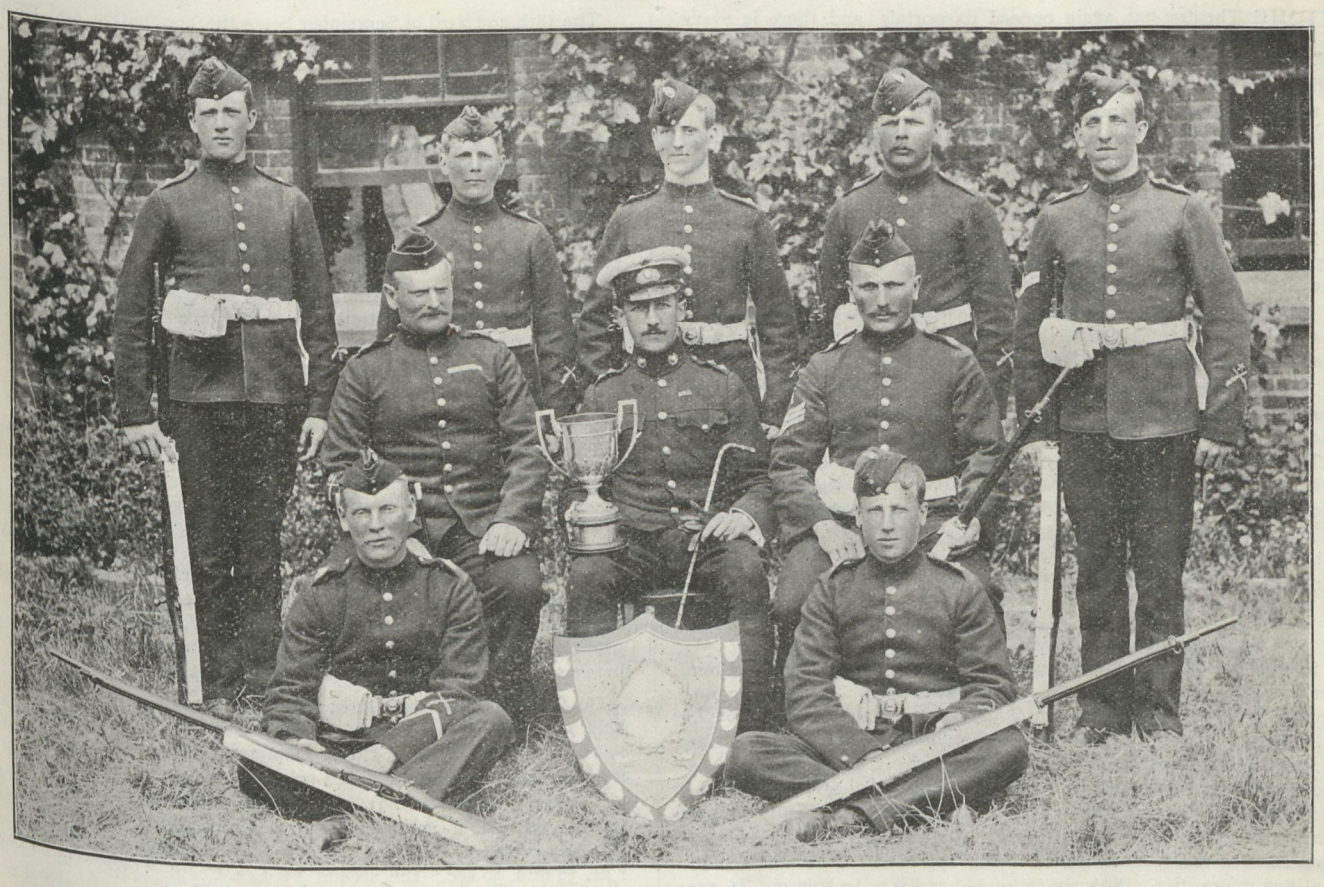
Q.M.S. Instructor of Infantry McKenzie, R.M.L.I., who has occupied the position of First Drill at Forton Barracks for some time past, was discharged to pension on Thursday, Oct. 1st. Mr. McKenzie has secured the appointment of Chief Instructor on the training ship *Hamble*. We are sure all members of the Portsmouth Division will wish him every good luck in his new appointment.

THE CHATHAM DIVISION, R.M.L.I.

TEAM THAT WON THE WARREN CHALLENGE CUP AND SCOUTS' COMPETITION, GRAVESEND, 1903.



Top Row, reading from left to right—Ptes. Possee, Kilby, Gaskin, Bushell, and Corpl. Mugridge.
Second Row—Q.M.S.I. Crozier, Lieut. H. Channer, and Sergt. Willsher.
Front Row—Pte. Orbell* and Pte. Knock.†

* 2nd Prize "Young Soldiers," Coburg Cup, 1903—Score 94. † 1st Prize, "Young Soldiers," Coburg Cup, 1903—score 98.

We take the following from an account of the presentation of prizes to the 3rd V.B. Royal Highlanders, by Earl Roberts, K.G., *V.C.*, which appeared in the "Dundee People's Journal" on 22nd Aug.:—

"The presentation of prizes by Lord Roberts was most interesting, and at times very amusing. The entire audience laughed when Drum-Major Davidson came forward for his award. Dressed in full Highland uniform, with the feather bonnet adding a foot to his stature he towered above "Bobs" like a giant looking down on a school boy. The appearance of the two was so odd that the audience simply roared; of course it was the fact that the "school boy" was the head of the British Army that tickled the visible faculties of those present."

The Drum-Major Davidson referred to is an Ex-Colour-Sergeant, R.M.L.I., and is also a Pensioner Recruiter, R.M., in Dundee.

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The Secretary of State for War gives notice that an examination of candidates for Commissions in the Army will be held on November 24th and following days, when some Commissions in the Royal Marine Light Infantry may also be given. The next examination of candidates for cadetships at the Royal Military Academy will also begin on 24th November, when some Commissions in the Royal Marine Artillery may also be given. Candidates for Commissions in the Royal Marine Forces must notify their desire for these appointments to the Secretary to the Admiralty, Whitehall, S.W.

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A guard of Honour of the Royal Marine Light Infantry was mounted at Port Victoria on the return of His Majesty from the Continent on 4th September.

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A CRIMEAN TROPHY.—A Reuter telegram from Odessa, dated Aug. 8th, says:—"The town authorities have just decided to place a gun, which was taken from Her Majesty's ship *Tiger* in 1854, in a prominent position in the public park here. The gun, which weighs upwards of four tons, was presented to the town at the conclusion of the Crimean war, and ever since then has lain in one of the barracks. The inscription which will be placed on the pedestal reads as follows:—'A gun, taken from the British man-of-war *Tiger*, which surrendered after battle on 30th April, 1854, to the troops of the Odessa garrison. The *Tiger* was blown up and sunk. The gun was recovered from the wreck in May, 1854. This trophy was presented to the town by the Emperor Nicholas I. in memory of the victory of 30th April, 1854.' It is interesting to note that the *Tiger* ran ashore in a dense fog." Lt.-Col. R. T. Ansell, R.M.A., was the officer in command of the detachment on H.M.S. *Tiger*, and was taken prisoner.

Home Notes

EASTNEY.

THE Theatre has again opened its portals, and there is every prospect of a successful season under the management of Major Kappey, assisted by Sergt. T. J. Kerr, though Major Hire, who has embarked in H.M.S. *Sans Pareil*, will be much missed. Last month a performance of "The Lancers," helped out by "varieties," was given in aid of the R.M.A. Benevolent Fund, and realized upwards of £17, and on the 29th ult. a Variety Entertainment was given in aid of the widow of Musn. Barnes, who recently died of consumption.

The Officers were "At Home" on the Mess Lawn on the 1st and 15th September, the latter occasion being well attended, though the weather was cold and unseasonable.

Surgeon Smith, R.N., (attached to Eastney), with his partner, Miss Laurie, won the 2nd Prize in the Mixed Doubles at the U.S. Lawn Tennis Tournament on the Recreation Ground.

Another large picture has been hung in the Officers' Mess Room on the south-west panel. It is a very finely executed copy, by J. Edward Goodall, R.B.A., of George Arnald's (A.R.A.), famous painting of "The Battle of the Nile," now in the Painted Hall at the R.N.C., Greenwich. The scene pourtrays the battle about midnight, at the moment when the French Admiral's (Bruey) flagship, the *Orient*, of 120 guns, after taking fire, blew up. It was this victory of Nelson's which shattered all Bonaparte's Oriental schemes for ever, and gave England the command of the Mediterranean.

CHATHAM

Several old officers will remember the yacht *Idalia*. I cannot obtain her authentic history as, to the present generation, it is lost in antiquity, but from the recollection of the oldest inhabitant she came to this Division about the year 1863, being handed over to us by the Master-Attendant of the Dockyard. Originally a ship's launch, she was decked over and made into a cutter yacht, being very comfortable and suitable for her purpose. They did the boat up annually in the Dockyard, but in 1871 refused to refit her, and Mr. Childers (then First Lord of the Admiralty), on being appealed to, gave orders to continue the repairs. Now she is too old and is to be sold out of our service. The yacht was never on charge, and we cannot get her replaced. She has spent a good deal of time on the muddy banks of the Medway, and caused many subalterns to miss parade, but did her duty well, gave much pleasure, and afforded instruction in sailing to many.

The Members of the Sergeants' Mess held their Annual Summer Outing in delightful weather on the 27th August, and this year went by train to Margate, instead of the usual drive in the country. Including friends, the party, numbering 120, reached Margate at 11.30 a.m., where they separated until dinner at half-past twelve. This was served at Munn's Terrace Hotel. The Members then again sought their own amusements, which they selected from a printed card of entertainments supplied to each, and tea was provided at 5 o'clock. The return to Chatham commenced at 7 p.m., and barracks were reached about nine. A pleasant day was wound up with songs in the Mess.

Clr.-Sergt. Mohr is to be congratulated upon being the first to win the Coronation Cup with a score of 98, and the Barnett Cup with the same total. Both are fired for under the same conditions The latter was presented in 1890, and the highest number of points that have won it was 101, made in 1897 by Staft-Sergt. C. Lane. In the weekly Club shoot for a silver spoon, Sergts. Mugridge and Geater have each secured a third spoon with scores of 98 and 97 respectively.

The Cycle Club had a pleasant outing on the 19th Sept. The run was to High Halstow where they were hospitably entertained by the Rev. Thos. Longfield, the Rector, and played a cricket match against the village eleven. The cricket of the Club was not up to its cycling form, and they were defeated rather easily, but the President performed the "hat trick," and took nine wickets, of which he was very proud. Q.M.S. Dunk proved a remarkable longstop, and did not let "*one*" ball pass, whilst Clr.-Sergt. Tully (foreman-of-works) shaped well, and a catch to Sergt. Rock, the master-shoemaker, was safe. The Rev. F. Flynn, our Chaplain, who organized the outing, acted as umpire.

The 18th and 23rd of September being the nomination and polling days for the election of a Member of Parliament to represent Rochester, the troops in garrison were confined to barracks, so we held sports on the parade. The bayonet combat was won by A Company, but the boxing contests were the most popular amusement, and brought some good talent to the front; Ptes. Williams and Scott did well, as did also Sergt. Orgar, and the Buglers contests for boys under 15 years old, and between 15 and 18, were very keen, with lots of blood. The Band helped to enliven a pleasant afternoon. We only had about 30 voters on the register, including reservists, and do not seem to have taken much interest in the election.

Lieut. A. W. Delves Broughton has undergone an operation for appendicitis and is in hospital. He is now on a fair way to recovery, although at one time his condition was critical.

PORTSMOUTH.

This month has been very eventful, as we have been finishing up our summer amusements. The Rifle Meeting, Tattoo, and Matches for the Cricket Challenge Cup have all been played.

The Torchlight Tattoo was held on Sept. 3rd, and we were fortunate enough to secure the only decent warm night that we have experienced this summer; this was all the more fortunate as the night had to be advanced owing to the Band being required to embark in the Royal Yacht for duty with H.M. the Queen. The Tattoo resulted in a profit of £37, which has been handed to the Col.-Comdt. to be divided between the Benevolent Fund and Cadet Corps.

On September the 3rd a most successful go-as-you-please race was held for Members of the Football Team; the course was from Forton to Fareham, Stubbington, Chark Common, Rowner and home,—the total distance was 13·6 miles and prizes were awarded to all competitors who completed the distance in two hours. 12 competitors started, and eight completed the distance under the stated time. The first prize was won by Corpl. H. J. Wiseman in the fine time of 1 hr. 30 min. 30 sec.; the second by Lce.-Corpl. Drewry in 1 hr. 36 min.; third, Lce.-Corpl. Cam, 1 hr. 36 min. 40 sec.; fourth, Lce.-Sergt. Durham, 1 hr. 39 min. 50 sec; fifth, Pte. E. Clayton, 1 hr. 43 min. 30 sec.; sixth, Sergt. Humphrey, 1 hr. 47 min.; seventh, Pte. Gravestock, 1 hr. 53 min.; eighth, Sergt. Newman, 2 hrs. The arrangements were most successfully carried out by Clr.-Sergt. Warner and Sergt. Newman.

The Company Challenge Cup was decided on Sept. 23rd, when C Coy. decisively defeated A Coy. by 60 runs.

The football team has made a most successful *debut*, having beaten Fareham in Portsmouth League by 2 goals to 0. Great interest is being displayed in football now, and all the practices and trainings are well attended. We have lately altered the position of the ground, and had it properly roped off and made more convenient for spectators.

The officers' hockey team is also under way, but has lost its first match *v*, the R.N. College.

The winter performances have commenced in the theatre, and everything points to a successful season.

BILLIARDS.—A large number of members of the corps assembled in the library at Forton Barracks on Wednesday evening, Sept. 30th, on the occasion of a billiard match between teams representing the sergeants and the corporals. Some good play was witnessed on both sides, and, in the result, the sergeants won by five games, or 179 points. The following were the scores:—

Sergeants: Lce.-Sergt. Lloyd 123, Sergt.-Major Battin 150, Sergt. Sparkes 150, Sergt. Brown 142, Sergt F. Cooper 118, Sergt. Porter 150, Sergt. Sperring 150, Sergt. Bell 150. Total 1,133.

Corporals: Corpl. Henning 150, Corpl. Hubbard 141, Corpl. Taylor 64, Corpl. Hill 150, Corpl. Dunn 150, Corpl. Cole 92, Corpl. Lemon 127, Corpl. Fry 89. Total 963.

31 days.

OCTOBER, 1903.

1	Thur.	Capture of Port Royal, Nova Scotia, 1709. Bias Bay, China, 1849.
2	Frid.	Battalion landed at Balaclava, 1854.
3	Sat.	Manchester subscribed £5000 and raised 1065 recruits for the Corps between February and this date, 1793. Divisional horses provided for use of Brevet Officers, 1825.
4	**Sun.**	Attack on Fort Nicoleif by *Sidon* and *Inflexible*, 1854.
5	Mon.	Hango and Eckness, 1855.
6	Tues.	Manilla, 1762. Mergui, Burmah, captured, 1824.
7	Wed.	Capitulation of Copenhagen, 1807. Thau-ta-Bain, Burmah, captured 1824.
8	Thur.	*Albacore* engaged off Gros Nez, 1804.
9	Frid.	Attack on Prome, Burmah, 1852.
10	Sat.	Assault and capture of Shinhae, 1841. Colours presented to Woolwich Division by H.R.H. The Duke of Clarence, 1827.
11	**Sun.**	Battle of Camperdown, 1790.* Defence of Lemmerton, West Freisland, 1797.*(*1*)
12	Mon.	Sir J. B. Warren's action with French Squadron and capture of *Hoche* off the coast of Ireland, defeating the attempt to invade that country, 1798.* Tinghae, 1841.
13	Tues.	Surrender of Pekin, 1860* (*2*) *Terpsichore* captured *Mahonesa*, 1796.*
14	Wed.	Defeat of French Fleet by Hawke, 1747. Near Elmina, Ashantee, 1873.
15	Thur.	Akimfoo and Ampenee, Ashantee, destroyed, 1873. Kinsale capitulated, 1st and 2nd. Marines, 1690. (Edye's History).
16	Frid.	Capture of Omoa, 1779.
17	Sat.	Sebastopol bombarded by Fleet, 1854. Kinburn, Baltic, 1855.
18	**Sun.**	Relief of Gibraltar, 1783.
19	Mon.	Operations at Isle of France commence and end 3rd December, 1810, with its capture.
20	Tues.	*Crescent* and *Reunion*, 1793.* *Fisgard* captured *L'Immortalité* escaped from action of 12th inst., 1798. (*4*)* Navarino, 1827.*
21	Wed.	Lord Northbrook, first Lord of the Admiralty, inspects Royal Marine Camel Corps, at Cairo, 1884.
22	Thur.	Off Cape Francois, defeat of French Fleet, 1757. Trafalgar, 1805.*
23	Frid.	Boats of *Renommée*, at Colon, Marjoca, 1806.
24	Sat.	*Andromache* captured *Trave*, 1813.
		Silver Gorgets first worn, 1769. Capture and destruction of barrier Forts, Canton, 1856.
25	**Sun.**	Balaklava, 1854. Occupation and capture of Dutch Folly Fort, Canton, 1856. *Hermione* cut out by boats of *Surprise*, 1799.*
26	Mon.	Attack on Fort and Village of Judgespore, Indian Mutiny, 1858.
27	Tues.	Escabeo, Ashantee, 1873. Portsmouth Division presented with Colours by H.R.H. The Duke of Clarence, 1827. Vitu expedition, 1890.
28	Wed.	Order-in-Council raising 1st Regiment of Marines, "The Admiral's Regiment," (Edye's History), 1664. Goza surrendered and occupied by Marines under Captain Cresswell, 1799. D.A.A.G. to the Corps created by Order-in-Council, 1892.
29	Thur.	Lines before Negapatam stormed, 1781 (*3*). Banda Niera captured, 1810. Trieste, 1813. Entrance into Canton, through breach in south wall, 1856.
30	Fri.	Martaban, Burmah, 1824.
31	Sat.	Boats of *Tigre* engaged off Damietta, 1799.

(*1*)—Lieut. Wyburne, &c., and 150 Rank and File.
(*2*)—Colonel Gascoigne and Battalion.
(*3*)—443 Rank and File.
(*4*)—Gallantry of Lieut. Gerrard ; presented with sword of honour by his comrades.
* Actions for which the Naval War Medal or Clasp was given.

The Editor whould be glad if any of our readers who can give additional information or corrections would kindly communicate with him.

DEPOT.

The month of August has been very gay. On the 11th, 12th and 13th the Rifle Meeting took place at Kingsdown Range, on the latter date the officers were "At Home" to their friends, and a competition was held for ladies. Mrs. Chown (31) and Mrs. Godfrey (30) won the 1st and 2nd prizes awarded to Depot ladies, and Miss D. Treanor (31) won the 1st prize for visiting ladies. Captain Stopford won the officers' competition with 91 out of 100. On the 21st the officers gave a dance in the gymnasium, which was very prettily decorated for the occasion. About 250 guests were invited and dancing was kept up to three o'clock. On Saturday, 22nd, a torchlight tattoo took place on the cricket green and was a great success. The night proved an ideal one, no wind or rain and not too light. The cricket green was surrounded with a chain of fairy lights which were suspended from poles. The programme commenced with the sounding of 'First Post' by the buglers, then there were lantern marches, display by the gymnastic instructors, the lime-light being kept on them while performing different exercises on the parallel bars and vaulting horse, physical drill by the 'A' detachment of the Cadet Corps, a bicycle lantern ride and lastly, savage warfare, after which all the partakers advanded in line and halted while the band played 'God Save the King.' A very large number of people attended, and as a result the Benevolent Fund of the Depot benefited substantially. Great credit is due to Capt. Tupman, Q.M.S.I. of Inf. Peaty, and all who took part in the display.

Foreign News.

MEDITERRANEAN.

On August 31st, at the Gymnasium, Gibraltar, there was decided one of the most interesting and exciting pugilistic encounters ever witnessed on the Station, when the well-known boxer Lce.-Sergt. McFadden, R.M.A., H.M.S. *Good Hope*, Heavyweight Champion of the Army and Navy for the year 1902, met the equally renowned Mediterranean Heavy-weight Champion Pte. H. T. Butt, H.M.S. *Gladiator*. Both men were splendidly matched, the favour being slightly with McFadden so far as physique and training were concerned. The purse of £20—which was subscribed by the officers of the ships concerned—was awarded in £15 to the winner and £5 to the loser. Appended is a brief *resumê* of the rounds fought:—*Round 1.*—Considerable caution was naturally displayed in this round, both men sparring for an opening which McFadden attempted with a straight left which fell short, Butt retaliating with a left upper cut which McFadden neatly dodged. *Round 2.*—In this round McFadden got home with both hands, his blows, however, appeared to lack force, whilst the hard left sent in by Butt evidently distressed his opponent and woke him up to the possibilities of the situation. *Round 3.*—McFadden led with a rush, which Butt avoiding left the former to continue his career harmlessly to the ropes. Much wild play ensued, during which Butt—by way of variety—got in a right upper cut. *Round 4.*—Butt was obviously the better man in this bout and the sound of the gong must have been very welcome to McFadden. *Rounds 5–9.*—Butt was unmistakably master, McFadden going down three times in a similar number of rounds. In the ninth round, with right and left on the chin, Butt floored his man who was unable to respond to "time."

Thus ended a well and hard-fought contest, and it must be a source of consolation to the loser to feel that the victory rested with a more experienced and scientific fighter than himself.

J. Cameron, Lce.-Sergt. H.M.S. *Gladiator*.

BERMUDA.

Commissioners' House, 28th August, 1903.

Dear Sirs,

Not having seen in the *G. & L.* any news from the Royals at Bermuda, I venture to send some which may be interest to some of the members of the corps who have been stationed here at some time or other, hoping you will find room to enter it in the corps paper when convenient.

The Marines of Commissioners' House played a most enjoyable game of cricket with the single men of the dockyard, which ended in a very easy win for the Marines by 49 runs. The scores were:—

Single Men's C.C.		Marines C.H.C.C.	
Gambrill, bowled Mould	3	Lieut. Hare, l.b.w. Attley	18
Long, c. Dunbar, b. Hare	0	Poulter, bowled Attley	10
Taffs, bowled Mould	0	Poole, c. and b. Attley	3
Johns, bowled Hare	1	Greatwich, bowled Long	8
Elliott, bowled Hare	0	Latham, c. and b. Attley	0
Tapson, not out	14	Crate, bowled Attley	3
Attley, bowled Hare	5	Dunbar, not out	13
Derrick, bowled Hare	2	Mould, bowled Long	5
Searle, bowled Mould	2	Ward, bowled Attley	1
Russell, bowled Latham	2	Ricks, c. and b. Long	10
Collins, bowled Mold	2	Terry, bowled Long	4
Extras	3	Extras	6
Total	34	Total	81

Single Men's 2nd Innings. Attley, bowled Hare, 0; Tapson, bowled Latham, 13; Gambrill, bowled Latham, 28; Long, not out, 3; Taffs, bowled Latham, 4; Searle, c. Crate, b. Mould, 1; Extras 3. Total 52 for five wickets. For the Marines, Lieut. Hare took 5 for 10, Mould 4 for 11, and Latham 3 for 6.

Match played on 1st August, 1903:—

H.M.S. "Indefatigable."		Marines C.H.C.C.	
Elford, bowled Mould	0	Terry, bowled Lowe	10
Brown, bowled Mould	0	Dunbar, c. and b. Lowe	3
Featherstone, c. and b. Latham	13	Poole, bowled Knight	0
Lowe, bowled Mould	0	Poulter, bowled Knight	19
Selway, bowled Mould	7	Greatwich, not out	2
Grant, c. and b. Mould	11	Ricks, run out	6
Stratton, bowled Mould	5	Crate, bowled Selway	5
Knight, c. Latham, b. Chapman	20	Mould, bowled Grant	2
Smith, not out	5	Latham, c. and b. Grant	1
Marshall, c. Poulter, b. Chapman	3	Chapman, bowled Grant	1
Carturell, bowled Mould	4	Edmunds. c. and b. Grant	1
Extras	3	Extras	3
Total	71	Total	52

In the second innings the Ship's team made 54, leaving the Marines 71 to win, Poulter taking 7 wickets for 12 runs for the House team. The House going in again scored 35 for 2 wickets, Poulter 25 not out and Latham 10 not out. The Ship winning by 17 runs on the first innings.

The return match was played on Saturday, 22nd August, the Marines this time winning by 45 runs, for the Marines took 12 wickets for 38 runs, and Mould 6 wickets for 12 runs. Scores as follows:—

H.M.S. "Indfeatigable."

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.
Salway, bowled Latham	3	c. and b. Mould
Sutton, bowled Latham	10	bowled Latham
Featherstone, bowled Latham	0	bowled Mould
Lowe, c. Poulter, b. Latham	18	bowled Mould
Wright, bowled Latham	0	bowled Mould
Knight, bowled Latham	1	not out
Smith, not out	2	bowled Latham
Efford, c. Poulter, b. Latham	0	bowled Latham
Marshall, bowled Latham	0	c. Dunbar, b. Poulter
Caturell, c. Latham, b Mould	1	c. Ward, b Latham
Grant, c. and b. Poulter	0	c. Dunbar, b. Mould
Extras	3	
Total	38	

Marines' C.H.C.C.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.
Poulter, c. and b. Wright	9	c. Lowe, b. Sutton
Dunbar, c. and b. Wright	11	bowled Wright
Poole, c. Grant b. Wright	4	not out
Greatwich, bowled Wright	0	c. Marshall, b. Grant
Latham, bowled Salway	12	c. and b. Salway
Hottlnott, c. aud b. Salway	0	bowled Salway
Ricks, bowled Wright	5	c. Marshall, b. Grant
Mould, not out	2	c, and b. Wright
Crate, run out	5	c. and b. Sutton
Ward, c. Grant, b. Salway	3	run out
Terry, bowled Wright	5	bowled Lowe
Extras	3	
Total	59	

Cricket.

R.M.A.

Matches played, 12; won 6; lost 4; drawn 2. 27 officers and men have represented the regiment during the season, and for the second year in succession the same eleven has never played twice. Lieut. Foster and Gnr. Russell have never batted without making runs.

BATTING AVERAGES, 1903.

	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Total Runs.	Most in Innings.	Average.
Sergt. Reynolds	10	1	412	182*	45·77
Lieut. Foster	13	1	335	50	27·92
Gnr. Russell	12	—	326	104	27·17
Lieut. Jollye	14	3	274	89	24·91
Capt. Harding	7	1	130	53*	21·66
Capt. Dobrée	5	2	58	30*	19 33
Lieut Cantrell	10	—	147	56	14·70
Lieut. Morgan	8	2	62	18	10·33
Pte Oakes	8	—	82	27	10 25
Surg Smith	8	—	72	18	9·00
Pte. Aves	11	—	83	26	7·55
Lieut. Lushington	9	—	43	12	4·81
Sergt. Gaubert	11	2	35	11	3 88

The following batted less than five times: Col. Tatham 14, 18, 49, 47*; Lieut. Chancellor 1*, 14*, 0, 0; 2nd Lieut. F. C. N. Bishop 14, 4, 14, 18; Major Brittan 12, 112, 27; Lieut. Woodcock 5*, 8; Lieut. Briscoe 5, 12*, Colonel Gaitskell 2; Major Trotter 0; Sergt. Kelly 2; Gnr. McKiernin 28; Lieut. Wright 19; Lieut. Rutledge 2*; Capt. Kendle 0; Lieut. Durrant 0.

* *Signifies Not Out.*

BOWLING ANALYSIS:—

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Gnr. Russell	29	6	78	11	7·09
Capt Dobrée	41	5	170	16	10 62
Sergt. Gaubert	207·3	35	591	54	10·94
Lieut. Foster	142	21	399	27	14·77
Lieut. Cantrell	19·1	4	73	4	18 25
Lieut. Jollye	55·3	7	214	9	23·77
Lieut.-Col. Gaitskell	3	1	7	1	
Pte. Oakes	3·3	—	16	—	
Lieut. Lushington	14	1	56	1	
Lieut. Morgan	1	—	2	1	
2nd Lieut. Rutledge	4	—	8	—	
Sergt. Reynolds	2	—	10	—	
2nd Lieut. Durrant	7	—	37	2	

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

BATTING AVERAGES, 1903:—

	No. of Innings	Runs	Highest Score	Not Out	Average
Lieut. Hickson	11	365	99	2	40·6
Capt. Kitcat	14	339	43*	3	30·8
Lieut. Locke	7	171	65	1	28·5
Pte. Upton	10	204	90	2	25·5
Dr. Sheward	20	381	79	1	20
Pte. Ottignon	20	378	135*	1	19·9
Sergt. Colley	8	152	68	0	19
Lieut. Laing	22	322	85	1	15·3
Capt. Shine	5	74	3	0	14·8
Capt. Hutchison	15	203	59	1	14·5
Lieut. Field	13	128	40	3	12·8
Lieut. Goldsmith	18	187	74*	3	12·5
Sergt. Sperring	6	59	34*	1	11·8
Major Beith	5	47	21*	1	11·8
Lieut. Clutterbuck	17	166	23	2	11·1
Lieut. Garnier	11	120	24	0	10·8
Lieut, Home	5	42	22	0	8·4
Pte. Jackson	11	19	5*	5	8·2

* *Signifies Not Out.*

BOWLING AVERAGES:—

	Overs	Runs	Wickets	Average
Lieut. Laing	25	74	12	6·2
Capt. Hutchison	40	157	23	6·8
Capt. Little	16	37	5	7·4
Lieut. Colley	22	63	6	10·3
Lieut. Field	63	192	16	12
Lieut. Garnier	23	108	9	12
Capt. Finlaison	33	104	8	12·7
Pte. Ottignon	157	411	32	12·8
Lieut. Goldsmith	89	348	27	12·9
Capt. Shine	62	214	16	13·4
Pte. Upton	102	345	26	13·5
Lieut. Clutterbuck	26	100	5	16·6
Pte. Jackson	143	516	29	17·7

Matches Played 24; Won 13; Lost 10; Drawn 1.

CHATHAM.

A Chatham correspondent forwards us the following remarks on the season's cricket at that Division:—

On the whole the season has been successful, as we managed to win nine matches out of 16, but of course we had a great many more matches on our card, which never came off owing to the thoroughly English weather we had during a greater part of the season. It has certainly been the worst summer I can remember for cricket, and, with the exception of the first three or four matches we have not had the semblance of a good, dry, fast wicket. As usual, the team varied very considerably, owing to the continual changes which take place at our Divisions, and from quite a good one at the beginning of the season, it dwindled down to rather a bad one at the end. We were very unfortunate in losing Capt. Finlaison comparitively early in the summer, and the manœuvres' greedy maw engulfed Captains Little, Hull, and Richmond, for the best part of six weeks at the end. Four of the team achieved an average of over twenty, which was very creditable, considering the year. Lieut Montgomery headed the list with an average of 35·5 for 17 innings, and also did some very good bowling performances. Lieut. Farmer who joined us in June from Greenwich, turned out to be a valuable addition to the team, and, although he had very bad luck, played several pretty innings. The bowling was, on the whole, better than is usual at our Divisions, and for a great wonder there was no dearth of it.

A combined naval and marine team played two two-day matches, one against the *Zingari*, which we won easily by an innings, and the other against the Free Foresters, who beat us by six wickets. We also had two matches at Portsmouth, against Forton and Eastney, which would have been a most enjoyable trip for us, if it hadn't turned out hopelessly wet on the second day when we were to have played the blue marines.

I am sorry to say that the practice nets up at the new ground were very badly patronised throughout the season, especially those of the N.C.O.'s and men, and we did not get any opportunity of seeing what talent we had amongst them.

I hope next year it will be different, and that we shall be able to start company matches quite early in the season, and so raise more enthusiasm in the game.

The averages are given below:—

R.M.L.I. CHATHAM.

BATTING AVERAGES, 1903.

	No. of Innings.	Highest Score.	Times Not Out.	Total Runs.	Average.
Lieut. Montgomery	17	140*	1	568	35·5
Capt. Little	5	91	0	173	34 6
Capt. Chichester	16	87	2	302	21 5
Capt. Richmond	13	59	0	261	20·7
Lieut. G Shewell	5	65	0	91	18 2
Capt. Finlaison	8	84	0	139	17.2
Lieut. Welch	4	16	2	34	17
Capt. Morgan	15	74*	2	212	16 2
Lieut. Eagles	13	33*	3	145	14·5
Lieut. Farmer	6	47	0	86	14·3
Private Williams	18	45	0	232	12 8
Lieut. A. M. Shewell	10	54	1	96	10·5
Lieut. Stoddart	5	11	0	17	3·4
Lieut. Broughton	6	12	0	26	4·3
Lieut. Waller	7	5	0	10	1·4
Lieut. Stewart	4	2	1	4	1·3

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Private Williams	55	9	118	16	7 3
Lieut. Montgomery	160.5	36	428	39	10·8
Capt. Morgan	225	50	557	43	12 9
Capt. Finlaison	120·4	22	335	25	13·4
Lieut. Waller	32	4	90	6	15 5
Capt. Little	85	24	230	16	16'4
Capt. Chichester	99	14	289	16	18·4

Matches played 16; won 9; lost 5; drawn 2.

* *Signifies Not Out.*

DEPOT.

The Depot finished a fairly successful Cricket Season on Saturday, August 30th, having played 28 matches, won 13, lost 9, drawn 6. The following are the averages.

	No. of Innings.	*Times Not Out.*	*Runs made.*	*Highest Score.*	*Average.*
Sergt. Sutcliffe	29	5	839	101*	34·23
Major Wray	20	4	358	73*	22·6
Lieut.-Col. Quill ..	23	4	385	51	20·5
Capt. Stopford	19	1	325	71*	18·1
Capt. Godfrey	21	1	307	54	15·7
Sergt. Murphy	19	3	250	68	15·10
Private Richardson ..	18	3	238	60	15.13
Capt. Tupman ..	27	1	364	68	14
Capt. Hobbs	25	1	323	66	13·11
Sergt. Sykes	22	3	188	31	9·17
Capt. Clark	20	2	104	36	5·14
Private Larkin	9	5	20	8	5

* *Signifies Not Out.*

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	*Maidens.*	*Runs.*	*Wickets.*	*Average.*
Lieut.-Col. Quill ..	46	11	112	11	10·15
Sergt. Sutcliffe ..	457	95	1326	121	10·9
Capt. Hobbs	446	79	1282	116	11·05
Private Richardson ..	72	17	193	15	12.86
Private Larkin	51	6	197	7	26·71

Shooting.

ACTIVE SERVICE CUP.

Team	*Hits*	*Points deducted*	*Times of march.*	*Total points.*
Depot, Royal Marines*	47	Nil	54min. 47sec.	47—winner.
R.M.A. ..	49	4	57min. 20sec.	45—2nd.
R.M.L.I., Portsmouth	38	Nil	57min. 40sec.	38—3rd.
R.M.L.I., Chatham	37	2	57min. 40sec.	35—4th.
R.M.L.I., Plymouth†	18	Nil	59min. 32sec.	18—5th.

* Four men fell out during march.
† One man fell out during march.

Targets beyond 400 yards were seen only by means of field glasses, the targets being located by a small flag.

J. H. OLDFIELD, Lieut.-Col, R.M.L.I.,
Chief Umpire.

"PORTSMOUTHH TIMES" CHALLENGE TROPHY.

This was fired on the Browndown Ranges on the 26th September. The competition was for 1 officer, 1 sergeant, and 14 rank and file, 16 rounds of ammunition per man, officer and sergeant did not fire. The competing teams were started at intervals of ¾ hour from Gosport Hard, and marched viâ Brockhurst, Bridgemary, Peel Common, Charkfarm, back to Brockhurst, and then down the Military Road to Browndown—a distance of 9¼ miles, for which 2hrs. 20mins. were allowed. On arrival there an attack was carried out on a position on which small targets were dotted about; the teams had to advance taking cover, and generally under Service conditions. In addition to the hits, 10 points were allowed for method of carrying out practice. The cup was won by the Sheerness Gunnery School, who tied with the R.M.L.I. (Ports.) in total points, but were given cup as they made 39 hits against 35, but they only obtained three for drill, as they made no attempt to carry out the attack under Service conditions, but marched up the range almost in slow time. Points given below :—

	Hits	*Drill*	*Total*	
Sheerness Gunnery School	39	3	42	equal
R.M.L.I., Portsmouth	35	7	42	
R.M.A.	33	8	41	
"Excellent" II Team ..	25	8	33	
,, I Team ..	21	7	28	
Sherwood Foresters ..	16	6	22	

The team from the 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade failed to complete the march.

CHATHAM.

CORONATION CUP.

	200	*500*	*600*	*Tot*
Colour-Sergt. Mohr ..	33	34	31	9
Q.M.S. Kay ..	31	33	31	9
Sergeant Allen ..	33	28	33	9
,, Geater ..	31	33	29	9
,, Curtin ..	35	30	28	

BARNETT CUP.

Colour-Sergeant Mohr ..	33	33	32
Sergeant Mugridge ..	29	34	30
,, Curtin ..	32	32	29
Colour-Sergeant Braybrooke	32	31	29

Result of Match with Sergeants 4th Battalion Rifle Brigade, on Wednesday, 19th August.

R.M.L.I.		RIFLE BRIGADE.	
Sergeant Mugridge ..	94	Sergeant White ..	
,, Webb ..	94	S.M. Mitchell ..	
,, Pumplin ..	92	S.I.M. Howard ..	
Colour-Sergt. Mohr ..	90	Sergeant Cullen ..	
Sergeant Curtin ..	90	,, Jolley ..	
,, Allen ..	88	,, Morrell ..	
Q.M.S. Hammond ..	84	,, Fryer ..	
Sergeant Geater ..	82	,, Hancock ..	
Total	713	Total	65
Average, 89·1		Average, 81·6	

Won by 60 points.

W. H. ALLEN, Sergt.,
Sec., R.M. Club.

Prize winners, 13th Detachment—Ptes. A. J. Mallett 225, H. A. Foster, 221, H. C. Gammon 212; Corpls. A. W. Miller 210, H. E. Meffin 205.

PORTSMOUTH.

Portsmouth Divisional Rifle Meeting, held at Browndown on the 7th and 8th September, 1903.

Series A, Recruits 200 yards.—Ptes. T. Armstrong, 33 points, 15/-; F. Suller, 32/-, 10/-; G. J. Snell, 30, 7/6. 20 prizes, 25's counted out.

Recruits 500 yards.—Ptes. P. Sutclifle, 32, 15/-; F. Armstrong, 10/-; H. J. Rust, 30, 7/6. 20 prizes, 22's counted out.

Series B, Rank and File 200 yards.—Lance-Sergt. W. Willcock, £1; Lance-Corpls. A. C. Budd, 32, 12/6; W. Gouldstone, 32, 7/6. 18 prizes, 29 counted out.

Rank and File, 500 yards.—Lance-Corpl. T. Lea, 35, £1; Lance-Sergt. W. Willcock, 34, 12/6; Lance-Corpl. F. Tadd, 33, 7/6. 18 prizes, 26 counted out.

Series C, Sergeants 200 yards.—Sergts. F. J. Cooper, 33, £1; A. E. Goodall, 33, 15/-; Colour.-Sergt. J. J. Childs, 33, 15s. 15 prizes, 28 counted out.

Sergeants, 500 yards.—S.M. J. Battin, 35, £1; Sergt. G. Stapleton, 33, 15/-; Q.M.S. W. Clift, 32, 15/-. 16 prizes, four 26's counted out.

Aggregate, 600 yards, 30 best scores of all ranks at 200 and 500 yds.—Lance-Corpl. T. Lea, 99, £1; Lance-Sergt. W. Willcock, 91, 15/-; Capt. J. R. Garrett, 92, 10/-; Lance-Corpl. A. C. Budd, 91, 5/-; Colour-Sergt. J. J. Childs, 91, 7/6; Pte. T. Armstrong, 91, 5/-; Sergt. F. G. Stapleton, 90, 5/-; Capt. A. de W. Kitcat, 89, 5/-; Sergt. F. Cooper, 88, 5/-; S.M. J. Battin, 88, 5/-; Sergt. H. E. Sparks, 86, 5/-. Three of 86 counted out.

Colonel-Commandant's Prize.—H Co., 62, £3 10s.; F Co., 1st team, 52, £1 10s.

Company Challenge Cup (Tile competition).—D Co., 5, £1 15s. and Cup; G Co., 4, £1 1s.

Officers' Prize.—H Co., 9, £2; F Co., 7, £1.

Musketry and Assistant Musketry Instructors and Adjutant's Prize—

A—Snap Shooting, *200 yards.*—Pte. J. Simmonds, 21, 7/6; Lance-Corpl.-A. C. Budd, 20, 5/-; Pte. Didcock, 17, 2/-. 6 prizes.

B—Seven Rounds Magazine, 35 secs., 500 yards.—Pte. J. G. Jay, 28 points, 6/3; Lce.-Corpls. F. C. Cam, 28, 6/3; T. Lea, 27, 7/6. Five prizes.

Aggregate, 200 Snap Shooting, 500 Magazine.—Pte. J. G. Ball, 44 points, £1; Sergt. M. Sanders, 42, 15/-; Lce.-Corpl. T. Lea, 41, 3/4. Five Prizes.

Special Prizes. Aggregate. Series A, Recruits. Pte. T. Armstrong, 65 points, silver watch. *Series B, Rank and File.*—Lce.-Sergt. W. Willcock, 68, silver watch. *Series C, Sergeants.*—S.M. J. Battin, 66, silver watch.

Revolver Competition.—Lce.-Corpl. T. Lea, 102 points, silver flower vase. Sergt. Sanders, 99, walking stick.

Running Man Competition.—Pte. H. Smith, 12 points, 7/6.

PLYMOUTH.

Results of Annual Rifle Meeting, Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I., held at Mount Batten, 14th, 15th, 17th, and 18th September, 1903.

MATCH I.—200, 500, and 600 yards. Bisley Targets.

			£ s. d.
Class I.			
1.—Q.M. Sergt. J. F. Richards	88 points		1 0 0
2.—Armr.-Sergt. A. E. Hermon	88 ,,		0 15 0
3.—Sergt. S. Hellier	85 ,,		0 10 0
4.—Sergt. J. T. Cady	84 ,,		0 5 0
5.—Q.M. Sergt. J. J. Warner	82 ,,		0 2 6
Class II.			
1.—Lce.-Corpl. J. Johnson	83 ,,		1 0 0
2.—Pte. Jourdan	75 ,,		0 15 0
3.—Pte. W. Coles	74 ,,		0 10 0
4.—Pte A. Willis	74 ,,		0 5 0
Class III.			
1.—Pte. N. Martin	84 ,,		1 0 0
2.—Pte. H. Doig	70 ,,		0 15 0
3.—Pte. W. Briggs	69 ,,		0 10 0
4.—Pte. A. Minns	68 ,,		0 5 0
5.—Lce.-Corpl. J. Pitt	62 ,,		0 2 6

MATCH II.—200, 500, and 600 yards. Vanishing Target, to appear 3, 4, and 5 seconds respectively. Seven shots, no sighter.

			£ s. d.
Class I.			
1.—Q.M. Sergt. J. J. Warner	42 points		1 0 0
2.—Sergt. S. Hellier	36 ,,		0 15 0
3.—Sergt.-Major T. Jolley	33 ,,		0 10 0
4.—Lce.-Sergt. Mellows	30 ,,		0 7 6
5.—Sergt. J. T. Cady	30 ,,		0 5 0
6.—Sergt. F. Hill	30 ,,		0 2 6
Class II.			
1.—Lce.-Corpl. J. Johnson	42 ,,		1 0 0
2.—Pte. H. Hall	33 ,,		0 15 0
3.—Pte. A. Willis	30 ,,		0 10 0
4.—Pte. A. Huggins	30 ,,		0 7 6
5.—Pte. W. Coles	30 ,,		0 5 0
6.—Pte. A. Minns	30 ,,		0 2 6
7.—Pte. Gill	27 ,,		0 2 6

MATCH III.—Officers. Conditions as in Match II.

1.—Lieut. H. S. Lloyd	33 points	Silver Cup

MATCH IV.—Company Challenge Shield. Six Privates and one N.C. Officer who will not shoot from each company. March from Laira Bridge to Mount Batten in one honr; fire 10 rounds, advancing from 500 to 200 yards; Vanishing Target; two rounds at each halt.

		£ s. d.
1.—"F" Company, Sergt. Macer	8 hits	2 2 0 and Shield
2.—"A" Company, Sergt. Cady	7 ,,	1 1 0
2.—"C" Company, Sergt. Hill	6 ,,	0 14 0

MATCH V.—N.C. Officers and Men afloat. Conditions as Match I.

		£ s. d.
1.—Corpl. Staughton, *Vivid*	80 points	0 10 0
2.—Pte. Godfrey, *Vivid*	71 ,,	0 5 0

MATCH VI.—Brinsmead. Open to teams of Six belonging to any one Company at Head-Quarters or Detachment afloat.

		£ s. d.
1.—"C" Company	14 hits	1 16 0
2.—"E" Company	12 ,,	0 18 0
3.—"A" Company	8 ,,	0 6 0

MATCH VII.—Tile Competition. Open to teams of Five belonging to any one Company at Head-Quarters or Detachment afloat.

	£ s. d.
1.—R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Vivid*	1 5 0
2.—R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Hogue*	0 12 6

MATCH VIII.—The Championship. First 30 in Matches I. and II., and I. and III. Seven rounds standing at 150 yards at a Vanishing Target.

1.—Sergt. T. Mee	5 hits	Silver Cup
2.—Lce.-Sergt. J. Coldrick	5 ,,	Silver Flask
3.—Clr.-Sergt. C. Shapland	5 ,,	Silver Match Box

BEST AGGREGATE.

		£ s. d.
Lce.-Corpl. J. Johnson	125 points	1 0 0

MATCH IX.—Revolver. Open to all ranks. 20 and 50 yards.

		£ s. d.
1.—Armr.-Sergt. A. Hermon	112 points	1 0 0
2.—Clr.-Sergt. C. Shapland	107 ,,	0 10 0
3.—Lieut. H. Lloyd	102 ,,	0 5 0

MATCH X.—All Comers. Limited to four Competitors from each Corps, Ship and C.R C. Seven rounds standing, 150 yards, moving figure.

			£ s. d.
1.—Q.M. Sergt. J. F. Richards		6 hits	1 0 0
2.—Tie.	Lieut. L. Norcock	5 ,,	0 7 6
3.—Tie.	Pte. A. Willis	5 ,,	0 7 6
4.—Pte. T. Wilson		5 ,,	0 5 0
5.—Lieut. H. Lloyd		5 ,,	0 2 6
6.—P.O. Burch, *Hogue*		5 ,,	0 2 6

MATCH XI.—Moving Target. All Ranks. Seven rounds standing at 150 yards.

		£ s. d.
1.—Sergt. Bamfield	6 hits	1 0 0
2.—Clr.-Sergt. Shapland	5 ,,	0 15 0
3.—Pte. Huggins	5 ,,	0 10 0
4.—Lce.-Sergt. Mellows	5 ,,	0 7 6
5.—Prov.-Sergt. Lawrence	4 ,,	0 5 0
6.—Pte. Martin	4 ,,	0 2 6

MATCH XII.—R.M.; R.F. Reserve. 600 yards, seven rounds, one sighter.

		£ s. d.
1.—Pte. S. R. Hodge	27 points	0 7 6

MATCH XIII.—Musketry Instructors Prizes. Open to Musketry Staff of past 12 months. Each Competitor allowed 14 rounds for eight tiles. Four tiles to be smashed at 200 yards, then advance to 150 yards for remainder.

1.—Sergt. Gregory, 8 tiles, Half-Dozen Tea Spoons and Sugar Tongs, in case.

2.—Sergt. Macer, 4 tiles, Teapot.

Athletic Sports.

The annual athletic sports of the Plymouth Division Royal Marine Light Infantry were held on the 27th August, at the Rectory Ground, Devonport, in wretched weather. The 28 events, though carried out under disadvantageous circumstances, were ably conducted by a committee of which Lieut.-Col J. W. Robyns was referee; Major A. H. Brabazon and Capts. E. H. Morres, and F. J. W. Cartwright, judges; and Capt. E. J. Stroud and F. A. Nelson, starters. At the close Mrs. Corbet, wife of Col.-Commandant A. D. Corbet, C.B., distributed the prizes. Principal results:—High jump, Pte. Nancarrow; 100 yds. (all ranks), Lce.-Sergt. Sturdy; half-mile (all ranks), Lce.-Corpl. Chatfield; 100 yds. (officers), Capt. Nelson; costume donkey race (officers), Lieut. J. H. de M. H. Knight; veterans' 220 yds. handicap (N.C.O.'s and men over 18 years' service), Pte. Norman; 440 yds. (sergeants), Sergt. Bulley; 440 yds. (rank and file), Lce.-Sergt. Sturdy; 440 yds. (men under three years' service), Lce.-Corpl. Chatfield; 200 yds. (all ranks), Lce.-Sergt. Sturdy; bayonet competition, F Co.; 120 yds. hurdle race, Corpl. Shepherd; tug-of-war (open to Navy and garrison), 1st Divisional team; company tug-of-war, H Co.; boats' crew race, 220 yds., Sergt. Bowden. The divisional challenge cup, to be held for 12 months, was won by Lce.-Sergt. Sturdy, as the winner of the largest number of events,

Marriages.

PARSONS—THOMAS—On September 9th, at the Cathedral, Rochester, by the Rev. H. A. Hicken, Vicar of St. Peter's, assisted by the Rev. E. J. Nash, Precentor of the Cathedral, Major Cunliffe McN. Parsons, R.M.L.I., son of Major-General J. E. B. Parsons, late I.S.C., to Christian Jeannette Paton, youngest daughter of Colonel Edgar Hastings Thomas, late I.S.C., Watts' Avenue, Rochester.

HANKEY—DE SMIDT—On Sept. 16th, at St, Mark's Church, Brighton, by the Rev. A. P. Spelman, assisted by the Rev. Alex Morgan, Vicar, Capt. Maurice Pascal Alers Hankey, Royal Marine Artillery, and of the Staff, Naval Intelligence Dept., Admiralty, to Adeline Hermine Gertrude Ernestine, daughter of Abraham de Smidt, Esq., late Surveyor-General of Cape Colony, of 18, Chesham Place, Brighton.

MAIRIS—YTURALDE—On the 28th Aug., at Lisbon, Edward Shuckburgh Mairis, Captain Royal Marines, younger son of General Geoffrey Mairis, to Catrine, only child of the late John Ferdinand Yturalde, of Edinburgh, and his wife, Marion Burgess, niece of Sir Daniel Burgess, and great grand-daughter of Ferdinand Yturalde, of Madrid.

NORTHMORE—GRITTON—On the 5th Sept., at St. Andrew's, Fulham, by the Rev. C. E. Curzon, Thomas Welby Northmore, B.A., eldest son of the Rev. T. W. Northmore, to Margaret Ainsworth, only daughter of Lieut.-Colonel H. Gritton. R.M.L.I. (Retired).

TUSON—JOHNSON—On the 2nd Sept., at All Saints', Churchill, Oxon, by the Rev. E. R. Mosley, Rector of Tortworth, Gloucestershire, assisted by the Rev. C. F. Thornewill, Vicar of Calverhall, Shropshire, and Rev. R. C. Faithfull, Rector of Glinton, near Peterborough, uncles of the bride, Lieut. Vernon Frederick Tuson, R.N., H.M.S. *London*, nephew of General Sir Henry Tuson, K.C.B., to Edith Louise Cave, daughter of the Rev. E. I. F. Johnson, Rector of Sarsden-cum-Churchill, Oxfordshire.

NOAKES—CHALKE—On the 20th Sept., 1903, at St. Michael's, Strand, London, James Noakes, late Col.-Sergt., R.M.L,I. (Po.) to Annie Chalke, late of Botley.

ELLISON—CLARKE—On Aug. 18th, at Parish Church, Battersea, Clr.-Sergt. J. F. Ellison, R.M.L.I., to Ellen Agnes Clarke.

JENKIN—NASH—On Aug. 22nd, at Parish Church, Portsea, Bugler F. Jenkin to Elizabeth Nash.

MCLEOD—WANSTALL—On Dec. 25th, 1902, at Parish Church, Woodnesborough, Dover, Pte. A. McLeod to Emma Jane Wanstall.

WATTS—ROGERS—On Sept. 7th, at Parish Church, Hedge End, Southampton, Pte. R. Watts to Rose Rogers.

EDWARDS—ROBERTS—On Aug. 31st, at Parish Church, St. Paul's, Weymouth, Pte. F. A. Edwards to Florence Mabel Roberts.

SMITH—BURTON—On March 7th, at Parish Church, Portsea, Pte. E. C. Smith to Edith Mary Burton.

EDWARDS—EDWARDS—On Sept. 17th, at Register Office, Alverstoke, Pte. Job Edwards to Mabel Gertrude Edwards.

HOPKINS—HOLNESS—On Sept. 19th, at St. John's, Forton, Gosport, Lce.-Corpl. S. H. Hopkins to Florence Amy Holness.

BIRCH—COOK—On Sept. 19th, at Register Office, Alverstoke, Lce.-A. G. Birch to Jessie Emma Cook.

WALLEY—BLACK—On Sept. 16th, at St. John's, Forton, Gosport, Sergt. W. J. Walley to Annie Black.

GODSELL—HYETT—On Aug. 31st, at St. Michael's, Hereford, Clr.-Sergt. E. F. Godsell, R.M.A., to Miss R. A Hyett.

COLLINGS—TODD—On Sept. 1st, at Register Office, Portsea, Gnr. H. R. Collings, R.M.A., to Miss M. Todd.

LOWING—STUART—On Sept. 7th, at Register Office, Portsea Gnr. E. C. L. Lowing, R.M.A., to Miss L. M. G. Stuart.

BARRETT—COSGRAVE—On Sept. 8th, at Register Office, Portsea, Corpl. H. E. C. Barrett, R.M.A., to Miss J. L. Cosgrave.

WHITE—WOODRUFF—On Sept. 12th, at Register Office, Portsea, Gnr. S. White R.M.A. to Miss E. Woodruff.

BAKER—PETERKIN—On Sept. 5th, at New Brompton, Corpl. E. H. Baker to Miss M. L. Peterkin.

Deaths.

PYM—On the 7th Sept., at Hankow, China, of cholera, Erskine Travers Pym, Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs, second son of the late General Edward James Pym, R.M.L.I., and of Mrs. Pym, Bath-road, Reading. (By cable).

HERIOT.—Suddenly, from a hunting accident, Oscar Mackay Heriot, Lieut. Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, youngest son of General and Mrs. Mackay Heriot, Newton Abbot, aged 23.

JUGG—On Sept. 8th, at R.M.A. Infirmary, C Co. Gnr. E. Jugg, R.M.A.

COOKE—On Sept. 14th, at Armeston House, Bridestowe, Hon. Col. T. V. Cooke, R.M.L.I. (Retired).

HILLIER—On Sept. 7th, at Plymouth, the result of cycling accident, E. Hillier, late Corporal, R.M.L.I., and father-in-law of Q.M.S. Richards, age 62 years.

HALE—On Sept. 2nd, at Forton, Cecily Melita, daughter of Clr.-Sergt. Hale, R.M.L.I., aged 6 months.

LEE—On Sept. 23rd, at Gladstone Road, Deal, the wife of Pte. J. Lee.

The Editor begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions, etc, with many thanks. Received up to Sept. 27th:—

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Editorial.

THE Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to direct the Commander-in-Chief in the Pacific to enquire into the condition of graves of Marines buried at San Juan, and to have necessary repairs executed. Those officers who have very kindly responded to Colonel Adair's appeal in our August number have been returned their donations, and it is requested that no others may be sent.

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The undermentioned will embark in the ships specified against their names, on those ships commissioning:—Lieut. J. W. Snepp, H.M.S. *Arrogant*; Capt. J. H. Parker and Lieut. R. S. Gibson, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Bedford*; Major H. S. N. White, R.M.L.I., Lieut. G. A. R. Greenhow, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Albemarle*; Capt. H. G. B. Armstrong, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Donegal*.

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The following Officers are to be detached to Hythe on the 3rd November to commence a course of instruction at the Military School of Musketry, Hythe:—Capt. F. C. Kendle, R.M.A., Lieuts. C. B. Andrews, H. C. Morton, and L. C. Lampen, R.M.L.I.

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The Editors beg to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of "Edye's History of the Royal Marines," Vol. I., and P. Grove's "Anchor and Laurel," for the Sergeants' Mess, Malta, from Capt. W. F. Portlock-Dadson, late R.M., which they will take an early opportunity of forwarding to them.

We understand that the new slash cuff for all ranks, has been approved for all ranks of the R.M.L.I. and will be issued as soon as the present stock of tunics is used up. It has already made its appearance on the Forton parade ground on the person of the new Q.M.S.I. of Infantry.

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Miss Annie McLachlan has been appointed pupil teacher on probation in the Girls' Department of the Portsmouth Division R.M.L.I. Schools, at a salary of £6 per annum from the 1st of November, and of £11 per annum from the 1st January, 1904, *vice* Miss Louise Ditch, completed apprenticeship.

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Capt. H. J. Crocker, R.M.L.I., has been transferred from H.M.S. *Ocean* to H.M.S. *Glory*, for duty as Intelligence Officer on the China Station, *vice* Capt. P. Molloy, R.M.L.I., whose period of appointment will expire on the 31st Otcober. To date 1st November, 1903. Capt. Molloy will return to England on being relieved.

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Lieut. A. A. Cordner, R.M.L.I., will embark in H.M.S. *Good Hope* on the return of the Cruiser Squadron to a home port.

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Capt. T. A. Leahy, R.M.A., will embark in H.M.S. *Jupiter* to relieve Capt. C. A. W. Francis, R.M.A., whose period of service afloat expires on the 8th October, 1903.

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Capt. and Hon. Lieut. N. Macnamara, R.M.A., retired, has been granted a Greenwich Hospital Pension of £50 per annum, vacant by the death of Staff-Commander J. Waye, R.N. (retired), on the 21st August, 1903.

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It has been notified that Capts. F. E. C. B. Chichester and W. H. Stopford, and Lieut. A. D. Welch, R.M.L.I., passed a satisfactory examination in subjects (a) and (b) for promotion, at Chatham, on the 16th September, 1903. Capts. Chichester and Stopford also passed in riding.

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Paymaster and Major E. C. L. Congdon, R.M.L.I. has been granted the honorary rank of Lieut.-Colonel under the provision of Order-in-Council of 18th July, 1898. Dated 6th October, 1903.

The following retired officers have been appointed to the Reserve of Officers in the rank last held by them whilst on the Active List, viz., Major Herbert Hodder Roberts, R.M.L.I., Major Charles George Matson, R.M.L.I., Major Harry Reginald Lockyer Pym, R.M.A., Major Michael Alfred Colin Huggins, R.M.L.I., Major William Price Drury, R.M.L.I., Capt. and Brevet-Major William Arthur Churchill Grant, R.M.L.I., Capt. Walter Erskine Binney, R.M.L.I., Capt. Charles Stanbrough Watson, R.M.L.I., Capt. Wilfred Hugh Moore Smith, R.M.L.I., dated 1st October, 1903.

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Her Majesty has sent £20 to the Rev. H. Macpherson, Vicar of the Isle of Grayne, Rochester, towards the restoration of the Church of the Parish in which Port Victoria is situated. The edifice is 800 years old, and the parishioners are very poor. About £600 is much needed to complete the work, which the Vicar will be glad to receive from those willing to help. Mr. Macpherson, who, before becoming a parson, was a lieutenant in the Royal Marine Light Infantry, has already raised £1,200 for this purpose, towards which the Royal family and the German Emperor have contributed £140, the King having recently sent £50.

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Brian James Delves Walehall, Esq., late Capt. R.M.L.I., to be Captain, Reserve of Officers, dated 1st October, 1903.

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Lieut.-Colonel Edward A. Wylde, R.M.L.I., to be Colonel by Brevet, dated 17th September, 1903.

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Major and Hon Lieut.-Colonel C. W. Carlyon, R.M.L.I. (retired), has been granted a Greenwich Hospital Pension of £65 a year in the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Colonel T. V. Cooke, R.M.L.I., (retired), on the 4th September.

The Greenwich Hospital Pension of £50 a year held by Capt. and Hon.-Major J. Taylor, R.M.L.I. (retired), has been increased to £65 a year from the same date.

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Mr. Joseph Shaw, one of the Rochester City magistrates, became suddenly indisposed while sitting on the bench on Tuesday, and was obliged to retire. Soon afterwards he had an apoplectic seizure, from which he never rallied, and death supervened early on the morning of October 21st. The deceased, who formerly served as a constable in the Metropolitan Police Force, and also as a private in the Royal Marines, was present at one of Garibaldi's battles. He was sixty-five years of age.

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Capt. W. Portlock-Dadson, on the 13th October, resigned the appointment of Secretary to the Supreme Council, 33rd, in which he succeeded the late Major-General J. C. Hay, C.B., on the 13th October, 1896, and was, in the name of the Council, presented with a handsome silver tea kettle and stand, inscribed, "Presented to W. Bro. Capt. W. Portlock-Dadson, 33rd, by the Supreme Council, 33rd, in grateful recognition of his services to the Council and the Order. A.D., 1903." Capt. Portlock-Dadson served as Private Secretary to the Supreme Council from 1st July, 1875, to 15th November, 1877, when he was specially selected by the Earl of Carnarvon, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to reorganise the Government Reformatory at Stony Hill Barracks, Jamaica. He left on the 29th October, for Mentone for the winter and spring months.

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The appointment of Colonel 2nd Commandant G. T. Onslow, C.B., R.M.L.I., as Inspector of Marine recruiting has been extended for two years from the 19th. October, 19th, 1903.

Capt. R. C. Colquhoun, R.M.L.I., additional Assistant, has been appointed Assistant to the Professor of Fortifications at the Royal Naval College, *vice* Brough, appointed to the Royal Military College.

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Lieut. B. A. Hill, R.M.A., H.M.S. *Royal Sovereign*, to be additional Assistant on probation for three months, *vice* Colquhoun.

Lieut. Hill is to take up his appointment as soon as possible.

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Captain Colquhoun will be seconded at a date to be notified later. There will be no promotion in this instance, owing to the return to the Corps of an officer from the Seconded List at an early date.

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Capt. G. C. Rooney, R.M.L.I., and Lieut. H. G. St. G. Morgan, R.M.A., have embarked in H.M.S. *Centurion*.

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The following alteration has taken place in the disposal of officers R.M. on the China Station:—Lieut. A. M. Toulmin, R.M.L.I., from H.M.S. *Blenheim* to H.M.S. *Cressy*, *vice* Lieut. C. G. Bird, R.M.L.I. to the Indian Army.

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It is notified for information that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have decided that no change will be made in the existing regulations for the entry of candidates for commissions in the Royal Marines as far as the examinations up to and inclusive of June, 1905 are concerned.

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Capt. E. E. F. Drake-Brockman, R.M.L.I., has been placed under orders for H.M.S. *Ocean*; and Lieut. C. G. Billing, R.M.L.I., for disposal on the China Station. They are to take passage in H.M.S. *Centurion*. 51 Privates, R.M.L.I., are also proceeding for disposal to the same ship.

Correspondence.

H.M.S. *Black Prince*,
Queenstown, Ireland.

GYMNASTIC DISPLAY.

Forty boys, trained by R. H. Voss, Bomb., R M A. Gymnastic Instructor, gave a grand display at the Promenade Quay, before a large audience, of free gymnastics, including the raising of a tower of 36 boys, and concluding with the formation of two devices on the ground, viz., E.R. VII., and ERIN. The working was grand (which was admitted by all), the boys working as one. Great praise is due to their Instructor, who must have worked very hard to have brought them to such a degree of perfection. It has been mooted that another show will be required of them, and I have no doubt they will, with their Instructor, do it with great credit to themselves, and also the service to which they belong.

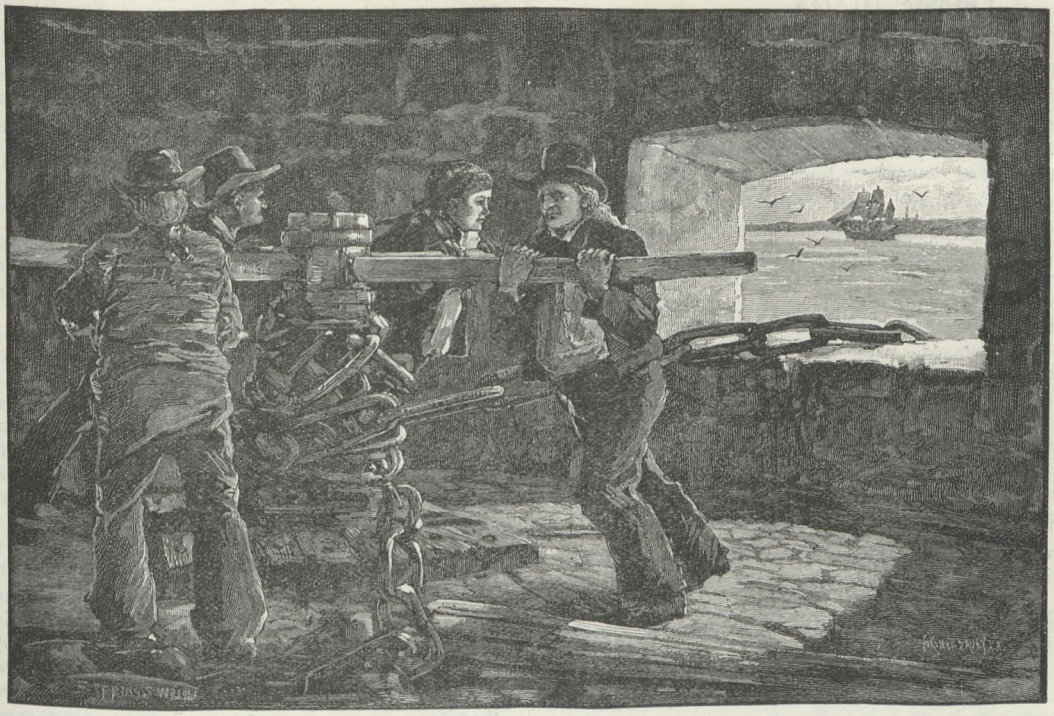
S. Partridge, Clr.-Sergt., R.M.L.I.

Depot, Royal Marines, Deal,
November 1st, 1903.

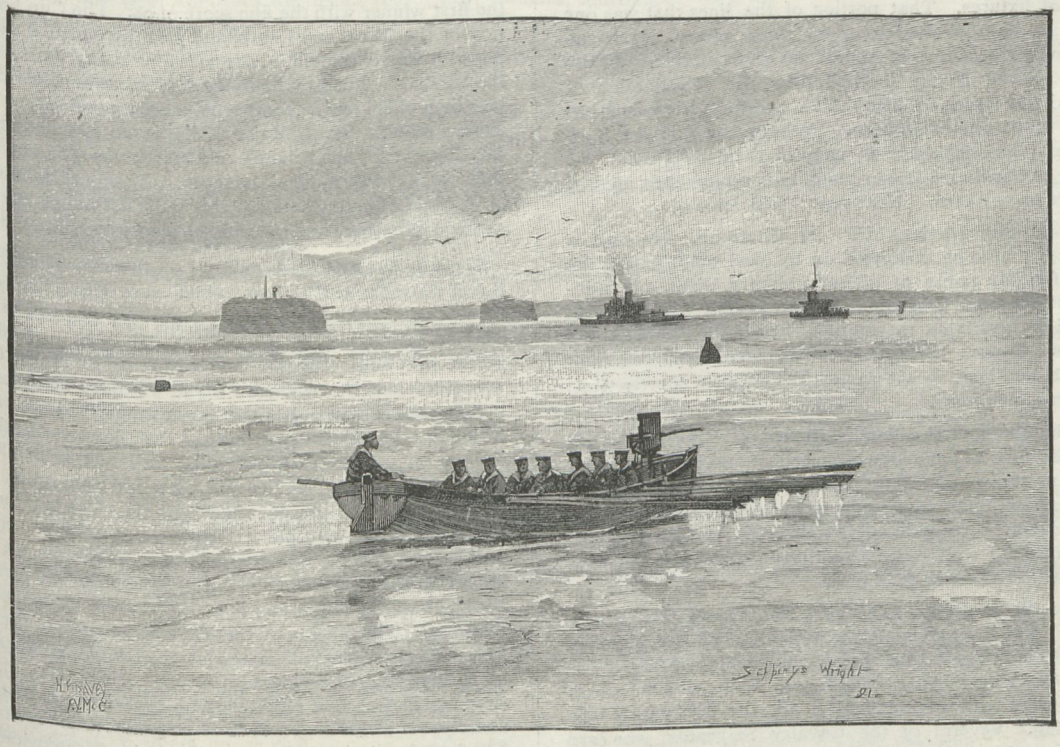
Dear Mr. Editor—Would you kindly let it be known through the *G. & L.* that Tom Harding—for many years groundman—will be discharged to pension about the end of December, and seeks employment as groundman, if possible on a Service ground.

I shall be glad to answer any enquiries or give particulars.

Yours truly,
J. A. Tupman, Capt. and Adj.



THE GATES OF PORTSMOUTH IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.



THE GATES OF PORTSMOUTH IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

FEW things mark more readily the flight of time and the progress of events than these two scenes representing the Gates of Portsmouth Harbour, In the eighteenth century a strong iron chain ("a mighty chaine of yron" it was called) was stretched across the mouth of the harbour, and when night came on, it was tightened up by means of a capstan pulley, to prevent the enemy's ships from sailing in. In the other picture the Spithead forts and steaming ironclads form the "Gate" of to-day. In the foreground is yet another accessory to the safe fastening of that gate, a man-of-war's cutter, in the bows of which is mounted a Gardner gun.

Home Notes

EASTNEY.

A commencement has at last been made with the building of the new Church. The Works Department have taken the site in hand and are clearing the ground, so we soon hope to see the edifice raising its head skywards.

The Theatre re-opened on October 6th with the great drama, "Ticket-of-Leave Man" which was played two nights to crowded houses. Two performances of a "Wonderful Woman" next took the boards. This piece was played by the officers some fifteen years ago in the old theatre. On the 20th ult. "Lady Audley's Secret" and "Mrs. White" were staged, while on the 27th October, the "Illustrious Stranger" was received with new effects, coupled with a farce and short variety entertainment. In future the management have decided on a change of piece weekly. "East Lynne" will shortly appear. With the large number of men in barracks, increased considerably by the School of Music, there is each night a fine audience, who enthusiastically receive their old friends Miss Emily Seymour, Sergeant Kerr, &c..

The Naval Commander-in-Chief, Sir John A. Fisher, G.C.B., inspected the Division in Naval gunnery on October 9th, and afterwards witnessed the weekly payment of the men and visited other parts of the Barracks, taking great interest in the canteen and various articles provided for consumption.

CHATHAM.

Hockey has supplanted football in favour with the officers and we have a long card of fixtures. That portion of the lines that was our cricket ground has been allotted to us for these games. It is the flattest part and near the centre, so should be very suitable. In the old days we all played Rugby football, but the introduction of "Socker" divided our forces. This, I think, and professionalism has caused the game to go out of fashion. Perhaps the fair sex have drawn some of us to hockey, which so many of them delight in. At present ladies are not included in our team, and no matches against ladies' clubs figure on our card. Next year; who knows?

Alderman Sir Horatio Davies, M.P. for Chatham, presented a handsome challenge cup to be competed for by local clubs during the winter season at friendly games of billiards, euchre, whist, and cribbage. A request that our Sergeants' Mess and that of the Royal Engineers should be available to compete, has been allowed. We have lost against Strood Institute, but defeated the Rochester Conservative Club, and hope to win against the Sappers shortly when we play them in our own mess.

The 2nd Northumberland Fusiliers, stationed at Gravesend, have started a pack of beagles and are showing excellent sport. It is a great treat for some of us and recalls many pleasant old-time days with the Gosport and Fareham, under the mastership of the late Mr. Sam Blake and Mr. Nugent. Notwithstanding the years that have passed and a serious addition of weight, we can still run a bit, and have not lost our cunning as to the methods of puss.

The members of the Sergeants' Mess have commenced their winter Quadrille parties. The first, given on the 16th October, was quite up to the old form. The items on the programme, which included the Schottische, Des Styriens, D'Alberts, Britannia Waltz, Berlin Polka, and Barn Dance went with a swing, and so did the pretty girls who graced the evening. Several of the Cavalry Sergeants who are attending the Pioneer Class at Brompton Barracks were present, and the cherry breeches of the 11th Hussars added colour to the scene.

The Captain and Officers of the R.N. Barracks gave their first annual dinner in commemoration of Trafalgar on the 21st October. The guests included the Commander-in-Chief at the Nore, the Admiral Superintendent of the Dockyard, and the Commandant and six officers of the Chatham Division, R.M.L.I. A very pleasant evening was spent, and the friendly feeling shown by our comrades in the Royal Navy was much appreciated.

The old church just outside the barrack gates has been rebuilt, and Field-Marshal Lord Roberts opened it on the 26th October. A church has stood upon this spot since the earliest days, and the Norman arches of a former building are incorporated in the new one.

The junior N.C.O.'s gave a smoking concert in the canteen on Trafalgar night, when a number of the R.E. were present and contributed their quota to the entertainment.

Messrs. Gale and Polden have been taking a series of photographs illustrating the military life of the Division. They are to appear as pictorial post cards, and will be sold at a cheap rate at the canteen.

There was a large gathering in the Sergeants' Mess, Chatham Division, on the evening of the 9th October, when a smoking concert was held to celebrate the presentation of a valuable challenge cup by Mr. H. J. T. Brown, head of the firm of Owen J. Carter & Co. The cup, to which allusion has been made in our last number, is a very handsome one, and is to take the place of the old Carter Cup, on which there is no more room to inscribe the names of winners. There was a large attendance, which included representatives of other regiments in the garrison, and also a number of civilian friends. Sergt.-Major Kelly presided, and several officers visited the mess during the evening, including Colonel-Commandant C. G. Gordon and Lieut.-Colonel Money, C.B. Mr. Browne, in presenting the cup, said that he had been a member of the Sergeant' Mess for 31 years and that he had presented the first Carter Cup in 1876. This cup was won outright by Staff-Sergt. Clunies after three successive victories. A second cup was given in 1882, and was now so covered with names that there was no room for more. He now presented a third cup in honour of the coronation of His Majesty the King and his own Mayoralty last year. He congratulated Colour-Sergt Mohr on being the first winner with the fine score of 98. The Cup bore a representation of the Globe and Laurel and also the motto of the Corps, and he hoped it would remain in the mess for many years as a memento of the hundreds of happy hours he had spent amongst them. The cup was then filled with champagne, kindly provided by the donor, and passed round. Sergt.-Major Kelly, in an excellent speech, thanked Mr. Browne for his valuable and handsome gift, and his health was then drunk with musical honours. This was followed by the toast of "The Colonel Commandant and Officers of the Division," and subsequently there was a capital concert which lasted until a late hour.

Some of us have lately had an opportunity of seeing over the new Naval Barracks at Chatham, which were opened for occupation a few months ago. There are many, doubtless, who still remember the old convict prison, and some possibly who spent several days there on piquet duty, but they will find it difficult to realise that the site on which the new Barracks now stand was once occupied by that dismal building. The first object that strikes the eye is the officers' block, which are the officers' quarters and their fine mess establishment. The mess-room is very long and lofty with high pannelled walls and gallery with a band at one end, and the ante-room, smoking-room and billiard-room are equally imposing. The hall and staircase are decorated with carved panels, representing ships of war from the most ancient times to the present day; and it will interest our readers to know that the designs for the panels came from the pen of Mr. Lennox Bird, son of the late Colonel F. V. G. Bird, Commandant, Chatham Division. The portion of the barracks allotted to the men is equally fine. The canteen is a large detached building containing spacious rooms, supplied with viands and games of all sorts. Lipton's grocery shop has a stock that might vie with that of the largest London grocer, and there is also a bookstall run by Messrs. Woolley of Old Brompton. The drill shed is magnificent, and there is a large swimming bath. The living rooms for the men are most spacious and accommodate about 170 men each. Hammocks and bags are stored in racks down the centre, and against the walls are racks for helmets, ditty-boxes, etc., while there is ample space between the mess-tables. Each room has a drinking fountain. Altogether, living in these comfortable quarters must be a great contrast to the life in the old *Pembroke* and *Forte* which has been the lot of so many of our N.C. officers and men.

30 days.

NOVEMBER, 1903.

1	**Sun.**	Palinuro Heights carried 1811.
2	Mon.	Passin Sala, Perak, 1875.
3	Tues.	St. Jean D'Acre, 1840.*
4	Wed.	Bay of Biscay (Sir R. Strachan's victory) and capture of 4 French line of Battle Ships, one of them the *Duguay-Trouin* re-named *Implacable*, still in commission at Devonport, 1805.*
5	Thur.	Colonel Sir William Killegrew appointed 1st Colonel of Admiral's Regiment, 1664. Lieut. Nicolls, R.M. cuts out French cutter *Albion* at Monte Cristi, 1803 (*1*). Inkerman, 1854 (*4*).
6	Frid.	Capture of French Folly Fort and destruction of 23 war junks, Canton, 1856. Abrakampra, Ashantee, 1873.
7	Sat.	Reduction of Minorca, 1798. *Netley* captured *San Miguel*, 1803.
8	**Sun.**	Sergeants' Pikes discontinued, 1827.
9	Mon.	Storming Batteries of Port la Nouvelle, Italy, 1813. Blue Serge Tunics introduced, 1861.
10	Tues.	*Amethyst* captured *Thetis*, 1808*.
11	Wed.	Negaptam, 1781. Chingae, 1841 (occupation terminated).
12	Thur.	Palinuro, 1811. Capture of Bogus Forts, China, 1856.
13	Frid.	Ningpo, 1841.
14	Sat.	Boats of *Turquoise* captured a Burmese warship, 1885. Boats of *Blenheim* captured *Harmonée* and stormed Forts, 1803.
15	**Sun.**	Defence of Fort Trinidad, Rosas, 1808, by Lieut. How, R.M., against 2,000 French. Red Bank, America, 1777. Minorca capitulated, 1798.
16	Mon.	First muster of Admiral's Regiment, 1664. Fort Dunkirk, Martinique, 1803. (*2*)
17	Tues.	Relief of Lucknow, 1857.
18	Wed.	Force employed in Egypt revieved in London by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, 1882.
19	Thur.	Royal Marines landed at Durban, 1875.
20	Frid.	Hawke's victory off Quibron, 1752. Punta Obligada, 1845. Capture of Rengairi, New Zealand, 1863.
21	Sat.	
22	**Sun.**	Capture of Porto Bello, 1740.
23	Mon.	Capture of Mayangyan, Burmah, 1885. Belmont, S. Africa, 1899. (*5*)
24	Tues.	
25	Wed.	*Penelope*, &c., capture *Inconstante*, 1793. Graspan, S. Africa, 1899 (*6*).
26	Thur.	Petite Ance d'Arlette, Martinique, 1803 (*3*). Action at Dumooreahgunge, Indian Mutiny, 1858.
27	Fri.	*Eagle* captured *Corcyre*, 1811.
28	Sat.	Boats of *Porcupine* at Ragusa, 1807. Modder River, South Africa, 1899 (7).
29	**Sun.**	*Alceste*, *Active*, &c., take *Pomoné*, &c., 1811.* Order-in-Council regulation for pay and position of N.C.O. and Officers, Royal Marines, 1881.
30	Mon.	Burmese defeated at Kemmendine to December 15th, 1824. Order-in-Council respecting retirement of Officers from ill health, &c., 1882.

(*1*)—Lieut. Nicolls was presented with a sword by Patriotic Fund.
(*2*)—Lieut. Beatty and 60 rank and file carried 9 gun Battery.
(*3*)—Capt. Crozier and detachment carried 9 gun Battery, 24 pdrs.
(*4*)—Capt. Marsh, Lieuts. F. G. Pym and Dadson, with portion of Royal Marine Brigade, attached to Light Division.
(*5*)—Major Plumbe and 213 Marines.
(*6*)—Major Plumbe and 213 Marines; 2 officers killed (Major Plumbe, L.I., and Capt. Senior, Art.), and 1 wounded; 8 N.C.O.'s and men killed and 74 wounded. Naval Brigade brought out of action by Major A. E. Marchant, C.B.
(*7*)—Major Marchant (now C.B.), and Naval Brigade.

* Actions for which the Naval War Medal or Clasp was given.

The Editor whould be glad if any of our readers who can give additional information or corrections would kindly communicate with him.

Foreign News.

CHINA STATION.

THE R.M. Detachment, H.M.S. *Glory*, gave a Farewell Smoking Concert to the R.M. Detachment of H.M.S. *Goliath* on June 19th, at the Queen's House, Wei-Hai-Wei. A splendid programme was arranged, and a very enjoyable evening resulted. Prvt. Griffin, of the the flagship, took the chair, and Bomb. Dooley the vice-chair. The evening concluded with a very eloquent speech by Prvt. Griffin, which was responded to by Bomb. Dooley, who thanked the *Glory's* detachment for their kind invitation. Great praise is due to Bomb. Patmore, Prvts. Goodwin, Cooper and Griffin for the manner in which they managed the entertainment.

MEDITERRANEAN.

Marines' whaler's crew *Venerable* beat *Bulwark's* ditto by about 30 lengths. Marines' whaler's crew *Venerable* won Marines' Whaler's Race in Regatta. *Exmouth's* Marines' whaler's crew have challenged Marines of the Fleet; the *Venerable* has taken it up.

AUSTRALIA.

H.M.S. *Royal Arthur*,
Sydney, September 8th, 1903.

Sir—I think a short account of some Naval Sports, organized by a committee of gentlemen interested in athletics, assisted by representatives from the various ships in harbour, would be of interest to your readers—at all events to such as have been fortunate enough to have served in ships on this station. They took place on Saturday, Sept. 5th, at the Sydney Cricket Ground. The prizes were guaranteed by the committee of "civilians," and as there was no entrance fee a very large number of men took part in the various events. The tug-of-war, 9-pr. competition, obstacle race, and catching the greasy pig were the most interesting and amusing events from the spectacular point of view. There were 22 events altogether, consisting of all the usual Service sports. The following are the results of the principal events won by the detachment:—

I.—Bayonet Exercise.—(1) *Royal Arthur* R.M.A. team, under Lce.-Sergt. Bowles, R.M.A. (2) *Ringarooma* Marines, under Corpl. Bareham, R.M.L.I.

II.—9-pr. Competition.—(1) *Royal Arthur* Marines, under Lce.-Sergt. Bowles, R.M.A. (2) *Royal Arthur* Seamen. (3) Naval Brigade (local) team. This event consisted of three parts:—(*a*) Coming into action, fire one round, gun's crews remaining in cease fire position; (*b*) Dismount and retire with gear 50 yards; (*c*) Remount and retire with gun and limber 50 yards. The greatest interest was taken in this event by the Service generally.

III.—Tug-of-War Competition. About ten teams entered for this competition. The team from this ship met and pulled over by two pulls to one the Marines of the Fleet; eventually meeting the best Seamen crew, which turned out to be that of the *Ringarooma*. This team we defeated very easily by two pulls to nothing.

Gunner Macfarlane, R.M.A., won the 100 yards flat championship and gold medal very easily—time, 10⅘ secs. He also secured the 100 yards handicap without much difficulty.

WM. S. POE, Lieut, R.M.A.

Officers Foreign Service Roster.

MAJORS.—(Art.) Conway-Gordon, *casualty*; Ch., H. S. N. White; Ply., Trotman; Ply., Hailes.

CAPTAINS R.M.A.—J. H. Shaw, A. F. Simson, F. C. Kendle, R. V. Ford.

CAPTAINS R.M.L.I.—Po., Drake-Brochman; Ch., A. G. Little, *hospital*; Ch., Carpenter; Ply., Cuffe.

LIEUTENANTS R.M.A.—E. Blount, E. Y. Russell, A. F. Salkeld, Bishop.

LIEUTENANTS R.M.L.I. (Old Commissions).—Ch., C. S. Wright, Ply., R. Gordon; Ch., J. A. F. Ozanne; Ch., Broughton.

A Military Funeral.

EARLY on Sunday morning, Sergeant ALFRED HOOKER, Recruiter of the Royal Marines Light Infantry, died very suddenly from heart failure at his residence in Corporation St., Chesterfield. On the previous day he had complained of feeling unwell and of pains in the region of the heart, but on retiring to bed he was apparently in his usual state of health. At 4 o'clock in the morning, however, he suddenly expired. The deceased had seen 13½ years service in various Colonial stations and prior to coming to Chesterfield about two years ago he was in the Channel Fleet. He was of a most unassuming disposition and was highly respected and esteemed by a very wide circle of friends, to whom his awfully sudden decease came as a great shock. He was only 29 years of age, and leaves a widow and two children for whom much sympathy is felt.

The remains were interred on Wednesday afternoon at the Chesterfield General Cemetery, with full military honours, and amidst widespread manifestations of regret. A large number of the Chesterfield Volunteers, together with the band, attended under the command of Captain J. M. Clayton, Lieut.-Colonel A. Ode B. Nepean, of the Royal Marines, commander of the Admiralty Recruiting district of Nottingham, was present. The Chesterfield Borough Police Force were represented by Sergt. Evans and eight constables. The coffin, covered with the Union Jack and many beautiful wreaths, was borne to the grave by ten of the deceased's comrades and members of his corps, in Colour-Sergts. Buckley, Grills, Marks, Soper, and Sergts. J. Hine, Turner, Philps, McDonald, Statham, and First Class Petty Officer Prince, of the Royal Navy. The firing party was in charge of Sergt. Mason. A number of beautiful wreaths, etc., were sent, among them one from the Royal Marines' Recruiting Staff, Notts district, "With deepest sympathy," and the Sergeants' Mess, Royal Marines Light Infantry, Portsmouth division.

The arrangements, for which Sergt.-Major Wells, Colour-Sergt. Woods, and Sergt. J. Hine were responsible, were admirably carried out, and the attendance of the volunteers was highly appreciated by the deceased's comrades and officers and men of his corps.—*Derbyshire Courier.*

Obituary.

MAJOR HENRY HOTHAM MCCARTHY, on half-pay, Royal Marines Light Infantry, died 7th October, at Kildare, Broadstairs, aged 83.

He entered the Service as 2nd Lieutenant 30th January, 1838; became 1st Lieutenant 24th November, 1841; Captain 2nd November, 1851; and Major 1st December, 1864; retired on half-pay as Barrack Master 30th November, 1867. He served on the coast of Syria in 1840—war medal and clasp and Turkish Medal; and was granted a Greenwich Hospital Pension 27th January, 1880. He married a daughter of the late Colonel John McCallum, R.M.

Lieutenant (the Honble) George Bentham Morris, on half-pay Royal Marine Light Infantry, died recently in New Zealand. He entered the Service 24th June, 1857; became 1st Lieutenant 22nd Sept. 1859; retired on half-pay 9th February, 1870, and subsequently commuted his pension. He settled in New Zealand and was for some time a Member of the Legislative Council.

MR. JAMES HIRST, late Colour-Sergeant R.M.L.I., Portsmouth Division, died on October 8th, 1903, at 51, Harold Road, Southsea. He saw active service in the Egyptian campaign, 1882 to 1884, landing from H.M.S. *Temaraire*, and was instrumental, together with (the) Prvt. F. Yerbury, in saving the life of Lieut. (now) Lt.-Col. F. Wise, D.S.O., R.M.L.I. (see Lean's Royal NavyList, July, 1897,), at El Teb, when he was then acting Sergeant-Major of an R.M. Battalion. Since retiring to pension he has for the last ten years held the position of Inspector of Telegraph Boys at the Post Office, Portsmouth. His funeral was attended by all the postmen and boys who could possibly attend, together with a few of his old comrades, Barrack-Sergt. Cole, Colour-Sergts. Peck and Ellison, and Provost-Sergt. Knight. He has a son serving in Portsmouth Division, Lce.-Corpl. Hirst, a well-known figure in the Divisional Football Team.

Discharged to Pension.

EASTNEY—

Gnr. W. Smith

PORTSMOUTH—

Q.M.S. J. McKenzie; Clr.-Sergt. W. Bowman; Sergt. W. Kenchinton; Pte. F. Rendle.

PLYMOUTH—

Colour-Sergt. A. T. Everest, Ptes W. Martin, W. Best, J. Welch, C. Marriott, Colour-Sergt. H. Beech, Pte. H. Wells, Corpl. W. G. Childs.

DEPOT—

Hospital Staff-Sergt. W. H. Peddie.

Limited Engagements.

EASTNEY—

Gnrs. T. M. Dudley, G. Coldwell, F. W. Barton, A. Hortin, W. Hill.

Purchase—Br. G. Carter; Gnrs. S. F. Lloyd, F. H. Harbourn, P. H. Ardley, J. Johnston, F. Stanley.

Invalided—Lieut. F. M. Vine; Gnr. H. J. Mustoe; Pte. C. J. Bell.

CHATHAM—

Corpl. W. Gower; Ptes. J. E. Oakerbee, A. W. Price, C. A. Wood, H. Farmer, A. E. Goddard, J. Wilson.

Invalided—Ptes. J. Williamson, A. O. Otterwill, E. C. Cushney, R. E. Payne, T. Hoey, J. Johnson, T. Parey, F. A. Hardie; Buglers F. Wakefield, W. H. Riddle; Ptes. C. J. Sharp, T. J. Pickett, A. Bunting; Recruits W. H. Shipway, A. G. Slade, G. Cooper, T. Brennan.

Purchased—Ptes. A. Wishart, J. Marriott; Corpl. J. W. Clark.

PORTSMOUTH—

Invalided—Corpl. W. J. Gee; Bugler S. A. Wells; Ptes. E. J. Simpson, S. Lees, A. J. Turner.

Purchase—Ptes. P. E. Grist, W. T. Green, A. Donaldson.

PLYMOUTH—

Twelve Years—Pte. J. Curley, W. Pettty, W. Doust, J. Holmes, J. Stocks.

Invalided—Ptes. J. Williamson, R. Lacey, J. Roach, R. Perrett, F. Tuenicliff, J. Devine, G. W. Reod, Colour-Sergt. A. C. J. Cobb.

By Purchase—Ptes. V. B. Marks (*Monarch*), J. Jones.

Examinations.

EASTNEY—

Passed for Corporal—Gnrs. P. H. Bye, W. P. Lerwill, R. A. Brown, C. A. R. Batcheldor, J. Dunham, W E. Shaw, H. C. Brooks.

1st Class Certificate of Education—Gnr. C. H. Oakes.

Qualified I. of G.—Sergts. C. Dyer, F. J. Skinner, W. G. Trance; Corpls. G. L. Rose, J. Lindsay, J. Murdoch; Br. J. Elsdon.

Qualified C. of G.—Gnrs. H. C. Rivers, W. H. J. Pickard, J. Howes, W. Allen.

Qualified 2nd C. of G.—Gnrs. F. Chapman, J. Leslie, V. C. Willcox, J. E. Drabble, F. Grimes, W. C. Ballard.

CHATHAM—

Passed for Captain of Gun—Sergt. D. E. Eccles; Lce.-Sergts. A. E. Blunden, A. E. Grace; Corpl. J. C. Bailey.

2nd Captain of Gun—Sergt. G. E. Geater; Ptes. E. Rayworth, W. H. Sillett.

1st Class Certificate of Education—Buglers B. C. Gilmore, A. Beasley. Lce.-Corpl. G. Hockey passed 1st group of subjects for 1st class certificate.

2nd Class—Lce.-Sergt. E. A. Thurston; Corpl. A. Leslie; Lce.-Cpls. H. Butcher, C. Hoare; Buglers. A. Rendall, G. J. Holmes, F. Type, D. Daley, W Chalkley, F. Geater, R. Emmerson, F Herriott.

3rd Class—Pte. D. Kerr; Buglers W. J. Tilley, A. C. Langley, E. Hansford, E. Tavener, C. F. Coste, V. Adams, C. Howes, T. Dunn, E. Turner.

PORTSMOUTH—

1st Class Certificate of Education—Lce.-Sergt. P. W. H. Ranner. Clr.-Sergt. J. Ellison and Corpl. F. Hill have qualified in the 1st group of subjects.

Captains of Gun—Sergt. Freeman; Corpls. Burt and Bradnam.

2nd Captains of Gun—Sergts. H. E. Parslow; Corpls. W. A. Roper, F. J. Honour, J. F. McLoughlin and Pte. A. Purchase.

Passed for Sergeant—Lce.-Sergt. A. J. Anderson; Corpl. W. Walters.

Passed for Corporals—Ptes. W. J. Baker, J. Healey, H. J. S. Rust, F. Cockle, P. S. Coates, W. Boschi, J. D. Beattie, C. J. Tyman, T. E. Beecham, E. S. Whipp, A. Dallman, A. V. Jones, J. McLenaham, and Lce.-Corpl. F. A. McGowan.

DEPOT—

1st Class School Certificate—Pte. E. J. Wood.

Medals.

EASTNEY—

L.S. & G.C.—Clr.-Sergt. E. Perring; Sergt. S. Smith; Br. W. Curran; Musn. M. Beacham.

CHATHAM—

L.S. & G.C.—Sergt. A. A. Cooper; Ptes. W. Singleton, A. Philbrick.

China Medal and Relief of Pekin Clasp—Pte. A. A. J. Oake.

PORTSMOUTH—

L.S. & G.C.—Clr.-Sergt. J. F. Wingfield; Sergt. J. Adams; Pte. F. J. Knell.

PLYMOUTH—

L.S. & G.C.—Sergt. J. Rush, Ptes. S. Gower, C. Whitemore, S. Evans, H. Brooks, W. Carter.

DEPOT—

South Africa—Pte. A. G. Churchill, with Clasp for Transvaal.

L.S. & G.C.—Q.M.S.I. of Gymnastics G. Young; Sergt. J. Hughes (Po.); Ptes. G. H. Buckley, J. Moore, G. Taylor (Ply), and A. J. Pollard (Ch.).

Good Conduct Badges

EASTNEY—

Gnr. H. J. Burbidge, 1st; Brs. A. Watts, 3rd, A. F. Everett, 2nd;

Lce.-Sergt. G. Knott, 2nd; Gnrs. M. Matthews, 4th, P. H. Bye, 2nd, J. Rendall, 4th; Corpl. W. C. White, 3rd; Gnrs. C. T. Westall, 1st, A. J. Clifton, 3rd, B. T. Nicholls, 1st, B. J. Whall, 2nd; Lce.-Sergt. W. B. Horsburgh, 2nd; Musn. H. J. Sales, 2nd; Br. E. L. Knightley, 2nd; Gnrs. K. Barnage, 2nd, G. E. Stevens, 2nd, T. H. Swift, 1st; Brs. W. H. Robinson, 4th; Gnrs. F. W. Barton, 3rd, J. Wilson, 2nd; Clr.-Sergt. A. Gray, 4th; Sergt. D. Beddow, 4th; Gnrs. D. Stevens, 1st, L. Rosenberg, 2nd, T. Grimes, 2nd; Clr.-Sergt. J. Flower, 4th; Gnrs. L. Riley, 4th, W. Goodall, 3rd, T. H. Hodgking, 2nd, G. Baker, 3rd.

CHATHAM—

1st—Ptes. W. E. Keeler, H. G. Webb, C. Maskell, W. Marchington, H. Pocock, J. J. Mills, R. Brown, G. W. Pike, J. Hine, G. E. Carter, G. E. Tappenden, J. H. Henson, J. H. Chaptin, A. C. Convoy; Bugler A. Wormall. 2nd—Ptes. T. W. Abbott, A. G. Samuels. 3rd—Ptes. H. J. Oakerbee, H. Farmer, C. A. Wood; Sergt. W. Fowler; Corpls. W. Gower, C. H. Roberts. 4th—Pte. D. Richardson; Corpl. E. T. Layton; Sergt. Sawyer.

PORTSMOUTH—

Ptes. J. J. Wilson, 3rd; S. W. Osborne, 2nd, restored; H. W. Hughes, 2nd, restored; S. Vallance, 2nd; W. G. Johnson, 2nd, restored; A. H. O'Neill, 1st; W. Penn, 1st, restored; Corpl. F. G. Bushell, 1st; Sergt. F. J. Cummings, 4th; Pte. F. P. Dean, 1st; Corpl. W. B. Dean, 2nd; Musn. J. Barnes, 4th; Sergt. A. Lambden, 4th; Pte. H. R. Taplin, 1st; Lce.-Corpl. E. W. Ash, 2nd; Clr.-Sergt. W. Bowman, 5th; Pte. A. Ketchell, 1st; Lce.-Sergt. J. T. Howse, 3rd; Ptes. J. L. Peel, 3rd; G. Lister, 1st, restored; W. T. Kean, 1st, restored; H. W. Hitch, 1st; R. Major, 1st, restored; C. Porton, 3rd.

PLYMOUTH—

5th—Colour-Sergt. A. T. Everest; Ptes. J. Welsh, C. Marriott. 4th—Ptes. W. Martin, T. Joint, J. Carslake. 3rd—Ptes. J. Roach, C. Chilcott, W. Pelly, J. Moore, J. Sparkes, A. Barlow. 2nd—Ptes. J. Moran, F. Green, H. Astbury, C. Warr, W. Rookes, Musn. T. Blight. 1st—Lance-Corpl. P. Sherburn, Ptes. W. Head, F. Bargery, R. Hutchinson, C. Alphey, A. Matherson, R. Matthews.

DEPOT—

Corpl. W. C. Hughes (Ply.), 2nd; Pte. J. Harding (Po.), 2nd; Sergt. G. Rutherford (Ch.), 3rd; Ptes. J. H. Hodgkins (Po.), 2nd; J. E. South, 1st; Sergt. R. E. Sinnott (Ply.), 3rd; Ptes. G. May (Ch.), 1st; J. E. King (Ch.), 4th; Sergt. A. H. Ottley (Ch.), 4th; Lce.-Corpl. R. Hankinson, 2nd; Sergt. W. H. Paul (Ply.), 4th; Hospital Staff-Sergt. W. H. Peddie, 5th.

R.N. BARRACKS, CHATHAM—

Ptes. T. Day, 1st; J. Mack, 2nd; D. J. Goad, 2nd; A. Sayer, 2nd; T. Fennell, 1st; G. Townrow, 1st; T. H. Hoskins, 1st; T. Hawkes, 1st; F. J. Meacham, 1st; Sergt. P. H. Fowkes, 3rd; Gnr. C. Denness, 1st: Ptes. E. O. Southwell, 1st; G. C. Wilby, 1st; T. Erridge, 1st; F. Chappell, 1st.

Transfers.

EASTNEY—

R.G.A. Band—Musn. A. Howe.

R.E.—Pte. W. H. Williamson.

From R.M.L.I.—Ptes. P. Walkerdine, G. Milne, E. J. Dwyer, E. E. W. Langley, A. E. Humphry.

CHATHAM—

To R.E.—Pte. F. Clark.

To Royal West Kent Regiment—Pte. R. Brown.

To the Ranks—Buglers C. H. Wales, H. R. Wills. A. E. Watford, W. Morris.

PORTSMOUTH—

To Chatham Division—Ptes. C. Spensley, J. F. Harris.

To Plymouth Division—Pte. T. Palmer.

To R.N. as Painter's Mate on Probation—Pte. L. Wrench.

PLYMOUTH—

To R.N.—Ptes. A. Brown (S.B.A.), Jos. Wedge (2nd Cook's Mate), S. Wyndham (S.B.A.).

To Ranks—Buglers F. Hellings, R. Jago.

To Chatham—Ptes. A. Robutson (*Undaunted*), E. H. Stone (*Blenheim*), C. H. Hill (*Rainbow*), H. Darlow *Terpsichore.*

To Portsmouth—Ptes. A. W. McKenzie and J. Jones (*Hazard*).

From Portsmouth—Ptes. L. C. Street and Thos. Palmer (*Majestic*).

From Chatham—Ptes. C. Lukehurst, E. Wooldridge (*Vivid*).

DEPOT—

Portsmouth Division (at Depot)—Pte. C. H. J. Compton (Ch.).

South Lancashire Regiment—Pte. R. Scarlett.

Devon Regiment—Pte. W. R. Hayman.

R.M.A.—Ptes. J. Lashwood, C. W. Vince, P. Walkerdine, G. Mill

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Privileges of the Royal Marines.

WE have received numerous enquiries as to the right of the Corps to march through the City of London with colours flying, bayonets fixed, and drums beating. We have always considered that the right came to us as descendants of the Trained Bands of London,—an account of which theory will be found on pages 20 and 21 of *Edye's History of the Royal Marines*, Vol. I.,—but in the *Army and Navy Gazette* of Oct. 24th, 1903, a correspondent gives such a totally different opinion that we print his letter in full.

"Major Knight, late the Buffs, writes us:—

"'In reply to the query in your last issue as to the origin of the privilege claimed and exercised by the 3rd Batn. Grenadier Guards, the Buffs, and the Royal Marines, to march through the City of London with drums beating, colours flying, bayonets fixed, and bands playing, may I state that I have for some years past been collecting materials for writing the records of the Buffs, and have given considerable attention to the point in question. From documentary evidence, which I have found at the Public Records Office in Chancery Lane, I am convinced that the privilege originated not from any connection with the old Train Bands, but from warrants issued by King Charles II, in the years 1670 and 1672 to representatives of the regiments in question (among others) authorising them to raise recruits by beat of drum, within the precincts of the City of London. A large number of these warrants are recorded in *War Office Miscellany Order Book*, Vol. I. (preserved in the Public Records Office) as having been issued in 1670 and 1672. They were almost without exception addressed personally, by name, to the captains of specified companies in various regiments, and to captains of independent companies; also in one case, in 1679, to a Sergeant Mowat of the Holland Regiment (now the Buffs), and they give the exact number of recruits to be raised.

"'All these warrants bear the proviso (somewhat differently worded, however, in various cases) that 'in case you beat ye drums within Our City of London or ye liberties thereof, you are (before you beat the drums there) to show this Our Warrant to Our right trusty and well beloved the Lord Mayor of ye City of London.' As I have said, these warrants were all addressed by name to individuals, and specify the number of recruits to be raised, but there is *one*, issued on April 29th, 1672, addressed to Lieut.-Col. Thomas Howard, of the Holland Regiment (now the Buffs), authorising him to give orders to Capts. Pomeroy and Alcock respectively, of the Holland Regiment, to raise 20 volunteers apiece for the recruiting of their companies, 'and also to give orders from time to time as there shall be occasion, for any captain of the said regiment by beat of drume to raise voluntiers, in lieu of soldiers sent to sea, for the recruiting of their companies. Provided that when and as often as any of them shall goe about raising the said voluntiers within Our Citty of London or the liberties thereof they first show this Our warrant for the same to Our Mayor of Our City of London and that the captaines raise no men more than what will be sufficient to compleat their companies.' This, as far as I can ascertain, is the only warrant which authorises the raising of more than a specified number of men, within the city limits, or which was issued for any but a particular occasion, but others may have been issued and not recorded, for the War Office books of those days appear to have been very carelessly kept.

"'Now, it is noteworthy that the whole of the regiments and companies to which these warrants were issued were disbanded after the war with the three exceptions of the King's Regiment of Foot Guards (now the Grenadier Guards), the Holland Regiment (now the Buffs), and the Duke of York's (Lord High Admiral) Regiment (now the Royal Marines), the three regular regiments which now claim and exercise the privilege of marching through the City of London with their drums beating and colours flying. (It must be remembered that in the days of Charles II. every company had its colour, which would be taken with them by a captain beating up for recruits) Failing a general authorisation, such as the one issued to the Holland Regiment, it is not improbable that companies having once exercised the privilege may have been allowed to do so again on the strength of the original warrant, and again, corps having the privilege of marching individual companies into the City with their drums beating might in course of time claim to do so in a body. Why the privilege should be claimed by the 3rd Batn. *only* of the Grenadier Guards, which battalion was non-existent in those days, I cannot explain, unless possibly the companies which received the warrants may subsequently have formed the nucleus of the 3rd Batn. when it was formed.

"'That the Royal Marines exercised the right, and that it was recognised by the City authorities in 1746, is clear from the incident related in Major Donkin's *Military Collections* (1777), to the effect that in the year 1746, 'as a detachment of Marines were beating along Cheapside, one of the magistrates came up to the officer, requiring him to cease the drum, as no soldiers were allowed to interrupt the civil repose. The captain commanding immediately said: "Sir, we are Marines." "Oh! sir," replied the alderman, "I beg pardon; I did not know it! Pray continue your route as you please." With regard to the Buffs, they exercised their privilege on two or three occasions during the last century as is recorded in the *Remembrancia of the City of London*. I may add that among the many hundreds of orders regarding recruiting issued during the latter half of the seventeenth century, which are to be found recorded in the War Office papers of the time, it is only during the years 1670 and 1672 that warrants authorising recruiting in the City of London appear to have been issued.'"

Cricket.

PLYMOUTH DIVISION R.M.L.I.

The following is the record for the Division during the past season:—

Matches played, 23*; Won, 9; Drawn, 9; Lost, 5.

* *Exclusive of Officers v. N.C.O's and Men.*

RESULTS:—

May 4th, *v.* 2nd R. Warwick Regt., won by 77 runs. R.M.L.I., 160; 2nd R.W.R., 83.

May 7th, *v.* Launceston C.C., won by 18 runs. Launceston, 78; R.M.L.I., 93.

May 13th, *v.* 1st Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, drawn. R.M.L.I., 245; 1st L.N.L.R., 171.

May 14th, *v.* R.N., drawn. R.M.L.I., 273; R.N., 220.

May 16th, Officers *v.* N.C.O's and Men. Officers won. Officers, 91; N.C.O's and Men, 76 and 151.

May 20th, *v.* Staff, drawn. Staff, 234; R.M.L.I., 165.

May 22nd, *v.* 1st L.N.L.R., won. 1st L.N.L.R., 140; R.M.L.I., 211.

May 23rd, *v.* 2nd D.C.L.I., won. D.C.L.I., 178; R.M.L.I., 279.

May 25th, *v.* Scallywags, drawn. R.M.L.I., 269; Scallawags, 166.

June 2nd, *v.* H.M.S. *Britannia*, lost. *Britannia*, 252; R.M.L.I., 123.

June 3rd, *v.* Plymouth and Mannamead College, won. P. and M. College, 162; R.M.L.I., 226.

June 17th, *v.* R.N. Barracks, lost. R.M.L.I., 120; R.N. Barracks, 271.

June 20th, *v.* H.M.S. *Britannia*, drawn. H.M.S. *Britannia*, 253; R.M.L.I., 170.

June 26th, *v.* 2nd R. Warwick Regt., won. 2nd R.W.R., 99; R.M.L.I., 134.

June 29th, *v.* D.C.L.I., drawn. D.C.L.I., 267; R.M.L.I., 150.

July 1st, *v.* Plymouth and Mannmead College, drawn. P. and M. College, 179; R.M.L.I., 81.

July 10th, *z.* Mr. Body's team, won. R.M.L.I., 224; Mr. Body's team, 158.

July 18th, *v.* Kelly College, drawn. Kelly College, 175; R.M.L.I., 88.

Aug. 6th, *v.* Old Plymouth and Mannamedians, won. R.M.L.I., 80; O.P. and M's, 69.

Aug. 9th, *v.* R.N. Barracks, won. R.N. Barracks, 99; R.M.L.I., 158.

Aug. 10th, *v.* Plymouth, lost. R.M.L.I., 135; Plymouth, 147.

Aug. 15th, *v.* Plymouth, lost. Plymouth, 220; R.M.L.I., 63.

Aug. 19th, *v.* Old Plymouth and Mannamedians, drawn. O.P. and M's, 140; R.M.L.I., 101.

Aug. 24th, *v.* R.N., lost. R.M.L.I., 80 and 77; R.N., 182.

AVERAGES :—

Name	No. of Innings	Times not out	Total Runs	Most in an Innings	Average
Dr. M. P. Jones	18	2	1056	127r	66
Capt. Finlaison	3	0	119	47	39·6
Capt. Little	8	0	286	89	35·75
Capt. Coke	20	1	495	144*	26·05
Lieut. D'Oyley	8	1	174	100*	21·75
Sergt. Bentley	20	6	246	46*	17·57
Lieut. R. Fawcett	15	3	185	38	15·41
Lieut. Maxwell	4	0	42	16*	14
Capt. Coles	5	0	67	28	13·4
Lieut. Brewer	10	2	93	27	11·62
Lieut. Risk	7	2	58	28*	11·6
Lieut. Palmer	7	0	71	28	10·14
Lieut. Pope	17	1	165	32	10·31
Prvt. Bayliss	13	0	116	30	8·92
Lieut.-Col. Robyns	14	3	97	21	8·72
Lieut. Tennyson	6	1	42	24*	8·4
Lieut. R. Gordon	13	3	71	20*	7·1
Prvt. Willis	4	0	26	11	6·5
Lieut. Sinclair	5	0	26	13	5·2
Major Eady	8	1	22	9	3·14

Also scored : Lieut. Garnier, 25, Lieut. Knight, 10, in one innings.
* Not out. r Retired.

CENTURIES :—For, 8 ; Against, 2.

For—

13th May, Dr. M. P. Jones, *v.* 1st L.N.L.R., 119.
14th May, Lieut. D'Oyley, *v.* R.N., 100*.
22nd May, Capt. E. S. Coke, *v.* 1st L.N.L.R., 144*.
23rd May, Dr. M. P. Jones, *v.* 2nd D.C.L.I., 112.
25th May, Dr. M. P. Jones, *v.* Scallywags, 127*r*.
3rd June, Dr. M. P. Jones, *v.* Plymouth & Mannamead College, 113.
20th June, Dr. M. P. Jones, *v.* H.M.S. *Britannia*, 102.
29th June, Dr. M. P. Jones, *v.* 2nd D.C.L.I., 103*.

Against—

June 17th, Lieut. Escombe, for R.N. Barracks, 111.
June 20th, Lieut. Wood, for H.M.S. *Britannia*, 117.
* Not out. r Retired.

Football.

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

R.M.L.I. *v.* GOSPORT ATHLETIC (Ports. League).—This match was played at Forton on 26th Sept., and after a most interesting and exciting game resulted in a win for the Athletics by 2 goals to 1.

R.M.L.I. *v.* NAVAL DEPOT (Ports. League).—This match was played at Portsmouth on 30th Sept. and resulted in a win for the Depot by 3 goals to 1.

R.M.A. *v.* R.M.L.I. (Ports. League).—Played at Eastney on Oct. 7th and resulted in a win for the Blues by 4 goals to 1.

R.M.L.I. *v.* "EXCELLENT" (Ports. League).—Played at Whale Island on Oct. 14th, and after a pleasant match resulted in a draw 0–0.

R.M.L.I. *v.* R.G.A. (Ports. League).—Played at Forton on Oct. 24th, and resulted in a win for the R.M.L.I. by 2 goals to 0, Rennie scoring both goals.

Company Cup.—A beat G, 4 goals to 3.
,, ,, F ,, E, 4 ,, 1.
,, ,, H ,, B, 4 ,, 1.

Army Cup—R.M.L.I. *v.* RIFLE BRIGADE at Forton on Nov. 21st.

SERGEANTS, R.M.L.I. *v.* BEACONSFIELD CLUB.—Played at Forton and resulted in a win for the Sergeants by 2 goals to 1.

R.M.A.

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES, 1903-4. RESULTS TO DATE :—

Date		Club		Ground	Goals For	Goals Agst.	W	L	D
Sept. 12	S	Wanderers	F	Eastney	8	0	1		
,, 16	W	Deolali	F	,,	8	0	1		
,, 19	S	Gosport	PL	Gosport	3	0	1		
,, 23	W	Excellent	USL	Eastney	0	0			1
,, 30	W	Excellent	PL	Whale I'd.	2	1	1		
Oct. 3	S	Rifle Brigade	USL	Eastney	5	1	1		
,, 7	W	R.M.L.I.	PL	,,	4	1	1		
,, 14	W	Naval Depot	PL	U.S.G.	1	1			1

SECOND TEAM FIXTURES, 1903-4. RESULTS TO DATE :—

Date		Club		Ground	Goals For	Goals Agst.	W	L	D
Sept. 23	W	Excellent	USL	Whale I'd.	0	3		1	
,, 26	S	2nd Hants Vols.	F	Eastney	14	0	1		
Oct. 3	S	Rifle Brigade	USL	U.S.G.	0	1		1	
,, 10	S	R.E.	USL	Eastney	1	1			1
,, 17	S	A.S.C.	USL	Eastney	5	0	1		

FUTURE FIXTURES :—

,, 28	W	Naval Depot	USL	Eastney
Nov. 4	W	R.A., Ports.	USL	Eastney
,, 21	S	Deolali	F	Eastney
Dec. 5	S	Naval Depot	USL	U.S.G.
,, 12	S	Deolali	F	Eastney
Jan. 23	S	R.E.	USL	Monckton
Feb. 3	W	R.A., Ports.	USL	U.S.G.
Mar. 2	W	A.S.C.	USL	U.S.G.
,, 9	W	Excellent	USL	Eastney

Shooting.

R.M.R.A.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.—The Committee desire to bring to the notice of the Corps, that they are in need of more Subscriptions to enable them to carry out their present programme, and they venture to hope that those who have not already subscribed this year will do so at once.

Fleets and Squadrons' Competitions.—The Hon. Sec. would be glad if the results of these competitions were forwarded to him at once, as he hopes to be in a position to send next year's programme to the printers by the end of next January.

The 18th Committee Meeting of the R.M.R.A. was held at the London Recruiting Office, on Thursday, 10th September, 1903. There were present: Col. T. J. P. Evans, C.B., R.M.L.I., Chairman, Lieut.-Col. J. R. H. Oldfield, R.M.L.I., Major (*r.*) R. W. Heathcote, R.M.L.I., Capt. G. J. H. Mullins, R.M.L.I., (Hon. Sec.), Lieut. H. Channer, R.M.L.I., Lieut. R. F. C. Foster, R.M.A., Lieut. H. S. Lloyd, R.M.L.I.

With reference to the proposals collected from the Divisions and the Depot by the President, as to establishing a new Individual Competition for young soldiers, it was agreed that, owing to the expense entailed on the Association, it was not feasible to carry them out.

The thanks of the Association were conveyed to Major Pawsey for the excellent arrangements made by him for the messing at Ash Meeting, and for his personal trouble in the matter.

The thanks of the Association were conveyed to the Captain and Members of the VIII. for their shoot in the United Service Cup this year.

With reference to Rule XIII. the following addition to Para. 1 was passed :—"Officers will be granted the same travelling expenses as other ranks;" and with reference to Para. 3, same rule, that the words in line 3 of the paragraph from "also" to "expenses" be omitted.

With reference to the Officers' Cup, Special Conditions, for Para. 7 the following was substituted :—"Sights as for Brinsmead Competition at the N.R.A. Meeting at Bisley."

The Committee considered various suggestions from Captain Collard and agreed :—

(*a*) To ask the President of the Association to approach the Chairman and Council of the N.R.A. with a view to obtaining permission for the R.M.R.A. to hold their annual meeting at Bisley.

(*b*) Not to introduce competition between the Members of the VIII. by counting the scores in the U.S. Cup towards the scores for the R.M.R.A. Jewels.

(*c*) That no money was available to provide special rifles for the VIII. : that they consider such a course most desirable, and that it must be left to the initiative of the Divisions and the Depot.

(*d*) To add to the Rules for the Royal Marines XX. and VIII., "Selection of the Ten," the following :—"although they may have been unable to complete the six shoots."

(*e*) That the Association cannot at present afford the expense of Team Shoots for the X. on the Bisley ranges.

(*f*) That coaches were desirable for the shooting of the VIII.

A letter was received from the Captain of the VIII., requesting to be relieved from his duties. It was settled to ask Major Cotterill to continue his present duties, which have given entire satisfaction to the Committee and all concerned.

It was determined to establish at each Division and the Depot a sub-committee composed of Warrant and N.C. Officers and Rank and File interested in shooting, under the presidency of the the Divisional Representative, the sub-committees to meet prior to each R.M.R.A. Committee Meeting, and any suggestions brought forward at them to be brought up by the Divisional Representative at the next Association Committee Meeting.

For the Committee,
G. J. H. MULLINS, Capt., R.M.L.I.,
Hon. Sec., R.M.R.A.

Result of a four-cornered Shooting Match, fired at Hatherleigh, Devon, on 26th August :—

COLYTON DETACHMENT, DEVON VOLUNTEERS.

200—316 *500*—312 *600*—286 *Total*—914 *Average*—91·4

PLYMOUTH DIVISION, R.M.L.I.

	200	*500*	*600*	*Total*
Sergt. Hellier	31	34	30	95
Lieut. Lloyd	30	33	30	93
Prov.-Sergt. Lawrence ..	30	30	31	91
Sergt. Comley	30	31	30	91
Sergt. Macer	32	32	26	90
Q.M.S. Richards	25	32	31	88
Sergt. Payne	28	30	30	88
Arm.-Sergt. Hermon ..	28	33	27	88
Corpl. Salt	27	35	26	88
Q.M.S. Warner	29	28	30	87
	290	318	291	899

Average—89·9

H.M.S. CAMBRIDGE.

200—309 *500*—279 *600*—286 *Total*—874 *Average*—87·4

HATHERLEIGH DETACHMENT DEVON VOLUNTEERS.

200—294 *500*—295 *600*—280 *Total*—869 *Average*—86·9

CHATHAM.

Prize Winners, 14th Detachment.—Pte. A. Finlay, 229; F. Hartley, 227; C. J. Rosson, 226; E. Harper, 220; C. H. Skaife, 219.

15th Detachment.—Corpl. E. Hankin, 226; Corpl. J. J. Wilkinson, 216; Pte. W. Spooner, 209; E. Bell, 207; W. Murden, 203; Sergt. C. E. Peters, 207.

Anecdotes.

HE WAS IRISH.—Three recruits were having an argument as to the nationality of a certain Sergeant called Jock ———. One said, "He is a Scotchman, of course;" No. 2 said, "He is a Welshman, for I saw him at Cardiff;" No. 3 clues up the argument with: "I tell you he's an Irishman, because I saw him going to church with the Roman Catholicks!"

The following curious incident occurred whilst the Russian battleship *Nicholas I.* was tying up in the Grand Harbour, Malta. In H.M.S. *Aboukir* they have a pet bear, who is always to be seen on the quarter deck awning, and running about. As the Russian battleship was tying up ahead of the *Aboukir*, the bear ran aft and grabbed the English ensign and tore it right down the centre, leaving the Union Jack intact in the corner attached to the flagstaff, and, not being satisfied with tearing it, wrapped himself in the half and rolled about on the awning until it was rescued by one of the signalmen.

Births.

CHAPLIN—On Sept. 20th, the wife of Sergt. Chaplin, of twins (boy and girl).

BOWLES—On Aug. 8th, the wife of Pte. J. T. Bowles, of a son.

CAREY—On Sept. 19th, the wife of Sergt. Carey, of a son.

COUSINS—On July 21st, at Chatham, the wife of Sergt. C. Cousins, of a daughter.

KNIGHT—On Sept. 9th, the wife of Pte. Knight, of a daughter.

PATTENDEN—On the 18th inst., at Newton Abbot, the wife of Sergt. F. C. Pattenden, R.M.L.I., of a son.

MARTIN—On Aug. 6th, at Forton, the wife of Corporal (not Clr.-Sergt. as printed last month) F. Martin, R.M.L.I., of a daughter.

ATKINS—On Sept. 21st, at Chatham, the wife of Sergt. T. J. Atkins, of a son.

WATSON—On Sept. 24th, at 5, Stirling Road, Trinity, Edinburgh, the wife of Captain C. S. Watson, late R.M.L.I., of a daughter.

SAUMAREZ—On Sept. 28th, at Alverstoke, Hants, the wife of Major Saumarez, Royal Marines, of a daughter.

HARDING—On Oct. 1st, at Palmyra, Lennox Road, Southsea, the wife of Capt. E. W. Harding, R.M.A., of a son.

PYM—On Oct. 18th, at Enfield Lock, the wife of Major J. Beville Pym, R.M.L.I., of a son.

Marriages.

EADY—TRISOOTT—On the 12th Oct., at St. Mark's Church, Portsmouth, by the Rev. A. May, Major Frederick Eady, R.M.L.I., to Maude Evelyn, widow of Col. W. R. Triscott, and only daughter of the late Edward Loraine, of Loraine House, Wallington, Esquire.

NORTON—THOMSON—On the 21st Oct., at St. Pancras Church, London, Claud Adderley Norton, of Guernsey, son of Lieut.-Col. T. P. Norton, R.M L.I., (retired), of Meadowleigh, Midhurst, to Winifred, daughter of Dr. Thomson, M.D., of Oldham.

ARROW—BRENNON—On Thursday, 8th October, at the residence of the bride, by the Rev. J. O'Mahoney, R.C C., Clr.-Sergt. G. N. Arrow, 4th Batn. Manchester Regt., (late Lce.-Sergt., Royal Marines), to Mary Brennan, daughter of the late William Brennan, of 13, King Street, Cork.

HORSEY—NORTHEAST—On Sept. 30th, at Parish Church, Norton Wilts, Gnr. J. Horsey, R.M.A., to Miss E. Northeast.

WILLIAMS—VINCENT—On Oct. 7th, at Parish Church, Heavitree, Devon, Musn. S. R. Williams, R.M.A., to Miss M. Vincent.

MILLER—WILLIAMS—On Oct. 4th, at Holy Trinity, Barking, Sergt. H C. Miller, R.M.A., to Miss E. E. Williams.

MATTHEWS—HULL On Oct. 11th, at St. James', Portsea, Gnr. J. F. Matthews, R.M.A., to Miss E. E. Hull.

TOTTINGHAM—CASTLE - On Oct. 10th, at Parish Church, Alverstoke, Corpl. F. T. Tottingham, R.M.A., to Miss C. Castle.

SIMS—CULL—On Oct. 5th, at St. John's, Forton, Pte. C. Sims to May Cull.

MARTIN—FURBER—On Oct. 10th, at Parish Church, Whitsbury, Pte. R. Martin to Mary Ellen Furber.

JONES—RUSSELL—On Sept. 5th, at St. George's Church, Portsea, Pte. J. Jones to Amelia Ann Russell.

LAWRENCE—RANDS—On Jan. 13th, at Register Office, Portsmouth, Pte. W. J. Lawrence to Clarissa Jessie Rands.

HILL—CARPENTER—On Sept. 30th, at St. Mary's, Lyss, Southampton, Corpl. H. A. Hill to Annie Carpenter.

ARNOLD—SMITH—On Oct. 14th, at Parish Church, Fawley, Southampton, Pte. W. Arnold to Elizabeth Mary Smith.

GILBERT—MANNAKERAT—On Nov. 3rd, 1902, at Emmanuel Church, Hampstead, Pte. F. Gilbert to Emily Elizabeth Mannakerat.

SIMMONS—MEARS—On Oct. 17th, at St. John's, Forton, Pte. T. W. Simmons to Edith May Mears.

CORDWELL—CAMPBELL—On Oct. 28th, at Register Office, Alverstoke, Pte. H. Cordwell to Emily Campbell.

GADD—LE GROVE—On Oct. 24th, at Camberwell, Pte. W. G. Gadd to Miss E. M. Le Grove.

HILL—MATTOCKS—On Oct. 10th, at Chatham, Sergt. G. H, Hill to Miss J. E. Mattocks.

WATERS—D'ARCY—On Oct. 14th, at Harrogate, Sergt. A. H. T. Waters to Miss M. D'Arcy.

Deaths.

McCARTHY—On the 7th Oct., at Kildare, Broadstairs, Major Henry Hotham McCarthy, late R.M.L.I., in his 84th year.

ELLIS—On the 2nd Oct., at 81, Grayshot Road, Lavender Hill, Battersea, Sergt. S. T. Ellis, (whilst on furlough).

GEORGE BENTHAM MORRIS, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that after the expiration of eight days application will be made in the Principal Probate Registry of the High Court of Justice for the Sealing of the Probate of the Will of George Bentham Morris, late of Otahuhu, Auckland, New Zealand, deceased, granted by the Supreme Court of New Zealand, Northern District, at Auckland, aforesaid, on the 5th day of June, 1903.

MOWLL & MOWLL, Howard House, Arundel Street, Strand, W.C. Solicitors for Frances Hull and Edward Glenlivet Eliott, Executors of the said Will.

Dated 1st October, 1903.

In Memoriam.

BANNATYNE—On the 1st Oct., 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.

The Editor begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions, etc., with many thanks. Received up to Sept. 27th:—

	£	s.	d.
Majestic ..	0	7	1
London ..	1	0	2
Intrepid ..	0	3	0
Royal Sovereign ..	1	1	0
Calliope ..	0	3	0
Anson ..	0	14	7
R.N. Bks., Chatham	1	5	0
Cæsar ..	0	10	11
Magnificent ..	0	6	10
Torch ..	0	18	0
Formidable ..	0	15	0
Amphion ..	0	5	0
Good Hope ..	0	11	10
Aboukir ..	0	17	2
Pioneer ..	0	2	10
Exmouth ..	3	15	0
Revenge ..	0	15	8
Hermione ..	0	14	0
Mars ..	0	15	7
Royal Oak ..	0	10	6
Hannibal ..	0	14	8
Victorious ..	0	5	10
Victoria & Albert ..	0	6	4
Ariadne ..	1	0	6
Irresistible ..	1	1	6
Empress of India ..	0	5	5
Illustrious ..	0	12	0
Sans Pareil ..	0	6	9
Bacchante ..	1	0	6
Tamar ..	2	1	1½
R.M.A., Eastney ..	2	6	6
R.N. College, Greenwich	0	18	0
Officers, R.M. Chatham	2	11	0
,, Forton	1	4	6
Mr. C. Vernon (Advt.)	8	2	9
Major Halliday, V.C., Vols. 8 and 9 ..	0	5	6
Mr. F. Murphy ..	0	1	0
,, E. Williams ..	0	1	6
,, A. D. Gibson ..	0	1	6
Pte. R. Powis ..	0	2	6
,, W. Baker ..	0	2	6
Major W. P. Drury ..	0	1	6
Mr. H. Henry ..	0	1	6
Mr. J. T. Litter ..	0	1	6
Mr. J. Wilson ..	0	1	6
,, G. Beale ..	0	1	7½
,, J. Milne ..	0	1	6
,, H. Geal ..	0	1	6
Lt.-Col. Nepean, R.M.L.I.	0	1	6
Lce.-Sergt. Wickenden	0	1	6
Mr. W. Andrews ..	0	1	6
Capt. C. E. Collard	0	7	11
Mr. G. Duncan ..	0	1	6
,, R. T. Cole ..	0	1	6
,, G Jackson ..	0	1	6
Mrs. Simson ..	0	1	6
Col.-Sergt. W. E. Peters	0	1	6
Mrs. Savage ..	0	1	6
Mr. J. Harkins ..	0	2	0
Drum-Major Burns ..	0	4	2
Recreation Room, Forton	0	4	0
Sergeants' Mess ,,	0	2	11
Canteen ,,	0	2	8
Mr. H. Durrant ..	0	1	6
Major M. Huggins ..	0	1	6
Sergt. F. Champ ..	0	1	6
Miss Isaacson ..	0	1	6
Sergt. A. Miller ..	0	1	6
,, H. Lawrence	0	1	6
Mr. Williams, Royal Sailors Home ..	0	1	6
Gen. R. B. Kirchhoffer	0	1	6
Capt. G. E. Barnes, R.M.A. ..	0	1	6
Mr. A. Morley ..	0	1	6
Pte. Fowler ..	0	1	6
Cr.-Sergt. F. S. Cross	0	1	6
Mr. H. B. Ching ..	0	3	0
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Major Halliday, V.C.	0	2	0
Forton Bks., per Sergt.-Major MacLachlan	0	10	0
Bellona ..	0	4	0
Depot, R.M. ..	2	19	3
Hibernia ..	1	4	3
Charybdis ..	0	6	0
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Editorial.

ANOTHER year has passed over the head of our Corps paper, and in wishing our readers the *Compliments of the Season*, we think we can safely say that it has been a successful one for the *Globe & Laurel*. We hope to publish the balance sheet in next month's issue, and we think it will be found very satisfactory. The subscriptions for the actual numbers sufficing to quite cover the cost of production, leaving the Reserve Fund free to pay for illustrations, and any improvements that may be suggested.

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On this head we would beg to bring before our readers the necessity of a central and influential committee being formed, as for the last two years the paper has had to be managed by one or two individuals, and owing to pressure of service work the paper does not always receive the attention that should be bestowed on it. Also, when there is only one directing mind, things are apt to get into a groove, and doubtless many improvements will occur to our readers. We shall be glad to receive suggestions and help.

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By the courtesy of the Proprietors of *Naval & Military Record*, we are enabled to publish a handsome photograph of our Corps Badges. This particular set of badges are the property of Major D. A. Hailes, R.M.L.I., who has kindly sent the block, and a most interesting memorandum on the Naval General Service War Medal. We fear that several mistakes have occurred in our Calendar about this Naval War Medal, but this complete list of engagements should set all doubts at rest.

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Major H. S. N. White, R.M.L.I., will command the detachment for H.M.S. *Albemarle*, in place of Capt. A. F. Simson, R.M.A., that vessel being commissioned as Flagship to Rear-Admiral Hamilton.

The following Officers have embarked in H.M.S. *Centurion* for passage to China:—Capt. C. E. F. Drake-Brockman, R.M.L.I., for H.M.S. *Ocean*, *vice* Capt. Crocker; Lieut. C. G. Billing, R.M.L.I., for disposal.

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An exchange of Divisions has been sanctioned between the undermentioned Officers:—Lieut. F. H. Cox, R.M.L.I., Chatham Division, and Lieut. R. C. S. Waller, R.M.L.I., Plymouth Division.

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The D.A.G., R.M., regrets to notify the death of Major J. Robinson, retired list, R.M.A., which took place at Bexhill-on-Sea, on the 26th October.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the undermentioned 2nd Lieutenants, R.M.L.I., being advanced to the rank of Lieutenant from 1st July, 1903:—C. F. Kilner, C. A. Tennyson, G. R. H. Maitland-Addison, R. Shelton, J. M. Palmer, W. T. de L. Clark, G. P. Lathbury, H. G. Grant, J. C. Farmer, and J. W. Seigne.

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Their Lordships also approve of 2nd Lieut. E, Gillespie, R.M.L.I., who failed to pass in Gunnery, being allowed a second trial, taking seniority as Lieutenant at the bottom of his class should he pass satisfactorily.

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At the examination of the 217th Party, School of Musketry, Hythe, on the 27th October, the following Officers and N.C. Officer, R.M.L.I., qualified in order of merit as stated against their names:—Capt. H. G. B. Armstrong (15th), Capt. G. Carpenter (42nd), Lieut. E. F. Trew (13th), 6551 Sergt. A. Raker (1st).

The D.A.G., R.M., desires to express his satisfaction at the excellent examination passed by Sergt. Raker.

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Major C. Clarke, M.V.O., R.M.L.I., has been appointed Barrack-master at the Depot, R.M., *vice* Bt. Lieut.-Col. J. J. Quill, R.M.L.I., to date 18th December, 1903.

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Major H. W. L. Holman, R.M.L.I., has been appointed Paymaster at the Portsmouth Division, *vice* Bt. Lieut.-Col. P. Hearle, R.M.L.I., to date 13th December, 1903.

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The Meritorious Service Medal, together with an annuity of £10 per annum, has been awarded to William Sartin, late Colour-Sergeant, R.M.L.I., Annuity to commence 16th October, 1903.

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Extract from *London Gazette*:—"Royal Military College.—Capt. J. Brough, Royal Marines, to be an Officer of a Company of Gentlemen Cadets. Dated 26th October, 1903."

Major L. Conway-Gordon, R.M.A., will embark in H.M.S. *Magnificent* on the 10th December, to relieve Major G. M. Campbell, R.M.A.

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Extracts from *London Gazette*, dated 6th November, 1903:—"Royal Marine Artillery.—Capt. J. Brough to remain seconded on appointment as an Officer of a Company of Gentlemen Cadets at the Royal Military College, dated 26th October, 1903."

"Royal Marine Light Infantry.—Capt. R. C. Colquhoun is seconded for service as Assistant to the Professor of Fortification, Royal Naval College, dated 26th October, 1903."

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Major E. E. Chown, R.M.L.I., will embark for passage to H.M.S. *Grafton*, to replace Major C. Clarke, M.V.O., R.M.L.I., appointed Barrackmaster at the Depot, R.M., and will be detached to the Chatham Division from the Depot, R.M., forthwith.

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The Greenwich Hospital Pension of £65 a year, vacant in consequence of the death of Hon. Major H. H. McCarthy, R.M.L.I., on the 7th October, has been distributed as follows:—A Pension of £50 a year to be awarded to Hon. Col. J. W. H. C. G. Morris, R.M.A. (retired); the Pension of £50 a year held by Hon. Lieut.-Col. E. D. Thelwall, R.M.A. (retired), to be increased to £65 a year.

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The undermentioned Officers will embark, as specified, to relieve others, whose periods of service afloat are about to expire:—Lieut. H. W. Miles, R.M.L.I., in H.M.S. *Vivid*, on the 5th of December, to relieve Lieut. A. S. Tetley, R.M.L.I.; Lieut. C. E. S. Wright, R.M.L.I., in H.M.S. *Pembroke*, on the 5th of December, to relieve Lieut. R. C. S. Waller, R.M.L.I.; Lieut. S. A. Stoddart, R.M.L.I., in H.M.S. *Revenge*, on the 9th of December, to relieve Lieut. B. C. Gardiner, R.M.L.I.; Lieut. C. F. Jerram, R.M.L.I., in H.M.S. *Hogue*, on the 10th of December, to relieve Lieut. E. J. Huskisson, R.M.L.I.

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Lieut. A. M. Deakin, R.M.L.I., embarked in H.M.S. *Furious* on that ship commissioning.

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The following extract from *London Gazette*, dated 13th November, 1903, is published for information:—"Royal Marine Light Infantry.—The announcement of the promotion to Captain of Lieut. W. E. T. Christie, which appeared on page 5073 of the *Gazette*, dated 11th August, 1903, is hereby cancelled, that Officer having been transferred to the Army Service Corps as a Captain with an anterior date. The promotion of Lieut. W. H. Stopford, which appeared in the same *Gazette*, is *vice* Marchant seconded instead of as therein stated."

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Capt. G. V. Robinson, R.M.L.I., has been appointed Adjutant of the 4th Volunteer Battalion of the Essex Regiment.

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Capt. H. M. Howard, R.M.L.I., who passed 1st in order of merit at the recent examination of Officers, R.M., for admission to the Ordnance College, has been permitted to attend the course of instruction commencing at that establishment on the 1st of Jan., 1904.

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R.M.R.A.—It is requested that all outstanding Subscriptions for this year may be forwarded before 20th December, to the Hon. Secretary, R.M.R.A., Depot, R.M., Deal, in order to enable the accounts for the year to be made up.

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Colonel Campbell, A.D.C., Commandant R.M.A., commanded the Southern District and acted as Lieut.-Governor of Portsmouth from 20th October to 9th November, 1903, during the absence of the G.O.C.

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We are informed that the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association are endeavouring to raise a separate fund for the provision of apartments, on the same system as Hampton Court Palace, for the widows and daughters of officers, Naval and Military. H.M. Queen Alexandra has contributed the sum of £5,000 towards it out of her War Fund. All further information will be gladly furnished by Colonel J. Gildea, 23, Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, S.W., to whom all subscriptions should be sent.

The Abduction of 'Nutty,' the 'Centre-forward.'

IT was on the eve of the great football day up the Straits, and the morrow was going to witness a grand struggle between the teams of H.M.S. "Terrico" and "Two Cranes," for that coveted trophy the *Empress of India's* cup. On board the "Two Cranes" excitement ran high, for, from the skipper downwards, every man was a true sportsman. The wardroom sideboard was filled with cups, etc., won by pulling and sailing boats' crews, also trophies from Pembroke camp, won by the shooting team; but football fever had seized them, and they were eagerly discussing the possibility of winning the "Empress."

In the after torpedo flat the team was holding a meeting. "We must win that cup" said the 1st Luff, who was a football "madder," and captain of the team. "If we could only prevent 'Nutty,' their centre-forward, from playing we could manage it," remarked 'Blossom,' the "Cranes'" sturdy goal-keeper. "Yes" murmured Bennie, the surefoot, "if we could only get rid of him for the day the cup is ours."

"Well," said the captain, "I would give a five pound note if he did not play to-morrow." Now 'Nutty' was the smartest hand up the Straits that ever dribbled a ball. Strong as a lion, swift as the wind, 'Nutty' was a team in himself, and we thought how easy it would be to win if he was absent.

After the meeting the 1st Luff's offer of five pounds kept ringing in my ears, and try as I would I could not get rid of it. I had come a cropper over our Marines' racing whaler's crew, and lost every half-penny I had, so the five pounds seemed a fortune to me. "By Jove, old man," remarked 'Pinky,' our combination breaker, "why don't you try and kidnap old 'Nutty'?" "Not a bad idea" I replied, and his words set me thinking.

Now it happened that 'Nutty' and I were rather sweet on a couple of barmaids in the 'Flag.' Recently 'Nutty' had come into a few pounds, left him by an old aunt, and he spent it in decorating his Julia, or his 'little goat,' as he termed his sweetheart, with jewellery. A performance very pleasing to Julia, but was the means of rousing the envy of my girl Poppy, for, alas! I had no dear old aunts who would die and leave me a few pounds. So from that time 'Nutty' was the sworn enemy of Poppy, who declared he only bought Julia brooches and rings to make her jealous. However, such was the state of affairs as I made my way early that evening to the 'Flag,' with the determination of stopping 'Nutty' from playing, having the idea that "All's fair in love and football."

As luck would happen I found Poppy alone, Julia having gone to Gozo to take part in a grand festa. It did not take me long to unfold my plans to my sweetheart, but she shook her head and looked frightened. However, she soon altered when I hinted the possibility of a new lace scarf and real gold bracelet, and in less than ten minutes was ready for doing anything short of murdering him.

That night 'Nutty' made his appearance as usual, and called for his favourite drink—gin and ginger. He was not sharp enough to detect the sleeping draught that Poppy slipped into his glass, and which soon had the effect of sending him into the land of nod. Great was the excitement on board the "Terrico" next morning, when it was found that 'Nutty,' their hero, was adrift, and soon search parties were landed to try and find him, dead or alive. A visit was paid to the 'Flag,' but no 'Nutty' was found. Had they looked into a back cellar they would have discovered the object of their search calmly sleeping, as if there was no such thing as ships, or football cups, or that seven hundred "Terrico's" would have given their 'pay down' to have him on the Marsa that afternoon. History repeats how the "Terrico" got a decided licking in the cup final, and the "Two Cranes" added another trophy to their collection. Poppy became the possessor of a gold bracelet and lace scarf, of which she is very proud.

Poor old 'Nutty' can never understand how he got so drunk and helpless, but he has discarded gin and ginger. Even now he is very touchy whenever the *Empress of India's* cup is mentioned, and mournfully says that the only share he had in the match was 10 day 10 A and reduced to 'limited' leave.—R.D.H.

BADGES OF THE CORPS OF ROYAL MARINES.

Glengarry Badge (L.I.)

R.M A. Helmet Plate.

Old Buttons, R.M.A. R.M.L.I.

R.M.L.I. Helmet Plate.

Field & Forage Cap Badge, R.M.A., R.M.L.I.

Busby Badge, R.M.A.

Valise Device. Belt Buckle.

Chaco Plate, R.M.L.I.

Plymouth Division R.M.L.I. Cadet Corps.

A CADET Corps has been formed in connection with Plymouth Division R.M.L.I., and within a week sixty boys have been enrolled. It is purely a service organisation, and is not open scholars under the control of the Stonehouse Education Authority, appears to be the impression in some circles. The corps is for ys belonging to the Royal Marine Schools. Similar corps have for me time been in existence in connection with the Royal Marine hools at the Depot, Deal, and at Gosport, and also at the Royal arine Artillery School, Eastney. They have proved very successful, d there is evidence that the Plymouth Division Corps will also fully tify its establishment. It is proposed to eventually extend the vilege of joining to Royal Marines' sons not attending the divisional hools, and probably afterwards to sons of Royal Marine pensioners.

Col.-Commandant A. D. Corbet, C.B., is president of the committee; Capt. and Adj. E. H. Morres, the commanding officer of the corps; Capt. F. J. W. Cartwright, second in command; Sergt.-Major T. Jolley and Schoolmaster W. T. Goss, lieutenants; and Q.M.S. Howe, sergeant-major. The object is to instruct the boys in infantry drill, musketry, swimming, and gymnastics. Nine years is the minimum age for admission, and the parents of boys joining have to guarantee two years' service in the corps, to give their consent in writing to their boys to join, and to guarantee the payment of 2s. entrance fee and 1d. per week subscription for each boy. Uniform, consisting of a khaki tunic, knickerbockers, putties, and slouch hat, with corps badge, will be supplied, and the boys are to be trained in musketry with a small pattern rifle. They will be encouraged in regular attendance, cleanliness, general efficiency, shooting, &c., by the offer of prizes. They will parade four evenings a week, attendance on one evening being compulsory. The school already has a well-trained fife and drum band.

"Black on White."

(A Tale of a Billiard Match).

NEARLY twenty years ago, I was then serving on one of H.M. ships on the North America and West Indies station, and when the incident which I am about to relate took place we were lying off the island of St. Vincent. And when leave for 'both watches' was piped, I, with two of my particular chums, were among the number to take a run ashore. We wandered about for some time in an aimless sort of way, until we had cultivated a general leaveman's thirst, so we strolled into one of those general saloons where they sell everything from saltfish to bottled Bass.

The boss of the saloon was a Yankee of the most pronounced type, and he was spinning some tall yarns, when the door of an adjoining room opened and we heard the click of billiard balls. Now, as I was dearly fond of the game, and played it fairly well, the familiar sound was a great attraction to me, so we strolled into the room, followed by the boss, who enquired if either of us could play; on being told I could, he challenged me to play him 100 up for a straight dollar and drinks; we played, and I won; we played again, "double or quits," I won again. After that we played several more games, and I won them all, with the result that I was about 30 dollars in pocket. I had to stop then, as I was due on board, at which my opponent got very angry, and several uncomplimentary things were said on either side, and he wound up by saying that he would fetch a nigger from the hills, who should give me 100 in 500 for all the money there was in that old tub of a ship out there. The end of it was a match was made for 25 dollars or £5 aside, the unknown to give me 100 in 500, to be played on the following evening.

The match was the talk of the lower deck during the dinner hour next day, and the sporting men all decided to land and have a "bit on," if possible, chief among them being the bo'sun's mate, so that when we landed in the evening I had no lack of supporters, and all of us made straight for the saloon.

The so-called billiard room was so quaint, that it is worth a slight description First, as to the table itself; it had, undoubtedly, at one time, been a most expensive one, being beautifully carved, and each leg representing a stork, and how it had drifted to its strange surroundings I can't imagine. The cloth was patched with various squares glued to the slate. And the lighting was almost pre-historic, suspended over the table were four roughly made wire brackets, with four or five candles in each, and to prevent the grease from dropping on the cloth, there were circular pieces of tin under the brackets about the size of a dinner plate, each of which contained a pyramid of grease. Hanging over the table were rolls of bacon, dried fish, onions, and hardware of all descriptions. To crown it all, seated around on barrels and cases were an audience of about 100, only two besides our party being whites, the remainder being as black as ebony. Altogether the scene was one I shall not readily forget.

I was introduced to the coloured gentleman who was to give me 100 and a "licking," he was a great swell in his way. The bo'sun's mate being chosen as stake-holder, the £10 was handed to him, and the game begun.

My opponent started with a fluke and made 15, at which the niggers went nearly frantic with delight. "I'll bet £5 to £2" said the boss. "I'll take that" said 'Tanky,' "and so will I," "and so will I" said several others, until the game was stopped whilst the same stake-holder gathered in the different bets (at the request of the boss) and booked them. I couldn't understand my opponent, he didn't seem to be able to play a bit, but the most curious part of the business was that the boss never seemed tired of laying odds on his man, until the bo'sun's mate whispered to me that he held nearly £70 in stakes and bets. I expected every minute to see my opponent make his effort, but it never came, and rather to my surprise I won by nearly 300.

Naturally our party were very jubilant, and started to shout for the crowd, but to our surprise the boss wouldn't serve us, or even let the stake-holder pay over, but turned us out at once and closed the store.

Now the streets were pitch-dark, and we had some difficulty in finding our way. We had been groping along for some time, when a figure came from a bye street and shouted: "This way for the bo Jack." We stopped and questioned him as to taking us off, but said his boat was very small and would only hold three at the m and was on the beach, only about 100 yards away. The end of it w the bo'sun's mate, "Tanky," and I decided to go on board, leav the others to go on to the next saloon and "wet" the victory. three followed the boatman some distance, and "Tanky" had j enquired where the boat was, when there was a rush of feet, and cr came a weapon of some kind, just missing my head, and the bo'su mate shouted "Look out, Jim, we're in a trap, come over here." rushed towards the sound, to find him and "Tanky" surrounded five or six fiendish forms and lashing out right and left. I took off belt and swung it around, "dropping" a couple, but as soon as t fell out others took their place, so we got back to back and gradu fought our way towards the water, which we could now just see, yelling the name of our ship at the top of our voices. I could feel blood trickling down my back, and "Tanky" said he could not st it much longer as his left arm was gone. "You gib up de money, go way" said one of the scoundrels. "I'll see you d——d first, murdering curs," said the stake-holder, and at it we went again.

By this time we were all in a bad way, so I said, "For God's s Dick, let them have the money, when we heard a terrific "Shipma ahoy! where are you?" There was no mistaking that yell, and we shouted in return, there was a rush like a whirlwind, and the bl skunks fled in all directions, leaving us masters of the situati There were congratulations and some strong language, and rescuers were for going back and pulling the billiard "shanty" do but, as the three of us required surgical attention, they got us abo where the surgeon soon made us as comfortable as possible under circumstance.

It was a narrow squeak for all of us. I didn't get over the pr had for four or five weeks. "Tanky" was walking about with arm in a sling for weeks. And the bo'sun's mate had a gash down cheek that he will carry to his grave. And neither of us are likely to forget the game of "Black on White."

H. J. Smith, Sergeant, R.M.L.I.

Football.

R.M.L.I. (PORTSMOUTH).

Rifle Brigade v. R.M.L.I. (*Portsmouth League*)—Played at Forton October 31st, and resulted in a win for the "Reds" by 11 goals to White, 5; Humphrey, 2; Hayward, 2; Lennie, 2.

R.N., Depot, v. R.M.L.I. (*U.S. League*)—Played at Forton on 4th, and resulted in a win for the Depot by 2 goals to 1.

R.G.A. v. R.M.L.I. (*United Service League*)—Played at Forton Nov. 11th, and resulted in a win for the "Reds" by 1 goal to 0.

Rifle Brigade v. R.M.L.I. (*U.S. League*)—Played at Forton on 18th, and resulted in a win for the "Reds" by to 2 goals to 0.

Rifle Brigade v. R.M.L.I.—Played at Portsmouth on the 21st and resulted in a draw.

Company Cup—C beat D, 8—0; A beat F, 4—3.

Sergeants, R.M.L.I. v. Sergeants, R.M.A.—Played at Forton on November, and resulted in a win for the R.M.L.I. by 2 goals to

LEAGUE TABLES.

Portsmouth League—Played 8; won 3; lost 2; drawn 3; goals for 21; against 10; points 8.

U.S. League—Played 3; won 2; lost 1; drawn 0; goals against 2; points 4.

Musketry.

CHATHAM.

Prize Winners 16th Detachment.—Ptes. F. C. Taylor, 247; Williams, 229; T. Malone, 226; Sergt. F. G. Spicer, 234; Ptes. Anslow, 210; G. R. Garrod, 209; F. C. Lyons, 199.

17th Detachment.—Lce.-Sergt. A. E. Blunden, 238; Lce.-C Creek, 221.

31 days.

DECEMBER, 1903.

1	Tues.	Precedence of the Duke of York's Regiment fixed after the Coldstream Guards, 1675. (Edye's History).
2	Wed.	Mauritius, 1810 (*1*).
3	Thur.	Action near Dumooreahunge, 1858. Third affair.
4	Frid.	Boats of *Sultan* captured *Le Languedocienne*, 1811.*
5	Sat.	*Excellent* at Rosas, 1808.
6	**Sun.**	
7	Mon.	Johnstone Mill, Canada, 1837. Second capture of French Folly Fort, 1856.
8	Tues.	*Perdaix* captured *Arme d'Italie*, 1798.
9	Wed.	Plymouth Division occupy Stonehouse Barracks, 1783.
10	Thur.	H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh appointed Hon. Colonel of the Corps, 1882.
11	Frid.	Pegu captured again, 1852. Bushire captured, 1856.
12	Sat.	Occupation of Honan, China, 1857.
		Order-in-Council raising 6 Regiments of Marines, 1739. Storming Fort at Hayes and capture of Nissus at Guadeloupe, 1809.
13	**Sun.**	
14	Mon.	Palamos, 1810 (*2*).
15	Tues.	Capture of Leghorn, 1813 (*3*).
16	Wed.	*Barrington* and *d'Estaing* at St. Lucia, 1778.
17	Thur.	*Kingfisher* captured *Elizabeth*, 1806.
18	Frid.	Straw instead of flock first used for men's beds, 1804.
19	Sat.	Storming batteries at Anse-le-Barque, 1809.*
		Minerve captured *Santa Sabrina*, 1796.
20	**Sun.**	
21	Mon.	Defeat of Caffres, 1852.
22	Tues.	Presentation of Colors with present device of *Globe and Laurel*, to Plymouth Division, by H.R.H. Duke of Clarence, 1827.
23	Wed.	*Phœbe* captured *Néreide*, 1797.
24	Thur.	Battle of Toolsepore, Indian Mutiny, 1858.
25	Fri.	*Tigre* took El Arisch, 1799.
26	Sat.	Fort Bathz, South Beveland, 1813.
		Lagos, 1851. Battle of Sohunpore, Indian Mutiny, 1857.
27	**Sun.**	
28	Mon.	Operations in New Zealand, Karvitis Pah captured, 1845.
29	Tues.	Capture of Goree, 1758. Forts at Calcutta captured, 1756. Bombardment of Canton and capture of Fort Lin, 1857 (*4*).
30	Wed.	Assault and capture of Canton, 1857 (*4*).
31	Thur.	Occupation of Canton, 1857 (*4*).
		Chiffonne and *Caroline*, carried Spenaz, Persian Gulf, by storm, 1809.

(1)—Battalion under Captain Liardet.
(2)—250 Rank and File.
(3)—Captain Baile and 270 Rank and File.
(4)—On the 28th and 29th December, 1857, two thousand five hundred of the Corps, in three Battalions, were engaged with other troops and Naval Brigade, in the capture of Canton. The Senior and Staff Officers of the Royal Marines were Col. Thomas Holloway, A.D.C. to the Queen, Brigadier; Captain J. O. Travers, Brigade-Major; Captain C. J. Ellis, A.D.C. Provisional Battalion, R.M.: Lieut.-Col. T. Lemon, Commanding; Captain W. F. Foote and Brevet-Major R. Boyle, Acting-Majors; and Lieut. C. W. Burton, Adjutant. First Battalion: Lieut.-Colonel A. S. S. Walsh, Commanding; Captain R. Parke, Acting-Major; and Lieut. J. C. Travers, Adjutant. Second Battalion: Lieut.-Colonel E. Hocker, Commanding; Captain G. E. O. Jackson, Acting-Major, and Lieut. J. H. Maskery, Adjutant. Royal Marine Artillery: Brevet-Major George Schomberg, Commanding; and Lieut. F. W. Festing, Adjutant. General Staff: Captain J. C. D. Morrison, Provost-Marshal. The Provisional Battalion was in support of the 69th Regiment, on the 28th, at the capture of Fort Lin; and on the 29th, two companies, under Captain T. V. Cooke and 1st Lieut. G. L. Blake, with 2nd Lieuts. Cooper, Sparshott and Pritchett, were the assaulting companies, and scaled the walls, the remainder of the Battalion and the 1st Battalion and Lieut. Festing, with Rocket Tubes, were in action with the enemy outside the walls. Colonel Holloway and Lieut. Dadson were wounded. The killed and wounded in the combined force in the two days being about 120.

* Actions for which the Naval War Medal or Clasp was given.

The Editor would be glad if any of our readers who can give additional information or corrections would kindly communicate with him.

Home Notes

EASTNEY.

The Officers were "At Home" in the Mess on the afternoon of Wednesday, 11th November, to upwards of 400 of their friends and members of the garrison. The band, under Mr. B. S. Green, played a choice selection of music, whilst refreshments were served in the library, breakfast, and ante rooms.

Football is in full swing, and the team has been doing well. In the first round of the Army Association Challenge Cup Competition they defeated the R.G.A., Portsmouth, on our own ground after a well-contested game, whilst in the second round they have drawn a bye.

Major A. H. Lee, M.P., the Civil Lord of the Admiralty, visited the Barracks on November 25th, to inspect the proposed new works—swimming bath, church, store room and offices, &c.

CHATHAM.

One hundred rank and file under the command of Captain R. H. Morgan attended at Buckingham Place on the 4th November, to keep the ground upon the occasion of the presentation of the Transport medal to officers of the Mercantile Marine by His Majesty the King. The band of the Division attended and played a selection of nautical music. Captain F. R. Boyle acted as orderly officer to Rear-Admiral Boyes, the Director of Transports. As it was not a guard of honour, the king's colour was not taken.

Admiral Sir Hastings Markham, K.C.B., the Commander-in-Chief at the Nore, inspected the gun drill battery on the 29th October, and afterwards lunched with the officers. Everything went off in a satisfactory manner.

The officers held their first Matinée in their Mess on the 10th November, when there was a large attendance. The string band is also playing in the theatre twice a month during the winter, and a number of N.C.O.'s with their wives and friends, who attend, form an appreciative audience.

The members of the Sergeants' Mess gave their second Quadrille Party of the season on the evening of the 20th November. It was well attended and went off with the usual success.

We have started our Cadet Corps, and the first members were enrolled on the evening of the 18th November, at the theatre. Sixty-six boys joined, and were given a short address by Colonel Evans, C.B., who impressed upon them the importance of discipline, smartness, and cleanliness, which would be of use whatever their walk in life might be. At the conclusion, the cadets marched off, headed by their drum and fife band, which has been instructed by Musician Bunting, and does him great credit, as they certainly play very well. It is decided to have a khaki-drab uniform with slouch hat, and each cadet will pay a small amount towards it to give him an interest to keep it in order.

The band played at the Waverley Market Hall, Edinburgh, for the annual Chrysanthemum Show on the 20th and 21st November, and were well received.

In the Army Cup Football Competition we met the Service Battalion, Royal Engineers. A capital game resulted, but the Sappers proved their superiority, winning by three goals to "love."

The Davies Cup Competition is going on steadily, and we are doing fairly well, although there does not seem much chance of winning this year.

PORTSMOUTH.

The bad weather has put a stop to most things, but in spite of it we have managed to keep football, hockey, etc., going. The football team has done very well, and an account of their doings will be found in another column. We have got into the 2nd round of the Army Cup, having defeated the 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade, and we hope that our meeting with the 2nd Leicestershire Regt. will be as successful. The Officers' Hockey Team has not been so successful as usual; we have had the bad luck to lose nearly all our matches, but we hope to be stronger after Xmas.

Our Band was on duty with the Guard of Honour for T.M. the K and Queen of Italy, both on their arrival and departure.

The fortnightly entertainments in the Theatre are going with g swing, and several new pieces are promised.

Unfortunately the Col.-Commandant has been on the sick list, we hope he is on the mend now.

On the 24th the officers held a matinée musicale in the mess, wh was well attended.

On the 27th the members of the Sergeants' Mess gave a Quadr Party in the theatre, which went with great swing, and dancing kept up till 2 a.m.

During the month several well known faces have left us to g pension, and we wish them every success in their new career; but hope we shall see them again at least annually, when they come with the R.F.R.

Correspondence.

Alpes, Maritimes,
16th November, 190

Dear Sir,

In the calendar of services of the Corps for November, I am cred as being present at Inkerman, on 5th November, 1854. In the issue will you kindly call attention to this being an error, having wish for honours not due to me, as at the time of the battle I serving in the Baltic, after the combined operations of the French English forces at Bomarsund, and did not arrive in the Crimea January, 1855.

I have no record here, but I think I am correct in saying that C Hopkins (whose cloak was riddled by bullets) commanded the R Marines serving in the trenches and at Inkerman, for which received the Brevet of Major, the C.B., and some five other decorati Captain March (not Marsh) was dangerously wounded by a bu which smashed his jaw, and received the Brevet of Major, K.L etc. Among the other officers engaged were Captain David Bl K.L.H., etc., Lieuts. Ambrose Wolrige, Sardinian Medal for Va F. G. Pym, K.L.H., etc., C. J. Dundas Napier, and, I think, L Dixon Curry, but, no doubt, Colonel Blyth could give the na Lieut. T. P. Casey served with the Light Division afterwards, possibly other officers also. I remember that the newspapers sp that in proportion to the numbers present the casualties in the R Marines on that day were second only to those of the Guards, whom they fought side by side. An official record in the *Globe Laurel* would be the most valuable for future generations.

I am, dear Sir, yours truly,
W. Portlock-Dadson, Captain, late Royal Body G
Formerly of R.M.L.I.

The Editor, *Globe & Laurel*,
Forton Barracks.

[We are very grateful for the correction, and we wish other of would give us the benefit of their knowledge—Ed.]

Island School, Ascension,
24th October, 190

Sir,

In our Church at Ascension there is a memorial stone, and am other names is the following:—

Henry Mansfield,
College Mate,
Died May 6th, 1838,
Aged 21.

Can any one give us the information—what rating a 'College M is? The most ancient mariner here does not know. It would interesting to every one on this island if some one could give us required information.

Wishing the Corps Journal every success,

I beg to remain, Sir, your obedient Servant,
Jno. F. May, Sergeant, R.M.

Medals.

THE History of the Medals awarded to Officers and Men of the Royal Marines alike may be considered to date from the year 1848, when the Naval General Service War Medal was conferred on the survivors of those who had taken part in certain actions, either in their ships, or in boats, during the naval wars which lasted from 1793 until 1840.

Though we accept this as the first decoration awarded to individuals of the Corps, it is not by any means the first which was conferred upon the Navy, for medals as decorations are known to have been conferred for services against the Spanish Armada, to the officers who served under Blake against Van Tromp in 1653, under Russell at La Hogue, and to Rear-Admiral Dillies and his officers for capturing French vessels off Grauirlle in 1703.

When at last the medal was issued, it cannot be said it was an honour which gave general satisfaction. It was only issued to those who had served in fights for which the commanding officers had received the gold medal, or for which some individual officer had received promotion. In consequence of this, men who had taken part in some unimportant little affray gained a reward, while their brothers, who had fought in perhaps many a severer action, received no recognition, The reward can therefore not be considered significant. Take up any account of the wars and you will read of many gallant actions, which are conspicuous by their absence in the roll for which the medal is granted.

In the period for which the Naval G. S. Medal was eventually awarded, gold medals were given to the Flag Officers and Captains of the ships which took part either in the great general actions, or in certain duels between individual ships, which was recognised as of considerable importance. Other officers received promotion, but the majority, including the Royal Marines, received no recognition. In the Army the officers and the rank and file who had been present at Waterloo, had received a medal, while those who fought at Trafalgar had received no official decoration, but only a private one conferred upon them by a Mr. Boulton.

The actions for which the medals are granted, and the official correspondence relating thereto, are as follows—

Admiralty, 1st June, 1847.

Her Majesty having been graciously pleased to command that a medal should be struck to record the services of her Fleets and Armies during the wars commencing in 1793 and ending in 1815, and that one should be conferred on every officer, non-commissioned officer, petty officer, soldier, seamen and marine, who was present in any action, naval or military, to commemorate which, medals have been struck by command of Her Majesty's royal predecessors, and distributed to superior officers according to the rules of the Service at that time in force ; all officers, petty officers, seamen and marines, who consider that they are entitled to receive this mark of their Sovereign's gracious recollection of their services, and of her desire to record the same, are to send in writing the statement of their claims, addressed to the Secretary of the Admiralty, Whitehall, London, specifying for what action, and at what period of time, the claim is preferred, and the names of the persons or the titles of the documents by which it can be established.

A Board of Officers will be appointed to take into consideration the facts stated in these applications, and to report upon the same to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, for the information of Her Majesty, so as to enable those commanded by Her Majesty to deliver to the claimants the medals accordingly.

The names of all who apply for the naval medal will be classed alphabetically, and to each name will be appended the actions at which the claimant may have been present, proof of which must be given to the entire satisfaction of the Board.

The occasions for which medals have been granted by the Sovereign are specified below for general information.

By command of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty,

H. G. WARD.

Gold Medals to Flag Officers and Captains were issued by the Admiralty for the actions undermentioned—

Lord Howe's Action of the 1st of June, 1794.
Lord St. Vincent's Action off St. Vincent, the 14th of February, 1794.
Lord Duncan's Battle off Camperdown, on the 11th of October. 1797.
Lord Nelson's Battle of the Nile, the 1st August, 1798.
Captain Edward Hamilton, His Majesty's ship *Surprise*, re-capture of the *Hermione*, the 25th of October, 1799.
Lord Nelson's Battle of Trafalgar, the 21st of October, 1805.
Sir Richard Strachan's Action, the 4th November, 1805.
Sir John Duckworth's Action off St. Domingo, the 6th of February, 1806.
Captain Brisbane, His Majesty's ship *Arethusa*, with His Majesty's ships *Anson*, *Fisgard*, and *Latona*, capture of the island of Curacoa, the 1st of January, 1807.
Captain Michael Seymour, His Majesty's ship *Amethyst*, capture of the *Thetis*, the 10th of November, 1808.
Captain Stewart, His Majesty's ship *Seahorse*, capture of the *Badere Zaffer*, the 6th of July, 1808.
Captain Mounsey, His Majesty's sloop *Bonne Citoyenne*, capture of the *Furieuse*, the 6th of July, 1809.
Captain William Hoste, His Majesty's ship *Amphion*, with His Majesty's ships *Cerberus*, *Active*, and *Volage*, action off Lissa, the 13th of March, 1811.
Captain Christopher Cole, His Majesty's ship *Caroline*, capture of the *Banda Neiva*, the 9th of Angust, 1810
Captain Talbot, His Majesty's ship *Victorious*, capture of the *Rivoli*, the 22nd of February, 1812.
Captain Broke, His Majesty's ship *Shannon*, capture of the *Chesapeake*, the 1st of June, 1813.
Captain E. Palmer, His Majesty's ship *Hebrus*, capture of *L'Etoile*, the 27th of March, 1814.
Captain H. Hope, His Majesty's ship *Endymion*, action with the *President*, the 15th of January, 1815.

To the Admiralty Order of the 4th June, 1847, the following Amendment was made, dated Admiralty, June 7th, 1848.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, having referred to a Committee of Flag Officers the consideration of the naval actions for which medals should be granted, in accordance with the spirit of the Queen's most gracious intentions, as signified in the *Gazette* of the 4th June, 1847, and Her Mrjesty having been pleased to approve of several of the suggestions submitted by the said Committee, the following notice is issued for the information and guidance of those who may have claims to this honourable distinction—

1st—The rule directed by Her Majesty to be observed in extending this mark of her Royal favour is so comprehensive as to bring within its scope all officers, seamen, and marines (and soldiers who served as marines) who were present in any action which at any time received the special approbation of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

2nd—From the commencement of the war in 1793, it was the practice of the Board of Admiralty to notice battles of conspicuous merit by the promotion of the First Lieutenant of the ship or ships, or the promotion of the Commander if the action was fought by a small vessel, and conformably with this practice it is Her Majesty's pleasure that persons of every rank who were present in such actions during the wars commencing in 1793, and ending in 1815, and now living shall receive a medal commemorative of their meritorious services ; and they are required forthwith to state their claims for each action in which they have been engaged, and transmit the same to the Secretary of the Committee of Flag Officers, Admiralty, London.

3rd—Her Majesty has also been pleased to take into her gracious consideration the many instances of gallantry displayed by officers, seamen, and marines in boat actions during the same period, and to direct that such services, if distinguished by the promotion of the officers conducting the enterprise, shall entitle those who were present, and now living, to a medal, provided the answers to be given in the prescribed form shall enable the Committee to ascertain the claim is well founded. But the officers, seamen and marines from the ship, from which the boats were detached, are not to participate in a distinction which only properly belongs to those personally engaged.

4th—It is also ordered that service in the frigates and smaller

vessels, which were actually present in any of the great fleet actions mentioned in the *Gazette* of 4th June, 1847, for which the Captains of the ships of the line received medals, shall entitle those now surviving of the crews of such vessels to a medal.

And all surviving officers, seamen, and marines belonging to ships actually co-operating and present during the siege and capture of—

Martinique in 1809,
Guadeloupe in 1810,
Java in 1811,
St. Sebastian in 1813,

for which the army had medals, will be entitled to a similar distinction if their return, according to form, shall enable the Committee to trace the presence and co-operation of the ships to which the applicants belonged.

And 5th—Her Majesty having taken into her most gracious consideration the circumstance that medals have been granted by Her Majesty for services rendered by the Navy, not only in the wars commencing in 1793, and ending in 1815, but also for services rendered in the late war in China, while the intermediate general actions, viz.—

The attack upon Algiers, in 1816,
The battle of Navarino, in 1827, and
The operations on the Coast of Syria, in 1840,

are unmarked by any such distinction, has been pleased to direct that the surviving officers, seamen, and marines engaged in those actions, shall also reeeive a similar mark of their Sovereign's gracious recollection of their services, and of her desire to record the same; and all such officers, seamen, and marines are therefore hereby called upon to transmit their claims to such distinction, according to the annexed form, and addressed to the Secretary of the Committee of Flag Officers, Admiralty, London.

The following Flag Officers have been directed to re-assemble as a Committee, for the investigation and adjudication of all claims sent in according to the printed forms, viz.—

Admiral Sir T. Byam Martin, G.C.B.
Admiral Sir W. Hall Gage, G.C.B.
Admiral the Hon. Sir Thomas Bladen Capel, K.C B.
Vice-Admiral Sir James A. Gordon, K.C.B.

By command of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty,

H. G. WARD.

NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE, 1793—1840.

RIBBON—White 1¼ in. wide, with three-fourteeenths Navy blue edges.

1 Boat Service, 15th March, 1793
2 *Nymphe*, 18th June, 1793
3 *Crescent*, 20th Oct., 1793
4 *Zebra*, 17th March, 1794
5 Boat Service, 17th March, 1794
6 *Carysfort*, 29th May, 1794
7 1st June, 1794
8 *Romney*, 17th June, 1794
9 *Blanche*, 4th Jan., 1794
10 *Lively*, 13th March, 1795
11 14th March, 1795
12 *Artræ*, 10th April, 1795
13 *Thetis*, 17th May, 1795
14 *Hussar*, 17th May, 1795
15 *Mosquito*, 9th June, 1795
16 17th June, 1795
17 23rd June, 1795
18 *Lowestoffe*, 24th June, 1795
19 *Dido*, 24th June, 1795
20 *Spider*, 25th August, 1795
21 Port Spergui, 17th Mar., 1796
22 *Indefatigable*, 20th April, 1796
23 *Unicorn*, 8th June, 1796
24 *Santa Margarita*, 8th June, 1796
25 *Southampton*, 9th June, 1796
26 *Dryad*, 13th June, 1796
27 *Terpsichore*, 13th Oct., 1796
28 *Lapwing*, 3rd Dec., 1796
29 *Minerva*, 19th Dec., 1796
30 *Blanche*, 2th Dec., 1796
31 *Indefatigable*, 12th Jan., 1797
32 *Amazon*, 13th Jan., 1797
33 St. Vincent, 14th Feb., 1797
34 San Fiorenzo, 8th Mar., 1797
35 *Nymphe*, 8th March, 1797
36 Boat Service, 29th May, 1797
37 *Camperdown*, 11th Oct., 1797
38 *Phœbe*, 21st Dec., 1797
39 *Mars*, 21st April, 1798
40 Isle St. Marcou, 5th May, 1798
41 *Lion*, 15th July, 1789
42 Nile, 1st Aug., 1798
43 *Espoir*, 7th August, 1798
44 12th October, 1798
45 *Fisgard*, 20th Oct., 1798
46 *Sybille*, 28th Feb., 1799
47 *Telegraph*, 18th March, 1799
48 *Acre*, 30th May, 1799
49 Boat Service, 9th June, 1799
50 Schiermonikoog, 12th Aug. 1797
51 *Arrow*, 13th Sept., 1799
52 *Wolverine*, 13th Sept., 1799
53 *Surprise* with *Hermione*, 25th Oct., 1799
54 *Speedy*, 6th Nov. 1799
55 *Courier*, 22nd Nov., 1799
56 Boat Service, 20th Dec., 1799
57 *Viper*, 26th Dec., 1799
58 *Harpy*, 5th Feb., 1800
59 *Fairy*, 5th Feb., 1800
60 *Peterel*, 21st March, 1800
61 *Penelope*, 30th March, 1800
62 Vinciego, 30th March, 1800
63 Capture of the *Desirée*, 8th July, 1800
64 Boat Service, 29th July, 1900
65 *Seine*, 20th Aug., 1900
66 Boat Service, 29th Aug., 1800
67 Boat Service, 27th Oct., 1800
68 *Phœbe*, 19th Feb., 1801
69 Egypt, 25th March to Sept., 1801
70 Copenhagen, 2nd April, 1801
71 *Speedy*, 7th May, 1801
72 Gut of Gibraltar, 12th July, 1801
73 Boat Service, 21st July, 1801
74 *Sylph*, 28th Sept., 1801
75 *Pasley*, 28th Oct., 1801
76 Boat Service, 27th June, 1803
77 Boat Service, 4th Nov. 1803
78 Boat Service, 4th Feb., 1804
79 *Scorpion*, 31st March, 1804
80 *Beaver*, 31st March, 1804
81 *Centurion*, 18th Sept., 1804
82 *Arrow*, 3rd Feb., 1805
83 *Acheron*, 3rd Feb., 1805
84 San Fiorenzo, 14th Feb., 1805
85 Boat Service, 4th June, 1805
86 *Phœnix*, 10th Aug., 1805
87 Trafalgar, 21st Oct., 1805
88 4th November, 1805
89 St. Domingo, 6th Feb., 1806
90 *London*, 13th March, 1806
91 *Amazon*, 13th March, 1806
92 *Pique*, 26th March, 1806
93 *Sirius*, 17th April, 1806
94 Boat Service, 16th July, 1806
95 *Blanche*, 19th July, 1806
96 *Arethusa*, 23rd Aug., 1806
97 *Anson*, 23rd Aug., 1806
98 Curacoa, 1st Jan., 1807
99 Boat Service, 2nd Jan., 1807
100 *Pickle*, 3rd Jan., 1807
101 Boat Service, 1807
102 Boat Service, 16th April, 1807
103 *Hydra*, 6th August, 1807
104 *Comus*, 15th August, 1807
105 *Louisa*, 28th Oct., 1807
106 *Carrier*, 4th Nov., 1807
107 *Ann*, 24th Nov., 1807
108 Boat Service, 13th Feb., 1808
109 *Sappho*, 2nd March, 1808
110 San Fiorenzo, 8th Mar., 1808
111 *Emerald*, 13th March, 1808
112 *Childers*, 14th March, 1808
113 *Nassau*, 22nd March, 1808
114 *Stately*, 22nd March, 1808
115 Off Rota, 4th April, 1808
116 *Grasshopper*. 24th April, 1808
117 *Rapid*, 24th May, 1808
118 *Redwing*, 7th May, 1808
119 *Virginie*, 19th May, 1808
120 *Redwing*, 31st May, 1808
121 *Seahorse* with *Badere Zaffer*, 6th July, 1808
122 Boat Service, 10th July, 1808
123 *Comet*, 11th Ang., 1808
124 Boat Service, 11th Aug., 1808
125 *Centaur*, 26th Ang., 1808
126 *Implacable*, 26th Aug., 1808
127 *Cruizer*, 1st Nov. 1808
128 *Amethyst* with *Thetis*, 10th Nov. 1808
129 Boat Service, 28th Nov., 1808
130 Off the Pearl Rock, 13th Dec., 1808
131 *Onyx*, 1st Jan., 1809
132 *Confiance*, 14th Jan., 1809
133 Martinique, 2nd to 10th Feb., 1809
134 *Horatio*, 10th Feb., 1809
135 *Superieure*, 10th Feb., 1809
136 *Amethyst*, 5th April, 1809
137 Basque Roads, 2nd Apr., 1809
138 *Castor*, 17th June, 1809
139 *Pompee*, 17th June, 1809
140 *Recruit*, 17th June, 1809
141 *Cyane*, 25th & 27th June, 1809
142 *L'Espoir*, 25th & 27th June, 1809
143 *Bonne Citoyenne*, with *Furieuse*, 6th July, 1809
144 Boat Service, 7th July, 1809
145 Boat Service, 14th July, 1809
146 Boat Service, 25th July, 1809
147 Boat Service, 27th July. 1809
148 Boat Service, 29th July, 1809
149 Boat Service, 28th Aug., 1809
150 *Diana*, 11th Sept., 1809
151 Boat Service, 1st Nov., 1809
152 Boat Service, 13th Dec., 1809
153 Anse-le-Barque, 18th Dec., 1809
154 *Cheronee*, 10th Jan., 1810
165 *Scorpion*, 12th Jan., 1810
156 Guadeloupe, Jan to Feb., 1810
157 *Thistle*, 10th Feb., 1810
158 Boat Service, 13th Feb., 1810
159 *Surly*, 24th April, 1810
160 *Firm*, 24th April, 1810
161 *Sylvia*, 26th April, 1810
162 Boat Service, 1st May, 1810
163 *Spartan*, 3rd May, 1810
164 *Royalist*, May and June, 1810
165 Boat Service, 28th June, 1810
166 *Amanthea*, 25th June, 1810
167 *Banda Niera*, 9th Aug., 1810
168 *Staunch*, 18th Sept., 1810
169 *Otter*, 18th Sept., 1810
170 *Boadicea*, 18th Sept., 1810
171 Boat Service, 27th Sept., 1810
172 *Briseis*, 13th Oct., 1810
173 Boat Service, 4th Nov., 1810
174 Boat Service, 23rd Nov., 1810
175 Boat Service, 24th Dec., 1810
176 Lissa, 13th March, 1811
177 Anholt, 27th March, 1811
178 *Arrow*, 6th April, 1811
179 Boat Service, 4th May, 1811
180 Off Tamative, 20th May, 1811
181 Boat Service, 30th July, 1811
182 Boat Service, 2nd Aug., 1811
183 *Hawke*, 18th Aag., 1811
184 Java, Aug. to Sept., 1811
185 Boat Service, 20th Sept., 1811
186 *Locust*, 11th Nov., 1811
187 *Skylark*, 11th Nov., 1811
188 *Pelagosa*, 29th Nov., 1811
189 Boat Service, 4th Dec., 1811
190 Boat Service, 11th Dec., 1811
191 *Victorious* with *Rivoli*, 22nd Feb., 1812
192 *Weasel*, 22nd Feb., 1812
193 *Rosario*, 27th March, 1812
194 *Griffon*, 27th March, 1812
195 Boat Service, 4th April, 1812
196 Malaga, 29th April, 1812
197 *Northumberland*, 22nd May, 1812
198 *Growler*, 22nd May, 1812
199 Off Mardoe, 6th July, 1812
200 *Sealark*, 21st Jnly, 1812
201 Boat Service, 1st Sept., 1812
202 Boat Service, 17th Sept., 1812
203 Boat Service, 29th Sept., 1812
204 *Royalist*, 29th Dec., 1812
205 Boat Service, 6th Jan., 1813
206 Boat Service, 21st March, 1813
207 *Weasel*, 22nd April, 1813
208 Boat Service, 28th April, 1813
209 Boat Service, April & May, 1813
210 Boat Service, 2nd May, 1813
211 *Shannon* with *Chesapeake*, 1st June, 1819
212 *Pelican*, 13th Aug., 1813
213 St. Sebastian, Aug. to Sept., 1813
214 *Thunder*, 9th Oct. 1813
215 Gluckstadt, 5th Jan., 1814
216 *Venerable*, 16th Jan., 1814
217 *Cyane*, 16th Jan., 1814
218 *Eurotas*, 2nd Feb., 1814
219 *Hebrus* with *L'Etoile*, 27th March, 1814
220 *Cherub*, 28th March, 1814

221 *Phœbe*, 28th March, 1814
222 Boat Service, 8th April, 1814
223 Boat Service, 24th May, 1814
224 The Potomac, 17th Aug., 1814
225 Boat Service, 3rd and 6th Sept., 1814
226 Boat Service, 14th Dec., 1814
227 *Endymion* with *President*, 15th Jan., 1815
228 *Gaieta*, 24th July, 1815
229 Algiers, 27th Aug., 1815
230 Navarino, 20th Oct., 1827
231 Syria, Nov., 1840

Entertainments.

ROYAL MARINES AND GRASPAN.

COMMEMORATIVE CONCERT.

To commemorate the anniversary of the battle of Graspan, the Sergeants' Mess, Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I., held a huge Smoking Concert in the Royal Marine Theatre, and representatives from the Royal Navy and corps in garrison were invited, the officers of the Division turning up *en masse*. The chair was filled by Sergt.-Major S. W. Perry, R.M.L.I., and from 7.30 till long past midnight there was one uninterrupted succession of "turns." Two toasts were proposed by the Chairman—"The King" (heartily and loyally received) and "The Heroes of Graspan." In submitting the latter toast, Mr. Perry gave a learned, detailed and interesting account of the events leading up to the battles of Belmont and Graspan, mentally pictured the huge task the Naval Brigade had before them on the 25th November, 1899, and showed how well they had fulfilled the trust Lord Methuen reposed in them, for, of the 190 Marines who entered into action, two officers and nine men were killed, and one officer and 72 men wounded— but—the kopje was taken! The mention of the names of Major Plumbe, Captain Senior (both killed), and Lieutenant Jones (wounded), evoked great applause, and indeed the Sergeant-Major's remarks were largely interspersed with cheers, and whilst paying a flattering compliment to the well-known gallantry of the Army in South Africa, yet Graspan, he claimed, was peculiar to the Marine, as only a deputation (as it were) from the Corps were present, and these having been entrusted with the honour and reputation of those waiting at home (for possible eventualities) had so behaved as to return that honour, not only unsullied, but with added lustre. He concluded his lengthy speech amid prolonged applause, and this was still further prolonged when a scene was raised and those N.C.O's and men in barracks who had fought at Graspan were discovered. Their health was drunk with the time-honoured "three times three," and Lance-Sergt. J. Coldrick briefly returned thanks. Those so appearing were Lance-Sergt. J. Coldrick (wounded, arm, 1 bar), Lance-Sergt. A. Davis (twice wounded, 1 bar), and Ptes. Franklin (7), Chapman (7), Huckin (6), and Hamlin (4), and these were specially the guests of the mess for the evening. To attempt to particularise the 40 odd "turns" given would be a task of great magnitude, as will readily be seen when it is stated that the best talent of the Royal, Grand, Metropole, Palace and Star were found in company with the cream of local talent. "Two Bonnycastles," a farce by the Royal Marine Dramatic Company, proved an excellent send-off, and after this appeared such favourites as Messrs. Thornbury, Spot, Collins, and the Jalvans (from the Palace), Chas. Victor (Grand), Luidsdell (Star), and another Starr (Harry of that ilk) finding himself with "stars" of equal magnitude and brilliancy for once. Messrs. White and Watson, Gordon Stamford, Wyatt, Reed, Private W. Daley, R.M.L.I., Corporal Ife, R.M.A., and a legion of others did their best—and succeeded—to make the affair go. At closing Lieut. R. N. White, R.M.L.I., the senior officer present (for it was 1.30), proposed the chairman's health, complimented him very warmly on his masterly speech, and thanked those who had invited the officers to "the best entertainment he had known." Sergt.-Major Perry suitably replied, and unselfishly referred the real credit to the hard-working committee and the stage-manager (Color-Sergt. H. L. Smith), who, by indefatigable efforts, had earned the best thanks of all. Votes of hearty thanks to the artistes were humorously responded to, and at 2 o'clock, with "Auld Lang Syne" and "The King" to wind up, the party dispersed on the first commemoration of Graspan Day.—*W. Independent*, 30/11/1903.

Games Tournament, &c.

SERGEANTS R.M L.I. *v.* SERGEANTS RIFLE BRIGADE.

Played at the R.M. Sergeants' Mess, Chatham, on Friday, 13th November, the home team being victorious by 11—4. Scores:—

R.M L.I.	*Billiards.*	RIFLE BRIGADE.
C.S. Mohr	150	Sergt. Pryor 73
Sergt. Stephens ..	150	Sergt. Skinner .. 101
Q.M.S. Brockwell ..	150	Sergt. White 111

R.M.LI., 6 points; Rifle Brigade, *nil*.

R.M.L.I.	*Whist.*	RIFLE BRIGADE.
S.M. Kelly, Sergt. King ..	1	Sergts. Jelly and Skinner .. 3
Sergts. Rackham and Johnson	2	Sergts. Potter and Bunce .. 3
Sergts. Slaughter and Swinerd	2	Sergts. Miles and Wilson .. 3

R.M.L.I., *nil*; Rifle Brigade, 3 points.

R.M.L.I.	*Cribbage.*	RIFLE BRIGADE.
Sergts. Curtin and Spicer ..	3	Sergts. Adshead and Smith .. 2
Sergt. Morris, C.S. Brown ..	0	Sergts. Saunders and Doyle .. 3
S.M. Kelly, Sergt. King ..	3	Sergts. Jelly and Skinner .. 1

R.M.L.I., 2 points; Rifle Brigade, 1 point.

R.M.L.I.	*Euchre.*	RIFLE BRIGADE.
Sergt. Draper, C.S. Harrison	3	Sergts. Mitchell and White .. 1
C.S's Baker and Duckett ..	3	Sergts. Grant and Coombes .. 1
Sergts. Clark and Allen ..	3	Sergts. Thomas and Curtis .. 2

R.M.L.I., 3 points; Rifle Brigade, *nil*.

THE DAVIES CUP.

SERGEANTS R.M L.I. *v.* GILLINGHAM INSTITUTE.

The Royal Marine Sergeants' Mess were at home to Gillingham Workmen's Club, and won four games at billiards and two at cards, securing a ten points to five win.

R.M.L.I.	*Billiards.*	GILLINGHAM.
Sergt. Stephens ..	200	H. White 130
Clr.-Sergt. Mohr ..	200	C. Colling 159
Clr.-Sergt. Braybrooke ..	200	A. Lambert 137
Sergt. Curtin	200	D. Pike 114

R.M., 8 points; Gillingham, 0.

Whist.

C.S. Tulley, Brk.-Sgt. Dunk ..	2	E. Pike, A. Bigg ..	3
Sgt. Stephens, Q.M.S. Brockwell	1	F. Baugh, C. Girling ..	3
S.M. Kelly, Sergt. King ..	3	J. McQuillan, G. Ramage ..	2
Sergts. Slaughter and Swinerd	1	A. Walter, C. Botting ..	3

R.M., 1 point; Gillingham, 3 points.

Cribbage.

Sergts. Clark and Allen ..	0	C. Gofto, B. Lawson ..	3
C.S. Duckett, Sergt. Biggs ..	1	T. Lyons, H. Frazer ..	3
Sergts. Sawyer and Mason ..	3	G. McLean, H. Collett ..	1

R.M., 1 point; Gillingham, 2 points.

Davies Cup Table to date:—

	Matches Pld.	Won.	*Total* Points.	*Cup* Pts.
Chatham Constitutional Club ..	5 ..	5 ..	53 to 22 ..	5
Chatham Institute	7 ..	6 ..	79 to 26 ..	6
Rochester Conservative Club ..	6 ..	5 ..	51 to 39 ..	5
Rochester Liberals	5 ..	3 ..	33 to 42 ..	3
New Brompton Conservative Club ..	6 ..	4 ..	50 to 40 ..	4
Royal Marines	5 ..	3 ..	44 to 31 ..	3
Strood Institute	5 ..	1 ..	30 to 45 ..	1
Gillingham Institute ..	5 ..	0 ..	23 to 52 ..	0
Chatham Reform	4 ..	0 ..	14 to 46 ..	0
Royal Engineers	6 ..	0 ..	29 to 61 ..	0

BILLIARD MATCH.

Held at Colewort Barracks, Thursday the 19th November, 1903.

A.S. CORPS SERGEANTS *v.* R.M.A. SERGEANTS' MESS.

R.M.A.		A.S.C.	
Sergt. Hanlon	178	Sergt.-Major Pett ..	200
Clr.-Sergt. Gregg ..	200	Sergt. Beeston ..	156
Sergt. Dadd	150	Sergt. Quartermain ..	115
Sergt. Hubbard ..	150	S.-Sergt. Oscenham ..	129
Q.M.S. Spink	150	S.-Sergt. Bews ..	102
Q.M.S. Jones	75	Sergt.-Major Frost ..	150
Sergt. Fraser	150	Sergt.-Major Bryant ..	147
Total ..	1053	Total ..	999

R.M.A. won by 54 points.

Foreign News.

ASCENSION.

We have been very busy for the last three months with our annual gunnery and musketry courses, and for the last week the harbour has been very gay with three ships of the South Atlantic Squadron and the *Wye* in all together. We got through our musketry a month earlier than usual in order to leave the range free in case the ships wanted it, and as events proved we were wise, for we had exceptionally good weather and consequent high scoring. The actual figures were: No. of men fired, 136; No. of marksmen, 29; General average, 145.76 (1st class shot). Pte. Hassel (Po.), was the best shot of the island with 201. July saw the inception of the Ascension Rifle Club, which is at present a most sturdy infant. There has been a prize shoot, when Pte. C. H. Jennings (Ply.), Pte. I. Wilkins (Po.), and Gunner MacLeod, R.M.A., were the prize winners, the two first named sharing the 1st and second prizes in the open and handicap events. On the 21st October, we had our first match against H.M.S. *Cambrian*, the flagship of the squadron, and won somewhat easily; the score is enclosed. The Club boasts some eighty members, and every fortnight the ambitious man can have a shot at winning a sweepstake shoot, which generally averages about a sovereign.

As to cricket, we have at last met our Armageddon. On the 20th October, we played a combined team from H.M.S. *Beagle*, *Dwarf*, and *Wye*, and defeated them with some slaughter, but on 23rd and 24th we were badly beaten by the *Cambrian*, who have a good team. We chiefly owed our defeat to our rank bad fielding and the state of paralytic funk in which most of our own men went in to bat.

Coming events are—26th October, football, *v. Cambrian*; 28th, rifle match; 30th and 31st, return cricket match.

Scores of the cricket matches to date:—

ASCENSION *v.* H.M.S. *Beagle, Dwarf, and Wye.*

ASCENSION.

Rev. D. Brooks, c Wells, b White	1
Private Pepper, lbw, b Isaacson	0
Lieut. Harrington, R.M.A., c Cameron, b White ..	83
Private Portsmouth, c Cameron, b White ..	19
Captain Thoroton, b White, b Isaacson ..	47
Sergeant Taylor, b Reeves	0
Lieut. Pasley, R.N., not out	13
Gunner Edwards, not out	18
Brown, Fuller, and Kitts did not bat	
Extras	12
Total (for 6 wickets)	193

Innings declared closed.

Combined ships: total, 81 (Pte. Portsmouth 4 wickets for 14).

ASCENSION *v.* H.M.S. *Cambrian.*

ASCENSION.

	1st innings.		*2nd innings.*	
Pte. Pepper, b Kewney ..	0	lbw, b Field ..	0
Rev. D. Brooks, b Kewney ..	10	c Wrigley, b Kewney	16
Pte. Portsmouth, b King ..	29	c Nicholson, b King	29
H. Cronk, c Fitzherbert, b Kewney ..	2	c Field, b Kewney	9
Lieut. Harrington, b Kewney ..	5	not out ..	19
Capt. Thornton, c and b King ..	9	b King ..	8
S. S. Andrews, b King ..	17	b King ..	2
Lieut. Poxley ..	1	c Wrigley, b Field	0
Gunner Edwards, b King ..	3	lbw, b Field ..	0
S. S. Brown, b Kewney ..	0	b Kewney ..	1
A. B. Kitts, not out ..	0	c King, b Fitzherbert	2
Extras ..	12	Extras ..	10
Total ..	88	Total ..	80

H.M.S. *Cambrian*, 149 and 110 for 7 wickets (Lieut. Bush not out 52).

ASCENSION RIFLE CLUB.

Name	*200*	*500*	*600*	*Total*
Private Hewitt ..	23	24	22	69
Sergeant Netting ..	22	25	20	67
Gunner Corban ..	24	24	19	67
Color-Sergt. Mingay ..	21	23	21	65
Private Plant ..	20	22	21	63
Private Wilkins ..	20	23	20	63
E. R. A. Edwards ..	26	29	17	62
Lieut. Harrington ..	23	25	14	62
	179	185	184	518

Counted out—Mr. Coldicott 60, Gunner McLeod 60, Pte. Hassell 59, Sergeant New 59.

H.M.S. *Cambrian.*

Comdr. Fitzherbert ..	24	23	23	70
Sergeant Comley ..	27	23	20	70
Lieut. Denison ..	23	23	20	66
C.P.O. Ward ..	22	21	18	61
A.B. Williams ..	21	22	17	61
P.O. Wingate ..	22	21	13	56
Mr. Bills ..	11	17	20	55
	177	173	148	498

Counted out—Lieut. Bush 54, P.O. James 48, C.P.O. Floyd 48, Mr. Lynes 46.

CHAS. THOROTON, Capt., R.M.L.I., Hon. Sec A.R.C.

H.M.S. *Hyacinth*,
Flagshlp, East Indies Station,
October 17th, 1903.

To the Editor,

No doubt a few lines from the new flagship may prove acceptable. We arrived at Mauritius on the 28th of September, where we met the *Highflyer* and transferred the flag and took over the duties of the station.

We left Mauritius on the 24th for Colombo, where it was originally intended to stay for only three days to coal and provision, and then proceed to Singapore to take over that place from the China Station, but owing to a breakdown of our port engine, coupled with the fact of our port engine being already compounded, due to an accident which occurred during the run to the Cape, this part of the programme was out of the question.

On our arrival, therefore, at Colombo, the *Fox* was telegraphed for from Trincomalee, and arrived on the morning of the 4th. The following day the flag was transferred to her, and in the evening she left for her destination. She is expected back on the 24th, when if our repairs are completed, we shall leave for Bombay.

Our movements, after arriving at Bombay, are at present wrapped in the mists of uncertainty. The rumour which is going the rounds is that the fleet assembles at Bombay about the end of November in order to escort Lord Curzon in the R.M.S. *Hardinge* on a tour of inspection up the Persian Gulf, but nothing definite will be known until the Admiral returns.

Things are gradually settling down on board. We have a rather young detachment, but they are gradually dropping into Naval routine, and I think after a bit we shall be very "comfy." We hear that Lieut. Garnier is ordered home to make room for a Lieut. Gymnasium Instructor. Everyone is very sorry to lose him, as during the short time we have been in commission he has taken a good deal of interest in the detachment, both as regards Service matters and in things appertaining to sport.

Next month I hope to be able to send you some account of our quarterly practice with heavy guns, 6 inch. We carried out our practice for last quarter on our way from Mauritius to Colombo, but the result was not up to expectation, although the two Marines 6-inch guns did fairly well. The range was rather long, 4,500 to 5,000 yards, and the quick, jerky roll of the ship being rather strange to most of us, probably accounts for the poor shooting. The *Pomone* has been lying here as Senior Officer's ship prior to our arrival.

We transferred three supers. to her, who took passage out in us. On the 7th she left for the Maldive Islands, whence she is expected on the 19th.

I remain, Lance-Sergt. W. G. ARFORD, R.M.L.I.

MALTA.

SERGTS. MESS, R.M.		2ND HANTS. REGT.	
Col.-Sergt. Symons ..	88	Col.-Sergt. Hammond ..	77
Sergt. Lock ..	88	,, Giles ..	76
Col.-Sergt. Burgis ..	87	Sergt.-Major Tarrant ..	74
Sergt. Willing ..	82	Col.-Sergt. Pregnell ..	74
Col.-Sergt. England ..	80	,, Frampton ..	70
Lance-Sergt. Barnes ..	75	,, Crease ..	66
Sergt. Sommers ..	67	,, Holdway ..	62
,, Sampson ..	63	,, Calloway ..	59
Total	630	Total	584
Average, 78·75.		Average, 70·30.	

H.M.S. *Royal Arthur*,
Fremantle, W.A.,
29th Sept., 1903.

Dear Sir,

The following is a list of the first ten in the competition for the R.M.R.A. Foreign Stations Badge, which took place at the Flemington Range, Sydney, on the 15th September last:—

Po. 10058	Samuel A. Potton, Private (*Katoomba*)	91
Po. 5793	Fred Goodeson, Lance-Corporal (*Katoomba*) ..	91
R.M.A. 9514	George Scott, Gunner (*Royal Arthur*) ..	90
Po. 9232	Albert Nicoll, Private (*Wallaroo*)	89
Po. 9978	Albert E. Branstead, Private (*Ringarooma*) ..	89
Ply. 5074	Norman King, Sergeant (*Royal Arthur*) ..	88
Po. 5778	William F. Haeger, Sergeant (*Royal Arthur*) ..	87
R.M.A. 6184	James W. Cooper, Gunner (*Royal Arthur*) ..	86
R.M.A. 8106	Albert L. Turner, Gunner (*Royal Arthur*) ..	84
Ply. 9254	John J. Snell, Corporal (*Katoomba*)	84

Yours faithfully,
W. S. CUMMING, Major, R.M.L.I.,
Commanding R.M., Australian Station.

H.M.S. *Vindictive*,
22nd November, 1903.

To the Editor, *Globe & Laurel*,

Sir,—The Royal Marines of H.M.S. *Vindictive* held a Smoking Concert at the "Rising Sun," Sliema, Malta, on which occasion Lce.-Sergt. Lismore was presented by the detachment with a very handsome marble clock, suitably inscribed, as a token of the esteem and respect in which he is held by them.

Sergt. Lismore, upon being presented with the clock, stated how surprised and pleased he was to receive it, and said that during the commission he had only tried to do his duty as a N.C.O. to the Royal Marines of the ship.

The toast, "Sergt Lismore," was heartily responded to by all present. A surprising amount of talent was forthcoming, and made the evening a most enjoyable one, and it was brought to a close by every one present singing "He's a jolly good fellow," and "Auld Lang Syne." A vote of thanks was passed to Pte. J. Hawkes, who was a most efficient chairman, and filled it well, being an 18 "stoner," and also to Ptes. Newbold and Abraham, who worked very hard as stewards.

I remain, yours truly, P.J.G.

GIBRALTAR.

The Channel Fleet arrived here on Nov. 1st, and every one has been pretty busy, as long range firing, prize firing, coaling, and inspections have been going on ever since.

On November 6th we had a rehearsal for the King's Birthday, and on the 9th a strong Naval Brigade was landed under Capt. Neville, M.V.O., of *Mars*, and was composed as under:—

One Field Battery, R.N.
One Field Battery, R.M.A.
Three Battalions, R.N.
One Battalion, R.M.

Field Battery No. 2 R.M.A. (*Naval*)—In Command, Capt. Homer, *Hannibal*. Subalterns, Lieut. Willaume, *Hannibal*; Lieut. Prynne, *Mars*. (Two guns from *Hannibal* and one from other battleships.)

Royal Marine Battalion—In Command, Major Brittan, *Majestic*; and in Command, Capt. Leahy, *Jupiter*; Adjutant, Lieut. Tredennick, *Jupiter*.

1st Coy., R.M.A.—Capt. Brooke; Lieuts. Barr and Bourchier.
2nd Coy., R.M.L.I.—Capt. Marshman; Lieut. Huskisson.
3rd Coy., R.M.L.I.—Lieuts. Truman and Jones.
4th Coy., R.M.L.I.—Lieuts. Malcolm and Goldsmith.
5th Coy., R.M.L.I.—Lieuts. Malcolm and Goldsmith.
6th Coy., R.M.L.I.—Lieut. Teague.

Each detachment landed as follows:—R.M.A.—(*Majestic, Magnificent, Mars, Jupiter*) Field Battery, 20; Battalion, 20. (*Hannibal*) Field Battery, 40. R.M.L.I.—All except authorised excused.

The Brigade paraded on the Alameda, and then moved off to North Front, forming a hollow square, with a Battery on either flank inside another hollow square formed by the troops in Garrison.

His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Vice-Admiral Lord C. Beresford, Rear-Admiral Hon. H. Lambton, and the Governor of Algesciras, arrived about 11-30 a.m., and inspected the troops, after which a *feu-de-joie* was fired, each Field Battery giving seven rounds. After three cheers for His Majesty had been given, the troops came to the "slope," while the Fleet fired a 21 gun salute, after which the troops were turned to the rock, while another salute was fired from the galleries on the North Front—many of our Corps beholding for the the first time the north face of that historic fortress which is so closely connected with the traditions of the Corps.

The troops then formed up for the march-past, the Field Batteries leading, followed by the Seaman and Marine Battalions. The appearance of both the Artillery and Infantry was very highly creditable.

The prize firing took place off Catalan Bay, and the *Majestic* has come out as best shooting ship.

In the battleships the R.M.A. guns' crews have done very well, winning 1st, 2nd, and third prizes in *Hannibal*; 1st and 2nd in *Magnificent*; 1st in *Jupiter*; 3rd in *Majestic*; and were the best shooting group in *Mars*.

In long range firing the *Majestic* has every chance of winning the fine cup given by the Vice-Admiral, the shooting of her barbettes being excellent.

The Fleet will probably reach home ports on Dec. 7th.

Births.

THOMPSON—On the 3rd October, the wife of Sergt. A. J. Thompson (Ch.), of a daughter.

WITTE—At Gosport, on Nov. 5th, 1903, the wife of Sergt. A. Witte, R.M.L.I., of a daaghter.

Marriages.

FERRAR—OLDHAM—On the 10th November, at Hyderabad, Deccan, Lieutenant Michael Lloyd Ferrar, only son of M. L. Ferrar, Esq., I.C.S., of Little Gilling, Ealing, to Maud Evelyn, only daughter of W. B. Oldham, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S., of Guernsey, and granddaughter of the late General Sir Anthony B. Stramsham, G.C.B., Royal Marines.

WALLER—STEVENSON—On the 19th inst., at All Saints', Prince's Park, Liverpool, by the Rev. Percy Waller, father of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. J. P. Baynes, Vicar, Richmond Campbell Shakespear Waller, Lieutenant, Royal Marine Light Infantry, to Letitia Frances, only daughter of John Stevenson, Esq., of 6, Devonshire Road, Prince's Park, Liverpool.

JUDGE—LITTLEPROUND—At St. Saviour's, Paddington, London, on 22nd November, Harry S. Judge, Sergeant, R.M.L.I., to Constance E. Littleprounds, by Rev. Henry Syers, M.A., B.C.L., Vicar, and Hon. Canon of Peterborough Cathedral.

RUTHERFORD—WOOD—On the 31st October, at the Congregational Chapel, Deal, Sergt. G. Rutherford (Ch.), to Miss W. Wood.

JOHNSON—BARWICK—On the 10th November, at the Parish Church, Deal, Pte. J. Johnson (Ch.), to Miss C. W. Barwick.

EDWARDS—COPE—At St. James', Portsea, 24th October, 1903, Corpl. E. E. Edwards, R.M.A., to Miss E. F. Cope.

SPRUCE—BARGH—At St. Phillip's, Manchester, 31st October, 1903, Gnr. J. Spruce, R.M.A., to Miss K. Bargh.

KNIGHT—CHEESMAN—At St. James', Portsea, 24th October, 1903, Gnr. C. L. Knight, to Miss E. K. Cheesman.

HANSON—RYDER—At Parish Church, Marlborough, Devon, 15th Oct., 1903, Gnr. F. Hanson, R.M.A., to Miss A. Ryder.

LOCK—LEVITT—At St. Simon's, Southsea, 28th October, 1903, Pte. D. W. Lock, R.M.A., to Miss K. Levitt.

FINLAY—WOOD—On 21st November, at Rochester, Pte. A. H. Finlay, to Miss L. H. Wood.

MORLEY—WARD—On 15th November, at Newington, Corpl. R. Morley, to Miss F. Ward.

STANCER—WALKER—On 11th November, at New Brompton, Corpl. J. W. Stancer to Miss L. Walker.

Deaths.

BUTCHER—On the 13th November, at 59, Longridge Road, Earls Court, Jane, widow of the late Major-General Arthur Butcher, R.M.L.I., aged 80 years.

PEARCE—At the Royal Albert Hospital, Devonport, Caroline (Kate), the beloved wife of Pte. F. J. Pearce (serving at Ascension), on Sept. 1st, 1903, aged 39 years. A devoted wife and mother.

HONE—On 22nd November, whilst Recruiting at Newcastle, Colour-Sergt. H. Hone

HEPPLE—On 29th October, whilst serving in *Pembroke*, Corpl. F. W. Hepple.

REILLY—At R.M.A. Infirmary, 5th November, 1903, P Co., Gnr. W. Reilly.

HARLOCK—On H M.S. *Prince George*, 5th November, 1903, J Co., Gnr. W. H. Harlock.

Answers to Correspondents.

ERROR—Capt. Collard's subscription should have been 11d., and not 7/11 as printed last month.

ERROR—In the correspondence, under the heading of a gymnastic display, H.M.S. *Black Prince*, Nov. 9th, the instructor's name should have read: Sergt. R. H. Voss Bark, R.M.A., and not Bombardier Voss, as therein stated.

The Editor begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following papers, with many thanks:—*Army and Navy Gazette* (weekly); *United Service Gazette; The Regiment* (weekly); *The Household Brigade Magazine* (Nov.); *Suffolk Gazette* (Nov.); *Thin Red Line* (Nov.); *Donegal's Own* (Nov.); etc.

The Editor begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions, etc., with many thanks. Received up to Nov. 30th:—

	£	s.	d.
Mr. C. Vernon (advt.)	5	1	6
R.M. Library, Chatham, Vols. 7, 8, and 9 ..	0	8	2
Mr. A. G. C. Cobb ..	0	1	6
Mr. B. Turner ..	0	1	6
Mr. Hewland ..	0	1	6
Mr. J. Mackenzie ..	0	1	6
Mr. G. W. Jenkins ..	0	1	6
Sergt. Waters ..	0	1	7½
Renown ..	0	12	3
Drum-Major Burns ..	0	3	4
Recreation Room, Forton	0	4	0
Canteens ,,	0	2	4
Sergeants' Mess ,,	0	2	4
Miss B. Bray ..	0	1	6
R.M., Plymouth ..	6	13	10
Mrs. A. M. Smith ..	0	1	6
Major Dalby ..	0	5	6
Rev. E. C. Matthews ..	0	1	6
Sergt. J. F. May ..	0	1	6
Officers, R.M., Forton	1	4	0
Miss Wilton ..	0	1	6
Revenge ..	0	6	8
Mr. H. Richards ..	0	1	6
Mrs. A. Harmer ..	0	2	0
Lieut.-Col. B. A. Milne	0	1	6
Mr. F. Ferris ..	0	1	6
Pandora ..	0	6	1
Sergt.-Major E. Luff ..	0	1	6
Mercury ..	0	1	3
Colonel Travers ..	0	1	6
Lance-Sergt. A. Walters	0	1	6
General Colwell, C.B...	0	1	6
Capt. W. H. Pryce-Brown, R.M.A. ..	0	3	6
Doris ..	0	7	3
Forte ..	0	2	10
Lieut.-Colonel Daniell	0	1	6
Col..Sergt. Marshall ..	0	1	6
Major Beaumont ..	0	1	6
Grafton ..	0	16	0
Rinaldo ..	0	9	0
Diana ..	1	0	0
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